

Blackpool Council – Community and Environmental 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 - JUL £000	PROJECTED SPEND £000	FORECAST OUTTURN £000	F/CAST FULL YEAR VAR. (UNDER) / OVER £000	
COMMUNITY & ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES						
NET EXPENDITURE						
BUILDING SERVICES	88	182	(94)	88	-	
BUILDING CLEANING	(116)	214	(330)	(116)	-	
CONVENIENCES	986	291	703	994	8	
HIGHWAYS	14,314	116	14,198	14,314	-	
TRANSPORT	700	34	675	709	9	
STREET LIGHT PFI & COASTAL PARTNERSHIP	4,251	339	3,919	4,258	7	
ENFORCEMENT AND QUALITY STANDARDS	95	(2,129)	2,223	94	(1)	
CVMU	(6)	131	(137)	(6)	-	
INTEGRATED TRANSPORT SERVICES	167	473	(306)	167	-	
TRAVEL AND ROAD SAFETY	52	88	119	207	155	
WASTE MANAGEMENT	15,313	(521)	15,903	15,382	69	
STREET CLEANSING AND LEAF	3,011	833	2,150	2,983	(28)	
PARKS	1,711	261	1,471	1,732	21	
CATERING SERVICES	331	(1,114)	1,475	361	30	
LEISURE FACILITIES & SPORT DEVELOPMENT	1,921	(140)	2,103	1,963	42	
BUSINESS SERVICES	1,678	228	1,417	1,645	(33)	
TOTALS	44,496	(714)	45,489	44,775	279	-

Commentary on the key issues:

Community and Environmental Services - Directorate Summary

The Revenue summary (above) lists the outturn projection for each individual service within Community and Environmental Services against their respective, currently approved, revenue budget. Forecast outturns are based upon actual financial performance for the first 4 months of 2015/2016 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.

Waste Management has a pressure of £69,000 at the Household Waste Recycling Centre (HWRC) due to a decrease in the level of income forecast from recycling waste which is due to a downturn in the recyclate markets. The £856,000 Private Finance Initiative Grant is no longer available and is subject to judicial review, with the risk being covered against the specific Waste Private Finance Initiative reserve.

Travel and Road Safety's position is £155,000, £11,000 worse than at Period 3 as additional savings are sought to offset previously agreed CSR savings. The main component of this pressure is a proposed CSR saving no longer deemed achievable. A further review of the service is being undertaken.

There is a pressure of £42,000 on Leisure due to the closure of Woodlands Pool and transport costs for school swimming.

There are various other savings and pressures across the remaining services that net off to a pressure of 13,000.

Conclusion – Community and Environmental Services financial position

Community and Environmental Services' position is £279,000 over budget due to a £69,000 pressure on Waste because of a fall in the market for recycled materials, Travel and Road Safety pressures of £155,000, a £42,000 pressure on Leisure due to transportation costs and the closure of Woodlands Pool and various minor savings and pressures across other services that net off to a net pressure of £13,000. Risk on the Waste Private Finance Initiative grant has been offset against reserves.

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