

**REPORT TO:** Executive Board Sub Committee  
**DATE:** 18 June 2009  
**REPORTING OFFICER:** Operational Director – Financial Services  
**SUBJECT:** 2008/09 Financial Outturn

## **1.0 PURPOSE OF REPORT**

1.1 To report the final revenue and capital spending position for 2008/09.

**2.0 RECOMMENDED: That the report be noted.**

## **3.0 SUPPORTING INFORMATION**

### **Revenue Spending**

- 3.1 The final accounts for 2008/09 are now complete and the revenue spending position for each Directorate, subject to external audit, is shown in the Appendix.
- 3.2 As set out in the Budget Strategy, the planned overall underspend of £2m has been successfully achieved and has been transferred to the Invest to Save Fund to support efficiency measures.
- 3.3 The remaining underspend was £281,000. As a result the Council's general balances now stand at £6,921,000 having also been reduced by the planned contribution of £350,000 to support the revenue budget.
- 3.4 The global "credit crunch" and consequent inflationary pressures and economic downturn had an impact upon the Council's finances during the year. In particular, there were shortfalls in areas of income generation including land search fees, planning fees, market rents, commercial rents, and bar sales. In addition, there were increased costs from fuel, energy, food, out-of-Borough placements, client transport, and aids and adaptations.
- 3.5 There were planned underspends in staffing budgets across Directorates, from temporarily holding posts vacant during the year. In addition, there was a one-off saving from a technical adjustment in respect of capital financing, higher than anticipated income from treasury management activities, and lower residential and nursing costs for older people.

## **School Balances**

- 3.5 School balances have reduced by £0.9m to £8.3m in total. This is made up from balances on Individual School Budgets (£4.4m) and Standards Fund (£3.9m). There is also £2.7m of unspent Schools Related funding held centrally which will carry forward to 2009/10. In addition, there is £1.0m of unspent Standards Fund grant held centrally, which along with the unspent Schools Standards Fund grant must all be spent by 31st August 2009.

## **Capital Spending**

- 3.6 The Appendix presents a summary of spending against the 2008/09 Capital Programme. Capital spending totalled £41.5m, which is £6.3m below the revised capital programme of £47.8m.
- 3.7 This represents 87% delivery of the revised capital programme, with the only areas of significant slippage being on the ICT Infrastructure, Widnes Waterfront and Castlefields schemes.

## **4.0 POLICY AND OTHER IMPLICATIONS**

- 4.1 There are none.

## **5.0 RISK ANALYSIS**

- 5.1 There are no risks associated with this report.

## **6.0 EQUALITY AND DIVERSITY ISSUES**

- 6.1 There are none.

## **7.0 LIST OF BACKGROUND PAPERS UNDER SECTION 100D OF THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 1972**

There are no background papers under the meaning of the Act.

## APPENDIX

### 2008-09 Revenue Expenditure

	<b>Budget</b>	<b>Actual</b>	<b>Variance (overspend)</b>
	£'000	£'000	£'000
<b>Children and Young People Directorate</b>	<b>28,720</b>	<b>28,336</b>	<b>384</b>
<b>Environment Directorate</b>	<b>30,069</b>	<b>30,467</b>	<b>(398)</b>
<b>Corporate and Policy Directorate</b>	<b>-86</b>	<b>-205</b>	<b>119</b>
<b>Health and Community Directorate</b>	<b>43,192</b>	<b>43,016</b>	<b>176</b>
	<b>101,895</b>	<b>101,614</b>	<b>281</b>

### 2008-09 Capital Expenditure

	<b>Revised Allocation</b>	<b>Actual</b>	<b>Variance (overspend)</b>
	£'000	£'000	£'000
<b>Children &amp; Young People Directorate</b>	<b>5,565</b>	<b>5,387</b>	<b>178</b>
<b>Environment Directorate</b>	<b>34,956</b>	<b>29,309</b>	<b>5,647</b>
<b>Health &amp; Community Directorate</b>	<b>3,337</b>	<b>3,275</b>	<b>62</b>
<b>Corporate &amp; Policy Directorate</b>	<b>3,975</b>	<b>3,487</b>	<b>488</b>
	<b>47,833</b>	<b>41,458</b>	<b>6,375</b>