

BUDGET MONITORING 2014/15 - FORECAST OUTTURN AS AT 31 JANUARY 2015

CONTROLLABLE ITEMS	Expenditure			Income			Total Net			Comments	Variance Nov 2014 £000
	Budget £000	Forecast £000	Variance £000	Budget £000	Forecast £000	Variance £000	Budget £000	Forecast £000	Variance £000		
Environment and Leisure											
Sport & Leisure	7,642	7,841	199	-4,894	-5,176	-282	2,748	2,665	-83	The reported forecast reflects increased underspends in employee costs as well as non pay service delivery savings	-56
Arts Tourism & Heritage	1,566	1,911	345	-410	-622	-212	1,156	1,289	133	Cost pressures reflect expenditure incurred on activities linked to the Mouth of the Tyne festival (£0.083m). Cost pressures also continue to be forecast around the Playhouse operation run by third party/SMG (£0.040m) due to challenging income targets and Third Party costs. An increase in the adverse variance is now reported due to an annual loss for the calendar year of £0.019m around the Playhouse operation, as well as a contribution to workforce planning/redundancy costs (£0.009m) linked to the Joint Arrangements with neighbouring authorities around Tyne & Wear Museums and Archives service.	107
Libraries & Community Centres	7,675	7,732	57	-2,486	-2,504	-18	5,189	5,228	39		61
Fleet & Security	4,889	4,774	-115	-4,978	-4,943	35	-89	-169	-80	The Security Service is now forecasting to have a small underspend largely due to increased income generation from one-off security work as well as ad-hoc security requests around the Swan Hunter site. The Transport account also has a healthy surplus as a result of further delays of replacing older vehicles to ensure maximum value is obtained (£0.070m).	-50
Waste Strategy	11,002	10,949	-53	-1,650	-1,774	-124	9,352	9,175	-177	Expenditure costs across Waste Disposal (mainly around Landfill Tax tonnage & Green Waste) are now forecast to underspend by -£0.132m. Transport related cost pressures on Generic Waste (£0.015m), Skip Collection (£0.012m) & Miscellaneous Recycling (£0.021m) are mitigated by forecast Employee underspends on Special Collections (-£0.054m) as well as Commercial Waste (-£0.040m). The improving change on the variance compared to the November outturn position is as a result of an additional £0.030m underspend on Waste Disposal (Third Party Costs), plus a -£0.029m reduction on Transport related pressures across Waste, Recycling & Refuse.	-118
Bereavement	1,076	1,205	129	-1,600	-1,786	-186	-524	-581	-57	The service is forecasting to overachieve against its income target. The reported forecast reflects the service contribution to the funding of the ongoing major capital works at Tynemouth Crematory.	-82

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Street Environment	9,259	9,580	321	-1,343	-1,648	-305	7,916	7,932	16		15
Head of Service and Resilience	304	276	-28	-102	-96	6	202	180	-22		-18
Consumer Protection	2,460	2,713	253	-1,495	-1,738	-243	965	975	10	Pressure relates to a reduction in income in Development Housing Team (£0.024m) and Pollution Team (£0.007m), along with increased costs in the Food Team (£0.016m), which is partially offset by increased income across Street Trading (£0.035m), to give an overall pressure of £0.010m.	50
Transport and Highways	3,759	4,249	490	-4,155	-4,398	-243	-396	-149	247	Pressure mainly relates to the following:- pressures in electricity costs of £0.050m for Traffic Signals, £0.050m for Traffic Data analysis and Soil Testing, £0.042m on Costs associated with Car Parks £0.030m increased Fleet Transport costs, £0.024m in TUPE staff pay award costs and £0.050m due to the fall out of a previous grant. Of the CEI saving of £0.334m in respect of the Technical Package it is now forecast that £0.180m will be achieved leaving a shortfall of £0.154m. In addition there is an overachievement in parking income (£0.197m), to give an overall pressure of £0.247m	391
Planning	1,236	1,214	-22	-761	-586	175	475	628	153	Pressure relates to a reduction in expected income from planning fees	184

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Property	7,929	9,544	1,615	-4,096	-4,789	-693	3,833	4,755	922	There are forecasted pressures in relation to rent liability at Quadrant (£0.540m) and retained Repairs and Maintenance expenditure of (£0.293m). Also, there is a pressure on Cleaning income (£0.088m) due to the reduction in services across the contracts. The remainder is as a result of expenditure pressures associated with the property services managed by Capita mainly relating to historical shortfalls in budget. Significant work is underway to resolve these matters during 2014/15. The movement is mainly due to the repairs and maintenance costs in relation to Kier work which had previously been forecasted in line with budget. Work has been ongoing to establish the value of repairs and maintenance costs which are rechargeable to service areas including those which fall under the responsibility of Capita within the managed budget. This report includes a prudent estimate of cost and it is expected that the final outcome will be an improvement on this position	664
Environment and Leisure	58,797	61,989	3,191	-27,971	-30,060	-2,089	30,825	31,927	1,102		1,147
Housing Services (General Fund)											
General Fund Housing	1,404	1,497	93	-129	-230	-101	1,276	1,267	-9		-6
Total Housing Services	1,404	1,497	93	-129	-230	-101	1,276	1,267	-9		-6
Deputy Chief Executive Central Costs											
Business Management	283	231	-52	-13	0	13	270	231	-39		-28
Total Deputy Chief Executive Central Costs	283	231	-52	-13	0	13	270	231	-39		-28