

Renewal & Recreation Portfolio Budget Monitoring as at 31 July 2013

Summary of latest financial position

2012/13 Actuals £'000	Division Service Areas	2013/14 Original Budget £'000	2013/14 Latest Approved £'000	2013/14 Projection £'000	Variation £'000	Notes	Variation Last Reported £'000	Full Year Effect £'000
	R&R PORTFOLIO							
0	Commissioning Fund							
	Commissioning Fund	0	0	0	0		0	0
0		0	0	0	0		0	0
(4)	Housing Strategy & Development							
	Housing Strategy & Development	(18)	(16)	(16)	0		0	0
(4)		(18)	(16)	(16)	0		0	0
	Planning							
3	Building Control	(7)	1	1	0	1	0	0
(165)	Land Charges	(169)	(168)	(168)	0		0	0
939	Planning	582	693	578	(115)	2	0	0
1,240	Renewal	1,127	1,103	1,118	15	3	0	0
2,017		1,533	1,629	1,529	(100)		0	0
	Recreation							
2,313	Culture	2,036	2,049	2,049	0		0	0
4,841	Libraries	4,762	4,798	4,863	65	4	0	0
304	Town Centre Management & Business Support	249	251	251	0		0	0
7,458		7,047	7,098	7,163	65		0	0
9,471	TOTAL CONTROLLABLE R&R PORTFOLIO	8,562	8,711	8,676	(35)		0	0
22,045	TOTAL NON-CONTROLLABLE	1,812	2,007	2,007	0		0	0
2,052	TOTAL EXCLUDED RECHARGES	2,260	2,201	2,201	0		0	0
33,568	TOTAL R&R PORTFOLIO	12,634	12,919	12,884	(35)		0	0

Reconciliation of latest approved budget

£'000

Original budget 2013/14

12,634

Repairs & Maintenance (carried forward from 2012-13)

195

Allocation of Localisation & Conditions Pay Award

94

Centralisation of training budgets

(4)

Latest Approved Budget 2013/14

12,919

Renewal & Recreation Portfolio Budget Monitoring Notes as at 31 July 2013**1) Building Control £0k**

There is a currently a balanced budget projected within building control. Based on information to date, an income deficit of £40k is anticipated. This is being offset by a projected underspend within salaries of £40k arising from reduced hours working / part-vacancies.

2) Planning Cr £115k

Income from non-major planning applications is £10k above budget for the first four months of the year, and a surplus of £30k is projected for the year. Actual income for the period April to July 2013 is £44k higher than that received for the same period last year, and is largely attributable to the 15% price increase that was introduced in November 2012.

For major applications, £215k has been received as at 31st July. Additionally, a further £43k has been received during early August. Therefore, total income to date is £258k. Planning officers within the majors team have provided a schedule of additional potential income that may be received in the coming months of approximately £112k, and therefore a surplus of £70k is projected from major applications at this stage of the year.

This projected surplus is due to a large number of applications that require a higher fee. There appears to be growing optimism in the market but the trend is relatively volatile, and therefore this surplus is not currently expected to continue into 2014-15.

There is a projected deficit within income from the address management service of £10k due to lower volumes than previously anticipated. This is met by a projected surplus of pre-application income of £10k due to higher activity levels.

Officers will continue to monitor income budgets closely in the coming months to establish whether there is a full-year effect applicable to 2014/15 budgets.

There is a projected underspend across planning salary budgets of £15k. This is largely due to a combination of reduced working hours and a part vacant post.

At this stage no additional costs are projected for appeals lost. New processes and procedures were introduced at the start of this year and it is hoped these costs will be reduced compared to previous years. The situation will be closely monitored and any major variations reported back to Members.

Summary of variations within Planning	£'000
Surplus income from non-major applications	(30)
Surplus income from major applications	(70)
Income deficit within address management	10
Surplus income from pre-applications	(10)
Underspend on salaries across division	(15)
Total variation for Planning	(115)

3) Renewal Dr £15k

There is a projected overspend within Renewal salaries of £15k. This is due to employing more expensive agency cover as backfill for a secondment to the planning section.

4) Libraries Dr £65k

There is a projected overspend within Library IT budgets of £65k. This is largely due to delays incurred in the replacement of the Library Management System (LMS) and additional costs associated with the transfer of data between the current and incumbent LMS suppliers. All efforts possible are being made to expedite this project which involves a number of partners and third party contractors.

This overspend is being more than offset by additional income generated within planning.

Details of virements since last monitoring report

None

Analysis of Members' Initiatives - Earmarked Reserves @ 31.7.13

Item	Divison / Service Area	Responsible Officer	Allocation £'000	Total spend during 2012/13 £'000	Spend to Date 2013/14 £'000	Commitments & planned expenditure £'000	Total spend & commitments £'000	Balance available £'000	Comments on Progress of Scheme
Investment in small shopping parades	Recreation - Town Centre Management & Business Support	Martin Pinnell	250	17	11	201	229	21	A balance of £21k remains to fund any new bids.
Tackling youth unemployment	Recreation - Business Support	Hannah Jackson	500	0	0	61	61	439	This is a 3 year project. Estimated spend for 2014/15 is £230k and for 2015/16 £209k.
Beckenham Town Centre public realm improvements	Planning - Renewal	Kevin Munnelly	250	45	11	44	100	150	Remaining balance of £150k to be spent during 2014/15.
TOTAL			1,000	62	22	306	390	610	