

## Revenue Outturn 2005/06

### 1. Purpose of the Report

1.1 To advise of the financial outturn against the Council's revised budget for 2005/06.

### 2. Recommendations

**The Executive is asked to:**

2.1 **Note the revenue outturn against the budget.**

2.2 **Authorise the carry forward of specific underspent budgets totalling £137,000 (as outlined in paragraph 4.5 below)**

### 3. Links to Corporate Business Plan

3.1 The budget is the financial expression of the Corporate business plan and the financial results reflect the achievement of the plan's aims.

### 4. Revenue Position 2005/06

4.1 The revenue outturn is summarised in the following table:

	Revised Budget £'000	Actual £'000
Net Expenditure on Services	18,420	<b>17,994</b>
Interest & Other Operating Exp. & Income (OOEI)	(4,955)	<b>(5,188)</b>
Parishes	3,610	<b>3,610</b>
Net Expenditure	17,035	<b>16,416</b>
Govt. Grant & Council Tax	(16,259)	<b>(16,272)</b>
<b>Net (Surplus)/ Deficit</b>	776	<b>144</b>

4.2 The net revenue outturn is for a net call on balances of £144k. This compares with the estimated call on balances of £200k in the original budget and £776k in the revised estimates. The outturn was a marked improvement on the projected position, and was achieved by additional income and management action following the monthly budget monitors.

- 4.3 The major variations between the revenue outturn and the revised budget are detailed below:

<b>Service</b>	<b>Variance £'000</b>	<b>Background</b>
Cleansing & Amenities	(35)	Overspend on Refuse/Recycling of £147k due to higher wages & vehicle running costs, offset by savings on Grounds Maintenance, Street Cleansing, support recharges & additional income from the Small Works team
Community & Environment	(50)	Savings from increased capital work, community grants, planned maintenance and support recharges, partly offset by additional agency staff costs
Corporate Costs	(110)	Savings on Members support (£60k), IT systems development (£79k), recruitment marketing and business unit recharges, partly offset by costs of early retirement and VAT penalties
Customer Services	35	Savings on net benefit costs (£100k) largely due to recovery of overpayments and savings on concessionary travel (£39k), offset by staffing and other overspends in the Benefits team (£57k) and under collection of Council Tax costs (£55k)
Planning Services	(266)	Income exceeded budget on Planning fees (£180k) – reflecting receipt of £113k in March including £32k from a joint application. There was a saving of c. £180k against recharges from support services and a saving of £30k on consultants. These were partly offset by a shortfall in Land Charges income
Corporate Finance - Interest & Financing	(194)	Largely due to increased interest received on investments (£194k), partially offset by other costs

- 4.4 Further information on the outturn for each service compared to the revised budget is given in the attached Appendix 1.

4.5 In view of the underspend against the revised budget and of the need to identify the funding to continue with existing initiatives, the following budgets are proposed to be carried forward subject to the Executive's approval :

<b>Budget</b>	<b>Amount (£)</b>	<b>Comments</b>
i) Cleansing & Amenities Best Value implementation plan	45,000	Work started on the plan in 2005/06 and this is the amount remaining from the budget to employ a temporary project manager to run the project.
ii) Project for the improvement of the Housing & Council Tax benefit service	70,000	As above this project commenced during 2005/06. This is the sum required for project management support.
iii) Document management project	7,000	The Document Records Management project is part of the ICE programme. The carry forward would fund a temporary Records Manager to :  <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- provide a comprehensive and consistent resource to interview teams and provide an index of records</li> <li>- to help teams start to apply the Records Retention and Destruction Shedule and work towards a corporate File Plan</li> </ul> This will enable the Council to move towards Electronic Document Management
iv) Concessionary Travel –temp. Staffing	15,000	The new concessionary fares scheme has led to an increased number of applications and enquiries, as well as the resourcing of the new system. This funding will enable the continued use of agency staff to deal with the additional workload.
<b>Total Requested Carry Forwards</b>	<b>137,000</b>	

NB – Members should note that Items i) and ii) above were the subject of reports to the Executive's October meeting, and it was envisaged that the projects would span two financial years.

**5.1 Financial Implications**

5.1 These are detailed within the body of the report.

**6. Legal Implications**

6.1 None arising directly from the report.

**7. Community & Environmental Implications**

7.1 None.

**8. Human Resources Implications**

8.1 None.

**9. Equal Opportunities Implications**

9.1 None.

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