

CYNGOR SIR POWYS COUNTY COUNCIL.

Full Council
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REPORT TITLE: Revenue Virement

REPORT FOR: Decision

1. Purpose

1.1 This report sets out a Cabinet recommendation to Council for a Revenue virement that was approved on the 9th of November 2022. It relates to the unachieved savings target of £1.61 million which was absorbed on a one-off basis within the Highways, Transport and Recycling (HTR) budget in the 2021/22 financial year. Alternative proposals are now proposed to deliver the savings within the service.

2. Advice

2.1 A Virement is the process of amending a budget during the financial year from the amount which was originally agreed when the budget was approved. Virement authorisation limits over £500k require sign off by the Head of Service, the Section 151 Officer and Full Council.

2.2 HTR have a savings target of £1.61 million of which £295k is expected to be achieved in 2022/23, £701k is currently being consulted upon and will require cabinet approval to determine if the plans to realise the savings can be progressed, and the remaining £615k is reported as unachieved, however, alternative adjustments are now proposed and a virement to move this budget is explained below.

2.3 A Revenue virement has been requested for the following item:

2.3.1 To permanently realign £615k of the savings target as follows:

The savings that cannot be delivered are:

- £32k public conveniences which is unachievable due to risk of closure as the service are yet to reach a transfer agreement with the Local Town Councils
- £226k resources waste which is unachievable due to delays in the completion of route optimisation.
- £105k fleet maintenance which has not been progressed due to the diversion of resources to satisfy health and safety compliance and delays in the soft market testing of externalising the maintenance of light commercial vehicles
- £206k car park charges which is unachievable due to lower than estimated income recovery levels
- £46k sustainable approval body which is also unachievable due to lower than estimated income recovery levels

The savings targets will be replaced with

- £345k due to increased income being generated for street works which has arisen from developers progressing their work schemes and is expected to continue.
- £270k for increased recycling income being generated due to favourable market rates from the sale of recyclate materials which is expected in the main to continue.

2.4 Cabinet have considered this proposal and recommend it to Council for approval.

3. Resource Implications

3.1 The Head of Finance (Section 151 Officer) supports the recommendation and notes that the £615k unachieved savings from 2022-23 will now be achieved through additional income being generated by the service in 2022-23.

4. Legal implications

4.1 Legal acknowledge this report and have nothing further to add

5. Data Protection

5.1 The proposal does not involve the processing of personal data.

6. Comment from local member(s)

6.1 N/a

7. Integrated Impact Assessment

7.1 No impact assessment is required

8. Recommendation

8.1 That Council approve the virement set out in section 2.4

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