

10. QUARTERLY BUDGET MONITORING – APRIL- JUNE 2007

(Report of the Borough Director)

1. Purpose of Report

This report provides the Committee with an opportunity to consider and comment on the Council's budget position at the end of the first quarter of the 2007/08 financial year.

2. Recommendation

The Committee is asked to RESOLVE that subject to Members' comments,

the report be noted.

3. Financial, Legal, Policy and Risk Implications

Financial

- 3.1 There are no specific financial implications. Explanations for any variances at service level are explained within the supporting papers to this report.

Legal

- 3.2 There are no specific legal implications.

Policy

- 3.3 The Council's Corporate and Performance Plan makes a clear commitment to improve the way in which performance is managed.

Risk

- 3.4 Without adequate budget monitoring processes the Council risks overspending its budget which could have implications for future service provision.

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4. Background

- 4.1 The report provides Members with the opportunity to review the position regarding significant areas of expenditure at the end of the first quarter of the 2007/08 financial year.
- 4.2 Monitoring reports will be produced on a quarterly basis, not including the last quarter of the year, when the outturn report will be produced.

5. Key Issues

- 5.1 The report details the Council's financial position at service level for significant areas of expenditure as at the end of the first quarter. Cost centres relating to minor items of expenditure have been excluded from the report in order to focus the review on those significant areas of expenditure.
- 5.2 Members requested that monitoring reports from 2006/07 onwards be produced on an exception basis. The basis for the exception has been set at 5% under or over budget within individual cost centres. For the purposes of this report the budgets have not been profiled. Therefore the percentages spent or income generated to date relate to the budget for the year.
- 5.3 The budgets have been adjusted to exclude support service recharges and capital charges. It will not therefore be possible to reconcile directly the budgets presented in this report with those reported as part of the Council Tax setting process.
- 5.4 Since 'going live' on the new ledger system in March 2007 Financial Services have been experiencing difficulties when posting cash data from the Income Management system because the system is not correctly accounting for VAT. This means that the ledger currently only holds data for April and May 2007 and the VAT for this data is incorrect at service level. The attached monitoring reports therefore only refer to income matters where there is a known issue not affected by the problems with posting data.

6. Conclusion

The report provides Members with an opportunity to review the Council's significant revenue budgets on a quarterly basis.

7. Background Papers

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The details to support the information provided within this report are held by Financial Services.

8. Consultation

No consultation other than relevant Borough Council Officers.

9. Author of Report

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LEISURE, CUSTOMER & BUSINESS SUPPORT SERVICES

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