

## Community Safety Overview and Scrutiny Committee

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Report of the Director for Communities and Neighbourhoods, and the Director of City and Environmental Services

### Quarter 3 Finance Monitor for Environmental Services and Public Protection

#### Summary

1. The purpose of this report is to provide an update on financial performance, service plan improvement actions and performance measures for Environmental Services and Public Protection.

#### Financial Performance Analysis

##### Finance - Forecast outturn – Monitor 3

2. The services that relate to Community and Safety Overview and Scrutiny committee cross two Directorates (City and Environmental Services and Communities and Neighbourhoods). Service Plan Variations which relate to services within this scrutiny are shown below:

	Net Budget £'000	Outturn £'000	Variance £'000
<b>CES Directorate (Extract)</b>			
Highways, Waste and Fleet	<b>10,517</b>	<b>11,993</b>	<b>+1,476</b>
<b>CANS Directorate (Extract)</b>			
Smarter York	3,014	3,014	0
Communities & Equalities	1,213	1,193	-20
Parking Services	1,392	1,506	+114
Public Protection	-170	-431	-261
Safer York Partnership	265	265	0
<b>CANS Directorate (Extract)</b>	<b>5,714</b>	<b>5,547</b>	<b>-167</b>

Note: '+' indicates an increase in expenditure or shortfall in income

'-' indicates a reduction in expenditure or increase in income

3. Details of the main variations by service plan are detailed in the following paragraphs.

### **Highways, Waste and Fleet (£+1,476k)**

4. A number of pressures exist across the Highways, Waste & Fleet service plan (£1,476k). The major reason for the shortfall is due to delays in implementing the savings surrounding Waste Services (£533k) and fleet (£232k). Significant savings relating to round rationalisation, changes to operations at Household Waste sites, changes to garden waste and new charges for replacement bins were agreed in the last budget. These have now either been implemented or are in the process of implementation however later in the year than initially required.
5. There also remains a shortfall in Commercial Waste income of £92k despite £100k growth in the 2013-14 budget. This is due to a reducing customer base as the Council is often priced higher than its competition.
6. There is a forecast shortfall of £150k from the Yorwaste dividend due to the company facing difficult trading conditions particularly from the sale of recyclates.
7. Savings from previous years (£168k), including those related to agency staff and terms and conditions, continue to cause a budget problem however the position has improved and work is ongoing to mitigate this further.
8. Work is ongoing to deliver these savings, however it is acknowledged that they will not be fully delivered in this financial year and in the meantime compensatory savings are being sought across the directorate. The reported overspend at Monitor 3 across the CES directorate is £794k.

### **Communities and Neighbourhoods (£-167k)**

9. There is a forecast overspend of £114k within Parking Services due to a £33k shortfall of income from Penalty Charge Notices and £81k one off redundancy costs.
10. The services within public protection are forecast to underspend by £261k. This is primarily due to additional income across the services notably Registrars (£78k) and Bereavement Services (£128k). There is also a projected underspend of £60k within Environmental Health and Trading Standards due to holding staffing vacancies.

## **Consultation**

11. This paper is an information report for Members and therefore no consultation has been undertaken regarding its contents.

## **Corporate Priorities**

12. Reporting on Financial Performance actions supports the Corporate Theme of 'Core Capabilities'.

## **Implications**

- **Financial** - Considered as part of this report
- **Human Resources (HR)** - N/A
- **Equalities** - N/A
- **Legal** - N/A
- **Crime and Disorder** - N/A
- **Information Technology (IT)** - N/A
- **Property** - N/A
- **Risk Management** - N/A

## **Conclusion**

13. This report provides an update on quarter 3 performance.

## **Recommendations**

14. The Scrutiny Committee is asked to note the financial and performance information provided in the report.

Reason: To ensure that the Committee is kept updated on financial and performance issues.

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