

Renewal and Recreation Budget Monitoring Summary as at 30.09.2014

2013/14 Actuals £'000	Division Service Areas	2014/15 Original Budget £'000	2014/15 Latest Approved £'000	2014/15 Projected Outturn £'000	Variation £'000	Notes	Variation Last Reported £'000	Full Year Effect £'000
	R&R PORTFOLIO							
0	Commissioning Fund	0	0	0	0		0	0
0	Commissioning Fund	0	0	0	0		0	0
	Housing Strategy & Development							
Cr 16	Housing Strategy & Development	Cr 14	Cr 14	Cr 14	0		0	0
Cr 16		Cr 14	Cr 14	Cr 14	0		0	0
	Planning							
Cr 23	Building Control	12	12	Cr 8	Cr 20	1	Cr 10	0
Cr 165	Land Charges	Cr 168	Cr 168	Cr 168	0		0	0
492	Planning	649	649	489	Cr 160	2	Cr 40	0
1,119	Renewal	1,093	1,153	1,142	Cr 11	3	Cr 20	0
1,423		1,586	1,646	1,455	Cr 191		Cr 70	0
	Recreation							
2,029	Culture	1,902	1,928	1,988	60	4	60	0
4,882	Libraries	4,656	4,913	5,113	200	5	200	0
243	Town Centre Management & Business Support	240	240	240	0		0	0
7,154		6,798	7,081	7,341	260		260	0
8,561	Total Controllable R&R Portfolio	8,370	8,713	8,782	69		190	0
9,276	TOTAL NON CONTROLLABLE	2,577	2,601	2,601	0		0	0
2,215	TOTAL EXCLUDED RECHARGES	2,275	2,261	2,261	0		0	0
20,052	PORTFOLIO TOTAL	13,222	13,575	13,644	69		190	0

Reconciliation of Latest Approved Budget

£'000

Original budget 2014/15

13,222

Repairs & Maintenance

17

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

Radio Frequency Identification Data

275

Increase in annual insurance premiums

7

Latest Approved Budget for 2014/15

13,575

REASONS FOR VARIATIONS

1. Building Control Cr £20k

For the chargeable service, an income deficit of £70k is anticipated based on information to date. This is being more than offset by a projected underspend within salaries of £90k arising from reduced hours working / vacancies. In accordance with Building Account Regulations, the net surplus of £20k will be carried forward via the earmarked reserve for the Building Control Charging Account.

Within the non-chargeable service, as a result in delays in not appointing to vacant posts, there is a projected underspend of £20k.

2. Planning Cr £160k

Income from non-major planning applications is £58k above budget for the first six months of the year, and a surplus of £100k is projected for the year. For information, actual income received for April to August is £70k higher than that received for the same period last year.

For major applications, £185k has been received as at 30th September and planning officers within the majors team have provided a schedule of additional potential income that may be received in the coming months of approximately £235k. Allowing for delays in some of this income being received, as well as other items not being received at all, a balanced budget of £300k is being projected for major applications at this stage of the year.

There is projected surplus income of £60k from pre-application meetings due to higher than budgeted activity levels.

Following several recent departures across the service, there is a projected underspend on staffing budgets of £40k

Within legal expenses, there is a projected overspend of £40k. This is largely due to the projected costs of a public enquiry where costs are being incurred for consultants to provide specialist advice.

Summary of variations within Planning:

	£'000
Surplus income from non-major applications	Cr 100
Balanced budget within major applications	0
Surplus pre-application income	Cr 60
Underspend within staffing	Cr 40
Overspend on legal expenses	40
Total variation for planning	Cr 160

3. Renewal Cr £11k

Within salaries, there is a projected net underspend of £11k. This has arisen due to a combination of departing staff being replaced at the lower end of the salary scale, and a secondment to Resources not being back-filled for 6 months.

4. 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.

5. 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 installation of the Radio Frequency Identification Data system (RFID) in the remaining 9 libraries will be undertaken in the next two months and 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.

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. No waivers over £50k have been approved since the last report to the Executive.

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 @ 30.09.2014

Item	Divison / Service Area	Responsible Officer	Allocation £'000	Total spend during 2012/13 & 2013/14 £'000	Spend to Date 2014/15 £'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	144	41	52	237	13	At this stage, it is anticipated that the remaining balance of £13k will be allocated and spent in 2015/16
Tackling youth unemployment	Recreation - Business Support	Hannah Jackson	240	18	24	116	158	82	This is a 3 year project. Estimated spend for 2014/15 is £140k and for 2015/16 £82k. A sum of £260k has been transferred for the delivery of Phase 2 of the project.
Beckenham Town Centre public realm improvements	Planning - Renewal	Kevin Munnely	100	100	0	0	100	0	£100k allocation fully spent. Balance of £150k has been transferred for match funding for the Beckenham Town Centre Improvement Capital Project.
TOTAL			590	262	65	168	495	95	