

Committee: Licensing

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Item for
decision

Summary

- 1 The Committee is responsible for overseeing General Fund Licensing Service Budgets. This report details income and expenditure for the period April to November 2009, and a forecast for the end of 2009/10.
- 2 A net underspend of £20,000 is forecasted. This is discussed below.
- 3 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 28 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
Health and Safety	None
Human Rights	None
Legal implications	None
Sustainability	None
Ward-specific impacts	None
Workforce/Workplace	None

Licensing Committee General Fund - Summary

Overall underspend is forecast

Overall, the Committee's expenditure is forecasted to underspend by £20,000.

This includes an excess of income over expenditure relating to taxi licensing of £26,000. This will be transferred to a new Licensing earmarked reserve and be used to support service improvements and any adverse financial variances arising in future years. As detailed in reports elsewhere on today's agenda, taxi licensing fees have been reviewed with effect from January 2010 to align income levels more closely with costs.

No other significant variances are anticipated.

Details are below.

£000	April to Nov			2009/10 Financial Year			
	Current Budget April to Nov	Actual April to Nov	Variance April to Nov	Original Budget	Current Budget	Forecast Outturn	Forecast Variance
Staffing Costs	60	61	1	91	89	91	2
Inspection Fees	12	9	-3	16	16	16	0
Direct Admin Costs	14	19	5	16	16	20	4
Licensing Expenditure	86	89	3	123	121	127	6
Hackney Carriages	-102	-143	-41	-157	-157	-183	-26
Other Licences	-69	-74	-5	-87	-87	-87	0
Licensing Income	-171	-217	-46	-244	-244	-270	-26
Committee Total	-85	-128	-86	-121	-123	-143	-20

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.