

FINANCIAL MONITORING REPORT: 2018/19

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Finance and Change	Cllr Ray Theodoulou
Key Decision	Yes
Other Documents	MTFS Report to 14 th February 2018 County Council, and Financial Monitoring Reports to Cabinet 10 th October 2018, 19 th December 2018, 30 th January 2019, 13 th March 2019
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Purpose of Report	To provide an update on the year-end forecast for the 2018/19 County Council's Revenue and Capital Budgets
Key Recommendations	That the Cabinet: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Notes the forecast revenue year end position as at the end of February 2019 for the 2018/19 financial year is a balanced position. This represents a £0.406 million improvement on the previous position reported to Cabinet on 13th March 2019. 2. Approves that the slippage in year on IRIS in 2018/19, currently standing at £0.3 million, is transferred as revenue contribution to capital to support the capital refurbishment of Trevone House. 3. Notes the forecast overspend in the Dedicated Schools Grant (DSG) of £4.89 million in 2018/19, which reduces to £1.24 million after adjusting for the £2.3 million of uncommitted DSG balances brought forward and the £1.35 million additional funds announced in December 2018 to support children with special educational needs; and also endorses on going discussions with the Schools Forum to agree actions to bring DSG back into balance. 4. Notes the forecast capital year end position as at the end of February 2019 of £97.786 million against the current budget of £100.504 million – in year slippage of £2.718 million.

	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 5. Approves the addition of £0.025 million to the Adults capital budget funded by a revenue contribution. 6. Approves the addition of £0.074 million to the Highway Capital budget funded from a variety of sources as outlined in the body of the report. 7. Approves the addition of £0.121 million to the ICT Capital budget funded by a revenue contribution from the Adults Contact Centre budget.
Resource Implications	<p>These are detailed within the report</p>

Revenue Expenditure 2018/19

A. Revenue Forecast Outturn Position 2018/19

1. The current forecast of the year end revenue position against the revenue budget of £418.081 million, based on actual expenditure at the end of February 2019 and forecasts made in March 2019, is a balanced position. This represents a £0.406 million improvement on the position previously reported to Cabinet.
2. Details of the forecast year end position, analysed by service area, is provided in the table below and the narrative that follows.

Directorate Breakdown for Cabinet Report - Position as at the end of February 2019

Service Area	2018/19 Budget	Additional Budget from BRR Pilot	Revised 2018/19 Budget	Forecast Outturn Position	Forecast Outturn Variance	Variance	Forecast Variance Previously reported	Change in variance
	£000					%		
Adults	144,420	1,000	145,420	145,420	0	0.0%	0	0
Prevention & Wellbeing	33,953		33,953	33,888	-65	-0.2%	-66	1
Children & Families	103,488	2,600	106,088	115,097	9,009	8.5%	8,608	401
Communities & Infrastructure	87,166	1,000	88,166	88,153	-13	0.0%	-16	3
Business Support Services	28,652		28,652	28,227	-425	-1.5%	-500	75
Support Services Recharges	-28,652		-28,652	-28,652	0	0.0%	0	0
Total for Services	369,027	4,600	373,627	382,133	8,506	2.3%	8,026	480
Technical & Corporate	44,454		44,454	35,948	-8,506	-19.1%	-7,620	-886
Total	413,481	4,600	418,081	418,081	0	0.00%	406	-406

Adult Social Care

3. Adult Social Care is reporting a balanced position. This forecast position is inclusive of £1.902 million Additional Social Care "Winter Pressures" funding allocation (the balance of £0.628 million has been agreed for joint or Gloucestershire CCG activity). The position also includes using £0.400 million of the unallocated Business Rate Retention funding for Adults with the balance of £0.400 million transferred to reserves.
4. The £1.581 million Adult Social Care Support Grant is also included in this position. This is temporary funding in 2018/19. At the beginning of the year ASMT agreed to allocate £1.237 million to support the LD budget, with the balance of £0.344 million offsetting the overall position.
5. In addition, Adult Care reserves currently stand at £4.592 million, though it should be noted that only £1.654 million of this total is held purely as a Vulnerable Adults Reserve. The balance is specifically set aside for new Ordinary Residence cases and additional commitments relating to the National Living Wage and the Care Act.
6. MTFs savings targets for all client groups are integrated under the Adult Single Programme (ASP) and monitored through Weekly Governance meetings and the ASP Board.
7. LD External Care is projecting a £1.414 million overspend. The overspend assumes the majority of the 2018/19 savings target will be found (£4.449 million compared to a target of £6.622 million) with £4.444 million being banked to date. The overspend relates to unachieved LD savings, increased demand and increased complexity of some cases. The overspend also assumes that the £2.839 million held as a contingency budget for outstanding rate change payments will be required in full, although a major piece of work is near completion to validate this position.
8. OP and PD External Care is projecting a £2.492 million overspend. The overspend assumes delivery of the majority of the 2018/19 savings targets. Savings of £4.605 million against the target of £5.750 million are included within the forecast and £3.610 million has been banked to date. The overspend mainly relates to increased care needs for existing cases and to voids / other additional costs relating to homes run by a major provider.
9. Mental Health is forecasting an overspend of £0.837 million net of unallocated MTFs funding held by the Lead Commissioner and £0.212 million uncommitted MTFs AMHPS funding. The overspend mainly relates to cases with increasing complexity and therefore higher unit costs.

10. The overall Community Equipment and Telecare position includes an underspend of £0.029 million within Telecare services. Community Equipment services are reported as on-line net of previously agreed (and non-recurring) funding from the Disabled Facilities Grant.
11. Other Services include all staffing budgets for Adult Social Care, as well as budgets for a number of specific contracts. The forecasts for these services net to a £2.495 million underspend including;
- £1.054 million overspends: LD in-house services (£0.365 million); LD Assessment, Support Planning and Management teams (£0.133 million), £0.170 million savings not achievable this year for the Pre-placement Contract (PPC), £0.107 million on Community Meals, £0.101 million on short term care packages set up under the Improved Better Care Fund, and unfunded contract costs for the Electronic Call Monitoring system (£0.177 million).
 - £2.190 million significant service underspends: £1.089 million OP/PD Integrated Social Care Management (ISCM), largely due to vacancies and the addition of “Winter Pressures” funding to offset additional demand, £0.295 million Brokerage (posts covered by “Winter Pressures” funding and also vacancies), £0.136 million relating to the Contact Centre, (leavers and vacancy slippage, offset by the telephone system Revenue Contribution to Capital Outlay (RCCO) referred to in Recommendation 6 above), £0.111 million on the advocacy contract; £0.240 million unallocated government grant; £0.159 million in-house demographic growth currently not included in team budgets, and £0.160 million LD other commissioned services, relating to uncommitted Building Better Lives Development (BBLD) fund and employment service budgets.
 - The Care Act contingency surplus (£0.808 million) is now also forecast as uncommitted and is supporting the underlying position ahead of finalising the work on rate changes payments as detailed above.
 - A number of smaller service variances (under £0.100 million) netting to a £0.551 million underspend.
12. Unallocated budgets are reported as underspent by £2.219 million.

This variance includes £1.475 million surplus on permanent funding, relating to £0.398 million uncommitted BCF funding, £0.465 million unallocated MTFS fee

inflation/ NLW funding, £0.367 million of ASC Levy held to support pressures emerging from the use of temporary funding (e.g. relating to the Additional Improved Better Care Fund) and £0.245 million of unallocated Adults permanent budget.

The balance of £0.744 million relates to the uncommitted Adult Social Care Support Grant and Business Rates Reserve pilot. As noted above this is temporary funding.

Prevention and Wellbeing

13. Services within this area include Public Health, Supporting People and a number of smaller budgets covering the prevention hub team and grants.
14. The current forecast of the year end revenue position is an under-spend of £0.07 million and is due to staff vacancies earlier in the year within the prevention hub team and slippage on an Evolving Communities project.
15. Public Health is reporting a balanced position. Services are funded by a ring-fenced grant, which if unspent is required to be carried forward in a specific reserve. The in-year forecast for Public Health is an under-spend of £0.47 million due to the delay in the development of a new service within healthy lifestyles and lower dispensing costs due to activity related to substance misuse prevention, smoking cessation and health checks. These variances offset the higher dispensing costs in sexual health and a cost pressure for a substance misuse drug treatment. The under-spend will be transferred to the Public Health reserve at year end.
16. Supporting People is reporting a breakeven position but this is based on the assumption that the previous year's MTC2 savings linked to Mental Health services will be covered by in-year savings or reserves.
17. Gloucestershire has been selected by the MHLG as an early adopter of the Rapid Rehousing Pathway and in 2018/19 it has been allocated a grant of £0.243 million. Through our strong local relationships with community organisations we will use this funding to rapidly deliver new services to reduce rough sleeping, increase the sustainment of tenancy outcomes and increase the evidence base for the effectiveness of the Somewhere Safe to Stay model.

Children & Families

18. The current forecast of the year end revenue position as at March 2019 for non-DSG funded services is an over-spend of £9.01million (8.49% of budget). The gross over-spend is £12.04 million, which is reduced to £9.01 million by using the £2.6 million one-off income from the business rates retention pilot and £0.43 million from the vulnerable people's reserve. The increase in the

over-spend of £0.4 million is due to unexpected late legal fee bills and increases in support package and agency staff costs within youth services.

19. At the end of February 2019 children in care numbers were 707 compared to 549 at the end of March 2016 and although nationally the trend is increasing (circa 3% p.a.) other factors will include the improvement in social work practice through catching up on drift and delay in casework. The number of children in care continues to cause significant pressures on children's services and in particular against the external placement and safeguarding staff budgets resulting in the over-spend.
20. As part of the 2018/19 budget, additional investment of £7.6 million was approved for external placements. This investment was based on a maximum number of 280 external placements with a unit cost of £61,600 per annum using an 80:20 fostering to residential weighting. The current forecast over-spend against the external placement budget of £7.08 million (41% above budget) is due to a higher number of external placements than anticipated, within which the number of residential and supported living placements has increased in both absolute and proportionate terms. Many of the residential and supported living placements are required to meet the needs of highly complex children resulting in a current average unit cost of £94,400 per annum. There are currently 311 external placements, of which 82 are residential. The forecast has decreased this month by £0.1 million. Contingencies currently total £0.2 million for new cases in-year allowing for additional placements to replace existing care commitments or allowing for higher number of placements.
21. In addition to this young peoples support are forecasting a £1.08 million over-spend due to a number of complex cases and the additional cost of agency staff covering vacancies.
22. The Director of Children's Service's is leading a review of all high cost placements on a regular basis as part of the wider improvement work on permanence planning. The aim is to reduce the cost of external placements where appropriate, given the higher unit costs outlined above, ensure decisions around placement change and permanence are executed in timely child centred manner, and ultimately bring down the forecast over-spend. It is estimated that these reviews will result in approximately £1 million of cost avoidance in 2018/19 and the current estimates identify that this has been achieved to date. Improving social care practice to divert children from care at an earlier point and achieve permanence at the earliest opportunity will reduce costs in the longer term. An additional £6.2 million, approved as part of the MTFs, will fund the higher activity and costs of provision of external placements in 2019/20.
23. Safeguarding staffing budgets have received £4.01 million of investment through the MTFs in 2018/19 to reduce caseloads and improve practice within

teams. In-year additional funding of £1.45 million has been approved to increase pay and allowances for social workers but recruitment of social workers especially experienced staff continues to be a challenge. Agency staff have continued to cover staff vacancies or where caseloads remain high, resulting in a forecast overspend of £3.18 million. To address this position for 2019/20, changes are being made to improve processes for recruitment as well as put in place more effective advertising. The increase in child protection cases has resulted in additional Child Protection chairs being employed on a temporarily basis resulting in a £0.33 million over-spend.

24. A higher level of activity is also causing an over-spend of £0.89 million in section 17 and discretionary payments for foster carers. New procedures have been put in place to review all significant payments and ensure consistency across teams. Additionally, a resource panel will be put in place to gate-keep significant section 17 expenditure.
25. There are a number of offsetting variances which include services for children with disabilities that are forecast to under-spend by £0.24 million due to lower costs in the residential unit and staff vacancies in the field work teams. Adoption, child arrangement and special guardianship orders are forecast to under-spend by £0.2 million due to lower than expected number of allowances and orders being made. Also, in-year uncommitted contingencies of £0.19 million have been released to offset the on-going cost pressures in social care budgets.
26. The delay in the development of the IRIS residential element has resulted in an under-spend which is forecast to be £0.3 million to date; this has not been declared in the current forecast figures due to the current review of residential provision as part of the sufficiency strategy. The review has proposed the development of Trevone House for supported living (see detailed report elsewhere on this agenda) to provide accommodation for a number of young people who need intensive support. It is therefore proposed that the slippage in year on IRIS in 2018/19 is transferred as revenue contribution to capital to support the capital refurbishment of the property.

Dedicated Schools Grant (DSG) position

27. Dedicated Schools Grant (DSG) funded services are forecast to be over-spent by £4.89 million in 2018/19, a decrease of £0.3 million due to the forecast for top up payments in special schools. The announcement in December 2018 by the DFE of additional funds due to the national pressure on high needs has reduced the over-spend by £1.35 million and balances brought forward of £2.3 million reduce the net over-spend to £1.24 million against the ring-fenced grant.
28. As reported last year the cost pressures are in the High Needs Block (forecast over-spend for the block £5.86 million) with over-spends against Independent

Special Schools (£1.1 million), special school places (£1 million), top ups for alternative provision services (£1.58 million) and other schools (£2.11 million), all caused by increases to activity and reflects the national picture. Early years budgets are under-spending by £0.54 million due to a lower take up of free nursery entitlement payments.

29. The High Needs Programme is focussing on addressing this financial pressure and the additional funding announced by the DFE for 2018/19 and 2019/20 will ease some of the pressure but not all if expenditure continues at this level in 2019/20. The specialist commissioning team has been working to reduce the cost of placements where appropriate and savings of over £0.8 million are forecast to be achieved this year. Also, changes to funding arrangements are currently being discussed with the Schools Forum to bring the DSG back into balance. Any potential over-spend in future years which could not be addressed through the DSG ring-fenced grant may result in a future financial risk to the Council. This reflects an emerging national picture, around which lobbying continues, for additional funding and flexibility to move funding between DSG blocks.

Communities & Infrastructure

30. Communities and Infrastructure current forecast is a £0.013 million underspend (0.004% of the budget).
31. Highways Commissioning are reporting a breakeven position. There are still anticipated overspends due to additional pothole repair works to recover the network following the severe winter, as well as the revised contract arrangements with Amey during the last year of the contract. There are also some additional revenue costs associated with demobilisation of the Amey contract and pre-mobilisation of the new highways contractor. These issues are covered by additional Pothole funding, capitalisation and a mobilisation reserve.
32. It is proposed to increase in the Highways Capital budget by £0.074 million funded by £0.060 million of Highways Local revenue contributions and £0.014 million of Developer and Parish contributions.
33. The Integrated Transport budget is reporting a £0.074 million overspend position due to long term bus contracts being awarded which include inflationary corrections in the new tender prices. A report on future cost pressures was considered by Cabinet on 13th March 2019.
34. Registrar's are reporting an over recovery of £0.218 million of income based on current estimates.
35. Strategic Infrastructure are forecasting a £0.138 million overspend. This is due to an imbalance of Planning Application fees and officer time spent on applications. Increased staff resource in Transport Planning required to manage the additional workload associated with emerging major transport

schemes such as the west Cheltenham Cyber Business Park and M5 J10 and additional scanning costs due to the office move of the Heritage function.

36. A letter has been received from Homes England confirming a Housing Infrastructure Fund support plan award for £0.150m revenue grant to help fund the business case for M5 Jct 10. We are expecting to receive the funds before the end of the financial year 2018-19.
37. The Fire and Rescue Service, Waste, Libraries, Trading Standards and Coroners have small variances which come to a minor overspend of £0.006 million.

Business Support Services

38. The forecast outturn for Business Support Services overall is an underspend of £0.425 million (1.5% of budget). This forecast underspend on Support Services is primarily as a result of vacancies.
39. The Business Support Services position includes a £0.100 million contribution to the Children & Families capital budget funded by a contribution from the AMPS revenue budget in respect of School kitchen refurbishment, as included in the Children & Families Capital Programme Update report presented to Cabinet elsewhere on this agenda.
40. Within Business Support Services, the Strategy & Challenge function is forecasting a balanced position which reflects careful management of expenditure and a one off surplus of income from traded services. The pressures arising from continuing increasing demands arising from childcare legal proceedings and the additional costs arising from the need to use locum staff to cover continuing vacancies remain. The re-tendering of capital works for Archives due to contractor issues is being closely monitored to avoid any unnecessary increases in the cost of works. The costs of extraordinary legal child protection cases will be funded corporately.

Technical and Cross Cutting

41. The forecast outturn position for Technical and Corporate budgets is a £8.51 million underspend (19.1% of budget) from £7.62 million previously reported, the main reasons are:-
42. Positive interest rate credits on balances are forecasting to achieve an over recovery of income of £3.5 million above budget reflecting better diversification of investments and longer term deposits and additional income following the Bank of England base rate change.
43. The 2018/19 budget included an MtC2 savings contingency; this was approved by Council to reflect the high risk nature of some of the savings

programmes in demand led areas in 2018/19. Given the difficulties in achieving savings across some services as outlined in this report the full £1.6 million contingency has been released to support the overall budget.

44. There has been a re-tendering of the insurance contracts, which has resulted in a favourable forecast underspend of £0.182 million on the corporate insurance budget.
45. As part of the provisional Finance Settlement on 13th December it was announced that the Council will receive funding of £1.144m relating to the surplus generated on the 2018/19 Business Rate Levy Account held by Central Government. This money is un-ringfenced funding and it is therefore proposed to use it to partially offset the overall overspend forecast in the current financial year.
46. In addition a further £0.885 million is expected in respect of Business Rate relief section 31 reconciliation grants for 2017-18.
47. There is also a favourable variance forecast underspend on a number of corporate budgets totalling £1.194 million.

B. Capital Expenditure

Current Spend 2018/19

48. The capital budget for 2018/19 is £100.504 million, an increase of £0.503 million since last reported to Cabinet due additional approval granted at March Cabinet. Actual spend against the capital programme as at end of February 2019 is £75.164 million.

Budget and Capital Forecast Outturn Position 2018/19

49. The forecast outturn position for 2018/19 against current year budgets is £97.786 million, showing forecast slippage of £2.718 million.

CAPITAL EXPENDITURE 2018/19					
Service Area	Reprofiled Budget 2018/19	Current Year Spend 2018/19	% Current Year Spend against Reprofiled Budget	Forecast Outturn 2018/19	Forecast Year-end Variance
	£000	£000	%	£000	£000
Capital Receipts Works Before Sale	0	0	0	0	0
Adults	8,281	3,159	38	7,762	-519
Children & Families	24,114	21,548	89	24,098	-16
Communities	0	0	0	0	
Highways	51,398	38,698	75	51,054	-344
Strategic Infrastructure	1,984	1,705	86	1,924	-60
Waste Disposal	625	505	81	670	45
Libraries	752	638	85	719	-33
Fire & Rescue	1,027	619	60	645	-382
Business Support	0	0	0	0	
AMPS	8,265	6,709	81	8,117	-148
ICT projects	2,327	597	26	1,752	-575
Business Service Centre	282	0	0	2	-280
Archives & Information Management	1,155	734	64	791	-364
Customer	294	252	85	252	-42
Total	100,504	75,164	75	97,786	-2,718

Adults Capital Programme

50. Adult's schemes are forecast to spend £7.762 million in 2018/19, against a current budget of £8.281 million, forecasting a slippage of £0.519 million, as previously reported to Cabinet.

Children and Families Capital Programme

51. Children and Families schemes are forecast to spend £24.098 million in 2018/19, against a current budget of £24.114 million, forecasting minor slippage of £0.016 million.

Highways Capital Programme

52. Highways schemes are forecast to spend £51.054 million in 2018/19, against a current budget of £51.398 million, forecasting slippage of £0.344 million. The key areas include;

53. Structural maintenance schemes are forecasting in year slippage of £0.657 million, the carriageway maintenance programme is anticipated to over deliver by £628k using extra funding received from central government but this is offset by £941k slippage in street lighting. This principally relates to the LED conversion contract where 365 more lanterns than originally planned are being delivered. It had been hoped that these would have been done by year end but this hasn't been the case. Other overspends relate to footways where Amey have been unable to undertake two projects and traffic Signals where disruption caused by

a gas leak and delays to the Metz Way project have prevented three schemes being implemented.

54. The Integrated Transport schemes are forecasting slippage of £0.181 million in 2018/19. As anticipated a number of schemes have been unable to be completed by year end.
55. Large Integrated Transport Schemes including Growth Fund schemes are forecasting to exceed current budgets by £0.595 million. This is principally due to an early start to the design of the Cyber Park Highways scheme where we are awaiting approval of £3.3M LEP funding. It is possible that contractual claims at Metz Way and Cinderford Spine Road may cause overspends but we are currently challenging these claims.

Strategic Infrastructure Capital Programme

56. Strategic Infrastructure schemes are forecast to spend £1.924 million in 2018/19, against a current budget of £1.984 million, forecasting slippage of £0.060 million. The £0.019 million forecast overspend against the Saturn Transport Modelling reported in December has been reduced to £0.003 million as project delivery will be completed in April rather than March. The £0.063 million slippage relates to Flood Alleviation schemes where European funding (ESIF) influences the scheduling and a number of property level resilience schemes for which homeowner uptake is currently in negotiation.

Libraries Capital Programme

57. Libraries schemes are forecast to spend £0.719 million in 2018/19, against a current budget of £0.752 million, forecasting an in year underspend of £0.033 million. £0.013 million of this relates to reduced refurbishments costs and will release funding for additional works in the next financial year. The remaining £0.020 million is slippage on the Growth Hub project where testing has delayed roll-out until the new financial year.

Waste Capital Programme

58. Waste schemes are forecast to spend £0.670 million in 2018/19, against a current budget of £0.625 million, forecasting an over-spend of £0.045 million. This is as a result of works at the Hempsted HRC being completed earlier than anticipated, approved budget is already available to fund this spend.

Fire & Rescue Capital Programme

59. Fire & Rescue schemes are forecast to spend £0.645 million in 2018/19, against a current budget of £1.027 million, forecasting slippage of £0.382 million. £0.300 million is due to Personal Protection Equipment scheme taking longer than anticipated to process and £0.083 million is due to a combination of a lower costs against the Appliance and Equipment schemes and a slight slippage on the BA project and Light Fleet vehicles.

AMPS Capital Programme

60. AMPS schemes are forecast to spend £8.117 million in 2018/19, against a current budget of £8.265 million, forecasting slippage of £0.148 million. Key slippage is due to changes within service areas, (including service remodelling) which have resulted in delays to AMPS capital projects.

ICT Capital Programme

61. ICT schemes are forecast to spend £1.780 million in 2018/19, against a current budget of £2.327 million, resulting in forecast slippage of £0.547 million. This relates to delays in delivery of a number of schemes. The two schemes reporting the largest slippage are £0.129 million on the 'Email messaging phase 2' scheme where milestone payments have slipped over the end of the financial year due to resourcing issues. Also £0.228 million on the WAN replacement project, the new WAN Invitation to tender has undergone extensive review based on evolving business requirements and reflecting new market offerings. Meetings have been scheduled with Commercial Services and specialist external resources to determine the new procurement strategy, we hope to procure and implement beginning early in the new financial year.

BSC Capital Programme

62. BSC schemes are forecast to spend £0.002 million in 2018/19, against a current budget of £0.282 million, resulting in forecast slippage of £0.280 million. This is mainly as a result of the detailed specification for the invoice scanning and document storage system taking longer than expected to finalise and, hence, delaying the start of the procurement process. There are still final decisions that have to be taken on the requirements. However, these should be taken reasonably soon and, allied with recent decisions on the middleware and SAP enhancements projects, should result in expenditure starting to come through in the first half of 2019/20.

Archives Capital Programme

63. Archives schemes are forecast to spend £0.771 million in 2018/19, against a current budget of £1.155 million, resulting in forecast slippage of £0.384 million. There have been unavoidable delays to the For the Record Archive project which means the spend will roll over in to the next financial year.

Information Management Capital Programme

64. The overall Information management programme is within budget. However, Information Management schemes are forecasting to spend £0.024 million, against a current budget of £0.005 million, reporting an in year overspend of £0.019 million. There has been accelerated delivery of the Information Asset

Register Database scheme which has been completed by Sopra Steria earlier than anticipated; approved budget is available to finance this at year end.

Customer Capital Programme

65. Customer schemes are forecast to spend £0.252 million in 2018/19, against a current budget of £0.294 million, resulting in forecast slippage of £0.042 million. This is due to delays in the delivery of technical infrastructure requirements but the project is due to complete in April 19.

Changes to the Capital Programme in 2018/19 and future years

Adults

66. It is proposed that Cabinet support an increase of £0.025 million in the Adults capital budget for works at GIS, funded by a contribution from the Adults revenue budget approved by Cabinet in June 2017.

Children and Families

67. Details of a proposed increase of £2.657 million to the Children and Families Capital Programme, funded by £0.907 million government grant, £1.593 million developer s106 contributions and £0.157 million revenue contributions, are included in the Children & Families Capital Programme Update report presented to Cabinet elsewhere on this agenda.

Highways

68. It is proposed that Cabinet support an increase of £0.074 million in the Highways capital budget, funded by the following additional resources;
- £0.060 million of Highways Locals revenue contributions identified to part fund structural maintenance schemes which have been agreed with individual Councillors.
 - £0.014 million Developer and Parish contributions towards smaller Integrated Transport schemes

ICT

69. It is proposed that Cabinet support an increase of £0.121 million in the ICT capital budget for an upgrade of the Contact Centre telephone system, funded by a revenue contribution to capital outlay from the Adults Contact Centre revenue.

Overall Change to Capital Programme

70. As a result of the above changes the overall capital programme will increase by £2.877 million, £0.381 million of which is anticipated to be spent during the current financial year.