

Environment & Neighbourhoods Projected Outturn Position for 2010/11 at period 7.

Commentary on Issues (e.g. any significant budget variances, Efficiencies etc.):

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Community Safety (including Safer Leeds Partnership)	22 Variations in the delivery of targeted staffing efficiencies (£131k) have been partially offset by underspends across the service and by the identification of expenditure on CCTV for which it is more appropriate to charge to the Housing Revenue Account (£111k).
Regeneration	344 A projected overspend on staffing of £511k is largely due to variations in the delivery of targeted staffing efficiencies (£262k) and the costs associated with staff who have been displaced following restructures and who are therefore in managing workforce change (£249k). Of this £184k relates to neighbourhood wardens. The identification of other savings across the service (£167k), largely line by line savings, has contributed towards offsetting these pressures.
Jobs & Skills	917 Due to the slippage of the restructuring proposals, there is an anticipated overspend of £525k on staffing. During the year there have been further income reductions of £335k, of which £300k relates to Yorkshire Forward. Provision made for a saving of £253k in relation to 1 Eastgate will not now materialise. The identification of appropriate charges to the HRA (£200k) contributes towards offsetting these pressures.
Community Centres	(213) The identification of appropriate charges to the HRA contributes towards the projected underspend.
Housing General Fund	(122) The Government has announced a further reduction in the contract in respect of the number of asylum seekers from 289 clients per night to 150. In addition to this the Government has terminated the initial accommodation contract at Hillside Induction Centre. These actions will result in an overall impact of £669k upon the Council. Further variations are projected in respect of Temporary Accommodation (£100k) and CareRing and Medical Rehousing (£141k). These pressures are offset by a combination of savings on the Supporting People programme which are projected to be £746k as a result of voids and identified efficiencies, line by line savings of £76k and a review of balance sheet items (£200k).
General Fund Support Services	(62) Savings primarily within staffing due to vacant posts
Neighbourhoods & Housing Total	886

Waste Management	(785) Strategy (£686k) £231k is due to staff savings resulting from vacant posts. Revised advisor costs on Waste PFI are projected to save £49k. Additional income anticipated mainly from increased prices for glass and metal (£155k). Reduced Tonnes resulting in disposal cost savings £247k Operations (£99k) £74k in staff savings at Household Waste Sites are forecast resulting from a review of cover of vacant posts. Repairs to compactors and containers are projected to overspend by £33k and this is offset by savings on other costs (incl. transport) (£69k).
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Streetscene	1,027 Refuse Collection +£830k Of this £818k relates to slippage in the implementation of the Streetscene change programme from June to November. Rising fuel prices creates a pressure of £77k. Street Cleansing +£101k. A £28k overspend is projected in respect of staffing expenditure. Rising fuel costs are estimated at £81k higher and revised water billing arrangements are now forecast to be £61k higher. Anti Graffiti +£94 This variation is mainly as a result of the reduction in Government Grant (LPSA) which was announced in June.
HEAS	206 Staffing variations of +£440k are mainly due to the loss of Government grant (LPSA) . Additional income from Area Committee for 2 CSO's and DEFRA grant, combined with line by line savings are helping to partially offset this pressure.
Car Parking	870 Parking income is projected to be down by £1.3m after contingency releases. This is due to a combination of reduced PCN income (£0.3m), delay in bus lane enforcement project (£0.2m), reduced income from suspended bays of £0.1m, delays in the price rise (£0.1m) , reduced fee income from both off-street and on street parking and delays in the identification of additional car parking facilities (£0.3m). A combination of projected staff savings along with line by line savings help offset these income variations.
Support Services	49 Variation in assumed number of vacancies

Environmental Services	1,367
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Overall Total Variation for E&N Directorate	2,253
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Housing Revenue Account (HRA): Summary Position: At the end of Period 7 the HRA is projecting an overall deficit of £65k. Any in year deficit will need to be funded from the HRA General Reserve.

Commentary on Issues (e.g. any significant budget variances)

Income

£2.3m of additional rental income projected due to void levels falling to 1.3%. Of this £1.8m will be paid to the ALMOs as additional void incentive payments.

Expenditure

Salaries & Wages - Projected savings of £237k due to posts being held vacant.

Supplies & Services - Projected overspend on supplies and services of £1,077k due to the following:-

- an increase in pass through costs and the cost of access refusals in relation to the Swarcliffe PFI scheme (£113k). and Swarcliffe environmental works (£177k). These costs will be funded from the PFI Sinking Fund/reserves.
- CCTV and Community Centre costs being identified as more appropriate to charge to the HRA (£500k)
- additional costs in relation to the Lifetime Homes PFI (£186k)
- increased insurance, heat lease terminations & other variations (£101k)

Reserves .

It is proposed to utilise £733k of HRA Reserves to fund the replacement of Care Ring equipment. This is projected to reduce the HRA General reserve to £3,861k at the end of 2010/11.