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KEY VARIANCES FROM THE 2014/15 REVISED TO ORIGINAL ESTIMATES (NET COST OF SERVICES)

Customer and Community Services:

Description	Adverse variance	Favourable variance	Impact on next year?
	£000s	£000s	
Anticipated loss of income arising from the new car parking charging policy agreed by Council in August 2014. This loss is funded from the New Homes Bonus Priority Spend Budget.	198		Yes
Increase in parking display income up to August 2014		(26)	No
Underspend in Parking Enforcement Contract as the contingency held for 'bedding in' the new contract is no longer required (£82k) and the mobile ANPR scheme has been delayed (£20k).		(103)	Yes
Overspend in Kerbside dry recycling collection as materials are now hauled by the Council rather than the contractor to the waste reprocessor	83		Yes
Trade Waste collection net increase in income of £16k due to increased demand less higher contract costs due to the need to collect more		(16)	Yes
Savings in the refuse contract budget arising from the lower amount of non-core work needed		(28)	No
Reduced contribution from the County Council for waste recycling	35		No
Uplift in the grant contribution to the Citizen's Advisory Bureau as agreed by Executive on 1 July 2014	20		Yes
General reduction in income across the markets	24		Yes

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Neighbourhood Services:

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Increase in fees and charges income from Development Management due to increasing economic activity which is forecast to last for the next three years		(339)	Yes
Increase in the Local Development Plan budget to fund the production of the Plan to be funded by the Local Development Plan Earmarked Reserve (£190K) and £40k from the Local Enterprise P/ship and Planning Advisory Service.	230		Yes
The incorporation of the previous DCLG Housing Options Grant into Revenue Support Grant in 2014/15 (and an overall reduction in the latter) effectively means the Council has to replace this funding source from its own budget.	50		Yes
Inclusion of a new grants budget to support local businesses who incurred losses in the 2013/14 floods. This will be funded from a DEFRA grant received in 2013/14 and now in the DEFRA flood support Reserve.	125		No
Building Control Service - The Safestyle UK Partnership commenced in October 2014 and volumes are higher than anticipated and the expected gross income has been increased to £24,000.		(24)	Yes
Increase in income from Renovation Grants being repaid when a property which has benefited from the grant is sold		(23)	Yes
Overspend in the Police Community Safety Officers' budget due to the budget not being sufficient to pay our contribution to the County Council	22		Yes
Savings in transport related costs due to loss of essential user allowance		(21)	Yes

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Finance and Support Services:

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	£000s	£000s	
The Housing Rent Allowances and Subsidy budgets have been reviewed to reflect actual activity for this year up to the end of October 2014 extrapolated to the end of the financial year. The Revised Estimate also better reflects the actual 2013/14 outturn position on these budgets.		(470)	Yes
A saving of £39k in the IT licences budget arising from the implementation of the Civica Financials System.		(39)	Yes
Net savings resulting from reversing the accrual made for past years' electricity costs at Charington House (not passed on by the landlord and now agreed that they will not be charged to the Council) offset by an increase in service charges (arising from the discovery that the Council's air conditioning system was running off the landlord's electricity supply).		(77)	Yes
Reduction in Non-Domestic Rates budget arising from successful appeals of Council premises		(36)	Yes
A net adverse movement in the Legal Services budget where forecast savings of £20k in contracted litigation services is offset by a forecast and ongoing reduction in legal fees recovered of 25k.	5		Yes
Increase in land charge income due to additional activity in the housing market		(26)	Yes
Reduced audit fees and bank charges		(21)	Yes
Increase in DWP New Burdens grant received after Original Budget agreed		(28)	Yes
Introduction of a Bad Debt Provision for Housing Benefits based on 2013/14 level of debt outstanding	110		Yes

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