

Committee: Performance Select Committee
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Title: Red Finance Indicators

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Summary

1. This report presents to Members all budgets that are 10% or greater in variance either below expected income, or over in expected expenditure, from the profiled budget.

Recommendations

2. None.

Background Papers

None.

Impact

Communication/Consultation	All budget holders and Finance staff have been consulted and explanations that have been provided are included
Community Safety	There are no specific community safety implications contained in this report
Equalities	There are no specific equalities implications contained in this report
Finance	This report deals with the 2008/09 profiled budget as at the end of October 2008
Human Rights	There are no specific human rights implications contained in this report
Legal implications	There are no specific Legal implications contained in this report
Ward-specific impacts	There are no specific ward implications contained in this report
Workforce/Workplace	All staff are being kept informed about the Council's budget position.

Situation

3. Attached at appendix one are the details of all budgets that are 10% or greater in variance either below expected income, or over in expenditure, from the profiled budget.
4. Whilst every effort has been made to adequately profile budgets a few still require adjustment. This has led to some of the variances identified in this report.
5. Due to the date of this Committee, not all explanations for variances have been received from Heads of Division. Further updates will be given at the meeting as appropriate.

Appendix One

<u>Service</u>	<u>DESCRIPTION</u>	<u>2007/08 Actual</u>	<u>2008/09 Bud to Date</u>	<u>2008/09 Act to Date</u>	<u>Variance</u>	<u>2008/09 ORIGINAL</u>	<u>Projected Outturn</u>	<u>Explanation</u>
		£	£	£	£	£	£	
CEMETERY	DIRECT INCOME	-22,631	-18,096	-14,880	-3,216	-31,020	-27,804	Fee income is down although there may be an element of seasonal trend. Reductions in expenditure compensate for the lower income
CONDUCTING ELECTIONS	DIRECT INCOME	-32,237	0	2,591	2,591	0	2,591	An error on the amount claimed from parishes last year was identified and refunds sent
LAND CHARGES	DIRECT INCOME	-245,442	-141,750	-104,319	-37,431	-243,000	-205,569	A general downturn in the housing market and use of private agents will see a shortfall against budget of at least £55,000 for the year.
PEST CONTROL	DIRECT INCOME	-37,315	-26,860	-21,036	-5,824	-30,330	-24,506	
WASTE MANAGEMENT	DIRECT INCOME	-1,560,407	-610,758	-541,151	-69,607	-1,500,370	-1,430,763	Shortfall in income is related to the Bulky Waste removal charge which was new for this year. Expected take up levels for the scheme have not been achieved.

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OFFICES SAFFRON WALDEN	DIRECT INCOME	-13,239	-9,562	-7,900	-1,662	-12,760	-11,098	Rental of the facilities is down as more and more venues have marriage accreditation. Savings on expenditure compensate for the lower income
PLANNING MANAGEMNT & ADMIN	DIRECT INCOME	-21,451	-13,825	-9,004	-4,821	-23,700	-18,879	Income from sale of maps is lower than budgeted. Savings on expenditure compensate for the lower income
ENVIRONMENTAL ADMIN	DIRECT EXPENDITURE	134,398	55,669	62,558	6,889	98,910	105,799	This budget head is being closed and split up this year to provide separate support to Environmental Health and Street Services. Once this is achieved the staff allocation will be met within budget.