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REPORT TO:	BOSTON TOWN AREA COMMITTEE (BTAC)
DATE:	24 OCTOBER 2018
SUBJECT:	BTAC 2018/19 FINANCIAL POSITION UPDATE
REPORT AUTHOR:	ACCOUNTANCY MANAGER - REVENUE & SYSTEMS
EXEMPT REPORT?	NO

SUMMARY

This report provides an update to members on the BTAC financial position, showing the budget and projected outturn (full-year spend) for the 2018/19 year, and the projected BTAC reserve at the year end.

RECOMMENDATIONS

1. That BTAC members note the projected financial position for the year and the reserve amounts at the year end.

REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATION

This report shows the BTAC financial position for the 2018/19 year, both in terms of revenue expenditure for the year and the reserve sums held. It helps inform members to enable them to ensure probity and to make decisions on future spending within the BTAC area.

ALTERNATIVES CONSIDERED

None

1 2018/19 PROJECTED FINANCIAL POSITION

- 1.1 Appendix 1 provides the regular monthly summary of the approved 2018/19 BTAC budget. Once again a number of assumptions are required to assess the year end position – these include that outturn spending for already agreed spending and income is in line with the budget, and that the remaining unallocated 2018/19 sum is approved and spent this year.

The small grant pot of £1,385 brought forward from the previous year end has now been fully committed to the town's 1914-18 commemorations.

- 1.2 Appendix 1 shows the budget and projected outturn position.

At the 6 months year to date, the projection for the full year is showing an under-spend of £27,084. This is primarily due to:

Events: £9,798 under-spend due to an additional £9,000 income for hire of space at events; forecast is £19k compared to the original estimate of £10k.

Central Park: £8,138 under-spend includes a funding balance of £7,288 for the Disabled swing.

Open Spaces and Play Areas: £6,697 under-spend which includes £4,500 on provision and purchasing of bins and cigarette stubbers and £1,500 on new play equipment.

Public conveniences: £5,971 under-spend includes £8,608 employee costs, £1,556 Business rates and (£4,145) reduction in income.

Administration: (£4,334) over-spend for Town Centre maintenance.

2 RESERVES

- 2.1 The opening balance at 1 April 2018 held within BTAC reserves was £286,667 (comprising £55,000 as the minimum to be held to allow for contingencies - as approved in the budget setting report - plus £231,667 for projects as listed in the Appendix). The closing balance on BTAC's reserve monies is projected at £55,000 at 31 March 2019.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

Entire report and appendices.

LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

The use of executive powers derives from the Local Government Act 2000.

ANY OTHER IMPLICATIONS

None

CONSULTATION

None

APPENDICES

Appendix 1 – Summary of BTAC budget and projected outturn position for 2018/19, and reserve position as at 31 March 2019.

BACKGROUND PAPERS

No background papers as defined in Section 100D of the Local Government Act 1972 were used in the production of this report.

CHRONOLOGICAL HISTORY OF THIS REPORT

From July 2016, BTAC members have requested that a financial update report be brought to each meeting.