

Blackpool Council – Community and Environmental 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	EXPENDITURE	PROJECTED	FORECAST	F/CAST FULL	
	CASH LIMITED BUDGET £000	APR - SEP £000	SPEND £000	OUTTURN £000	YEAR VAR. (UNDER) / OVER £000	
COMMUNITY & ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES						
NET EXPENDITURE						
BUILDING SERVICES	88	273	(185)	88	-	
BUILDING CLEANING	(116)	335	(451)	(116)	-	
CONVENIENCES	926	422	512	934	8	
HIGHWAYS	14,314	282	14,008	14,290	(24)	
TRANSPORT	700	(130)	839	709	9	
STREET LIGHT PFI & COASTAL PARTNERSHIP	4,251	241	4,019	4,260	9	
ENFORCEMENT AND QUALITY STANDARDS	95	(1,627)	1,708	81	(14)	
CVMU	(6)	26	(32)	(6)	-	
INTEGRATED TRANSPORT SERVICES	167	88	79	167	-	
TRAVEL AND ROAD SAFETY	52	112	101	213	161	
WASTE MANAGEMENT	15,313	4,711	10,653	15,364	51	
STREET CLEANSING AND LEAF	3,011	1,270	1,713	2,983	(28)	
PARKS	1,717	485	1,250	1,735	18	
CATERING SERVICES	331	(874)	1,235	361	30	
LEISURE FACILITIES & SPORT DEVELOPMENT	1,921	1,482	587	2,069	148	
BUSINESS SERVICES	1,316	150	1,134	1,284	(32)	
TOTALS	44,080	7,246	37,170	44,416	336	-

Commentary on the key issues:

Community and Environmental Services - Directorate Summary

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 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 each head of service.

Waste Management has a net pressure of £51k, an improvement of £17k from Period 5 due to additional income generated by Trade Waste. This is partially offsetting a £68k pressure at the Household Waste Recycling Centre (HWRC) due to a decrease in the level of income forecast from recycling waste which is due to a downturn in the recycle markets. The £856k PFI Grant is no longer available and is subject to judicial review, with the risk being covered against the specific Waste PFI reserve.

Travel and Road Safety's position has deteriorated by £12k in Period 6 to a pressure of £161k due to additional maintenance and NNDR costs for bus shelters in month. The main component of this pressure is a proposed CSR saving no longer deemed achievable. A further review of the service is being undertaken.

The pressure on Leisure has worsened by £130k during Period 6 to a total pressure of £148k due to a revised forecast of Leisure income, in addition to the pressure on Woodlands Pool and School Swimming transport of £18k.

There are various other savings and pressures across the remaining services that net off to a surplus of £24k.

Conclusion – Community and Environmental Services financial position

Community and Environmental Services' position is £336k over budget due to a £51k pressure on Waste because of a fall in the market for recycled materials, Travel and Road Safety pressures of £161k, a £148k pressure on Leisure due to a revised forecast of Leisure income, transportation costs and the closure of Woodlands Pool and various minor savings and pressures across other services that net off to a surplus of £24k. Risk on the Waste PFI grant has been offset against reserves.

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