Committee:	Cabinet	Agenda Item
Date:	17 February 2015	16
Title:	2014/15 Budget Monitoring	
Portfolio Holder:	Cllr Robert Chambers	Key Decision: No

### Summary

- 1. This report details financial performance relating to the General Fund, Housing Revenue Account, Capital Programme and Treasury Management. It is based upon actual expenditure and income from April to December and forecasts for the end of the financial year.
- 2. The General Fund is forecasting a £24,000 net favourable variance.
- 3. The Housing Revenue Account is forecasting a £268,000 surplus.
- 4. The Capital Programme is forecasted to underspend by £2,221,000.
- 5. Treasury management activity has been routine and in accordance with policy.

### Recommendations

- 6. The Cabinet is recommended to:
  - Note and approve this report.

### **Financial Implications**

7. Any financial implications are included in the body of the report.

### **Background Papers**

None.

### Impact

Communication/Consultation	Budget holders and CMT have been consulted. Verbal update to be provided on CMT comments and feedback
Community Safety	None
Equalities	None
Health and Safety	None
Human Rights/Legal Implications	None
Sustainability	None
None Ward-specific impacts	None
Workforce/Workplace	None

### **General Fund**

8. On the bottom line, a net favourable variance of £24,000 is forecasted. A summary of the budget by portfolio is shown below and this is set out in more detail in Appendix A.

	Budget	Outturn	Variance
Community Partnerships & Engagement	2,237	2,145	(92)
Community Safety	298	229	(69)
Environmental Services	1,716	1,655	(61)
Finance & Administration	4,976	4,897	(79)
Housing	41	39	(2)
Sub total - service budgets	9,268	8,965	(303)
Corporate items			
Recharge to HRA	(1,464)	(1,395)	69
Capital financing	2,166	3,040	874
Pension Fund	1,228	1,212	(16)
Funding	(6,150)	(6,036)	114
Other items (net)	(50)	(52)	(2)
Net expenditure	4,998	5,734	736
	4,990	5,754	730
Reserves transfers	(303)	(1,063)	(760)
Total	4,695	4,671	(24)

- 9. The following are the key **adverse variances** greater than £10,000 within service budgets:
  - Waste Management £293,000, Due to changes in the co-mingled recyclable market, from the 1 August 2014 income has ceased and transport and transfer station costs have become payable.
  - Housing Benefits/Council Tax Benefit £292,000, New Item: Notification has now been received for the repayment of the 2012/13 benefit audit overpayments, at 100% (£212,000). In addition a reduction in subsidy claimable for 2014/15 has been applied for £79,000. A reserve was allocated in the budget for the repayment of £212,000 and this is shown in the reserves, thus no bottom line impact.
  - Information Technology £85,000, New Item: Unexpected software maintenance and licencing charges due to improvements and/or upgrades to current systems to ensure effective and efficient service delivery.
  - Revenues Administration £69,000, Due to staff turnover and levels of staff absence, temporary agency staffing has been required to cover the

workload. Recruitment is now finalised and the service is now fully staffed with no requirement for agency.

- Planning Management and Administration £65,000, Agency staff, (3), have been employed for the duration of the financial year, to cover the increase in workload on appeals and back scanning of documents. This will be partially funded from the surplus generated in 2013/14 from the Building Surveying Trading account.
- **Planning Policy £52,000, New Item:** Invoice has now been received for the Local Plan Inspector fees. It was impossible to predict the cost of this and as such was not built into the original budget, with the intention that this would be met from the planning reserve.
- 10. The following are the key **favourable variances** greater than £10,000 within service budgets:
  - Non Domestic Rates £366,000, New Item: Relates to Discretionary Rate Relief, there was some debate on whether this was a General Fund revenue cost or a Collection Fund cost. This has now been clarified and subsequently removed from revenue and accounted for in the Collection Fund.
  - **Public Health £177,000**, Increased income relating to the inspection of imported foods (green beans) at Stansted Airport.
  - **Development Management** £138,000, Planning Application fees and pre application charges are continuing with the increased trend and extra income of £350,000 is expected for this financial year. This is offset by consultancy and Legal costs.
  - Local Amenities £115,000, New Item: Section 106 funding previously shown as net of service budget, this has now been reclassified and is shown in the funding section, no bottom line impact.
  - Street Services Management £102,000, New Item: Management restructure now in place and reduction in staffing costs.
  - Legal Services £73,000, New Item: Additional income relating to S106 work carried out. It is difficult to predict accurately the level of externally chargeable work relating to these agreements.
  - Leisure PFI £66,000, New Item: Updated due to reconciliation of actual costs to date as previously budget was calculated on estimated costs.
  - **Corporate Management £47,000, New Item:** This is the net effect of the staff pay award budget which now agreed has been allocated to services, the reduction in CMT employee costs and the increased cost of Audit Fees.
  - **Community Safety £44,000, New Item:** The Anti-Social Behaviour post has been transferred to the Housing Revenue Account, within the Housing Services.
  - Economic Development £36,000, New Item: Flood grant now received in the Service.

- Licensing £35,000, New Item: Additional income relates to the increase in Hackney carriage/private hire licences issued. Please note that the current fees do not cover the cost of the service and the deficit is being made up from a draw down on the Licensing reserve.
- Office Cleaning £23,000, New Item: The recruitment of staff to the current vacancies is proving difficult and posts have remained vacant for longer than anticipated.
- Street Cleaning £20,000, New Item: Reduction in staffing and overtime costs.
- 11. Within the **corporate items** on the General Fund, the variances are summarised below:
  - **Capital Financing Costs £874,000** (adverse), this is due to various changes in the capital financing requirement for revenue contributions and the 2 key items are;
    - £200,000 Work in progress which has now become a usable asset and subsequent financing now needs to be established within the budget.
    - £1,047,000 This relates to the transfer of 8 designated temporary accommodation units (details of this are discussed in an earlier report in tonight's agenda).
  - Housing Revenue Account recharge £69,000 (adverse), a recalculation of the central and corporate services which are received by the HRA, this is directly related to the favourable variances in the General Fund.
  - Planning Application fees and pre application charges are continuing with the increased trend and extra income of £200,000 is expected for this financial year. This is partly offset by consultancy costs.
- 12. The net drawdown on reserves is predicted at £1,839,000, a summary table is attached at the end of Appendix B. This looks more complicated in the summary table than in previous reports due to the new reserves strategy as discussed earlier in tonight's agenda.

### **Housing Revenue Account**

£' 000	Budget	Outturn	Varianc
Dwelling Rents	(14,390)	(14,400)	(10
Garage Rents	(210)	(210)	(10
Charges for Services & Facilities	(777)	(811)	(34
Other Income	(13)	(24)	(1)
Total Income	(15,390)	(15,445)	(55
Housing Finance & Business Management	476	458	(18
Housing Maintenance & Repairs Service	2,885	3,349	46
Housing Management & Homelessness	889	882	(7
Service Expenditure	4,250	4,689	43
Capital Charges	3,261	3,361	10
Bad Debt Provision	150	150	
Supporting People	53	54	
Recharge from General Fund	1,464	1,403	(6
Interest/Costs re HRA Loan	2,625	2,625	
Pension Fund Costs	217	248	4
Pay Award	10	0	(1
Other Costs	7,780	7,841	7
Total Expenditure	12,030	12,540	51
OPERATING (SURPLUS)/DEFICIT	(3,360)	(2,905)	45
Funding of Capital Programme from HRA	3,244	3,265	2
Total Use of Reserves/Funding	116	(628)	(74
(SURPLUS)/DEFICIT	0	(268)	(26

13. The HRA is showing a projected forecast surplus **of £268,000**, a summary is shown below and more detail can be seen in Appendix D.

- 14. A requirement to change in the way capital items were financed has impacted on the reserves, the sum of £798,000 was budgeted to be added to the Sheltered Housing Reserve, and this has now been absorbed by the direct revenue financing requirement.
- 15. The following are the key variances both adverse and favourable.
  - Housing Repairs adverse variance of £416,000, this is due to a variety of factors
    - Restructure of the Service (there has been transfers of post between Housing Repairs and Property Services, £110,000 of this variance is reflected elsewhere as favourable).
    - £240,000 relates to planned repairs being brought forward in the programme and an increase in ad hoc repairs due to adverse

weather conditions and unexpected number of dwellings suffering from damp.

- **Property Services** net favourable variance of £10,000
  - £110,000 reduction in costs relates to the transfer of posts to the Housing Repairs Service.
  - £100,000 is the cost of external consultants due to housing repairs and development needs and restructure implications.
- **Housing Services** adverse variance of £44,000 is the transfer of one FTE from the General Fund to the HRA.
- **Newport Depot** £40,000 adverse cost due to the unexpected work of resurfacing the car park.
- **Business and Performance** £62,000 favourable variance due to the delayed recruitment to vacant posts and removal of one post.
- **Sheltered Housing** £52,000 favourable variance, is due to a variety of reductions in service requirement, reduced need for transitional relief, and reduced dependency on lifeline pendants due to new alarm systems being fitted.
- **Rent and Income** favourable variance of £55,000, this is due to a combined effect of increased dwelling rent, increased service charges and investment income.

Reserve	Actual Balance 01/04/2014	Forecast transfer from HRA	Forecast transfer to HRA	between	Estimated Balance 01/04/2015
£'000	0.00.2011				01,01,2010
RINGFENCED RESERVES					
Working Balance	680	42	(192)		530
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USABLE RESERVES					
Revenue Reserves					
Change Management	200		(11)	(189)	0
Revenue Projects	60		· ·	· -	60
Transformation Reserve	0	(42)		189	147
	260	(42)	(11)	0	207
Capital Reserves					
Capital Projects	1,223		(425)		798
Potential Projects Reserve	800				800
Sheltered Housing Projects Reserve	318	268			586
•	2,341	268	(425)	0	2,184
TOTAL USABLE RESERVES	2,601	226	(436)	0	2,391
TOTAL RESERVES	3,281	268	(628)	0	2,921

16. The HRA reserves are summarised below and this includes the HRA forecasted surplus of £268,000 in the Sheltered Housing Projects reserve.

### **Capital Programme**

- 17. Forecasted capital expenditure is £9,495,000 against a budget of £12,216,000, showing a reduction in capital spending of £2,721,000. This reflects an underspend in the General Fund of £572,000 and the Housing Revenue Account of £2,149,000. The capital programme is set out in more detail in Appendix E, the main areas which contribute to the budget movements are detailed below.
  - Motte & Bailey £205,000, Due to the current contract for semaphore works being delayed and the needs to obtain English Heritage advice, planned works have been delayed on this project. We anticipate that this phase of works will be carried out in 2015/16.
  - **Superfast Broadband £100,000,** the tender process is progressing and the work is planned to start later in 2015/16.
  - Vehicle Replacement £187,000, delay in requirement for new street sweeping vehicles.
  - Catons Lane Car Park £155,000, this is now unlikely to proceed, awaiting Cabinet paper to be taken in March 2015.
  - Mead Court (Phase 2) £1,327,000, this project has now been split into 2 phases and this has allowed the re-profiling of the costs as per the project build programme.
  - Catons Lane Social Housing £295,000 programme of works now anticipated to start in 2015/16
  - Energy Efficiency for Council Dwellings £306,000, £206,000 is a reduction in requirement for properties to be updated so this will be a saving on this and transferred back to reserves. £100,000 is to be reprofiled for works to be carried out in 2015/16.

### **Treasury Management**

- 18. Activity during the period 1 April to 31 December 2014 has been set out in Appendix F.
- 19. All deposits placed complied with the Council's Treasury Management Strategy. Balances as at the 31 December 2014 totalled £30.05m and were held at an average interest rate of 0.39%.

### **Risk Analysis**

Risk	Likelihood	Impact	Mitigating actions
Actual income and expenditure will vary from forecast, requiring adjustments to budget and/or service delivery. Detailed risk analysis is set out in Appendix B.	2 – some variability is inevitable	2 – budget will be closely monitored and prompt action taken to deal with variances	Budgetary control framework

### **APPENDIX A**

## **GENERAL FUND SUMMARY**

	2013/14	ļ			2014/15			
50000		-	I to Decer			Full		-
£000	Outturn	Budget	Date	Variance to Date	Original Budget			Forecast Variance
Community Partnerships & Engagement	1,819	1,733	1,441	-292	2,146	2,237	2,145	-92
Community Safety	286	187	103	-84	313	298	229	-69
Environmental Services	790	1,372	655	-717	1,696	1,716	1,655	-61
Finance & Administration	4,414	3,910	3,488		4,740	4,976	4,897	-79
Housing (General Fund) Sub-total – Portfolio and Committee budgets	-63 7,246	16 7,218	-41 5,646	-57 <b>-1,572</b>	38 8,933	41 9,268	39 8,965	-2 -303
	7,240	7,210	5,640	-1,572	0,933	9,200	8,905	-303
Corporate Items Capital Financing Costs	2,049	284	285	1	1,611	2,166	3,040	874
Investment Income	(51)	(45)	(42)		(50)	(50)	(52)	(2)
Landsbanki	(79)	0	Ó		0	0	0	Ó
New Homes Bonus - Community Projects 11/12	11	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Pension Fund - Added Years	98	95	84	``'	107	107	92	(15)
Pension Fund - Deficit	380	1,319	1,358		1,121	1,121	1,120	(1)
Recharge to HRA HRA Share of Corporate Core	(1,069) (245)	0	0		(1,211) (253)	(1,211) (253)	(1,150) (245)	61 8
Sub total - Corporate Items	1,094	1,653	1,685	-	1,325	1,880	2,805	925
Sub total - Budget	8,340	8,871	7,331	(1,540)	10,258	11,148	11,770	622
Funding	(00)	_	~	0	(050)	(050)	(050)	~
Council Tax - Collection Fund Balance Council Tax - Freeze Grant 13/14 (year 2 of 3)	(60) (50)	0	0		(256) 0	(256) 0	(256) 0	0
Council Tax - Freeze Grant 14/15 (year 1 of 2)	(30)	(37)	(46)	-	(50)	(50)	(51)	(1)
NNDR - Retained Income	(1,857)	(0.1)	()	. ,	(1,279)	(1,279)	(1,279)	0
NNDR - Collection Fund Balance	0	0	0	0	0	0	1,275	1,275
NNDR - Levy Payment/Safety Net Reimbursement	(1,611)	0	0	-	0	0	0	0
NNDR - Section 31 Funding	(324)	0	(382)		0	0	(475)	(475)
NNDR - Transfer to/(from) Ringfenced Reserve	2,538	0	0	-	0	0	(800)	(800)
DCLG - Other Funding Flood Support Schemes - Other Funding	(89)	(36) 0	(28) (4)		(36) 0	(36) 0	(43) (4)	(7) (4)
New Homes Bonus Grant	(2,042)	(2,162)	(4)		(2,877)	(2,877)	(4)	(4)
Section 106 Funding - Transfers to/(from) S106 reserves	(2,012)	(_,)	127		(10)	(10)	117	127
Settlement Funding	(2,038)	(1,026)	(1,026)	0	(1,642)	(1,642)	(1,643)	(1)
Sub-total – Funding	(5,537)	(3,261)	(3,517)	(256)	(6,150)	(6,150)	(6,036)	114
Sub-total – Net Operating Expenditure	2,803	5,610	3,814	(1,796)	4,108	4,998	5,734	736
Transfers to/from (-) Reserves								
Access Reserve	0	0	0		200 0	200 0	200	0 (668)
Budget Equalization Reserve Budget Equalization Reserve - Pension Deficit	0	0	0		(748)	(748)	(668) (748)	(800)
Budget Slippage Reserve	28	0	0		(140)	(140)	(28)	(28)
Change Management Reserve	335	0	0		0	0	(923)	(923)
Council Tax Freeze Grant Reserve	50	0	0	0	50	50	(174)	(224)
DWP Reserve	0	0	0	-	0	0	175	175
Economic Development Reserve	103	0	0	-	0	(50)	(170)	(120)
Elections Reserve Emergency Response Reserve	20 50	0	0		20 0	20 0	28 (100)	8 (100)
Hardship Fund	0	0	0	-	0	0	(100)	(100)
Homelessness Reserve	20	0	0		0	0	(100)	(100)
LGRR Contingency Reserve	423	0	0		73	73	(1,385)	(1,458)
Licensing Reserve	(16)	0	0		(25)	(25)	(20)	5
MTFS Reserve	0	0	0		0	0	1,000	1,000
Municipal Mutual Reserve	0	0	0		0	0	(51)	(51)
Neighbourhood Front Runners Reserve NHB Community Reserve	(9) (11)	0	0		0	0	(57) (15)	(57) (15)
NHB Contingency Reserve	(40)	0	0		0	(158)	(15) (790)	(15) (632)
Planning Development Reserve	670	0	0		17	17	(1.56) 65	48
Strategic Initiatives Reserve	0	0	0		1,000	318	329	11
Transformation Reserve	0	0	0		0	0	1,000	1,000
Waste Depot Relocation Project	0	0	0		0	0	1,500	1,500
Waste Reserve Sub-total - Movement in Earmarked Reserves	221 1,844	0	0	-	0 587	0 (303)	(70) (1,063)	(70) (760)
COUNCIL TAX REQUIREMENT (BOTTOM LINE)	4,647	5,610	3,814	-	4,695	4,695	4,671	(24)
Council Tax (precept levied on Collection Fund)	(4,647)	0	0	0	(4,695)	(4,695)	(4,695)	0
OVERALL NET POSITION	]			,	. 0	0	(24)	(24)
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2013/14		2014/15
	April to December	Full Ye

### **COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIPS & ENGAGEMENT PORTFOLIO**

		Apr	il to Decer	nber	Full Year				
£000	Outturn	Current	Actual to	Variance	Original	Current	Forecast	Forecast	
		Budget	Date	to Date	Budget	Budget	Outturn	Variance	
Assisted Travel	1	0	1	1	1	1	(1)	(2)	
Committee Administration	153	-	121	8	152	153	162	(_)	
Communications	156			(4)	243	244		(1)	
Community Information Centres	46			(1)	50	51	46	(5)	
Community & Leisure Management	46		34	(1)	46	46	46	Ó	
Customer Services Centre	293	230	249		307	309	333	24	
Democratic Representation	343	276	272	(4)	361	360	358	(2)	
Economic Development	127	188	61	(127)	203	250	214	(36)	
Grants & Contributions	359	368	306	(62)	371	371	371	0	
Leisure & Administration	75	80	47	(33)	96	97	94	(3)	
Leisure PFI	(75)	(54)	(96)	(42)	(9)	(9)	(75)	(66)	
Museum Saffron Walden	178	124	129	5	160	161	155	(6)	
New Homes Bonus	88	80	34	(46)	88	126	126	0	
Sports Development	29	69	64	(5)	77	77	73	(4)	
Portfolio Total	1,819	1,733	1,441	(292)	2,146	2,237	2,145	(92)	

# COMMUNITY SAFETY PORTFOLIO

	2013/14	2013/14 2014/15								
		Apr	il to Decer	nber		Full	Year			
£000	Outturn	Current Budget	Actual to Date	Variance to Date	Original Budget	Current Budget	Forecast Outturn	Forecast Variance		
Community Safety	175			· · ·	177	177		(44)		
Emergency Planning	41		35		43	43		7		
Enforcement Highways	190 (11)				188 (15)	173 (15)	-	3		
Licensing	(109)	• • •	(119)	(41)	(80)	(80)	. ,	(35)		
Portfolio Total	286	187	103	(84)	313	298	229	(69)		

### **ENVIRONMENT PORTFOLIO**

	2013/14		-	-	2014/15	-	-	
		Apr	il to Decer	nber		Full	Year	
£000	Outturn	Current	Actual to	Variance	Original	Current	Forecast	Forecast
		Budget	Date	to Date	Budget	Budget	Outturn	Variance
Animal Warden	30	23	23	0	30	30	30	0
Car Parking	(629)	(381)	(453)	(72)	(589)	(589)	(578)	11
Depots	40	36	. ,		44	44	72	28
Development Management	(610)	(197)	(441)	(244)	(129)	(126)	(264)	(138)
Environmental Management & Admin	95	66	77	11	88	88	103	15
Grounds Maintenance	143	126	115	(11)	167	167	167	0
Housing Strategy	88	74	74	0	89	90	91	1
Local Amenities	3	7	(113)	(120)	7	7	(108)	(115)
Pest Control	22	25	18	(7)	27	27	21	(6)
Planning Management & Admin	382	280	320	40	373	376	441	65
Planning Policy	270	183	181	(2)	244	245	304	59
Planning Specialists	171	131	137	6	175	175	197	22
Public Health	302	298	161	(137)	385	388	211	(177)
Street Cleansing	265	215	173	(42)	298	299	279	(20)
Street Services Management & Admin	251	255	176	(79)	340	342	240	(102)
Vehicle Management	345	259	258	(1)	346	346	350	4
Waste Management - Expenditure	1,906	1,450	1,488	38	2,010	2,016	2,207	191
Waste Management - Income	(2,284)	(1,478)	(1,592)	(114)	(2,209)	(2,209)	(2,108)	101
Portfolio Total	790	1,372	655	(717)	1,696	1,716	1,655	(61)

# **FINANCE & ADMINISTRATION PORTFOLIO**

	2013/14		2014/15							
		Apr	il to Decen	nber		Full Year				
£000	Outturn	Current Budget	Actual to Date	Variance to Date	Original Budget		Forecast Outturn	Forecast Variance		
Benefit Administration	(293)	(198)	(213)	(15)	(264)	(264)	(264)	0		
Business Improvement & Performance Team	153	57	(210) 57	(10)	(204)	,	( <del>2</del> 04) 76	(1)		
Central Services	407	287	265	-	381		377	(1)		
Conducting Elections	(9)	1	28	(22)	1		(17)	(18)		
Conveniences	27	20	16		22	-	21	(1)		
Corporate Management	726	638	521	(117)	817		726	(47)		
Corporate Team	113	78		(3)	105		104	、 (1)		
Council Tax Benefits	(179)	0		) 9	0		71	71		
Electoral Registration	24	21	3	(18)	21	21	21	0		
Financial Services	907	716	548	(168)	848	850	865	15		
Housing Benefits	(148)	(11)	(59)	(48)	63	63	284	221		
Human Resources	253	173	169	(4)	218	219	217	(2)		
Information Technology	1,088	928	1,025	97	1,092	1,094	1,179	85		
Internal Audit	108	83	82	(1)	110	111	111	0		
Leased Cars	0	3	4	1	0	0	0	0		
Legal Services	23	72	(9)	(81)	101	101	28	(73)		
Local Council Tax Support	177	114	74	(40)	79	79	80	1		
Local Tax Collection	(98)	(38)	0	38	(50)	(50)	(50)	0		
Non Domestic Rates	(142)	82	0	(82)	(29)	221	(145)	(366)		
Offices	343	269	250	(19)	324	325	322	(3)		
Office Cleaning	169	132	115	(17)	176	177	154	(23)		
Revenues Administration	765	483	528	45	649	668	737	69		
Portfolio Total	4,414	3,910	3,488	(422)	4,740	4,976	4,897	(79)		

# HOUSING PORTFOLIO

	2013/14				2014/15				
		Apr	il to Decer	nber	Full Year				
£000	Outturn	Current Budget	Actual to Date	Variance to Date	Original Budget	Current Budget	Forecast Outturn	Forecast Variance	
Building Surveying	(85)	(43)	(34)	9	(69)	(67)	(64)	3	
Day Centres	29	28		(4)	36	36			
Energy Efficiency	43	35		(6)	47	47	43		
Homelessness	169	159	122		211	212	235		
Housing Grants	10	10	10	0	10	10	10	0	
Land Charges	(90)	(49)	(68)	(19)	(65)	(65)	(81)	(16)	
Lifeline	(139)	(124)	(124)	0	(132)	(132)	(139)	(7)	
Portfolio Total	(63)	16	(41)	(57)	38	41	39	(2)	

### **APPENDIX B**

### GENERAL FUND RESERVES

Reserve	Actual Balance 1st April 2014	Transfers in	Transfers out	Estimated Balance 31st March 2015
£'000				
RINGFENCED RESERVES				
Business Rates	4,423	475	(1,275)	3,623
DWP Reserve	0	175		175
Licensing Reserve	47		(20)	27
Working Balance	<u> </u>	650	(1,295)	<u>1,214</u> 5,039
Financial Management Reserves	4 440	04	(4, 440)	0
Budget Equalisation	1,416	24	(1,440)	0
Budget Slippage	28 923		(28)	0
Change Management Council Tax Freeze Grant	923 174	<b>E1</b>	(923)	0
MTFS Reserve		51	(225)	0 1,000
Transformation Reserve	0 0	1,000		1,000
	2,541	1,000 2,075	(2,616)	2,000
Contingency Reserves				
Emergency Response	140		(100)	40
Local Government Resource Review	1,385	654	(2,039)	0
Municipal Mutual	51		(51)	0
New Homes Bonus - Contingency	790		(790)	0
,	2,366	654	(2,980)	40
Service Reserves				
Access Reserve	0	200		200
Economic Development	220		(170)	50
Elections	67	28		95
Hardship Fund	100		(100)	0
Homelessness	101		(61)	40
Neighbourhood Front Runners	57		(57)	0
New Homes Bonus - Community Projects	5 15		(15)	0
Planning	935	65		1,000
Strategic Initiatives	0	2,047	(1,694)	353
Waste Depot Relocation Project	0	1,500		1,500
Waste Management	300		(70)	230
	1,795	3,840	(2,167)	3,468
TOTAL USABLE RESERVES	6,702	6,569	(7,763)	5,508
TOTAL RESERVES	12,386	7,219	(9,058)	10,547

Note: the above reserve figures include the 2014/15 surplus of  $\pounds$ 24,000

### **APPENDIX C**

# **GENERAL FUND – RISK ANALYSIS**

This is an update of the risk analysis reported to the Council at the time that the 2014/15 budget was set.

Ris	Risk item Original Risk Level							
a)	Localisation of Business Rates.	High	Higher level of Business Rates appeals than anticipated could exceed the current provision.	Medium				
b)	Waste & Recycling	High	Expenditure and income remain variable, mainly due to the interim arrangements on the recyclable contract.	High				
c)	Reforms to Housing & Council Tax Benefit.	High	No significant issues have arisen.	Medium				
d)	Section 106 agreements.	High	The anticipated risk of expenditure commitments exceeding available funds has not yet arisen.	Medium				
e)	Efficiency Savings.	Medium	No significant issues are anticipated.	Low				
f)	Car Parks Income.	Medium	The anticipated risk related to tariff changes during the year which would reduce income. No such changes have been planned.	Low				
g)	Fees & Charges income.	Medium	Income levels are holding up well with a significant surplus of planning fees and environmental health income in particular.	Low				

Ris	Risk item Original Risk Level		Current Status	Current Risk Level
h)	Planning appeals.	Medium	At the present time no significant liabilities have arisen however the inherent risk remains.	Medium
i)	Instability of banking industry.	Medium	Treasury management continues to be carried out prudently and there are no current concerns about the security of council funds. There is a low probability of issues arising but the sums involved remain significant so the overall risk level remains.	Medium
j)	Local Plan	Low	No significant financial issues have arisen.	Low
k)	External funding.	Low	No significant financial issues have arisen.	Low
I)	Supplies & Services contracts.	Low	No significant issues have arisen. One area with potential for cost fluctuations is in Waste Management, where contract issues remain outstanding.	Medium
m)	Capital financing costs.	Low	No significant financial issues have arisen.	Medium
n)	Pay award.	N/A	Pay award now agreed at 2.2%	N/A

### **APPENDIX D**

### HOUSING REVENUE ACCOUNT

	2013/14				2014/15			-
			I to Decer			Full `		
£000	Outturn	Current Budget	Actual to Date	Variance to Date	Original Budget	Current Budget		Forecast Variance
Housing Revenue Account Income								
Dwelling Rents	(13,703)	(10,792)	(10,984)	(192)	(14,390)	(14,390)	(14,400)	(10)
Garage Rents	(201)	(158)	(154)	4	(210)	(210)	(210)	0
Land Rents	(3)	(2)	(2)	0	(3)	(3)	(2)	1
Charges for Services & Facilities	(763)	(598)	(628)	(30)	(777)	(777)	(811)	(34)
Contributions towards Expenditure	(3)	Ó	(1)	(1)	Ó	Ó	Ó	Ó
Investment Income	(22)	0	Ó		(10)	(10)	(22)	(12)
Other Income	(9)	0	0		0	0	Ó	Ó
TOTAL INCOME	(14,704)	(11,550)	(11,769)	(219)	(15,390)	(15,390)	(15,445)	(55)
Housing Finance & Business Management								
Business & Performance Management	402	337	300	(37)	467	440	379	(61)
Rents, Rates & Other Property Charges	20	36	70	34	36	36	79	43
	422	373	370	(3)	503	476	458	(18)
Housing Maintenance & Repairs Service								
Common Service Flats	232	193	117	(76)	275	275	273	(2)
Estate Maintenance	168	106	123	17	141	141	141	0
Housing Repairs	2,178	1,455	1,715	260	1,935	1,946	2,375	429
Housing Sewerage	47	39	39		49	49	55	6
Newport Depot	22	10	47		12	12	53	41
Property Services	382	345	336		460	462	452	(10)
	3,029	2,148	2,377	229	2,872	2,885	3,349	464
Housing Management & Homelessness								
Housing Services	245	201	229	28	253	275	319	44
Sheltered Housing Services	544	459	384		612	614	563	(51)
	789	660	613		865	889	882	(31)
Total Service Expenditure	4,240	3,181	3,360	179	4,240	4,250	4,689	439
Other Certe								
Other Costs	0.004	0	0	0	2 4 2 0	0.400	0 400	0
Depreciation - Land & Buildings ( <i>transfer to MRR</i> )	3,081	0	0		3,136	3,136	3,136	0
Depreciation - Other Assets (transfer to MRR)	104	0	0	-	125	125	125	0
Impairment - Other Assets	0	0	0	-	0	0	100	100
Bad Debt Provision	(32)	0	0	-	150	150	150	0
Supporting People	118	40	35	(-)	53	53	54	1
Recharge from General Fund	1,069	0	0		1,211	1,211	1,150	(61)
HRA Share of Corporate Core	245	0	0		253	253	253	0
Interest/Costs re HRA Loan	2,626	1,313	1,285	. ,	2,625	2,625	2,625	0
Pension Fund - Added Years	20	0	0	-	19	19	20	1
Pension Fund - Deficit	76	0	0	0	198	198	238	40
Pay Award	0	20	0	(20)	20	10	0	(10)
Right to Buy Admin Costs Allowance	(23)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total Non-Service Expenditure	7,284	1,373	1,320	(53)	7,790	7,780	7,851	71
TOTAL EXPENDITURE	11,524	4,554	4,680	126	12,030	12,030	12,540	510
OPERATING (SURPLUS)/DEFICIT	(3,180)	(6,996)	(7,089)	(93)	(3,360)	(3,360)	(2,905)	455
			, ,	,/				
Funding of Capital Programme from HRA				_	a · · -	a /		
Funding of Action Plan Capital Items	839	0			2,147	2,147	2,119	(28)
Funding of Capital from Revenue	2,023 2,862	0			1,097 3,244	1,097 3,244	1,146 3,265	49 21
	2,002		0	0	0,244	5,244	0,200	21
Transfers to/from (-) Reserves Capital Projects Reserve	0	0	0	0	(550)	(550)	(425)	125
Change Management Reserve	0	0	0		(550)	(550)	(423)	(200)
Sheltered Housing Reserve	0	0	0		798		(200)	(200) (798)
Sheltered Housing Reserve Transformation Reserve	0	0			798 0	798	0 147	
		_			-	(122)		147
Working Balance	0	0	0		(132)	(132) 116	(150) (628)	(18) (744)
	_							. ,
			•		2 2 2 6 0	2 260	0.007	(723)
Total Use of Reserves/Funding	2,862	0	0	0	3,360	3,360	2,637	(723)

# APPENDIX E

### CAPITAL PROGRAMME

	CAPITA						
£'000	Actuals	Original Budget 2014-15	Slippage from 2013-14	Budget adjustment as agreed by Cabinet	Current Budget 2014-15	Forecast Outturn	Forecast to Budget Variance
Community and Engagements				Cabinet			
	-				10.5	100	
Community Project Grants	47 292	110 300		0 0	136 300	136 300	0
Museum Storage Facility S/W Motte & Bailey	68	300		0	300	150	(205)
Superfast Broadband	08	323		100	100	150	(203)
Total Community Partnerships and Engagement Excluding	407	735		100	891	586	(305)
S106	407	,	50	100	0.51	500	(303)
Community Safety							
CCTV Stansted	16	0	42	0	42	42	0
CCTV Thaxted	0	35	0	0	35	35	0
Total Community Safety	16	35	42	0	77	77	0
Environmental Services							
Vehicle Replacement Programme	93	180		100	280	93	(187)
In-cab Technology - Vehicles	0	12		0	12	12	0
Household Bins	0	0		0	0	30	30
Kitchen Caddies	0	0		0	0	10	10
Garden Waste Bins	0	0		0 0	0 0	20 10	20 10
Trade Waste Bins New Schemes	0	0	U	0	0	10	10
Swan Meadow car park	72	0	0	130	130	135	5
Catons Lane car park	0	0		150	150	155	(155)
	0	0		45	45	45	(100)
Flood prevention work	_						_
Total Environmental Services	165	192	0	430	622	355	(267)
Finance Admin							
IT Schemes							
Minor Items IT	0	20		0	20	20	0
Bring your own device	0	0		0	10	10	0
Citrix Upgrade PSN CoCo Works	0	20 30		0 0	20 30	20 30	0
Mobile working - Housing	0	50		0	50	50	0
Mobile working - Planning & Env Health	1	45	0	0	45	45	0
Mailroom scanners	14	0		0	0	14	14
Video conferencing	2	0		0	0	0	0
UPS - Additional	0	0	0	0	0	50	50
UDC Asset work							
Council Offices Improvements	21	30	159	0	189	145	(44)
Hill St Conveniences	0	0	0	120	120	120	0
Stansted Conveniences - Grant	0	0		30	30	30	0
Total Finance Admin	38	195	169	150	514	534	20
Housing							
General Fund	03	225	0	0	225	225	
Disabled Facilities Grants Empty Dwellings	92 0	225 50		0 0	225 50	225 30	(20)
Private Sector Renewal Grants	0	30		0	30	30	(20)
Day Centres Cyclical Improvements	13	10		0	10	10	-
Compulsory Purchase Order	0			0	0	0	
Total GF Housing	105	315		0	315	295	(20)
HRA							,
HRA Repairs	2,505	4,183	0	(215)	3,968	3,878	(90)
UPVC Fascia's and Guttering	139	500		0	500	500	0
Cash Incentive Scheme Grants	25	50	0	0	50	50	0
Additional Housing Vans	0	0	0	0	0	20	20
Business Plan Items							
Service Chg Planned Rep System - ICT Schemes	6	0		0	92	101	9
Energy Efficiency Schemes	264	300		306	606	300	(306)
Support unit for people with learning difficulties	0	0		0	100	0	(100)
New build Garden/Garage Sites New build - Catons Lane	0	600 0		(305)	295 30	0 30	(295)
New build - Catons Lane New build - Mead court/Canons Mead garage Site	13 1,634	2,537		30 0	30 3,741	30 2,414	0 (1,327)
Holloway Crescent - Final costs	1,634	2,537		0	3,741	2,414	(1,327) 30
Sheltered Hsg Alarms Equip	0	100		0	100	10	(90)
	l i	100	5	0	100	10	(50)
Sheltered Schemes Reynolds Court	76	0	0	205	205	205	0
Hatherley Court	19	0		205 60	205	205	0
Walden Place	19	0		10	10	10	0
Internet Café's in Sheltered Hsg	12	40		0	40	40	0
-				91			(2.440)
Total HRA	4,728	8,310			9,797	7,648	(2,149)
Total General Fund	731	1,472	267	680	2,419	1,847	(572)
CAPITAL PROGRAMME TOTAL	5,459	9,782	1,663	771	12,216	9,495	(2,721)

# TREASURY MANAGEMENT

### DEPOSITS MADE 1 APRIL 2014 TO 31 DECEMBER 2014

Deposit Date	Amount £m	Institution	Interest	Return Date
01-Apr-14	1.00	BoS / Lloyds	0.68%	18-Sep-14
02-Apr-14	1.00	Nationwide Building Society	0.54%	18-Sep-14
07-Apr-14	1.00	Leeds Building Society	0.40%	15-Jul-14
07-Apr-14	16.00	Debt Management Office (DMO)	0.25%	15-Apr-14
08-Apr-14	2.50	Debt Management Office (DMO)	0.25%	30-Apr-14
15-Apr-14	11.00	Debt Management Office (DMO)	0.25%	19-May-14
02-May-14	5.00	Debt Management Office (DMO)	0.25%	19-Jun-14
09-May-14	2.00	Debt Management Office (DMO)	0.25%	19-Jun-14
15-May-14	4.50	Debt Management Office (DMO)	0.25%	18-Jul-14
19-May-14	3.00	Debt Management Office (DMO)	0.25%	21-Jul-14
02-Jun-14	4.00			09-Jun-14
02-Jun-14	4.00	Debt Management Office (DMO) Debt Management Office (DMO)	0.25%	
			0.25%	19-Jun-14
09-Jun-14	4.00	Debt Management Office (DMO)	0.25%	19-Aug-14
13-Jun-14	2.00	Debt Management Office (DMO)	0.25%	19-Aug-14
16-Jun-14	2.50	Debt Management Office (DMO)	0.25%	18-Sep-14
01-Jul-14	4.00	Debt Management Office (DMO)	0.25%	22-Sep-14
03-Jul-14	0.50	Debt Management Office (DMO)	0.25%	14-Jul-14
11-Jul-14	1.50	Debt Management Office (DMO)	0.25%	18-Jul-14
15-Jul-14	4.00	Debt Management Office (DMO)	0.25%	17-Oct-14
18-Jul-14	1.50	Debt Management Office (DMO)	0.25%	19-Aug-14
01-Aug-14	4.00	Debt Management Office (DMO)	0.25%	29-Sep-14
07-Aug-14	1.00	Debt Management Office (DMO)	0.25%	06-Oct-14
08-Aug-14	1.00	Debt Management Office (DMO)	0.25%	15-Aug-14
15-Aug-14	4.00	Debt Management Office (DMO)	0.25%	20-Oct-14
01-Sep-14	4.00	Debt Management Office (DMO)	0.25%	19-Nov-14
12-Sep-14	2.00	Debt Management Office (DMO)	0.25%	19-Nov-14
15-Sep-14	2.00	Debt Management Office (DMO)	0.25%	19-Nov-14
24-Sep-14	1.00	Birmingham City Council	0.45%	27-Feb-15
25-Sep-14	1.00	Nationwide Building Society	0.50%	29-Dec-14
29-Sep-14	2.00	Debt Management Office (DMO)	0.25%	30-Sep-14
30-Sep-14	1.00	Leeds Building Society (BS)	0.42%	07-Jan-15
30-Sep-14	1.00	BoS / Lloyds	0.70%	30-Mar-15
01-Oct-14	5.00	Debt Management Office (DMO)	0.25%	18-Dec-14
02-Oct-14	0.50	Debt Management Office (DMO)	0.25%	21-Nov-14
13-Oct-14	3.00	Debt Management Office (DMO)	0.25%	22-Dec-14
15-Oct-14	1.00	Debt Management Office (DMO)	0.25%	23-Oct-14
15-Oct-14	2.00	Debt Management Office (DMO)	0.25%	19-Jan-15
03-Nov-14	1.00	Vernon Building Society	0.50%	05-Feb-15
03-Nov-14	1.00	Treasury Bills (T-Bills)	0.39%	16-Feb-15
03-Nov-14	2.00	Debt Management Office (DMO)	0.25%	19-Jan-15
07-Nov-14	1.00	BoS / Lloyds	0.57%	19-Feb-15
07-Nov-14	1.00	Nationwide Building Society	0.52%	19-Feb-15
14-Nov-14	1.00	Conwy Borough County Council	0.35%	18-Feb-15
17-Nov-14	2.00	Midlothian Council	0.37%	19-Jan-15
17-Nov-14	1.00	Debt Management Office (DMO)	0.25%	27-Nov-14
01-Dec-14	3.00	Telford & Wrekin Council	0.41%	18-Feb-15
03-Dec-14	1.00	Local Authority - Birmingham City Counci	0.45%	18-Mar-15
15-Dec-14	1.00	Debt Management Office (DMO)	0.25%	23-Feb-15
15-Dec-14	3.00	Debt Management Office (DMO)	0.25%	18-Mar-15
15-Dec-14	1.50	Debt Management Office (DMO)	0.25%	23-Mar-15
19-Dec-14	1.00	Darlington Building Society	0.50%	23-Mar-15
31-Dec-14	3.00	Debt Management Office (DMO)	0.25%	30-Mar-15
31-Dec-14	3.00	Debt Management Office (DMO)	0.25%	30-Mar-15
31-Dec-14	3.00	Debt Management Office (DMO)	0.25%	30-Mar-15
Total	137.00	Average	0.32%	

### APPENDIX F continued...

Deposit Date	Amount £m	Institution	Interest	Return Date
24-Sep-14	1.00	Birmingham City Council	0.45%	27-Feb-15
30-Sep-14	1.00	Leeds Building Society	0.42%	07-Jan-15
30-Sep-14	1.00	BoS / Lloyds	0.70%	30-Mar-15
15-Oct-14	2.00	Debt Management Office (DMO)	0.25%	19-Jan-15
03-Nov-14	1.00	Vernon Building Society	0.50%	05-Feb-15
03-Nov-14	1.00	Treasury Bills (T-Bills)	0.39%	16-Feb-15
03-Nov-14	2.00	Debt Management Office (DMO)	0.25%	19-Jan-15
07-Nov-14	1.00	BoS / Lloyds	0.57%	19-Feb-15
07-Nov-14	1.00	Nationwide Building Society	0.52%	19-Feb-15
14-Nov-14	1.00	Conwy Borough County Council	0.35%	18-Feb-15
17-Nov-14	2.00	Midlothian Council	0.37%	19-Jan-15
01-Dec-14	3.00	Telford & Wrekin Council	0.41%	18-Feb-15
03-Dec-14	1.00	Birmingham City Council	0.45%	18-Mar-15
15-Dec-14	1.00	Debt Management Office (DMO)	0.25%	23-Feb-15
15-Dec-14	3.00	Debt Management Office (DMO)	0.25%	18-Mar-15
15-Dec-14	1.50	Debt Management Office (DMO)	0.25%	23-Mar-15
19-Dec-14	1.00	Darlington Building Society	0.50%	23-Mar-15
31-Dec-14	3.00	Debt Management Office (DMO)	0.25%	30-Mar-15
Total	27.50	Average	0.40%	

# DEPOSITED BALANCES AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2014

### BALANCES WITH ON CALL DEPOSIT & CURRENT ACCOUNTS AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2014

Institution		Amount £m	Interest
Barclays Deposit Account (FIBCA)		1.00	0.50%
Barclays Current Account *		1.05	1.50%
Money Market Fund - CCLA		0.50	0.36%
	Total	2.55	0.79%

\* The account pays interest up to value incurred for banking transactions

# Total balances held at 31<sup>st</sup> December 2014 - £30.05m; average interest rate of 0.39%