

Blackpool Council – Community and Environmental Services

Revenue summary - budget, actual and forecast:

FUNCTIONS OF THE SERVICE	BUDGET	EXPENDITURE			VARIANCE	2016/17 (UNDER)/OVER SPEND B/FWD £000
	ADJUSTED CASH LIMITED BUDGET £000	2017/18			F/CAST FULL YEAR VAR. (UNDER) / OVER £000	
		EXPENDITURE APR - JAN £000	PROJECTED SPEND £000	FORECAST OUTTURN £000		
COMMUNITY & ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES						
NET EXPENDITURE						
BUSINESS SERVICES	458	544	(97)	447	(11)	-
LEISURE AND CATERING	3,064	2,096	1,139	3,235	171	-
PUBLIC PROTECTION	(22)	(823)	782	(41)	(19)	-
HIGHWAYS AND TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT SERVICES	15,409	10,293	5,023	15,316	(93)	-
STREET CLEANSING AND WASTE	18,622	11,910	6,677	18,587	(35)	-
COASTAL AND ENVIRONMENTAL PARTNERSHIPS	4,363	3,690	674	4,364	1	-
INTEGRATED TRANSPORT	670	1,588	(938)	650	(20)	-
TOTALS	42,564	29,298	13,260	42,558	(6)	-

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 2017/18 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 £11k surplus due to additional funding taken from reserve to assist in funding pressures across the Directorate. Additional income generation across the Directorate has meant the amount of funding from reserves has reduced in the period.

Leisure and Catering

There is a forecast pressure of £171k on income across the service. Catering Services faced a £135k pressure due to a number of schools leaving the service, which has had to be carefully managed through the budget management process. The service will be reconfigured to address the ongoing pressure from the loss of business. The position has deteriorated in month 10 due to a reforecast of provisions.

Public Protection

There is a forecast surplus of £19k due to an improvement in income.

Highways and Traffic Management Services

There is a £93k surplus due to scheme income.

Street Cleansing and Waste

Street Cleansing and Waste is £35k under budget due to an improvement in income, winter gritting costing less than expected and a reduction in vehicle maintenance. These are offsetting the pressures on disposal costs and income at the Household Waste Recycling Centre (HWRC).

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 2017/18.

Integrated Transport

Vehicle Maintenance continues to make a small surplus following the RPI uplift.

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 £6k for the financial year to March 2018 as detailed above. The pressure due to the loss of the Waste PFI grant has been offset against reserves in 2017/18.

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