

## Blackpool Council – Community and Environmental Services

### Revenue summary - budget, actual and forecast:

| FUNCTIONS OF THE SERVICE                      | BUDGET                                     | EXPENDITURE                      |                            |                             | VARIANCE   | 2015/16<br>(UNDER)/OVER<br>SPEND B/FWD<br>£000 |
|---|--|----------------------------------|----------------------------|-----------------------------|--|--|
|   | 2016/17                                    |                                  |                            |                             |  |  |
|   | ADJUSTED<br>CASH LIMITED<br>BUDGET<br>£000 | EXPENDITURE<br>APR - JUL<br>£000 | PROJECTED<br>SPEND<br>£000 | FORECAST<br>OUTTURN<br>£000 | F/CAST FULL<br>YEAR VAR.<br>(UNDER) / OVER<br>£000 |  |
| <b>COMMUNITY &amp; ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES</b> |  |                                  |                            |                             |  |  |
| <b>NET EXPENDITURE</b>                        |  |                                  |                            |                             |  |  |
| 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   | -  |
| <b>TOTALS</b>                                 | <b>43,541</b>                              | <b>(1,602)</b>                   | <b>45,391</b>              | <b>43,789</b>               | <b>248</b>   | <b>(14)</b>                                    |

### 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 recycle 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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