

INFORMATION

RIBBLE VALLEY BOROUGH COUNCIL

REPORT TO PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

Agenda Item No 17

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1 PURPOSE

1.1 To let you know the position for the first six months of this year's revenue budget as far as this committee is concerned.

1.2 Relevance to the Council's ambitions and priorities:

- ❖ In accordance with corporate performance and improvement plan objective 2, "to maintain critical financial management and controls," this report provides members with information to ensure that budget allocation and expenditure is in line with corporate priorities.

2 FINANCIAL INFORMATION

2.1 Shown below, by cost centre, is a comparison between actual expenditure and the original estimate for the period. You will see an overall under spend of £11,765. However, after allowing for estimated transfers to and from earmarked reserves this changes to a net under spend of £21,438.

Cost Centre	Cost Centre Name	Net Budget for the full year £	Net Budget to the end of the period £	Actual including Commitments to the end of the period £	Variance £	
DEVDP	Development Department	-18,410	667,258	680,719	13,461	R
PLANG	Planning Control & Enforcement	69,000	-194,090	-211,427	-17,337	R
PLANP	Planning Policy	129,780	-142	-355	-213	G
PLDEV	Planning Delivery	0	36,260	37,327	1,067	G
BCSAP	Building Control SAP Fees	-150	-1,072	-1,419	-347	G
BLDGC	Building Control	114,750	-88,982	-79,935	9,047	R
AONBS	Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty	12,710	7,150	7,150	0	G
COMMG	Community Groups	19,980	6,100	6,000	-100	G
COUNT	Countryside Management	48,290	24,177	8,207	-15,970	R
FPATH	Footpaths & Bridleways	5,330	146	0	-146	G
HIGHH	High Hedges	1,910	956	0	-956	G
CONSV	Conservation Areas	12,020	0	0	0	G
ALBNM	Albion Mill	-2,950	5,058	5,396	338	G
INDDV	Economic Development	111,720	8,637	9,002	365	G
PLSUB	Grants and Subscriptions	14,950	4,934	5,000	66	G
CINTR	Clitheroe Integrated Transport Scheme	7,620	6,584	5,544	-1,040	G
	Total net cost of services	526,550	482,974	471,209	-11,765	

Items added to / (taken from) balances and reserves					
PLBAL H234	Building Control Reserve Fund	-87,850	87,300	78,700	-8,600
PLBAL H264	Countryside Management Reserve Fund	0	-4,560	-4,566	-6
PLBAL H268	Planning Delivery Reserve Fund	0	-36,260	-37,327	-1,067
Net Balances and Reserves		-87,850	46,480	36,807	-9,673

Net Expenditure	438,700	529,454	434,402	-21,438
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- 2.2 The variations between budget and actuals have been split into groups of red, amber and green variance. The red variances highlight specific areas of high concern, for which budget holders are required to have an action plan. Amber variances are potential areas of high concern and green variances are areas that currently do not present any significant concern.

Key to Variance shading	
Variance of more than £5,000 (Red)	R
Variance between £2,000 and £4,999 (Amber)	A
Variance less than £2,000 (Green)	G

- 2.3 We have then extracted the main variations for the items included in the red shaded cost centres and shown them with the budget holder's comments and agreed action plans, in Annex 1.

- 2.4 The main variations for items included in the amber shaded cost centres are shown with budget holders' comments at Annex 2.

3 CONCLUSION

- 3.1 The comparison between actual and budgeted expenditure shows an under spend of £21,438 for the first six months of the financial year 2010/11.

- 3.2 The main reason for the under spend is the additional funding of £16,835 from the Department for Communities and Local Government for Habitats and Climate change funding.

- 3.3 The main area of concern for this committee is the reduced income from building control fees. Total income received for building regulation fees for the first half of this year was £96,000, which does not compare favourably to £122,000 for the same period last year.

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RED VARIANCES

Ledger Code	Ledger Code Name	Budget for the Full Year	Budget to the end of the period	Actual including Commitments to the end of the period	Variance		Reason for Variance	Action Plan as agreed between the Budget Holder and Accountant
COUNT/8018z	Countryside Management / DCLG - Habitats & Climate Change Grant	0	0	-16,835	-16,835	R	Year 2 of additional funding from DCLG	Report to be taken to Planning Committee, which will suggest one off projects on which this funding is to be spent on.
DEVDP/1040	Development Department / Employee Insurance	2,520	2,520	9,049	6,529	R	Additional premium due to claims experience.	Estimate to be adjusted at revised estimate
PLANG/8495n	Planning Control / Pre Application advice	-5,000	-2,502	-12,127	-9,625	R	A conservative estimate was entered for the new charge that was introduced in 2009/10.	Estimate to be adjusted at revised estimate
BLDGC/8405n	Building Control / Building Regulation Fees	-200,000	-109,780	-96,216	13,564	R	Income from building regulations fees is down. This is mainly due to the current economic climate but also due to some organisations using private competitors.	A new charging regime is to be introduced by 1st October, which could have a further detrimental effect on income. Costs are to be scrutinised.

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AMBER VARIANCES

Ledger Code	Ledger Code Name	Budget for the Full Year	Budget to the end of the period	Actual including Commitments to the end of the period	Variance		Reason for Variance
DEVDP/0100	Development Department / Salaries	1,000,750	500,574	504,497	3,923	A	Overspend is as a result of a budget provision made for savings from staff turnover. Little staff turnover to date.
DEVDP/2651	Development Department / Vehicle Insurance	2,620	2,620	4,855	2,235	A	Additional premium due to claims experience
DEVDP/3085	Development Department / Consultants	7,700	3,852	0	-3,852	A	No consultancy fees paid to date
DEVDP/6002	Development Department / Car Leasing Repayments	16,280	8,981	11,360	2,379	A	Overspend is due to an order of £4,000 placed for a replacement vehicle. This will clear as the year progresses.
PLANG/8404u	Planning Control / Planning Fees	-360,000	-193,608	-198,200	-4,592	A	A few large schemes have resulted in an increase in planning fees received