CITIZENS AND COMMUNITIES FINANCIAL DASHBOARD - 2013/14 FINANCIAL YEAR Month 4

Overall

No significant issues or risks have been identified in terms of achieving the budget actions necessary to deliver a balanced position by year end.

Locality Leadership

Month 4 projections are for a balanced budget. A result of the 'Investing in Young People' agenda is that £250k will be transferred from Children's' Services to the Area Committees as additional provision for youth activities. This will increase to £500k in 2014/15.

Customer Access

Current workload is being met by the existing staff plus 5 people from the 'Slivers of Time' pool and 1 specialist agency. However, at month 4 this is expected to be contained within the budget available.

Licensing and Registration

Staffing vacancies have been largely offset by increased overtime and agency costs. There is a projected overspend due to the by-election costs, though overall this service is expected to be on budget. Fte's have gone up by 2 since last month due to new starters in Taxi and Private Hire.

Benefits, Welfare and Poverty

The service is currently experiencing high demand due to changes in housing benefits available and the introduction of a new council tax scheme. There are a number of staff vacancies in the benefits assessment and social fund teams, but agency staff and overtime is being used to meet demand, producing a net £63k overspend on staffing related costs.

The service has had to procure a new software update for £114k but this is grant funded. Other costs are envisaged such as rising costs of postage and printing at £59k which are not funded and therefore represent a pressure. Car allowance lump sum payments of £26k also represent a pressure.

Housing benefit spend/government subsidy is currently projected to be on target. Although council tax benefit has ceased for 2013/14, the service continues to collect overpaid council tax benefit on past years' claims. It is envisaged that £149k will be able to be recouped that will cover current operational cost pressures.

BUDGET MANAGEMENT - NET VARIATIONS AGAINST THE APPROVED BUDGET:

Projected Variations

	Latest Estimate £'000	Staffing £'000	Premises £'000	Supplies & Services £'000	Transport £'000	Internal Charges £'000	External Providers £'000	Transfer Payments £'000	Total Expen £'000		Income £'000	Total (under) / overspend £'000	
Quarter 1 Month 4 Outturn	10,156 10,141	(56) 34	0	146 200	5 28	0	0		95 7,370		(95) (7,370)	0 0 0	
	Latest Estimate	Quarter 1	Month 4	Month 5	Month 6	Month 7	Month 8	Month 9	Month 10	Month 11	Month 12	Outturn	
	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	
Locality Leadership	4,432	0	1										
Customer Access	6,526	0	0										
Licensing & Registration	170	0	(1)										
Benefits, Welfare and Poverty	-987	0	0										
Total	10,141	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	