

BUDGET MONITORING 2014/15 - PROVISIONAL OUTTURN AS AT 31 MARCH 2015

CONTROLLABLE ITEMS	Expenditure			Income			Total Net			Comments	Variance Jan 2015 £000
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<b>Environment and Leisure</b>											
Sport & Leisure	7,642	7,850	208	-4,894	-5,207	-313	2,748	2,643	-105	The outturn position reflects underspends in employee costs as well as non-pay service delivery savings. There are net underspends identified at Waves Leisure Pool (£0.042m), Lakeside Sports Centre (£0.058m) & Hadrian Leisure Centre (£0.032m), which mitigate income shortfall pressures across Outdoor Sports & Leisure. The movement in the position from January reflects an overachievement on income at Lakeside Sports Centre (£0.014m) as well as various minor improvements on income across the Contours sites and other main indoor sports facilities (£0.007m).	-83
Arts Tourism & Heritage	1,566	1,855	290	-410	-613	-203	1,156	1,243	87	The outturn position reflects cost pressures around expenditure incurred on activities linked to the Mouth of the Tyne festival (£0.084m), as well as pressures for the Playhouse theatre operation run by a third party (£0.040m) due to challenging income targets and contractual costs linked to the annual loss for the 2014 calendar year. The pressures are partially mitigated by various service delivery underspends. The variance movement compared to the January forecast position reflects a year-end stock adjustment for Stephenson Railway Museum (£0.030m) as well as an improvement in income generation around Events (£0.012m)	133
Libraries & Community Centres	7,675	7,691	16	-2,486	-2,506	-19	5,189	5,186	-3		39
Fleet & Security	4,889	4,614	-275	-4,978	-4,920	59	-89	-305	-216	The Security Service has achieved a greater under spend than previously forecast (£0.068m) 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 achieved a surplus (£0.148m) as a result of further delays on replacing older vehicles to ensure maximum value. The improving change in variance compared to the January outturn position is as a result of increased income generation across Security and reduced spend in relation to fuel and external hire costs within Transport.	-80

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Waste Strategy	11,002	12,689	1,688	-1,650	-3,522	-1,871	9,351	9,167	-184	Expenditure costs across Waste Disposal (mainly around Landfill Tax tonnage & Green Waste) has underspent by £0.099m. Employee underspends on Special Collections (£0.054m), Killingworth Refuse (£0.025m) & Commercial Waste (£0.043m) offset a cost pressure linked to Miscellaneous Recycling (£0.021m). The change in variance compared to the January outturn position is mainly due to a change in the Waste Disposal forecast position, where the forecast underspend has reduced by £0.033m following a minor increase in tonnage collected.	-177
Bereavement	1,076	1,218	142	-1,600	-2,005	-404	-524	-786	-262	The service has significantly overachieved against its income target, exceeding the monthly income budget for February and March by over £0.100m in each month.	-57
Street Environment	9,259	9,484	225	-1,343	-1,684	-341	7,916	7,800	-116	Actual expenditure incurred across Parks & Horticultural Services as well as grass-cutting was lower than previously forecast which is reflected in the improved outturn position. Increased income generated by the Arborist team has also contributed. Improvements compared to the January position :- Arborists (£0.012m); Neighbourhood Teams/Grass Cutting (£0.041m) and Grounds Maintenance Management & Support (£0.068m).	16
Head of Service and Resilience	304	271	-33	-102	-96	6	202	175	-27		-22
Consumer Protection	2,460	4,657	2,197	-1,495	-3,599	-2,104	965	1,058	93	Pressure relates to a reduction in income in Development Housing Team related to Disabled Facilities Grant work (£0.047m) along with pressures in the Pollution Team, the Food Team and the Liquor Team, which are partially offset by increased income across Street Trading. A provision (£0.030m) has been created in 2014/15 for a potential future trading standards legal case.	10

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Transport and Highways	4,118	5,663	1,545	-4,514	-5,639	-1,125	-396	24	420	Pressure mainly relates to an unachieved savings target of £0.334m. It had been previously thought that savings from reduced pension rates might contribute to this target but additional pay increase costs of TUPE staff has negated that. There are also pressures within the managed budget :- Electricity costs for traffic signals of £0.061m, traffic data analysis and soil testing costs of £0.050m. Additional parking income of £0.224m has been offset by a shortfall in frontline and engineers fees and additional spend on engineering and parking services.	247
Planning	1,267	1,768	501	-792	-1,327	-535	475	441	-34	This reduction has improved in month due to a higher than forecast level of income, some of which relates to ongoing Capita negotiations. After drawing down to fund the Station East planning appeal in 2015/16 the £0.156m unused balance on the planning appeals was released as no further appeals are pending. However, a new reserve has been created (£0.120m) for external review costs required for the Local Plan	153
Property	8,263	9,051	788	-4,430	-4,583	-153	3,833	4,468	635	There are forecasted pressures in relation to the rent liability at Quadrant of £0.499m & Public Buildings Repairs & Maintenance of £0.086m. There is a pressure on Cleaning income of £0.122m and a pressure of £0.032m on valuation fees due to a reduction in land and property sales during the year. Pressures for the North Shields ring fence area & for Commercial Properties have been offset by savings from surplus buildings, mainly in relation to Unicorn House. There have been further savings of £0.027m for Twedco Properties, £0.054m within Energy Management and 0.023m general savings. The movement in the position since January is £0.287m of which £0.282m relates to Public Building Repairs & Maintenance following recharges to the services.	922
<b>Environment and Leisure</b>	<b>59,521</b>	<b>66,814</b>	<b>7,292</b>	<b>-28,696</b>	<b>-35,699</b>	<b>-7,004</b>	<b>30,824</b>	<b>31,113</b>	<b>289</b>		<b>1,102</b>
<b>Housing Services (General Fund)</b>											
General Fund Housing	1,404	1,802	398	-129	-712	-583	1,276	1,090	-186	The service has requested a carry forward of £0.178m towards delivery of the affordable homes programme in 2015/16.	-9

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<b>Total Housing Services</b>	1,404	1,802	398	-129	-712	-583	1,276	1,090	-186		-9
<b>Deputy Chief Executive Central Costs</b>											
Business Management	283	218	-66	-13	-0	13	270	217	-53	Underspends across conferences, travel and subsistence, general office expenditure and catering.	-39
<b>Total Deputy Chief Executive Central Costs</b>	283	218	-66	-13	-0	13	270	217	-53		-39