

## General Services Budgetary Control Report

Period to 31 August 2011

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

#### Chief Executive

Welfare Rights £35,710 Fav

This favourable variance is mainly due to additional income from NHS and MacMillan Cancer Relief; and staff savings in relation to temporary workers.

Internal Audit £25,520 Fav

Vacant posts held have resulted in a favourable variance.

CL&D £39,790 Fav

This favourable variance is mainly due to savings in sessional staffing and additional grant income.

#### Corporate Services

ICT & Business Development £34,490 Adv

This adverse variance is due to the funding of staff currently held within the redeployment pool and income no longer being achieved from staff working on rechargeable projects.

#### Educational Services

Schools – Primary £25,440 Adv

This variance is primarily due to higher than anticipated recharge of catering costs.

Schools – Secondary £73,090 Fav

The cost of teacher cover has been lower than anticipated at this point in the year.

Schools – Special £47,820 Fav

The costs of residential placements have been lower than anticipated.

Outdoor Education £52,980 Adv

The catering costs are higher than budgeted and income is lower than expected due to fewer weekend and concurrent courses.

Pre-Five Service £48,290 Adv

The adverse variance reflects an increase in the prices of nursery provision paid to external providers, with lower usage rates and reduced income from those using Council nursery services.

PPP £99,660 Adv  
Inflation on the unitary charge and TUPE pension costs have been greater than anticipated.

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

Operations and Servicing £94,710 Fav  
The main reason for this favourable variance is employee cost savings due to vacancies.

Residential Accommodation Young People £44,510 Fav  
This favourable variance is due to staff cost savings from vacant posts.

Residential Schools £68,140 Fav  
This favourable variance is due to no secure placements being required in year to date.

Other Services - Young People £30,280 Fav  
The main reason for this favourable variance is employee cost savings due to vacancies and lower than anticipated client taxi costs.

Residential Accommodation - Elderly £91,820 Fav  
This favourable variance has arisen as a lower number of clients are being placed in care than anticipated.

Residential Accommodation - Learning Disability £87,790 Adv  
Increased client need and revised package costs has resulted in an adverse variance at this stage.

Home Help Service £39,170 Adv  
An adverse variance has arisen in relation to the end of Housing Support Income.

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

Grounds Maintenance & Street Cleaning Client £83,000 Adv  
Considerable overtime was undertaken by this service following the strong winds on 24 May 2011. This expenditure on clear-up works is out with the normal subsidy paid by the client account to the trading operation.

Architects £57,430 Fav  
The favourable variance relates to staff vacancies created by the restructure.

Leisure Services Client £85,270 Adv  
This adverse variance is largely due to a fall in Cosmo Club membership with declines also evident across other activities.

Homeless Persons £236,930 Fav

This favourable variance is mainly due to the continuing high occupancy of the temporary units.

Anti Social Behaviour £26,220 Adv

This adverse variance is caused primarily by the continuation of the CCTV service inherited by the department last June.

Planning £44,820 Adv

This adverse variance is in relation to employee costs being greater than budgeted.

Loan Charges £61,670 Fav

The favourable variance is due to interest savings resulting from daily debt management. The annual principle payments of debt for capital expenditure incurred during 2010/11 is also lower than anticipated at estimate time.

Contingency £723,360 Fav

As a result of the CMT exercise to review 2011/12 budgets in light of actual outturn information from 2010/11 £1,736,000 was placed into the contingency fund. The effect of this phased to period 5 is £723,360.