

Community Safety Overview and Scrutiny Committee

4th March 2015

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

Quarter 3 Finance Monitor for Environmental Services, Public Protection and Housing

Summary

1. This report provides details of the 2014/15 forecast outturn position for Environmental Services, Public Protection and Housing.

Financial Performance - Monitor 3

Finance – forecast outturn overview General Fund

2. The services that relate to Community 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
CES Directorate (Extract)			
Highways, Waste and Fleet	10,618	11,246	628
CANS Directorate (Extract)	10,618	11,246	628
Smarter York	2,466	2,466	0
Communities & Equalities	1,663	1,581	-82
Parking Services	1,056	1,056	0
Public Protection	-489	-544	-55
Community Safety	371	371	0
Housing General	2,007	2,021	14
CANS Directorate (Extract)	7,074	6,951	-123

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

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

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

Highways, Waste and Fleet (£+628k)

4. A number of pressures exist across the Highways, Waste & Fleet service plan (£628k). There is pressure on the staffing and transport budgets of £351k within waste collection. There is a forecast overspend of £80k due to lower than budgeted income from commercial waste, £72k shortfall in income from garden waste subscriptions, £67k due to the forecast shortfall in dividend from Yorwaste and £247k pressure at Household Waste Recycling Centres primarily due to lower than expected income from charges. These overspends are reduced by a forecast saving of £87k additional income from landfill gas at Harewood Whin.
5. The Travel Management Unit has now been agreed by Corporate Management Team but there is a £112k saving still to be allocated to service areas for which a delivery plan needs to be agreed. This saving will not be achieved in 2014/15.
6. There are mitigating savings in highway maintenance (£280k) mainly from the use of external funding to support maintenance budgets. Other compensatory savings are being sought across the directorate. The reported overspend at Monitor 3 across the CES directorate is £941k.

Communities and Neighbourhoods

7. There is a forecast underspend in communities and equalities mainly from staffing savings within youth services. There are also forecast underspends across public protection mainly due to increased income from bereavement services and registrars. This is offset by various minor variations within housing.
8. Overall, due to pressures elsewhere in the directorate, there is an overspend of £150k reported at Monitor 3 across the CANS directorate.

Finance – forecast outturn overview Housing Revenue Account (HRA)

9. The HRA is budgeted to make an in year surplus of £600k. A review of the budgets shows that the account is expected to overspend by £122k. There is pressure within housing repairs (£500k) however this is offset by a range of savings including lower than forecast rent

arrears and staffing vacancies. The working balance of £12.1m at 31st March 2014 will therefore increase to £12.5m by the end of the 2014/15 financial year which is still in line with the HRA business plan.

Consultation

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

Corporate Priorities

11. The information and issues included in this report demonstrate progress on achieving the priorities set out in the Council Plan.

Implications

12. The financial implications are dealt with in the body of the report.
13. There are no human resources, equalities, legal, crime & disorder, information technology, property or other implications associated with this report.

Conclusion

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

Recommendations

15. The Scrutiny Committee is asked to note the financial information provided in the report.

Reason: To update the scrutiny committee of the latest finance position.

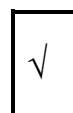
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