

Blackpool Council – Community and Environmental Services

Revenue summary - budget, actual and forecast:

FUNCTIONS OF THE SERVICE	BUDGET	EXPENDITURE			VARIANCE	2018/19 (UNDER)/OVER SPEND B/FWD £000
	2019/20					
	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	457	53	142	195	(262)	-
LEISURE AND CATERING	2,704	84	2,620	2,704	-	-
PUBLIC PROTECTION	530	(387)	917	530	-	-
HIGHWAYS AND TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT SERVICES	16,892	(313)	17,205	16,892	-	-
STREET CLEANSING AND WASTE	18,027	772	17,255	18,027	-	-
COASTAL AND ENVIRONMENTAL PARTNERSHIPS	3,979	(228)	4,207	3,979	-	-
INTEGRATED TRANSPORT	707	6	701	707	-	-
TOTALS	43,296	(13)	43,047	43,034	(262)	-

Commentary on the key issues:

Directorate Summary - basis

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 2019/20 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

This service is currently forecasting a saving of £262k, with the 2019/20 target savings of £747k being met.

Leisure and Catering

This service is currently forecasting a break-even position. There is a forecast pressure of £170k, relating to Leisure Services, where Health and Fitness income is down against budget. Projects are being put in place to help improve income streams. There will be savings achieved through the use of reserves and a restructure within the service, which will assist the service in recording a break-even outturn position. Catering has pressure with an increase in basic pay, but this is expected to be mitigated by vacancies.

Public Protection

This service is currently forecasting a break-even position. Any anticipated pressures in the year are expected to be off-set against staffing vacancies.

Highways and Traffic Management Services

This service is currently forecasting a break-even position.

Street Cleansing and Waste

This service is fully expecting to deliver the £570k saving budgeted this year for refuse collection, with Enveco NW commencing operations on 1st July 2019. The service as a whole is currently forecasting a break-even position.

Coastal and Environmental Partnerships

This service is currently forecasting a break-even position.

Integrated Transport

This service is currently forecasting a break-even position. There is a target saving of £90k for school crossing patrols, but this will not be met. There are, however, one-off small savings identified within other areas, but the pressure will still amount to £78k. Use of reserves will address this issue in 2019/20.

Conclusion – Community and Environmental Services financial position

At the end of June 2019, the Community and Environmental Services Directorate is forecasting an underspend of £262k. There are ongoing pressures within Leisure and Integrated Transport, which are being addressed through the one-off use of reserves whilst the services produce plans to address the underlying problems.

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