Blackpool Council – Growth & Prosperity

Revenue summary - budget, actual and forecast:

	BUDGET	EXPENDITURE			VARIANCE	
	2023/24					2022/23
FUNCTIONS OF THE SERVICE	ADJUSTED	EXPENDITURE	PROJECTED	FORECAST	F/CAST FULL	(UNDER)/OVER
	CASH LIMITED	APR - JUL	SPEND	OUTTURN	YEAR VAR.	SPEND B/FWD
	BUDGET				(UNDER) / OVER	
	£000	£000	£000	£000	£000	£000
GROWTH & PROSPERITY						
NET EXPENDITURE						
GROWTH & PROSPERITY	(5,879)	1,897	(11,376)	(9,479)	(3,600)	-
TOTALS	(5,879)	1,897	(11,376)	(9,479)	(3,600)	-

Commentary on the key issues:

Directorate Summary - basis

The Revenue summary (above) lists the outturn projection for the Service against its respective, currently approved, revenue budget. The forecast outturn is based upon actual financial performance for the first 4 months of 2023/24 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.

Key Issues

As at month 4, the service is forecasting surplus of £3,600k. This is due to the expectation of proceeds raised from the current work programme exceeding costs including prudential borrowing.

The Executive, at its meeting on 8th November 2021, agreed to the approach to transition out the Growth and Prosperity net revenue budget target over a 2-year period, 2022/23-2023/24, with any proceeds subsequently realised from the existing work programme being directed to bolstering reserves and any new proceeds being retained by Growth and Prosperity for their re-investment. It is therefore assumed that this surplus will be transferred to Earmarked Reserves to go against the current balance. The cumulative deficit as at March 2022/23 was £10,125k. It is therefore expected that the balance at the end of 2023/24 will be £6,525k.

Budget Holder – Mr A Cavill, Director of Communications & Regeneration