

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 - OCT £000	PROJECTED SPEND £000	FORECAST OUTTURN £000	F/CAST FULL YEAR VAR. (UNDER) / OVER £000	
COMMUNITY & ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES						
NET EXPENDITURE						
BUSINESS SERVICES	545	767	(484)	283	(262)	-
LEISURE AND CATERING	2,922	(195)	3,161	2,966	44	-
PUBLIC PROTECTION	509	(1,498)	1,959	461	(48)	-
HIGHWAYS AND TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT SERVICES	16,590	15,456	1,002	16,458	(132)	-
STREET CLEANSING AND WASTE	18,125	3,196	14,784	17,980	(145)	-
COASTAL AND ENVIRONMENTAL PARTNERSHIPS	3,979	2,901	1,078	3,979	-	-
INTEGRATED TRANSPORT	680	953	(230)	723	43	-
TOTALS	43,350	21,580	21,270	42,850	(500)	-

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 7 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 £262k surplus. The 2019/20 target savings of £747k are also being met.

Leisure and Catering

This service is currently forecasting a pressure of £44k. Leisure Services has a £64k pressure, as Health and Fitness income is down against budget. The performance of Leisure Services has stabilised and we do not envisage any increase in the pressure. We are forecasting efficiency savings in both Parks and Catering, each of which will contribute £10k to the overall saving of the Directorate.

Public Protection

This service is currently forecasting a £48k surplus. Public Protection is forecasting a £38k surplus, due to staffing vacancies. This is slightly down on last month, due to a reduction in income from Café Licencing. The overall surplus, however, will be used to off-set pressures elsewhere in the Directorate. Security is expected to return a saving of £10k.

Highways and Traffic Management Services

This service is currently forecasting a surplus of £132k. Highways & Engineering is forecast to save £82k, due to staffing vacancies and increased scheme income, which will be used to off-set pressures elsewhere in the Directorate. Highways & Traffic is expected to deliver £50k of savings, which will contribute to the overall savings within the Directorate.

Street Cleansing and Waste

This service is fully expecting to deliver the £570k saving budgeted this year for refuse collection, with Envenco NW commencing operations on 1st July 2019. The service as a whole is currently forecasting a saving of £145k, with small savings within Waste of £15k and Street Cleansing saving £20k. There is a reduction in the contribution to Vehicles, Plant and Equipment, through Waste, which will deliver a saving of £110k in-year, but this budget will be required in 2020/21.

Coastal and Environmental Partnerships

This service is currently forecasting a break-even position.

Integrated Transport

This service is currently forecasting a pressure of £43k. 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 within Travel and Road Safety will still amount to £68k. Small efficiency savings targeted within the service, amounting to £25k within the year and the use of savings being achieved in other areas will address this issue in 2019/20.

Conclusion – Community and Environmental Services financial position

At the end of October 2019, the Community and Environmental Services Directorate is forecasting a £500k surplus. There are ongoing pressures within Leisure and Integrated Transport, which are being addressed through savings achieved elsewhere in the Directorate whilst the services produce plans to address the underlying problems. Other services within the Directorate, however, have been challenged to achieve savings of £260k to assist in delivering the Council's overall savings target for 2019/20.

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