

# ENVIRONMENTAL & PUBLIC PROTECTION SCRUTINY COMMITTEE 12<sup>th</sup> NOVEMBER 2015

## 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) and considers the budgetary position.

### Reasons:

- To provide the Committee with an update on the latest budgetary position, as at 31st August 2015, 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 (Community Safety, Social Justice / Crime & Disorder)

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## EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

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The monitoring exercise for the period to the 31st August 2015 is attached and indicates that:

### Revenue Budgets

#### **Environment Service (Appendix A)**

The Environment Service is showing an anticipated overspend of £343k at year end.

The Transport & Engineering Division is showing a net overspend of £80k for the year. Civil design is showing an overspend of £48k due to under recovery of income as a result of a vacant post, Car Parks an overspend of £25k due to a delay in implementing the increased charges that were included in the efficiency proposals and Park and Ride is overspent by £40k. Public Transport is anticipating a £32k underspend following service adjustments to manage budget pressures elsewhere within the division.

The Property Services Division has an overall anticipated overspend of £209k. Building Maintenance is expecting to be £394k overspent due to not achieving their income target as a result of a reduction in the Carmarthenshire Housing Standard related work. This is offset by a £200k underspend in the Grounds Maintenance section due to ongoing efficiency savings.

The Street-Scene Division is expecting to break even at year end.

The Policy & Development Division is anticipating a £53k overspend mainly due a £36k severance efficiency not being delivered as well as a £3k overspend on out of hours allowances.

#### **Public Protection (Appendix B)**

The Public Protection Service is projecting that it will be over its approved budget by £27k mainly due to under recovery of income.

**Community Safety (Appendix C)** – The Community Safety Service within the Chief Executive’s Department is projecting a net overspend at year end of £4k.

**Capital Budgets**

**Environment (Appendix D)** – No variances

**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 shows an overspend at year end of £343k which will be offset in part by underspends in other services within the Environment Department and a transfer of £151k from departmental reserves. Public Protection is showing a variance of £27k and Community Safety £4k against their 2015/16 approved budgets.

**Capital** – The programme is on target 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 |
|-------------------|--|
| 2015/16 Budget    | Corporate Services Department, County Hall, Carmarthen                       |