

RIBBLE VALLEY BOROUGH COUNCIL

REPORT TO PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

Agenda Item No 9

meeting date: 16 OCTOBER 2014
 title: REVENUE MONITORING 2014/15
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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:

- Community Objectives – none identified
- Corporate Priorities – to continue to be well managed Council providing efficient services based on identified customer need and meets the objective within this priority, of maintaining 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. You will see an overall underspend of £61,560 on the net cost of services. After allowing for estimated transfers to and from earmarked reserves this underspend is increased to £69,865. Please note that underspends 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 the period £	Actual including Commitments to the end of the period £	Variance £	
CORES	Core Strategy	0	0	5,239	5,239	R
PLANG	Planning Control & Enforcement	223,570	-262,909	-321,058	-58,149	R
PLANP	Planning Policy	178,840	-128	-5,000	-4,872	A
BCSAP	Building Control SAP Fees	-1,550	-1,808	-1,988	-180	G
BLDGC	Building Control	54,300	-77,527	-79,750	-2,223	A
AONBS	Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty	13,450	0	0	0	G
COMMG	Community Groups	22,480	4,098	4,000	-98	G
COUNT	Countryside Management	47,680	16,673	12,310	-4,363	A
FPATH	Footpaths & Bridleways	5,470	150	0	-150	G
HIGHH	High Hedges	2,060	0	0	0	G
CONSV	Conservation Areas	9,450	0	0	0	G
PENDU	Pendle Hill User Group	0	0	3,400	3,400	G
PLSUB	Grants and Subscriptions	16,070	0	0	0	G

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 £	
CINTR	Clitheroe Integrated Transport Scheme	6,470	5,344	5,180	-164	G
	Total net cost of services	578,290	-316,107	-377,667	-61,560	

Items added to / (taken from) balances and reserves					
PLBAL H234	Building Control Reserve Fund	1,770	82,788	83,122	334
PLBAL H273	Pendle Hill User Group Reserve Fund	0	0	-3,400	-3,400
PLBAL H358	Core Strategy Reserve Fund	0	0	-5,239	-5,239
Net Balances and Reserves		1,770	82,788	74,483	-8,305
Net Expenditure		580,060	-233,319	-303,184	-69,865

- 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.
- 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. Please note favourable variances are denoted by figures with a minus symbol.

Description	Variance to end of September 2014 £
PLANG – Planning Control Additional income from large planning applications received such as Bowland Meadows, Longridge; Henthorn Rd, Clitheroe; Dilworth Lane, Longridge; and Chipping Lane, Longridge. The additional income is offset by the budget requirement to cover temporary planning staff.	-55,404
PLANP – Planning Policy Grant received on designation of a neighbourhood plan, resources intended for the planning authority use in support of the neighbourhood planning process.	-5,000

3 CONCLUSION

- 3.1 The comparison between actual and budgeted expenditure shows an overall underspend of £61,560 on the net cost of services. After allowing for estimated transfers to and from earmarked reserves this underspend is increased to £69,865 for the first six months of the financial year 2014/15.
- 3.2 The main reasons for the underspend is the increase in income of £55,404 from planning applications. However this situation can fluctuate greatly depending on whether any applications are received for a major development.

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BACKGROUND WORKING PAPERS

Planning & Development Committee budget monitoring working papers 2014/15

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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
PLANG/8404u	Planning Control / Planning Fees	-540,070	-270,142	-325,546	-55,404	R	Additional income mainly from large planning application received such as Bowland Meadows, Longridge (£25k), Henthorn Rd, Clitheroe (£22k), Dilworth Lane, Longridge (£18k) and Chipping Lane, Longridge (£35k) offset by budget requirement to cover temporary staffing costs	No action at present
PLANP/8052z	Planning Policy / DCLG - Neighbourhood Planning	0	0	-5,000	-5,000	R	Grant received in respect of neighbourhood plan	Additional resources to be taken into account when revised estimates prepared

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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
BLDGC/8405n	Building Control - Building Regulation Fees	-189,000	-94,536	-91,045	3,491	A	The income received to date is currently below the 3 year average for the period.
PENDU/2404	Pendle Hill User Group / Repairs & Maintenance - Paths	0	0	2,000	2,000	A	Grant to Sabden Parish Council for landscape restoration projects on and around Pendle Hill. Expenditure to be met from an earmarked reserve set aside for this purpose
COUNT/4677	Countryside Management / Grants to Precepting Bodies	10,530	9,360	7,000	-2,360	A	The payment of grant towards the cost of Bolton-by-Bowland parish lengthsman scheme has been delayed.
PLANG/8495n	Planning Control / Pre-Application advice	-33,660	-16,836	-21,719	-4,883	A	The income received to date is currently above the 3 year average for the period.
CORES/2981	Core Strategy / Postages	0	0	2,194	2,194	A	Work continuing on core strategy, budget provision to be established funded from an earmarked reserve set aside for this purpose.
CORES/3085	Core Strategy / Consultants	0	0	2,500	2,500	A	Work continuing on core strategy, budget provision to be established funded from an earmarked reserve set aside for this purpose.