

TITLE: BUDGET MONITORING REPORT

Committee: Commercial Services Committee

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1. ISSUE

1.1 This report provides Members with details of the financial position for services under the Commercial Services Committee.

2. RECOMMENDATION (S)

2.1 Members are requested to note that this Committee has a projected under spend of £17,000 compared to its revenue budget of £1,417,924.

2.2 Members are also requested to note that this Committee has a projected capital programme outturn of £7,908,794, this is a £513,294 underspend compared to its revised budget.

3. BACKGROUND / OPTIONS

3.1 This is the first report for the 2016-17 financial year and details actual expenditure incurred as at 30th September 2016 and current projections as to the yearend position.

3.2 Under Financial Regulations each Service Committee is required to consider projections of financial performance against both its revenue and capital budget on a quarterly basis.

3.3 The revenue budgets for each of the Committee's services have been reviewed. At this point in the year, only one outturn variance has been identified as detailed in the table below:

Service	Variance £	Explanation
Public Conveniences	(12,000)	Following the Committee's decision to close or transfer the management of some of the public conveniences within the District, it is expected that this budget line will now underspend, although until final arrangements are put in place, the actual value is difficult to quantify

General Gang	(5,000)	Projected Salary savings as a result of vacancies
Total	(17,000)	

- 3.4 After taking into account the savings above, the projected net revenue outturn expenditure for this Committee is forecast to be £1,400,924.
- 3.5 The Capital budget for this Committee now stands at £8,422,088.
- 3.6 Spending on the capital projects has been reviewed and we are forecasting a yearend underspend on the Local Authority Trading Company of £465,294. This is not an underspend in the true sense of the word, but rather a revised profile of when the Company is expected to drawdown its loan from the Council. The expectation remains that the Company will drawdown the full £5,000,000 provided in the Council's budget as loan funding, over the medium term.
- 3.7 It is now anticipated that spending on Ely Country Park will be £16,000, an underspend of £48,000 when compared to the budget available.
- 3.8 The £1.5 million grant from Sport England required to complete the funding package for the Leisure Centre has been secured. Regular officer and Project Board meetings are taking place to monitor spending; any variation from the profiled budget will be reported to Committee at the earliest opportunity.

4. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS/EQUALITY IMPACT ASSESSMENT

- 4.1 There is a revenue underspend of £17,000 compared to this Committee's approved budget.
- 4.2 Equality Impact Assessment (INRA) not required.

5. APPENDICES

- 5.1 Appendix 1 – Commercial Services Committee Budget Monitoring Report – 30 September 2016.

Background Documents

Council Budget as approved by Council 25th February 2016

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