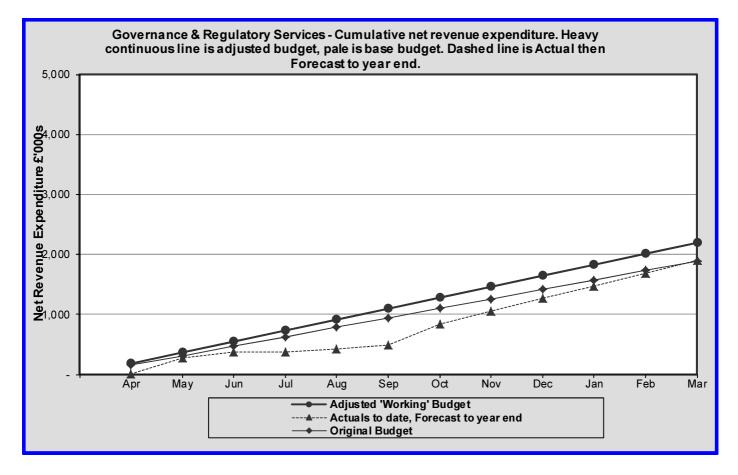
# **Blackpool Council – Governance and Regulatory Services**

#### BUDGET EXPENDITURE VARIANCE 2014/15 2013/14 PROJECTED (UNDER)/OVER FUNCTIONS OF THE SERVICE ADJUSTED EXPENDITURE FORECAST F/CAST FULL CASH LIMITED SPEND APR - OCT OUTTURN YEAR VAR. SPEND B/FWD (UNDER) / OVER BUDGET £000 £000 £000 £000 £000 £000 GOVERNANCE & REGULATORY SERVICES NET EXPENDITURE GOVERNANCE & REGULATORY SERVICES 2,328 1,277 1,051 2,328 LICENSING (379) (337) (42) (379) CEMETERIES & CREMATORIUM 125 (817) (374) (318) (692) GOVERNANCE & REGULATORY SERVICES 566 691 125 1.132 1.257 ARFA FORUM SAND WARDS 1.067 273 369 642 (425)(639) 1,899 TOTALS 2,199 839 1,060 (300) (639)

# Revenue summary - budget, actual and forecast:

# 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 Governance and Regulatory Services against its currently approved, revenue budget. The adjusted budget includes the approved 2013/14 underspend carried forward. Forecast outturns are based upon actual financial performance for the first 7 months of 2014/15 together with predictions of performance, anticipated pressures and efficiencies in the remainder of the financial year, all of which have been agreed with the head of service.

### **Governance and Regulatory Services**

- Governance and Regulatory Services are forecasting a breakeven position for 2014/15. Pressures are anticipated in the Coroners and Mortuary Service due to changes in the way the Coroner operates following the implementation of the Coroners Act 2009 (which came into force on 1 July 2013) and the consequential demands on the service.
- Licensing is forecasting a breakeven position for 2014/15.
- Cemeteries and Crematorium are forecasting a pressure of £125k due to the delays in the completion of the remedial works at the Crematorium. This has reduced the capacity of the service and it is anticipated that all three cremators will be fully operational by late December 2014 and the abatement equipment by February 2015. The income projections will be reviewed in future periods.
- Area Forums and Wards are forecasting a £425k underspend for 2014/15 based on current commitments.

Budget Holder - Mr M Towers, Director of Governance and Regulatory Services.