

Revenue Outturn 2008/09 - Service Specific Issues

Corporate Services

The outturn is £131,228 (£6,193,928 - £6,062,700) more than the 2008/09 Revised Estimate. The principal reasons for this are as follows:-

- a) Salaries & Overheads (CS1 – CS9) - Overall saving of £81,276 largely due to savings in staff pay, reduced telephone costs and reduced capital charges. These savings / reductions are partially offset by increased expenditure on non-budgeted redundancy payments and the higher cost of the medical insurance scheme. Additionally there has been an increase in the level of recharges to service budgets attributable to an impairment charge to reflect the fall in property values of council offices.
- b) Community Safety (CS15) – Prior year creditor provisions totaling £26,520 were cancelled.
- c) Concessionary Fares (CS21) - The reimbursement to bus operators under the concessionary travel scheme is £228,290 less than the revised estimate.
- d) Industrial Estate (CS22) – Includes one-off impairment charge of £91,690.
- e) Commercial Property (CS23) – Additional rental income of £20,300 following rent reviews.
- f) Interest & Transfers (CS28) – Includes an impairment charge to reflect the £1m invested in the Icelandic Bank and the fact that investment income was more than had been anticipated, the net effect being £136,807 less than the revised estimate.
- g) Contribution to Provisions (CS33) – Bad debt provision in respect of homelessness debt has been disaggregated from the corporate bad debt provision. This has resulting in a reduction of £24,037 (see HS2).
- h) Salaries & overheads recharged to Corporate Services budgets are £446,750 more than the revised estimate primarily due to an impairment charge to reflect fall in property values of council offices.
- i) The balance of £163,596 is spread throughout the remaining Corporate Services budgets.

Environmental Health Services

The outturn is £150,046 (£4,260,646 - £4,110,600) more than the 2008/09 Revised Estimate. The principal reasons for this are as follows: -

- a) Refuse Collection (EHS2) – Vale Rise Depot recharge is £33,551 more than estimated following the revaluation of the depot.
- b) Recycling (EHS7) - transport related expenses are £16,354 less than anticipated.
- c) Recycling (EHS8) - income from recycling is £52,608 less than that estimated mainly because of a fall in tonnages collected due to the recession.
- d) Salaries & overheads recharged to Environmental Health Services budgets are £127,319 more than the revised estimate primarily due to an impairment charge to reflect fall in property values of council offices (see Corporate Services above).
- e) The balance of £47,078 is spread throughout the Environmental Health Services budgets.

Housing Services

The outturn is £146,048 (£1,475,798 - £1,329,750) more than the 2008/09 Revised Estimate. The principal reasons for this are as follows: -

- a) Homelessness (HS2) - Prior year creditor provisions totalling £34,923 were cancelled. This is to be transferred to an earmarked reserve.
- b) Homelessness (HS2) - Bad debt provision in respect of homelessness debt has been disaggregated from the corporate bad debt provision. This has resulted in a contribution of £52,628 to the homelessness bad debt provision from the Homelessness revenue budget. This is funded partly from saving in the corporate bad debt budget (CS33) and partly by a contribution from an earmarked reserve.
- c) Homelessness (HS2) – The Council has received a contribution of £60,000 from KCC Supporting People to assist vulnerable clients moving from supported accommodation to private rented accommodation. To be transferred to an earmarked reserve for use in future years.
- d) Housing Benefits & Counter Fraud (HS5) - the outturn reflects actual level of benefit payments, recouplements and contribution to the bad debts provision producing an overall increase of £17,699 when compared with the revised estimate.
- e) Salaries & overheads recharged to Housing Services budgets are £177,129 more than the revised estimate primarily due to an impairment charge to reflect fall in property values of council offices (see Corporate Services above).

- f) The balance of £6,485 is spread throughout the Housing Services budgets.

Leisure Services

The outturn is £76,239 (£4,397,439 - £4,321,200) more than the 2008/09 Revised Estimate. The principal reasons for this are as follows: -

- a) Capital Charges attributable to Leisure Services budgets are £85,313 less than estimated primarily due to reprogramming of capital projects and reduced expenditure on capital renewals.
- b) Repairs and Maintenance expenditure in respect of Leisure Services budgets is £32,827 more than the revised estimate.
- c) Poult Wood Golf Centre (LS9) – income from green fees is £22,858 less than estimated due to poor weather in January and February.
- d) Salaries & overheads recharged to Leisure Services budgets are £97,168 more than the revised estimate primarily due to an impairment charge to reflect fall in property values of council offices (see Corporate Services above).
- e) The balance of £8,699 is spread throughout the Leisure Services budgets.

Planning and Transportation Services

The outturn is £553,472 (£1,331,772 - £778,300) more than the 2008/09 Revised Estimate. The principal reasons for this are as follows: -

- a) Policy (PTS2) - local development framework expenditure is £40,949 less than estimated primarily as result of work being deferred to 2009/10.
- b) Development Control (PTS3) - income from planning applications is £29,003 less than that estimated due to the current economic conditions.
- c) Building Control (PTS4) - income from building regulation fees is £65,557 less than that estimated due to the current economic conditions.
- d) Planning Delivery Grant (PTS5) - net expenditure is £129,971 less than the revised estimate. Underspend will be transferred to an earmarked reserve for use in future years.
- e) Parking (PTS8) - payments to principals is £30,424 more than that estimated due to payment of backdated ticket refunds in respect of the Botany car park.

- f) Capital Charges attributable to Planning & Transportation Services budgets are £333,567 more than the revised estimate primarily due to an impairment charge to reflect fall in property values of some council car parks.
- g) Salaries & overheads recharge to Planning and Transportation Services budgets is £269,833 more than the revised estimate primarily due to an impairment charge to reflect fall in property values of council offices (see Corporate Services above).
- h) The balance of £3,992 is spread throughout the Planning and Transportation Services budgets.