

Blackpool Council – Community and Environmental Services

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	2022/23		F/CAST FULL YEAR VAR. (UNDER) / OVER £000		NON-COVID £000	COVID-19				
			PROJECTED SPEND £000	FORECAST OUTTURN £000				GROSS £000	DIRECT SERVICE GRANTS £000	CCG CONTRIBUTION £000	SALES, FEES & CHARGES £000	NET £000
COMMUNITY & ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES												
NET EXPENDITURE												
BUSINESS SERVICES	(807)	813	(1,620)	(807)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
LEISURE AND CATERING	5,040	4,418	797	5,215	175	-	175	-	-	-	-	-
PUBLIC PROTECTION	1,280	769	431	1,200	(80)	-	(80)	-	-	-	-	-
HIGHWAYS AND TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT SERVICES	18,005	13,458	4,502	17,960	(45)	-	(45)	-	-	-	-	-
STREET CLEANSING AND WASTE	18,249	8,418	9,756	18,174	(75)	-	(75)	-	-	-	-	-
COASTAL AND ENVIRONMENTAL PARTNERSHIPS	5,664	3,912	1,752	5,664	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
INTEGRATED TRANSPORT	2,607	1,398	1,759	3,157	550	-	550	-	-	-	-	-
TOTALS	50,038	33,186	17,377	50,563	525	-	525	-	-	-	-	-

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 overspend of £525k is 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.

Business Services

This service is currently forecasting a break-even position.

Leisure and Catering

Leisure and Catering is currently forecasting a pressure of £175k. Leisure Centres are reporting income pressures of £350k; this, however, is reduced by £300k due to savings within staffing, additional grant income and increased income within the Learn to Swim scheme. There is a small pressure of £25k within the Parks service due to reduced football pitch income and loss of lake revenue. Catering is reporting a £100k pressure due to the increased cost of provisions.

Public Protection

The service is currently forecasting a saving of £80k due to staff vacancies within Public Protection.

Highways and Traffic Management Services

This service is currently forecasting an underspend of £45k due to staff vacancies within Highways & Engineering.

Street Cleansing and Waste

Waste Services are reporting an underspend of £75k. Trade Waste is forecasting an increase in income of £115k, but there is a forecast pressure of £40k within Public Conveniences where an inflationary uplift has been applied to the contract, which is not within the budget.

Coastal and Environmental Partnerships

This service is currently forecasting a break-even position.

Integrated Transport

Childrens Transport Services have been transferred into Community and Environmental Services and with it, an expected overspend of £550k. This is due to a combination of increased demand pressures and historic savings targets which have not been able to be achieved.

Conclusion – Community and Environmental Services financial position

At the end of December 2022, the Community and Environmental Services Directorate is forecasting an overspend of £525k. There are pressures within the Leisure service, but savings have been identified within the Directorate to mitigate this pressure. There is, however, a £550k pressure within Integrated Transport with the Childrens Transport Service transferring into the Directorate.

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