

## Blackpool Council – Budgets Outside the Cash Limit

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

FUNCTIONS OF THE SERVICE	BUDGET	EXPENDITURE			VARIANCE	2016/17 (UNDER)/OVER SPEND B/FWD £000
	2017/18					
	ADJUSTED CASH LIMITED BUDGET £000	EXPENDITURE APR - JAN £000	PROJECTED SPEND £000	FORECAST OUTTURN £000	F/CAST FULL YEAR VAR. (UNDER)/ OVER £000	
<b>BUDGETS OUTSIDE THE CASH LIMIT</b>						
<b>NET EXPENDITURE</b>						
TREASURY MANAGEMENT	10,617	8,865	1,773	10,638	21	-
PARKING SERVICES	(4,097)	(2,855)	(526)	(3,381)	716	-
CORPORATE SUBSCRIPTIONS	191	119	72	191	-	-
HOUSING BENEFITS	2,021	1,754	267	2,021	-	-
COUNCIL TAX & NNDR COST OF COLLECTION	304	254	50	304	-	-
SUBSIDIARY COMPANIES	(1,067)	112	(1,244)	(1,132)	(65)	-
LAND CHARGES	(52)	(76)	24	(52)	-	-
CONCESSIONARY FARES	4,263	2,022	2,293	4,315	52	-
EMPLOYERS PREVIOUS YEARS' PENSION LIABILITY	2,890	2,408	482	2,890	-	-
NEW HOMES BONUS	(790)	(790)	-	(790)	-	-
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>14,280</b>	<b>11,813</b>	<b>3,191</b>	<b>15,004</b>	<b>724</b>	<b>-</b>

### Commentary on the key issues:

#### Directorate Summary - basis

The Revenue summary (above) lists the latest outturn projection for each individual service categorised as falling 'outside the cash limit' and thereby exempt from the cash limited budget regime. Forecast outturns are based upon actual financial performance for the first 10 months of 2017/18 together with predictions of performance, anticipated pressures and savings in the remainder of the financial year, which have been agreed by each designated budget manager.

#### Treasury Management

Treasury Management is forecasting an overspend of £21k. The Council is currently using temporary borrowing to finance Prudentially-funded capital expenditure. While temporary investment rates and temporary borrowing rates are low the Treasury team is delaying taking any new long-term borrowing to fund planned capital expenditure. This mainly offsets the Business Loans Fund which has a savings target of £1,800k.

#### Parking Services

This service is forecasting a pressure of £716k; this pressure is mainly due to 'on-street parking' schemes being no longer feasible, loss of parking spaces, prudential borrowing costs and the operation of the free parking scheme during December. As at Week 46 (w/e 11<sup>th</sup> February) parking income is at £4.9m with patronage at 1,164,921. Car park patronage is down by 45,837; however income is up by £96,551 on 2016/17. On-Street Pay and Display is down on patronage by 36,678 and income is down by £8,633.

**Subsidiary Companies**

This service is now forecasting a favourable variance of £65k. This is mainly due to the reducing balance payback of prudentially-borrowed schemes and savings on the cost of historic pension payments.

**Concessionary Fares**

This service is forecasting a pressure of £52k which relates to a forecast increase in bus and tram patronage.

**Land Charges**

This service is forecasting a break-even position for 2017/18.

**Summary of the revenue forecasts**

After 10 months of the financial year, the Budgets Outside the Cash Limit services are forecasting a £724k overspend.

Car Parking Trends

