

RIBBLE VALLEY BOROUGH COUNCIL

REPORT TO PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

Agenda Item No 6

meeting date: 15 SEPTEMBER 2016
 title: REVENUE OUTTURN 2015/16
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1 PURPOSE

1.1 To inform members of the revenue outturn for this committee for the year ended 31 March 2016.

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 maintaining critical financial management controls, ensuring the authority provides council tax payers with value for money'.
- ❖ Other Considerations – none identified.

2 BACKGROUND

2.1 The Council's Statement of Accounts have now been audited and approved by Accounts and Audit Committee on 17 August 2016.

2.2 The information contained within the Statements is in a prescriptive format. However the service cost information is being reported to Committees for their own relevant services in our usual reporting format in the current cycle of meetings.

3 FINANCIAL INFORMATION

3.1 Shown below, by cost centre, is a comparison with the revised estimate. You will see an overall underspend of £57,058 on the net cost of services. After allowing for transfers to and from earmarked reserves, this is reduced to an underspend of £35,896. Please note that underspends are denoted by figures with a minus symbol.

Cost Centre	Cost Centre Name	Revised Estimate £	Actual £	Difference £
PLANG	Planning Control & Enforcement	141,050	136,838	-4,212
PLANP	Planning Policy	152,810	141,036	-11,774
LDEVE	Local Development Scheme	49,780	5,604	-44,176
BCSAP	Building Control SAP Fees	-1,750	-1,022	728
BLDGC	Building Control	57,910	59,919	2,009
CINTR	Clitheroe Integrated Transport Scheme	6,340	6,347	7
CONSV	Conservation areas	16,660	16,021	-639
AONBS	Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty	16,530	16,158	-372

Cost Centre	Cost Centre Name	Revised Estimate £	Actual £	Difference £
COMMG	Community Groups	22,920	21,739	-1,181
COUNT	Countryside Management	49,490	49,977	487
FPATH	Footpaths & Bridleways	7,320	6,009	-1,311
PENDU	Pendle Hill Users	970	10,774	9,804
PLSUB	Grants and Subscriptions	10,380	3,953	-6,427
Total net cost of services		530,410	473,353	-57,057

ITEMS ADDED TO / (TAKEN FROM) BALANCES AND RESERVES				
PLBAL H234	Building Control Reserve Fund	-460	-2,001	-1,541
PLBAL H273	Pendle Hill User Reserve Fund	28,670	18,872	-9,798
PLBAL H274	Forest of Bowland Bridleway Scheme	-29,640	-29,646	-6
PLBAL H284	Neighbourhood Planning Reserve	0	5,000	5,000
PLBAL H336	Planning Reserve Fund - Local Development Scheme	-23,550	0	23,550
	- Planning Control	-46,530	-59,204	-12,674
PLBAL H337	Equipment Reserve Fund	0	-3,900	-3,900
PLBAL H358	Core Strategy Reserve Fund	-22,450	-1,920	20,530
CPBAL H330	Capital Reserve	30,200	30,200	0
NET BALANCES AND RESERVES		-63,760	-42,599	21,161
NET EXPENDITURE		466,650	430,754	-35,896

3.2 We have extracted the main variations and shown them, with the budget holder's comments at Annex 1. However a summary of the main variations is given in the table below. However a summary of the main variations is given in the table below.

SERVICE AREA	DESCRIPTION OF VARIANCE	AMOUNT £
PLANG Planning Control	The Homes & Community Agency provided £20,000, based on our estimate of costs, in support of phase 1 of Standen Planning Pre-Application Advice / Application. At the end of the financial year 2015/16 only part of the support has been incurred resulting in a £12.5k underspend.	-£12,502
	The additional expenditure incurred was mostly on the Malt Kiln Brow, Chipping appeal. This additional cost is funded by increasing the contribution required from the planning earmarked reserve.	£12,674
	Income from planning application fees for the period December to March were lower than had been anticipated in the revised estimate. This possibly indicates a fall in larger planning application schemes. This drop in income is offset by a slight increase in pre-application advice.	£18,624
LDEVE Local Development Scheme	An underspend on the consultation on the issues and option stage of the allocations plan has been delayed as available resources have focused on updating information for cartography and producing subject papers. The consequence of this is a lower contribution being required from the earmarked reserves identified for this cost	-£44,176
PENDU Pendle Hill Users	A large contribution was made to Pendle Hill Landscape Partnership to help fund Pendle Landscape scheme offset by income from the Pendle Hill Management fund. The net effect of which is an increase in the contribution being required from the earmarked reserve set aside to fund projects.	£39,809

3.3 As can be seen from above, the key variances have been met from, or have been set aside in the council's earmarked reserves. There are a large number of smaller variances which can be seen at Annex 1.

4.0 CONCLUSION

- 4.1 The comparison between actual and budgeted expenditure shows an underspend for the financial year 2015/16 of £57,057. After a decrease in transfers to/from earmarked reserves by £21,161 this changes to an underspend of £35,896.

SENIOR ACCOUNTANT
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4 July 2016

DIRECTOR OF RESOURCES

BACKGROUND PAPERS;
Planning and Development closedown 2015/16

For further information please ask for Trudy Holderness.

PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE – VARIANCES 2015/16

	VARIANCE IN EXPENDITURE	VARIANCE IN INCOME	VARIANCE IN SUPPORT	VARIANCE IN CAPITAL	TOTAL VARIANCE
PLANG: Planning Control & Enforcement					
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Reduction in support costs mainly from Community Services and Legal services due to a reduction in net expenditure in these services			-21,979		
Total Planning Control & Enforcement					-3,183
PLANP: Planning Policy					
Additional income received from Department for Communities & Local Government in respect of designation of Whalley Parish Council Neighbourhood plan. This is added to the Neighbourhood Planning Reserve to fund future expenditure.		-5,000			
Reduction in support costs mainly from the Chief Executives Department and Community Services Department due to a reduction in net expenditure in these services			-6,774		
Total Planning Policy					-11,774

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Total Local Development Scheme					-44,176
BLDGC: Building Control					
Reduced expenditure on scanning documents as lower volume sent for scanning. Also no expenditure on consultant costs as inspections carried out in-house.	-2,075				
Additional costs incurred as a result of upgrading The Northgate M3 software support to include eNgage	1,810				
Income from Building regulation fees were below estimate for the period November to March due to the competitive market for building inspections. The reduced income from building regulation fees increases the deficit on the fee earning account.		8,310			
Reduction in support costs mainly from the Chief Executives Department due to a reduction in net expenditure in this service.			-3,733		
Total Building Control					4,312
FPATH: Footpaths & Bridleways					
Only one footpath diversion order completed in the financial year, resulting in reduced income offset by reduced expenditure	-1,570	585			
Total Footpaths & Bridleways					985

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PENDU: Pendle Hill Users					
A large contribution was made to Pendle Hill Landscape Partnership to help fund Pendle Landscape scheme offset by income from the Pendle Hill Management fund. The net effect of which is an increase in the contribution being required from the earmarked reserve set aside to fund projects.	10,000	-191			
Total Pendle Hill Users					9,809
PLSUB: Planning Subscriptions					
A service level agreement has been made with LCC for the Archaeological advice but there is no current agreement for ecological advice resulting in an underspend.	-6,420				
Total Planning Subscriptions					-6,420
Other	-3,690	1,458	-2,402	-6	-4,640
Total Variances for Planning & Development Committee	-45,949	-23,786	-34,888	-6	-57,057