ESSENTIAL REFERENCE PAPER 'E1'

SUMMARY OF PREVIOUSLY REPORTED VARIANCES ON THE REVENUE BUDGET

| Projected Outturn |
|--------------------------|
| 31 March 2012 |
| £'000 |

| 1.1 | April | 212 | Adverse |
|-----|-------|-----|---------|
| | May | 223 | Adverse |
| | June | 42 | Adverse |

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Promoting prosperity and well being

1.2 LOCAL SUPPORT SERVICES GRANT

April

The Department for Communities and Local Government announced on 22 March 2011 that East Herts Council is being awarded a Local Services Support Grant of £50k.

1.3 CONCESSIONARY FARES

May

The costs associated with Concessionary Fares for 2010/11 are lower by £19k than anticipated when the accounts were closed and this will result in a favourable position in 2011/12.

1.4 HACKNEY CARRIAGE/PRIVATE HIRE SERVICE

June

The general down turn in the economy is reflected in the demand for the Hackney Carriage/Private Hire service. As a consequence licence fees are anticipated to be adverse by £8k.

Fit for purpose

1.5 TURNOVER

April

Salary budgets are constantly monitored and **Essential Reference Paper 'C'** shows a projected overspend of £607k. This is predicted to be a worse case scenario and should reduce as more budgeted savings begin to be delivered.

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1.6 EFFICIENCY SAVINGS

April

Efficiency savings planned to be made in 2011/12 within the Printing and Desk Top Publishing services have yet to be resolved and total £53k.

1.7 TURNOVER

May

Salary budgets are constantly monitored and **Essential Reference Paper 'C'** shows a projected overspend of £612k. This is predicted to be a worse case scenario and should reduce as more budgeted savings begin to be delivered. However, any redundancy and new strain costs have not been accounted for here, as there is a specific reserve set up for these costs in the MTFP.

1.8 TURNOVER

June

Salary budgets are constantly monitored and **Essential Reference Paper 'C'** shows a projected over spend of £587k. This is predicted to be a worse case scenario and should reduce as more budgeted savings begin to be delivered.

Pride in East Herts

1.9 CAR PARKS (PAY AND DISPLAY)

April

A supplementary estimate was approved in 2010/11 to enable the car park pay and display machines to be altered to allow for a change in coinage.

1.10 CAR PARK COURT AND LEGAL FEES

May

The Car Park's Court and Legal fees budgets will overspend by £10k due to a last minute 40% increase in debt registration fees imposed by the County Court.

1.11 CAR PARKS ADVERTISING

May

The Car Park's advertising budget is anticipated to overspend by £15k due to the requirement to advertise new On-street Traffic Regulation Order for East Herts which is being prepared by Herts County Council. This was not advised at the point of preparing the 2011/12 budgets.

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1.12 CCTV June

The Executive agreed in February 2011 that the subsidy towards the full cost of CCTV cameras in town centres be continued for 2011/12 only and that the issue be considered further as part of the Community Safety Review. The maximum income will be £52k which is £13k short to that stated in the Estimates.

1.13 RECYCLING MATERIALS HANDLING PROJECT

June

The Recycling Materials Handling project to introduce sorting/bailing equipment has been delayed due to the new contract and this coupled with the volatility of material prices will result in an under spend of £40k.

1.14 WASTE CONTRACT BUDGETS

June

There is an early warning that within various Waste Contract budgets there will be an under spend of approximately £125k in 2011/12 with a full year effect £136k resulting from implementing shared services with neighbouring authorities through the new waste contractor. A full report will be submitted later in the year.

Shaping now, shaping the future

1.15 NEW HOMES BONUS GRANT

April

The DCLG announced the New Homes Bonus scheme. A sum of £415k has been awarded to East Herts Council. As yet, the MTFP makes no provision either for income from this source or how that income might be applied. The Local Development Panel will make proposals on the application of this funding for consideration by the Executive with recommendations to Council at its meeting on the 26 September 2011.

1.16 PLANNING DISCHARGE OF CONDITIONS

June

Income from Planning Discharge of Conditions is predicted to be £12k favourable due to a greater level of developer activity than anticipated.

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Leading the Way, Working Together

1.17 There is nothing to report on this priority

April

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