

Blackpool Council – Community and Environmental Services

Revenue summary - budget, actual and forecast:

FUNCTIONS OF THE SERVICE	BUDGET	EXPENDITURE			VARIANCE	2022/23 (UNDER)/OVER SPEND B/FWD £000
	ADJUSTED CASH LIMITED BUDGET £000	EXPENDITURE APR - AUG £000	2023/24		F/CAST FULL YEAR VAR. (UNDER) / OVER £000	
			PROJECTED SPEND £000	FORECAST OUTTURN £000		
COMMUNITY & ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES						
NET EXPENDITURE						
BUSINESS SERVICES	(915)	353	(1,268)	(915)	-	-
LEISURE AND CATERING	5,436	3,994	1,442	5,436	-	-
PUBLIC PROTECTION	1,457	993	464	1,457	-	-
HIGHWAYS AND TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT SERVICES	18,001	(985)	18,986	18,001	-	-
STREET CLEANSING AND WASTE	19,987	2,075	17,912	19,987	-	-
COASTAL AND ENVIRONMENTAL PARTNERSHIPS	6,501	1,817	4,684	6,501	-	-
INTEGRATED TRANSPORT	2,807	1,689	1,618	3,307	500	-
TOTALS	53,274	9,936	43,838	53,774	500	-

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 £500k is based upon actual financial performance for the first 5 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 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 break-even position. Leisure income is in line with budget and there are savings within staffing, due to vacancies. Catering is facing a pressure due to the increased cost of provisions, but this is expected to be covered by other savings within the service.

Public Protection

The service is currently forecasting a break-even position. There are pressures within Licencing, where the income forecast is currently under budget. However, there have been savings identified within other areas of Public Protection to mitigate this.

Highways and Traffic Management Services

This service is currently forecasting a break-even position.

Street Cleansing and Waste

Waste Services are reporting a break-even position. There are forecast pressures within Street Cleansing and within Public Conveniences, where an inflationary uplift has been applied to the contract. Trade Waste income, however, is forecasting an increase against budget to off-set these pressures.

Coastal and Environmental Partnerships

This service is currently forecasting a break-even position.

Integrated Transport

This service is currently forecasting an overspend of £500k. Childrens Transport Services is reporting an overspend of £500k, 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 August 2023, the Community and Environmental Services Directorate is forecasting an overspend of £500k. The major pressure is within Integrated Transport where the Childrens Transport Service is forecasting a pressure of £500k. There are other pressures within the Directorate, but these are expected to be covered through other means.

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