

Renewal and Recreation Budget Monitoring Summary as at 31.05.2015

2014/15 Actuals £'000	Division Service Areas	2015/16 Original Budget £'000	2015/16 Latest Approved £'000	2015/16 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
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	Planning							
Cr 27	Building Control	14	14	Cr 16	Cr 30	1	0	0
Cr 164	Land Charges	Cr 168	Cr 168	Cr 168	0		0	0
433	Planning	617	617	617	0	2	0	0
1,090	Renewal	1,825	1,750	1,750	0		0	0
1,332		2,288	2,213	2,183	Cr 30		0	0
	Recreation							
1,940	Culture	1,973	1,973	1,990	17	3	0	0
5,087	Libraries	4,734	4,734	4,717	Cr 17	4	0	0
255	Town Centre Management & Business Support	219	269	269	0		0	0
7,282		6,926	6,976	6,976	0		0	0
8,614	Total Controllable R&R Portfolio	9,214	9,189	9,159	Cr 30		0	0
11,630	TOTAL NON CONTROLLABLE	3,916	3,916	3,916	0		0	0
2,159	TOTAL EXCLUDED RECHARGES	2,469	2,469	2,469	0		0	0
22,403	PORTFOLIO TOTAL	15,599	15,574	15,544	Cr 30		0	0

Reconciliation of Latest Approved Budget

£'000

Original budget 2015/16

15,599

Transfer of Housing budgets to Care Services Portfolio

Cr 25

Latest Approved Budget for 2015/16

15,574

REASONS FOR VARIATIONS

1. Building Control Cr £30k

For the chargeable service, an income deficit of £110k is anticipated based on information to date. This is being more than offset by a projected underspend within salaries of £120k 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 of delays in not appointing to vacant posts, there is a projected underspend of £30k.

2. Planning £0k

Income from non-major planning applications is £7k above budget for the first two months, and a surplus of £20k is projected for the year, although this could be as high as £60k if last year's outturn is repeated. For information, actual income received for April and May is £5k higher than that received for the same period last year.

For major applications, £85k has been received as at 31st May, which is almost £40k higher than for the same period in 2014/15. 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. A balanced budget is projected from major applications at this stage of the year, allowing for delays in some of the income being received, as well as other items not being received at all.

Currently there is projected surplus income of £30k from pre-application meetings due to higher than budgeted activity levels, although this could be as high as £90k. For information, £39k has been received for the first two months of the year, compared with £24k for the same period in 2014/15.

There is a projected overspend within staffing budgets of £50k. This is due to the recruitment of two additional temporary planner staff in order to assist with the current increase in volumes of planning applications.

Summary of variations within Planning:

	£'000
Surplus income from non-major applications	Cr 20
Surplus pre-application income	Cr 30
Overspend on staffing	50
Total variation for planning	<u>0</u>

3. Culture Dr £17k

Although savings were built into the 2015/16 budget in anticipation of the closure of the Priory Museum, an overspend of £31k is projected, as the museum will now be closing on 1st October, as detailed in the recent Executive report. Management action across the culture service totalling £14k has been taken to partly-offset this overspend.

4. Libraries Cr £17k

Following strike action taken by a number of library staff in April and May 2015, there is a projected one-off underspend of £17k. This is being used to offset the overspend within Culture, thus ensuring an overall balanced budget for the Recreation division.