

**Committee:** Environment

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**Agenda Item**

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## Summary

- 1 This report has been produced in accordance with the budget reporting method and timetable approved by the Finance & Administration Committee on 25 June.
- 2 The Committee is responsible for overseeing various General Fund Service Budgets and Capital Programme Schemes.
- 3 The Committee's General Fund expenditure is forecasted to overspend by £65,000.
- 4 Capital projects are forecasted to overspend by £33,000, mainly due to the proposal to make a grant to Saffron Walden Town Council.
- 5 The information in this report will be collated into a report covering the Council's corporate financial position to be received by the Finance & Administration Committee on 24 September.
- 6 The Committee will receive an update on its budgets in January.

## Recommendations

The Committee is recommended to approve this report.

## Background Papers

[2009/10 Budget Book](#)

## Impact

Communication/Consultation	None
Community Safety	None
Equalities	None
Finance	Detailed in the report
Human Rights	None
Legal implications	None
Sustainability	None
Ward-specific impacts	None
Workforce/Workplace	None

### **Environment Committee General Fund - Summary**

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<b>Overall overspend is forecast</b>	Overall, the Committee's expenditure is forecasted to overspend the budget by £65,000. Details are Appendix A.
<b>Overspending areas</b>	An overspend in Building Surveying of £31,000 due to shortfall in income as a result of the economic downturn. A shortfall in car parking income of £18,000 due to an overstatement of the budget. A shortfall in Solid Waste Management income of £18,000 due to reduction in the number of septic tanks emptied. No other significant overspends anticipated.
<b>Underspending areas</b>	No significant underspends anticipated.

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### **Environment Committee Capital Programme - Summary**

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<b>Overall overspend is forecast</b>	An overall net overspend of £33,000 is forecasted. The main reason for this is the proposal to make a capital grant of £50,000 to Saffron Walden Town Council in connection with the transfer of facilities. An updated capital programme and financing statement will be reported to the Finance & Administration Committee on 24 September, with a recommendation to endorse the funding of the proposed grant. Details are in Appendix B.
<b>Flood Relief Scheme budget no longer required</b>	No Flood Relief capital budget expenditure is expected in the remainder of this year, as it was not necessary for the District Council to make a contribution to enable implementation of a scheme that has now been completed.

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### Risk Analysis

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

1 = Little or no risk or impact

2 = Some risk or impact – action may be necessary.

3 = Significant risk or impact – action required

4 = Near certainty of risk occurring, catastrophic effect or failure of project.

## APPENDIX A

## ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE – GENERAL FUND BUDGET

£000	April to July			2009/10 Financial Year			
	Current Budget April to July	Actual April to July	Variance April to July	Original Budget	Current Budget	Forecast Outturn	Forecast Variance
Assisted Travel	72	36	-36	192	192	192	0
Building Surveying	4	20	16	56	45	76	31
Car Parking	-154	-193	-39	-670	-669	-651	18
Cemetery Saffron Walden	2	-6	-8	3	3	3	0
Conservation & Enhancement	24	21	-3	101	99	95	-4
Depots	22	17	-5	37	37	37	0
District Monitoring & Enforcement	13	12	-1	39	38	38	0
Energy Efficiency	20	15	-5	37	37	37	0
Housing Strategy	40	38	-2	103	101	101	0
Industrial Estate	37	37	0	46	46	46	0
Land Drainage	16	16	0	52	51	51	0
Local Amenities	20	20	0	60	60	60	0
On Street Parking	-10	-9	1	-211	-211	-211	0
Planning Grants	5	5	0	9	9	9	0
Planning Policy	95	86	-9	296	291	291	0
Solid Waste Management	-18	-15	3	-21	-22	-4	18
Street Cleansing	83	69	-14	255	251	239	-12
Street Services Management & Admin	67	65	-2	273	267	267	0
Transport Administration	143	152	9	352	352	352	0
Vehicle Management	88	86	-2	268	265	265	0
Waste Management	353	376	23	567	543	557	14
<b>Committee Total</b>	<b>922</b>	<b>848</b>	<b>-74</b>	<b>1,844</b>	<b>1,785</b>	<b>1,850</b>	<b>65</b>

## APPENDIX B

## ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE CAPITAL PROGRAMME

£000	Actual April to July	2009/10 Financial Year					
		Original Budget	Brought forward from 2008/09	Additional External Funding in Year	Current Budget	Forecast Outturn	Forecast Variance
<u>Environment</u>							
Flood Relief	0	0	32	0	32	0	-32
Wheelie Bins	13	10	0	0	10	25	15
Trade Waste Bin replacements	1	10	0	0	10	10	0
Refuse Collection / Trade Waste vehicles	0	335	0	0	335	335	0
Recycling Vehicles	0	166	0	0	166	166	0
Street Cleansing Vehicles	113	192	78	0	270	270	0
Elizabeth Way Culvert	0	220	50	0	270	270	0
Museum grounds boundary wall	0	80	0	0	80	80	0
Grant to Saffron Walden Town Council	0	0	0	0	0	50	50
<b>Total - Environment Committee</b>	<b>127</b>	<b>1,013</b>	<b>160</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1,173</b>	<b>1,206</b>	<b>33</b>