Report to Cabinet Item

Report of Chief finance officer (Section 151 Officer)

Subject Revenue and capital budget monitoring 2018/19 – Period 5

Purpose

To update Cabinet on the financial position of the council as at 31 August 2018

Recommendation

To:

- 1) note the forecast outturn for the 2018/19 General Fund, HRA and capital programme; and
- 2) note the consequential forecast of the General Fund and Housing Revenue Account balances.

Corporate and service priorities

The report helps to meet the corporate priority value for money services and the service plan priority to provide accurate, relevant and timely financial information.

Financial implications

The General Fund revenue budget is forecast to underspend by £0.932m. The Housing Revenue Account budget is forecast to underspend by £1.864m. The General Fund Capital Programme is forecast to underspend by £1.070m. The Housing Revenue Account Capital Programme is forecast to underspend by £8.915m.

Ward/s: All Wards

Cabinet member: Councillor Kendrick - Resources

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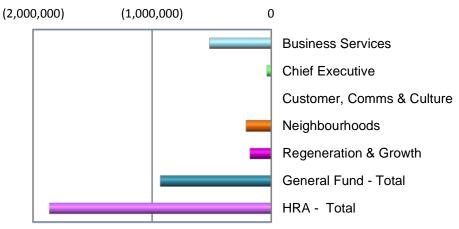
Background documents

None

Financial Position – Period 5 2018/19 Figures in 000s

General Fund	Current Forecast budget outturn		Forecast variance	
Expenditure	154,246	154,120	(126)	
Income	(55,111)	(54,742)	369	
Grants and subsidies	(99,135)	(100,309)	(1,174)	
Total	0	(932)	(932)	

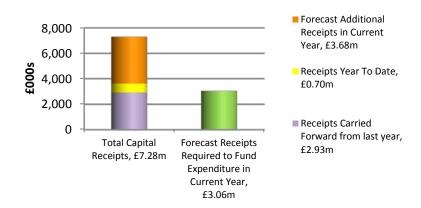
Forecast variances by service area (under) and overspends



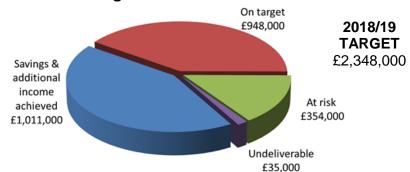
Housing Revenue Account	Current budget	Forecast outturn	Forecast variance
Expenditure	69,039	67,002	(2,037)
Income	(69,039)	(68,866)	173
Total	0	(1,864)	(1,864)

Capital programme	Current budget	Forecast outturn	Forecast variance
General Fund	80,361	79,291	(1,070)
Housing Revenue Account	45,557	36,642	(8,915)

Non-Housing Capital Receipts



Planned savings



- > The General Fund revenue budget is forecast to underspend by £0.932m, mainly arising from higher than budgeted income from new property acquisitions and staff vacancies.
- > The HRA is forecast to underspend by £1.864m largely due to savings in the HRA dwellings repair budget.
- ➤ The General Fund capital programme is forecast to underspend by £1.070m, mainly due to specific costs associated with Three Score development unlikely to arise in 2018/19.
- ➤ The housing revenue account capital programme is forecast to underspend by £8.915m mainly due to the tower block regeneration project re-profiled into the next financial year and an element of the Goldsmith Street development budget not being required.
- > Both the General Fund and HRA reserves are expected to exceed their respective prudent minimum balances.

General Fund Revenue Budget

1. The forecast is a £0.932m underspend at the year-end. This equates to 0.60% of the gross expenditure budget.

The key forecast budget variances (those with variances of +/- 100k) are set out below:

Table 1: Key General Fund revenue budget variances (NB: figures in brackets represent savings or increased income)

P3 Forecast Variance £000s	General Fund Service	P5 Forecast Variance £000s	Description and commentary
(121)	(121) Finance (519)		No external borrowing has yet been taken in respect of commercial property acquisition resulting in: • £356k - lower than budgeted interest costs in the short term, • £106k - due to the timing of the purchases, the minimum revenue provision expense will not be due until 2019/20
(147)	Citywide Services	(160)	Variance is largely due to posts which have been vacant in 2018/19. Some of these vacant posts are now filled, and the remainder will be on hold until Fit for the Future restructuring takes place.
(517)	City Development	(208)	 £137k - additional rental income now due to the Council. The 18/19 budget included an additional £400k of net rental income from new commercial property acquisitions, after budgeting for borrowing costs. Based on the purchases to date this target has been exceeded. £69k - delay in sale of an asset has led to more rental income than original anticipated It is planned that income above the budget is transferred into the Commercial Property earmarked reserve. The reserve was been established to reduce the risks associated with holding commercial property by setting aside funding for any future void and rent free periods, as well as repairs and upgrades to the investment property portfolio. The P3 variance also included reduction in borrowing costs now shown against Finance, hence the large variance change against City Development from P3 to P5.

Further detail is set out in **Appendix 1**.

Planned Savings

2. The 2018/19 net budget includes £2.348m planned savings. The current forecast indicates that £0.389m (17%) of these are at risk of not being delivered or will not be delivered, however this is offset by £0.559m where the savings have exceeded the target.

Housing Revenue Account

3. Net expenditure on the HRA is forecast to be £1.864m underspent. The key forecast budget variances are set out below in Table 2.

Table 2
Key HRA revenue budget variances (NB: figures in brackets represent savings or increased income)

P3 Forecast Variance	Housing Revenue Account	P5 Forecast Variance	Description and commentary
£000s		£000s	
(246)	Repairs & Maintenance	(1,438)	 £1,000k forecast underspend on major and minor repairs. There has been lower demand for certain elements of work due to the benefit of the upgrade programme. In addition, some work streams have seen lower demand due to the summer weather. £116k additional income due to increase in amount of rechargeable repairs invoiced £56k forecast underspend on repairs bad debt allowance based on current arrears figures
(277)	Rents, Rates, & Other Property Costs	(254)	 The key variances are: £188k underspend due to Anglian Water actual less that originally budgeted; partially offset by lower income against service charge budgets £25k forecast underspend on empty property charges based on current rate £27k Insurance premiums lower due to change of supplier
(532)	Special Services	(483)	 £361k forecast underspend on district heating & sheltered housing gas costs; partially offset by lower service charge income £145k unbudgeted income from the sale of the Community Alarm Service

P3 Forecast Variance £000s	Housing Revenue Account	P5 Forecast Variance £000s	Description and commentary
(4)	Dwelling Rents	(118)	Void rate lower than budgeted for, along with lower than anticipated right to buy sales.
597	Service Charges General	538	 £262k lower than budgeted district heating income due to reduced gas use; partially offset by underspend against district heating within special services £156k lower than budgeted Anglian Water service charge income due to reduced costs; offset by underspend against rents, rates, & other property costs

Further detail is set out in **Appendix 1**.

Collection Fund

4. The Collection Fund includes all income generated from council tax and business rates that is due in the year from council taxpayers and ratepayers.

Council Tax

5. Council tax collection is currently forecast to exceed budget. Any surplus or deficit on council tax income will be distributed in subsequent years.

Table 3

	Budget £000s	Forecast £000s	(Surplus) / deficit £000s
Total Council Tax Collection Fund Income	(64,169)	(64,691)	(522)
Norwich City Council Share (14.18%)	(9,100)	(9,174)	(74)

Business Rates

6. The latest forecast shows a projected surplus of £267k on the general fund. This is due to additional unbudgeted Section 31 grant being received in 2018-19 in relation to a central government change in the compensation methodology for the small business rate relief. The forecast takes into account the higher forecast levy payment to the Norfolk Business Rates Pool.

Table 4

	Budget £000s	Forecast £000s	(Surplus) / deficit £000s
Norwich City Council Retained Income Share	(5,298)	(5,565)	(267)

Impact on Balances

7. The prudent minimum level of General Fund reserves has been assessed as £4.232m. The budgeted and forecast outturn's impact on the 2017/18 balance brought forward is as follows:

Table 5

Item	£000s
Balance at 1 April 2018	(13,156)
Budgeted contribution from reserves 2018/19	1,504
Forecast outturn 2018/19	(932)
Transfer to commercial property reserve	544
= Forecast balance at 31 March 2019	(12,040)

The General Fund balance is, therefore, expected to continue to exceed the prudent minimum balance.

8. The prudent minimum level of HRA reserves has been assessed as £5.844m. The budgeted and forecast outturn's impact on the 2017/18 balance brought forward is as follows:

Table 6

Item	£000s
Balance at 1 April 2018	(30,489)
Budgeted contribution from reserves 2018/19	2,550
Forecast outturn 2018/19	(1,864)
= Forecast balance at 31 March 2019	(29,803)

The Housing Revenue Account balance is, therefore, expected to continue to exceed the prudent minimum balance.

Invest to Save Reserve

- 9. An Invest to Save earmarked fund was created to allow the Council to support the delivery of savings and efficiencies, through the Fit for the Future Transformation Programme. The fund was created from revenue budget underspends in 2016-17 and 2017-18. The balance on the fund at 1 April 2018 was £2.65m. The total committed spend against this fund is £1.44m, with £0.76m expected to be utilised in the current financial year.
- 10. A separate HRA Invest to Save earmarked reserve was also created, which currently has a balance of £0.5m. The total committed spend against this fund is £0.35m, with £0.13m expected to be utilised in the current financial year.

The use of these resources is closely monitored; any updates to the spending profile will be reported in the P7 budget monitoring report.

The 2018/19 allocation of these funds to specific projects is shown in **Appendix 3**.

Capital Programme

11. The general fund capital programme is forecast to underspend by £1.070m and the HRA capital programme is forecast to underspend by £8.951m in this financial year.

Key capital programme budget variances (NB: figures in brackets represent savings or increased income)

Table 7

P03	Capital	P05	Description and commentary
Forecast Variance £000s	Programme Group	Forecast Variance £000s	
(943)	GF Three Score development	(878)	Specific costs associated with Three Score development unlikely to arise in 2018/19
(1,596)	HRA Neighbourhood Housing	(3,028)	 £1,286k underspend forecast for tower block regeneration budget. A feasibility study is currently being undertaken, with some works likely to be started during the next financial year £317k thermal comfort - issues with planning and delays in structural repairs means fewer addresses available for upgrade this year £245k bathroom upgrades -lower volume than projected due to high levels of tenants refusing to allow access to properties £200k Boiler replacement (domestic) - lower unit costs this year has resulted in a forecast saving £194k Kitchen upgrades - lower volume than projected due to high levels of tenants refusing to allow access to properties £155k underspend forecast for sheltered housing whole home upgrades. Budget no longer required due to a housing strategy change
6	New Build Social Housing	(5,886)	Unrequired element of 2018/19 budget for Goldsmith Street development.

Further detail is set out in Appendix 2

Integrated impact assessment



Report author to comple	ete
Committee:	Cabinet
Committee date:	
Head of service:	Chief Finance Officer
Report subject:	Budget Monitoring 2018/19
Date assessed:	26/09/18
Description:	This is the integrated impact assessment for the Budget Monitoring 2018/19 report to Cabinet

		Impact		
Economic (please add an 'x' as appropriate)	Neutral	Positive	Negative	Comments
Finance (value for money)				The report shows that the council monitors its budgets, considers risks to achieving its budget objectives, reviews its balances position, and is therefore able to maintain its financial standing
Other departments and services e.g. office facilities, customer contact	\boxtimes			
ICT services				
Economic development				
Financial inclusion				
Social (please add an 'x' as appropriate)	Neutral	Positive	Negative	Comments
Safeguarding children and adults				
S17 crime and disorder act 1998				
Human Rights Act 1998				
Health and well being				

Equality and diversity (please add an 'x' as appropriate)	Neutral	Positive	Negative	Comments
Relations between groups (cohesion)				
Eliminating discrimination & harassment				
Advancing equality of opportunity				
Environmental (please add an 'x' as appropriate)	Neutral	Positive	Negative	Comments
Transportation				
Natural and built environment				
Waste minimisation & resource use				
Pollution				
Sustainable procurement	\boxtimes			
Energy and climate change				
(Please add an 'x' as appropriate)	Neutral	Positive	Negative	Comments
Risk management				The report demonstrates that the council is aware of and monitors risks to the achievement of its financial strategy.

Recommendations from impact assessment
Positive
None
Negative
None
Neutral
None
Issues
The council should continue to monitor its budget performance in the context of the financial risk environment within which it operates.

Appendix 1

Revenue Budget Monitoring Summary Year: 2018/19 Period: 5 (August)

General Fund Summary

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Approved	Current		Forecast	Forecast
budget	budget		outturn	variance
5,491,851	5,491,851	Business Services	5,499,381	
462,163	462,163	Democratic Services	446,100	(16,063)
(20,851,765)	(21,078,558)	Finance	(21,595,480)	(516,922)
0	0	Human Resources	3,541	3,541
0		Procurement & Service Improvement	2,736	2,736
(14,897,751)	(15,124,544)	Total Business Services	(15,643,724)	(519,180)
0	0	Chief Executive	2,494	2,494
204,413	204,413	Strategy & Programme Management	164,501	(39,912)
204,413	204,413	Total Chief Executive	166,996	(37,417)
2,071,779	2,091,645	Communications & Culture	2,109,003	17,358
(9,537)	(28,698)	Customer Contact	(28,255)	443
2,062,242	2,062,947	Total Customers, Comms & Culture	2,080,748	17,801
10,150,063	10,173,899	Citywide Services	10,013,942	(159,957)
1,629,978	1,538,978	Neighbourhood Housing	1,517,551	(21,427)
800,281	826,734	Neighbourhood Services	795,325	(31,409)
12,580,322	12,539,611	Total Neighbourhoods	12,326,817	(212,794)
(2,471,702)	(2,049,958)	City Development	(2,258,398)	(208,440)
0	0	Environmental Strategy	(24,617)	(24,617)
0	0	Executive Head of Regeneration &	(9,900)	(9,900)
1,441,678	1,441,678	Planning	1,481,617	39,939
1,080,798	925,852	Property Services	948,407	22,555
50,774		Total Regeneration & Growth	137,108	
0	(1)	Total General Fund	(932,054)	(932,054)

Housing Revenue Account Summary

Approved budget	Current budget		Forecast outturn	Forecast variance
13,487,435	13,487,435	Repairs & Maintenance	12,049,336	(1,438,099)
6,339,289	6,339,289	Rents, Rates, & Other Property Costs	6,085,147	(254,142)
11,965,228	11,965,228	General Management	11,876,437	(88,791)
4,818,963	4,818,963	Special Services	4,335,922	(483,041)
21,805,082	21,805,082	Depreciation & Impairment	21,805,082	0
190,000	190,000	Provision for Bad Debts	150,000	(40,000)
(56,968,090)	(56,968,090)	Dwelling Rents	(57,086,479)	(118,389)
(2,227,988)	(2,227,988)	Garage & Other Property Rents	(2,304,498)	(76,510)
(8,414,324)	(8,414,324)	Service Charges - General	(7,876,355)	537,969
(115,000)	(115,000)	Miscellaneous Income	(28,823)	86,177
9,646,135	9,646,135	Adjustments & Financing Items	9,657,335	11,200
(426,730)	(426,730)	Amenities shared by whole community	(426,730)	0
(100,000)	(100,000)	Interest Received	(100,000)	0
0	0	Total Housing Revenue Account	(1,863,627)	(1,863,627)

General Fund summary by type

Approved	Current		Forecast	Forecast
budget	budget		outturn	variance
20,556,794	20,559,794	Employees	20,602,891	43,097
9,385,168	9,402,168	Premises	9,334,360	(67,808)
282,856	282,856	Transport	280,050	(2,806)
16,090,722	16,070,722	Supplies & Services	16,906,054	835,332
4,007,623	4,007,623	Third Party Payments	4,068,024	60,401
83,126,130	83,126,130	Housing Benefits & Business Rates Tariff	85,980,339	2,854,209
(63,298)	871,477	Capital Financing	177,159	(694,318)
800,000	800,000	Rev Contribs to Capital	800,000	0
(27,246,405)	(28,181,180)	Fees, charges and rental income	(28,531,038)	(349,858)
(99,134,946)	(99,134,946)	Government Grants	(103,163,608)	(4,028,662)
1,013,331	1,013,330	Centrally Managed	1,014,602	1,272
18,111,803	18,111,803	Recharge Expenditure	17,810,492	(301,311)
(26,929,778)	(26,929,778)	Recharge Income	(26,211,381)	718,397
0	(1)	Total General Fund	(932,056)	(932,055)

Housing Revenue Account summary by type

Approved	Current		Forecast	Forecast
budget	budget		outturn	variance
5,679,599	5,679,599	Employees	5,594,158	(85,441)
22,950,924	22,950,924	Premises	21,067,885	(1,883,039)
112,285	112,285	Transport	95,105	(17,180)
2,777,110	2,777,110	Supplies & Services	2,726,578	(50,532)
3,410	3,410	Third Party Payments	3,410	0
7,112,273	7,112,273	Recharge Expenditure	7,111,381	(892)
5,131,340	5,131,340	Capital Financing	5,131,340	0
(68,530,117)	(68,530,117)	Receipts	(68,356,660)	173,457
0	0	Government Grants	0	0
(509,224)	(509,224)	Recharge Income	(509,224)	0
11,144,366	11,144,366	Rev Contribs to Capital	11,144,366	0
14,128,034	14,128,034	Capital Financing	14,128,034	0
0	0	Total Housing Revenue Account	(1,863,627)	(1,863,627)

Capital Budget Monitoring Summary Year: 2018/19 Period: 5 (August)

	Current	Forecast	Forecast
GF Capital Expenditure Programme	Budget	Outturn	Variance
2705 Grounds Maintenance	559,580	465,567	(94,013)
5081 City Hall heating pumps replacement	0	0	0
5082 City Hall roof membrane replacement	0	0	0
5093 Norwich Parks tennis expansion	0	0	0
5097 Riverbank stabilisation	82,500	82,500	0
5099 St Giles MSCP - replace central	15,750	15,750	0
5190 Hewett Yard refurb - Communal toilet	6,600	6,600	0
5191 Hewett Yard refurb - Surfacing	25,000	21,000	(4,000)
5192 Hewett Yard refurb - Roofing	15,000	15,000	0
5193 Royal Oak Court - Demolition	38,500	38,500	0
5194 City Hall - Fire system detector	45,000	45,000	0
5195 City Hall - Fire System control panels	17,000	17,000	0
5196 Community Centre fire detection	21,000	21,000	0
5198 Earlham Park toilet replacement	86,750	86,750	0
5199 Eaton Park path replacement	45,000	45,000	0
5345 HR System	63,273	63,273	0
5351 Credit and Debit card upgrade	32,822	32,822	0
5352 Non trafficked pedestrian bridges	55,000	55,000	0
5353 Strangers Hall stores roof	27,500	27,500	0
5354 Riverside Footpath District Lighting	21,000	21,000	0
5355 City Hall heating system	17,250	17,250	0
5356 Castle Museum windows	33,000	23,000	(10,000)
5357 Pulls Ferry quay heading	16,500	16,500	0
5362 St Giles MSCP Lift Controller	35,500	35,500	0
5020 CCTV replacement	250,935	250,935	0
5324 City Hall 2nd Floor	0	1,220	1,220
5332 City Hall external lighting	5,556	5,556	0
5350 Parking Management System	65,825	65,825	0
5040 Customer centre redesign	440,363	440,363	0
5966 St Giles MSCP	20,000	21,973	1,973
5512 NaHCASP Threescore	942,877	64,694	(878,183)
5317 IT Investment Fund	348,439	348,439	0
5343 Finance System	241,869	241,869	0
5327 Park Depots demolition	282,319	282,319	0
5490 Investment for regeneration	130,000	130,000	0
xxxx Mile Cross Development (former depot)	550,000	550,000	0
Total GF Capital Expenditure Programme	4,537,708	3,554,705	(983,003)

	Current	Forecast	Forecast
GF Capital Section 106/GNGP/CIL	Budget	Outturn	Variance
5742 Play Sector 3 & 4 improvements	5,815	5,815	0
5835 S.106 Bowthorpe To Clover Hill	25,302	25,302	0
5837 St Stephens Towers Public Realm	10,000	10,000	0
5705 s106 The Runnel Play Provision	40,261	40,261	0
5728 S106 Mile Cross Gardens Play	70,717	70,717	0
5735 s106 Castle Green Play	75,891	75,891	0
5740 Bowthorpe Southern park	10,000	10,000	0
5801 s106 Hurricane Way Bus Link	32,427	32,427	0
5813 S106 Green Infrastructure Imps	14,565	14,565	0
5823 BRT & Cycle Route Measures	76,283	76,283	0
5829 S106 UEA CPZ Extension	37,201	37,201	0
5563 CIL GNGB Castle Gardens	150,000	150,000	0
5564 CIL GNGB Football Pitch	115,000	115,000	0
5565 CIL GNGB Marriotts Way Barn Road	1,760	1,760	0
5566 CIL GNGB Riverside Walk	105,408	105,408	0
5567 GNGB IIF M Way, A Meadow to	6,000	6,000	0
5569 UEA to Eaton boardwalk extension	30,000	30,000	0
5921 Earlham Millenium Green	25,000	25,000	0
5964 GNGP Bowthorpe Crossing	92,993	94,073	1,080
5322 Riverside Walk (adj NCFC)	305,189	305,189	0
5596 CIL Crowdfunding matched funding	30,000	30,000	0
5598 Mile Cross cycle and pedestrian links	23,857	23,857	0
5599 CIL Parish Partnership matched	20,000	20,000	0
5558 Co-CIL Nhood Ketts Heig	7,009	7,641	632
5559 CIL Nhood 20 Acre Wood	9,062	9,062	0
5560 CIL Nhood Chapel Break play area	0	220	220
5562 CIL Nhood Community Enabling	6,993	6,993	0
5592 CIL neighbourhood - Natural	6,491	6,491	0
5595 CIL neighbourhood - Netherwood	0	1,463	1,463
5557 CIL Neighbourhood Projects	150,000	150,000	0
Total GF S106/GNGP/CIL Programme	1,483,224	1,486,619	3,395

	Current	Forecast	Forecast
GF Capital Not Controlled By NCC	Budget	Outturn	Variance
6018 Disabled Facilities Grant	970,000	970,000	0
6047 DFG Residents Contribution	14,075	14,075	0
6050 Strong & Well Project	0	4,890	4,890
5181 CCAG2 Wayfinding	37,600	37,600	0
5188 CCAG2 20MPH Yellow	203,000	203,000	0
5197 Riverside Leisure Centre - Plant	12,000	2,131	(9,869)
5570 Cycle safety funding	365,000	365,000	0
5580 CIL Contribution Strategic	1,050,000	1,050,000	0
5480 Traveller Site	26,000	26,000	0
5126 PtP - Yellow - Lakenham/Airport	272,717	284,305	11,588
5143 CCAG2 Hurricane Way - Heyford Rd	0	15,065	15,065
5145 CCAG2 Fifers Lane/Ives Rd/Heyford	27,501	30,000	2,499
5151 CCAG2 Angel RD	252,751	137,000	(115,751)
5152 CCAG2 Shipstone Rd/Waterloo Rd	0	621	621
5153 CCAG2 Edward Street north	165,295	165,295	0
5154 CCAG2 St Crispins (St Georges -	701,581	791,000	89,419
5156 CCAG2 All Saints	296,420	353,000	56,580
5157 CCAG2 Lakenham Way	24,804	0	(24,804)
5161 CCAG2 20 MPH areas (Yellow)	261,911	303,727	41,816
5162 CCAG2 Cycle Parking (Yellow)	41,233	25,000	(16,233)
5163 CCAG2 Wayfinding	30,266	36,394	6,128
5166 Co-CCAG2 A11 north slip	43,906	58,000	14,094
5168 CCAG2 Bluebell Road (Connector)	0	45,000	45,000
5169 CCAG2 Eaton Centre	414,598	509,000	94,402
5171 CCAG2 Newmarket Rd (Unthank Rd	0	8,470	8,470
5172 CCAG2 Newmarket Rd / ORR &	0	2,879	2,879
5175 CCAG2 Magdalen Rd	0	1,000	1,000
5177 CCAG2 Chartwell Road/St Clements	169,267	13,000	(156,267)
5178 Co-CCAG2 North Walsham	0	208	208
5179 Co-CCAG2 20 mph areas	212,881	745	(212,136)
5180 CCAG2 Cycle Parking (Blue)	0	103	103
5182 CCAG2 Monitoring inf (Blue)	18,115	18,115	0
5185 CCAG2 City Centre Strategy for	204,942	209,468	4,526
5186 CCAG2 Administration	7,466	50,455	42,989
5187 Co-CCAG2 Magdalen Gates	0	1,093	1,093
Total GF Not Controlled By NCC	5,823,329	5,731,639	(91,690)

	Current	Forecast	Forecast
GF Capital Asset Investment Programme	Budget	Outturn	Variance
5344 Asset Acquisition 1	40,033	40,033	0
5361 Asset Acquisition 2	184,581	184,581	0
5346 Asset Acquisition 3	23,774	23,774	0
5348 Asset Acquisition 4	9,954,193	9,954,193	0
5364 Asset Acquisition 5	0	1,776	1,776
5315 Asset investment for income	56,368,455	56,368,455	0
Total GF Asset Investment Programme	66,571,036	66,572,812	1,776
GF Capital Expenditure Programme	Current	Forecast	Forecast
xxxx Loan financing for NRL	1,881,161	1,881,161	0
Total GF S106/GNGP/CIL Programme	1,881,161	1,881,161	0
GF Capital Expenditure Programme	Current	Forecast	Forecast
5358 Capital contingency	64,500	64,500	0
Total GF S106/GNGP/CIL Programme	64,500	64,500	0
Total General Fund Capital Programme	80,360,958	79,291,436	(1,069,522)

HRA Capital Programme Group	Current Budget	Forecast Outturn	Forecast Variance
Community Upgrades	956,558	932,550	(24,008)
Heating Upgrades	4,917,192	4,510,479	(406,713)
Home Upgrades	6,144,853	5,595,270	(549,583)
Independent Living Upgrades	1,074,089	1,074,100	11
Preventative Upgrades	8,445,033	6,901,094	(1,543,939)
Sheltered Housing Regeneration	258,030	103,200	(154,830)
Thermal Upgrades	1,713,316	1,364,127	(349,189)
Window & Door Upgrades	1,958,156	1,958,100	(56)
Site Development	100,000	100,000	0
New Build Social Housing	16,930,877	11,044,385	(5,886,492)
RTB Buyback Programme	250,000	250,000	0
Grants to Registered Housing Providers	2,809,157	2,809,157	0
Total HRA Capital Programme	45,557,261	36,642,462	(8,914,799)

Invest to Save Reserve

The Invest to Save fund was created to allow the Council to support the delivery of savings and efficiencies, through the Fit for the Future Transformation Programme. The fund was created from revenue budget underspends in 2016-17 and 2017-18.

The table below shows the 2018/19 allocation for the general fund and HRA by project and indicative funding allocations:

	General Fund	HRA	
Reserve at 1 April 2018	2,648,016	500,000	
Reserve allocations:			
Halls bid writing	(20,000)		In Progress.
			A total of £14,000 of this funding has been spent in preparation for a substantial bid. The remaining invest-to-save funding will be spent in this financial year to complete the process.
Asset surveys to support capital developments.	(55,000)		In Progress.
			Two project managers (private sector and council sites) and admin support assistant in post from March 2018. Norwich Airport Industrial Estate project manager appointed by Norfolk County Council.
			Site investigation works costs are to be incurred in early 18/19 with completion expected by mid- September.
Parks review	(50,000)		In Progress.
			The Council has commissioned a study to assess the quality, quantity and accessibility of existing provision for parks and open space and associated facilities, undertake resident consultation and develop a new Parks and Open Spaces Strategy for the council, assessing future needs and providing standards for this provision including associated facilities.
			Consultant appointed and expected completion in September 2018. Costs expected to be within budget.
Temporary accommodation review	(75,000)		Delayed.
			Initially a consultant was sought to formulate a plan to deliver the temporary accommodation project. After going through a lengthy procurement process, there were no respondents.
			An alternative option is therefore being progressed, with the Council's development team speaking to potential Register Provider partners about the possibility of them developing temporary accommodation with the Council. Timescales and costs still to be confirmed.

	General Fund	HRA	
Temporary resource to increase income collection and overpayment recovery in revenues and benefits and supporting IT software	(150,000)		In Progress. The new positions have been recruited to focus on overpayment recovery. Two Northgate modules have been procured to identify arrears and avoid need to build processes within Civica. Implementation date is Oct for recovery module but no date agreed for task manager module. Modules that will do the same re benefits have been procured but no implementation dates agreed Citizens Access software for revenues and benefits comprises of five modules. This has not been procured as yet, LGSS IT are waiting for the service area to commit resources therefor no implementation timescale. Meeting scheduled with service area on 25 September to try and move forward with this.
Fit for the Future transformation (covering transformation team, HR, finance and IT).			Process now started on securing resources
Fit for the Future Block 1: Keeping it simple & customer focused	(18,750)	(6,250)	
Fit for the Future Block 2: Increasing commercial activity	(203,565)	(66,411)	
Fit for the Future Block 3: Transformation & efficiency	(95,858)	(32,094)	
Fit for the Future Block 4: Digital First	(87,011)	(29,003)	
Committed in future years	(681,696)	(213,012)	
Available balance	1,211,136	153,230	