

Blackpool Council – Governance and Regulatory Services

Revenue summary - budget, actual and forecast:

FUNCTIONS OF THE SERVICE	BUDGET	EXPENDITURE			VARIANCE	2014/15 (UNDER)/OVER SPEND B/FWD £000
	2015/16					
	ADJUSTED CASH LIMITED BUDGET £000	EXPENDITURE APR - SEPT £000	PROJECTED SPEND £000	FORECAST OUTTURN £000	F/CAST FULL YEAR VAR. (UNDER) / OVER £000	
GOVERNANCE & REGULATORY SERVICES						
NET EXPENDITURE						
DEMOCRATIC GOVERNANCE	2,485	1,017	1,409	2,426	(59)	-
LICENSING	(376)	(286)	(98)	(384)	(8)	-
REGISTRATION AND BEREAVEMENT SERVICES	(327)	(305)	32	(273)	54	-
GOVERNANCE & REGULATORY SERVICES	1,782	426	1,343	1,769	(13)	-
WARDS	507	110	397	507	-	(237)
TOTALS	2,289	536	1,740	2,276	(13)	(237)

Commentary on the key issues:

Directorate Summary - basis

- The Revenue summary (above) lists the outturn projection for each individual service within Governance and Regulatory Services against their respective, currently approved, revenue budget. The adjusted budget for 2015/2016 includes the 2014/2015 underspend carried forward. Forecast outturns are based upon actual financial performance for the first 6 months of 2015/16 together with predictions of performance, anticipated pressures and efficiencies in the remainder of the financial year, all of which have been agreed with the head of service.

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- The Democratic Governance service is forecasting an underspend of £59k for 2015/16 due to in-year staffing savings, and reduced expenditure on special events and area forums.
- The Licensing Service is forecasting an underspend of £8k for 2015/16 due to vacancy savings and savings on Supplies and Services budgets, partly offset by a shortfall against income targets.
- Following remedial works at Carleton Crematorium in 2014, the three cremators are now fully operational and it is anticipated that income targets in 2015/16, whilst challenging, will be achieved. However, some pressures are forecast in the Coroners and Mortuary service due to the levels of demand and this is leading to a forecast overspend across the Registration and Bereavement service of £54k for 2015/16.
- Ward budgets are expected to break even in 2015/16.

Budget Holder - Mark Towers, Director of Governance and Regulatory Services.