

RIBBLE VALLEY BOROUGH COUNCIL REPORT TO COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMITTEE

Agenda Item No 12

meeting date: 11 OCTOBER 2016
 title: REVENUE MONITORING 2016/17
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1 PURPOSE

1.1 To let you know the position for the period April to August 2016 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. To meet 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 net expenditure and the original estimate for the period to the end of August. You will see an overall underspend/increase in income of £114,722 on the net cost of services. Please note that favourable variances are denoted by figures with a minus symbol. After allowing for transfers to/from earmarked reserves there is a variance of £133,503.

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	
ARTDV	Art Development	32,670	9,765	8,353	-1,412	
VARIOUS	Car Parks	-106,260	-31,378	-63,087	-31,706	
VARIOUS	Toilets	183,350	68,111	64,643	-3,468	
BUSSE	Bus Shelters	23,220	5,797	1,186	-4,611	
CARVN	Caravan Site	-8,010	0	-1,031	-1,031	
CCTEL	Closed Circuit Television	116,160	40,794	33,125	-7,669	
COMMD	Community Services Department	0	517,229	514,036	-3,193	
CRIME	Crime and Disorder	65,800	10,650	7,595	-3,055	
CULTG	Culture Grants	6,430	4,200	1,900	-2,300	
CULVT	Culverts & Water Courses	17,150	1,460	766	-694	

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	
DRAIN	Private Drains	1,330	-87	33	120	
EALLW	Edisford All Weather Pitch	21,950	-1,248	-6,487	-5,239	
VARIOUS	Works Admin Vehicles	0	7,499	10,068	2,569	
EDPIC	Edisford Picnic Area	-8,880	-11,329	-11,420	-91	
EXREF	Exercise Referral Scheme	68,000	19,939	46,910	26,971	
VARIOUS	Plant	0	4,069	6,370.	2,301	
VARIOUS	Grounds Maintenance Vehicles	0	27,719	31,644	3,925	
GRSRC	Grants & Subscriptions - Community	2,680	0	0	0	
HWREP	Highway Repairs	29,970	685	0	-685	
LDEPO	Longridge Depot	0	6,367	5,224	-1,143	
LITTR	Litter Bins	20,000	3,840	4,314	474	
MCAFE	Museum Cafe	19,190	-2,616	-1,480	1,136	
MUSEM	Castle Museum	247,280	16,792	22,808	6,016	
PAPER	Waste Paper and Card Collection	125,600	-4,024	-6,730	-2,706	
PKADM	Grounds Maintenance	0	-94,413	-95,183	-770	
PLATG	Platform Gallery and Visitor Information	129,510	38,307	46,195	7,888	
VARIOUS	Refuse Collection Vehicles	0	175,940	196,927	20,987	
RCOLL	Refuse Collection	1,126,670	236,510	226,159	-10,351	
RECU	Recreation Grants	36,870	13,409	1,008	-12,401	
RIVBK	Riverbank Protection	2,490	522	0	-522	
ROEBN	Roefield Barn	-250	-148	-13	135	
RPBIN	Chargeable Replacement Waste Bins	0	0	-10,476	-10,476	
RPOOL	Ribblesdale Pool	312,730	32,373	34,350	1,977	
RVPRK	Ribble Valley Parks	464,020	160,846	170,157	9,311	
SDEPO	Salthill Depot	0	21,831	21,158	-673	

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	
SEATS	Roadside Seats	5,050	1,035	22	-1,013	
SIGNS	Street Nameplates & Signs	47,560	1,397	1,609	212	
SPODV	Sports Development	85,470	9,825	5,455	-4,370	
SPOGR	Sports Grants	8,360	4,194	1,755	-2,439	
STCLE	Street Cleansing	333,620	153,570	160,110	6,540	
TFRST	Waste Transfer Station	86,460	38,561	36,919	-1,642	
TRREF	Trade Refuse	-68,440	-170,253	-254,111	-83,858	
TURSM	Tourism and Events	97,730	14,935	11,516	-3,419	
TWOWR	Two Way Radio	0	-1,000	987	1,987	
VEHCL	Vehicle Workshop	0	-6,443	-2,151	4,292	
WBHEQ	Wellbeing & Health Equality	0	0	-1,562	-1,562	
WKSAD	Works Administration	0	-26,911	-34,795	-7,884	
XMASL	Xmas Lights & RV in Bloom	4,100	1,177	0	-1,177	

	Sum:	3,529,580	1,299,498	1,184,776	-114,722	
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Transfers to/from Earmarked Reserves					
CRIME - Crime Reduction Partnership Reserve. Money set aside from underspends in previous years promotional activities. To be used to fund future years promotional activities.	-13,320	0	0	0	0
CPADM - New Homes Bonus monies used to fund a coin sorting machine to accommodate the new £1 coin	-6,000	0	0	0	0
RCOLL monies set aside from underspends on the refuse collection service in 2015/16 for the purchase of a hot power wash. Power wash purchased and monies now being released to fund the expenditure.	0	0	-8,000	-8,000	
RCOLL- new CCTV system for refuse vehicle VN65 WHR. Monies set aside from underspends in 2015/16 and released in this financial year to offset expenditure incurred.	0	0	-4,000	-4,000	

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
	RVPRK - repairs to the walkway at the Castle. Monies set aside in 2015/16 to fund the repairs and now being released to offset expenditure incurred.	0	0	-6,781	-6,781
Total after Transfers to/from Earmarked Reserves		3,510,260	1,299,498	1,165,995	-133,503

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, which 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 fully by the end of the financial year are summarised below:

Description	Variance to end August 2016 £
Refuse Collection (RCOLL) – A move to replace drivers with 'Driver/Loaders' has resulted in an underspend on drivers wages	-12,795
Works Administration (WKSAD) – Staff vacancy in the position of General Operative. The vacancy has now been filled.	-3,231
Community Services Department (COMMD) – Staff vacancy in the position of Principal Planning Officer.	-5,387
Ribblesdale Pool (RPOOL) – Vacancies in the positions of 2 x Pool Attendants.	-8,083
Diesel (VARIOUS) – Diesel prices lower than when the budget was prepared plus the purchase of more fuel efficient vehicles.	-12,983

Description	Variance to end August 2016 £
Trade Refuse (TRREF) – Income for the full year has been invoiced for. However, service cancellation may occur before the end of the year, which will impact on the variance shown.	-82,263

3 ADDITIONAL REVENUE ITEM

Car Parking

- 3.1 The 2017/18 provisional capital programme included a scheme for the upgrade of the off street car park payment systems to ensure that all machines accept the new £1 coin and also cashless payments. The introduction of the new £1 coin has been brought forward by the Royal Mint to March 2017. Therefore this element of the scheme, estimated at £6,000, will now be funded from earmarked reserves in the 2016/17 revenue budget (as can be seen in section 2.1). The impact on this committee's revenue budget is summarised in the table below:

	Original Estimate 2016/17 £	Additional Revenue Item £	Restated Original Estimate £
Committee Net Requirements	3,523,580	6,000	3,529,580
Taken From/Added to Balances	-13,320	-6,000	-19,320
Net Expenditure	3,510,260	0	3,510,260

Ribblesdale Pool

- 3.2 Furthermore, at your last meeting you were informed of a potential loss of income at Ribblesdale Pool as a result of an extended closure period for capital programme works, beyond that which was originally anticipated by the service, and likewise budgeted for.
- 3.3 Officers were tasked with looking at options to minimise the potential impact, financially and on the provision of the service.
- ### 4 CONCLUSION
- 4.1 The comparison between actual and budgeted net expenditure shows an underspend/increase in income of £133,503 for the first five months of the financial year 2016/17.
- 4.2 This is largely because of significant extra income from Trade Refuse £98,000. We are currently reviewing whether this is likely to continue for the remainder of the year. The budget will be updated following this review.
- 4.3 You will recall at the last meeting of Committee it was reported Pool income was likely to be £70,000 less this year following the closure for refurbishment. As the review of options is still underway to minimise this potential loss of income, it has not been reflected in the budgets shown in this report.

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DIRECTOR OF RESOURCES

Community Committee Budget Monitoring – 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
TRREF/8411z	Trade Refuse/Trade Waste Collection (Commercial)	-162,400	-143,983	-209,800	-65,817	The budget allows for the majority of invoices to be raised in April with additional smaller invoices raised monthly. Allowance also made for cancellation of contracts.	The budget is to be reviewed at Revised Estimate, and adjusted to reflect anticipated income.
TRREF/8595z	Trade Refuse/Trade Waste Collection (Charitable)	-45,680	-30,093	-62,185	-32,092	The budget allows for the majority of invoices to be raised in April with additional smaller invoices raised monthly. Allowance also made for cancellation of contracts.	The budget is to be reviewed at Revised Estimate, and adjusted to reflect anticipated income.
TRREF/3102	Trade Refuse/Tipping Charges	74,860	18,715	28,621	9,906	The increase in commercial customers has resulted in a higher tipping charge than estimated. Increased charges offset by additional income.	The budget will be reviewed at revised estimate.
CHUCP/2447	Church Walk/Railway View/Ground Rents	12,000	12,105	-9,250	-21,355	The actual relates to an estimated creditor for backdated ground rents of £15,750 dating back to 2007.	It has been agreed to continue carrying forward the estimated creditor as request for payment of the backdated rent could be made at any time. A second rent review was due in 2013/14 however this has not occurred.

Community Committee Budget Monitoring – 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
RCOLL/0160	Refuse Collection/ Drivers Wages	243,780	101,631	88,836	-12,795	A driver has been redeployed as a loader. The budget is based upon the number of drivers as per the Establishment List, hence the underspend shown.	A review of the budget will be carried out at revised estimate.
RCOLL/0150	Refuse Collection/ Loaders Wages	299,240	124,751	129,859	5,108	An employee has moved from a driver to a loader. The budget for his salary is still included within the driver's budget.	A review of the budget will be carried out at revised estimate.
RCOLL/2809	Refuse Collection/Non Recurring Purchases of Equipment etc	0	0	8,612	8,612	Purchase of hot powerwash.	Monies were set aside from underspends identified at the end of 2015/16 for the purchase of the powerwash. Monies released in this financial year to offset expenditure.
RECU/4678	Recreation Grants/Grants to Voluntary Organisations	19,140	5,554	-6,000	-11,554	The actual relates to estimated creditors for grants awarded in 2015/16.	Once requests for payment for the 2015/16 grants have been received the variance will be mitigated.
RPBIN/8297n	Chargeable Replacement Waste Bins/Sale of Equipment/ Materials	0	0	-10,476	-10,476	Sale of bins to householders.	Income to be offset against expenditure incurred in the purchase of the bins at year end. Any surplus/deficit transferred to/from earmarked reserves to fund the future replacement of bins.

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MUSEM/2432	Castle Museum/ Electricity	9,540	2,902	-6,752	-9,654	The actual relates to an estimated creditor for expenditure incurred in 2015/16.	The variance will be mitigated once the invoice is received.
MUSEM/2402	Castle Museum/ Repair & Maintenance - Buildings	15,580	7,321	15,123	7,802	Roof repairs at the museum and café.	A virement is in the process of being processed.
MUSEM/2409	Castle Museum/Non Recurring Maintenance Items	0	0	6,781	6,781	Repairs to the walkway.	Monies were set aside from underspends identified at the end of 2015/16 for repairs to the walkway. Monies released in this financial year to offset expenditure.
RPOOL/0180	Ribblesdale Pool/Pool Attendants Wages	51,770	21,581	13,498	-8,083	Vacancies in the positions of 2 x pool attendants, 1 position filled with effect from September 2016.	The budget will be reviewed at revised estimate to reflect staffing numbers.
RPOOL/2402	Ribblesdale Pool/Repair & Maintenance - Buildings	16,350	6,811	11,989	5,178	Improvement works to the staff changing room and installation of emergency lighting in the plant room	A virement is in the process of being processed.
RPOOL/8571n	Ribblesdale Pool/Adult Admissions	-71,670	-34,630	-27,773	6,857	Admission income down, in line with a national trend of a reduction in admissions.	A review of usage will be carried out at revised estimate.

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RPOOL/ 0130	Ribblesdale Pool/ Temporary Staff	35,040	17,966	25,314	7,348	Increased use of temporary staff to cover for Pool Attendant vacancies.	Overspend will be offset by underspend on Pool Attendant salaries.
WKSAD/ 8900z	Works Administration/ Oncost 100%	188,860	-78,736	-85,116	-6,380	Reduced demand for works admin employees to work on capital schemes has increased the number of hours spent on revenue tasks. The total value recovered as revenue oncost has increased as a result.	A review of anticipated time to be spent on capital and revenue schemes will be carried out at revised estimate and oncost recovery adjusted accordingly.
SDEPO/ 8907z	Salthill Depot/Stores Oncost	-59,900	-24,970	-19,680	5,290	Lower value of issues to date, in particular due to lower fuel prices has resulted in a lower rate of oncost recovery.	Issues will continue to be monitored and the budget revised at revised estimate.
RVPRK/ 2402	Ribble Valley Parks/Repair & Maintenance - Buildings	21,390	8,384	14,845	6,461	Repair works to the bandstand plus filling in of Brungerley Bridge Toilets.	A virement is in the process of being processed.

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EXREF/0100	Exercise Referral Scheme/ Salaries	32,540	13,595	32,885	19,290	A prudent approach was taken when compiling the budget in that it was assumed that the Council did not win the 'Up and Active' contract. The budget therefore only allows for 2 permanent staff members as per the Establishment List, however as the 'Up and Active' contract was won expenditure includes salary payments to fixed term staff members employed as part of the contract.	The budget will be amended at revised estimate to reflect the staffing levels and income and expenditure in relation to the 'Up and Active' contract.
VARIOUS/2602	Refuse Vehicles/ Vehicle Repairs & Maintenance	156,730	64,701	84,770	20,069	Various repair demands to vehicles plus the hire of replacement vehicles to maintain the service.	The budget will continue to be monitored.
VARIOUS/2612	Refuse Collection Vehicles/ Diesel	193,370	80,542	70,957	-9,585	Actual diesel costs are lower than the budget which is based on average historical cost.	The budget will be reviewed at revised estimate.

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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
EALLW/8505n	Edisford All Weather Pitch/All Weather Pitch (vatable)	-17,380	-6,003	-9,873	-3,870	Increased usage over the period when compared with last year - due in part to the installation of the 3G pitch. Budget to be reviewed at revised estimate.
SPOGR/4676	Sports Grants/Grants to Individuals	3,650	3,650	1,500	-2,150	Only grants totalling £1,500 have been awarded to date. Budget to be reviewed accordingly at revised estimate.
SPODV/3012	Sports Development/Grants to Other Bodies	7,450	7,450	3,839	-3,611	Reimbursement of insurance premium to The Grand for the Skatepark lower than estimated. Budget to be reduced at revised estimate.
SPODV/8039z	Sports Development/Children`s Trust Grant (LCC)	0	0	-2,000	-2,000	Grant received which was not anticipated when the budget was prepared. A budget will be brought in at revised estimate.
EDFCP/8420n	Edisford Car Park/Car Park Charges	-69,360	-33,340	-36,761	-3,421	There has been increased car park usage over the period when compared with last year, particularly over the bank holidays at Edisford.
AUMCP/8420n	Market Car Park/Car Park Charges	-34,540	-14,398	-17,273	-2,875	Increased usage has resulted in additional income.
WKSAD/0110	Works Administration/Wages	94,520	40,699	37,468	-3,231	Vacancy in the position of General Operative. Vacancy now filled.

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WKSAD/8910Z	Works Administration/On Cost Capital	-7,000	-2,934	-786	2,148	The nature of the capital programme has meant that more works time has been spent on revenue schemes rather than capital schemes. Oncost recovery on capital schemes is therefore lower than estimated.
RVPRK/5056	Ribble Valley Parks/Grounds Maintenance	345,100	156,041	152,956	-3,085	Lower time than anticipated spent maintaining the parks. Time spent elsewhere.
RCOLL/8547u	Refuse Collection/House hold Special Collections	-20,660	-8,613	-11,589	-2,976	Higher demand than anticipated for household special collections. Budget to be reviewed at revised estimate.
RCOLL/2896	Refuse Collection/Light Tools & Equip	7,110	2,965	380	-2,585	Minimal purchases to date.
RCOLL/8597n	Refuse Collection/Bin Hire Scheme	-410	-410	-3,087	-2,677	Take up of bin hire scheme higher than estimated. Budget to be reviewed at revised estimate.
RCOLL/2998	Refuse Collection/Software Maintenance	0	0	2,495	2,495	This relates to a monitoring service which was suspended a number of years ago and has now been resumed. The budget will be reinstated at revised estimate.
RWHRA/2609	VN65 WHR Dennis Refuse Disposal Vehicle/Vehicle CCTV systems	0	0	4,000	4,000	Installation of CCTV equipment. Monies set aside from underspends identified at the end of the 2015/16 for the purchase of the CCTV equipment. Monies released in the current financial year to offset expenditure incurred.

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CRIME/ 8651z	Crime and Disorder/Police and Crime Commissioner Grant	0	0	-2,953	-2,953	Grant received which was not anticipated when the budget was prepared.
BUSSH/ 2881	Bus Shelters/ Purchase of Equipment & Materials	5,350	2,675	0	-2,675	No purchases to date. Focus is on maintaining and repairing the existing shelters rather than purchasing new ones.
PAPER/ 2909	Waste Paper and Card Collection/Cost Sharing Penalty Charge - Paper	100,380	25,095	22,585	-2,510	Penalty fluctuates dependant upon income received from the sale of paper. This is determined by both the tonnages sold and also the current market value of paper.
RVPRK/ 2414	Ribble Valley Parks/Emergency Tree Work	5,850	2,455	0	-2,455	No emergency tree work required to date.
RVPRK/ 8559n	Ribble Valley Parks/Pitches - Football & Hockey	-3,030	-3,030	-86	2,944	Invoices yet to be raised.
CULTG/ 4676	Culture Grants/Grants to Individuals	4,200	4,200	1,900	-2,300	Only grants totalling £1,900 have been awarded to date. Budget to be reviewed accordingly at revised estimate.

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SDEPO/ 2456	Salthill Depot/Metered Water Supplies	5,080	1,128	-1,109	-2,237	The actual relates to an estimated creditor for the period September 2015 - March 2016. An invoice for this period will not be received from United Utilities due the meter not working correctly during this time period. A new meter was installed in April 2016.
RPOOL/ 2889	Ribblesdale Pool/Filtration & Chlorination	8,850	2,952	923	-2,029	Capital purchase on a Hypolyser Electrochlorination System in 2015/16 has reduced expenditure on chlorination products.
RPOOL/ 0100	Ribblesdale Pool/Salaries	63,600	26,517	24,496	-2,021	Vacancy in the position of Duty Officer - position now filled.
RPOOL/ 8279n	Ribblesdale Pool/Items Purchased for Resale	-19,890	-9,209	-6,421	2,788	Lower sales, offset in part by reduced expenditure on purchases of goods for resale.
RPOOL/ 8572n	Ribblesdale Pool/Junior Admissions	-50,310	-24,883	-21,078	3,805	Admission income down - in line with a national trend of a reduction in admissions.
RPOOL/ 2882	Ribblesdale Pool/Repairs to Equipment	3,100	1,230	5,257	4,027	Repairs to the chemical dosing unit.
RPOOL/ 2433	Ribblesdale Pool/Gas	28,120	8,453	4,178	-4,275	Usage down compared to previous years - suspected fault with the meter. Currently in discussion with the utility company.

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RPOOL/8532I	Ribblesdale Pool/Hire of Baths - Clubs	-37,320	-37,320	-40,976	-3,656	Additional lanes have been assigned to club use, allowing for the generation of additional income. Budget to be reviewed at revised estimate.
STCLE/0110	Street Cleansing/Wages	99,180	41,348	43,553	2,205	When the budget is prepared it is reduced by 4% to allow for staff turnover. To date the service has been fully staffed.
STCLE/8430z	Street Cleansing/LCC Recharge Income	-6,490	-6,490	-4,030	2,460	Income lower than estimated due to reductions by LCC. The budget will be reviewed at revised estimate.
STCLE/8075z	Street Cleansing/Lancashire Highways Partnership Funding	-15,550	-15,550	-11,625	3,925	Income lower than estimated due to reductions by LCC. The budget will be reviewed at revised estimate.
TRREF/8550Z	Trade Refuse/Charitable Collection Sacks & Stickers	-14,530	-6,055	-3,734	2,321	Income lower than estimated. May in part be due to a higher take up of the bin hire scheme.
TRREF/8410z	Trade Refuse/Commercial Collection Sacks & Sticker	-27,940	-11,648	-9,229	2,419	Income lower than estimated. May in part be due to a higher take up of the bin hire scheme.

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EXREF/0109	Exercise Referral Scheme/ Superannuation Salaries	4,560	1,900	4,758	2,858	A prudent approach was taken when compiling the budget in that it was assumed that the Council did not win the 'Up and Active' contract. The budget therefore only allows for 2 permanent staff members as per the Establishment List, however as the 'Up and Active' contract was won expenditure includes superannuation payments to fixed term staff members employed as part of the contract.
PLATG/8708n	Platform Gallery and Visitor Information/ Commission - Vatable	-27,480	-8,697	-5,416	3,281	The Arts/Craft exhibition which has just ended was a touring exhibition and focused more on items to view rather than purchase. The current exhibition (Clay Collective) focuses more upon items that can be purchased and commission generated. Additionally a review of artists stock held in the shop has just been carried out to identify items which are selling and those which are not.
PLATG/3277	Platform Gallery and Visitor Information/ Promotional Activities	7,960	2,392	4,819	2,427	Expenditure incurred in the hosting of the Clay Collective & Inside Out exhibitions.