

## General Services Budgetary Control Report

Period to 31 July 2011

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

#### Corporate Services

Environmental Health £46,490 Fav

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

Human Resource & Organisational Development £30,030 Fav

This favourable variance is due to the recent restructure of the service and some staffing vacancies currently held.

#### Educational Services

Schools – Primary £47,980 Fav

The costs of teacher cover and the average salary costs paid are lower than anticipated.

Schools – Secondary £120,290 Fav

The costs of teacher cover and the promoted structure costs are lower than anticipated.

Schools – Special £26,450 Adv

The costs of heating oil, transport, unplanned property repairs and external costs of special education were greater than anticipated.

Outdoor Education £41,880 Adv

The catering costs are higher than anticipated due to the remote location of the premises and income is lower than expected due to fewer weekend and concurrent courses.

Pre-Five Service £27,440 Adv

Income is lower due to the lower than anticipated number of users in nurseries following increases in user charges.

#### Community Health and Care Partnership

Operations and Servicing

£119,910 Fav

The main reason for this favourable variance is employee cost savings due to vacancies.

Residential Schools £59,370 Fav

This favourable variance is due to no secure placements being required in 2011/12 to date. Budget was retained in the event that this is unsustainable.

Other Services - Young People £38,320 Fav

The main reason for this favourable variance is employee cost savings due to vacancies and lower than anticipated taxi costs.

Residential Accommodation - Elderly £52,300 Fav

This favourable variance has arisen as a lower number of clients are being placed in care than anticipated.

Residential Accommodation - Learning Disability £79,120 Adv

Increased client need and revised package costs has resulted in an adverse variance at this stage.

Home Help Service £44,030 Fav

A favourable variance has arisen in relation to a reduction in the use of premium rate overtime.

## **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 outwith the normal subsidy paid by the client account to the trading operation.

Leisure Services Client £131,620 Adv

This adverse variance is largely due to a fall in Cosmo Club membership with declines also evident across other activities.

Homeless Persons £142,990 Fav

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

Anti Social Behaviour £41,950 Adv

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