Blackpool Council - Budgets Outside the Cash Limit

Revenue summary - budget, actual and forecast:

	BUDGET	BUDGET EXPENDITURE			VARIANCE	
	2015/16					2014/15
FUNCTIONS OF THE SERVICE	ADJUSTED	EXPENDITURE	PROJECTED	FORECAST	F/CAST FULL	(UNDER)/OVER
	CASH LIMITED	APR - JUNE	SPEND	OUTTURN	YEAR VAR.	SPEND B/FWD
	BUDGET		_	L	(UNDER) / OVER	
	£000	£000	£000	£000	£000	£000
BUDGETS OUTSIDE THE CASH LIMIT						
NET EXPENDITURE						
TREASURY MANAGEMENT	14,503	3,318	9,954	13,272	(1,231)	-
PARKING	(3,638)	(374)	(2,768)	(3,142)	496	-
CORPORATE SUBSCRIPTIONS	193	88	105	193	-	-
HOUSING BENEFITS	1,653	410	1,237	1,647	(6)	-
COUNCIL TAX & NNDR COST OF						
COLLECTION	349	88	264	352	3	-
SUBSIDIARYCOMPANIES	(1,130)	(109)	(1,096)	(1,205)	(75)	-
CONCESSIONARY FARES	3,850	6	4,520	4,526	676	-
LAND CHARGES	(42)	(27)	(15)	(42)	-	-
PREVIOUS YEARS' PENSION LIABILITY	2,821	705	2,116	2,821	-	-
NEW HOM ES BONUS	(1,440)	(141)	(1,441)	(1,582)	(142)	-
TOTALS	17 ,119	3,964	12,876	16,840	(279)	-

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 2015/2016
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

• This revenue account is forecast to achieve a favourable variance of £1,231k for the year. This reflects the ongoing temporary windfall from the short-term interest rates currently being paid to finance recent capital expenditure and a lower interest charge by Lancashire County Council on the Local Government Reorganisation debt.

Parking Services

• As at Week 14 (w/e 5th July) Parking income is at £1,416k with patronage at 411,603. Car park patronage is up by 3,937, with income down by £2,925 on 14/15. On Street Pay and Display is down on patronage by 12,377, and down on income by £20,654. However, the extremely challenging income target the service has means that it is £496k down on its income budget year-to-date.

Subsidiary Companies

• The cost to the Council of supporting the subsidiary companies is expecting to be £75k less than budget due to the reducing balance payback of prudentially borrowed schemes.

Concessionary Fares

• This service is forecasting a pressure of £676k, which mainly relates to the ongoing pressure arising from increased bus patronage.

Land Charges

• This service is forecasting to breakeven during 2015/16.

New Homes Bonus

• The underspend of £142k is due to the Council's pro-rata share of the unused national funding from the 2014/15 New Homes Bonus. This is based on the Start-Up Funding Allocation.

Summary of the revenue forecasts

After 3 months of the financial year the Budgets Outside the Cash Limit services are forecasting a £279k underspend.

Car Parking Trends







