

BRECKLAND DISTRICT COUNCIL

Report of: Christine Marshall, Executive Director Commercialisation (ARP Treasurer)

To: ARP Joint Committee, 17 September 2019

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Subject: ARP Financial Performance

Purpose: To provide information on the forecast full year financial position against budget for the ARP

Recommendation(s):

- 1) That the report and appendix be noted.

1.0 BACKGROUND

- 1.1 Each of the partner Councils provides forecast full year financial information against budget for the ARP. The information is collated to provide an overall financial performance report, to provide information to Joint Committee on the progress against budget. This report is based on information as at 31 July 2019 and all costs are included and shared based on the Partnership agreement.
- 1.2 The latest forecast at this early stage of the year shows a small over spend against budget of £19k (0.2%) for the whole of the ARP and this is analysed further in Appendix A along with details of the variances.

Whilst the following areas are not currently causing variances, they are areas of risk to highlight to Members:

- One Authority is experiencing cost pressures from the National Living Wage which were not included in this ARP approved budget. The maximum cost pressure to ARP would be £38k, however we are expecting this to be partly offset by other salary changes.
- The Enforcement service for Norwich was expected to start in July, however we have experienced delays in receiving the enforcement cases. The cases are expected from the end of August, so the full year income could be slightly lower than expected.

As the year progresses we will include further updates within the numbers in this report.

- 1.3 Appendix A also provides details on the remaining transformation funding which was set aside in previous years from below budget spend and grant funding. £57k is earmarked for projects in progress this year and there is a further £93k available for future transformation projects.

The appendix also provides detail on the values held and earmarked in the ICT reserve, which was introduced last year to smooth the financial effects of major ICT spend.

2.0 OPTIONS

- 2.1 That the report and appendices are noted.

3.0 REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATION(S)

- 3.1 To provide Members information on the financial position against budget for the whole of the ARP.

4.0 EXPECTED BENEFITS

- 4.1 To provide Members information on the financial position against budget for the whole of the ARP.

5.0 IMPLICATIONS

In preparing this report, the report author has considered the likely implications of the decision - particularly in terms of Carbon Footprint / Environmental Issues; Constitutional & Legal; Contracts; Corporate Priorities; Crime & Disorder; Equality & Diversity/Human Rights; Financial; Health & Wellbeing; Reputation; Risk Management; Safeguarding; Staffing; Stakeholders/Consultation/Timescales; Transformation Programme; Other. Where the report author considers that there may be implications under one or more of these headings, these are identified below.

5.2 Financial

- 5.2.1 This report is financial in nature and financial information is included within the report and appendices.

5.2 Stakeholders / Consultation / Timescales

- 5.12.1 Accountants at the partner Councils have been consulted on their financial forecasts.

6.0 WARDS/COMMUNITIES AFFECTED

- 6.1 N/A

7.0 ACRONYMS

- 7.1 ARP – Anglia Revenues Partnership

Background papers:-	See The Committee Report Guide for guidance on how to complete this section
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Key Decision: No

Exempt Decision: No

This report refers to a Mandatory & Discretionary Services

Appendices attached to this report:

Appendix A	Financial performance report
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