

Environment & Neighbourhoods Projected Outturn Position for 2010/11 at Period 10

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Community Safety (including Safer Leeds Partnership)	41	Variations in the delivery of targeted staffing efficiencies (£131k), along with a pressure for the PCSOs pay award (£43k), 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 (£87k). Recharge of £18k for adaptations work undertaken and additional £10k income for CCTV
Regeneration	380	A projected overspend on staffing of £511k is largely due to variations in the delivery of targeted staffing efficiencies (£263k) and the costs associated with staff who have been displaced following restructures and who are therefore in managing workforce change (£248k). Of this £170k relates to Neighbourhood Wardens. The identification of other savings across the service (£131k), largely line by line savings, has contributed towards offsetting these pressures.
Jobs & Skills	638	Due to the slippage of the restructuring proposals, there is an anticipated overspend of £513k on staffing. During the year there has been a net loss of income of £305k relating to Yorkshire Forward. Provision made for a saving of £253k in relation to 1 Eastgate will be offset by a contribution of £240k from Corporate Services. 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	(626)	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. Latest projections are based on the current number of clients in service, resulting in an overall impact of £641k upon the Council after reflecting additional cost of Kimberley House dilapidations and income due for additional numbers. Further variations are projected in respect of Temporary Accommodation (£100k) and CareRing and Medical Rehousing (£132k). These pressures are offset by a combination of savings on the Supporting People programme which are projected to be £533k as a result of voids and identified efficiencies, line by line savings of £76k, a review of balance sheet items (£430k), and identified expenditure for which it is more appropriate to charge to the HRA (£500k).
General Fund Support Services	(61)	Savings primarily within staffing due to vacant posts
Neighbourhoods & Housing Total	159	

RESOURCES MANAGEMENT

Waste Management	(703)	<p>Strategy (£603k) (£239k) is due to staff savings resulting from vacant posts. Revised advisor costs on Waste PFI are projected to save (£173k). Additional income anticipated mainly from increased prices for glass and metal (£151k).</p> <p>Operations (£100k) (£48k) 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) (£41k).</p>
Streetscene	1,170	<p>Refuse Collection +£1,102k Of this £1,109k relates to slippage in the implementation of the Streetscene change programme from June to November. Rising fuel prices creates a pressure of £97k.</p> <p>Street Cleansing (£22k). A (£16k) underspend is projected in respect of staffing expenditure. Rising fuel costs are estimated at £77k higher and revised water billing arrangements are now forecast to be £61k higher.</p> <p>Anti Graffiti +£89 This variation is mainly as a result of the reduction in Government Grant (LPSA) which was announced in June.</p>
HEAS	(201)	Staffing variations of +£346k 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 offset this pressure.
Car Parking	1,250	Parking income is projected to be down by £1.5m after contingency releases. The recent inclement weather has also affected the income. This is due to a combination of reduced PCN income (£0.4m), delay in bus lane enforcement project (£0.5m), 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 (£0.4m). A combination of projected staff savings along with line by line savings help offset these income variations.
Support Services	50	Virement in Waste Management to be actioned. (assumes all £600k efficiency achieved)
Environmental Services	1,566	
Overall Total Variation for E&N Directorate at period 10	1,725	

Housing Revenue Account - Period 10 position

At the end of Period 10, the HRA is projecting a deficit of £1,267k which is a decrease of £121k from Period 9. This deficit will need to be funded from Reserves.

Significant Budget Variations:

Income:

£2,489k of additional rental income is projected due to void levels being lower than budgeted. Of this, it is projected that £1,846k will be paid to the ALMOs as additional void incentive payment.

Housing Subsidy payments have been reduced by £1m to reflect a reduction in interest rates. This will be offset by a reduction in capital charges to the HRA.

Recharges are projecting a variance of £2,098k mainly due to the projected reduction in the capitalisation of procurement costs relating to the PFI schemes.

Expenditure:

£365k in projected savings on Salaries and Wages due to posts being held vacant and ELI being taken.

Supplies & Services budget is projected to underspend by £505k, mainly due to savings on PFI consultancy contracts and savings on Adtrader contract.

Recharges are projecting an overspend of £683k. This is due to a recharge from General Fund of £1m, which is offset by reductions in PPPU recharges due to the Lifetime Homes PFI not going ahead.