INFORMATION

RIBBLE VALLEY BOROUGH COUNCIL REPORT TO COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMITTEE

Agenda Item No

meeting date: 6 NOVEMBER 2012 title: REVENUE MONITORING 2012/13 submitted by: DIRECTOR OF RESOURCES principal author: ROBIN BRAMHALL

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:
 - Community Objectives none identified
 - Corporate Priorities to continue to be a well-managed Council, providing efficient services based on identified customer need, and meets the objective within this priority, of maintain critical financial management controls, ensuring the authority provides council tax payers with value for money.
 - Other considerations none identified

2 FINANCIAL INFORMATION

2.1 Shown below, by cost centre, is a comparison between actual expenditure and the original estimate for the period to the end of September. You will see an overall underspend of £120,225 on the net cost of services, after allowing for estimated transfers to and from earmarked reserves. Please note that favourable variances are denoted by figures with a minus symbol.

Cost Centre	Cost Centre Name	Net Budget for the Full Year £	Net Budget to the end of period £	Actual including Commitments to the end of the period £	Variance £	
COMMD	Community Services Department	0	633,122	623,538	-9584	R
HWAGY	Highways Agency	11,480	502	0	-502	G
HWREP	Highway Repairs	3,130	252	214	-38	G
NHWAG	Non-Agency Highways Work	25,200	0	0	0	G
CULVT	Culverts & Water Courses	20,480	1,608	3,402	1,794	G
DRAIN	Private Drains	11,910	-94	-60	34	G
RIVBK	Riverbank Protection	3,120	576	293	-283	G
BUSSH	Bus Shelters	18,340	3,442	377	-3,065	А
SEATS	Roadside Seats	6,710	1,144	366	-778	G

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SIGNS	Street Nameplates & Signs	21,430	1,684	4,135	2,451	А
RIGHT	Public Rights of Way	2,250	-34,136	-33,858	278	G
STCLE	Street Cleansing	317,610	163,783	154,109	-9,674	R
VARIOUS	Public Conveniences	233,950	113,339	73,373	-39,966	R
LITTR	Litter Bins	16,850	4,222	3,727	-495	G
RCOLL	Refuse Collection	1,075,870	180,552	165,110	-15,442	R
RECYC	Recycling & Waste Awareness	76,550	-7,221	-5,502	1,719	G
TFRST	Waste Transfer Station	77,280	36,504	41,372	4,868	А
TRREF	Trade Refuse	-28,130	-116.655	-124,699	-8,044	R
CRIME	Crime and Disorder	64,260	8,080	7,750	-330	G
CRIMP	RV Crime Reduction Partnership	14,260	7,670	6,208	-1,462	G
CCTEL	CCTV Equipment	106,420	57,879	56,188	-1691	G
LDAAT	Lancashire Drug and Alcohol Action Team	0	0	-8,548	-8,548	R
LNGCH	Longridge Civic Hall	9,180	0	0	0	G
ARTDV	Art Development	31,620	6,777	6,481	-296	G
PLATG	Platform Gallery	63,570	29,451	43,663	14,212	R
MUSEM	Castle Museum	214,900	4,265	10,523	6,258	R
MCAFE	Museum Café	1,660	-2,750	-1,239	1,511	А
TURSM	Tourism	133,680	42,824	19,930	-22,894	R
VARIOUS	Car Parking	-102,530	-59,232	-57,393	1,839	G
LDEPO	Longridge Depot	0	5,746	10,043	4,297	А
SDEPO	Salthill Depot	0	22,606	25,077	2,471	А
VARIOUS	Refuse Collection Vehicles	0	189,626	191,170	1,544	G
VARIOUS	Grounds Maintenance Vehicles	0	37,944	34,274	-3,670	А
VARIOUS	Works Administration Vehicles	0	19,571	15,765	-3,806	А
VARIOUS	Plant	0	3,254	4,676	1,422	G
TWOWR	Two Way Radio	0	-1,404	-1,579	-175	G
VEHCL	Vehicle Workshop	0	-7,598	-8,129	-531	G

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WKSAD	Works Administration	0	-47,708	-49,454	-1,746	G
CARVN	Caravan Site	-7,040	0	121	121	G
EDPIC	Edisford Picnic Area	-6,750	-7,512	-8,561	-1,049	G
PKADM	Grounds Maintenance	0	-107,268	-109,497	-2,229	А
ROEBN	Roefield Barn	1,170	-22	-13	9	G
RVPRK	Ribble Valley Parks	409,150	163,012	164,019	1,007	G
RPOOL	Ribblesdale Pool	284,850	50,809	31,895	-18,914	R
EALLW	Edisford All Weather Pitch	-8,170	-9,016	-6,557	2,459	Α
LNGYM	Longridge Gym	7,820	0	-495	-495	G
CYCLS	Cycling	5,590	0	0	0	G
EXREF	Exercise Referral Scheme	36,530	33,899	27,004	-6,895	R
SPODV	Sports Development	91,610	17,530	13,889	-3,641	Α
GRSRC	Grants & Subscriptions - Community	28,070	280	0	280	G
XMASL	Xmas Lights & RV in Bloom	3,110	926	400	-526	G
RECUL	Recreation and Culture Grants	34,430	10,253	8,889	-1,364	G
SPOGR	Sports Grants	5,870	336	300	-36	G
CULTG	Culture Grants	4,810	1,920	1,850	70	G
WBHEQ	Wellbeing and Health Equality	0	0	0	0	G
	Total:	3,322,100	1,454,772	1,334,547	-120,225	
Transfers	to and from earmarked reserves	5				
	Community Safety	-14,260	0	0	0	1
	Wellbeing and Health Equality	-12,420	0	0	0	
Total trans	sfers to and from earmarked	-26,680	1,454,772	1,334,547	-120,225	

Total after transfers to and from earmarked reserves	3,295,420	1,454,772	1,334,547	-120,225
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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)	Α
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.
- 2.5 In summary the main areas of variance which are unlikely to rectify themselves by the end of the financial year are summarised below

Description	Variance to end of September 2012
Public Conveniences - reduction in staff hours and delay in recruitment	-31,372
Refuse Collection – Recycling Credits – better performance than expected for the first 6 months of the year	-7,787
Trade Refuse additional contract income re wheeled bins, offset by fall in income from collection of sacks	-9,376
Children's Trust Grant – additional income	-15,000
Car park charges – reduced income – probably because of poor weather for the first 6 months	9,195
Ribblesdale Pool – greater take up of courses and contracts	-14,092
Insurance Costs – increased premiums	4,821

3 CONCLUSION

- 3.1 The comparison between actual and budgeted expenditure shows an underspend of £120,225 for the first six months of the financial year 2012/13.
- 3.2 For this Committee the great majority of 'Red' and "Green" variances are favourable to the Council.

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RED VARIANCES

Ledger Code	Ledger Code Name	Original Budget for the Full Year £	Original 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
COMMD /1040	Community Services Department/ Employee Insurances	32,110	32,110	37,606	5,496	Overall increase of around 10% in employee insurances. However, the allocation this year is based on previous year's claims, and this has led to the increase here.	Monitor employee claims to try and minimise premiums for future years.
COMMD /8093z	Community Services Department/ Children's Trust Grant	-5,000	-5,000	-20,000	-15,000	Additional funding for 2012/13.	This will help support the costs of operating the Community Services Department
PUB /2402	Public Conveniences/ Repairs and Maintenance of Buildings	85,580	58,845	38,998	-19,847	Reduction in staff hours, and delay in recruitment of seasonal employees due to the closing of some conveniences	Monitor expenditure to see whether further savings can be achieved during the year.
PUB /2475	Public Conveniences/ General Cleaning	27,550	13,780	2,255	-11,525	Significant reduction on staff hours. This will be continued throughout the year	Monitor expenditure - further significant savings should be achieved by the end of the year.

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DSCO /2602	Refuse Collection Vehicles/ Repairs to Vehicles	127,790	64,483	78,773	14,290	Two large and unexpected items of expenditure- repairs to bodywork and replacement of driver's seat, together with a number of commitments	Monitor expenditure closely to ensure annual Budget is not exceeded
DSCO /2612	Refuse Collection Vehicles/ Diesel	178,200	88,205	79,232	-8,973	Diesel prices have not been as high as expected, and there has been an overall reduction in fuel consumption as a result of various changes in operation	Monitor expenditure - if the current trends are continued, further significant savings should be achieved by the end of the year.
DTRN /8420n	Car Parks/ Car park charges	-282,170	-150,616	-141,421	9,195	This year's weather has been particularly poor. This has impacted on car park income levels, with Edisford Car Park income being hit particularly hard.	Monitor income to see whether the annual Budget can be achieved
LDAAT /2944	Lancashire Drug and Alcohol Action Team/Sundry Purchases	0	0	13,216	13,216	Expenditure includes funding of the management of the Community Alcohol Network Project (£7,000), Grant Schools Youth forum Radio Station (£3,500) and hire of Longridge Community Gym	Expenditure has been identified to offset against additional income income

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LDAAT /3277	Lancashire Drug and Alcohol Action Team/Promotional Activities	0	0	16,083	16,083	Expenditure includes part funding of the council's Community Sports Facilitator post (£10,000) and the funding of Binge Productions at the Grand (£3,350)	Expenditure has been identified to offset against additional income income
LDAAT /8576z	Lancashire Drug and Alcohol Action Team/Contributions and Donations	0	0	-39,880	-39,880	Funding for use in 2012/13 on the reduction of drug and alcohol abuse	Expenditure has been identified to offset against this income and ensure it is fully utilised
RCOLL /8431z	Refuse Collection/ Recycling Credits	-288,640	-132,341	-140,128	-7,787	Better performance than expected on the recycling of both green and comingled waste	Continue to monitor recycling performance. If the current trend is continued there could be considerable additional income by the end of the year
RECYC /3074	Recycling & Waste Awareness/Private Contract Payments	79,970	26,662	33,697	7,035	The cost for disposal of paper increased after the Budget was agreed following the end of the previous temporary arrangements	Continue to monitor recycling performance.

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RECYC /8431z	Recycling & Waste Awareness/Recycling Credits	-84,100	-35,051	-44,377	-9,326	Income shown here relates to recycling credits claimed at the higher rate. LCC are in dispute with RVBC concerning this. If the lower rate was applied, this would mean £12,500 less income for the period shown, and £31,900 less income for the full year	Continue to monitor recycling performance and LCC dispute
RIGHT /2402	Rights of Way/Repairs and maintenance	13,100	6,552	14,117	7,565	More work than expected carried out in the first few months. Annual Budget already exceeded	Income has been received which will offset this overspend, but any further spending will be curtailed.
RIGHT /8586n	Rights of Way/Footpath Diversion Orders - vatable	0	0	-7,053	-7,053	Additional income - will be spent on additional works, advertising and staff time implementing these diversions	Monitor income and expenditure to see whether the annual Budget is likely to be exceeded
RPOOL /8542l	Ribblesdale Pool/ Courses	-83,840	-55,032	-62,136	-7,104	Greater take up of courses than during the same period in 2011, particularly in relation to parent toddler classes	Monitor income to see whether the annual Budget is likely to be exceeded

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RPOOL /8543n	Ribblesdale Pool/ Contracts	-15,160	-7,607	-14,595	-6,988	Much greater take up of contracts than during the same period in 2011. Overall attendances have increased – possibly due to the Olympic Games effect	Monitor income to see whether the annual Budget is likely to be exceeded
WKSAD /0110	Works Administration/ Wages	111,060	57,484	47,816	-9,668	Savings due to reductions in working hours, and delays in filling seasonal post with regard to public conveniences.	Monitor expenditure to see the eventual savings on the annual Budget.
WKSAD /8900z	Works Administration/Oncost 100%	-219,980	-113,861	-99,439	14,422	Reduction in recovery of costs due to reduced staffing.	Monitor expenditure, income and oncost rate to ensure all costs are fully recovered
WKSAD /8920z	Works Administration/Oncost 120%	-27,000	-13,977	-2,567	11,410	Reduction in recovery of costs as overtime is down considerably against the budgeted figure	Monitor expenditure and income to ensure all costs are fully recovered
TRREF /8411z	Trade Refuse/ Contracts	-93,830	-93,830	-106,694	-12,864	Invoices already raised exceed the annual Budget, as more businesses move from sacks to bins (see amber variances with regard to sacks)	Monitor income to see how much the annual Budget will be exceeded by

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AMBER VARIANCES

Ledger Code	Ledger Code Name	Original Budget for the Full Year £	Original Budget to the end of the period £	Actual including Commitments to the end of the period £	Variance £	Reason for Variance
BUSSH /2402	Bus Shelters/ Repairs and Maintenance	6,880	3,442	377	-3,065	Reduction in expenditure following review of the council obligations with regard to bus shelters
COMMD /0100	Community Services Department/ Salaries	912,550	456,456	459,697	3,241	The Budget allows for a 2% saving to reflect likely vacancies. Vacancies so far this year cover only about half of these savings
COMMD /2501	Community Services Department/ Premises Insurance	7,340	7,340	4,482	-2,858	Overall increase of around 20% in premises insurances. However, the allocation this year is based on previous year's claims, and this has led to the larger reduction here.
CULVT /2402	Culverts & Watercourses/ Repairs and Maintenance of Buildings	2,710	1,356	3,402	2,046	The very wet summer has necessitated much more frequent inspections and clearances of flood grates. A virement will be made to cover this additional expenditure.

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DSCO /2614	Refuse Collection Vehicles/ Tyres	30,460	15,242	12,957	-2,285	Lower level of expenditure than in previous years, but as these tyres can cost between £500 and £1,000 each, this saving could coon be eroded. However, if this trend continues, any savings arising may be needed to offset additional spending on repairs and maintenance of vehicles
EXREF /0100	Exercise Referral/Salaries	85,390	42,781	38,682	-4,099	Savings due to delay in filling vacancy, and to maternity leave
LDAAT /2402	Lancashire Drugs and Alcohol Action Team/Repairs and Maintenance of Buildings	0	0	2,033	2,033	Repairs to ground floor of Bowling Green Café. Expenditure to be met from additional grant income (See Red Variances)
LDEPO /2402	Longridge Depot/Repair and Maintenance of Buildings	2,590	1,296	5,264	3,968	Additional expenditure on renewal of roof covering. A virement will be made to cover this.
PCADM /8576z	Public Conveniences Administration/ Contributions and Donations	0	0	-3,000	-3,000	Contribution from Clitheroe Town Council towards the running costs of the Market Conveniences

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RCOLL /0160	Refuse Collection/Drivers Wages	231,910	116,002	111,589	-4,413	Savings mainly due to refuse collection staff covering staff sickness at the waste transfer station (see later variance on Waste Transfer Station)
RCOLL /1013	Refuse Collection/Tuition Fees	4,790	2,396	245	-2,151	Just one training course so far this year.
RECYC /3085	Recycling & Waste Awareness/Consultants	0	0	2,250	2,250	Legal fees with regard to the ongoing dispute over waste paper
RVPRK /2402	Ribble Valley Parks/ Repairs and Maintenance of Buildings	19,620	8,598	13,066	4,468	Spending well ahead of profile, even after allowing for commitments of £2,283. A virement will be undertaken to cover this variance.
TFRST /0110 and 0130	Transfer Station/Wages and Temporary Staff	18,830	9,434	14,063	4,629	Budget for full year will be exceeded as extra staffing needed to cover extended sickness absence (use of refuse collection staff)
TRREF /2881	Trade Refuse/Purchase of Equipment	1,000	1,000	3,217	2,217	Purchase of bins - additional income generated will eventually offset this.

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PCADM /3085	Public Conveniences Administration/ Consultants	9,800	4,902	875	-4,027	This relates to payments for local management of public conveniences. Some delays in finalising agreements.
PKADM /0111	Parks Administration/Overtime	6,930	3,468	1,298	-2,170	Reduction in overtime working, especially following change in opening and closing arrangements for public conveniences.
PKADM /1040	Parks Administration/Employee Insurances	5,570	5,570	7,753	2,183	Overall increase of around 10% in employee insurances. However, the allocation this year is based on previous year's claims, and this has led to the increase here.
PKADM /8900z	Parks Administration/Oncost 100%	-13,940	-6,972	-2,595	4,377	Reduced recovery following reduction in overtime working, especially as a result of change in opening and closing arrangements for public conveniences. This is more than offset by reduced service costs.
RPOOL /8572n	Ribblesdale Pool/Junior Admissions	-45,020	-24,306	-28,932	-4,626	Higher level of attendances, particularly in July and August, possibly because of the Olympic Games effect.
SDEPO /2402	Salthill Depot/ Repairs and Maintenance of Buildings	10,870	7,175	9,857	2,682	Only £1000 of annual Budget not now committed. A virement will be made to cover additional expenditure

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SIGNS /2402	Street Nameplates and Signs/ Repairs and Maintenance of Buildings	2,720	1,362	3,702	2,340	Annual Budget already exceeded. A virement will be made to cover additional expenditure
SPODV /2971	Sports Development/ Printing and Stationery	0	0	2,810	2,810	Expenditure on production of cycle map - financed from additional funding (see below)
SPODV /3012	Sports Development/ Grants to other Bodies	7,010	6,238	4,221	-2,017	Significant savings on insurance premium for skate park
SPODV /8073z	Sports Development/ Lancashire Sport Funding	0	0	-3,500	-3,500	Grant for production of cycle map not anticipated when Budget was set. Funding used to finance additional expenditure as shown above (SPODV/2971)
SPODV /8085z	Sports Development/ School Sports	0	0	-3,000	-3,000	Grant for walking and cycling initiatives not anticipated when Budget was set. Funding used to finance additional expenditure as shown above.
TRREF /8550z	Non Trade Waste Collection - sacks etc.	-22,550	-11,278	-7,790	3,488	Lower level of usage - but more than offset by increased income from collection of wheeled bins
WKSAD /0111	Works Administration/ Wages Overtime	11,540	5,972	1,167	-4,805	Further savings due to introduction of automatic locks and closure of some conveniences

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WKSAD /0119	Works Administration/ Superannuation	16,040	8,301	6,148	-2,153	Further savings due to reduced staffing and closure of some conveniences
WKSAD /8920z	Works Administration/ Recovery of oncost - Capital	0	0	-3,665	-3,665	When the Original Budget was prepared, no recharge to Capital was anticipated. However, due to slippage on the capital programme some time has now been charged to capital.