

Blackpool Council – Community and Environmental Services

Revenue summary - budget, actual and forecast:

FUNCTIONS OF THE SERVICE	BUDGET	EXPENDITURE			VARIANCE	2015/16 (UNDER)/OVER SPEND B/FWD £000
	2016/17					
	ADJUSTED CASH LIMITED BUDGET £000	EXPENDITURE APR - AUG £000	PROJECTED SPEND £000	FORECAST OUTTURN £000	F/CAST FULL YEAR VAR. (UNDER) / OVER £000	
COMMUNITY & ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES						
NET EXPENDITURE						
BUSINESS SERVICES	971	100	871	971	-	(14)
LEISURE AND CATERING	4,291	167	4,018	4,185	(106)	-
PUBLIC PROTECTION	(303)	(2,185)	1,946	(239)	64	-
HIGHWAYS AND TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT SERVICES	15,114	(884)	16,022	15,138	24	-
STREET CLEANSING AND WASTE	18,653	1,358	17,401	18,759	106	-
COASTAL AND ENVIRONMENTAL PARTNERSHIPS	4,334	849	3,485	4,334	-	-
INTEGRATED TRANSPORT	445	178	325	503	58	-
TOTALS	43,505	(417)	44,068	43,651	146	(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 5 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 £106k due to savings on provisions. The additional Building Cleaning income has been revised down in the period.

Public Protection

Public Protection is over budget by £64k due to a forecast pressure at the end of the South Beach Selective Licensing Scheme.

Highways and Traffic Management Services

There is a £68k pressure on Shelters due to income and an underspend on maintenance of £44k.

Street Cleansing and Waste

Street Cleansing and Waste is over budget by £106k. The Household Waste Recycling Centre (HWRC) is over budget by £104k. 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 costs of recycling materials. The service is proactively managing the pressure.

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.

Integrated Transport

Integrated Transport is £58k over budget due to a pressure on public transport contracts.

Conclusion – Community and Environmental Services financial position

As at the end of month 5 the Community and Environmental Services Directorate is forecasting an overall overspend of £146k 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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