

## **Revenue Outturn 2014/15 - Service Specific Issues**

### **Corporate Services**

The outturn is £74,268 (£3,006,000 - £2,931,732) less than the 2014/15 Revised Estimate and this is spread throughout the Corporate Services budgets.

### **Chief Executive**

The outturn is £134,043 (£1,209,600 - £1,075,557) less than the 2014/15 Revised Estimate. The principal reasons for this are as follows:-

- a) Elections (CE 3 / 4) – Direct net expenditure on electoral registration and conduct of elections was £33,295 less than estimated and transferred to an earmarked reserve.
- b) Grants & Payments (CE 5) – Grant payments funded from the Community Enhancement Fund were £76,974 less than estimated. Balance to be held in an earmarked reserve.
- c) Revenue Expenditure funded from Capital under Statute is £18,000 less than estimated due to the Community Partnership Initiatives and Local Strategic Partnership Capital Plan schemes slipping to 2015/16.
- d) The balance of £5,774 is spread throughout the remaining Chief Executive budgets.

### **Director of Central Services**

The outturn is £67,832 (£45,950 - £113,782) more than the 2014/15 Revised Estimate. The principal reasons for this are as follows:-

- a) Community Safety (CEN 3) – Additional Community Safety Partnership expenditure of £18,950 funded from an earmarked reserve.
- b) Local Land Charges (CEN 4) – Provision established in the sum of £111,777 for refund of property search fees following settlement.
- c) Licences: Fee Paying (CEN 10) – Income from licence fees was £33,544 more than estimated largely as a result of an increase in the number of licensed taxis and private hire vehicles.
- d) Building repairs expenditure is £20,578 less than estimated largely as a result of the external decoration of the Six in One Club Association building slipping to 2015/16.
- e) The balance of £8,773 is spread throughout the remaining Director of Central Services budgets.

**Director of Finance and Transformation**

The outturn is £38,962 (£2,172,300 - £2,211,262) more than the 2014/15 Revised Estimate. The principal reasons for this are as follows:-

- a) Housing Benefits and Counter Fraud (FT 3) – Pressure on the housing benefits bill as a result of government initiatives has seen an increase in net costs of £191,691.
- b) Housing Benefits and Counter Fraud (FT 3 / 4) – Benefits grants totaling £27,994 received over and above that estimated and transferred to an earmarked reserve.
- c) Local Revenue & NNDR Collection (FT 5) – Summons costs raised in the year were £56,035 more than that estimated.
- d) Salaries and overheads are £40,838 less than estimated primarily due to management savings and impairment reversal of Council Offices following revaluation.
- e) The balance of £27,862 is spread throughout the remaining Director of Finance and Transformation budgets.

**Director of Planning, Housing and Environmental Health**

The outturn is £711,590 (£3,903,950 - £3,192,360) less than the 2014/15 Revised Estimate. The principal reasons for this are as follows:-

- a) Development Control (PHEH 2) – Application & Appeals is £20,748 less than estimated due to fewer complex or specialist appeals than usual.
- b) Development Control (PHEH 2) – Planning Applications income is £155,607 more than estimated.
- c) Parking (PHEH 8) – Income from car park season tickets is £18,321 more than estimated.
- d) Parking (PHEH 8) – Income from short/long stay parking is £102,254 more than estimated.
- e) Homelessness (PHEH 17) – Contribution to bad debt provision is £20,258 less than estimated due to lower than anticipated expenditure on rent deposits and improved recovery of bed and breakfast recharges.
- f) Salaries and overheads are £151,027 less than estimated primarily due to management savings and impairment reversal of Council Offices following revaluation.
- g) Revenue Expenditure funded from Capital under Statute is £217,821 less than estimated primarily due to the underspend on 2014/15 Capital

Plan provisions for Housing Assistance Grants and Disabled Facilities Grants, and delay in progressing the Renewable Energy Capital Plan scheme.

- h) The balance of £25,554 is spread throughout the remaining Director of Planning, Housing and Environmental Health budgets.

**Director of Street Scene and Leisure**

The outturn is £147,473 (£8,348,900 - £8,496,373) more than the 2014/15 Revised Estimate. The principal reasons for this are as follows:–

- a) Recycling (SSL 3 & 4) – Recycling income is £130,164 less than estimated primarily due to Aylesford Newsprint going into administration and fall in glass prices.
- b) Salaries and overheads are £37,097 less than estimated primarily due to management savings and impairment reversal of Council Offices following revaluation.
- c) Depreciation and impairment is £194,341 more than estimated primarily due to the Poult Wood Golf Centre impairment following revaluation.
- d) Revenue Expenditure funded from Capital under Statute is £121,540 less than estimated primarily due to the Tonbridge Town Lock Capital Plan scheme.
- e) The balance of £18,395 is spread throughout the remaining Director of Street Scene and Leisure budgets.