

**North East Derbyshire District Council**

**Audit and Corporate Governance Scrutiny Committee**

**12 January 2022**

**Growth Directorate Medium Term Financial Plan – Revised Budget 2021/22**

**Report of the Director of Growth**

Classification: This report is public

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(S151 Officer)

Contact Officer: as above

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**PURPOSE/SUMMARY**

To present information on the revisions to the Growth Directorate Budget for 2021/22 for the Audit and Corporate Governance Scrutiny Committee to consider.

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**RECOMMENDATIONS**

1. That the Audit and Corporate Governance Scrutiny Committee consider the report concerning the Council's Growth Directorate Medium Term Financial Plan - Revised Budgets 2021/22 and make any comments that they believe to be appropriate concerning the budget.
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**IMPLICATIONS**

**Finance and Risk**

**Yes ✓**

**No**

All financial implications are covered in the relevant sections of the attached report.

On Behalf of the Section 151 Officer

**Legal including Data Protection**

**Yes**

**No ✓**

There are no legal issues arising directly from the report.

On Behalf of the Solicitor to the Council

**Staffing**

**Yes**

**No ✓**

There are no staffing issues arising directly from this report.

On Behalf of the Head of Paid Service

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## **DECISION INFORMATION**

<b>Is the decision a Key Decision?</b>  A Key Decision is an executive decision which has a significant impact on two or more District wards or which results in income or expenditure to the Council above the following thresholds: <i>BDC: Revenue - £75,000</i> <input type="checkbox"/>  <i>Capital - £150,000</i> <input type="checkbox"/>  <i>NEDDC: Revenue - £100,000</i> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>  <i>Capital - £250,000</i> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <i>Please indicate which threshold applies</i>	N/A
<b>Is the decision subject to Call-In?</b> (Only Key Decisions are subject to Call-In)	N/A
<b>Has the relevant Portfolio Holder been informed</b>	N/A
<b>District Wards Affected</b>	All
<b>Links to Corporate Plan priorities or Policy Framework</b>	All

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### **1 REPORT DETAILS**

- 1.1 The Medium Term Financial Plan – Revised Budget 2021/22 was brought to the Audit and Corporate Governance Scrutiny Committee for its consideration on 3 November 2021.
- 1.2 Following scrutiny, the Audit and Corporate Governance Scrutiny Committee requested that the Director of Growth attend a future meeting of the Committee to provide further information in relation to the Growth Directorate budget revisions for 2021/22.
- 1.3 A full breakdown of the revisions to the Growth Directorate Revised Budget can be found at **Appendix 1**.

#### **Growth Directorate**

- 1.4 Council approved the original 2021/22 budget in February 2021. The Growth Directorate budget totalled £1.244m which was adjusted to £2.038m at the revised budget stage, an increase of £0.794m.
- 1.5 The revised budget process updated the Growth Directorate budgets to reflect current levels of spend, including changes to funding from reserves that had already been committed during the financial year.

## Variances

- 1.6 The key variances to the main Growth Directorate income and expenditure budgets totalled £0.116m. This comprises:
- Engagement of temporary senior staff in Property and Commercial Services (£0.114m)
  - Engagement of external valuers to renegotiate rent reviews (£0.037m)
  - Savings across various budgets at the Coney Green Business Centre (-£0.053m).

A full breakdown of the variances can be found in column *g* of **Appendix 1**.

- 1.7 The biggest changes in the budget were as a result of utilising funding from reserves. During the revised budget process £0.803m was transferred from reserves to cover spend on projects/schemes funded by grants or approved use of reserves. Grants of £0.125m received but not forecast to be spent in the year were moved into reserves. So, the net effect of the changes funded by grants and reserves in the revised budget was £0.678m.
- 1.8 The main expenditures funded from grants and reserves funding were:
- New Towns Fund Clay Cross (£0.350m)
  - Rough Sleepers grant (£0.129m)
  - Homelessness grant (£0.102m)
  - Estates Admin – Shutter Doors (£0.042m)
  - Emergency Welfare Assistance grant (£0.038m)
  - Dronfield Civic Centre (£0.034m)
  - Others (£0.109m)
- 1.9 The unutilised grant transferred to reserves was the Homelessness Prevention Grant (£0.125m).
- 1.10 A breakdown of all the variances relating to grants and reserves can be found in column *h* of **Appendix 1**.

## **2** Reasons for Recommendation

- 2.1 The purpose of this report is to ensure that the Audit and Corporate Governance Scrutiny Committee are kept informed of the latest position concerning budgets and have the opportunity to scrutinise.

## **3** Alternative Options and Reasons for Rejection

- 3.1 There are no alternative options being considered at this time.

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## DOCUMENT INFORMATION

Appendix No	Title
1	Growth Directorate Detailed Revised Budget 2021/22
Background Papers	
Report Author	Contact Number
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