

ROTHERHAM BOROUGH COUNCIL – REPORT TO MEMBERS

1.	Meeting:	Cabinet Member for Regeneration and Development Services
2.	Date:	14th June, 2013
3.	Title:	Revenue Outturn report for 2012/2013
4.	Directorate :	Environment and Development Services

5. Summary

To report on the performance against budget for the Environment and Development Services Directorate Revenue accounts for the financial year April to March 2012/13.

6. Recommendations

That Members note:

- **The outturn position for the Environment & Development Services Directorate Revenue budgets for the 2012/2013 financial year of an overspend of £185k.**
- **There are no requests for earmarked balances to be carried forward to 2013/14.**

7. Proposals and Details

Members have been asked to receive and comment upon budget monitoring reports on a monthly basis from December onwards. This report reflects the actual outturn position for the Directorate for the period 1st April 2012 to 31st March 2013.

At the close of the 2012/13 financial year the Environment and Development Services Directorate has produced an outturn which shows an overspend of £185,032 against a net revenue budget of £35,877,844 for 2012/13. The position is analysed by Service area below;

Table One: EDS Revenue Budget Outturn 2012/13

Service Area	Revenue Budget	Net Outturn	Outturn Variance	Net Variance
	£	£	£	%
Business Unit	582,910	525,623	-57,287	-9.83
Regeneration, Planning & Culture	5,751,196	5,673,591	-77,605	-1.35
Streetpride	29,543,738	29,863,662	+319,924	+1.08
EDS Total	35,877,844	36,062,876	+185,032	

Business Unit (£57k underspend)

The underspend on the Business Unit was due to:

- Managed vacancies
- The moratorium on spend
- A controlled Training programme

Regeneration, Planning and Cultural Services (£78k underspend)

There are some key pressures within the service area. Markets have reported a pressure £47k+ due to fewer traders renting stalls and required repairs. Development Control have under recovered against an income budget reporting a pressure of £103k+. Economic Strategy have reported pressure of £94k+, in the main due to the suspension of the European Social Fund, which funded staff time and can now no longer be recovered causing an income shortfall. Other pressures across the service amount to £64k+.

These are being mitigated by some savings which are mainly due to the council wide moratorium on spend. Culture and Heritage Services was £68k- mainly due to a review of service delivery so staff vacancies are contributing to this. Similarly, the Libraries review has meant the service are reporting £210k-; this is not sustainable. Further savings in other areas amount to £108k-.

Streetpride (£320k overspend)

General Overview

There have been some budgets which have reported significant pressures during the year, namely the winter maintenance budget which provides for a below average winter was overspent by £536k+, mainly due to a prolonged periods of severe weather throughout the winter months. Were it not for this overspend the Service would be reporting a favourable underspend of £216k-.

Service Area Analysis

Network Management – reporting a £662k+ over spend.

The pressure relating to winter accounts (as outlined above £536k+) for the majority of these, but other areas with reported pressures are mainly due to unachievable income targets. Parking has under recovered by £142k+ but has shown some savings to mitigate this £15k-. Other pressures total £58k+, which are being mitigated by savings of £59k- from Streetworks and Enforcements additional income recovery, this is unlikely to be recurrent.

Waste Management – reporting £74k- under spend, due to some savings from renegotiations of contracts and from changes to collection arrangements for Green Waste over the winter period. These continue to more than offset some income pressures on waste collection, but may be subject to change, as contractual arrangements remain under review.

Leisure and Community Services has reported £103k- There are a number of areas which have made substantial savings due to the imposed moratorium. Freeze on sports revenue grant & third party funding and various vacant posts. Increase in income at country parks.

Corporate Transport Unit and associated services are reporting £132k- mainly due to transport services reduction to cost of bus passes from SYPTTE & reduction of Post 16 charges from colleges, with some additional income from driver training courses, and the impact of the imposed moratorium. Further combined savings across the service amount to £77k-.

Transportation - reporting an over spend of £39k+ and there are other small pressures reported across the Service of £5k+.

Members have requested details of Agency and Consultancy spend to be included in Budget Monitoring reports. These costs are included in the overall Directorate forecast outturn position.

1. EDS Agency Spend For the Period : April 2012 to March 2013 (Table 1)

Month	On Contract	Off Contract	Total
	£	£	£
April	9,024	0	9,024
May	7,616	0	7,616
June	14,697	0	14,697
July	23,837	0	23,837
August	25,643	0	25,643
September	17,125	0	17,125
October	21,249	0	21,249
November	36,375	0	36,375
December	10,327	0	10,327
January	21,943	0	21,943
February	16,919	0	16,919
March	13,001	0	13,001
Total	217,758	0	217,758
Annual Total	On Contract	Off Contract	Total
	£	£	£
2011/12	265,263	0	265,263

The above shows a reducing spend on Agency during 2012/13, all of it now being part of the contract arrangements.

2. EDS Consultancy Spend For the Period : April 2012 to March 2013

Month	£
April	0
May	2,134
June	1,640
July	850
August	2,500
September	0
October	14,424
November	16,191
December	2,085
January	34,330
February	12,103
March	110,597
Total	172,647

The spend for April 2011 to March 2012 was £77,402.

3. EDS Overtime Spend For the Period : April 2012 to March 2013

April – March	£
Regeneration, Planning & Cultural Services	43,558
Streetpride (including Leisure & Green Spaces	412,521
Total	456,079

The total spend for April 2011 to March 2012 was £471,135 the analysis was :

April – March	£
Regeneration, Planning & Cultural Services	46,835
Streetpride	391,050
Total	471,135

Summary

The figures as reported above are still subject to final accounts quality assurance work and whilst any material amendment is considered unlikely it cannot be ruled out entirely.

Directorate spend is aligned only to Service area and corporate priorities. A tight control has been maintained on all areas of expenditure through-out 2012/13 which is reflected in the final outturn position.

This is the final outturn report for the Directorate for 2012/13 and reflects the actual outturn position against budget from April 2012 to March 2013, showing a spend above budget of £185,032+. This report has been discussed with the Strategic Director for Environment and Development Services and Finance.

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