Outturn Report & Statement of Accounts 2020/2021

Officers' Recommendations

1. That Members note the outturn for 2020/2021

2. That Members acknowledge Accounting Statement Appendix A

Background

This is a joint report of the Chief Officer and Treasurer prepared on the 16th of July 2021.

Outturn

During 2020/21 overall, the Authority underspent its budget by £29,446, which was predominately due to:

- COVID restrictions, which has resulted in less venue hire and travel required, as meetings have been undertaken virtually, seeing an underspend in Premises and Transport. As well a delay in cases going to court, causing an underspend in support services.
- Boat costs have seen an underspend, due to a decrease in boat usage resulting in lower fuel and maintenance costs.

Although there was an overall underspend there were areas where expenditure and income were higher than originally budgeted:

- Employees overspend was due to an increase in salary grade for an employee, as well as other employee expenses.
- Supplies and services are mainly due to the required costs of iVMS data transferring to the new hub.
- The increase in survey costs has caused an overspend in Environmental research.
- The higher income was due to increased supply of the mobile, diving, and potting permits as well an increase in fines and transport related income for two financial years.

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	2020/21 Base Budget £	2020/21 Budget £	Outturn £	Variance
				2 254
Employees	531,900		·	
Premises	38,600	38,600	31,500	(7,100)
Transport	18,600	18,600	10,166	(8,434)
Supplies and services	75,600	75,600	95,216	19,616
Boat costs	25,100	25,100	19,796	(5,304)
Environmental Research	15,000	15,000	19,379	4,379
Support Services	60,900	60,900	36,237	(24,663)
Income Fees & Charges	(25,700)	(25,700)	(45,968)	(20,268)
less Fixed Administrative Penalty Income (FAP)	0	0	7,550	7,550
Underspend	740,000	740,000	713,840	(26,160)
Survey of Torbay Seabed	0	0	(97)	(97)
EUROHAB	0	0	134	134
EMFF Funding	0	0	(3,323)	(3,323)
Revenue contribution to capital			0	0
Total	740,000	740,000	710,554	(29,446)

Variances (items over £1,000):

Employees

 Staff costs £ 8,064 – Increase in salary grade for an employee, as well as other employee expenses, including HMRC taxable benefits payment of £9,676;

Premises

- Rents £ (3,555) Desk space at Somerset Wildlife Trust no longer required;
- Venue hire £ (3,820) Meetings being undertaken virtually;

Transport

- Establishments Vehicle Costs £ (1,700) No major vehicle maintenance costs;
- Public Transport £ (5,000) No meetings and conferences, due to COVID;
- Travel Expenses incl. Hotel £ (1,867) Less travel required, due to meetings being undertaken virtually;

Supplies & Services

- Equipment £ 1,538 More office equipment to accommodate working from home;
- Printing & Design £ (1,018) Less printing;
- Advertising £ (6,000) No advertising costs;
- Insurances £ 2,359 Cost of insurance has increased this year;
- Other Fees & Charges £ 1,165 DBS screening costs;
- External agency staff £ (3,050) Comms support being provided by DCC;
- Audit cost £ 1,036 Audit for two financial years;
- Telephones £ (2,990) Reduced costs, due to more usage of virtual calls;
- IT Hardware £ (1,566) Refurbished laptops purchased;

- Subsistence £ (1,277) Less claims from employees;
- General Members Expenses £ (3,698)— Less expenses claimed due to virtual meetings;
- Enforcement £ 33,670 Costs higher than expected due iVMS data transferring to new hub;

Boat Costs

- Boat Fuel £ (4,972) Less boat usage;
- Boat Maintenance £ (1,715) No major maintenance work;
- Insurance of Vehicles £ 1,882 Cost of insurance increased;

Environmental Research

- Hire of Vehicles £ 2,610 Increase in hire of vehicles for survey work;
- Equipment £ 1,763 Increase in costs for survey work;

Support Services

- Management Consultancy £ (2,132) Increase in costs not as high as expected;
- Legal fees £ (22,531) Delay in cases going to court;

Income Fees and Charges

- Fines and fees £ (18,100) Increase in costs awarded by the courts;
- Potting/Mobile/Diving permits £ (4,075) Increased take up of permits;
- Transport related income £ (1,400) Claiming for two financial years;
- Interest on balances £ 2,326 Increase rates dropped;
- EMFF Funding £ (3,323) Cross over of funding from last year;

Summary of Reserves

	2020/21 Projection £
General Reserve Balance 1st April 2020	532,166
Transfer to FAP Reserve	(32,800)
Restated General Reserve Balance 1st April 2020	499,366
Transfer to/(from) reserve	0
Underspend transfer to reserves	29,446
General Reserve Balance 31st March 2021	528,812

Breakdown of Reserves

		Fixed Administrative		
	General Reserve	Notice Reserve	Capital Receipts	Total Reserves
	£	£	£	£
Balance 1st April				
2020	499,366	32,800	52,027	584,193
Contributions				
to/(from)				
Reserves	29,446	7,550	0	36,996
Transfer from				
Reserves	0		0	0
Balance 31st				
March 2021	528,812	40,350	52,027	621,189

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17th June 2021

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List of Background Papers

- Budget Monitoring 20/21
- Bank Reconciliation 20/21

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Appendix A

	Accounting statements 2020/			
	Devon and Severn Inshore Fishe	ries and Conservation Authority		
1	Balances Brought Forward	31 March 2020 608197	31 March 2021 584194	Total balances and reserves at the beginning of the year as recorded in the body's financia records. Value must agree to Box 7 of previo year.
2	+ Income from local taxation and/or levy	727398	770740	Total amount of local tax and/or levy receive or receivable in the year including funding from a sponsoring body.
3	+ Total other receipts	104965	47752	Total income or receipts as recorded in the cashbook less the taxation and/or levy (line 2). Include any grants received here.
4	- Staff costs	582349	573651	Total expenditure or payments made to and behalf of all employees. Include salaries and wages, PAYE and NI (employees and emploers), pension contributions and employment expenses.
5	- Loan interest/capital repayments	0	0	Total expenditure or payments of capital and interest made during the year on the body's borrowings (if any).
6	- All other Payments	274017	207846	Total expenditure or payments as recorded in the cashbook less staff costs (line 4) and loginterest/capital repayments (line 5).
7	= Balances carried forward	584194	621189	Total balances and reserves at the end of the year. Must equal (1+2+3)-(4+5+6).
8	Total cash and short term investments	632887	723523	The sum of all current and deposit bank accounts, cash holdings and short term investments held as at 31 March - to agree with bank reconciliation.
	Total fixed assets plus other long term investments and assets	304562	258631	The original Asset and Investment Register value of all fixed assets, plus other long ten assets owned by the body as at 31 March.
10	Total borrowings	0	0	The outstanding capital balance as at 31 March of all loans from third parties (includin PWLB).

End.