

## Blackpool Council – Budgets Outside the Cash Limit

### 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	
<b>BUDGETS OUTSIDE THE CASH LIMIT</b>						
<b>NET EXPENDITURE</b>						
TREASURY MANAGEMENT	9,679	2,229	6,751	8,980	(699)	-
PARKING SERVICES	(4,730)	(616)	(3,515)	(4,131)	599	-
CORPORATE SUBSCRIPTIONS	137	106	31	137	-	-
HOUSING BENEFITS	1,497	362	1,135	1,497	-	-
COUNCIL TAX & NNDR COST OF COLLECTION	1,103	269	834	1,103	-	-
SUBSIDIARY COMPANIES	(1,172)	-	(1,203)	(1,203)	(31)	-
LAND CHARGES	(51)	(1)	(53)	(54)	(3)	-
CONCESSIONARY FARES	3,929	158	4,446	4,604	675	-
EMPLOYERS PREVIOUS YEARS'						
PENSION LIABILITY	2,890	722	2,168	2,890	-	-
NEW HOMES BONUS	(454)	(113)	(341)	(454)	-	-
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>12,828</b>	<b>3,116</b>	<b>10,253</b>	<b>13,369</b>	<b>541</b>	<b>-</b>

### Commentary on the key issues:

#### Directorate Summary - basis

The Revenue summary (above) lists the latest outturn projection for each individual service categorised as falling 'outside the cash limit' and thereby exempt from the cash limited budget regime. Forecast outturns are based upon actual financial performance for the first 3 months of 2019/20 together with predictions of performance, anticipated pressures and savings in the remainder of the financial year, which have been agreed by each designated budget manager.

#### Treasury Management

Treasury Management is forecasting an underspend of £699k, primarily due to the council currently using mostly temporary borrowing to finance Prudentially-funded capital expenditure. While temporary investment rates and temporary borrowing rates are low, the Treasury team will continue to use a mix of both temporary and long-term borrowing to fund planned capital expenditure. The Business Loans Fund has a savings target of £2,700k and there is some slippage in the loans being made to-date.

#### Parking Services

This service is forecasting a pressure of £599k; this pressure is mainly due to 'on-street parking' schemes not being feasible, loss of parking spaces, prudential borrowing costs, increased business rates and reduced income from staff parking. As at Week 15 (w/e 14th July) parking income is at £1.46m with patronage at 369,116. Car park patronage is down by 7,809 and income is down by £21,079 on 2018/19. On-Street Pay and Display is up on patronage by 2,814 and income is up by £11,761.

**Council Tax and NNDR Cost of Collection**

This service is forecasting a break-even position.

**Subsidiary Companies**

This service is now forecasting a favourable variance of £31k. This is due to an expected reduction in charges mainly relating to debt management.

**Land Charges**

This service is forecasting a slight underspend due to lower costs.

**Concessionary Fares**

This service is forecasting a pressure of £675k due to the level of demand for bus and tram usage by NoW cardholders unexpectedly increasing at the end of 2018/19 after the budgets were set. This has meant that the expected £340k saving based on forecasts last October is now not likely to materialise. This has further been compounded by assumptions made at the end of last year not materialising and so adding to this year's pressure.

**Summary of the revenue forecasts**

After 3 months of the financial year, the Budgets Outside the Cash Limit services are forecasting a £541k overspend.

Car Parking Trends

