

**SIGNIFICANT VARIANCES IN REVENUE OUTTURN FOR 2014/15
(OVER £50,000) BY SERVICE**

CHIEF EXECUTIVES

There is a net underspend of £39k in 2014/15 with no significant variances to note.

ENVIRONMENTAL & REGULATORY SERVICES

There is a net underspend of £251k within the Built Environment Directorate for 2014/15 including the following significant variances:-

Off Street Car parking

There is a net overspend against Off Street Car Parking (including response maintenance) of £89k. This includes a small deficit on income of £8k which was matched by an equivalent saving on staff costs, an overspend on supplies and services accounted for £66k, a proportion of which is in relation to additional expenditure on cleaning, security, equipment and general repairs and maintenance.

The remaining £16k is as a result of an unbudgeted increase in annual service charges in respect of the Regent Arcade Car Park which has been resolved as part of the 2015-2016 budget setting process.

Cemetery & Crematorium

There is a net surplus in the Cemetery & Crematorium service of £132.5k in 2014/15.

The cremations income budget in 2014/15 was reduced by £234k following a review of income levels impacted by cremator operational issues. However in the months following these projections income by far exceeded forecasts resulting in excess income against revised budget of £152k.

This surplus on income was offset by an over spend of £22.8k on repairs and maintenance due to requirements arising from the current cremator equipment.

Sports & Open Spaces

An under spend of £56k has arisen on Sports & Open Spaces due to the surplus delivered by Ubico Ltd which was a result of operational efficiencies achieved and savings on fuel.

DEPUTY CHIEF EXECUTIVES

There is a net underspend of £322k within the Commissioning Directorate for 2014/15 including the following significant variances:-

Green Waste

There is an underspend of £108.7k on Green Waste due to additional income over budget of £55k, plus the surplus delivered by Ubico Ltd which was a result of operational efficiencies achieved and fuel savings.

Waste and Recycling

There is a net underspend in waste and recycling budgets of £60k for the year. This is made up of £179k income in respect of the waste and recycling services' share of the Ubico surplus for the year, reduced by £77k shortfall in recycling centres and collection schemes income and a net overspend of £42k in supplies and services budgets.

CORPORATE RESOURCES DIRECTORATE

There is a net overspend within the Corporate Resourcing Directorate of £241k including the following significant variances:-

Art Gallery & Museum Repairs & Maintenance

There is an overspend of £88k including an overspend in utility costs of £51k at The Wilson. This is partially offset by a savings in utility costs in the other Leisure and Culture operational buildings of £26k for the year and a saving of £14k in consultancy costs funded by planned maintenance.

There is a shortfall in the income budget of £21k in respect of the share of facilities by the Cheltenham Library, which is no longer payable by Gloucestershire County Council following the redevelopment of The Wilson and the self-containment of the two buildings.

**SIGNIFICANT VARIANCES IN CAPITAL OUTTURN FOR 2014/15
(OVER £50,000) BY SERVICE****Cremators**

There is an underspend of £59.8k against the capital budget for cremators of £188.3k. This underspend needs to be carried forward for the completion of the works in 2015/16.

Town Centre acquisitions

The Council purchased land at Synagogue Lane and the former shopfitters site from the £1m Town Centre acquisitions budget leaving £432k to carry forward into 2015/16.

Capitalisation of UNIFORM

As part of budget setting for 2015/16, the Council approved a budget of £104,000 for the capitalisation of UNIFORM which would result in annual revenue savings from licensing costs.

However, the Council was required to progress with the purchase in advance of 2015/16 in order to secure revenue savings from 1st April 2015 onwards. The cost was therefore incurred in 2014/15 which resulted in timing differences in terms of budgetary provision. The cost will be funded from capital reserves in 2014/15, and the approved budget in 2015/16 returned to the reserve to compensate accordingly.

Allotments

The enhancement schemes for allotments started towards the end of 2014/15 with £591k of the £610k budget needing to be carried forward into 2015/16.

Town Hall Chairs

The order for the town hall chairs is to be placed in July 2015 so the £80k budget needs to carry forward into 2015/16 to cover this.

Integrated Transport – Civic Pride Schemes

The bulk of the expenditure on these scheme will take place in 2015/16 due to lead in times for the required works, therefore £387k needs to be carried forward into 2015/16. The Council will be upgrading and re-lining spaces at Grosvenor Terrace car park in the future and its usage may increase and will be further helped by Gloucestershire County Council's planned changes to the highway network.

CCTV in Car Parks

The capital budget for the full digital upgrade of town centre and car parking CCTV cameras at an estimated cost of £249k was approved to be delivered over the financial years 2014/15 and 2015/16. The underspend of £212k is therefore required to deliver this upgrade in 2015/16.

Public Realm Improvements

The works planned for the High Street and Town Centre improvements are now timed for 2015/16 so the £244k budget needs to be carried forward into 2015/16.

Car Park Investment

The budget of £250k for new car park machines needs to be carried forward into 2015/16 when the programme for this work will take place as part of the car parking investment strategy.

Disabled Facilities Grants (DFG)

There was an underspend of £155k in 2014/15 due to timing of grant approvals and subsequent take up. It is not proposed to carry this forward as the DFG capital budget of £600k per annum is deemed sufficient to meet demand.

Vacant Property Grant

£275k of this budget was not used in 2014/15 due to timing of allocations and needs to be carried forward into 2015/16.

Warm and Well Grants

The £78.4k balance of unspent funding for these grants needs to be carried forward into 2015/16 to allow the home energy efficiency programme to continue.

Housing Enabling – St Paul's Phase 2

The unspent element of this budget of £1.613m needs to be carried forward into 2015/16 due to the uncertain timing for this programme of provision of new affordable housing.

Vehicle and Recycling Caddies

The lead in time to procure these items means the budget of £61,800 needs to be carried forward into 2015/16.

10 Year Vehicle Replacement Programme

The lead in time to procure a number of new vehicles for the Ubico fleet means this budget of £628k needs to be carried forward into 2015/16.