

Blackpool Council – Community and Environmental Services

Revenue summary - budget, actual and forecast:

FUNCTIONS OF THE SERVICE	BUDGET	EXPENDITURE			VARIANCE	2019/20 (UNDER)/OVER SPEND B/FWD £000
	2020/21					
	ADJUSTED CASH LIMITED BUDGET £000	EXPENDITURE APR - JAN £000	PROJECTED SPEND £000	FORECAST OUTTURN £000	F/CAST FULL YEAR VAR. (UNDER) / OVER £000	
COMMUNITY & ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES						
NET EXPENDITURE						
BUSINESS SERVICES	456	1,370	(914)	456	-	-
LEISURE AND CATERING	3,329	3,642	(309)	3,333	4	-
PUBLIC PROTECTION	703	(564)	1,170	606	(97)	-
HIGHWAYS AND TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT SERVICES	16,873	(5,113)	21,941	16,828	(45)	-
STREET CLEANSING AND WASTE	18,458	10,750	7,969	18,719	261	-
COASTAL AND ENVIRONMENTAL PARTNERSHIPS	4,711	3,083	1,628	4,711	-	-
INTEGRATED TRANSPORT	708	853	8	861	153	-
TOTALS	45,238	14,021	31,493	45,514	276	-

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 £276k overspend is based upon actual financial performance for the first 10 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 £276k overspend, £508k is attributable to Covid with services identifying an additional £232k of savings.

Business Services

This service is currently forecasting a break-even position.

Leisure and Catering

Leisure and Catering is currently forecasting a pressure of £4k. The services have lost income and incurred additional costs relating to Covid of £1,895k in total and received a reallocation of Covid funding relating to government grants tranches 1-4 and sales, fees and charges compensation claims of £1,891k.

Public Protection

This service is currently forecasting a surplus of £97k due to vacancies within the service. The reallocation of Covid funding relating to government grants tranches 1-4 amounts to £40k which reduces the net Covid pressure to nil.

Highways and Traffic Management Services

This service is currently forecasting an underspend of £45k. There is an anticipated shortfall in Road and Street Works Act (RASWA) income of £53k due to a reduction in the amount of work being undertaken this year. Highways & Engineering is forecasting savings of £123k due to staffing vacancies and an increase in scheme income. Within the service, though, there are Covid related pressures which, after the reallocation of £58k worth of Covid funding relating to government grants tranches 1-4, leaves a net Covid pressure of £128k.

Street Cleansing and Waste

Waste Services are reporting a pressure of £261k due to a reduction in forecast income within Trade Waste and the HWRC where income has been reduced significantly due to the pandemic. The reallocation of Covid funding relating to government grants tranches 1-4 and sales, fees and charges compensation claims amounts to £353k and once this has been taken into account there is a net Covid service pressure of £211k.

Coastal and Environmental Partnerships

This service is currently forecasting a break-even position.

Integrated Transport

This service is forecasting a pressure of £153k. £145k is due to the loss of Rideability income during lockdown and reduced income in the future due to social distancing measures reducing the capacity of the service. There have been additional pressures on staffing costs of £20k, due to the need for more school crossing patrols. There are, however, one-off small savings identified within other areas which have helped to mitigate the pressures overall. There has been no Covid funding received, which gives a Covid pressure of £165k within the service.

Covid

Community and Environmental Services has a gross pressure of £5,165k relating to Covid. Following the reallocation of Covid funding relating to government grants tranches 1-4, and sales, fees and charges compensation claims amounting to £2,342k, the net Covid pressure is £508k, which is included in the above table.

Conclusion – Community and Environmental Services financial position

At the end of January 2021, the Community and Environmental Services Directorate is forecasting a £276k pressure net of savings, unrelated to the pandemic, totalling £232k which have been identified.

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