

Budget Monitoring and Forecast Outturn – April to July 2019

Highlight report – 27 August 2019

Monthly Summary:

The forecast outturn is now an overspend of £291k, an increase on the M3 position of £155k. This overspend includes a rent reduction of £70k that reflects the delay in the commercial property fund capital budget, £97k rent reduction in Housing following the delay in opening Copnall Court and the restriction of rent rises to new properties only, and additional cost pressures in Parks and Countryside including a lower number of burials at the cemetery. Conversely, some favourable revisions to the Planning fee forecast of £100k and additional staffing forecast savings across the board of £26k have reduced the impact. Revenue budget monitoring compliance was 100% this month.

Revenue Outturn Forecast:

| Outturn Forecast | £000s |
|------------------------------------|------------|
| Chief Executive | 0 |
| Resources | -143 |
| Community and Culture | 257 |
| Place | 177 |
| Total overspend / (surplus) | 291 |

2018/19 M4 forecast was a £140k overspend

Monitoring / forecasting compliance: 100% 

Capital Expenditure:

Spend of £3.65m (17% of programmed £21.2m) including £2.4m on Pirie's Place Car Park.
£1.3m spent in month 4.

Income and Expenditure (exc Benefits)

Net spend for the period was £1.894m, 19% of the annual budget and £730k higher than at the same point in 2018/19.

Customer receipts are also below 2018/19 levels due to the delay in invoicing for trade waste and reduced levels of planning fees. However, car parking and investments properties income are above the previous year.

Staffing costs are in line with last year and £217k below the profiled budget.

Expenditure to date includes £144k in respect of the District Elections but £120k of this is covered from an earmarked reserve.

Capital Outturn Forecast:

Spend of £15.8m (74%) forecast with slippage of £5.1m to future years and £0.3m on two property projects that will not now go ahead.

Slippage includes £2m BBH running track which awaits a decision on its future. £1m of the £1.2m Highwood Community Centre budget will not be spent until final plans are agreed. £0.66m of £1.5m housing enabling grants may not be spent.

£2m of the £3m commercial property fund is earmarked for a development opportunity, but £1m is currently unallocated and may not be spent if suitable property cannot be identified.

Debtors:

As at 13 August 2019, the Council was owed £0.71m on 564 invoices where payment was due more than 30 days. Of this, £488k was greater than 90 days old (the same as M3).

| Total | Current | >30 days | >60 days | >90days |
|--------------|---|------------|-----------|------------|
| 2,382 | 1677 | 148 | 86 | 471 |
| #1 | In payment plan. Also owes £25k > 30 days | | | 142 |
| #2 | S106 due in 2016 and 2017 | | | 118 |
| #3 | Rental income share £64k due March 2019 and £19k June 2018. Also owes £64k >30 days from rent June 2019. | | | 83 |
| #4 | CIL was due Jan 2019 | | | 37 |
| #5 | Miscellaneous cleansing and walk way costs were due Oct 2017 | | | 25 |