

**Revenue Outturn 2009/10 - Service Specific Issues**

**Corporate Services**

The outturn is £495,250 (£6,202,450 - £5,707,200) less than the 2009/10 Revised Estimate. The principal reasons for this are as follows:-

- a) Salaries & Overheads (CS1 – CS9) - Overall cost of £54,388. The revised estimate included an adjustment in respect of a rates refund which had not been allocated to service budgets. There has been a reduction in the level of recharges to service budgets attributable to savings in staff pay, reduced capital charges, reduction in the level of building repairs expenditure and income received in respect of Tonbridge Gateway. These savings / reductions are partially offset by increased expenditure on non-budgeted redundancy payments and other termination costs.
- b) Community Development (CS15) – Includes costs of £56,654 associated with the Local Strategic Partnership funded from the revenue element of the Performance Reward grant.
- c) Local Land Charges (CS20) – Income from local land charge searches is £187,223 less than the revised estimate caused by the economic conditions.
- d) Concessionary Fares (CS21) - The reimbursement to bus operators under the concessionary travel scheme is £42,797 more than the revised estimate.
- e) Commercial Property (CS23) – Includes a fixed asset depreciation adjustment following a change in accounting treatment and an impairment amounting to £462,854.
- f) Council Tax Benefits (CS27) – Reflects actual level of benefit payments and subsidy resulting in a net increase of £61,721 compared to the revised estimate.
- g) Interest & Transfers (CS28) – The interest received on investments and cashflow is £106,727 more than anticipated.
- h) Salaries & overheads recharged to Corporate Services budgets are £119,450 less than the revised estimate primarily due to management savings.
- i) The balance of £209,002 is spread throughout the remaining Corporate Services budgets.

Environmental Health Services

The outturn is £37,918 (£4,014,650 - £4,052,568) more than the 2009/10 Revised Estimate. The principal reasons for this are as follows: -

- a) Recycling (EHS8) – Paper recycling income is £36,229 less than estimated due to a fall in tonnages caused by the economic conditions.
- b) Recycling (EHS8) - Recycling credits income is £137,279 less than estimated due to a fall in tonnages caused by the economic conditions.
- c) Licences (EHS11) – Alcohol and entertainment premises licence income is £26,209 more than that estimated following an application by the Hop Farm to increase their public entertainment attendance capacity.
- d) Salaries & overheads recharged to Environmental Health Services budgets are £55,926 less than the revised estimate primarily due to management savings.
- e) The balance of £53,455 is spread throughout the Environmental Health Services budgets.

Housing Services

The outturn is £283,750 (£1,558,300 - £1,274,550) less than the 2009/10 Revised Estimate. The principal reasons for this are as follows: -

- a) Homelessness (HS2) - Unspent Repossession Prevention Fund grant of £31,962 has been transferred to an earmarked reserve for use in future years.
- b) Housing Benefits & Counter Fraud (HS5) - the outturn reflects actual level of benefit payments, recouplements and contribution to the bad debts provision producing an overall decrease of £59,241 when compared with the revised estimate.
- c) Salaries & overheads recharged to Housing Services budgets are £33,026 less than the revised estimate primarily due to management savings.
- d) Capital Charges attributable to Housing Services budgets are £146,832 less than the revised estimate primarily due to the use of unringfenced capital grant which has been used to fund the Council's house renovation grants programme.
- e) The balance of £12,689 is spread throughout the Housing Services budgets.

### Leisure Services

The outturn is £148,716 (£4,280,050 - £4,131,334) less than the 2009/10 Revised Estimate. The principal reasons for this are as follows: -

- a) The Leisure Services Business Unit outturn is £93,201 less than the revised estimate prior to making a contribution to the LSBU earmarked reserve. Please see **[Annex 2]** for further details.
- b) Poult Wood Golf Centre (LS8) – income from green fees is £63,038 less than estimated due to the economic conditions and poor weather.
- c) Salaries & overheads recharged to Leisure Services budgets are £37,328 less than the revised estimate primarily due to management savings.
- d) Capital Charges attributable to Leisure Services budgets are £47,885 less than estimated primarily due to reprogramming of capital projects and reduced expenditure on capital renewals.
- e) The balance of £33,340 is spread throughout the Leisure Services budgets.

### Planning and Transportation Services

The outturn is £179,436 (£1,125,500 - £1,304,936) more than the 2009/10 Revised Estimate. The principal reasons for this are as follows: -

- a) Local Development Framework (PTS2) – public examination costs are £47,670 more than estimated due to Planning Inspectorate costs in respect of the Managing Development and the Environment Development Plan Document public examination being incurred earlier than anticipated. Funded entirely from an earmarked reserve.
- b) Development Control (PTS5) - income from planning applications is £234,373 less than that estimated due to the economic conditions.
- c) Building Control (PTS6) - income from building regulation fees is £179,433 less than that estimated due to the economic conditions.
- d) Housing & Planning Delivery Grant (PTS7) - net expenditure is £59,757 less than the revised estimate. Underspend will be transferred to an earmarked reserve for use in future years.
- e) Parking (PTS11) – Short and long stay car park income is £109,225 less than that estimated due to the economic conditions.

- f) Salaries & overheads recharged to Planning and Transportation Services budgets are £212,919 less than the revised estimate primarily due to management savings.
- g) Capital Charges attributable to Planning & Transportation Services budgets are £112,297 less than the revised estimate primarily due to reprogramming of capital projects and reduced expenditure on capital renewals.
- h) The balance of £6,292 is spread throughout the Planning and Transportation Services budgets.