

STAFFORDSHIRE MOORLANDS DISTRICT COUNCIL

Resources Overview and Scrutiny Panel Wednesday, 3 February 2021

1. Question received from Councillor Malyon:

“Could I have a breakdown of the cost of running the SMDC car parks and the income they provide?”

Response from Councillor Wain, Portfolio Holder for Planning, Development and Property: -

The expected outturn against the car parking budget for 2020/21 is detailed below:

SMDC Car Parking	Budget 2020/21	Expected Outturn 2020/21
Total Income	(685,480)	(326,555)
Staff costs	17,000	16,410
Premises costs	204,240	201,850
Supplies & Services costs	163,600	133,995
Support costs	30,970	30,970
Total Expenditure	415,810	383,225
Revenue (Surplus) / Deficit	(269,670)	56,670

As can be seen from the table, the Council budgets to make a revenue surplus from the car parking service; although this is not the case in 2020/21, where the impact of Covid-19 on the income position has been detrimental. Expenditure costs have been split into 4 broad categories but cover the areas of business rates, rent, enforcement, cash collection & security, equipment supplies repair and maintenance, surface repair and maintenance, operational staff, professional advice, insurance, utilities and phone/ connectivity costs and charges.

The budgeted surplus contributes to the wider costs of providing Council services in town centres and elsewhere including the costs of running the public toilet service. It also helps meet the periodic costs of capital investment in providing car parking services, such as resurfacing and car park machine replacement. The Council made capital investments of £394,620 in 19/20 and is targeting a spend of £108,940 by the end of this financial year.

In the current 30 year Asset Management Plan, the investment in car parking is forecast to be in excess of £5million over the 30 year period.

The car park account is published annually on the Council's website under 'Spending and Performance (Other published accounts)'.

Members will be aware that the Car Parking Strategy Review has begun and our consultants, Parking Matters, are working through a detailed financial analysis of each car park as part of the work. The report of their findings along with the results of the consultation will be presented to a future meeting of the Car Parking Working Group.

