

ENVIRONMENTAL & PUBLIC PROTECTION SCRUTINY COMMITTEE 24th JUNE 2016

Revenue & Capital Budget Monitoring Report 2015/16

To consider and comment on the following issues:

- That the scrutiny committee receives the budget monitoring reports for the Environment Service, Public Protection Service and the Community Safety Service (based in the Chief Executive's Department).

Reasons:

- To provide Scrutiny with a 'near actual' financial position in respect of the 2015/16 financial year.

To be referred to the Executive Board for decision: NO

Executive Board Member Portfolio Holders:

- Cllr. Hazel Evans (Technical Services)
- Cllr. David Jenkins (Resources)
- Cllr. Jim Jones (Environmental & Public Protection)
- Cllr. Pam Palmer (Communities – including Community Safety, Social Justice / Crime & Disorder)

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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

ENVIRONMENTAL & PUBLIC PROTECTION SCRUTINY COMMITTEE 24th JUNE 2016

Revenue & Capital Budget Monitoring Report 2015/16

The closure of accounts 2015/16 is now substantially complete and therefore this report is based on the near actual figures which provides members with the latest expected out-turn position for 2015/16. The appendices provide the detail to the summary noted below.

Revenue Budgets

Environment Service (Appendix A)

The Environment service is showing an overspend of £337k at year end which will be met in part from underspends elsewhere within the Department as a whole -£124k and a transfer from Departmental reserves of £213k.

The Transport & Engineering Division is showing a net underspend of £55k for the year. Civil design is showing an overspend of £33k due to under recovery of income as a result of a vacant post, and the Park and Ride service is estimated to be overspent by £46k following a policy decision to remove funding. Public Transport is anticipating a £36k underspend following service adjustments to manage budget pressures elsewhere within the division. There is also expected to be a £36k underspend in Car Parks as a result of an increase in income banked and a £64k underspend on school transport.

The Property Services Division has an overall overspend of £253k. Building Maintenance is expecting to be £198k overspent due to non achievement of their income target as a result of a reduction in the Carmarthenshire Housing Standard related work. Repairs & maintenance of Parks and PCs are overspent by £31k as asset transfers have not as yet taken place and PAT testing £22k are overspent as there is no budget for these functions. Building Cleaning are anticipating an overspend of £42k due to an increase in overtime and superannuation costs. This is offset by a £62k underspend in the Grounds Maintenance section due to ongoing efficiency savings.

The Street-Scene Division has an overspend of £93k at year end. Flood defence is overspent by £37k due to non delivery of severance efficiency, Highway maintenance is

overspent by £69k due to resurfacing works, Public Conveniences are overspent by £21k due to full extent of proposed savings not yet delivered until assets transferred, Cleansing efficiencies not yet met due to demand of £71k. These are offset by savings on licence fees at landfill site of £35k, a delay in improvement works at Ammanford Cemetary due to weather £21k and a £22k saving in rights of way as a result of a vacancy.

The Policy & Development division is overspent by £46k mainly due to £36k severance efficiencies not being delivered.

Public Protection Service (Appendix B)

The Public Protection Service is projecting an underspend of £67k, mainly due to staff vacancies and reduced spending on supplies and services.

Community Safety Service (Appendix C)

The Community Safety Service within the Chief Executive's Department is projecting a break – even position at year end. A £21k overspend on residual CCTV staff prior to cessation of service has been offset by underspends elsewhere within the service.

Capital Budgets (Appendix D)

Environment – Multi Storey Cark Park -£99k Works scheduled for 16/17 on strengthening various elements of the structure

Bridge Strengthening and Replacement - £100k due to construction cost being lower than anticipated

Major Structural Highways Improvements -£45k Delay due to programming issues – Works scheduled for 16/17 at Cross Hands

Street Lighting -£85k budget to be used in conjunction with LED replacement scheme that is programmed to start in 16/17

Trebeddrod Reservoir -£143k Environmental issues delayed completion until early 2016/17

DETAILED REPORT ATTACHED?

YES – *A list of the main variances is attached to this report*

IMPLICATIONS

I confirm that other than those implications which have been agreed with the appropriate Directors / Heads of Service and are referred to in detail below, there are no other implications associated with this report.

Signed: Owen Bowen Interim Head of Financial Services

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| Policy, Crime & Disorder and Equalities | Legal | Finance | ICT | Risk Management Issues | Staffing Implications | Physical Assets |
| NONE | NONE | YES | NONE | NONE | NONE | NONE |

3. Finance

Revenue – The Environment service is showing an overspend of £337k at year end which will be met in part from underspends elsewhere within the Department as a whole -£124k and a transfer from Departmental reserves of £213k. Public Protection is showing an underspend of -£67k whilst the Community Safety Service is breaking even at year end.

Capital – The capital programme shows a net variance of -£478k against the 2015/16 approved budget.

CONSULTATIONS

I confirm that the appropriate consultations have taken in place and the outcomes are as detailed below:

Signed: Owen Bowen Interim Head of Financial Services

- 1. Local Member(s) – N/A
- 2. Community / Town Council – N/A
- 3. Relevant Partners – N/A
- 4. Staff Side Representatives and other Organisations – N/A

Section 100D Local Government Act, 1972 – Access to Information
List of Background Papers used in the preparation of this report:

THESE ARE DETAILED BELOW:

| Title of Document | File Ref No. / Locations that the papers are available for public inspection |
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| 2015/16 Budget | Corporate Services Department, County Hall, Carmarthen |