

## **General Services Budgetary Control Report**

**Period to 30 November 2011**

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

#### **Corporate Services**

Environmental Health £49,120 Fav

This favourable variance is mainly due to late filling of two maternity leave vacancies and one staff member leaving earlier than anticipated.

Human Resources & Organisational Development £46,200 Fav

The favourable variance is due to an underspend in salary costs arising from a combination of vacancies, secondment and maternity leave.

#### **Community Health and Care Partnership**

Other Services – Young People £31,940 Fav

The favourable variance is mainly due to late filling of vacancies which are expected to remain vacant for the remainder of the financial year and also reduced client need within payments to other bodies, which is demand led.

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

Catering Services £70,980 Adv

There has been a decline in catering income following a downturn in the uptake of school meals in addition to the cessation of free school meals for primaries 1 to 3, which had not been fully recognised when the probable outturn was calculated, and continuing declines in income from hospitality. Much work is being done to promote an increased uptake of meals. However, the probable outturn for income has been overstated.

Building Cleaning PPP £97,920 Fav

The service is presently carrying a number of vacancies. Although efforts are being made to fill vacancies it is unlikely that this will be achieved much before year end.

Homelessness £44,600 Adv

This adverse variance has arisen due to expenditure on consultancy reviewing the Council's provision of temporary accommodation services and a small decline in November in the occupancy rate for the units. It is possible that the occupancy rate could recover.

Estates Administration

£50,240 Adv

This adverse variance is largely due to continuing challenges in meeting income targets and higher than anticipated expenditure on repairs and maintenance to the commercial units. Efforts are continuing to let currently vacant properties.

Community Education Centres

£49,410 Fav

This favourable variance is largely due to the impact of the wider Leisure & Community Facilities staffing restructure.

Refuse Collection

£37,470 Adv

This adverse variance is largely attributable to the impact of fuel price increases which were not fully anticipated in establishing the probable outturn.