

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 - JAN £000	PROJECTED SPEND £000	FORECAST OUTTURN £000	F/CAST FULL YEAR VAR. (UNDER) / OVER £000	
COMMUNITY & ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES						
NET EXPENDITURE						
BUILDING CLEANING	(116)	277	(353)	(76)	40	
CONVENIENCES	926	776	153	929	3	
HIGHWAYS	14,119	11,987	2,124	14,111	(8)	
TRANSPORT	457	(329)	846	517	60	
STREET LIGHT PFI & COASTAL PARTNERSHIP	4,572	3,348	1,226	4,574	2	
ENFORCEMENT AND QUALITY STANDARDS	95	(635)	728	93	(2)	
CVMU	(6)	61	(67)	(6)	-	
INTEGRATED TRANSPORT SERVICES	167	(402)	569	167	-	
TRAVEL AND ROAD SAFETY	271	243	58	301	30	
WASTE MANAGEMENT	15,313	10,989	4,350	15,339	26	
STREET CLEANSING AND LEAF	2,989	2,019	942	2,961	(28)	
PARKS	1,742	1,116	616	1,732	(10)	
CATERING SERVICES	331	(251)	501	250	(81)	
LEISURE FACILITIES & SPORT DEVELOPMENT	1,964	1,869	147	2,016	52	
BUSINESS SERVICES	1,223	1,350	(169)	1,181	(42)	
TOTALS	44,047	32,418	11,671	44,089	42	-

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 10 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 £26k 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 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.

Transport has a pressure of £60k due to the Shelters. Travel and Road Safety has a pressure of £30k due to an overspend on public transport contracts.

The pressure on Leisure is £52k due to overall income pressures partly offset by the early closure of the Gateway Gym.

Building Cleaning is showing a pressure of £40k 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).

Catering has an under spend of £81k due to efficiencies on staffing and provisions.

Other services have savings and pressures that net off to a total saving of £85k. This includes efficiencies in Business Services of £42k.

Conclusion – Community and Environmental Services financial position

As at the end of month 10 the Community and Environmental Services Directorate is forecasting an overall overspend of £42k 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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