

**LEISURE & HERITAGE****VARIATIONS BETWEEN BUDGET & DRAFT OUTTURN EXPENDITURE FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR 2005/06**

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<b>Arts &amp; Entertainment (variation +0.9%)</b>				
No significant variations to report				
<b>Early Years &amp; Extended Schools (variation +1.2%)</b>				
No significant variations to report				
<b>Libraries &amp; Heritage (variation -0.8%)</b>				
The additional post of project archivist to implement new partnership arrangements for the archive service was only recruited to in November 2004 resulting in a £14k underspend in 2004/05 which was carried forward into 2005/06. As the post is intended for 2 years there has been a similar underspend this year. However, the department will require the £14k of unspent funding to again be carried forward into 2006/07 to complete the project.	- 14	0	0	
The Yortime staffing budget has underspent due to staff vacancies.	- 21	- 12		
Savings have been made by procuring the Business Information Service materials via a subscription from Birmingham City Library Service.	- 11	- 11		
Proactive management of Audio Visual rental has generated income in excess of targets this year.	- 23	- 10		- 10
Additional costs in library headquarters staffing budgets due to longterm sickness.	+ 34	+ 20	+ 11	
New Earswick library is still being double staffed due to health and safety worries.	+ 11	+ 5	+ 5	+ 11
<b>Parks &amp; Open Spaces (variation -3.6%)</b>				
There has been an underspend due to staff vacancies within the Parks team.	- 10			
Delays in implementing car parking charges at Rowntree Park have resulted in a shortfall in income this year.	+ 15	+ 11	+ 4	+ 10
More proactive management has resulted in the generation of income across a number of other sites in excess of target levels.	- 21			- 10
In light of previously reported expenditure pressures in both this service area and others, expenditure on all non essential maintenance was suspended for the later part of the year. This has resulted in an underspend of £29k within an overall parks maintenance budget totalling over £1m.	- 29	+ 6	+ 23	
<b>Sport &amp; Active Leisure (variation +0.6%)</b>				
An underspend due to a £21k backdated Discretionary Rate Relief (DRR) adjustment for sports clubs that are now entitled to mandatory relief on 80% of their rates bills. Without this refund the DRR budget would have overspent by £9k in 2005/06.	- 13			+ 10
Savings generated from reduced staffing, staff training and publicity expenditure in the sports facilities management budgets.	- 43			
The winding down of activity at the Barbican Leisure Centre and transfer of some provision elsewhere was completed some time ago. Unfortunately due to the legal challenges to the planning and licensing processes there were delays in completing the permanent handover of the centre to the new owners. Because of this additional costs above those budgeted for in the original project estimates have been incurred on maintaining the centre. These costs would have totalled £138k up to 31 March 2006. To help alleviate some of these costs and ensure some key events could be hosted in the centre a temporary arrangement was entered into with Absolute Leisure Ltd. This saved the council £30k in the later part of this financial year (£6k per month) which together with the £30k already allocated from the contingency budget by the executive leaves an overspend for the year of £78k.	+ 78	+ 85	+ 75	+ 95

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The work on relocating former users of the Barbican has now been completed and the remaining budget is no longer required.	- 24	- 23		
Net additional cost due to the closure of the Edmund Wilson fitness gym towards the end of the financial year. As already reported to the Executive in May, the on-going unbudgeted cost of the temporary replacment gym is estimated at £119k in 2006/07.	+ 10			+ 119
Savings from staffing vacancies at Edmund Wilson pool over the course of the year.	- 10			
Because of delays in the letting of the contract, essential maintenance work on the Monks Cross running track was unable to be carried out this financial year. The work will now be done in 2006/07 as part of a lottery funded project. The council's matched contribution to the project has now been spent in 2005/06 on purchasing equipment that forms part of the lottery project.	0	- 29		
An underspend on the rates budget for Waterworld due to a backdated refund.	- 10			
Rental payments for the Oaklands Sports Centre have exceeded the budget this year.	+ 14	+ 11		
Higher than budgeted income at Oakland's Sports Centre.	- 18			
The costs of steam at Yearsley Pool have risen considerably this year because of a review of pricing by Nestle to bring its costs in line with other energy sources. The on-going increased impact of this has been provided for in the 2006/07 budget.	+ 12	+ 10		
An overspend due to the closure of Yearsley Pool for essential maintenance work. This represents the net impact of lost income and savings in running costs.	+ 28	+ 13		+ 65
<b><u>Youth Service (variation -2.5%)</u></b>				
Savings have been made in the central youth service budgets mainly through staff vacancies.	- 20			
Additional premises maintenance costs due to vandalism. In addition costs have been incurred in maintaining Melbourne, Poppleton, Carr Lane and Burnholme youth clubs because of delays in removing these buildings from the Youth Service portfolio since the recent restructure of the service.	+ 44	+ 17	+ 6	
Savings have been made in the Universal Services budgets mainly through staff vacancies.	- 22			
Of the original £50k Youth Service standards growth budget, only £12k has been spent this year. In light of previously reported expenditure pressures in both this service area and others no further commitments were made against this budget in 2005/06.	- 38	- 38		
<b><u>Department and Management Support (variation -4.0%)</u></b>				
To help off-set some of the overspends being reported against other service plans in the Leisure & Heritage portfolio and elsewhere in the Learning Culture and Children's Services directorate, a number of vacant posts have been left unfilled. It will be extremely difficult to sustain this for any significant length of time but a saving of £57k has been achieved this year.	- 57	- 40	- 40	
<b><u>Minor Variations</u></b>				
The net amount of all other minor variations in expenditure and income.	- 27	+ 11	- 6	0
<b>NET VARIATION</b>	<b>- 153</b>	<b>+ 30</b>	<b>+ 78</b>	<b>+ 290</b>
<b>Less Budget Carry Forward Requests:</b>				
Project Archivist	+ 14			
Edmund Wilson Temporary Gym				
Yearsley Pool Essential Maintenance	+ 139			
Barbican Leisure Centre delayed handover - Rates costs				
<b>OVERALL NET POSITION AFTER CARRY FORWARDS</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>+ 30</b>	<b>+ 78</b>	<b>+ 290</b>