TITLE: BUDGET MONITORING REPORT

Committee: Commercial Services Committee

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#### 1.0 ISSUE

1.1 This report updates Members on this Committee's financial position for 2014/15, based on current projections for both revenue and capital expenditure.

### 2.0 RECOMMENDATION (S)

- 2.1 Members are requested to note that this Committee has a projected underspend of £1,091 compared to its approved revenue budget of £2,185,297.
- 2.2 Members are also requested to note that this Committee has a projected capital budget of £297,000 as previously reported.

#### 3.0 BACKGROUND/OPTIONS

- 3.1 Under Financial Regulations each policy committee is required to consider projections of financial performance against budget on a quarterly basis.
- 3.2 Appendix 1 summarises the variances reported in the tables below. The approved budgets have been adjusted by removing internal service charges, depreciation and those expenditure budgets which will be funded from monies already set aside in earmarked reserves. The inflation budget, which was held centrally when the budget was approved by Full Council in February 2014, has now been allocated out across the relevant services. This leaves only the controllable expenditure and income budgets. The purpose of this report is to review and report to Members any variances in the controllable budgets.
- 3.3 The revenue budgets for each of the Committee's services have been reviewed and the following variances have been identified:

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| Service              | Variance £ | Explanation                         |
|----------------------|------------|-------------------------------------|
| Maltings Public Hall | 30,055     | This overspend is due to additional |
|                      |            | exit costs of transferring the      |
|                      |            | Maltings to Ely City Council.       |
| Parks & Gardens      | 5,788      | There are increased maintenance     |
|                      |            | costs due to the age of some of the |

|                               |          | vehicles being used of £3,226 for this year only. Also an ongoing increase in the budget is needed to cover MOT's, Road Fund Licences and Mobile Phones. |  |  |  |  |
|-------------------------------|----------|--|--|--|--|--|
| Paradise Pool                 | (67,288) | A saving on the Pool contract payments has created this underspend. This has been transferred to a Leisure Centre reserve.                               |  |  |  |  |
| Paradise Pool                 | (2,902)  | Increased income from SLM Ltd which has been transferred to the Leisure Centre Reserve.  |  |  |  |  |
| Parking of Vehicles           | 19,000   | A forecast reduction in the income from car park fines mainly due to the Council not now receiving any income from the Waitrose Car Park.                |  |  |  |  |
| Variances for this            | (15,347) |  |  |  |  |  |
| period                        | (10,041) |  |  |  |  |  |
| Variances previously reported | 14,256   |  |  |  |  |  |
| Total projected underspend    | (1,091)  |  |  |  |  |  |

3.5 The Committee's capital projects have been reviewed and no further variances have been identified.

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| Service   |            | Variance £ | Explanation |
|-----------|------------|------------|-------------|
| Variances | previously | 133,000    |             |
| reported  |            |            |             |
| Total     |            | 133,000    | Increase    |

## 4.0 ARGUMENTS/CONCLUSIONS

- 4.1 After taking into account the variances previously notified and the savings as above, the projected net revenue expenditure for this Committee has decreased to £2,594,206, of which £8,368 is funded from reserves.
- 4.2 The projected gross capital expenditure for this Committee is £297,000.

# 5.0 FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS/EQUALITY IMPACT ASSESSMENT

- 5.1 There is a revenue underspend of £1,091 compared to this Committee's approved budget.
- 5.2 There is no increase to the Capital expenditure for this period.
- 5.3 Equality Impact Assessment (INRA) not required.
- 6.0 APPENDICES
- 6.1 Appendix 1 Commercial Services Committee Budget Projections 2014/15.

| Background Documents                              | <u>Location</u>               | Contact Officer   |
|---|-------------------------------|---|
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| Revenue                                   | Ref     | Published | Variances  | Less        | Less      | Controllable | Projected | Variance            |
|---|---------|-----------|------------|-------------|-----------|--------------|-----------|---------------------|
|   |         | Budget    | Previously | Expenditure | Capital   | Budget       | Outturn   | Between             |
|   |         |           | Reported   | funded      | &         |              |           | Controllable Budget |
|   |         |           | _          | from        | Internal  |              |           | & Projected Outturn |
|   |         |           |            | Reserves    | Recharges |              |           | (Cost + / Saving -) |
|   |         | £         | £          | £           | £         | £            | £         | £                   |
| Commercial Services                       |         |           |            |             |           |              |           |                     |
| Asset Management                          | PR002   | 348,128   | 6,554      |             | 117,717   | 236,965      | 236,965   | 0                   |
| Award Ditches                             | AW001   | 39,818    | 209        |             | 17,245    |              | 22,782    | 0                   |
| Contract Grasscutting                     | CG001   | 34,813    | 1,795      | 36,608      | 28,296    | (28,296)     | (28,296)  | 0                   |
| Community Safety                          | CS001   | 109,445   | 365        |             | 18,732    | 91,078       | 91,078    | 0                   |
| Closed Churchyards                        | CY001   | 77,129    | 229        |             | 53,086    | 24,272       | 24,272    | 0                   |
| Depot Services                            | DP001   | 40,319    | -9,044     | 1,217       | 19,469    | 10,589       | 10,589    | 0                   |
| General Gang                              | GG001   | 118,362   | 10,818     | 1,217       | 25,310    | 102,653      | 102,653   | 0                   |
| Health & Safety (Work)                    | HE001   | 23,980    | 166        |             | 6,753     | 17,393       | 17,393    | 0                   |
| Community Projects & Grants               | LT001   | 250,439   | -1,179     |             | 26,812    | 222,448      | 222,448   | 0                   |
| Marketing & Grants                        | MG001   | 101,162   | -4,032     |             | 42,329    | 54,801       | 54,801    | 0                   |
| Ely Markets                               | MK001   | (33,065)  | 69         |             | 44,410    | (77,406)     | (77,406)  | 0                   |
| Maltings Public Hall                      | MP001   | 3,967     | 0          |             | 13,768    | (9,801)      | 20,254    | 30,055              |
| Museum - Old Gaol House                   | MU001   | 33,125    | 20         |             | 3,526     | 29,619       | 29,619    | 0                   |
| Oliver Cromwell House                     | OC001   | 134,259   | 952        |             | 79,084    | 56,127       | 56,127    | 0                   |
| Open Spaces                               | OS001   | 202,324   | 235        |             | 174,767   | 27,792       | 27,792    | 0                   |
| Parks & Gardens Team                      | PG001   | 249,069   | 24,899     | 21,903      | 47,000    | 205,065      | 210,853   | 5,788               |
| Paradise Pool                             | PO001   | 257,764   | 2,564      |             | 71,387    | 188,941      | 118,751   | (70,190)            |
| Parking of Vehicles                       | PV001-3 | 130,484   | -19,771    |             | 98,538    | 12,175       | 31,175    | 19,000              |
| Littleport Station Car Park               | PV005   | 69        | 3          |             | 0         | 72           | 72        | 0                   |
| Sport & Recreation Admin                  | SR001   | 208,998   | -3,183     |             | 71,754    | 134,061      | 134,061   | 0                   |
| Town Centres                              | TC001   | 21,779    | 0          | 17,613      | 0         | 4,166        | 4,166     | 0                   |
| Public Conveniences                       | TO001   | 242,929   | 2,587      |             | 68,675    | 176,841      | 176,841   | 0                   |
| Revenue Subtotal                          |         | 2,595,297 | 14,256     | 78,558      | 1,028,658 | 1,502,337    | 1,486,990 | (15,347)            |
| Income Recharges                          |         | (410,000) | 0          | 0           | -410,000  | 0            | 0         | 0                   |
| Revenue Total                             |         | 2,185,297 | 14,256     | 78,558      | 618,658   | 1,502,337    | 1,486,990 | -15,347             |
| Less variances funded from Reserves       |         |           |            |             |           |              |           | (70,190)            |
| True variance against controllable budget |         |           |            |             |           |              |           | 54,843              |
| Published Budget                          |         |           |            |             |           |              |           | 2,595,297           |
| Variances previously reported             |         |           |            |             |           |              |           | 14,256              |
| Current variances                         |         |           |            |             |           |              |           | (15,347)            |
| Projected budget                          |         |           |            |             |           |              |           | 2,594,206           |
|   |         |           |            |             |           |              |           | , ,                 |

| Capital                                   | Ref   | Published<br>Budget<br>14/15 | Variances<br>Previously<br>Reported | Projected<br>Outturn<br>14/15 |   |   |   | Variance Between Published Budget & Projected Outturn (Cost + / Saving -) £ |
|---|-------|------------------------------|-------------------------------------|-------------------------------|---|---|---|---|
|   |       |                              |                                     |                               |   |   |   |   |
| Ely Country Park                          | XP502 | 0                            | 133,000                             | 133,000                       |   |   |   | 0   |
| Vehicle Replacement Programme             | XP093 | 29,000                       | 0                                   | 29,000                        |   |   |   | 0   |
| Downham Road Site                         | New   | 70,000                       | 0                                   | 70,000                        |   |   |   | 0   |
| Downham Road Drainage Site Infrastructure | New   | 65,000                       | 0                                   | 65,000                        |   |   |   | 0   |
|   |       |                              |                                     |                               |   |   |   |   |
| Total                                     |       | 164,000                      | 133,000                             | 297,000                       | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0   |