

## Blackpool Council – Budgets Outside the Cash Limit

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

FUNCTIONS OF THE SERVICE	BUDGET	EXPENDITURE			VARIANCE	2020/21 (UNDER)/OVER SPEND B/FWD £000	VARIANCE				
	ADJUSTED CASH LIMITED BUDGET £000	EXPENDITURE APR - JUN £000	PROJECTED SPEND £000	FORECAST OUTTURN £000	F/CAST FULL YEAR VAR. (UNDER) / OVER £000		NON-COVID £000	COVID-19			
								GROSS £000	DIRECT SERVICE GRANTS £000	CCG CONTRIBUTION £000	SALES, FEES & CHARGES £000
BUDGETS OUTSIDE THE CASH LIMIT											
NET EXPENDITURE											
TREASURY MANAGEMENT	3,801	821	2,463	3,284	(517)	-	(517)	-	-	-	-
PARKING SERVICES	(4,750)	(455)	(3,795)	(4,250)	500	-	-	731	-	-	(231) 500
CORPORATE SUBSCRIPTIONS	137	107	30	137	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
HOUSING BENEFITS	1,472	370	1,102	1,472	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
COUNCIL TAX & NDR COST OF COLLECTION	1,104	275	829	1,104	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
SUBSIDIARY COMPANIES	(333)	(443)	110	(333)	-	-	(1,130)	1,376	-	-	(246) 1,130
LAND CHARGES	(51)	(27)	(24)	(51)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
CONCESSIONARY FARES	4,431	16	4,415	4,431	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
EMPLOYERS PREVIOUS YEARS' PENSION LIABILITY	1,330	332	998	1,330	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
NEW HOMES BONUS	(45)	(11)	(34)	(45)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>7,096</b>	<b>985</b>	<b>6,094</b>	<b>7,079</b>	<b>(17)</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>(1,647)</b>	<b>2,107</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>(477) 1,630</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 2021/22 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 a favourable variance of £517k. The Council is currently using temporary and long-term 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 now has a savings target of £3,309k and there is some slippage in the loans being made to date.

Following a review of the Minimum Revenue Provision (MRP), which was approved by the Executive on 8<sup>th</sup> February 2021, a total of £6.7m of saving has been forecast to be achieved in 2021/22.

#### Parking Services

There are net in-year pressures in Parking Services of £500k. Currently all this expected pressure is assumed to relate to reduced parking income due to Covid and assumes that £231k of income from the Sales, Fees & Charges compensation scheme is allocated to the service.

The graphs below show, for comparison, the patronage and income figures for 2019/20, 2020/21 and 2021/22.

**Housing Benefit**

This service is forecasting a break-even position.

**Council Tax and NNDR Cost of Collection**

This service is forecasting a break-even position.

**Subsidiary Companies**

Subsidiary Companies assumes that the pressure of £1,376k relating to Covid is recovered from the Sales, Fees & Charges compensation scheme (£246k) and the additional funding provided in 2021/22 from the Medium Term Financial Plan.

**Land Charges**

This service is expected to break-even.

**Concessionary Fares**

This service is expected to break-even.

**Covid**

Services falling Outside the Cash Limit have a gross pressure of £2,107k relating to Covid. Following the reallocation of Covid funding relating to the Sales, Fees and Charges compensation claims amounting to £477k, the net Covid pressure is £1,630k, which is included in the above table.

**Summary of the revenue forecasts**

After 3 months of the financial year, the Budgets Outside the Cash Limit services are forecasting a £17k underspend. This still includes £1,630k net Covid related costs.

**Car Parking Trends**

