

Blackpool Council – Governance and Regulatory Services

Revenue summary - budget, actual and forecast:

FUNCTIONS OF THE SERVICE	BUDGET	EXPENDITURE			VARIANCE	2014/15 (UNDER)/OVER SPEND B/FWD £000
	2015/16					
	ADJUSTED CASH LIMITED BUDGET £000	EXPENDITURE APR - JUNE £000	PROJECTED SPEND £000	FORECAST OUTTURN £000	F/CAST FULL YEAR VAR. (UNDER) / OVER £000	
GOVERNANCE & REGULATORY SERVICES						
NET EXPENDITURE						
DEMOCRATIC GOVERNANCE	2,275	569	1,689	2,258	(17)	-
LICENSING	(376)	(94)	(286)	(380)	(4)	-
REGISTRATION AND BEREAVEMENT SERVICES	(331)	(75)	(258)	(333)	(2)	-
GOVERNANCE & REGULATORY SERVICES	1,568	400	1,145	1,545	(23)	-
WARDS	507	67	440	507	-	(237)
TOTALS	2,075	467	1,585	2,052	(23)	(237)

Commentary on the key issues:

Directorate Summary

- The Revenue summary (above) lists the outturn projection for Governance and Regulatory Services against its currently approved, revenue budget. The adjusted budget for 2015/16 includes the 2014/15 underspend carried forward. Forecast outturns are based upon actual financial performance for the first 3 months of 2015/16 together with predictions of performance, anticipated pressures and efficiencies in the remainder of the financial year, all of which have been agreed with the head of service.

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- The Democratic Governance service is forecasting an underspend of £17k for 2015/16 due to small in-year staffing savings and reduced expenditure on special events and area forums.
- The Licensing Service is forecasting an underspend of £4k for 2015/16 due to vacancy savings and savings on Supplies and Services budgets, partly offset by a shortfall against income targets.
- A Business Rates revaluation was carried out in respect of the premises at Carleton Crematorium at the start of the year, resulting in a windfall gain to the service of £65k. Following remedial works in 2014, the three cremators are now fully operational and it is anticipated that income targets in 2015/16, whilst challenging, will be achieved. However, some pressures are anticipated in the Coroners and Mortuary service due to the levels of demand which, it is expected, will virtually offset the likely underspend at the Crematorium. At this stage, therefore, the Registration and Bereavement Service is forecasting a £2k underspend for 2015/16.
- Ward budgets are expected to break even in 2015/16.

Budget Holder - Mr M Towers, Director of Governance and Regulatory Services.