

Public Protection & Safety Portfolio Budget Monitoring Summary as at 31st March 2015

2013/14 Outturn £'000	Division Service Areas	2014/15 Original Budget £'000	2014/15 Latest Approved £'000	2014/15 Outturn £'000	Variation £'000	Notes	Variation Last Reported £'000	Full Year Effect £'000
432	Public Protection Community Safety	313	311	311	0		0	0
322	Mortuary & Coroners Service	348	348	341	Cr 7	1	0	0
1,780	Public Protection	1,865	1,672	1,607	Cr 65	2	Cr 37	0
2,534	TOTAL CONTROLLABLE FOR PPS	2,526	2,331	2,259	Cr 72		Cr 37	0
191	TOTAL NON CONTROLLABLE	6	92	92	0		0	0
281	TOTAL EXCLUDED RECHARGES	94	9	9	0		0	0
3,006	PORTFOLIO TOTAL	2,626	2,432	2,360	Cr 72		Cr 37	0

Reconciliation of Latest Approved Budget

£'000

Original Budget 2014/15

2,626

Allocation of Merit Awards

5

Public Health recharge adjustments

Cr 200

Latest Approved Budget for 2014/15

2,431

Memorandum Items

Insurance

0

IAS19 (FRS17)

86

Excluded Recharges

Cr 85

Reported Latest Approved Budget for 2014/15

2,432

REASONS FOR VARIATIONS**1. Mortuary and Coroners Service Cr £7k**

There is an underspend on Mortuary costs of £6k as the existing fixed rate contract is still in force. The new contract for the Mortuary at the Princess Royal University Hospital has not yet been finalised by Kings NHS management in light of their future expansion plans. There is also a minor underspend of £1k on the Coroners Service.

2. Public Protection Cr £65k

There is a net underspend of £65k within Public Protection. £21k is the result of underspends on Employee costs, due to vacancies, including that of the CCTV manager and a Dr £7k from minor variations across other running expenses.

The number of dogs being kept in kennels and associated medical costs have been lower than previous years partly helped by the mild winter and has resulted in an underspend of Cr £23k for 2014/15.

There is a net surplus of income of Cr £28k, mainly due to a higher level of licence fees than estimated by the Licensing Manager for 2014/15.

Summary of variations within Public Protection:

	£'000
Variations within employee costs	Cr 21
Net variations on Supplies and Services	7
Stray dogs kennelling contract	Cr 23
Net surplus of income	Cr 28
Total variation for Public Protection	Cr 65

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, no 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.

Analysis of Members' Initiatives - Earmarked Reserves @ 31 March 2015

Item	Division / Service Area	Responsible Officer	Allocation £'000	Spend To 31.3.15 £'000	Balance Available £'000	Comments on Progress of Scheme
Targeted Neighbourhood Activity	PPS - Public Health Complaints & Anti-Social Behaviour	Jim McGowan	150	44	106	Activities progressing as per agreed proposals.
TOTAL			150	44	106	

It should be noted that works totalling £20.1k have been completed as detailed below, however the cost has been funded from underspends within the Portfolio Budget during 2014/15 rather than from the Earmarked Reserve.

Site	Spend £'000	Works
Teal Avenue/Wagtail Way	3.4	Remove vegetation and restore verge
Park Road	7.8	Remove vegetation, restore verge and erect fencing
Watermeadows	0.3	Create wild flower area
Charlton Parade	1.4	Planting
Star Lane	4.6	Clear area and remove fly tipping
Watermeadows	0.9	Move goal posts and renovate
No. 56 Kent Road	0.3	Remove trees
14 Berens Road	0.4	Cut back trees and hedges
High Street/Millbrook Lane	1.0	Remove roses, top up and plant lavender
	20.1	

Portfolio Holder Funds 2014/15

	Budget Allocation £	Actual Spend £	Budget Balance £
Portfolio Holder Fund Grants (£51,930)			
Purple Flag Scheme		2,500	
Operation Condor		2,000	
Adult Safeguarding - rogues & scams		1,216	
Safer Bromley News		5,000	
Barriers Mottingham Recreation Ground		5,000	
Trading Standards covert camera equipment		1,500	
Purple Flag Scheme - part 2		3,122	
Height Barriers in Parks		23,234	
Doorstep crime materials		3,565	
Operation Triangle		187	
Edge Bicycle Recycling		4,936	
	51,930	52,260	-330
Youth Diversion Expenditure (£48,250)			
Coney Hall Skateboard Facility		6,000	
Summer Activity Fund		36,000	
Boxing 4 Schools		2,740	
Junior Citizen Scheme supplies		1,980	
junior citizen scheme contributions		1,200	
	48,250	47,920	330
Total Portfolio Holder's Grants 2014/15	100,180	100,180	0