# **ESSENTIAL REFERENCE PAPER F**

# SUMMARY OF PREVIOUSLY REPORTED VARIANCES ON THE REVENUE BUDGET

<b>Projected Outturn</b>
30 July 2014
£'000

1.1	April	0	
	May	35	Adverse
	June	222	Favourable
	July		

## **ITEM (in order of Corporate Priority)**

MONTH(S) REPORTED

## **People**

1.2 TURNOVER April

There are no financial issues this month regarding this priority.

1.3 TURNOVER May

The Forecast Outturn for 2014/15 is expected to result in a favourable variance of £59k. The projection includes vacancies within the Planning Section and the opting out of the Pension Auto Enrolment Scheme by fifteen (15) members of staff (Para 2.... of report)

#### 1.4 CITIZENS ADVICE BUREAUX

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Demand for advice increases significantly during periods of recession, placing added pressure on resources. In response to this, an additional £20,000 will be required in each of the financial years 2014/15 and 2015/16, to be met from contingency in support of the Citizen's Advice Bureau.

## 1.5 CAPITAL PROGRAMME

May

Re-profile of Capital Programme for Portfolio as follows: People – Community Capital Grant -Slippage of £40k.

#### 1.6 RENOVATION GRANT

June

Income is being received from the repayment of renovation grant which was not expected this year. At the end of June, £8,290 had been received.

## 1.7 B&B CHARGES

June

Income from Bed & Breakfast charges is expected to exceed budget by approximately £3,000.

#### **Place**

## 2.0 CONTINGENCY

May

The original 2014/15 budget includes a planning contingency sum of £513,000 which allows for unforeseen events to be funded in-year. Currently there is a balance of £282,000 which if not required during the year will result in an additional favourable variance to absorb the £35,000 overspend reported for the period. The current assumptions are that the remainder of this budget are also fully utilised in 2014/15.

Future Healthcheck reports will consider if there are further calls on this sum

## 2.1 KERSIDE DRY RECYCLING

May

The decision to haul materials to the re-processor in exchange for a higher material price, has resulted in a projected overspend of £80,000. It is expected that this will be offset by additional income over time; however it is too early to estimate how much additional income will be made at this stage.

## 2.2 DCLG (HOUSING OPTIONS GRANT)

May

Following changes to the Government's 2014/15 funding arrangement, the assumed £50,000 DCLG (Housing Options) grant has been incorporated within the Council's Revenue Support Grant.

2.3 VIREMENT FROM CREDIT UNION TO RENT DEPOSITS BUDGET May CMT are asked to approve a request to vire £30k from Credit Union to rent Deposits. The Council gave £26,000 to the credit union in 2013/14, of which they have carried over £15,000 to this financial year. To date, they have given out approximately £11,000 in loans of which they have received £1,500 in loan repayments. Currently therefore, they do not need any top up of grant. This will be reassessed in January 2015. (This virement has been approved by Executive on 1 July 2014).

#### 2.4 CAPITAL PROGRAMME

May

There is no Re-profile request for this portfolio

#### 2.5 TRADE BIN DISPOSAL

June

Trade bin disposal is likely to overspend by £3,000 due to an under accrual in 2013/14.

#### 2.6 ENFORCEMENT CONTRACT

June

Enforcement contract contingency budget of £25,000 which is held for the purpose of bedding in the contract is no longer required. Also the Mobile ANPR camera implementation (£29,000) is impacted by the status of County Traffic Regulation Orders on Schools Zigzags. Delay has become necessary to ensure that Orders are in place.

2.7 RIN-GO June

Usage of the Ringo scheme increased by 106% between 2012/13 to 2013/14. Additional use increases the cost to the Council, as it is provided as a free service to the motorist

## 2.8 CONTINGENCY BUDGET

June

The original 2014/15 budget includes a contingency sum of £513,000 which allows for unforeseen events to be funded in-year. Currently there is a balance of £245,000 which if not required during the year will result in a further favourable variance in addition to £222,000 underspend reported for the period. Future Healthcheck reports will consider if there are further calls on this sum. These budgets are mainly for one-off areas of spend; however, some service growth has been identified (detailed below) for inclusion in the 2015/16 base budget

## **Prosperity**

## 3.0 NOISE POLLUTION

May

Cost relating to noise pollution at the Standon Calling Festival is expected to exceed budget by £3,400.

#### 3.1 PARKING INCOME

May

With the award of the Jackson Square Car wash contract, the Parking Service expects to achieve additional income of £18,000 per annum. However only £6,000 is deemed achievable in 2014/15 financial year, as the contract doesn't come into effect until 31 July 2014.

#### 3.2 CAPITAL PROGRAMME

May

CMT are asked to note possible underspend of the Future Social Housing Scheme (Budget of £820k). Registered Providers are currently awaiting the outcome of bids to the HCA. If unsuccessful they may approach the Council for funding. First priority is to spend S106 sums which have been collected for affordable housing.

## 3.3 CAPITAL PROGRAMME

May

CMT are asked to approve a request to slip £40,000 of Community Capital Grant into 2015/16. £80,000 of Community Capital Grant is available for allocation in 2014/15 with a deadline of 6 June 2014. We anticipate that if the grants are awarded in July and beneficiaries have a year to spend, most will not claim until the following financial year, hence £40,000 slippage is estimated at this stage.

#### 3.4 DEVELOPMENT MANAGEMENT

June

It is anticipated that income target for Development Management Charges in 2014/15 will be exceeded by some £200,000.

3.5	PRE-APPLICATION FEE	June
	Pre application fee income is expected to exceed target by approximately £15,000 in the current year.	