

BUDGET MONITORING 2013/14 - FORECAST OUTTURN AS AT 31 JANUARY 2014

FULL YEAR FIGURES

	Expenditure			Income			Total Net			Comments	Variance Nov 13 £000
	Budget £000	Forecast £000	Variance £000	Budget £000	Forecast £000	Variance £000	Budget £000	Forecast £000	Variance £000		
CONTROLLABLE ITEMS											
Environment and Leisure											
Central Services	229	215	-14	-135	-94	41	94	121	27	Pressures on external contributions and the Intergenerational project are partially offset by a reduced forecast in relation to the former of Head of Cultural Services (£0.040m) as it has now been confirmed that redundancy costs for this post will be accounted for corporately.	61
Sport & Leisure	7,797	7,934	137	-4,769	-4,904	-135	3,028	3,030	2		31
Outdoor Parks	1,065	1,174	109	-461	-564	-103	603	610	7		-2
Arts Tourism & Heritage	1,667	1,859	192	-451	-540	-89	1,216	1,319	103	Forecast reflects the cost pressure to achieve the CEI efficiency for St Mary's Island (£0.066m) plus ongoing pressures linked to the Playhouse operation (£0.075m). This is partially offset by surplus income across Museums (for rent of land). The forecast change is mainly due to a claim of £0.037m for subsidy losses incurred at the Playhouse by SMG Europe.	60
Libraries & Community Centres	7,292	7,265	-27	-2,441	-2,299	142	4,851	4,966	115	There are cost pressures linked to the CEI savings targets relating to management options for Shiremoor Community Centre (£0.050m) & Howdon Community Centre (£0.052m) in addition to pressures at the John Willie Sams Centre of £0.046m. These pressures are partially offset by 'in-year' discretionary underspends. The forecast position has worsened due to a reduced assumption around income for accommodation rental & service charges plus shortfalls in library fees & charges.	72

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Fleet & Security	5,949	4,986	-963	-5,938	-5,370	568	11	-384	-395	The Security service is showing pressures of £0.061m due largely to lower than target income in static guards and CCTV. The service is working hard to win new contracts and reduce expenditure however has been hit by the loss of existing contracts at Swan Hunters and Wallsend Town Hall (net loss of £0.015m). This is offset by an underspend on Fleet totalling £0.456m. This is a result of the assumption that winter maintenance will not transfer to Capita for the 2013/14 season and that a full years income will be received for the fleet of 12 gritters (£0.122m) in addition to a further extension of the useful lives of 27 owned vehicles where replacements are planned to be delayed into 2014/15. The Transport Account within Fleet and Security has been showing a surplus due to the short term gains as a result of extending the useful lives of existing assets. The vehicle rates charged to user departments within the Council have been maintained at a sustainable level and there is an overall pressure of £0.360m across the authority for all fleet related cost centres including fuel. This nets off to an overall balanced position after application of the surplus in the Transport Account. The improvement in Fleet is due to increased income for diesel recharges and for services provided in relation to Capita vehicles.	-295
Waste Strategy	11,555	11,052	-503	-1,671	-1,298	373	9,884	9,754	-130	Previously reported transport pressures around Refuse Collection have reduced by £0.020m together with lower expenditure to be incurred on projects linked to Environmental Sustainability resulting in the forecast position across this service improving (£0.040m). Lower expenditure across Supplies and Services (£0.016m) is also forecast. The forecast for waste disposal has been reduced by £0.400m but the drawdown of the weekly support grant has been reduced by a comensurate amount.	-52

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Bereavement	1,110	1,137	27	-1,459	-1,636	-177	-349	-499	-150	The forecast position has changed significantly to show -£0.150m underspend, given that the expenditure on design and survey work associated with the replacement of cremators at Preston Cemetery is now to be funded from the Capital Programme rather than revenue as previously reported.	0
Street Environment	8,344	8,539	195	-859	-872	-13	7,485	7,667	182	Pressures in transport (£0.353m) and supplies & services (£0.130m) have slightly reduced and partially offset by an employee underspend (-£0.359m). The forecast position has improved given anticipated lower expenditure around Winter Maintenance.	283
Head of Service and Resilience	299	255	-44	0	0	0	299	255	-44		-33
Consumer Protection	2,337	4,252	1,915	-1,670	-3,613	-1,943	667	639	-28		-13
Transport Planning and Highways	5,295	5,630	335	-4,154	-4,483	-329	1,141	1,147	6		8
Planning	1,291	2,133	842	-761	-1,652	-891	530	481	-49		-37
Property	7,833	8,025	192	-4,145	-3,576	569	3,688	4,449	761	Pressure relates to income budgets at Swan Hunter site due to a reduction in expected income and the confirmed development of the site leading to long term rental agreements terminating (£0.285m). In addition there is a forecasted liability for backdated rent liability at Quadrant West (£0.111m). The NNDR rebates income target of £0.175m is also showing a pressure as the expected level of appeals for council property is not anticipated to deliver this level of savings. The £200k worsening in the position since November reflects pressures associated with the property services managed by Capita mainly relating to historical shortfalls in budget. Significant work is underway to resolve these matters for 2014/15.	561
Environment and Leisure	62,063	64,456	2,393	-28,915	-30,901	-1,986	33,147	33,555	408		645

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Housing Services (General Fund)											
General Fund Housing	528	567	39	-5	-70	-65	523	497	-26		-26
Housing Strategy	2,029	1,992	-37	-1,721	-1,689	32	308	303	-5		-11
Total Housing Services	2,557	2,559	2	-1,726	-1,759	-33	831	800	-31		-37
Deputy Chief Executive Central Costs											
Business Management	281	202	-79	0	0	0	281	202	-79	Spending on office expenses, travelling and conference fees will be reduced to help offset pressures across the Deputy Chief Executive's portfolio.	-57
Total Deputy Chief Executive Central Costs	281	202	-79	0	0	0	281	202	-79		-57