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BUSINESS CONTINUITY COMMITTEE

Finance and Governance (Appendix 1) which stated that there was flexibility in terms of the HSCP funding however this came after the Council had set its 2020-21 budget and officers were unaware this was an area still being considered. In particular the letter stated:

Similar to last year, flexibility will be available to Local Authorities to offset their adult social care allocations to Integration Authorities by up to 2% and a maximum of £50 million in 2020-21 based on local needs.

- 3.5 This would have provided the flexibility for the Council to have adjusted the 2020-2021 adult social care allocation to the HSCP by up to £0.930m (2% of the total 2020-20201 Adult Social Care allocation of £46.511m.
- 3.6 Whilst the confirmation that there was flexibility in terms of 2020-21 HSCP funding was provided too late for it to be considered as part of the 2020-21 budget setting process it is worth highlighting that, in prior years, the Council has had the flexibility to adjust their HSCP payment. For example in 2017-18 this was £1.450m, and 2019-20 this was £1.236m. In 2018-19 there was no flexibility. Members may wish to reflect on this when considering future budget decisions.

LOCAL GOVERNMENT FINANCE CIRCULAR 2/2020

- 3.7 On 10 March 2020 the Scottish Government issued Finance Circular 2/2020 which notified local authorities of the approved Local Government Finance (Scotland) Order 2020. This Circular provides an update on the 2020-21 settlement figures contained in Local Government Finance Circular 1/2020.
- 3.8 The key changes of relevance to Argyll and Bute Council are:
1. Confirmation of the additional revenue funding of £1.701m which was announced on 26 February 2020. This announcement was too late to be included in the Council's budget pack for consideration when the 2020-21 budget was set on 27 February 2020. However an estimate of the additional funding was shared with members prior to the budget meeting to allow them to consider it as part of any budget proposal. Officers correctly estimated the Council allocation to be £1.701m.
 2. Revenue figures for 2020-21 have also been updated 963 0 T79 0

FEES AND CHARGES SCHEDULE CORRECTION

3.9 After the Council agreed the budget on 27 February an error was

APPENDICES:

Appendix 1 – 28 Feb 2020 Letter from Directorate for Health Finance and Governance