

**Economic and City Development Overview
and Scrutiny Committee**

23 July 2014

Report of the Director of City & Environmental Services

2013/14 Finance Outturn Report

Summary

1. This report provides details of the 2013/14 outturn position for both finance and performance in City & Environmental Services and Housing Services.

Analysis

Finance – Outturn overview General Fund

2. The final outturn position within the City & Environmental Directorate (excluding Highways, Waste & Fleet) was an underspend of £569k compared to a total net budget of £4,454k. Economic Development has a budget of £792k and outturned on budget. The Housing General Fund has a budget of £1,424k and overspent by £28k. Service Plan Variations by service plan are shown below:

	Budget £'000	Outturn £'000	Variance £'000
City & Environmental Services			
Strategic Planning & Transport	2,046	1,600	-446
City Development & Sustainability	2,371	2,250	-121
Director's Group	37	35	-2
Total	4,454	3,885	-569
Economic Development	792	792	0
Housing Services			
Housing General Fund	1,424	1,452	+28

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.

Strategic Planning and Transport (£-446k)

4. Car parking income was £231k below budget which is made up of £236k off-street, £14k on-street and £21k surplus on Respark and season tickets. The shortfall equates to 4% of the total parking budget.
5. There were a number of underspends across the Transport service. This included
 - £242k saving from concessionary fares and reduced use of taxi cards.
 - £205k saving in progressing partnership with bus operators
 - £68k saving on employee costs where a number of posts were left vacant.
 - £183k additional income from transport projects (£100k) and from highway developments (£83k)

Planning and Sustainable Development (£-121k)

6. Income from planning applications and land charges has recovered following an increase in activity by developers and in the housing market compared to the previous year. Despite this improvement income was below budget at the end of the year (£63k). Income from land charges was above budget (£52k) and income from building control was below budget (£74k).
7. Staff savings from vacancies, adoption leave and staff secondments, are offset by £55k additional planning costs, resulting in a net saving of £206k.

Economic Development (£nil)

8. The Economic Development service within Office of the Chief Executive outturned on budget.

Housing Services (£+28k)

9. The Housing Services General Fund budgets overspent by £28k due to unrecovered income by building services offset additional income and staff vacancies in Housing Options and homelessness.

Housing Revenue Account (HRA) - Non General Fund account

10. The working balance at 31st March 2014 on the HRA was £12,082k and this outturn identified a net underspend of £31k, leaving a year end balance on the account of £12,113k. There was an overspend on repairs and maintenance due to the use of sub contractors to resolve damp issues within properties which has resulted in some high value repairs being completed. Surveys are now being undertaken for a planned programme of capital works in future years. A lower than forecast contribution to the bad debt provision (£320k) and other minor underspends have offset this overspend.

Performance Update

11. Annex 1 summarises key aspects of the council's performance for 2013/14. The performance considered by this committee are under the following headings:
 - Create Jobs & Grow the Economy
 - Build Strong Communities
 - Get York Moving

Implications

12. There are no financial, human resources, equalities, legal, crime & disorder, information technology, property or other implications associated with this report.

Risk Management

13. The report provides Members with updates on finance and service performance and therefore there are no significant risks in the content of the report.

Recommendations

14. As this report is for information only, there are no recommendations.

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

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**Report
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Specialist Officers: None

Wards Affected: All

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Annexes

Annex 1- York Monitor Annual Report 2013/14