

Blackpool Council – Community and Environmental Services

Revenue summary - budget, actual and forecast:

FUNCTIONS OF THE SERVICE	BUDGET	EXPENDITURE			VARIANCE	2015/16 (UNDER)/OVER SPEND B/FWD £000
	2016/17					
	ADJUSTED CASH LIMITED BUDGET £000	EXPENDITURE APR - JUN £000	PROJECTED SPEND £000	FORECAST OUTTURN £000	F/CAST FULL YEAR VAR. (UNDER) / OVER £000	
COMMUNITY & ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES						
NET EXPENDITURE						
BUSINESS SERVICES	1,007	84	922	1,006	(1)	(14)
LEISURE AND CATERING	4,291	(123)	4,321	4,198	(93)	-
PUBLIC PROTECTION	(303)	(2,327)	2,091	(236)	67	-
HIGHWAYS AND TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT SERVICES	15,114	(735)	15,953	15,218	104	-
STREET CLEANSING AND WASTE	18,653	(585)	19,421	18,836	183	-
COASTAL AND ENVIRONMENTAL PARTNERSHIPS	4,334	(90)	4,424	4,334	-	-
INTEGRATED TRANSPORT	445	(231)	724	493	48	-
TOTALS	43,541	(4,007)	47,856	43,849	308	(14)

Commentary on the key issues:

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 3 months of 2016/17 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.

Business Services

The service is under budget by £1k due to savings on supplies and services.

Leisure and Catering

An underspend of £93k is forecast due to savings on provisions.

Public Protection

Public Protection is over budget by £67k due to a forecast pressure at the end of the South Beach Selective Licensing Scheme.

Highways and Traffic Management Services

The service is over budget by £104k due to a net pressure of £36k on vehicles due to the provision for future replacements and a £68k pressure on Shelters, mainly due to income. The position has improved due to the net Project 30 insurance pressure being covered corporately.

Street Cleansing and Waste

Street Cleansing and Waste is over budget by £183k, mainly due to pressures at the Household Waste Recycling Centre (HWRC). This is because of a decrease in the level of income forecast from recycling waste which is due to a downturn in the recycle markets and higher staffing costs. Previous pressures have been covered off by additional income.

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 in 2016/17.

Coastal and Environmental Partnerships

The previous staff savings have been utilised to fund costs associated with the Blue Flag scheme.

Integrated Transport

Integrated Transport is £48k over budget due to a pressure on public transport contracts.

Conclusion – Community and Environmental Services financial position

As at the end of month 3 the Community and Environmental Services Directorate is forecasting an overall overspend of £308k for the financial year to March 2017 as detailed above. The pressure due to the loss of the Waste PFI grant has been offset against reserves in 2016/17.

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