

Blackpool Council - Resources

Revenue summary - budget, actual and forecast:

FUNCTIONS OF THE SERVICE	BUDGET	EXPENDITURE			VARIANCE	2021/22 (UNDER)/OVER SPEND B/FWD £000	VARIANCE				
	ADJUSTED CASH LIMITED BUDGET £000	EXPENDITURE APR - DEC £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
RESOURCES											
NET EXPENDITURE											
PROCUREMENT & EXCHEQUER SERVICES	160	221	(126)	95	(65)	-	(65)	-	-	-	-
BENEFITS	(1,132)	(1,613)	481	(1,132)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
REVENUES SERVICES	1,698	1,615	83	1,698	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
CUSTOMER FIRST	52	(166)	211	45	(7)	-	(7)	-	-	-	-
ICT SERVICES	59	(464)	523	59	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
ACCOUNTANCY	305	106	88	194	(111)	-	(111)	-	-	-	-
RISK SERVICES	28	(191)	210	19	(9)	-	(9)	-	-	-	-
PROPERTY SERVICES (Incl. INVESTMENT PORTFOLIO)	2,467	2,130	127	2,257	(210)	-	(210)	-	-	-	-
EQUALITY AND DIVERSITY	83	60	37	97	14	-	14	-	-	-	-
TOTALS	3,720	1,698	1,634	3,332	(388)	-	(388)	-	-	-	-

Commentary on the key issues:

Directorate Summary - basis

The Revenue summary (above) lists the outturn projection for each individual service within Resources against their respective, currently approved, revenue budget. Forecast outturns are based upon actual financial performance for the first 9 months of 2022/23 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.

Procurement and Exchequer Services

Procurement and Exchequer Services are forecasting an underspend of £65k due to additional income in relation to Town Deal, Opportunity Area, Housing Support Fund, Chorley BC Payroll and Practical Support (PH) and staff vacancy savings.

Benefits

The Benefits Service is forecasting a break-even position. Monthly Housing Benefit new claims processing figures for December was 13 days. The cumulative processing time to date for new claims for Housing Benefit, new claims for Council Tax Reduction and changes in circumstances notifications was 8 days

Revenue Services

Revenue Services are forecasting a break-even position on a gross budget of £2.37m.

Customer First

Customer First is forecasting an underspend of £7k against a gross budget of £1.01m due to vacancy savings within the service.

ICT Services

ICT is forecasting a break-even position on a gross budget of £6.05m.

Accountancy

Accountancy is forecasting an underspend of £111k. Savings have been achieved through vacancy savings and a restructure of the service.

Risk Services

Risk Services are forecasting an underspend of £9k against a gross budget of £1.04m. This is due to vacancy savings within the service.

Property Services (incl. Investment Portfolio)

Property Services are forecasting an underspend of £210k against a gross budget of £12.18m, an improvement due to new lease agreements. The potential lease to be agreed for Flagstaff Garden food court will now be 2023/24.

Equality and Diversity

Equality and Diversity are forecasting an overspend of £14k. This is due to unachieved savings within the service.

Summary of the revenue forecast

After 9 months of the financial year Resources are forecasting a £388k underspend. The Directorate continues to operate on the basis of not filling staff vacancies other than in exceptional circumstances.

Budget Holder - Mr S Thompson, Director of Resources