

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 - AUG £000	2020/21		F/CAST FULL YEAR VAR. (UNDER) / OVER £000		COVID-19 £000	NON-COVID £000
			PROJECTED SPEND £000	FORECAST OUTTURN £000				
COMMUNICATIONS & REGENERATION								
NET EXPENDITURE								
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT & CULTURAL SERVICES	704	(3,619)	4,392	773	69	-	65	4
PLANNING	454	260	273	533	79	-	127	(48)
TOURISM AND COMMUNICATIONS	3,002	2,266	1,366	3,632	630	-	602	28
TOTALS	4,160	(1,093)	6,031	4,938	778	-	794	(16)

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 £778k overspend is based upon actual financial performance for the first 5 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 £778k overspend, £794k is attributable to Covid-19.

Economic Development and Cultural Services

There is an expected pressure in this area of £69k of which £65k relates to Covid-19. There remains a pressure of £40k relating to the Grundy Art Gallery. This has been reduced by the 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 £24k saving in Libraries due to the release of some reserves and savings on staffing. There are savings of £12k in Economic Development due to some additional income and small savings elsewhere in the budget.

Planning

There is an expected pressure in this area of £79k of which £127k 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 £630k of which £602k relates to Covid-19. Of the remaining pressure £21k relates to Visit Blackpool. Print Services is once again expecting a small pressure of £7k other than for Covid-19 costs as it is looking less likely the additional building costs will be covered by additional income this year. Of the £21k 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 £56k being made towards the £77k additional sponsorship costs.

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