

TITLE: BUDGET MONITORING REPORT

Committee: Regulatory Services Committee

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1. ISSUE

- 1.1 This report provides Members with budget monitoring information for services under the Regulatory Services Committee.

2. RECOMMENDATION (S)

- 2.1 Members are requested to note that this Committee has a projected revenue underspend of £60,000 compared to its approved budget of £3,536,687.
- 2.2 Members are also requested to note that this Committee has a projected capital programme outturn of £2,530,799, which is in line with its capital budget for the year.

3. BACKGROUND/OPTIONS

- 3.1 Under Financial Regulations each policy committee is required to consider projections of financial performance against both its revenue and capital budget on a quarterly basis.
- 3.2 This is the first report for the 2018-19 financial year and details actual expenditure incurred as at 30th June 2018 and projections as to the yearend position at this time. (Because it is the first report of the year, there are no comparison figures with previous reports, this information will be reintroduced in the next round of reports.)
- 3.3 The revenue budget for each service that falls under the stewardship of this Committee has been reviewed with appendix 1 detailing the variance to-date and forecast outturn figure for each service line.
- 3.4 Explanations for the forecast outturn variances reported are detailed in the table on the following page.

Service	Variance £	Explanation
Land Charges	(10,000)	Income for Land Charges were in excess of the budget for the first three months of the year. No allowance has been made for this continuing for the remainder of the year, but it is expected that this “one-off” excess of income will result in an overall excess at yearend.
Planning	(50,000)	Additional fee income earned during the first three months of the year partly as a consequence of new Government legislation increasing Planning fees by 20% from the 17 th January 2018. We, at this point, are taking a prudent view and not expecting this to continue over the coming year, although now that the Council has lost its 5-year land supply it is probable that the number of planning applications will increase.
Total	(60,000)	

- 3.5 The significant variances of actual spend compared to profiled budgeted spend at the end of June 2018 are listed on the following page:

Service	Explanation
Building Regulation	Additional fee income earned during the first three months of the year. It is however unclear if demand will remain at the current level, so it is felt too early to reflect this as a yearend forecast.
Waste Collection Waste Recycling Street Cleansing	We are currently withholding payment of the final invoice from Veolia while we dispute their performance during 2017-18 and therefore what should be paid. The current underspend is not therefore expected to carry forward to yearend.
Homelessness	The Council carried forward a significant amount of Homelessness Support Grant from 2017-18, which is already shown within the accounts. This is expected to be used in 2018-19 as we undertake projects and embed enhancements to the service we provide in this area. For this reason, no underspend is forecast at yearend.

4. ARGUMENTS/CONCLUSIONS

- 4.1 The projected net revenue expenditure for this Committee, as detailed in appendix 1, is £3,476,687, this is £60,000 less than the total budget of the Committee which is £3,536,687.
- 4.2 The revised capital budget for this Committee, now that slippage from 2017-18 has been added, is £2,530,799. At this early stage in the year, we are forecasting that expenditure will be in line with budget.

5. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS/EQUALITY IMPACT ASSESSMENT

- 5.1 There is a saving of £60,000 compared to this Committee's approved revenue budget.
- 5.2 Equality Impact Assessment (INRA) not required.

6. APPENDICES

- 6.1 Appendix 1 – Regulatory Services Committee Budget Monitoring Report – 30th June 2018.

Background Documents

Council Budget as approved by
Council 22nd February 2018

Location

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The Grange
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REGULATORY SERVICES COMMITTEE BUDGET MONITORING REPORT - JUNE 2018

	Total Budget 2018-19	Profiled Budget to 30 June 2018	Actual to 30 June 2018	Variance to date	Projected Outturn	Variance between Total Budget & Projected Outturn
Revenue	£	£	£	£	£	£
Regulatory Services						
Building Regulations Non Fee Earning	100,809	25,202	24,654	(548)	100,809	--
Building Regulations	(83,241)	(20,808)	(42,041)	(21,233)	(83,241)	--
Civic Amenities Act	10,481	2,620	1,811	(809)	10,481	--
Con. Areas & Listed Buildings	58,754	14,689	9,470	(5,219)	58,754	--
Dog Warden Scheme	39,408	10,567	5,900	(4,667)	39,408	--
Health - Admin. & Misc.	339,346	85,121	88,949	3,828	339,346	--
Environmental Issues	83,143	21,652	16,462	(5,190)	83,143	--
Land Charges Admin.	(44,212)	(6,867)	(27,951)	(21,084)	(54,212)	(10,000)
Licensing	(10,902)	(2,448)	(1,327)	1,121	(10,902)	--
Nuisance Investigation	58,001	14,538	13,052	(1,486)	58,001	--
Pest Control	9,098	2,274	3,185	911	9,098	--
Planning	(114,002)	(26,918)	(76,930)	(50,012)	(164,002)	(50,000)
Refuse Recycling	803,493	292,058	168,574	(123,484)	803,493	--
Refuse Collection	1,174,270	133,499	(37,580)	(171,079)	1,174,270	--
Street Cleansing	586,158	148,078	75,551	(72,527)	586,158	--
Street Naming & Numbering	3,371	843	(539)	(1,382)	3,371	--
Tree Preservation	99,131	24,595	21,811	(2,784)	99,131	--
Travellers Sites	(20,000)	15,253	23,399	8,146	(20,000)	--
Health & Safety (Work)	28,713	7,178	22	(7,156)	28,713	--
Homelessness	363,641	(84,481)	(244,302)	(159,821)	363,641	--
National Practitioners Support Programme	--	31,008	54,867	23,859	--	--
Community Land Trusts	20,000	5,000	--	(5,000)	20,000	--
Renovation Grants	31,227	7,807	7,701	(106)	31,227	--
Total	3,536,687	700,460	84,738	(615,722)	3,476,687	(60,000)

	Published Budget 2018-19	Slippage from 2017-18	Approved Additions	Revised Budget 2018-19	Actual to 30 June 2018	Forecast Outturn	Variance between Revised Budget & Forecast Outturn
Capital	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
Recycling and Organics Collection	10,000	--		10,000		10,000	--
Conservation Area Schemes - 2nd round	--	27,506		27,506		27,506	--
Refuse Vehicles	340,000	153,981		493,981	172,508	493,981	--
Depot	845,950			845,950	68,794	845,950	--
Mandatory Disabled Facilities Grants	847,299	194,283		1,041,582	127,093	1,041,582	--
Empty Properties, Discretionary DFGs, Minor Works, Home Repair Asst.	75,000	36,780		111,780	4,965	111,780	--
Total	2,118,249	412,550	--	2,530,799	373,360	2,530,799	--