

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 - JAN £000	PROJECTED SPEND £000	FORECAST OUTTURN £000	F/CAST FULL YEAR VAR. (UNDER) / OVER £000	
COMMUNITY & ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES						
NET EXPENDITURE						
BUSINESS SERVICES	1,407	1,337	61	1,398	(9)	(14)
LEISURE AND CATERING	4,233	3,701	426	4,127	(106)	-
PUBLIC PROTECTION	(314)	(1,152)	903	(249)	65	-
HIGHWAYS AND TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT SERVICES	15,188	11,217	3,999	15,216	28	-
STREET CLEANSING AND WASTE	18,700	12,094	6,469	18,563	(137)	-
COASTAL AND ENVIRONMENTAL PARTNERSHIPS	4,326	3,260	1,066	4,326	-	-
INTEGRATED TRANSPORT	470	1,344	(773)	571	101	-
TOTALS	44,010	31,801	12,151	43,952	(58)	(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 10 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

Overall the service is £9k under budget. There is a forecast underspend of £27k due to a review of discretionary spending and a reduction in staff costs. There is a cost of £18k in relation to phase one work with consultants in relation to directorate management options.

Leisure and Catering

There is a forecast underspend of £106k due to savings on provisions and additional income.

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 £28k over budget. There is a £47k pressure on Shelters due to income. This pressure is partly offset by savings on maintenance and scheme income.

Street Cleansing and Waste

Street Cleansing and Waste is under budget by £137k after a continued rigorous and determined review of forecast income and expenditure, which has reduced the financial pressure on the Household Waste Recycling Centre (HWRC) budget.

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 £101k over budget due to a pressure on public transport contracts.

Conclusion – Community and Environmental Services financial position

As at the end of month 10 the Community and Environmental Services Directorate is forecasting an overall underspend of £58k 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 £89k of savings included in the above figures.

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