

Report for: Adults & Health Scrutiny Panel – 9th February 2026

Title: Finance Update – Q2 2025/26

Item number: 9

Report

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Ward(s) affected: All

Report for Key/ N/A

Non Key Decision:

1. Describe the issue under consideration

- 1.1 The report provided sets out the Council's financial position at Quarter 2 of the 2025/26 financial year.
- 1.2 The report was originally published as part of the agenda papers for the meeting of the Cabinet scheduled for 9th December 2025.
- 1.3 The Adults & Health Scrutiny Panel is considering this report as part of its approach to finance and performance monitoring.

2. Recommendations

- 2.1 That the Committee give consideration to the contents of the report and, following questions to Cabinet Member for Health, Social Care & Wellbeing and senior Directors from the Department for Adults, Housing & Health, submits any recommendations that arise to the Overview & Scrutiny Committee and the Cabinet.

3. Background information

- 3.1 Given the Council's challenging financial situation, the terms of reference for Overview and Scrutiny has been updated to allow more prominent focus on budget monitoring and performance. This includes in-year finance and performance monitoring items on a quarterly basis which are scheduled to take place at the Overview & Scrutiny Committee on:
 - 22nd July 2025 – Provisional Financial Outturn report (Q4)
 - 18th September 2025 – Q1
 - **11th December 2025 – Q2**
 - 12th March 2026 – Q3
- 3.2 The four Scrutiny Panels also have the opportunity to scrutinise areas specific to their remits in greater depth at their corresponding meetings.

4. Statutory Officers comments

4.1 Refer to the Finance Update Q2 report (Cabinet report – Section 12) provided for statutory officer comments.

5. Use of appendices

- 2025/26 Finance Update Quarter 2 (report to Cabinet meeting, 9th Dec 2025)
- 'Appendix 2' – Adults, Housing & Health Directorate Level Forecasts