

Item 06 - Financial Monitoring 2022/23 - Early Indications

The attached report was considered by the Finance & Investment Advisory Committee on 24 May 2022. The relevant Minute extract is below.

Financial Monitoring 2022/23 - Early Indications (24 May 2022, Minute 10)

The Head of Finance presented the report on the early findings of the Financial Monitoring. Members were advised that paragraphs 4 - 13 of the report set out what was currently understood to be the principal anticipated areas of financial risk to the authority for the year and would be reviewed and addressed as necessary as the year progressed. Inflation assumptions for both staff and non-staff costs were also included within the 10-year budget.

In response to questions, Members were advised that the Direct Services Team were looking at ways of bringing in additional income. This was through promoting our current services such as additional green bins and commercial waste collection but also looking at additional income streams such as the Swanley Sunday market.

Although fuel costs to the council were protected to a degree, the Head of Finance confirmed he would find out how long the contract was for.

Action 2: For Head of Finance to advise the Committee how long the Council's forward purchasing of fuel was for.

It was confirmed that further details would be included in the Financial Monitoring report to the Committee in September.

Resolved: That it be recommended to Cabinet that the report and comments made by the Advisory Committee, be noted.