

## Renewal and Recreation Budget Monitoring Summary

2015/16 Actuals £'000	Division Service Areas	2016/17 Original Budget £'000	2016/17 Latest Approved £'000	2016/17 Projected Outturn £'000	Variation £'000	Notes	Variation Last Reported £'000	Full Year Effect £'000
	<b>R&amp;R PORTFOLIO</b>							
	<b>Planning</b>							
Cr 19	Building Control	69	69	14	Cr 55	1	Cr 50	0
Cr 168	Land Charges	Cr 131	Cr 131	Cr 138	Cr 7	2	Cr 9	0
589	Planning	671	636	671	Cr 35	3	30	0
1,568	Renewal	1,888	1,927	1,627	Cr 300		0	0
<b>1,970</b>		<b>2,497</b>	<b>2,501</b>	<b>2,174</b>	<b>Cr 327</b>		<b>Cr 29</b>	<b>0</b>
	<b>Recreation</b>							
2,192	Culture	1,710	1,698	1,714	16	5	0	0
4,610	Libraries	4,495	4,745	4,738	Cr 7	6	0	0
263	Town Centre Management & Business Support	251	293	258	Cr 35	7	0	0
<b>7,065</b>		<b>6,456</b>	<b>6,736</b>	<b>6,710</b>	<b>Cr 26</b>		<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>9,035</b>	<b>Total Controllable R&amp;R Portfolio</b>	<b>8,953</b>	<b>9,237</b>	<b>8,884</b>	<b>Cr 353</b>		<b>Cr 29</b>	<b>0</b>
Cr 13,572	<b>TOTAL NON CONTROLLABLE</b>	2,353	2,353	2,318	Cr 35	8	1	0
2,281	<b>TOTAL EXCLUDED RECHARGES</b>	1,958	2,177	2,177	0		0	0
<b>Cr 2,256</b>	<b>PORTFOLIO TOTAL</b>	<b>13,264</b>	<b>13,767</b>	<b>13,379</b>	<b>Cr 388</b>		<b>Cr 28</b>	<b>0</b>

## Reconciliation of Latest Approved Budget

£'000

## Original budget 2016/17

13,264

Local Implementation Plan	47
Biggin Hill Memorial Museum	47
Biggin Hill Noise Action Plan	55
New Home Bonus expenditure for Regeneration	182
New Home Bonus expenditure for TCM	42
Transfer Renewal budget to Commissioning	Cr 62
Salary from Culture to Commissioning	Cr 58
Drawdown from Central Contingency (Libraries saving)	250

## Latest Approved Budget for 2016/17

13,767

## **REASONS FOR VARIATIONS**

### **1. Building Control Cr £55k**

For the chargeable service, an income deficit of £125k is anticipated based on information to date. This is being offset by a projected underspend within salaries of £140k arising from reduced hours and vacancies, and £25k underspend on running costs. The projected surplus of Cr £40k will increase the cumulative surplus on the Building Control Charging Account to £150k.

Within the non-chargeable service, as a result of delays in appointing to vacant posts, there is a projected underspend of Cr £50k on staffing and Cr £5k on supplies and services.

### **2. Land Charges Cr £7k**

A projected deficit of Dr £50k for income, is mostly offset by underspends on the Charging Account Cr 35k due to vacancies and underspends on Supplies and Services Cr 10k. The net deficit of £5k will be carried forward as the cumulative balance in the Charging Account.

There is a projected underspend of £7k on the Non-Chargeable budget due to vacant posts.

### **3. Planning Dr £35k**

Income from non-major planning applications is above budget for the first nine months of the year, and a surplus of Cr £80k is projected for 2016/17. For information, actual income received for April to December is around £80k higher than that received for the same period last year.

For major applications, £200k has been received as at 31st December, which is £90k lower than compared with the same period in 2015/16. Planning officers within the majors team have provided a schedule of additional potential income that may be received in the coming months of approximately £50k. A surplus of £20k is projected from major applications at this stage of the year, allowing for delays and other items not being received.

Currently there is projected surplus income of Cr £40k from pre-application meetings due to higher than budgeted activity levels. For information, £132k has been received for the first nine months of the year, which is similar to the same period in 2015/16.

There is a projected overspend within employee-related costs of Dr £115k for planning officers and Dr £35k for planning enforcement staff. This is due to the recruitment of additional temporary staff in order to assist with the current increase in volumes of planning applications and enforcement. These costs has been funded from the additional income.

Additional costs have been incurred for specialist consultancy advice on planning applications for agriculture and ecology matters, as well as for planning appeals. This is projected to be approximately £75k for the year due to major appeals for Conquest House and Flamingo Park of which most of the work will be carried out by March 2017. This is partly offset by a surplus of other miscellaneous income within Planning.

#### **Summary of variations within Planning:**

	<b>£'000</b>
Surplus income from non-major applications	Cr 80
Surplus income from major applications	Cr 20
Surplus pre-application income	Cr 40
Surplus from miscellaneous income	Cr 50
Additional temporary planning staff	115
Additional temporary planning enforcement staff	35
Consultants costs	75
<b>Total variation for planning</b>	<b><u>35</u></b>

### **4. Renewal Cr £300k**

It is likely that £300k will be underspent on the Town Centre Development Works funded by New Homes Bonus and therefore a carry forward request will be made at year-end in order to enable the outstanding works to be completed in 2017/18. Formal GLA approval will also need to be obtained to agree the new profile of spend.

### **5. Culture Dr £16k**

An overspend of £16k is projected for Culture. Dr £6k of this is for the increase in inflation of 1.3% for the Mytime grant which was above the 0.5% inflation added to the budget. The balance of Dr £10k relates to an overspend on staffing and equipment.

### **6. Libraries Cr £7k**

There are minor variations of Cr £7k from part year vacancies and a reduction in business rates.

### **7. Town Centre Management & Business Support Cr £35k**

Following the change of focus of the regeneration plan and the change in contractor to Cushman and Wakefield, there will be an underspend of Cr £20k on the Orpington town centre scheme which is funded from the New Homes Bonus. A request will be submitted to the Executive to carry this amount in order to complete the specific projects, subject to the GLA agreeing the re-profile of spend.

There is an overspend of Dr £13k on staffing due to the delay in the deletion of the Town Centre Management post. This is more than offset by additional income of Cr £7k received for promotional space and a net underspend of Cr £21k on supplies and services.

**Summary of variations within TCM:**

	<b>£'000</b>
Underspend on Orpington TC scheme (carry forward request)	Cr 20
Staffing	13
Additional income	Cr 7
Underspend on supplies and services	Cr 21
<b>Total variation for TCM</b>	<b>Cr 35</b>

**8. Non-controllable Cr £35k**

Within property rental income budgets, there is projected surplus income of £35k. Property division are accountable for these variations.

**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.