

Report To: Education & Communities Committee
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Subject: Communities 2014/15 Revenue Budget Report- Period 9 to 31 December 2014

1.0 PURPOSE

1.1 To advise Committee of the 2014/15 Revenue Budget position at Period 9 to 31 December 2014.

2.0 SUMMARY

2.1 The total Communities budget for 2014/15 is £8,337,750. 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 £208,000. This is a decrease in expenditure of £22,000 since the 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 £11,000, Electricity to underspend by £6,000 and Gas to underspend by £3,000.
- (b) Projected underspend of £35,000 for contribution to the funding of the Clyde Muirshiel Regional Park.
- (c) Projected underspend of £89,000 for Safer Communities Employee Costs, mainly due to the early implementation of budget savings, the temporary secondment of a Team Leader post and delay in filling vacancies.
- (d) Projected underspend of £12,000 for contribution to Civil Contingency Service within Emergency Planning.
- (e) Projected underspend of £20,000 for Scientific Services within Environmental Health.
- (f) Projected over recovery of income of £16,000 for Registration of Private Landlords.

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- 2.4 Earmarked Reserves for 2014/15 total £3,429,000 of which £1,288,000 is projected to be spent in the current financial year. To date expenditure of £739,000 (57.4%) has been incurred. The spend to date per profiling was expected to be £574,000 therefore there is no slippage to report at this time.

3.0 RECOMMENDATIONS

- 3.1 That the Committee note the current projected underspend of £208,000 for the 2014/15 Revenue Budget as at Period 9 to 31 December 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 9, 31 December 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 £11,000 which is £1,000 more expenditure than previously reported to Committee.

Electricity and Gas are projected to underspend by £9,000 which is £1,000 less expenditure than previously reported to Committee.

The overall projected expenditure remains the same as reported to 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.

Sports & Leisure : Underspend £35,000

The total budget for contribution to Clyde Muirshiel Regional Park is £252,400 and the latest projection is an underspend of £35,000 based on projected costs for 2014/15 provided by Renfrewshire Council. The latest projected underspend is £5,000 less than previously reported to Committee. There are additional charges to this budget for work carried out in relation to the development of the mountain bike facility at Rankin Park Greenock.

The overall projected expenditure has increased by £5,000 since the last Committee report.

Safer Communities : Underspend £142,000

Employee costs are projected to underspend by £89,000. This is an increase in expenditure of £3,000 since the last Committee. A saving of £53,000 was applied to the Employee Costs budget for 2014/15 as a result of the introduction of the Decriminalised Parking Enforcement (DPE) scheme. Delays in the introduction of the scheme mean that only £26,000 of the saving will be achieved in 2014/15. The balance of the underspend relates to delays in filling vacant posts, the early achievement of budget savings for ASB Intervention Officer and Service Support Team Leader and savings 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. The latest projection is an underspend of £20,000 based on the level of work carried out to date in 2014/15.

A projected over recovery of income of £5,000 for Income from Registration of Private Landlords was reported to the last Committee. The latest projection increases the over recovery to £16,000 based on the year to date activity for 2014/15.

The overall projected expenditure for Safer Communities has reduced by £18,000 since the last Committee report.

6.0 EARMARKED RESERVES

6.1 Appendix 3 gives a detailed breakdown of the current Earmarked Reserves position. Total funding for 2014/15 is £3,429,000, of which £1,288,000 is projected to be spent in this Financial Year. The projected spend for 2014/15 has reduced by £721,000 since the last Committee due to delays in starting various Support For Owners (SFO) programmes until 2015/16. The overall Earmarked Reserves balance remaining at the year end is projected to be £2,141,000. This will be carried forward to 2015/16 and beyond. As at Period 9, the expenditure was £739,000 or 57.4% of the projected spend for 2014/15.

The spend to date per profiling was expected to be £574,000 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 Chief Financial Officer.

10.0 BACKGROUND PAPERS

10.1 There are no background papers for this report.

COMMUNITIESREVENUE BUDGET MONITORING REPORTMATERIAL VARIANCESPERIOD 9 : 1st April 2014 - 31st December 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-Dec-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	8	8	(11)	(57.9%)
252	Sports & Leisure Clyde Muirshiel Contribution	252	252	212	217	(35)	(13.9%)
2,823	Safer Communities Employee Costs	3,023	2,162	2,078	2,934	(89)	(2.9%)
56	Civil Contingency	69	69	56	57	(12)	(17.4%)
77	Scientific Services	92	69	51	72	(20)	(21.7%)
(55)	Registration of Private Landlords	(27)	(20)	(38)	(43)	(16)	59.3%
Total Material Variances						(183)	

COMMUNITIES**REVENUE BUDGET MONITORING REPORT****CURRENT POSITION****PERIOD 9 : 1st April 2014 - 31st December 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	4,307	(100)	(2.3%)
466	Property Costs	508	508	488	(20)	(3.9%)
1,781	Supplies & Services	1,651	1,648	1,643	(5)	(0.3%)
45	Transport Costs	46	44	44	0	-
131	Administration Costs	53	58	58	0	-
2,453	Other Expenditure	2,303	2,375	2,306	(69)	(2.9%)
(1,727)	Income	(635)	(702)	(716)	(14)	2.0%
7,446	TOTAL NET EXPENDITURE	8,327	8,338	8,130	(208)	(2.5%)
	Earmarked Reserves	0	0	0	0	
	TOTAL NET EXPENDITURE excluding Earmarked Reserves	8,327	8,338	8,130	(208)	

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	1,354	(35)	(2.5%)
3,187	Safer Communities	3,457	3,454	3,312	(142)	(4.1%)
(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	8,338	8,130	(208)	(2.5%)
	Earmarked Reserves	0	0	0	0	

EARMARKED RESERVES POSITION STATEMENT
COMMITTEE: Communities

Project	Lead Officer/ Responsible Manager	c/f Funding 2013/14 £000	New Funding 2014/15 £000	Total Funding 2014/15 £000	Phased Budget To Period 9 2014/15 £000	Actual To Period 9 2014/15 £000	Projected Spend 2014/15 £000	Amount to be Earmarked for 2015/16 & Beyond £000	Lead Officer Update
Support for Owners	John Arthur	886	488	1,374	442	455	631	743	Total Funding 2014/15 includes 2013/14 RTB £488k. Previously projected full spend, revised projected spend of £631k due to delays in starting various projects - primarily Broomhill (£425k), John Street (£86k), Central Area Environmental Work (£100k), Neil Street (£30k). Work commitments previously agreed with RCH to continue in 2015/16.
Renewal of Clune Park	John Arthur	1,590	0	1,590	45	36	310	1,280	Demolition Orders have now been issued for all 430 houses with a period of 6 months to 1 year given to vacate. 274 Demolition Order appeals lodged with the Sheriff Court have now been reduced to 271. The first hearing was held on 24 Sept. and continued to 5 Nov 2014. Additional information was requested from the Council by the Sheriff and a further continuation to 19 Feb 2015 was granted.
Area Renewal Fund	John Arthur	195	0	195	0	21	100	95	£100k has been committed for Gibshill Community Centre. YTD spend due to Cloch Housing Association relating to Gibshill.
Support for Community Facilities	John Arthur	183	0	183	0	163	183	0	Projected full spend due to Gibshill Community Facility (£100k) and grant payments previously approved at Environment & Regeneration Committee. YTD spend due to Reach For Autism £9k, Cloch Housing Association relating to Gibshill £100k, Greenock District Sea Cadets £3k, East End United Boys Club £38k and Greenock Cricket/Hockey Club £14k.
Expansion of Summer Playschemes	John Arthur	30	0	30	30	7	7	23	Spend for 2014 does not include funding for Play4All which was 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 in 2015.
Grants to Vol Orgs	John Arthur	57	0	57	57	57	57	0	Applications were reduced from 3 to 2 rounds per year in 2013/14. The B/fwd balance was earmarked for playschemes and to reduce impact of budget savings taken in 2014/15. Spending now complete.
Total		2,941	488	3,429	574	739	1,288	2,141	