

Directorate

Environment & Neighbourhoods

			(Under) / Over Spend for the current period											Previous Month	
Traffic Light	Service	Chief Officer	Staffing £000	Premises £000	Supplies & Services £000	Transport £000	Internal Charges £000	Payments to External Bodies £000	Transfer Payments £000	Capital £000	Appropriations £000	Total Expenditure £000	Income £000	Total Under / Overspend £000	(Under) / Overspend £000
A	Health and Environmental Action	Chief Environmental Services Officer	93	(29)	4	87	(29)	0	0	0	0	126	60	186	248
G	Car Parking Services	Chief Environmental Services Officer	(219)	(33)	27	0	85	0	0	0	0	(140)	112	(28)	(49)
G	Community Safety	Chief Community Safety Officer	(112)	20	(28)	49	(6)	0	0	0	0	(77)	85	8	20
R	Strategy and Commissioning	Chief Regeneration Officer	156	86	(56)	0	1	182	0	0	0	370	(196)	173	128
R	Statutory Housing	Director of Environment and Neighbourhoods	(100)	53	62	63	0	5	0	0	0	83	18	101	134
G	General Fund Support Services	Chief Officer Resources and Strategy	(29)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	(29)	0	(29)	(30)
R	Waste Management	Chief Environmental Services	635	15	313	(525)	(110)	0	0	0	0	329	165	493	315
G	Safer Leeds Drugs Team		0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
G	Parks & Countryside		(525)	(198)	426	162	(39)	0	0	0	60	(114)	114	0	(1)
R	Total		(101)	(86)	748	(164)	(98)	187	0	0	60	547	356	903	766

ENVIRONMENT AND NEIGHBOURHOODS: 2012/13 BUDGET – PERIOD 7 REPORT

1.0 Introduction

This report sets out the financial position for Environment and Neighbourhoods at Period 7.

2.0 Overall Summary

The overall projected position for the Directorate is an overspend of **£903k**, of this **£252k** is within Neighbourhood Services and **£651k** is within Environmental Services.

3.0 Explanation of the Projected Overspend

3.1 NEIGHBOURHOOD SERVICES +£252k

3.2 Community Safety +£8k (overspend)

There is a pressure within CCTV due to staffing (£124k) and lower than budgeted levels of income (£159k). However, additional income from the HRA is expected for the Leeds Anti-Social Behaviour Team (LASBT) service based on currently activity levels (£86k). Savings due to vacant posts within Signpost and the Management Team are expected to offset most of this pressure.

3.3 Strategic Housing +£101k (overspend)

The projection forecasts a reduction in the income due for selective licensing and advertising (£57k). An increase in the numbers within temporary accommodation will result in additional costs (£86k). This pressure has been partially offset by a number of staffing savings.

3.4 Resources, Strategy & Commissioning +£144k (overspend)

A variation due to costs associated with staff in managing work force change has been partially offset by running cost savings across all functions, however an overall pressure is now anticipated in 2012/13.

3.5 ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES +£651k

3.6 Waste Management +£493k

Within Refuse Collection there is a projected overspend of £300k.

The variations mainly relate to the costs of ongoing route back up (staff and vehicle costs) and additional costs of sickness cover. Together these total £353k. Savings from delays to service roll outs of (£194k) help offset this.

Other staffing variations of around £300k are mainly attributable to staff currently in Managing Workforce Change £127k, additional staff on staff on required on a number of routes and the mix of cover £175k. These cost pressures can be offset by in year savings in vehicle financing costs.

The rise in the price of fuel is projected to result in a £88k overspend.

Within Waste Strategy and Policy an overspend of £220k is projected.

Additional volumes of garden waste (around 3,200 tonnes) collected during the wet summer are projected to cost around £55k and a reduction in the volume of scrap metal collected and prices being lower than the budgeted amount will cost £117k.

Income from electricity generation at Gamblethorpe closed landfill site is now projected at £95k below the budget. This is due to gas levels falling more quickly than had been anticipated.

3.7 Environmental Action +£185k

The costs of staff in Managing Workforce Change are projected at £47k and spend on front line Cleansing costs is now forecast to be around £131k above budget, these are partially offset by savings in other officer vacant posts (£86k) .

The budget had assumed that a saving of £150k could be delivered from closer working with the Parks and Countryside service following its transfer to this Directorate. The service transferred in July and whilst proposals to develop closer working are being developed, it is considered unlikely that this saving will be realised in this financial year.

Following the retendering of the weedspraying contract, savings of £110k are now anticipated this year.

The rise in the price of fuel is projected to result in a £53k overspend.

3.8 Car Parking (£28k)

Savings from vacant posts are forecast to be (£219k).

Income is expected to be lower by £191k largely as a result in the reduction in income receivable from parking offences.

The impact of the redevelopment of Woodhouse Lane car park is projected to result in an income variance of £747k and a release from central contingency will address this.

3.9 Parks & Countryside - nil

A number of external income pressures are anticipated in 2012/13. The poor weather over the summer has contributed to a potential £180k shortfall in for golf and sport. Café and retail income is also projected to be below budget, giving rise to a further projected income shortfall of £180k.

A price rise for Bereavement Services was implemented on 1st October however the original income target may not be achieved giving a further potential £80k pressure. Work is ongoing to review income from section 106 and capital schemes and the current budget is now expected to be exceeded for both internal income and materials.

However, staffing and other expenditure savings are expected to offset the income shortfalls and the projection at period 7 assumes that and that there will be no overall variance.

Housing Revenue Account (HRA)

At the end of Period 7 the HRA is projecting a surplus of £534k. Significant variances from budget are detailed below.

Additional rental income of £965k is projected from dwelling rents as a result of lower void levels and lower RTB sales than budgeted. The financial impact of lower voids is £589k, this will be paid to the ALMOs in line with the current voids incentive scheme.

Net additional income from service charges is projected to be £252k higher than budget primarily, due to a review of the Heat Lease scheme. In addition, £159k additional income will be received from Telecoms as a result of back-dated rent reviews.

As the LLBH&H PFI is not anticipated to start on site until March 2013 it is projected that the PFI grant due to have been received in 2012/13 will be reduced by £14,432k. In addition the in-year contribution from AVH and WNWHL to the Project will be reduced by £1,043k. The impact of this will be offset by a reduction in the Unitary Charge payable to the Contractor of £5,077k and a reduction in the contribution to the project's Sinking Fund of £10,135k.

The ALMOs have agreed their IT SLA charge - resulting in additional income of £226k.

Recharges are projected to overspend by £317k due to unbudgeted recharges from the Housing General Fund for the Housing Options Team, Tenancy Fraud, Safeguarding, Welfare Reform Scheme and Commissioning.

The decision to end the penalty/incentive scheme in relation to the Strategic Landlord ALMO Performance Framework will generate a saving of £172k against budget.