

## Renewal and Recreation Budget Monitoring Summary

2012/13 Actuals £'000	Division Service Areas	2013/14 Original Budget £'000	2013/14 Latest Approved £'000	2013/14 Projected Outturn £'000	Variation £'000	Notes	Variation Last Reported £'000	Full Year Effect £'000
	<b>R&amp;R PORTFOLIO</b>							
0	<b>Commissioning Fund</b>							
	Commissioning Fund	0	0	0	0		0	0
<b>0</b>		<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>		<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
(4)	<b>Housing Strategy &amp; Development</b>							
	Housing Strategy & Development	Cr 18	Cr 16	Cr 16	0		0	0
<b>(4)</b>		<b>Cr 18</b>	<b>Cr 16</b>	<b>Cr 16</b>	<b>0</b>		<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
	<b>Planning</b>							
3	Building Control	Cr 7	1	Cr 18	Cr 19	1	Cr 17	0
(165)	Land Charges	Cr 169	Cr 168	Cr 168	0		0	0
939	Planning	582	705	550	Cr 155	2	Cr 120	0
1,240	Renewal	1,127	1,151	1,129	Cr 22	3	Cr 65	0
<b>2,017</b>		<b>1,533</b>	<b>1,689</b>	<b>1,493</b>	<b>Cr 196</b>		<b>Cr 202</b>	<b>0</b>
	<b>Recreation</b>							
2,313	Culture	2,036	2,049	2,049	0		0	0
4,841	Libraries	4,762	4,819	4,919	100	4	105	0
304	Town Centre Management & Business Support	249	251	251	0		0	0
<b>7,458</b>		<b>7,047</b>	<b>7,119</b>	<b>7,219</b>	<b>100</b>		<b>105</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>9,471</b>	<b>Total Controllable R&amp;R Portfolio</b>	<b>8,562</b>	<b>8,792</b>	<b>8,696</b>	<b>Cr 96</b>		<b>Cr 97</b>	<b>0</b>
22,045	<b>TOTAL NON CONTROLLABLE</b>	1,812	2,007	1,891	Cr 116	5	Cr 2	0
2,052	<b>TOTAL EXCLUDED RECHARGES</b>	2,260	2,204	2,204	0		0	0
<b>33,568</b>	<b>PORTFOLIO TOTAL</b>	<b>12,634</b>	<b>13,003</b>	<b>12,791</b>	<b>Cr 212</b>		<b>Cr 99</b>	<b>0</b>

## Reconciliation of Final Budget

£'000

## Original budget 2013/14

12,634

Repairs and Maintenance carry forward from 2012/13

195

Allocation of Localisation &amp; Conditions Pay Awards

94

Centralisation of training budgets

Cr 4

Local Plan Implementation carry forward from 2012/13

60

Drawdown of central contingency funds re increased fuel costs

21

Excluded recharges - minor adjustment

3

Latest Approved Budget for 2013/14

13,003

## **REASONS FOR VARIATIONS**

### **1. Building Control Cr £19k**

For the chargeable service, an income deficit of £60k is anticipated based on information to date. This is being more than offset by a projected underspend within salaries of £78k arising from reduced hours working / vacancies, and £28k from across running expenses.

Within the non-chargeable service, as a result in delays in not appointing to vacant posts, there is a projected underspend of £19k.

### **2. Planning Cr £155k**

Income from non-major planning applications is £6k above budget for the first ten months of the year, and a surplus of £10k is projected for the year. Actual income for the period April 2013 to January 2014 is £60k 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, £390k has been received as at 28th February 2014. Planning officers within the majors team have provided a schedule of additional potential income that may be received in the coming months of approximately £190k. A surplus of £70k is projected from major applications at this stage of the year, allowing for delays to a few of the proposed developments.

This projected surplus is due to a large number of major 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 £5k due to lower volumes than previously anticipated.

There are projected surpluses within pre-application income of £40k, and income from discharge of planning conditions of £10k, both due to higher activity levels than previously anticipated.

A projected underspend across planning salary budgets of £90k is expected, largely due to a combination of recent departures, reduced working hours and part-vacancies.

At this stage, there is a potential net overspend within legal expenses of £60k. This is mainly due to the projected costs of a public enquiry due to be held before the end of the year, where costs have been incurred for consultants to provide specialist advice on affordable housing viability assessment and urban design.

#### **Summary of variations within Planning**

	<b>£'000</b>
Surplus income from non-major applications	Cr 10
Surplus income from major applications	Cr 70
Income deficit within address management	5
Surplus income from pre-applications	Cr 40
Surplus income from discharge of conditions	Cr 10
Staffing	Cr 90
Legal expenses	60
<b>Total variation for Planning</b>	<b>Cr 155</b>

### **3) Renewal Cr £22k**

There is a projected underspend within Renewal salaries of £12k. This is largely due to a combination of vacancies arising recently as well as not backfilling a secondment to Resources.

Within Planning Strategy & Projects and Regeneration, there is a projected underspend across running expenses of £40k. This is largely due to the delayed preparatory work on the Infrastructure Delivery Plan (IDP) as a result of the ongoing work within the three economic growth areas (Biggin Hill, Cray Business Corridor and Bromley Town Centre).

A provision of £90k will be set aside to meet the costs of a potential claim against the Council for the cost of repairs in respect of an application to fell a protected tree where permission was refused. This will be funded from underspends across Renewal & Planning.

The Executive agreed to carry forward £60k for the preparation of the Borough's Local Plan (LP). This was intended to fund the examination of the plan in public and associated work which are now due to take place later than expected, in early 2015. The precise timing of the examination is determined by the Planning Inspectorate and is therefore outside the Council's control. A request will be made to the June Executive to carry forward the unspent £60k in order to meet the future costs of the examination in public and to undertake any further evidence work required.

<b>Summary of variations within Renewal</b>	<b>£'000</b>	
Underspend on salaries	Cr	12
Underspend across strategy & projects running expenses	Cr	40
Provision for potential claim relating to a tree with a TPO		90
Local Plan Implementation (c/fwd request to be made at year-end)	Cr	60
<b>Total variation for Renewal</b>	Cr	<u>22</u>

#### **4) Libraries Dr £100k**

There is an 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.

There is a projected income deficit of £35k. This comprises of a deficit of £34k on income from library fines, and a net deficits of £1k across other items. Year on year customers are borrowing fewer items overall which is having an adverse effect on income budgets.

The net overspend across Libraries of £100k is being more than offset by the underspend projected within planning.

#### **5. Non-controllable budgets Cr £116k**

For information, the variation relates to a projected underspend across property repairs and maintenance budgets, and a small surplus in rental income within the Renewal & Recreation portfolio. Property division are accountable for these variations.

#### **Waiver of Financial Regulations**

The Council's Contract Procedure Rules state that where the value of a contract exceeds £50k and is to be exempted from the normal requirement to obtain competitive quotations, the Chief Officer has to obtain the agreement of the Director of Resources and Finance Director and (where over £100,000) approval of the Portfolio Holder, and report use of this exemption to Audit Sub committee bi-annually. Since the last report to the Executive the following waivers have been actioned:

None

#### **Virements Approved to date under Director's Delegated Powers**

Details of virements actioned by Chief Officers under delegated authority under the Financial Regulations "Scheme of Virement" will be included in financial monitoring reports to the Portfolio Holder. Since the last report to Executive, no virements have been actioned.

**Analysis of Members' Initiatives - Earmarked Reserves @ 31.1.14**

Item	Divison / Service Area	Responsible Officer	Allocation £'000	Total spend during 2012/13 £'000	Spend to Date 2013/14 £'000	Commitments 2013/14 £'000	Total spend & commitments to 31.3.14 £'000	Planned expenditure for 2014/15	Balance available £'000	Comments on Progress of Scheme
Investment in small shopping parades	Recreation - Town Centre Management & Business Support	Martin Pinnell	250	17	94	6	117	118	15	At this stage, it is anticipated that the remaining balance of £15k will be allocated and spent in 2014/15.
Tackling youth unemployment	Recreation - Business Support	Hannah Jackson	500	0	9	8	17	147	336	Contract with Bromley College is being terminated. £147k expected to be spent in 2014/15 and a further £44k in 2015/16. Options for the remaining £292k are being expored.
Beckenham Town Centre public realm improvements	Planning - Renewal	Kevin Munnely	250	45	34	3	82	18	150	Remaining balance of £150k to be used as funding for the Beckenham Town Centre Improvement Capital Project.
<b>TOTAL</b>			<b>1,000</b>	<b>62</b>	<b>137</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>216</b>	<b>283</b>	<b>501</b>	