

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 - NOV £000	PROJECTED SPEND £000	FORECAST OUTTURN £000	F/CAST FULL YEAR VAR. (UNDER) / OVER £000	
COMMUNITY & ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES						
NET EXPENDITURE						
BUSINESS SERVICES	970	653	291	944	(26)	(14)
LEISURE AND CATERING	4,244	3,214	942	4,156	(88)	-
PUBLIC PROTECTION	(303)	(1,375)	1,137	(238)	65	-
HIGHWAYS AND TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT SERVICES	15,325	7,615	7,732	15,347	22	-
STREET CLEANSING AND WASTE	18,718	10,602	8,022	18,624	(94)	-
COASTAL AND ENVIRONMENTAL PARTNERSHIPS	4,326	2,752	1,574	4,326	-	-
INTEGRATED TRANSPORT	514	1,394	(816)	578	64	-
TOTALS	43,794	24,855	18,882	43,737	(57)	(14)

Commentary on the key issues:

Directorate Summary - basis

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 8 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.

Business Services

There is a forecast underspend of £26k due to a review of discretionary spending and a reduction in staff costs.

Leisure and Catering

There is a forecast underspend of £88k due to savings on provisions.

Public Protection

Public Protection is over budget by £65k due to a forecast pressure at the end of the South Beach Selective Licensing Scheme.

Highways and Traffic Management Services

Overall the service is £22k over budget. There is a £34k pressure on Shelters due to income and there has been additional vehicle expenditure in the month of £60k. This pressure is partly offset by savings on maintenance and scheme income.

Street Cleansing and Waste

Street Cleansing and Waste is under budget by £94k after a rigorous and determined review of forecast income and expenditure. The Household Waste Recycling Centre (HWRC) budget position has improved significantly as a result of the aforementioned review and is now showing as £85k over. Unfortunately there is still 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 pro-actively 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 £64k over budget due to a pressure on public transport contracts.

Conclusion – Community and Environmental Services financial position

As at the end of month 8 the Community and Environmental Services Directorate is forecasting an overall underspend of £57k 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. A review of discretionary expenditure has achieved £38k of savings included in the above figures for Business Services, Highways and Cleansing and Waste.

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