KENT COUNTY COUNCIL – PROPOSED RECORD OF DECISION

DECISION TO BE TAKEN BY:	DECISION NUMBER:
Cabinet	26/00055

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Key decision: Yes

Subject Matter / Title of Decision: Revenue and Capital Budget Monitoring Report – Q1 2026-27

Decision:

Cabinet agrees to:

a) NOTE the revenue and capital forecast outturn position for 2026-27 detailed in the report, and accompanying appendices
b) AGREE the revenue cash limit adjustments in 2026-27 to update the base budget position (per Section 3)
c) AGREE the subsequent revenue and capital cash limit adjustments (per Appendix 2 and 3)

Reason(s) for decision:

The forecast capital and revenue outturn position for the Council needs to be noted by Cabinet. The revenue and capital budget changes need to be agreed by Cabinet.

Background

The report on the Council's forecast financial position at the end of 2026-27 will be reported to Cabinet on 1 October 2026. The report provides detail of our forecast capital and revenue positions, reserves monitoring, Treasury Management and Prudential Indicators.

The forecast outturn variance against the revenue budget is an overspend of £21.4m, which represents 1.3% of the overall budget.

The capital forecast outturn position is a £32m underspend against budget, split between a £3.1m real variance and a -£35.2m rephasing variance.

Cabinet is asked to note the Q1 position and to agree revenue and capital cash limit changes as detailed in the report.

How the proposed decision supports the Council's Strategic Statement

The Council's strategic statement, Reforming Kent 2025-28, recognises the significant financial and demand pressures the Council faces, balancing the need to manage spending, deliver savings and generate income, whilst delivering positive outcomes for Kent residents, businesses and local communities.

The Council's strategic statement acknowledges the significance of adults social care and SEND on the wider KCC budget position and therefore the need for the financial position to presented to

Cabinet for consideration on a regular basis. The forecast financial position at the end of 2026-27 provides the detail of the financial position and the relevant information on the delivery of savings, reserves position and Treasury Management

Financial implications:

This finance monitoring report sets out the forecast outturn position and the impact on our reserves.

Legal implications:

This finance monitoring report sets out the forecast outturn position and the impact on our reserves.

Equalities implications:

No direct service impact from the monitoring report– the equalities implications of the savings and management actions will be managed at service level.

Data Protection implications:

None

Cabinet Committee recommendations and other consultation:

A report will be presented to Cabinet on 1 October 2026.

Any alternatives considered and rejected:

N/A

Any interest declared when the decision was taken and any dispensation granted by the Proper Officer:

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