Blackpool Council – Community and Environmental Services

Revenue summary - budget, actual and forecast:

	BUDGET	BUDGET EXPENDITURE				
	2016/17					2015/16
FUNCTIONS OF THE SERVICE	ADJUSTED	EXPENDITURE	PROJECTED	FORECAST	F/CAST FULL	(UNDER)/OVER
	CASH LIMITED	APR - JUL	SPEND	OUTTURN	YEAR VAR.	SPEND B/FWD
	BUDGET				(UNDER) / OVER	
	£000	£000	£000	£000	£000	£000
COMMUNITY & ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES						
NET EXPENDITURE						
BUSINESS SERVICES	1,007	93	914	1,007	-	(14)
LEISURE AND CATERING	4,291	47	4,114	4,161	(130)	-
PUBLIC PROTECTION	(303)	(2,220)	1,984	(236)	67	-
HIGHWAYS AND TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT SERVICES	15,114	(479)	15,649	15,170	56	-
STREET CLEANSING AND WASTE	18,653	567	18,280	18,847	194	-
COASTAL AND ENVIRONMENTAL PARTNERSHIPS	4,334	376	3,958	4,334	-	-
INTEGRATED TRANSPORT	445	14	492	506	61	-
TOTALS	43,541	(1,602)	45,391	43,789	248	(14)

Commentary on the key issues:

Directorate Summary

The Revenue summary (above) lists the outturn projection for each individual service within Community and Environmental Services against their respective, currently approved, revenue budget. Forecast outturns are based upon actual financial performance for the first 4 months of 2016/17 together with predictions of performance, anticipated pressures and efficiencies in the remainder of the financial year, all of which have been agreed with each head of service.

Leisure and Catering

There is a forecast underspend of £95k due to savings on provisions and £35k additional Building Cleaning income.

Public Protection

Public Protection is over budget by £67k due to a forecast pressure at the end of the South Beach Selective Licensing Scheme.

Highways and Traffic Management Services

Highways and Traffic has a net pressure of £56k. There is a pressure of £64k on Shelters, mainly due to income, partly offset by a net underspend on maintenance of £8k.

Street Cleansing and Waste

Street Cleansing and Waste is over budget by £194k, mainly due to pressures at the Household Waste Recycling Centre (HWRC). This is because of a decrease in the level of income forecast from recycling waste which is due to a downturn in the recyclate markets and higher staffing costs. Previous pressures have been covered by additional income.

The £856k PFI Grant is no longer available and is being considered along with Lancashire County Council in the review of the operation of the recycling plants, with the risk being covered against the specific Waste PFI reserve in 2016/17.

Coastal and Environmental Partnerships

The previous staff savings have been utilised to fund costs associated with the Blue Flag scheme.

Integrated Transport

Integrated Transport is £47k over budget due to a pressure on public transport contracts and £14k for future vehicle replacements for Rideability.

Conclusion – Community and Environmental Services financial position

As at the end of month 4 the Community and Environmental Services Directorate is forecasting an overall overspend of £248k for the financial year to March 2017 as detailed above. The pressure due to the loss of the Waste PFI grant has been offset against reserves in 2016/17.

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