

Title of Report	COALVILLE SPECIAL EXPENSES FINANCE UPDATE
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Financial Implications	The Net Revenue Expenditure for 2020/21 is estimated at £435k and the total funding available is £502k. The forecast surplus of £66k will be added to Coalville Special Expenses balances and these are estimated to be £145k as at 31 March 2021.
Purpose of Report	To inform the committee of the 2020/21 Period 1 actuals and the forecast outturn for the year.
Recommendations	THAT THE WORKING PARTY NOTES THE 2020/21 PERIOD 1 ACTUALS AND THE FORECAST OUTTURN FOR THE YEAR.

1. REVENUE OUTTURN 2019/20

- 1.1 At the time of writing the report, the revenue outturn and asset protection fund for 2019/20 is still being finalised. The provisional outturn will be reported to Cabinet on the 14 July 2020 and an update will be provided at the next meeting of the working party in September.

2. REVENUE OUTTURN 2020/21

- 2.1 Council approved the Coalville Special Expenses budget for 2020/21 on the 25 February 2020. The council tax for Coalville Special Expenses was also set at the Council meeting and was increased for the first time since 2010. The increase in council tax is to cover the phasing out of the localisation of council tax support grant over four years commencing in 2021/22 and to provide sufficient funding to cover future planned maintenance.
- 2.2 The net revenue expenditure for 2020/21 is estimated at £435k and the total funding available is £502k. The forecast surplus of £66k will be added to Coalville Special Expenses balances and these are estimated to be £145k as at 31 March 2021. It should be noted that as the 2019/20 outturn has not yet been finalised and therefore the opening balance of the reserve is likely to change. Appendix 1 shows more information in relation to the period 1 actuals and forecast outturn for 2020/21.
- 2.3 Due to the pandemic, there will be a reduction in planned expenditure of £81k due to the suspension of the grounds maintenance services received (£52k) and the cancellation of a number of events (£28k). As the special expenses account is ring-fenced, the reduction in planned expenditure will be transferred into reserves. This has meant that there will now be a contribution to reserves of £66k, compared to a budgeted deficit of £15k that was to be funded through reserves.
- 2.4 There is a planned maintenance programme in place for 2020/21. The approved budget is £46k, of which £24k is funded through the asset protection fund, £12k from reserves and £10k from external contributions. There has been no planned maintenance undertaken during the year yet and therefore nil expenditure.