

## **General Services Budgetary Control Report**

**Period to 15 July 2009**

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

#### **Corporate Services**

##### Legal and Administration

£30,090 Fav

This favourable variance is mainly due to staffing vacancies.

#### **Educational Services**

##### Schools - Secondary

£30,420 Adv

This adverse variance has two main factors. Utility costs appear to be higher than expected for this time of year (currently under investigation) and school meals income generated is less than anticipated to date, based upon the timing of income received in previous years.

##### Schools - Special

£72,580 Adv

This overspend is mainly due to the number of placements being greater than that anticipated in the budget (also affects Social Work). We have budgeted for an average of 1.5 placements and currently have 4. The length of these placements can vary. This will be closely monitored throughout the year and action taken to minimise the corporate adverse position.

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

##### Operations and Servicing

£38,860 Adv

This adverse variance is mainly caused by low levels of staff turnover to date and utility costs being higher than anticipated by this time of year.

##### Residential Schools

£81,810 Adv

This overspend is mainly due to the number of placements being greater than that anticipated in the budget (also affects Education). This will be closely monitored throughout the year and action taken to minimise the corporate adverse position.

##### Residential Accommodation - Elderly

£52,110 Adv

This adverse variance is caused mainly by the current level of agency staff required to cover vacancies and absence.

##### Home Care

£53,820 Fav

This underspend has two main factors, namely savings in staffing costs and payments to other bodies due to the level of demand being managed in a more cost effective way.

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

Directorate and Administration £27,960 Adv

This adverse variance is mainly due to unanticipated staffing costs (group life).

Leisure Services Client £141,480 Adv

This overspend is due to staffing and utility costs being higher than expected for this time of year (both currently under investigation).

Community Wardens £42,170 Adv

This adverse variance is due to delays in finalising the review of the service and implementing required developments.

Planning £31,610 Fav

This favourable variance is mainly due to staffing vacancies.

Business Development £56,720 Fav

This favourable variance has two main factors. Higher than anticipated staffing vacancies are being held and income levels are higher than originally anticipated from particular industrial properties.

Refuse Disposal £47,310 Fav

This favourable variance has resulted from less tonnage being disposed of due to the commercial downturn

SWIP £54,700 Fav

This favourable variance is mainly due to staffing vacancies.