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**Supplementary Revenue Estimate –
Supplementary Substance Misuse
Treatment Grant**

Report of: Adele Taylor, Interim Director of Finance and Customer Services (s151 Officer)

Report Reference No: C/5/24-25

Ward(s) Affected: All wards

Purpose of Report

- 1 This report seeks approval from Council for a supplementary revenue estimate as part of the Financial Review reporting for 2024/25.
- 2 The report supports the Council's vision to be an open Council as set out in the Corporate Plan. In particular, the priorities for being an open and enabling organisation, and ensuring that there is transparency in all aspects of Council decision making.

Executive Summary

- 3 Council is being asked to approve increased expenditure related to one fully funded supplementary revenue estimate; Supplementary Substance Misuse Treatment Grant.
- 4 Supplementary revenue estimates relate to expenditure budgets for grants that are in addition to those approved in the Medium Term Financial Strategy (MTFS) report in February 2024.
- 5 Approval is sought from Council, as the next Adults and Health Committee meeting is in late September 2024.

RECOMMENDATIONS

Council is recommended to:

1. Approve the fully funded Supplementary Revenue Estimate of £524,528 for the Supplementary Substance Misuse Treatment Grant.

Background

- 6 The budget and policy framework sets out rules for managing the Council's financial affairs and contains the financial limits that apply in various parts of the Constitution. As part of sound financial management and to comply with the Constitution any changes to the budgets agreed by Council in the MTFS require approval in line with the financial limits within the Finance Procedure Rules.
- 7 The Council has been successful in securing a maximum of £524,528 in 2024/25 from the Department of Health & Social Care revenue funding. This funding is managed by the Office for Health Improvement & Disparities (OHID) and is awarded for the Supplementary Substance Misuse Treatment & Recovery Grant (SSMTR Grant). The grant will be provided pursuant to section 31 of the Local Government Act 2003.

Consultation and Engagement

- 8 As part of the budget setting process the Pre-Budget Consultation provided an opportunity for interested parties to review and comment on the Council's Budget proposals. The budget proposals described in the consultation document were Council-wide proposals and that consultation was invited on the broad budget proposals. Where the implications of individual proposals were much wider for individuals affected by each proposal, further full and proper consultation was undertaken with people who would potentially be affected by individual budget proposals.

Reasons for Recommendations

- 9 The Council monitors in-year performance through a reporting cycle, which includes Financial Review reporting. Reports during the year reflect financial and operational performance and provide the opportunity for Members to consider, approve or recommend changes in line with the Council's Financial Procedure Rules.
- 10 The overall process for managing the Council's resources focuses on value for money and good governance and stewardship.

Financial changes that become necessary during the year are properly authorised and this report sets out those areas where any further approvals are now required.

- 11 This report provides strong links between the Council's statutory reporting requirements and the in-year monitoring processes for financial and non-financial management of resources.

Other Options Considered

- 12 Not applicable.

Implications and Comments

Monitoring Officer/Legal

- 13 Under section 2B of the National Health Service Act 2006 (as amended) the Council must take appropriate steps to improve the health of the people who live in their area and these steps may include -
- (a) providing information and advice;
 - (b) providing services or facilities designed to promote healthy living (whether by helping individuals to address behaviour that is detrimental to health or in any other way);
 - (c) providing services or facilities for the prevention, diagnosis or treatment of illness;
 - (d) providing financial incentives to encourage individuals to adopt healthier lifestyles;
 - (e) providing assistance (including financial assistance) to help individuals to minimise any risks to health arising from their accommodation or environment;
 - (f) providing or participating in the provision of training for persons working or seeking to work in the field of health improvement;
 - (g) making available the services of any person or any facilities.
 - (h) providing grants or loans (on such terms as the local authority considers appropriate).
- 14 The requirement for Council to approve the supplementary revenue estimate referred to above is in accordance with the Finance Procedure Rules in the Constitution.

- 15 Whereas it is anticipated that the grant in so far as it to be provided pursuant to section 31 of the Local Government Act 2003 will be on standard terms, it would be prudent for the grant terms to be reviewed in due course by the Council's Legal team to ensure that there is awareness of any key provisions that the Council will need to comply with.

Section 151 Officer/Finance

- 16 This is a statutory service, fully funded by an additional ring-fenced Public Health grant received directly from Central Government which has specific governance requirements surrounding it, including adherence to grant conditions which must be certified by the S151 officer through a statement of grant usage.
- 17 This modification has no impact on either the Council's current financial position or its existing Medium Term Financial Strategy (MTFS).
- 18 The Council's financial resources are agreed by Council and aligned to the achievement of stated outcomes for local residents and communities. Monitoring and managing performance helps to ensure that resources are used effectively, and that business planning and financial decision making are made in the right context.
- 19 The requirement for Council to approve the supplementary revenue estimates and supplementary capital estimates referred to above is in accordance with the Finance Procedure Rules.

Policy

- 20 Financial management supports delivery of all Council policies. The 2024/25 forecast outturn position, ongoing considerations for future years, and the impact on general reserves will be fed into the assumptions underpinning the 2025 to 2029 Medium-Term Financial Strategy.

Equality, Diversity and Inclusion

- 21 Any equality implications that arise from activities funded by the budgets that this report deals with will be covered within the individual reports to Members or Officer Decision Records to which they relate.

Human Resources

- 22 Any HR implications that arise from activities funded by the budget that this report deals with will be covered within the individual reports to Members or Officer Decision Records to which they relate.

Risk Management

- 23 Financial risks are assessed and reported on a regular basis, and remedial action taken if required. Risks associated with the achievement of the 2024/25 budget and the level of general reserves will be factored into the 2025/26 financial scenario, budget, and reserves strategy.

Rural Communities

- 24 The report provides details of service provision across the borough.

Children and Young People including Cared for Children, care leavers and Children with special educational needs and disabilities (SEND)

- 25 The report includes expenditure relating to grant funding in respect to services to children and young people.

Public Health

- 26 Public health implications that arise from activities that this report deals with will be covered within separate reports to Members or Officer Decision Records as required.

Climate Change

- 27 Climate change implications that arise from activities that this report deals with will be covered within separate reports to Members or Officer Decision Records as required.

Access to Information	
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Appendices:	Not applicable.
Background Papers:	Medium Term Financial Strategy 2024-28