

## SOUTH HOLLAND DISTRICT COUNCIL

**Report of:** Portfolio Holder for Strategic Finance and Democratic Services and the Assistant Director Finance (S151)

**To:** Cabinet – 18<sup>th</sup> February 2014

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**Subject:** Financial Performance Quarter 3 2013-14

**Purpose:** This report provides information on the forecast full year financial position of the Council as at 31<sup>st</sup> December 2013

### **Recommendation:**

- a) That the report and recommendations in Appendix 1 be noted and approved to be recommended to Council.

### **Recommendations to Council:**

- a) That the recommendations be approved in respect of the contributions to and from reserves as shown in Appendix 1, Section 1- Revenue:
- It is recommended that £84,000 is transferred back from reserves to fund revenues and benefits caseload, funded by revenues new burdens grant income transferred to reserve in Quarter Two;
  - It is recommended that the compensation for the cessation of the recycling contract is transferred to reserve and released over the remainder of the contract term; and
  - It is recommended that £410,000 is transferred to reserve from budget challenge outcomes and other budget savings in Quarter Two and Three.
- b) That the recommendations be approved in respect of the budget virements as shown in Appendix 1, Section 1- Revenue:
- To recommend the budget virements in Table 4 are approved as at Quarter Three.
- c) That the recommendations be approved in Section 3-Capital:
- To agree the slippage from the HRA New Builds £260,000 is rolled forward into the capital programme for 2014-15;
  - To recommend a revenue contribution from the ICT budget is made to the value of £15,900 to fund the RDS licences, funded by revenue;
  - To recommend the Planning PSICA (Partnership Scheme in Conservation Area) grants budget of £91,000, funded by English Heritage to be added to the capital programme;
  - To recommend the £1,000 budget for retention money for the South Holland Centre main roof renewal to be added to the capital programme;
  - To recommend the £20,400 budget for Christmas Lights to be funded by the Spalding Special reserve as previously agreed Cabinet 4<sup>th</sup> September 2012 to be added to the capital programme;
  - To recommend the £50,000 additional budget for statutory disabled adaptations to council-owned housing stock to be added to the capital programme, funded from HRA balances; and
  - To recommend that the Decent Homes budget is increased by £60,000 due to increase in demand to be funded by the Regional Housing Grant fund.

## 1.0 **BACKGROUND**

1.1 The This report provides information on the forecast full year financial performance for four separate areas

- Revenue Budget incorporating Spalding Special Expenses and the Housing Revenue Account
  - Forecast revenue outturn for 2013-14
  - Unallocated reserve levels
- Council Tax and Business Rates
  - In year collection Council Tax
  - In year collection Business Rates
- Capital
  - Forecast actuals against budget
  - Sources of Financing
  - Capital Financing Requirement (CFR)
- Treasury
  - Security of investments
  - Liquidity levels
  - Yield levels
  - Borrowing

1.2 Where actions or decisions are required, these are detailed at the end of each section with options.

## 2.0 **OPTIONS**

2.1 To note the report and to approve the recommendations detailed in appendix 1.

2.2 To note the report and not approve the recommendations detailed in appendix 1

## 3.0 **REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATIONS**

3.1 To provide timely information to Members on the overall finances of the Council and to make the best use of resources available.

## 4.0 **EXPECTED BENEFITS AND TIMELINES**

4.1 To ensure that Members are updated regularly on the overall Council financial position and to act on any budget amendments required to reflect the latest forecasts of spend and income.

## 5.0 **IMPLICATIONS**

### 5.1 **Carbon Footprint & Environmental Issues**

5.1.1 It is the opinion of the Report Author that there are no implications.

### 5.2 **Constitution & Legal**

5.2.1 It is the opinion of the Report Author that there are no implications.

### 5.3 **Contracts**

5.3.1 It is the opinion of the Report Author that there are no implications.

### 5.4 **Crime and Disorder**

5.4.1 It is the opinion of the Report Author that there are no implications.

### 5.5 **Equality and Diversity & Human Rights**

5.5.1 It is the opinion of the Report Author that there are no implications.

### 5.6 **Financial**

5.6.1 The report is of a financial nature and financial details are included within the appendix.

### 5.7 **Risk Management**

5.7.1 Risks are highlighted within the appendix.

### 5.8 **Staffing**

5.8.1 It is the opinion of the Report Author that there are no implications.

### 5.9 **Stakeholders / Consultation**

5.9.1 The consultation has taken place

### 6.0 **WARDS/COMMUNITIES AFFECTED**

6.1 Budget implications affect all wards.

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Background papers:-               None

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**Key Decision:** No

**Exempt Decision:** No

#### **Appendices attached to this report:**

Appendix 1 - Financial Report for the quarter ending 31<sup>st</sup> December 2013