

BUDGET MONITORING 2015/16 - FORECAST OUTTURN AS AT 31 JANUARY 2016

CONTROLLABLE ITEMS	Expenditure			Income			Total Net			Comments	Nov 2015/16 £000
	Budget £000	Forecast £000	Variance £000	Budget £000	Forecast £000	Variance £000	Budget £000	Forecast £000	Variance £000		
Environment, Housing and Leisure											
Sport & Leisure	7,854	7,885	31	-5,944	-6,054	-110	1,910	1,831	-79	Staff savings due to careful management of backfill in relation to vacancies and an overachievement of income performance for the third quarter of the year (Oct-Dec) have resulted in the service forecasting to show a net under spend. This position is net of a loss of contribution from Public Health (£0.140m) due to the in-year reduction of grant	-42
Arts Tourism & Heritage	1,485	1,818	333	-398	-705	-307	1,087	1,113	26	.	23
Libraries & Community Centres	7,609	7,765	156	-2,486	-2,553	-67	5,123	5,212	89	There are cost pressures across the service around building cleaning which amount to £0.056m. In addition, PFI contract inflationary cost pressures are forecast totalling £0.064m across the PFI sites John Willie Sam's, Whitley Bay Customer First Centre and Shiremoor Library/Joint Service Centre. Other historical cost pressures linked to Shiremoor Community Centre and Howdon Community Centre (£0.027m and £0.014m respectively) are partially offset by various under spends as well as higher than expected income (£0.072m) across the service. The movement in variance is the net impact of unexpected 'one-off' income being received (£0.028m).	117

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Fleet & Security	4,544	4,454	-90	-4,876	-5,005	-129	-332	-551	-219	The service continues to forecast an underspend around the Transport/Fleet Account, mainly due to lower costs of maintenance of a partially refreshed fleet and lower staff costs within the fleet function.	-245
Waste Strategy	11,115	11,317	202	-1,648	-1,770	-122	9,467	9,547	80	Overspend mainly relates to a reduced forecast for income, predominantly in Kerbside/Home Recycling Contract (£0.090m).	73
Bereavement	1,210	1,382	172	-1,958	-2,610	-652	-748	-1,228	-480	The service is continuing to overachieve on income, caused by the closure of Blyth Crematorium which reopened in December. The increased income has been forecasted on a prudent basis taking into account a reduced profile on the resumption of services in Northumberland.	-226
Street Environment	9,061	9,226	165	-1,442	-1,697	-255	7,619	7,529	-90	The service continues to forecast a net underspend across a range of cost centres due to additional income in Outdoor Parks as well as vacancies across Street Cleansing. The movement from the November position is due to lower expenditure costs forecast across Grounds Maintenance largely associated with reduced waste tipping costs.	-64
Head of Service and Resilience	281	269	-12	-168	-152	16	113	117	4		-2

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Street Lighting PFI	5,124	5,280	156	-1,701	-1,701	0	3,423	3,579	156	The variance movement from November's estimate reflects known increased expenditure mainly around inflationary costs within the Streetlighting contract.	45
Consumer Protection & Building Control	2,566	2,842	276	-1,673	-1,794	-121	893	1,048	155	There is a £0.110m pressure within the client budgets due to the conclusion of a Trading Standards legal case. The remaining pressure relates to a £0.030m unachievable recharge target and standage land rental charges of £0.06m to give an overall forecast pressure of £0.154m	207
Transport and Highways	5,148	5,417	269	-4,424	-4,824	-400	724	593	-131	Under spend is due to an over achievement in income (£0.256m) and reduced transports costs (£0.050m) partially offset by increased expenditure within Civil Enforcement Officers and Appeals Officer of £0.065m, staff increment costs of £0.025m, fall out of a grant of £0.022m and Car Park costs of £0.015m. The remaining pressures of £0.034m are minor over spends across the service.	-183
Planning	1,086	1,043	-43	-724	-754	-30	362	289	-73	Planning income is now forecast to over achieve against budget by £0.024m due to higher than expected fees during the first part of the year.	-73
General Fund Housing	1,362	2,210	848	-232	-1,110	-878	1,130	1,100	-30		-12

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Total Environment, Housing and Leisure	58,445	60,908	2,463	-27,674	-30,729	-3,055	30,771	30,179	-592		-382