

ENVIRONMENTAL & PUBLIC PROTECTION SCRUTINY COMMITTEE 26th FEBRUARY 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) and considers the budgetary position.

Reasons:

- To provide the Committee with an update on the latest budgetary position, as at 31st December 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 December 2015 is attached and indicates that:

Revenue Budgets

Environment Service (Appendix A)

The Environment Service is showing an anticipated overspend of £225k at year end.

The Policy & Development Division is anticipating a £69k overspend mainly due to £36k severance efficiencies not being delivered.

The Street-Scene Division is expecting an underspend of £2k at year end.

The Transport & Engineering Division is showing a net underspend of £64k for the year. Civil Design is showing an overspend of £31k 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 £43k following a policy decision to remove funding. Public Transport is anticipating a £57k underspend following service adjustments to manage budget pressures elsewhere within the division. There is also expected to be a £66k underspend in Car Parks as a result of an increase in income banked.

The Property Services Division has an overall anticipated overspend of £223k. Building Maintenance is expecting to be £212k overspent due to not achievement of their income target as a result of a reduction in the Carmarthenshire Housing Standard related work. Repairs and maintenance of Parks and public conveniences are overspent by £30k as asset transfers have not as yet taken place and pumping stations (£25k) and PAT testing (£19k) are overspent as there is no budget for these functions. Building Cleaning are anticipating an overspend of £41k due to an increase in overtime and superannuation costs. This is offset by a £112k underspend in the Grounds Maintenance section due to ongoing efficiency savings.

Public Protection (Appendix B)

The Public Protection Service is projecting an underspend of £38k, mainly due to staff vacancies.

Community Safety (Appendix C) – The Community Safety Service within the Chief Executive’s Department is projecting a net underspend at year end of £11k.

Capital Budgets

Environment (Appendix D) – A variance of -£36k on bridge strengthening owing mainly to lower than anticipated costs on Ammanford College Bridge.

DETAILED REPORT ATTACHED?	YES – <i>A list of the main variances is attached to this report</i>
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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

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 £225k which will be offset in part by underspends in other services within the Environment Department and a transfer of £113k from departmental reserves. Public Protection is showing a variance of -£38k and Community Safety -£11k against their 2015/16 approved budgets.

Capital – The budget for 2015/16 is on schedule except for a small variance of -£36k on bridge strengthening.

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