

Renewal & Recreation - Provisional Outturn

2011/12 Actuals £'000	Division Service Areas	2012/13 Original Budget £'000	2012/13 Latest Approved £'000	2012/13 Outturn £'000	Variation £'000	Notes	Variation Last Reported £'000	Full Year Effect £'000
	R&R PORTFOLIO							
0	Commissioning Fund							
	Commissioning Fund	0	0	0	0	1	0	0
0		0	0	0	0		0	0
73	Housing Strategy & Development							
	Housing Strategy & Development	(16)	(16)	(4)	12	2	12	0
73		(16)	(16)	(4)	12		12	0
15	Planning							
(169)	Building Control	(22)	23	3	(20)	3	0	0
	Land Charges	(281)	(162)	(165)	(3)	4	0	0
1,011	Planning	801	903	939	36	5	20	0
1,264	Renewal	1,167	1,229	1,240	11	6	(72)	0
2,121		1,665	1,993	2,017	24		(52)	0
	Recreation							
2,610	Culture	2,315	2,313	2,313	0	7	0	0
5,285	Libraries	4,816	4,842	4,841	(1)	8	0	0
374	Town Centre Management & Business Support	294	312	304	(8)	9	0	0
8,269		7,425	7,467	7,458	(9)		0	0
10,463	TOTAL CONTROLLABLE R&R PORTFOLIO	9,074	9,444	9,471	27		(40)	0
4,181	TOTAL NON-CONTROLLABLE	2,207	22,045	22,045	0		(30)	0
2,294	TOTAL EXCLUDED RECHARGES	1,957	2,052	2,052	0		0	0
16,938	TOTAL R&R PORTFOLIO	13,238	33,541	33,568	27		(70)	0

Reconciliation of latest approved budget

£'000

Original budget 2012/13 (as per FCB)

13,245

Transfer of AEC to ECS Department

(7)

Revised original budget 2012/13

13,238

Allocation from contingency for Land Charges

118

Allocation from contingency for Building Control Charges

44

Allocation from Contingency Inbucon Pay Awards

8

Carry forward for Local Development Framework studies

60

Carry forward for libraries shared service one-off costs

40

Property Services Rental Income

4

Planning Appeals Change in Legislation

100

Latest Approved Budget for 2012/13

13,612 13,612,350

Memorandum Items

Capital Charges 5802

(19) (19,000)

Deferred Charges (REFCUS) 5804

446 445,759

Impairment 5806

19,080 19,080,000

Gove Grants Deferred Sub 5807

(221) (221,333)

Insurance

13 13,194

Rent Income

(1) (1,286)

Repairs & Maintenance

(239) (238,845)

IAS19 (FRS17)

776 775,768

Excluded Recharges

94 94,095

Reported Latest Approved Budget for 2012/13

33,541 33,540,702

Renewal & Recreation - Provisional outturn notes**1) Commissioning Fund £0k**

Within the commissioning fund there is a balanced budget. Combined expenditure of £96k on staffing and payments to the consulting organisation Peopletoo Ltd for work carried out in February and March 2013, has been fully met by a drawdown from the commissioning reserve.

2) Housing Strategy & Development Dr £12k

As a result of deferral of part of the 2012-13 savings initiatives and following final settlement in September, there is an overspend of £12k.

Within income there is a deficit of £74k the majority of which is from affordable housing charges. This is largely due to the on-going effects of the economic downturn, which have seen reduced planning & building initiatives and therefore a reduced requirement to provide affordable housing.

This deficit is being offset by an underspend within employee costs of £63k, resulting from two vacant posts. There is also a net underspend across other running expense budgets of £11k, giving rise to the overall position of £12k overspend.

3) Building Control Cr £20k

At the end of the year there was a shortfall of income of £154k, which is partly offset by the charging account surplus carried forward from 2011/12 of £7k and partly offset by savings achieved as a direct result of management action taken during the year. Savings of £163k was achieved by holding 3.7fte posts vacant and £4k from other net reductions across running expense budgets. The net result is an underspend of £20k from the 'non-chargeable' service.

4) Land Charges Cr £3k

Minor variations across all budgets have resulted in a net underspend of Cr £3k. It should be noted however, that £118k was drawn down from the central contingency to offset the full year effect of loss of income as a direct result of the Government withdrawing the statutory personal search fee.

5) Planning Dr £36k

Income from non-major applications is £55k above 2011/12 income, but £317k below the 2012/13 budget. The final income variance for non-major applications is a further deficit of £7k compared to what was projected at the end of January.

Income received relating to major applications in 2012/13 is £168k, which is £132k below budget and £127k less than that received in 2011/12. For information, £236k was received in 2010/11, and £294k in 2011/12. £32k less income was received in February / March than previously projected.

In total, income from planning applications was £449k below budget for 2012/13, compared to the January projection of £410k.

There is a surplus within income from pre-application meetings of £60k, due to higher than budgeted activity level, and a deficit within other income streams of £11k. Overall, this gives rise to a net deficit within income of £400k.

Management action to hold 6.8fte posts vacant, has resulted in an underspend within employee costs of £300k. There are further underspends across supplies and services budgets of £80k, which largely offset the income deficit.

There are actual and expected costs of £100k which are the direct result of losing planning appeals. This is the net effect of costs incurred during 2012/13 after allowing for a surplus provision relating to 2011-12 appeal costs that have been decreased following successful negotiations to reduce costs by officers. Executive approval has resulted in a drawdown of £100k from the specific central contingency sum set aside, enabling these costs to be fully met.

There is a £16k overspend on the Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL), a new scheme introduced in 2012/13. This is partly due to initial set-up costs of £10k for the purchase of a new computer software package and slower than anticipated receipt of CIL income. This is not expected to occur in future years. In accordance with legislation, it is hoped that future CIL income received during the next 2 years will cover these set up costs.

Summary of variations within Planning:

£'000

Shortfall within income from non-major applications	317
Shortfall within income from major applications	132
Surplus within income from pre-application meetings	(60)
Net deficit within other income	11
Management action - underspend within employee costs	(300)
Management action - underspends within supplies & services	(80)
Further appeal costs	100
Drawdown from central contingency to offset appeal costs	(100)
CIL overspend	16
Total variation for planning	36

6) Renewal Dr £11k

There are underspends within employee costs of £4k, £5k from transport budgets and a further £20k from across other running expense budgets as a direct result of management action to offset the shortfall of income from planning applications.

A provision of £100k has been raised that relates to a Tree Preservation Order. This has arisen in the light of a potential compensation claim for damages to property following the refusal of consent to fell a tree.

The monies carried forward of £60k for the preparation of the Local Development Framework (LDF) have not been spent however, they are now required for the preparation of the Borough's Local Plan (LP) in 2013 to 2015. In line with the anticipated government planning reforms the Council indicated it would move to a LP from the LDF process and work was undertaken in 2011/12 and 2012/13 which could be used for both processes.

The Government's National Planning Policy Framework was only published in March 2012, later than expected. The Local Plan preparations are progressing with consultation on the options and preferred strategy stage of the plan agreed by the Executive on 6th February 2013.

7) Culture £0k

Within employee costs, there is an underspend of £13k, largely as a result of not recruiting to a vacant post. This offsets minor variations of Dr £13k across other budget lines.

8) Libraries Cr £1k

There is an overspend on the Library IT budgets of £60k. This is largely due to two projects, the replacement of the Library Management System and the handover of responsibility for maintenance of hardware to Capita. Part of this process involved approximately 100 new PCs being installed for frontline staff, as well as costs associated with the transfer of data between the current and incumbent LMS suppliers.

There is an overall under-achievement of income of £30k. The main areas of shortfall are library fines £22k, DVD hire and CD hire £20k, with a net £12k surplus across other income streams. Year on year customers are borrowing fewer items overall which significantly affects both hire charges as well as fines.

Within the employees budget, there is an underspend of £80k. This is due to holding posts vacant pending Member decisions on potential reductions in opening hours (with consequent staff savings), as well as management action to help balance the overspend on IT budgets and income deficit.

There is a net underspend within premises budgets of £28k. This comprises of £18k relating to a business rate rebate, £15k relating to lower contract cleaning costs than previously expected, and net overspends of £5k across other budgets.

There is a net overspend across other running expenses of £17k. This includes overspends of £8k for debt collection/registration fees, £5k printing & stationery, £5k photocopier expenses and a net underspend of £1k across other budget lines.

Summary of variations within Libraries	£'000
Overspend within IT budgets	60
Income deficit	30
Underspend within employees budget	(80)
Underspend within premises costs	(28)
Overspend within other running expenses	17
Total variation for libraries	(1)

9) Town Centre Management & Business Support Cr £8k

Minor underspends across various budgets including publicity and marketing the borough have resulted in an overall underspend of £8k for Town Centre Management and Business Support.

Analysis of Members' Initiatives - Earmarked Reserves @ 31.3.13

Item	Divison / Service Area	Responsible Officer	Allocation £'000	Total Spend during 2012/13 £'000	Balance Available £'000
Investment in small shopping parades	Recreation - Town Centre Management & Business Support	Martin Pinnell	250	17	233
Tackling youth unemployment	Recreation - Business Support	Hannah Jackson	500	0	500
Beckenham Town Centre public realm improvements	Planning - Renewal	Kevin Munnely	250	45	205
TOTAL			1,000	62	938