

Renewal and Recreation Budget Monitoring Summary as at 31.08.2015

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 21	Cr 35	1	Cr 30	0
Cr 164	Land Charges	Cr 168	Cr 168	Cr 168	0		0	0
433	Planning	617	612	Cr 542	Cr 70	2	0	0
1,090	Renewal	1,825	1,830	1,800	Cr 30		0	0
1,332		2,288	2,288	2,153	Cr 135		Cr 30	0
	Recreation							
1,940	Culture	1,973	1,998	2,029	31	3	17	0
5,087	Libraries	4,734	4,709	4,678	Cr 31	4	Cr 17	0
255	Town Centre Management & Business Support	219	294	294	0		0	0
7,282		6,926	7,001	7,001	0		0	0
8,614	Total Controllable R&R Portfolio	9,214	9,289	9,154	Cr 135		Cr 30	0
11,630	TOTAL NON CONTROLLABLE	3,916	4,028	4,028	0		0	0
2,159	TOTAL EXCLUDED RECHARGES	2,469	2,395	2,395	0		0	0
22,403	PORTFOLIO TOTAL	15,599	15,712	15,577	Cr 135		Cr 30	0

Reconciliation of Latest Approved Budget

£'000

Original budget 2015/16

15,599

Repairs and Maintenance - carry-forward from 2014/15

112

Local Plan Implementation - carry-forward from 2014/15

60

Biggin Hill Air Noise Action Plan - carry-forward from 2014/15

40

Transfer of Housing budgets to Care Services Portfolio

Cr 44

Former Adventure Kingdom

Cr 55

Latest Approved Budget for 2015/16

15,712

REASONS FOR VARIATIONS

1. Building Control Cr £35k

For the chargeable service, an income deficit of £145k is anticipated based on information to date. This is being offset by a projected underspend within salaries of £120k arising from reduced hours being worked and vacancies, as well as Cr £10k from within running expenses. In accordance with Building Account Regulations, the remaining net deficit of £15k will be met from the Building Control Charging account, thus reducing the cumulative surplus on that account from £130k to £115k.

Within the non-chargeable service there is a projected underspend of £35k, as a result of delays in not appointing to vacant posts, .

2. Planning Cr £40k

Income from non-major planning applications is £41k above budget for the first five months of the year, and a surplus of £80k is projected for the year. For information, actual income received for the period April to August is £29k higher than that received for the same period last year.

For major applications, £187k has been received for as at 31st August, 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 around £250k. Therefore a surplus of £50k 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 £60k from pre-application meetings due to higher than budgeted activity levels. For information, £84k has been received for the first five months of the year, compared with £77k for the same period in 2014/15.

Within income from street naming & numbering, a surplus of £50k is currently projected. For information, actual income received for the period April to August is £9k higher than that received for the same period last year.

There is a projected overspend within employee-related costs 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.

As a direct result of losing planning appeals, there is a projected overspend of £30k. There is also a projected overspend of £90k relating to the use of consultants to provide specialist advice and to undertake planning application work, particularly in the period before the division was fully staffed. It is anticipated that both of these additional costs will be more than offset by surplus income.

Summary of variations within Planning:		£'000
Surplus income from major applications	Cr	50
Surplus income from non-major applications	Cr	80
Surplus pre-application income	Cr	60
Surplus street naming & numbering income	Cr	50
Overspend within employee related costs		50
Potential costs re lost appeals		30
Use of consultants to provide specialist advice & plan app work		90
Total variation for planning	Cr	<u>70</u>

6. Renewal Cr £30k

There is a projected net underspend across Renewal salaries of £30k due to part-year vacancies within the Planning Strategy & Projects team.

EARLY WARNING - Of the £60k carried-forward from 2014/15 for the Local Plan Implementation, it is likely that only £15k will be spent, and therefore a further carry-forward request will be made at year-end so that the costs of the Examination in Public can be met in 2016/17.

EARLY WARNING - Of the new homes bonus fund, there is a potential underspend of £100k, and therefore a carry-forward request will be made at year-end in order to enable outstanding works to be completed in 2016/17.

4. Culture Dr £31k

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 an earlier Executive report.

5. Libraries Cr £31k

Following a combination of strike action taken by a number of library staff in the period to August 2015, as well as staff vacancies, there is a projected underspend of £60k. Of this, £29k is being re-invested within the IT budget to replaced obsolete stock. The remaining balance of £31k is being used to offset the overspend within Culture, thus ensuring an overall balanced budget for the Recreation division.

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 over £50k 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 August 2015

Item	Divison / Service Area	Responsible Officer	Allocation £'000	Total spend during 2012/13, 2013/14 & 2014/15 £'000	Spend to Date 2015/16 £'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	206	5	33	244	6	The remaining balance of £6k will be allocated and spent in 2016/17.
Tackling youth unemployment	Recreation - Business Support	Lydia Lee	240	44	4	86	134	106	Contract with Bromley College has been terminated. Maximum potential spend in 2015/16 is £90k. Options for the remaining £106k are being explored.
Beckenham Town Centre public realm improvements	Planning - Renewal	Kevin Munnely	100	100	0	0	100	0	Remaining balance of £150k to be used as funding for the Beckenham Town Centre Improvement Capital Project.
TOTAL			590	350	9	119	478	112	