

Statement by the Cabinet Member for Corporate Management

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Finance Outlook

At a recent Board meeting it was reported that overall the Budget outturn for this current year is well on target. This is despite many constraints and challenges arising and continuing to arise that are referred to by other Cabinet Members. The measures that have been taken have resulted in appropriate savings whilst maintaining effective services.

Staff

Since the introduction of Shared Services and the imposition of financial restraints placed on all Councils, there have been many issues regarding staff. Reorganisation as a result of Shared Service arrangements has for many undoubtedly been a challenge despite the considerable financial savings achieved.

I would, therefore, like to place on record a very sincere 'thank you' to all members of staff who have responded to the challenges that have arisen. It has often been said that the most important asset of an organisation is its staff. Their morale and support are paramount.

I ask that the Senior Management Team convey to their teams the support and grateful thanks from Members for their commitment to the provision of high quality services at all levels.

Awards

Two different teams have recently for some awards with considerable success:

Firstly in the Making a Difference awards in Local Government in Yorkshire and the Humber. A team from Leisure Services were nominated for their work in creating more active and healthier communities.

Secondly the procurement team were one of only three District Council teams in the whole of the country nominated by the Society of Procurement Officers.

Hambleton and Richmond District Councils may not be large Local Authorities but it is great to see the acknowledgement of others for the high quality provision in our respected District Council areas.

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