

Report to Executive

Meeting Date: 21 February 2022
 Portfolio: Finance, Governance and Resources
 Key Decision: No
 Within Policy and Budget Framework YES
 Public / Private Public

Title: CONSIDERATION OF BUDGET VIREMENTS 2022/23
 Report of: CORPORATE DIRECTOR OF FINANCE AND RESOURCES
 Report Number: RD.75/21

Purpose / Summary:

This report details funding available to the Executive in 2022/23 to respond to proposals considered at the Council Budget meeting on 1 February 2022 where it was agreed that these proposals be funded from existing resources.

Recommendations:

The Executive is requested to approve two separate virements totalling £100,000 as detailed in the report to fund the following, when required:

- (i) Additional non-recurring funding of £40,000 to be used to support mental health provision in Carlisle, which would include a £10,000 contribution to the Happy Mums Foundation;
- (ii) Additional non-recurring funding of £60,000 to support the continuation of the existing environmental clean-up and enforcement scheme;

Tracking

Executive:	21 February 2022
Scrutiny:	Not applicable
Council:	Not applicable

1. INTRODUCTION

- 1.1 The Executive budget proposals for 2022/23 to 2026/27 were approved by full Council at its meeting on 1 February 2022.
- 1.2 At this meeting, the Council debated nine amendments to the budget proposals which were either defeated or withdrawn; however, as part of the debate, the Executive confirmed their commitment to allocate funds for mental health support/Happy Mums Foundation and environmental clean-up and enforcement. These were to be funded from existing resources and as these are individually over £35,000, they must be approved by the Executive in line with the Council's Scheme of Virement.
- 1.3 Funding has been identified in the 2022/23 base budget which can be vired, when required, from the Old Fire Station budget provision, which is no longer required now that the property and functions are being operated by a third party and subject to a lease agreement. £100,000 can be vired from this budget provision.

2. MENTAL HEALTH SUPPORT/HAPPY MUMS FOUNDATION

The Executive agreed to increase the existing 2022/23 budget and provide an additional non-recurring £40,000 to support mental health groups and the provision of mental health services in Carlisle and the surrounding areas, with £10,000 of this being used to provide a Peer Support Worker with the Happy Mums Foundation.

The additional non-recurring £40,000 cost can be funded from existing revenue budgets in 2022/23 and in line with the Council's Scheme of Virement, this must be approved by the Executive.

3. ENVIRONMENTAL CLEAN-UP AND ENFORCEMENT

The Executive agreed to increase the existing 2022/23 budget and provide an additional non-recurring £60,000 to provide funding for staff and associated equipment for the team dealing with all aspects of environmental clean-up and enforcement in respect of dog fouling, litter and fly tipping. This is a continuation of the current scheme.

The additional non-recurring £60,000 cost can be funded from existing revenue budgets in 2022/23 and in line with the Council's Scheme of Virement, this must be approved by the Executive.

4. CONSULTATION

The Executive's budget proposals were considered by Council on 1 February 2022 following consultation with Scrutiny Panels and the public.

5. CONCLUSIONS AND REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATIONS

The Executive is requested to approve two separate virements totalling £100,000 to fund the commitments provided by the Executive at Council on 1 February 2022, when required.

6. CONTRIBUTION TO THE CARLISLE PLAN PRIORITIES

To ensure that a balanced budget is set.

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Appendices
attached to report:

Note: in compliance with section 100d of the Local Government Act 1972 the report has been prepared in part from the following papers:

- None

CORPORATE IMPLICATIONS:

LEGAL – The Council has a fiduciary duty to manage its resources properly and for the benefit of its community. In doing so it is required to take account of the advice it receives from its chief finance officer, the Corporate Director of Finance and Resources. The Council must have a balanced budget to deliver its services and also achieve and sustain an appropriate level of reserves.

PROPERTY – not applicable

FINANCE – Contained within the body of the report

EQUALITY – not applicable

INFORMATION GOVERNANCE – not applicable