

Environment Portfolio Budget Monitoring Summary as at 31.01.2015

2013/14 Actuals £'000	Division Service Areas	2014/15 Original Budget £'000	2014/15 Latest Approved £'000	2014/15 Projection £'000	Variation £'000	Notes	Variation Last Reported £'000	Full Year Effect £'000
	Customer & Support Services							
Cr 6,461	Parking	Cr 6,036	Cr 6,036	Cr 6,236	Cr 200	1 - 7	Cr 179	0
1,247	Support Services	1,198	1,199	1,099	Cr 100	8	Cr 90	0
Cr 5,214		Cr 4,838	Cr 4,837	Cr 5,137	Cr 300		Cr 269	0
	Public Protection							
76	Emergency Planning	75	75	75	0		0	0
76		75	75	75	0		0	0
	Street Scene & Green Space							
4,135	Area Management/Street Cleansing	4,079	4,079	4,128	49	9	20	0
2,540	Highways	2,535	2,535	2,478	Cr 57	10	Cr 51	0
Cr 18	Markets	1	1	Cr 9	Cr 10	11	Cr 10	0
5,775	Parks and Green Space	5,898	5,955	5,871	Cr 84	12	Cr 64	0
481	Street Regulation	461	462	462	0	0	0	0
17,085	Waste Services	17,570	18,129	18,450	321	13	418	700
29,998		30,544	31,161	31,380	219		313	700
	Transport & Highways							
6,436	Highways incl London Permit Scheme	6,611	6,864	6,766	Cr 98	14	Cr 136	0
129	Highways Planning	136	136	136	0		0	0
177	Traffic & Road Safety	171	173	173	0		0	0
6,742		6,918	7,173	7,075	Cr 98		Cr 136	0
31,602	TOTAL CONTROLLABLE	32,699	33,572	33,393	Cr 179		Cr 92	700
7,391	TOTAL NON-CONTROLLABLE	6,386	6,481	6,447	Cr 34	12	Cr 19	0
2,035	TOTAL EXCLUDED RECHARGES	2,095	2,109	2,109	0			0
41,028	PORTFOLIO TOTAL	41,180	42,162	41,949	Cr 213		Cr 111	700

Reconciliation of Latest Approved Budget

£'000

Original budget 2014/15	41,180
Keston Ponds Dam carry-forward from 2013/14	65
Lead Local Flood Authorities	250
Increase in annual insurance premiums	98
Allocation of Merit Awards	11
Allocation for three split-bodied waste vehicles	558
Latest Approved Budget for 2014/15	42,162

REASONS FOR VARIATIONS**1. Income from Bus Lane Contraventions Dr £35k**

Due to a combination of greater compliance and the impact from the works at Bromley North which has resulted in some areas becoming unenforceable from April, a deficit of income of £35k is projected.

2. Off Street Car Parking Dr £3k

Overall a surplus of £73k is projected for off street parking income. There is a projected surplus of Cr £41k from Village Way multi-storey car park, a surplus of £22k from the Hill and Cr £10k is projected from surface car parks.

There are other net variations within parking totalling Dr £6k.

Several car park barriers will be replaced by the end of the year at an estimated cost of £70k.

Summary of variations within Off Street Car Parking		£'000
Off Street Car Parking income - multi-storey car parks	Cr	63
Off Street Car Parking income - other surface car parks	Cr	10
Other variations in Supplies and Services		6
Replacement of car park barrier machines		70
Total variations within Off Street Parking		3

3. On Street Car Parking Cr £135k

An overall surplus of £80k is projected for on street parking income. Major variations are within Bromley Town Centre with a net surplus of Cr £35k, Cr £18k from Orpington, Cr £15k from Shortlands and Cr 12k from all other areas.

Other variations are projected on telephones of Cr £5K.

Management action is being taken to freeze the on-street equipment budget to part finance the cost of replacing some off-street car park barriers, Cr £50k.

Summary of variations within On Street Car Parking		£'000
Income from Bromley Town Centre	Cr	35
Income from Petts Wood, Orpington, Shortlands & other areas	Cr	45
Management action - equipment budget	Cr	50
Telephone costs	Cr	5
Total variations within On Street Car Parking	Cr	135

4. Car Parking Enforcement Cr £64k

There is a projected underspend on salaries for CCTV holiday and sickness cover of Cr £6k.

Based on activity levels up to January 2015, there is a projected net surplus of £110k from PCNs issued by Vinci in the current year due to an increase in contraventions. Additional income is also projected for PCN contraventions in 2013/14 totalling Cr £5k.

A net deficit of Dr £46k is projected for mobile and static cameras due to the works being undertaken in Bromley North which has led to areas becoming unenforceable from April to date. This is partly offset by extra income received for tickets issued in 2013/14 of Cr £20k.

There are additional debt collection and registration fees of Dr £46k, due to the clearance of a backlog at the end of 2013/14 after the introduction of the new Parking IT system. This deficit is partly offset by a projected underspend on Vinci contract payments of Cr £15k.

Summary of variations within Car Parking Enforcement		£'000
Salary underspend	Cr	6
Net additional costs re Debt Collection and Registration		46
Vinci contract payments	Cr	15
PCNs issued by wardens	Cr	115
PCNs issued by mobile & static cameras		26
Total variations within Car Parking Enforcement	Cr	64

5. Parking Shared Service Cr £21k

There is a projected net underspend on the Parking Shared Service of £21k. This is attributable to reduced postage costs because of lower volumes (Cr £18k), and other net minor variations Cr £3k.

6. Permit Parking Cr £10k

Based on permits issued to date in 2014/15 and projections of numbers for the financial year, there is estimated additional income of £16k partly offset by additional costs of £6k.

7. Disabled Parking Cr £8k

Printing and stationery costs are expected to be about £8k below budget for this financial year.

Summary of overall variations within Parking:	£'000
Bus Routes Enforcement	35
Off Street Car Parking	Cr 67
Replacement of car park barrier machines	70
On Street Car Parking	Cr 85
Management action - on street equipment budget	Cr 50
Car Parking Enforcement	Cr 64
Parking Shared Service	Cr 21
Permit Parking	Cr 10
Disabled Parking	Cr 8
Total variation for Parking	<u>Cr 200</u>

8. Support Services Cr £100k

There is a projected net underspend within staffing of £60k. This is due to a combination of not replacing the Assistant Director of Customer & Support Services, a secondment not being backfilled, and delays in recruiting temporary cover. Additionally there is an underspend of £40k within Depot premises budgets, due to a one-off business rate rebate from 2013-14.

9. Area Management & Street Cleansing Dr £49k

Within the FPN littering offence scheme there is a deficit of £20k, relating to the period to 31st August 2014. This has arisen due to a combination of lower than anticipated income recovery rates, as well as fewer tickets issued than expected during this period, and therefore costs exceed income collected. Following renegotiation of contract arrangements, the scheme is expected to be cost neutral to the end of the financial year as any cost to income deficits will be covered by the contractor.

It is expected that the compensation payment of up to £20k will be made to Kier before the end of the year, regarding the termination of the public toilet contract from 1st April 2015.

There are other minor variations totalling £9k, giving rise to a net deficit of £49k for the service.

10. Highways SSGS Cr £57k

There is a net projected underspend within staffing budgets including car allowances, of £23k due to the part-year effect of a vacant post.

A surplus of income is projected from skip licences of £20k. This is due to a combination of a general upturn within the economy, as well as improved management systems and processes within the SSGS division. A small surplus of income is also projected from street traders' licences of £5k, giving a net surplus of £25k for the service. This is being used to contribute towards deficits within the Street Scene and Green Space division.

Other miscellaneous income of Cr £9k has been transferred from the deposits register relating to highways works undertaken.

Summary of variations within Highways SSGS	£'000
Underspend within staffing, car allowances & leased cars	Cr 23
Surplus income - skip licences & street trader licences	Cr 25
Miscellaneous income	Cr 9
Total variation for Highways SSGS	<u>Cr 57</u>

11. Markets Cr £10k

Projected income surplus of £10k, due to higher customer activity than previously anticipated.

12. Parks & Green Space Cr £84k

Within staffing budgets there is a projected net underspend of £50k. This is largely due to vacancies within the Grounds Maintenance team, and reduced hours working within the Park Ranger service.

There is a projected underspend within utility budgets of £25k. This is due to rebates received in instances where actual charges have now replaced previous estimates.

Other miscellaneous income of Cr £9k has been transferred from the deposits register relating to parks works undertaken, and therefore the net position for the service is an underspend of £84k.

13. Waste Services Dr £321k

There is currently projected to be a net overspend within waste disposal tonnages, excluding garden waste, of £306k. £42k of this relates directly to the extra disposal tonnage generated by the increase in trade waste delivered activity, as reflected from the extra income. The balance of £264k is the net effect of the anticipated growth in residual household tonnage of 2,210 tonnes and the projected reduction in recycled paper tonnage (720 tonnes).

In addition to the increase in residual disposal tonnage from households, the green garden waste tonnage is 1,020 higher for the first 10 months of the year when compared to the same period last year. The pattern of increased tonnages is expected to continue, and a year end variation of 1,400 tonnes is projected, resulting in an overspend of £63k.

The green garden waste collection service is projected to be underspent by £123k by the year end. This is due to a number of factors; Staffing and running expenses are expected to be £26k lower than budgeted and the fourth vehicle has only been required intermittently providing a saving of £90k. There is a projected net overachievement of income of £7k, which incorporates the continued sale of green garden waste stickers.

Reduced tonnages of paper collected from households has resulted in a projected deficit of income from paper recycling of £100k. Paper tonnages have been reducing for the last two years, and it is likely that this trend will continue into future years.

There is currently a projected deficit within income from trade waste collections of £90k. This has arisen where around 4% of commercial customers have withdrawn from the services since April 2014.

Within trade waste delivered income, there is a projected surplus of £90k, resulting from higher activity than budgeted. This offsets the disposal costs of the additional tonnage generated.

There are other projected net variations across the service of Cr £25k.

Summary of variations within Waste Services		£'000
Waste disposal tonnages		306
Waste disposal tonnages - green garden waste		63
Underspend from green garden waste collection scheme	Cr	123
Paper recycling income		100
Trade waste collection income		90
Trade waste delivered income	Cr	90
Other net variations	Cr	25
Total variation for Waste Services		<u>321</u>

14. Highways (incl London Permit Scheme) Cr 98k

Within NRSWA income, there is a net projected deficit of £30k for defect notices which has been more than offset by the release of a bad debt provision of £50k which is no longer required relating to some older debt. There is also £18k additional income for street works.

Other miscellaneous income of Cr £48k has been transferred from the deposits register relating to highways works undertaken.

The winter service budgets are currently projected to be £78k underspent, essentially due to the relatively mild winter and lack of snowfall. The table below gives a breakdown of winter service variances: -

Winter Service	Budget £'000	Outturn £'000	Variance £'000
Salt, gritting & snow clearance	161	94 Cr	67
Met Office Costs	25	31	6
Vehicle / plant maintenance & repairs	110	107 Cr	3
Standby / training / overtime and other costs	106	92 Cr	14
Winter Service Totals	402	324 Cr	78

The additional NRSWA and deposit income has been used to fund extra highways planned maintenance works totalling £60k, for roads in need of urgent repair.

Summary of variations within Highways (incl London Permit Scheme)		£'000
Streetworks income	Cr	38
Additional planned maintenance works		60
Winter service	Cr	78
Miscellaneous income from deposit register	Cr	42
Total variation for Highways	Cr	98