

## Renewal and Recreation Budget Monitoring Summary as at 31.05.2014

| 2013/14<br>Actuals<br>£'000 | Division<br>Service Areas                   | 2014/15<br>Original<br>Budget<br>£'000 | 2014/15<br>Latest<br>Approved<br>£'000 | 2014/15<br>Projected<br>Outturn<br>£'000 | Variation<br>£'000 | Notes | Variation<br>Last<br>Reported<br>£'000 | Full Year<br>Effect<br>£'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>                     |
|                             | <b>Housing Strategy &amp; Development</b>   |  |  |  |                    |       |  |                              |
| Cr 16                       | Housing Strategy & Development              | Cr 14                                  | Cr 14                                  | Cr 14                                    | 0                  |       | 0                                      | 0                            |
| <b>Cr 16</b>                |   | <b>Cr 14</b>                           | <b>Cr 14</b>                           | <b>Cr 14</b>                             | <b>0</b>           |       | <b>0</b>                               | <b>0</b>                     |
|                             | <b>Planning</b>                             |  |  |  |                    |       |  |                              |
| Cr 23                       | Building Control                            | 12                                     | 12                                     | 12                                       | 0                  | 1     | 0                                      | 0                            |
| Cr 165                      | Land Charges                                | Cr 168                                 | Cr 168                                 | Cr 168                                   | 0                  |       | 0                                      | 0                            |
| 492                         | Planning                                    | 649                                    | 649                                    | 649                                      | 0                  | 2     | 0                                      | 0                            |
| 1,119                       | Renewal                                     | 1,093                                  | 1,153                                  | 1,153                                    | 0                  |       | 0                                      | 0                            |
| <b>1,423</b>                |   | <b>1,586</b>                           | <b>1,646</b>                           | <b>1,646</b>                             | <b>0</b>           |       | <b>0</b>                               | <b>0</b>                     |
|                             | <b>Recreation</b>                           |  |  |  |                    |       |  |                              |
| 2,029                       | Culture                                     | 1,902                                  | 1,896                                  | 1,956                                    | 60                 | 3     | 0                                      | 0                            |
| 4,882                       | Libraries                                   | 4,656                                  | 4,656                                  | 4,856                                    | 200                | 4     | 0                                      | 0                            |
| 243                         | Town Centre Management & Business Support   | 240                                    | 240                                    | 240                                      | 0                  |       | 0                                      | 0                            |
| <b>7,154</b>                |   | <b>6,798</b>                           | <b>6,792</b>                           | <b>7,052</b>                             | <b>260</b>         |       | <b>0</b>                               | <b>0</b>                     |
| <b>8,561</b>                | <b>Total Controllable R&amp;R Portfolio</b> | <b>8,370</b>                           | <b>8,424</b>                           | <b>8,684</b>                             | <b>260</b>         |       | <b>0</b>                               | <b>0</b>                     |
| 9,276                       | <b>TOTAL NON CONTROLLABLE</b>               | 2,577                                  | 2,577                                  | 2,575                                    | Cr 2               | 5     | 0                                      | 0                            |
| 2,215                       | <b>TOTAL EXCLUDED RECHARGES</b>             | 2,275                                  | 2,275                                  | 2,275                                    | 0                  |       | 0                                      | 0                            |
| <b>20,052</b>               | <b>PORTFOLIO TOTAL</b>                      | <b>13,222</b>                          | <b>13,276</b>                          | <b>13,534</b>                            | <b>258</b>         |       | <b>0</b>                               | <b>0</b>                     |

## Reconciliation of Latest Approved Budget

£'000

## Original budget 2014/15

13,222

Local Plan Implementation

60

Business Support Scheme - Grant Related Expenditure

23

Business Support Scheme - Grant Related Income

Cr 23

Discretionary rate relief returned to the General Fund

Cr 6

## Latest Approved Budget for 2014/15

13,276

## **REASONS FOR VARIATIONS**

### **1. Building Control £0k**

There is currently a balanced budget projected within building control. Based on information to date, an income deficit of £100k is projected. This is being offset by a projected underspend within salaries of £100k arising from a combination of a vacant post and reduced hours working / part vacancies.

### **2. Planning £0k**

Income from non-major planning applications is £14k above budget for the first two months of the year, and a surplus of £20k is projected for the year. For information, actual income received for April and May is £10k higher than that received for the same period last year.

For major applications, £47k has been received as at 31st May. Planning officers within the majors team have provided a schedule of additional potential income that may be received in the coming months of approximately £225k, and therefore a balanced budget is projected from major applications at this stage of the year.

Although there is additional planning application income of £20k, it is expected that these funds will be required to fund specialist advice and support that will be needed for forthcoming appeals. Therefore, no year-end variation is projected.

Within staffing budgets, there are currently a number of vacancies. However, due to an increase in the number of enquiries and planning applications being received compared to previous years, these will need to be filled on a temporary basis in order to meet the additional workload. As a result, a balanced budget is expected within staffing.

| <b>Summary of variations within Planning:</b>          | <b>£'000</b>           |
|--|------------------------|
| Surplus income from non-major applications             | Cr 20                  |
| Additional expenditure relating to forthcoming appeals | <u>20</u>              |
| <b>Total variation for planning</b>                    | <b><u><u>0</u></u></b> |

### **3. Culture £60k**

A budget saving of £150k was built into the culture budget for 2014/15 in anticipation that a review of the service would deliver the necessary savings. To date only £90k savings have been identified, leaving a budget gap of £60k. It is expected that further savings will be identified to ensure a balanced budget from April 2015.

### **4. Libraries Dr £200k**

As part of the budget setting process for 2014/15, savings of £300k were built into the library budget. Detailed consultations have taken place with both staff and the public over the last few months about options to reduce opening hours. The results are being reported to Members in June. Subject to Portfolio Holder approval, and the installation of the Radio Frequency Identification Data system (RFID) in the remaining 9 libraries, it is expected that only part year savings of £100k will be achieved this financial year. The full £300k savings will be achieved from April 2015.

### **5. Non-controllable budgets Cr £2k**

For information, the variation relates to a projected 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:

**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.