

## Blackpool Council – Communications & Regeneration

### Revenue summary - budget, actual and forecast:

FUNCTIONS OF THE SERVICE	BUDGET	EXPENDITURE			VARIANCE	2019/20 (UNDER)/OVER SPEND £000	VARIANCE	
	ADJUSTED CASH LIMITED BUDGET £000	EXPENDITURE APR - JUL £000	2020/21		F/CAST FULL YEAR VAR. (UNDER) / OVER £000		COVID-19 £000	NON-COVID £000
			PROJECTED SPEND £000	FORECAST OUTTURN £000				
<b>COMMUNICATIONS &amp; REGENERATION</b>								
<b>NET EXPENDITURE</b>								
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT & CULTURAL SERVICES	704	(3,619)	4,399	780	76	-	50	26
PLANNING	454	280	296	576	122	-	249	(127)
TOURISM AND COMMUNICATIONS	3,002	1,762	1,814	3,576	574	-	547	27
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>4,160</b>	<b>(1,577)</b>	<b>6,509</b>	<b>4,932</b>	<b>772</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>846</b>	<b>(74)</b>

### Commentary on the key issues:

#### Directorate Summary – basis

The Revenue summary (above) lists the outturn projection for each individual service area within the Directorate against their respective, currently approved, revenue budget. The forecast outturn of £772k overspend is based upon actual financial performance for the first 4 months of 2020/21 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. Of the £772k overspend, £846k is attributable to Covid-19.

#### Economic Development and Cultural Services

There is an expected pressure in this area of £76k of which £50k relates to Covid-19. There remains a pressure of £41k relating to the Grundy Art Gallery. This has been reduced by use of savings elsewhere in Arts such as vacant posts and it is hoped that this can keep being reduced during the year. There is a £15k saving in Libraries due to the release of some reserves and savings on staffing.

#### Planning

There is an expected pressure in this area of £122k of which £249k relates to Covid-19. This has been offset in part due to staff savings and better than budgeted income in Building Control.

#### Tourism & Communications

There is an expected pressure in this area of £574k of which £547k relates to Covid-19. The remaining pressure of £27k relates to Visit Blackpool. The previously reported pressure in Print Services has now been reduced so the service is now expecting to break-even other than for Covid-19 costs. Of the £27k pressure in Visit Blackpool, an additional saving in Events means that the £55k pressure relating to historic savings targets previously reported has now been met as well as a contribution of £50k being made towards the £77k additional sponsorship costs.

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