

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

11 March 2015

Report of the Director of City & Environmental Services

2014/15 Finance Monitor 3 Report

Summary

1. This report provides details of the 2014/15 forecast outturn position for both finance and performance in City & Environmental Services.

Analysis

Finance – forecast outturn overview General Fund

2. The current outturn position within the City & Environmental Services (excluding Highways, Waste & Fleet) is a projected overspend of £685k on a total net budget of £4,291k. Service Plan Variations by service plan are shown below:

City & Environmental Services		Net Budget £'000	Projected Outturn £'000	Variance £'000
Transport Services	Exp	8,079	8,114	+35
	Inc	-1,434	-1,334	+100
Parking	Exp	120	120	0
	Inc	-7,153	-6,781	+372
Planning & Regeneration	Exp	3,013	2,996	-17
	Inc	-2,384	-2,089	+295
Economic Development	Net	719	619	-100
Director's Group	Net	3,331	3,331	0
Total		4,291	4,976	+685

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.

Transport Services (£+135k)

4. There is a projected overspend of £135k within Transport Services. This includes £100k forecast shortfall in Automatic Number Plate Recognition (ANPR) income, additional expenditure of £80k relating to the Lendal Bridget trial and £28k additional expenditure on HS2 connected cities project. This has been offset by £70k saving from the quality bus contract budget.

Parking (£+372k)

5. There is a continued projected shortfall from parking income (£372k). However the impact of ongoing initiatives including introduction of resident charges for Minster Badges, the pay on exit initiative at Marygate and the free parking promotion, will continue to be monitored closely.

Planning and Regeneration (£+278k)

6. Income from planning applications and building control are £230k lower than expected as developers delay submitting planning applications pending the publication of the Local Plan.
7. Income from land charges is forecast to be £90k higher than budget but building control income is £80k below target. Income in Environmental Management is also expected to be £75k below budget.
8. Overall, income has improved in the second half of the year and the shortfall has reduced from £375k to £295k.
9. The cost of the small public inquiry at Strensall (£15k) is offset by £32k staff savings.

Economic Development (£-100k)

10. The current forecast is that Economic Development will underspend by £100k due to staff vacancies and operational budgets.

Implications

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

Risk Management

12. 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

13. 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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