

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 CASH LIMITED BUDGET £000	EXPENDITURE APR - NOV £000	PROJECTED SPEND £000	FORECAST OUTTURN £000	F/CAST FULL YEAR VAR. (UNDER) / OVER £000	
COMMUNITY & ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES						
NET EXPENDITURE						
BUILDING CLEANING	(116)	175	(249)	(74)	42	
CONVENIENCES	926	621	309	930	4	
HIGHWAYS	14,119	8,904	5,286	14,190	71	
TRANSPORT	457	33	505	538	81	
STREET LIGHT PFI & COASTAL PARTNERSHIP	4,572	2,563	2,018	4,581	9	
ENFORCEMENT AND QUALITY STANDARDS	95	(1,036)	1,127	91	(4)	
CVMU	(6)	34	(40)	(6)	-	
INTEGRATED TRANSPORT SERVICES	167	495	(328)	167	-	
TRAVEL AND ROAD SAFETY	271	147	158	305	34	
WASTE MANAGEMENT	15,313	8,895	6,452	15,347	34	
STREET CLEANSING AND LEAF	2,989	1,639	1,322	2,961	(28)	
PARKS	1,742	995	761	1,756	14	
CATERING SERVICES	331	(339)	658	319	(12)	
LEISURE FACILITIES & SPORT DEVELOPMENT	1,964	1,728	332	2,060	96	
BUSINESS SERVICES	1,223	668	513	1,181	(42)	
TOTALS	44,047	25,522	18,824	44,346	299	-

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 8 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 £34k which is due to pressures at the Household Waste Recycling Centre (HWRC) because of 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.

Management of Shelters has been transferred in Period 8 to Transport from Travel and Road Safety. Transport has consequently deteriorated from break-even to a pressure of £81k due to the Shelters. The position on Travel and Road Safety has improved by £133k to a total pressure of £34k partly due to the Shelters. The balance of the improvement on Travel and Road Safety is due to public transport contracts.

The pressure on Leisure at Period 8 has improved by £52k to a pressure of £96k due to the impact of closing the Gateway Gym early and improvements on forecast income, although the overall income pressure still remains. This includes the pressure on Woodlands Pool and School Swimming transport of £18k.

There is a pressure of £71k on Highways because of additional investment in vehicle replacements.

Building Cleaning is showing a pressure of £42k due to increased staffing costs. The service is looking to make efficiencies and will review income levels as part of the 2016/17 Service Level Agreement (SLA).

Other services have savings and pressures that net off to a total saving of £59k. This includes efficiencies in Business Services of £42k and Catering at an under spend of £12k due to efficiencies on staffing and provisions.

Conclusion – Community and Environmental Services financial position

As at the end of month 8 the Community and Environmental Services Directorate is forecasting an overall overspend of £299k for the financial year to March 2016 as detailed above. The pressure due to the loss of the Waste PFI grant has been offset against reserves.

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