

Report To:	Environment & Regeneration Committee	Date:	30 April 2015
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Subject:	Environment and Regeneration 201 to 28 February 2015	4/15 Revenu	e Budget – Period 11

1.0 PURPOSE

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1.1 To advise Committee of the 2014/15 Revenue Budget position at period 11 to 28 February 2015.

2.0 SUMMARY

- 2.1 The revised 2014/15 budget for Environment and Regeneration is £20,815,610 which excludes Earmarked Reserves.
- 2.2 The latest projection, excluding Earmarked Reserves, is an underspend of £151,000, a reduction in spend of £88,000 since Period 9 Committee.
- 2.3 The major variances projected at Period 11 are:
 - i. Employee Cost underspends across the Committee of £267,000; £217,000 of which are due to the early achievement of future year's savings. This projection includes costs associated with back dated holiday pay of £75,000.
 - ii. A one off cost of £90,000 to create an Earmarked Reserve to cover the costs of the City Deal project management office for a 3 year period, as approved at the October meeting.
 - iii. An underrecovery in Planning income of £90,000 due to fewer than anticipated planning applications being received.
 - iv. An underspend in Refuse Transfer Station residual waste costs of £67,000 due to a reduction in the tonnages being sent to landfill.
- 2.4 Earmarked Reserves for 2014/15 total £4,032,000 of which £2,279,000 is projected to be spent in the current financial year. As detailed in Appendix 3 expenditure of £1,936,000 (65.9%) been incurred against planned spend of £2,936,000.
- 2.5 A request was approved by Environment and Regeneration Committee on 5 September 2013 to provide one off financial support to Waverley Excursions Ltd (WEL) during 2013/16. This was approved to enable WEL to develop a self-supporting sustainable business plan and further work has to be undertaken on this before any further annual payments can be released.

3.0 RECOMMENDATIONS

- 3.1 The Committee note the current projected underspend for 2014/15 of £151,000 as at 31 December 2014.
- 3.2 The Committee is asked to approve virement as detailed in Section 7 and Appendix 4.
- 3.3 The Committee note the position of the funding contribution to WEL.

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4.0 BACKGROUND

4.1 The purpose of this report is to advise Committee of the current position of the 2014/15 budget and to highlight the main issues contributing to the projected underspend.

5.0 2014/15 CURRENT POSITION

5.1 The current projection for 2014/15 is an underspend of £151,000.

5.2 Regeneration & Planning - £146,000 Overspend

The current projected out-turn for Regeneration & Planning is an overspend of £146,000, an increase in projected spend of £51,000 from Period 9.

The main issues relating to the current projected overspend for Regeneration & Planning are detailed in Appendix 2. The projected outturn includes the one off allocation of £90,000 to fund 3 year Project Management Office costs relating to the City Deal, as previously reported. The major variances and movement from last period are explained below:

(a) Employee Costs

There is a projected underspend of \pounds 56,000, \pounds 7,000 more spend than Period 9. This underspend is due to turnover savings and includes the early achievement of a 2015/16 saving (\pounds 39,000).

(b) Property Costs

There is a projected underspend of £19,000; £9,000 less spend than projected at last Committee. This is mainly due to an underspend in Commercial Industrial security of £20,000, a reduction in spend of £7,000 from that previously reported. This budget line has been taken as a saving for 2015/16.

(c) Payment to Other Bodies

Payments to other bodies are projected to outturn \pounds 107,000 over budget mainly due to the City Deal Project Management Office costs and Commercial Industrial other expenditure of \pounds 10,000, as previously reported.

(d) Income

Income is projected to be underrecovered by £92,000, £50,000 less income than previously reported, due to a further underrecovery in Planning income resulting from fewer than anticipated planning applications being received; total underrecovery being £90,000.

5.3 Property Services - £68,000 Overspend

The current projected out-turn for Property Services is an overspend of £68,000, a reduction in spend of £26,000 since last Committee.

The main issues contributing to the current projected overspend for Property Services are detailed in Appendix 2 and these and the movement from last Committee are detailed below:

(a) Property Costs

There is a projected overspend of £29,000 in property costs, £24,000 less spend than reported at Period 9. This is mainly due to a further reduction in electricity costs of £25,000

within Office Accommodation; the projected underspend is £53,000. There remain overspends in Office Accommodation NDR and water of £49,000 and £16,000; an underspend in Office Accommodation gas of £23,000 and an overspend on Surplus property of £39,000, mainly due to increased NDR.

(b) Income

Income is projected to be \pounds 5,000 overrecovered, an increase in income of \pounds 5,000 since Period 9, due to:

- i. A further reduction in Physical Assets income of £6,000, total projected underrecovery being £36,000.
- ii. An overrecovery of Office Accommodation income of £11,000, not previously reported.

5.4 Environmental & Commercial Services - £345,000 Underspend

The current projected out-turn for Environmental & Commercial Services is an underspend of £345,000; a reduction in projected spend of £113,000 since last Committee.

The main issues contributing to the current projected underspend for Environmental & Commercial Services are detailed in Appendix 2 and these and the movement from last period are explained below:

(a) <u>Employee Costs</u>

There is a projected underspend of £225,000 within employee costs, an increase in projected spend of £27,000 from last Committee. Of this underspend, £178,000 is the early achievement of future year's savings. The major variances and movements from Period 9 are as follows:

- i. As previously reported, costs associated with back dated holiday pay for 2014/15 of £73,000. It was agreed at Policy & Resources Committee, 18 November 2014, that these costs would be contained by individual directorates.
- ii. As previously reported, additional costs relating to the increased living wage rate of £33,000; mainly within Facilities Management.
- iii. An underspend in Ground Maintenance of £33,000; a minor increase in costs of £6,000 since last period; £25,000 being the early achievement of a 2015/16 saving.
- iv. A projected overspend of £61,000 within the Roads Operational Account; an increase in spend of £15,000 since last Committee, mainly due to increased overtime which is offset by additional income.
- v. Turnover savings within Environmental management of £106,000. £7,000 more spend than last Committee due to increased overtime. £29,000 of savings relate to the early achievement of a 2015/16 saving.
- vi. An underspend in Janitors of £45,000, a reduction in spend of £5,000 since Period 9. This underspend is offset by reduced recharge income.
- vii. A projected underspend in Facilities Management Cleaning costs of £5,000. This is a reduction in spend of £10,000 since Period 9 due to a projected reduction in additional hours for sickness.
- viii. There is an underspend in Street Cleaning of £63,000, a minor increase in spend of £3,000 since last Committee, £55,000 is the early achievement of a saving which will be removed as part of the 2015/16 savings exercise.
- ix. There remains a projected underspend in Building Services of £100,000, £58,000 of which is the early achievement of a future saving.
- x. Minor turnover savings across the Service totalling £40,000.
- (b) Property Costs

Property Costs are projected to outturn £115,000 under budget, £81,000 less than Period 9. Since Period 9, the material movements have been as follows:

- i. A reduction in residual waste disposal costs of £45,000; £67,000 total underspend projected. This underspend is due to a reduction in residual waste tonnages partly due to the introduction of the glass waste recycling scheme.
- ii. Underspends in utilities of £30,000, made up of underspends in electricity £11,000, gas £5,000, water £5,000 and heating oil £9,000, not previously reported.

(c) <u>Supplies & Services</u>

There is a projected overspend of £942,000 within Supplies & Services, a reduction in projected spend of £267,000 since last Committee, mainly due to the following:

- i. An increase in Building Services direct purchases costs of £26,000, total overspend being £112,000. There remains a projected underspend on subcontractors of £120,000. These projections are based on the current workload and are offset by a reduction in income.
- ii. There is a projected overspend of £85,000 on Roads Client payments to contractors, an increase of £6,000 since Period 9. This is partially offset by additional recoverable income of £55,000.
- iii. A reduction in Roads Client electrical power costs of £28,000. Previously £13,000 had been allocated to this line from the inflation contingency. This has now been returned and the projected underspend is £15,000.
- iv. There remains an underspend in Roads Client Lighting Maintenance of £48,000, £2,000 more spend than previously reported. This underspend takes account of spend to date and projected lighting defects and has been achieved due to efficiencies within the new contract and close performance management with the new contractor.
- v. A projected underspend in Roads Client roads assessment/feasibility studies of £13,000 due to consultancy costs outturning less than previously anticipated.
- vi. A reduction in spend on Roads Operational Account subcontractors and materials of £49,000 and £213,000 respectively, based on the current work plan. There remains an overspend of £960,000 in Roads materials and subcontractors which is more than offset by additional income.
- vii. A reduction in Catering provisions spend of £12,000, the total underspend being £49,000.
- viii. Projected overspends in Vehicle Maintenance sub-contractors and materials costs of £30,000 and £10,000; offset by additional recharge income; not previously reported.
- ix. It was reported at last Committee that there would be an overspend in Crematorium technical equipment of £27,000 due to essential repairs to the cremators and emissions apparatus. This expenditure will not now take place in this financial year due to contractor lead in times. Therefore, there has been a reduction in projected spend of £27,000. These essential repairs will be carried out next financial year.

(d) <u>Transportation & Plant</u>

There is a projected overspend of £215,000, a reduction in spend of £62,000 since last Committee, mainly due to:

- i. A reduction in projected spend on Roads Operational Account external hires of £46,000 based on the current work plan. There remains an overspend of £221,000 which is more than offset by additional income.
- ii. There remains an overspend on client services' non routine maintenance of £46,000.
- iii. Underspends in client services' fuel totalling £30,000; a further reduction in spend of £12,000 since Period 9. There is a corresponding underspend in Vehicle Maintenance purchase of fuel of £37,000 which is offset by reduced income.

(e) Administration Costs

There is a projected overspend of £50,000, a reduction in spend of £4,000 since Period 9 made up of a number of minor movements, none of which are material.

(f) Income

There is a projected overrecovery in income of \pounds 1,231,000, a reduction in income of \pounds 266,000 since Period 9, the material movements being as follows:

- i. An increase in Roads Client recoverable income, in line with increased payments to contractors costs of £6,000, per 5.4(c)(ii) above. The total overrecovery projected is £55,000.
- ii. An increase in Burial Grounds interment income of £6,000. There remains an underrecovery of £30,000.
- iii. An increase in Building Services income of £32,000, in line with increased direct purchases per 5.4(c)(i) above. There remains an underrecovery of £20,000, offset by reduced expenditure.
- iv. A net reduction in Refuse Collection income of £13,000, not previously reported. This is made up of underrecoveries in sale of bins and sacks £9,000, trade waste £9,000 and bulk uplifts £3,000 partially offset by increased sales, fees and charges of £8,000.
- v. A reduction in Roads Operational Account income of £333,000. There remains a projected overrecovery of £1,323,000 due to additional income; mainly from capital. This additional income is partially offset by additional costs with the net projected outturn for the Operational Account being an overrecovery of £36,000.
- vi. A projected overrecovery of Parking income of £14,000, not previously reported. This is made up of an overrecovery of fines income of £21,000 offset by an underrecovery of parking charges income of £7,000.
- vii. An increase in Vehicle Maintenance non routine maintenance income of £35,000, in line with increased materials and sub-contractors costs, per 5.4(c)(viii) above. The total overrecovery being £62,000.
- viii. A reduction in Janitors' recharge income of £5,000, in line with decreased employee costs. This increases the underrecovery in Janitors income to £35,000, directly offset by reduced employee costs.
- ix. The underrecovery in Catering special catering income has increased by £11,000 to £61,000. This is partially offset by an overrecovery of Catering social work income of £18,000, not previously reported.
- x. There remains a projected underrecovery in Roads Client sales, fees and charges of £46,000 and an overrecovery of advertising income of £23,000, as previously reported.
- xi. Within Vehicle Maintenance, there remains an overrecovery in Drivers' recharge income of £25,000 and an underrecovery in fuel, in line with reduced expenditure, of £37,000; a further reduction of £6,000 since last Committee.

5.5 Corporate Director - £20,000 Underspend

The Corporate Director budget is projecting £20,000 under budget as a result of recharges to Riverside Inverclyde, as previously reported.

6.0 EARMARKED RESERVES

6.1 There is a planned contribution of £2,307,000 to Earmarked Reserves in the current financial year. Appendix 3 gives an update on the operational Earmarked Reserves, ie excluding strategic funding models such as RI funding, AMP and Vehicle Replacement Programme. Spend to date on these operational Earmarked Reserves is 65.9% of the phased budget (£1,000,000 less spend than anticipated). However, it should be noted that since the original budget phasings were developed a number of reserves have seen their funding reduced as part of the budget process earmarked reserve write back and a number of projects have been rephased to future years. Spend to date is 84.9% of revised projected spend for the year.

- 6.2 Earmarked reserve budgets reflect the write back decisions agreed in February as part of the 2015/16 budget setting process.
- 6.3 A request was approved by Environment and Regeneration Committee on 5 September 2013 to provide one off financial support to Waverley Excursions Ltd (WEL) during 2013/16. A total of £45,000 was approved and funded from the Revenue Contingency Earmarked Reserve, £20,000 payable in 2013/14, £15,000 2014/15 with the final payment of £10,000 due in 2015/16. This was approved to enable WEL to develop a self-supporting sustainable business plan.
- 6.4 Further work has to be undertaken on this before any further annual payments can be released. The Corporate Director is in dialogue with the neighbouring Authorities who also agreed a similar contribution in 2013. Committee will be updated on the outcome of these discussions.

7.0 VIREMENTS

7.1 Committee is asked to approve virement as outlined in Appendix 4. This virement relates to the 2015/16 budget and is to cover the costs of the Crematorium organists. Further details are provided in the Appendix.

8.0 IMPLICATIONS

Finance

8.1 All finance implications are discussed in detail within the report above.

Financial Implications:

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	With Effect from	Annual Net Impact £000	Virement From (If Applicable)	Other Comments
N/A					

Legal

8.2 There are no specific legal implications arising from this report.

Human Resources

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

Equalities

8.4 There are no equality issues arising from this report.

Repopulation

8.5 There are no repopulation issues within this report.

9.0 CONSULTATIONS

9.1 The report has been jointly prepared by the Corporate Director Environment, Regeneration & Resources and the Chief Financial Officer.

10.0 CONCLUSIONS

10.1 The Committee is currently reporting an underspend of £151,000.

11.0 LIST OF BACKGROUND PAPERS

11.1 There are no background papers relating to this report.

ENVIRONMENT AND REGENERATION COMMITTEE

REVENUE BUDGET MONITORING REPORT

PERIOD 11: 1st April 2014 - 28th February 2015

Subjective Heading	Approved Budget 2014/15 £000	Revised Budget 2014/15 £000	Projected Out-turn 2014/15 £000	Projected Over/(Under) Spend	Percentage Variance %
Employee Costs	18,101	18,104	17,837	(267)	(1.47)%
Property Costs	8,066	8,173	8,069	(104)	(1.28)%
Supplies & Services	5,395	5,559	6,497	938	16.88%
Transport Costs	2,221	2,182	2,396	214	9.81%
Administration Costs	506	546	655	109	19.93%
Payments to Other Bodies	7,206	7,333	7,457	124	1.69%
Income	(18,473)	(18,774)	(19,939)	(1,165)	(6.20)%
TOTAL NET EXPENDITURE	23,022	23,123	22,972	(151)	(0.65)%
Transfer to Earmarked Reserves *	0	(2,307)	(2,307)	0	0.00%
TOTAL NET EXPENDITURE EXCLUDING EARMARKED RESERVES	23,022	20,816	20,665	(151)	(0.72)%

Objective Heading	Approved Budget 2014/15 £000	Revised Budget 2014/15 £000	Projected Out-turn 2014/15 £000	Projected Over/(Under) Spend	Percentage Variance %
Regeneration & Planning	4,840	4,840	4,986	146	3.02%
Property Services	3,777	3,254	3,322	68	2.10%
Environmental & Commercial Services	14,247	14,871	14,526	(345)	(2.32)%
Corporate Director	158	158	138	(20)	(12.49)%
TOTAL NET EXPENDITURE	23,022	23,123	22,972	(151)	(0.65)%
Transfer to Earmarked Reserves *	0	(2,307)	(2,307)	0	0.00%
TOTAL NET EXPENDITURE EXCLUDING EARMARKED RESERVES	23,022	20,816	20,665	(151)	(0.72)%

* Per Appendix 3: New funding transferred to earmarked reserves during 2014/15

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MATERIAL VARIANCES

PERIOD 11: 1st April 2014 - 28th February 2015

<u>Out Turn</u> <u>2013/14</u> <u>£000</u>	Budget Heading	Subjective Head	<u>Budget</u> <u>2014/15</u> <u>£000</u>	Proportion of Budget	<u>Actual to</u> <u>28-Feb-15</u> <u>£000</u>	Projection 2014/15 £000	(Under)/Over Budget £000	Percentage Variance <u>%</u>
90 263 262 99 10	REGENERATION & PLANNING Cleaner, Greener Planning Admin Building Standards Get Ready for Work Commercial & Industrial	Employee Costs Employee Costs Employee Costs Employee Costs Employee Costs	91 325 299 96 22	77 282 260 84 19	46 297 250 80 8	52 343 286 86 12	(39) 18 (13) (10) (10) (54)	(42.86)% 5.54% (4.35)% (10.42)% (45.45)%
0	Commercial & Industrial - Security	Property Costs	20	18	0	0	(20) (20)	(100.00)%
13	Planning - Local Plan Preparation	Administration	8	8	31	31	23 23	287.50%
0 92	Payments to Other Bodies - City Deal PMO Planning - Payments to Other Bodies	PTOB PTOB	0 122	0 122	7 99	90 135	90 13 103	10.66%
(98) (616)	Getting Ready for Work Contract Income Planning - Income	Income Income	(108) (587)	96 (537)	(86) (442)	(97) (497)	11 90 101	(10.19)% (15.33)%
204 37 158 78 86 0	PROPERTY SERVICES Office Accommodation - Rates Office Accommodation - Water Office Accommodation - Electricity Office Accommodation - Gas Surplus Property Technical Services - Agency Staff	Property Costs Property Costs Property Costs Property Costs Property Costs Administration	194 27 198 96 51	194 27 164 80 46	243 44 127 55 100 28	243 43 145 75 90 30	49 16 (53) (21) 39 30 30 30 30	
(94) (9) (1,106)	Physical Assets - Income Office Accommodation - Income Technical Services - Income	Income Income Income	(180) (24) (1,100)	(168) (24) (916)	(119) (32) (301)	(144) (35) (1,130)	36 (11) (30) (5)	(20.00)% 45.83% 2.73%

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1,530 947 600 2,561 775 1,021 1,658 863	ENVIRONMENTAL & COMMERCIAL SERVICES Ground Maintenance Street Sweeping Vehicle Maintenance Management Roads Operational Account Janitors Cleaning Building Services Unit	Employee Costs Employee Costs Employee Costs Employee Costs Employee Costs Employee Costs Employee Costs Employee Costs	1,542 1,043 618 2,863 788 1,063 1,647 929	1,359 906 536 2,487 684 974 1,510 807	1,342 854 521 2,361 742 892 1,424 719	1,516 983 607 2,765 862 1,029 1,668 833	(60) (11) (98) 74 (34)	(1.69)% (5.75)% (1.78)% (3.42)% 9.39% (3.20)% 1.28% (10.33)%
207 110 2,306 58	Environmental - Electricity Ground Maintenance - Hire of Skips Transfer Station - Waste Disposal Catering - Cleaning Materials	Property Costs Property Costs Property Costs Property Costs	195 102 2,488 46	147 68 2,119 42	139 44 2,049 56	184 79 2,421 61	(11) (23) (67) 15 (86)	(5.64)% (22.55)% (2.69)% 32.61%
70 271 531 75 244 1,876 204 290 927 148 192	Roads Client - Emergency/Miscellaneous Roads Client - Payments to Lighting Contractor Roads Client - Electrical Power (Street Lighting) Roads Client - Roads Assessments/Feasibilities Roads Operational Account - Sub-contractors Roads Operational Account - Materials Building Services Unit - Direct Purchases Building Services Unit - Subcontractors Catering - Provisions Vehicle Maintenance - Sub Contractors Vehicle Maintenance - Materials	Supplies & Services Supplies & Services	25 440 539 77 119 810 164 220 977 85 170	23 403 494 71 109 743 150 202 896 75 145	418 35 255 1,489 208 80 806 104	57 390 524 64 272 1,617 276 100 928 115 180	(15) (13) 153 807 112 (120) (49) 30	128.00% (11.36)% (2.78)% (16.88)% 128.57% 99.63% 68.29% (54.55)% (5.02)% 35.29% 5.88%
578 452 324 386 70	Vehicle Maintenance - External Fuel Purchases Environmental - Client Fuel Usage Client Services - Non Routine Maintenance (excludes Roads) Roads Operational Account - External Hires Roads Operational Account - Non-Routine Maintenance	Transport & Plant Transport & Plant Transport & Plant Transport & Plant Transport & Plant	566 446 217 94 26	533 419 209 86 24	368 245	529 416 239 315 52	22	(6.54)% (6.73)% 10.14% 235.11% 100.00%
24 11	Refuse Collection - Agency staff Building Services Unit - Agency staff	Administration Administration	26 0	16 0	50 15	55 18	29 18 47	111.54%

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46 109 101	Waste Strategy - Payments Greenlight Waste Strategy - Payments Other Bodies Waste Strategy - Composting	РТОВ РТОВ РТОВ	160 80 88	157 56 84	126 92 100	93	13	
(132) (583) (451) (459) (289) (56) (124) 0 (3,004) (798) (133) (435) (1,131) (777) (28) (38) (148) (1,143)	Burial Grounds - Interments Vehicle Maintenance - Fuel Income Vehicle Maintenance - Drivers Recharges Refuse Transfer Station - Sales Fees & Charges Roads Client - Sales, Fees and Charges Roads Client - Sales, Fees and Charges Roads Client - Advertising Income Roads - Parking Income Roads Operational Account - Capital Roads Operational Account - Non Client Involvement Building Services - Work Won in Tender Building Services - Internal Public Building Repairs Building Services - Income from Internal Clients Building Services - External Income/Other Income Catering - Special Catering Income Catering - Recharges - Social Work Janitors - Recharge Income	Income Income Income Income Income Income Income Income Income Income Income Income Income Income Income Income Income Income Income Income	(170) (566) (278) (389) (256) (123) (115) (84) (1,666) (700) (488) (900) (145) (25) (900) (120) (1,179)	(155) (533) (241) (356) (235) (113) (105) (777) (1527) (642) 0 (447) (825) (133) (23) (82) (110) (1,081)	(119) (477) (349) (383) (196) (69) (95) (84) (2,457) (672) (62) (111) (653) (63) (8) (21) (129) (931)	(1,000) (110) (8) (29) (138)	37 (71) (25) 23 34 (12) (14) (1,199) (54) (70) 68 (100) 35 17 61 (18)	(17.65)% (6.54)% 25.54% 6.43% (8.98)% (27.64)% 10.43% 16.67% 71.97% 7.71% 0.00% (13.93)% 11.11% (24.14)% (68.00)% (67.78)% 15.00% (2.97)%
Total Materia	I Variances	L					(185)	

EARMARKED RESERVES POSITION STATEMENT

COMMITTEE: Regeneration & Environment

<u>Project</u>	<u>Total</u> <u>Funding</u> 2014/15	<u>Phased Budget</u> <u>To Period 11</u> 2014/15	<u>Actual</u> <u>To Period 11</u> 2014/15	<u>Projected</u> <u>Spend</u> 2014/15	Amount to be Earmarked for 2015/16 & Beyond	Lead Officer Update
	<u>£000</u>	<u>£000</u>	<u>£000</u>	<u>£000</u>	<u>£000</u>	
Youth Employment	702	574	492	619	83	Continuing to Support the Employability programme including MA's.
Business Support Initiative	202	198	151	202	0	Invoices have started to come in for the work carried out on West Station shops.
Birkmyre Park, Port Glasgow	181	175	162	176		Ground works and play area elements of the project are complete, but due to the lateness of the season seeding will not be done until next spring, April 2015, £5k of costs will be slipped to next year.
Investment Fund for Council Owned Bowling Clubs	77	65	7	7		Work completed for Wellington, Hillend, Gourock Park and Parklea. Tenders returned for Rankin Park are well in excess of funds available, Circa £50,000 against budget availability of £25,000. The situation is similar to Lady Alice. Report in preparation for CMT outlining options for the two Bowling Clubs. Unlikely to be further spend before late 15/16, with substantial portion likely to be 16/17.
Whinhill Golf Club	130	140	79	83		Both buildings now erected, just some snagging works to complete. Fitting out of building now planned for next financial year. Car park resurfacing works instructed 16/02/15. Still pending 16/03/15 and will not now be done until next financial year.
Lower Clyde River Valley Projects	15	15	15	15	0	Project briefs developed. Spend complete.
Flooding Strategy	44	0	0	0		The funding is for Legal costs associated with the Eastern line of Falls and is unlikely to be spent before period 12 2014/15.
Local Environment Improvement Fund	40	30	40	40	0	Complete.
Greenock Town Centre Parking Strategy	109	84	109	109		Funding is for implementation of the Greenock Town Centre Parking Strategy and Decriminalised Parking Enforcement. The original schemes are now complete, however demand for variation orders and additional signs continue. Includes £25k additional funding for residents parking options appraisal.
Roads - Additional revenue investment	55	55	43	43		£43k of carry over funding for pot hole repairs and patching works is complete. It is now intended that the £12k of carry forward funding for the RAMP Survey be used as a contribution to the survey work required to identify and assess the condition of the Council's sea walls and coastal protection along Inverclyde's coastline. This will now be addressed in 2015/16.

EARMARKED RESERVES POSITION STATEMENT

COMMITTEE: Regeneration & Environment

Project	<u>Total</u> <u>Funding</u> 2014/15	<u>Phased Budget</u> <u>To Period 11</u> 2014/15	<u>Actual</u> <u>To Period 11</u> 2014/15	<u>Projected</u> <u>Spend</u> 2014/15	Amount to be Earmarked for 2015/16 & Beyond	Lead Officer Update
	<u>£000</u>	<u>£000</u>	<u>£000</u>	<u>£000</u>	<u>£000</u>	
Greenock Town Centre - Extra Police	34	36	34	34	0	Future updates would go to the Education & Communities Committee. Annual invoice received and processed in P5
Repopulating/Promoting Inverclyde	866	330	184	251	615	All workstreams proceeding well. Proposals to re-allocate funding being considered in order to ensure effective projects are adequately funded.
Increased Officer Capacity - External Funding Officer	23	50	23	23		Post recently vacated and will not be back filled. Surplus funds will be returned back to general fund reserves.
Employability Initiatives	525	448	101	101	424	Contracts with ICDT are in place.
Greenock Municipal Buildings Tourism Initiative	150	142	10	10		Design commenced for Victoria Tower however was delayed due to decision to combine with refurbishment of the District Court and apply for Heritage Lottery Fund funding. Rot survey of District Court confirms no rot present. Agreed now not to pursue HLF for Tower and original project to be prioritised. Projected spend for 2014/15 reflects external Fees and the hiring of scaffolding.
Shop Front Improvements Grants	50	50	50	50	0	Work completed and spend achieved.
Commonwealth Flotilla Event	240	240	166	217		Approved funding towards a major sailing event to showcase Inverclyde, its sailing opportunities, its maritime history and to celebrate the Commonwealth games. RYAS delivered their element of the event £33k under budget, which is proposed will be directed towards the legacy element that is to be carried out in due course.
Roads Defects and Drainage works	500	215	181	210		Jetpaching works and 1st and 2nd external contracts for pothole patching completed, with the 2nd external contract substantially completed and processing invoice; 3rd external contract awarded and some spend 2014/15. Drainage works identified and are being designed, programmed and implemented.
Street Lighting Surveys	28	28	28	28	0	Surveys are complete
Coastal Communities	40	40	40	40		EMR to cover Employee costs of Modern Apprentices taken on under Coastal Communities scheme. Any additional costs will be covered by Employability initiative EMR above.
Miscellaneous Planning & Economic	21	21	21	21	0	Reserve made up of Heritage Development Officer, Employability Review and Local Plan Preparation. Full spend achieved.
Total	4,032	2,936	1,936	2,279	1,753	

ENVIRONMENT AND REGENERATION COMMITTEE

VIREMENT REQUESTS

PERIOD 11: 1st April 2014 - 28th February 2015

£	£
20,560	(12,360) (8,200)
3,950	(3,950)
24 540	(24,510)
	24,510

Note

An HMRC decision means that the Council are now obliged to treat the organists as employees whereas previously they were paid by invoice for services provided. This decision has led to an increase in employee costs. It is proposed to transfer the existing organists budget from Payments to Other Bodies to Employee Costs. This leaves a balance still to be funded. It is further proposed that the Crematorium medical reference fees budget is used to fund this balance.

New legislation means that from June the medical reference fees budget is no longer required. Therefore it is proposed that the balance of this budget is used to cover the gap in funding for the organists, with the remainder being allocated against the Crematorium technical equipment line; a budget which has come under increasing pressure in recent years.