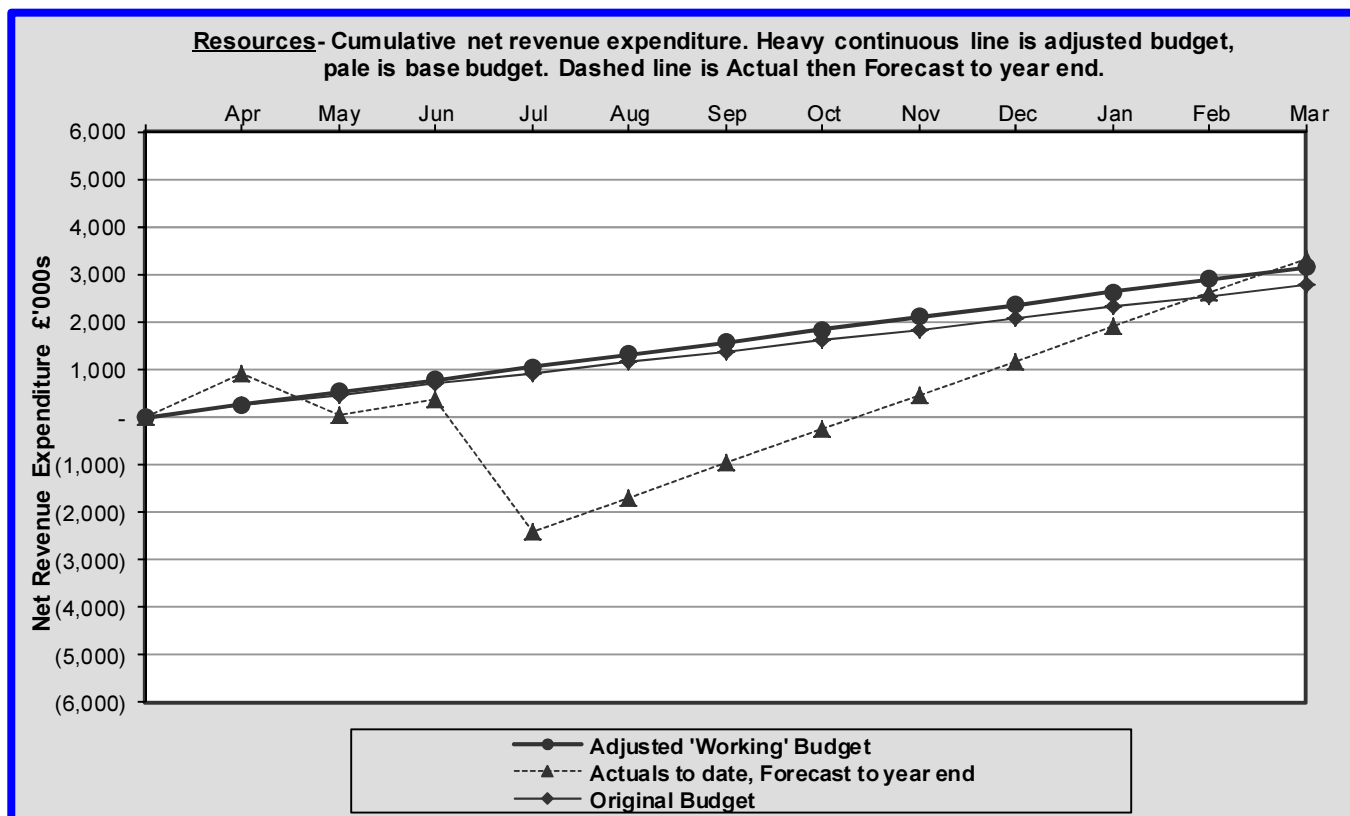


Blackpool Council - Resources

Resources summary - budget, actual and forecast:

FUNCTIONS OF THE SERVICE	BUDGET	EXPENDITURE			VARIANCE	2013/14 (UNDER)/OVER SPEND B/FWD £000
	ADJUSTED CASH LIMITED BUDGET £000	2014/15			F/CAST FULL YEAR VAR. (UNDER) / OVER £000	
		EXPENDITURE APR - JUN £000	PROJECTED SPEND £000	FORECAST OUTTURN £000		
RESOURCES						
NET EXPENDITURE						
PROCUREMENT & DEVELOPMENT	53	(99)	119	20	(33)	(96)
REVENUES, BENEFITS & TRANSACTIONAL	(755)	(2,954)	1,960	(994)	(239)	(204)
LEGAL SERVICES	(43)	252	(192)	60	103	(9)
CUSTOMER FIRST	(429)	187	(533)	(346)	83	(100)
ACCOUNTANCY	13	352	(303)	49	36	(33)
RISK SERVICES	5	19	(27)	(8)	(13)	(27)
PROPERTY & ASSET MANAGEMENT	4,307	(289)	4,758	4,469	162	155
TOTALS	3,151	(2,532)	5,782	3,250	99	(314)

Directorate revenue summary graph - budget, actual and forecast:



Commentary on the key issues:**Directorate Summary**

- The Revenue summary on the previous page lists the outturn projection for each individual service within Resources against their respective, currently approved, revenue budget. The adjusted budget includes the approved 2013/2014 underspend carried forward. Forecast outturns are based upon actual financial performance for the first 3 months of 2014/2015 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.

Procurement & Development

- The favourable variance of £33k is due to one-off staff savings and unprogrammed income generation streams which will be achieved in year.

Revenues, Benefits & Transactional Services

- The service is forecast to meet its savings requirement in 2014/2015. This service projects a £239,000 favourable position in 2014/15. Additional income has been received in-year from Department for Work and Pensions and Department for Communities and Local Government for welfare reform and implementation of the Council Tax Reduction Scheme. This extra income is to provide the funding to assist Councils in their statutory duty to administer and process extra workload Housing Benefit/Council Tax Benefit during the economic downturn, implementation of welfare reforms (Local Housing Allowance changes, Bedroom Tax, Benefits Cap) and implementation of Council Tax Reduction Scheme.

This additional funding has been used in part for software changes, process changes, additional staff and equipment due to the increased caseload. The head of service is managing this extra workload by using existing employees and overtime with some filling of posts on a temporary basis.

- The Local Discretionary Support Scheme is forecast to break even in-year.

Legal Services

- Legal Services is forecasting an £103k overspend for 2014/15, which is partially due to pressures on staffing costs as a result of some increased salaries during 2012/13 due to the pay review process. Pressures are also forecast on computer licence costs relating to the Iken system, the Techniforce system contract exit fee and postage costs.

Customer First

- Customer First is forecasting a £83k pressure in 2014/15. The majority of this pressure falls within the staffing budget due to the need to keep as many staff as possible answering the phones and the extra duties involved while staff are migrating to Bickerstaffe House. It is hoped that some income will be received in year to mitigate some of these costs.

Accountancy

- Accountancy is forecasting a £36k overspent position in month 3 due to an income pressure.

Risk Services

- Risk Services is forecasting £13k underspend position due to employee costs relating to temporary staffing being off-set by income generation and a staff saving within investigations.

Property and Asset Management

- Property and Asset Management is forecasting an overspend of £162k. This is due to a worsening income forecast in the Facilities directorate.

Summary of the revenue forecast

After three months of the financial year, Resources is forecasting £99k overspend. The Directorate continues to operate on the basis of not filling staff vacancies other than in exceptional circumstances.

Budget Holder - Mr S Thompson, Director of Resources.