

Revenue Outturn 2011/12 - Service Specific Issues

Corporate Services

The outturn is £358,067 (£5,632,150 - £5,274,083) less than the 2011/12 Revised Estimate. The principal reasons for this are as follows:-

- a) Salaries & Overheads (CS1 – CS9) – Overall cost £6,246 more than the revised estimate. 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 general legal fee expenditure and lower software support and maintenance costs.
- b) Grants & Payments (CS21) – Community Enhancement Fund grants paid out in 2011/12 were £105,575 less than the revised estimate. These grants are met from an earmarked reserve.
- c) Local Revenue & NNDR (CS26) – Summons costs recovered were £32,340 less than the revised estimate.
- d) Interest & Transfers (CS28) – The interest received on investments and cash flow including notional interest on the £1m deposited in the Icelandic Bank, Landsbanki is £84,907 more than anticipated.
- e) Salaries & overheads recharged to Corporate Services budgets are £94,439 less than the revised estimate due largely to the reasons given in note a) above.
- f) Revenue Expenditure funded from Capital under Statute attributable to Corporate Services budgets is £36,507 less than the revised estimate primarily due to delays in projects subject to progress by third parties.
- g) The balance of £75,225 is spread throughout the remaining Corporate Services budgets.

Environmental Health Services

The outturn is £24,360 (£4,296,650 – £4,272,290) less than the 2011/12 Revised Estimate. The principal reasons for this are as follows:-

- a) Refuse, recycling, amenity cleansing and public convenience contract payments are £26,290 less than the revised estimate due to a reduction in ad-hoc additional works.
- b) Licences (EHS 12) – Licensing income is £19,937 less than that estimated mainly due to lower than anticipated growth in taxi licensing due to the current economic climate.

- c) Salaries & overheads recharged to Environmental Health Services budgets are £23,435 less than the revised estimate primarily due to management savings.
- d) The balance of £5,428 is spread throughout the Environmental Health Services budgets.

Housing Services

The outturn is £225,291 (£1,723,700 – £1,498,409) less than the 2011/12 Revised Estimate. The principal reasons for this are as follows:–

- a) Homelessness (HS 2) – Government Grant is £30,000 more than estimated due to a grant award from the Preventing Repossession Fund.
- b) Housing Benefits & Counter Fraud (HS 5) – the outturn reflects actual level of benefit payments, recouplements and contribution to the bad debts provision producing an overall increase of £30,205 when compared with the revised estimate.
- c) Salaries and overheads recharged to Housing Services budgets are £33,854 less than the revised estimate primarily due to management savings.
- d) Revenue Expenditure funded from Capital under Statute attributable to Housing Services budgets is £154,169 less than the revised estimate primarily due to the underspend on 2011/12 Capital Plan provision for Housing Assistance Grants.
- e) The balance of £37,473 is spread throughout the Housing Services budgets.

Leisure Services

The outturn is £248,566 (£4,970,400 – £4,721,834) less than the 2011/12 Revised Estimate. The principal reasons for this are as follows:–

- a) The Leisure Services Business Unit deficit was £82,737 less than estimated primarily due to income from Lifestyles Health & Fitness being above target.
- b) Poult Wood Golf Centre (LS 9) – Income from green fees is £25,398 more than estimated due to a dry winter and the implementation of a proactive marketing campaign.
- c) Salaries and overheads recharged to Leisure Services budgets are £40,006 less than the revised estimate primarily due to management savings.

- d) Depreciation and impairment attributable to Leisure Services budgets is £17,371 less than estimated.
- e) Revenue Expenditure funded from Capital under Statute attributable to Leisure Services budgets is £46,586 less than the revised estimate primarily due to grant allocations not being claimed in 2011/12.
- f) Building repairs expenditure attributable to Leisure Services budgets is £21,903 more than estimated primarily due to higher than anticipated expenditure on servicing and plant renewals.
- g) The balance of £58,371 is spread throughout the Leisure Services budgets.

Planning and Transportation Services

The outturn is £115,919 (£2,164,200 – £2,048,281) less than the 2011/12 Revised Estimate. The principal reasons for this are as follows:–

- a) Development Control (PTS 5) – Income from planning applications is £64,603 more than that estimated due to volatility of the development environment.
- b) Building Control (PTS 6) – Income from building regulation fees is £13,469 more than that estimated due to volatility in development industry.
- c) Security Services Management (PTS 9) – CCTV monitoring station costs are £28,113 less than estimated due to repairs and maintenance of some aspects of the CCTV systems being put on hold pending Digital Monitoring Station Upgrade.
- d) Parking (PTS 10) – Winter maintenance is £15,917 less than estimated due to the mild winter.
- e) Parking (PTS 11 & PTS 12) – Penalty Charge Notice income is £14,607 less than that estimated due to greater compliance with on-street parking restrictions and reduced use of town centre car parks.
- f) Salaries and overheads recharged to Planning and Transportation Services budgets are £155,476 less than the revised estimate primarily due to management savings.
- g) Depreciation and impairment attributable to Planning and Transportation Services budgets is £168,573 more than the revised estimate primarily due to impairment in the value of the Council's car parks following revaluation.
- h) The balance of £21,521 is spread throughout the Planning and Transportation Services budgets.