

Revenue Outturn 2012/13 - Service Specific Issues

Corporate Services

The outturn is £308,208 (£5,095,200 - £4,786,992) less than the 2012/13 Revised Estimate. The principal reasons for this are as follows:-

- a) Salaries & overheads recharged to Corporate Services budgets are £48,649 less than the revised estimate.
- b) Land Review (CS24) – Tonbridge Town Centre redevelopment expenditure was £66,182 more than the revised estimate. These costs are met from an earmarked reserve.
- c) Local Revenue & NNDR (CS25) – Summons costs recovered were £44,723 more than the revised estimate.
- d) Interest & Transfers (CS27) – The interest received on investments and cash flow including notional interest on the £1m deposited in the Icelandic Bank, Landsbanki is £38,440 more than anticipated.
- e) Economic Development (CS30) – Government grants totaling £110,000 have been received in respect of Tonbridge Town Team Partners and High Street Innovation.
- f) Revenue Expenditure funded from Capital under Statute attributable to Corporate Services budgets is £48,959 less than the revised estimate primarily due to delays in projects subject to progress by third parties.
- g) The balance of £83,619 is spread throughout the remaining Corporate Services budgets.

Environmental Health Services

The outturn is £100,126 (£4,613,450 – £4,513,324) less than the 2012/13 Revised Estimate. The principal reasons for this are as follows:-

- a) Refuse, recycling, amenity cleansing and public convenience contract payments are £84,951 less than the revised estimate due to a reduction in additional works.
- b) Recycling (EHS 9) – Recycling income is £21,302 less than that estimated mainly due to lower than anticipated tonnages.
- c) Salaries & overheads recharged to Environmental Health Services budgets are £26,445 less than the revised estimate primarily due to management savings.
- d) The balance of £10,032 is spread throughout the Environmental Health Services budgets.

Housing Services

The outturn is £171,156 (£1,850,650 – £1,679,494) less than the 2012/13 Revised Estimate. The principal reasons for this are as follows:–

- a) Homelessness (HS 2) – Contribution to Bad Debt Provision is £19,440 less than estimated due to a better than estimated recovery rate and lower than anticipated rent deposit recharges during the year.
- 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 £52,164 when compared with the revised estimate.
- c) Home Improvement Agency (HS 10) – the Home Improvement Agency contribution is £22,500 less than estimated due to the new contract not requiring any financial contribution from the Council.
- d) Revenue Expenditure funded from Capital under Statute attributable to Housing Services budgets is £180,984 less than the revised estimate primarily due to the underspend on 2012/13 Capital Plan provision for Housing Assistance Grants and delay in progressing the Renewable Energy Capital Plan scheme.
- e) The balance of £396 is spread throughout the Housing Services budgets.

Leisure Services

The outturn is £102,429 (£4,870,850 – £4,768,421) less than the 2012/13 Revised Estimate. The principal reasons for this are as follows:–

- a) The Leisure Services Business Unit deficit was £98,442 less than estimated primarily due to income from Lifestyles Health & Fitness and the Swim School being above target. Please see Annex 2 for further details.
- b) Poult Wood Golf Centre (LS 8) – Rates is £14,824 less than estimated due to backdated refund following successful appeal against rate valuation.
- c) Poult Wood Golf Centre (LS 9) – Income from green fees is £78,694 less than estimated due to poor weather conditions during the year and the continuing national economic situation
- d) Salaries and overheads recharged to Leisure Services budgets are £12,193 less than the revised estimate primarily due to management savings.

- e) Revenue Expenditure funded from Capital under Statute attributable to Leisure Services budgets is £39,250 less than the revised estimate primarily due to grant allocations not being claimed in 2012/13.
- f) Building repairs expenditure attributable to Leisure Services budgets is £18,442 less than estimated primarily due to planned maintenance slipping to 2013/14.
- g) The balance of £2,028 is spread throughout the Leisure Services budgets.

Planning and Transportation Services

The outturn is £163,268 (£2,262,800 – £2,099,532) less than the 2012/13 Revised Estimate. The principal reasons for this are as follows:–

- a) Development Control (PTS 5) – Applications & Appeals expenditure is £77,588 more than that estimated due to several complex and specialist appeals that have required the instruction of specialist legal representation and professional witnesses.
- b) Development Control (PTS 5) – Income from planning applications is £21,083 more than that estimated due to varying mix of applications.
- c) Parking (PTS 10) – Winter maintenance is £19,123 less than estimated due to the mild winter.
- d) Parking (PTS 10) – Payments to Principals is £32,300 less than estimated due to lower than expected claims from Sainsbury's.
- e) Parking (PTS 11) – Income from short/long stay parking is £29,712 more than that estimated.
- f) Salaries and overheads recharged to Planning and Transportation Services budgets are £77,101 less than the revised estimate primarily due to management savings.
- g) Depreciation and impairment attributable to Planning and Transportation Services budgets is £23,989 less than the revised estimate primarily due to planned expenditure slipping to 2013/14.
- h) The balance of £37,548 is spread throughout the Planning and Transportation Services budgets.