

Management response

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R1	<p>Managing spend</p> <p>Ensure better alignment of budgets and operational activity to maintain ongoing financial sustainability.</p>	Assurance that budgets are sufficient to cover planned operational activity and increased accountability for spending decisions.	Yes	The Medium Term Budget Strategy clearly indicates how the Council will identify, challenge and, if necessary, include within the Medium Term Financial Plan both Strategic and Non-Strategic Pressures. Obviously this is an ongoing process not an event but the approved Budget Strategy provides the process and tools to identify and address all levels of	April 2021 – Budget Strategy presented to Governance and Audit Committee – although recognise this is an ongoing action.	Steve Gadd, S151 Officer, working with the Budget Board (CET, Leader and Lead Member for Finance

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				<p>pressures (either through mitigation, inclusion of a pressure in the MTFP or indeed reductions in service). However with the best will in the world in year budget variations will always happen and DCC has a strong track record of managing those variations within overall financial resources allocated for each year alongside the careful use of reserves.</p>		