

Committee: Environment

Agenda Item

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Title: 2010/11 Budget Monitoring

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Item for decision

Summary

1. The Committee is responsible for overseeing various General Fund Service Budgets and Capital Programme Schemes.
2. The report sets out financial performance for the period April to July 2010 and a forecast outturn to the end of the financial year.
3. The Committee's General Fund expenditure is forecasted to end the year with a net adverse variance of £57,000, of which £48,000 is a planned overspend to be funded from the Planning Development Reserve.
4. Capital schemes are forecasted to end the year with a net adverse variance of £37,000.
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 16 September.
6. The Committee will receive an update on its budgets in January.

Recommendations

7. The Committee is recommended to note and approve this report.

Financial Implications

8. There are no direct financial implications arising from the recommendations.

Background Papers

[2010/11 Budget Book](#)

Impact

Communication/Consultation	The forecasts in the report have been provided by budget holders and scheme managers
Community Safety	None

Equalities	None
Health and Safety	None
Human Rights/Legal Implications	None
Sustainability	None
Ward-specific impacts	None
Workforce/Workplace	None

Environment Committee General Fund - Summary

Net adverse variance is forecast	<p>Overall, the Committee's expenditure is forecasted to overspend the budget by £57,000.</p> <p>This includes £48,000 of planned expenditure, to be funded from the Planning Development Reserve, to provide maternity cover for essential work in the Planning Policy and Housing Strategy Teams.</p> <p>Details are Appendix A.</p>
Overspending areas	<p>£41,000 – Planning Policy additional resource and maternity cover to be funded from the Planning Development Reserve</p> <p>£28,000 – Vehicle Management, higher materials costs plus new post recruited to at a higher level than budgeted for.</p> <p>No other significant overspends anticipated.</p>
Underspending areas	<p>£28,000 – Waste Management net underspend, due to renegotiated disposal charges, offset by loss of trade waste customers.</p> <p>£26,000 – Street Services – contribution towards Head of Division's costs from Braintree DC.</p> <p>£21,000 – Energy Efficiency – net saving arising from departure of energy management officer and new arrangement with Braintree DC.</p> <p>No significant underspends anticipated.</p>
Other comments	<p>The Building Control budget has stabilised, reversing a trend established last year, with income above budgeted levels.</p>

Environment Committee Capital Programme - Summary

Net adverse variance is forecast

An overall net overspend of £37,000 is forecasted.

Expenditure on replacement wheelie bins is higher than budgeted.

Planned expenditure on street cleansing vehicle replacements has been brought forward from 2011/12 to this year, so there is an unbudgeted cost of £105,000 in 2010/11.

A saving of £75,000 has been made by getting a good deal on refuse vehicle replacements.

Details are in Appendix B.

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			2010/11 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	84	78	-6	219	219	227	8
Building Surveying	17	-13	-30	77	77	63	-14
Car Parking	138	191	53	-654	-654	-643	11
Conservation & Enhancement	22	19	-3	95	95	108	13
Depots	22	11	-11	38	38	46	8
District Monitoring & Enforcement	13	13	0	38	38	38	0
Energy Efficiency	15	5	-10	29	29	8	-21
Housing Strategy	41	35	-6	102	102	114	12
Land Drainage	16	16	0	52	52	51	-1
Local Amenities	31	35	4	70	73	73	0
On Street Parking	-9	-9	0	-176	-176	-160	16
Planning Grants	6	6	0	5	6	6	0
Planning Policy	75	89	14	274	270	311	41
Solid Waste Management	-2	-1	1	-2	-2	13	15
Street Cleansing	99	85	-14	278	271	266	-5
Street Services Management & Admin	89	81	-8	271	271	245	-26
Transport Administration	87	118	31	313	313	313	0
Vehicle Management	90	103	13	272	272	300	28
Waste Management	60	18	-42	393	400	372	-28
Committee Total	894	880	-14	1,694	1,694	1,751	57

APPENDIX B

ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE CAPITAL PROGRAMME

£000	Actual April to July	2010/11 Financial Year				Forecast Outturn	Forecast Variance
		Original Budget	Slippage from 2009/10	Additional External Funding in Year	Updated Budget		
Environment							
Capital Equipment							
Energy Efficiency Programme	0	25	0	0	25	25	0
Food Waste Caddies	0	0	7	0	7	7	0
Glass Bottle Banks	0	0	2	0	2	2	0
Trade Waste Bin replacements	0	10	0	0	10	10	0
Wheelie Bins	6	10	0	0	10	52	42
Capital Grants							
Grant to Saffron Walden Town Council	0	0	50	0	50	50	0
Capital Vehicles							
Light Vans replacement programme	18	36	0	0	36	8	-28
Pest Control Vans replacement programme	17	36	0	0	36	29	-7
Recycling Vehicles	1	166	0	0	166	166	0
Refuse Collection / Trade Waste vehicles	240	370	285	0	655	580	-75
Street Cleansing Vehicles	0	147	0	0	147	252	105
Hard to Reach Properties Vehicle	0	0	0	100	100	100	0
Capital Works							
Ashton/DEFRA Project	3	0	0	83	83	83	0
Fairycroft Car Park - Repairs	0	154	0	0	154	154	0
Museum Grounds Boundary Wall	12	0	37	0	37	37	0
White Street Car Park - Prior Year	0	0	15	0	15	15	0
White Street Car Park - Repairs	0	70	0	0	70	70	0
Total - Environment Committee	297	1,024	396	183	1,603	1,640	37