

## **General Services Budgetary Control Report**

**Period to 30 November 2010**

### **Notes on Variances greater than £25,000**

#### **Corporate Services**

Environmental Health £42,800 Fav

This favourable variance is mainly due to staffing vacancies currently held, together with savings anticipated on payments to other bodies (through dog kennelling & public analyst, which are both demand led budgets).

Finance £34,970 Fav

This favourable variance is mainly due to staffing vacancies currently held.

Human Resources & Organisational Development £43,060 Fav

This favourable variance is due to staffing vacancies currently held together with reductions in spending on both training equipment / materials and star awards .

#### **Educational Services**

Schools - Primary £65,990 Fav

The main variances in Primary Schools are due to lower than anticipated staff cover costs.

Schools – Secondary £154,180 Fav

The main variances in Secondary Schools are due to lower than anticipated staff cover costs and additional income in relation to revision courses.

Schools – Special £62,030 Fav

The underspend in Special Schools is due to the requirement for List G residential and day care placements being lower than anticipated .

Outdoor Education £38,190 Adv

There are several small variances making up this adverse variance namely overspends in transport costs, supplies and services and payments to other bodies These are partially offset by vacancy savings

Pre-Five Centres £90,040 Adv

The main factor is due to a lower than anticipated number of users within nurseries and out of school care.

## **Social Work and Health Improvement Services**

### Operations and Servicing £75,370 Fav

This favourable variance is mainly due to staffing vacancies held.

### Residential Accommodation for Young People £44,150 Fav

This underspend is due to less than anticipated spend on both fostering placements and supported lodgings.

### Residential Accommodation - Elderly £124,870 Fav

This favourable variance is due to two factors. There is an underspend on employee costs due to improved management of cover requirements. There is also an underspend on payments to other bodies due to the current number of clients placed in external care homes being lower than anticipated .

### Home Help Service £106,240 Fav

This favourable variance is due to two factors. There is an underspend on employee costs due to improved management of cover requirements .There is also an underspend on payments to other bodies due to the current assessed need for Free Personal care being lower than previously assessed .

## **Housing, Environmental and Economic Development Services**

### Directorate and Administration £94,760 Adv

This adverse variance is mainly due to income from the reallocation of salaries to other services within the department being lower than previously anticipated. Services are identifying a favourable variance in line with this.

### Building Cleaning PPP £78,550 Fav

This favourable variance is mainly due to an underpsend on employee costs.

### Leisure Services Client £38,190 Adv

This adverse variance is due to employee hours worked being higher than anticipated .

### Homeless Persons £111,930 Fav

This favourable variance is due to three main factors :

- Electricity and gas costs lower than anticipated
- Reduction in the number of removals / storages required
- Increased income due to increased occupancy rates and average number of units

### Estates Administration £45,130 Fav

This favourable variance is mainly due to rental income being higher than anticipated .

Refuse Collection

£59,530 Adv

This adverse variance is due to employee costs being higher than anticipated together with income levels being lower as a result of competition in the marketplace.

Statutory Trading Operations

£36,770 Adv

This adverse variance is due to income anticipated now being less than expected during the probable review. The trading operations reported an original probable position which was favourable against budget by £0.845m

**Miscellaneous Services**

Sundry Services

£139,330 Adv

This adverse variance is due to additional costs arising from the staff trawl, which are partially offset by staffing savings elsewhere in the Council's budget. These costs will also result in lower costs in future years.