
Report To:	Education & Communities Committee	Date:	4 November 2014
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Subject:	Communities 2014/15 Revenue Budget Report - Period 5 to 31 August 2014		

1.0 PURPOSE

- 1.1 To advise Committee of the 2014/15 Revenue Budget position at Period 5 to 31 August 2014.

2.0 SUMMARY

- 2.1 The total Communities budget for 2014/15 is £8,340,580. A further £2,941,000 brought forward as Earmarked Reserves will also be used to primarily fund Community Facilities and various Housing initiatives.
- 2.2 The latest projection, excluding Earmarked Reserves, is an underspend of £144,000. This is an decrease in expenditure of £5,000 since last Committee.
- 2.3 The main variances to highlight are:-
- (a) Projected underspend of £20,000 for Libraries & Museum Property Costs. Water is projected to underspend by £12,000, Electricity to underspend by £5,000 and Gas to underspend by £3,000.
 - (b) Projected underspend of £6,000 for Libraries & Museum Employee Costs due to delays in filling vacant posts.
 - (c) Projected underspend of £40,000 for contribution to the funding of the Clyde Muirshiel Regional Park.
 - (d) Projected underspend of £5,000 for Housing Employee Costs due to the over achievement of turnover savings.
 - (e) Projected underspend of £51,000 for Safer Communities Employee Costs, mainly due to the early implementation of budget savings and the temporary secondment of a Team Leader post.
 - (f) Projected underspend of £12,000 for contribution to Civil Contingency Service within Emergency Planning.
 - (g) Projected underspend of £10,000 for Scientific Services within Environmental Health.

- 2.4 Earmarked Reserves for 2014/15 total £3,495,000 of which £1,990,000 is projected to be

spent in the current financial year. To date expenditure of £127,000 (6.4%) has been incurred. The spend to date per profiling was expected to be £125,000 therefore there is no slippage to report at this time.

3.0 RECOMMENDATIONS

- 3.1 The Committee note the current projected underspend of £144,000 for the 2014/15 Revenue Budget as at Period 5 to 31 August 2014.

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4.0 BACKGROUND

4.1 This report advises Committee of the current position of the 2014/15 Revenue Budget to Period 5, 31 August 2014 and highlights the main issues for consideration.

5.0 2014/15 PROJECTION

5.1 The main issues to highlight in relation to the 2014/15 Revenue Budget are:-

Libraries & Museum: Underspend £26,000

Employee costs are projected to underspend by £6,000 due to delays in filling vacant posts.

Water costs are projected to underspend by £12,000 as reported to the last Committee.

Electricity and Gas are projected to underspend by £8,000.

There is an overall projected increase in expenditure of £5,000 since the last Committee.

Housing: Underspend £5,000

Employee costs are projected to underspend by £5,000 as a result of over achievement of turnover savings.

There is no change in expenditure since the last Committee report.

Safer Communities: Underspend £73,000

Employee costs are projected to underspend by £51,000 as previously reported to Committee. This is the result of the early achievement of budget savings for ASB Intervention Officer and Service Support Team Leader. In addition there is a saving due to the temporary secondment of the Community Safety Team Leader.

A projected underspend of £12,000 for contribution to the Civil Contingency Service for 2014/15 was previously reported to Committee. The latest projection remains the same.

A projected underspend of £10,000 for Analytical and Scientific Services for Environmental Health was previously reported to Committee. There has been no change to this projection.

There is no change in expenditure since the last Committee report.

Grants to Voluntary Organisations: On Budget

The budget for Grants to Voluntary Organisations has increased to £342,030 following the virement of £10,600 from the Environment & Regeneration Committee. This virement was reported to the September Education & Communities Committee and will be used to fund increased rent costs for Youth Connections buildings in Greenock. The latest projection for Grants to Voluntary Organisations remains on budget.

6.0 EARMARKED RESERVES

6.1 Appendix 3 gives a detailed breakdown of the current Earmarked Reserves position. Total funding is £3,495,000, of which £1,990,000 is projected to be spent in 2014/15. The remaining balance of £1,505,000 will be carried forward to 2015/16 and beyond. As at Period 5 the expenditure was £127,000 or 6.4% of the projected spend for 2014/15.

The spend to date per profiling was expected to be £103,000 therefore the year to date expenditure is currently ahead of target and there is no slippage to report at this time.

7.0 VIREMENTS

7.1 There are no virements this Committee cycle.

8.0 IMPLICATIONS

8.1 Finance

All financial implications are discussed in detail within the report above.

One off Costs

Cost Centre	Budget Heading	Budget Years	Proposed Spend this Report £000	Virement From	Other Comments
N/A					

Annually Recurring Costs / (Savings)

Cost Centre	Budget Heading	Budget Years	Proposed Spend this Report £000	Virement From	Other Comments
N/A					

8.2 Legal

There are no specific legal implications arising from this report.

8.3 Human Resources

There are no specific human resources implications arising from this report.

8.4 Equalities

There are no equalities issues within this report.

8.5 Repopulation

There are no repopulation issues with this report.

9.0 CONSULTATION

9.1 The report has been jointly prepared by the Corporate Director Education, Communities & Organisational Development and the Head of Finance.

10.0 BACKGROUND PAPERS

10.1 There are no background papers for this report.

COMMUNITIES**REVENUE BUDGET MONITORING REPORT****MATERIAL VARIANCES****PERIOD 5 : 1st April 2014 - 31st August 2014**

<u>Out Turn</u> <u>2013/14</u> <u>£000</u>	<u>Budget</u> <u>Heading</u>	<u>Budget</u> <u>2014/15</u> <u>£000</u>	<u>Proportion</u> <u>of Budget</u>	<u>Actual to</u> <u>31-Aug-14</u> <u>£000</u>	<u>Projection</u> <u>2014/15</u> <u>£000</u>	<u>(Under)/Over</u> <u>Budget</u> <u>£000</u>	<u>Percentage</u> <u>Over / (Under)</u>
9	Libraries & Museum Water	19	19	7	7	(12)	(63.2%)
252	Sports & Leisure Clyde Muirshiel Contribution	252	126	106	212	(40)	(15.9%)
2,823	Safer Communities Employee Costs	3,023	1,234	1,187	2,972	(51)	(1.7%)
56	Civil Contingency	69	69	56	57	(12)	(17.4%)
77	Scientific Services	92	46	32	82	(10)	(10.9%)
Total Material Variances						(125)	

COMMUNITIES**REVENUE BUDGET MONITORING REPORT****CURRENT POSITION****PERIOD 5 : 1st April 2014 - 31st August 2014**

2013/14 Actual £000	Subjective Heading	Approved Budget 2014/15 £000	Revised Budget 2014/15 £000	Projected Out-turn 2014/15 £000	Projected Over/(Under) Spend £000	Percentage Over/(Under)
4,297	Employee Costs	4,401	4,407	4,345	(62)	(1.4%)
466	Property Costs	508	508	488	(20)	(3.9%)
1,781	Supplies & Services	1,651	1,649	1,649	0	-
45	Transport Costs	46	46	46	0	-
131	Administration Costs	53	53	53	0	-
2,453	Other Expenditure	2,303	2,354	2,292	(62)	(2.6%)
(1,727)	Income	(635)	(676)	(676)	0	-
7,446	TOTAL NET EXPENDITURE	8,327	8,341	8,197	(144)	(1.7%)
	Earmarked Reserves	0	0	0	0	
	TOTAL NET EXPENDITURE excluding Earmarked Reserves	8,327	8,341	8,197	(144)	

2013/14 Actual £000	Objective Heading	Approved Budget 2014/15 £000	Revised Budget 2014/15 £000	Projected Out-turn 2014/15 £000	Projected Over/(Under) Spend £000	Percentage Over/(Under)
1,480	Libraries & Museum	1,496	1,499	1,473	(26)	(1.7%)
1,594	Sports & Leisure	1,389	1,389	1,349	(40)	(2.9%)
3,187	Safer Communities	3,457	3,457	3,384	(73)	(2.1%)
(97)	Housing	701	701	696	(5)	(0.7%)
958	Community Halls	953	953	953	0	-
324	Grants to Vol Orgs	331	342	342	0	-
7,446	TOTAL COMMUNITIES	8,327	8,341	8,197	(144)	(1.7%)
	Earmarked Reserves	0	0	0	0	

EARMARKED RESERVES POSITION STATEMENT

COMMITTEE: Communities

<u>Project</u>	<u>Lead Officer/ Responsible Manager</u>	<u>c/f Funding 2013/14</u>	<u>New Funding 2014/15</u>	<u>Total Funding 2014/15</u>	<u>Phased Budget To Period 5 2014/15</u>	<u>Actual To Period 5 2014/15</u>	<u>Projected Spend 2014/15</u>	<u>Amount to be Earmarked for 2015/16 & Beyond</u>	<u>Lead Officer Update</u>
		<u>£000</u>	<u>£000</u>	<u>£000</u>	<u>£000</u>	<u>£000</u>	<u>£000</u>	<u>£000</u>	
Support for Owners	John Arthur	886	554	1,440	0	18	1,403	37	Total Funding 2014/15 £1.440m includes estimated funding of £554k for 2014/15. Projected spend of £1.403m is based on already agreed proposals of £253k (Lower Bow £60k tbc, Midton £61k, Greenock West £7k, Highholm £86k, Eastern View £12k, Davidson Drive £17k tbc and Royal Court £10k) and new proposals of £1.150m (Central Area Roxburgh Phase 1 £404k, Phase 2 £126k, Central Area Environmentals and Door Entry £100k, John Street £85k, Broomhill £425k and RCH Fees £10k).
Renewal of Clune Park	John Arthur	1,590	0	1,590	25	21	310	1,280	Demolition Orders have now been issued for all 430 houses. 274 Appeals have been lodged at the Sheriff Court with the initial hearing scheduled to start on 24 September 2014.
Area Renewal Fund	John Arthur	195	0	195	0	0	100	95	£100k has been committed for Gibshill Community Centre.
Support for Community Facilities	John Arthur	183	0	183	0	24	100	83	£100k has been committed for Gibshill Community Facility. £6k payment made to Reach For Autism.
Expansion of Summer Playschemes	John Arthur	30	0	30	30	7	20	10	Projected spend for 2014 does not include funding for Play4All which will be funded by IL at same level as 2013. It is unlikely that this funding will continue for 2015 and carry forward for 2015/16 will be required to fund it.
Grants to Vol Orgs	John Arthur	57	0	57	48	57	57	0	Applications reduced from 3 to 2 rounds per year. B/fwd earmarked for playschemes and to reduce impact of savings. Actual spend due to Round 1 Applications approved at Grants Sub Committee on 29/04/14.
Total		2,941	554	3,495	103	127	1,990	1,505	