

SIGNIFICANT VARIANCES IN REVENUE OUTTURN FOR 2016/17 (OVER £50,000) BY SERVICE

HEAD OF PAID SERVICE

There is a net overspend of £150k within the Head of Paid Service Directorate in 2016/17 including the following significant variance:-

Household Waste

There is a net overspend of £262k in Household waste budgets including an overspend in equipment of £25k a shortfall in income of £29k and a £206.7k share of the Ubico deficit share for this service as a result of one-off increased transport maintenance costs incurred in 2016/17.

ENVIRONMENTAL & REGULATORY SERVICES

There is a net underspend of £415.9k within the Environmental & Regulatory Services Directorate for 2016/17 including the following significant variances:-

Development Control

There is a surplus of £66k in planning fee applications for the year, mainly due to large joint application within the financial year which has partially reduced by a £10k overspend in supplies and services budgets.

Cemetery & Crematoria

There is a net underspend in this service of £74.4k. This is made up of surplus income from fees and charges of £145k, partially reduced by an overspend of £41k in repairs and equipment budgets and an overspend of £28k against the salary target for the year.

Off Street Car parking

There is a net underspend of £60.7k in the off street car parking service, made up of £50k underspend in maintenance and repair budgets for the year and £10k surplus rental income

Parks & Gardens Operations

An overspend of £54k has arisen on the Arle Road Nursery Operations including a shortfall in nursery plant sales of £61k.

Environmental Health Overheads

There is a net underspend of £87k including £74k salary savings from vacancies and secondment arrangements of senior roles and £13k savings in supplies & services.

Regulatory & Environmental services transformation

There is an underspend in this service of £50k for the year, after allowing for a carry forward request of £60k for one-off staffing in 2017/18. The underspend has arisen from salary underspend due to plans for new roles being pushed back during the year.

RESOURCES DIRECTORATE

There is a net underspend within the Corporate Resourcing Directorate of £417.8k, including the following significant variances:-

Rent Rebates and Rent Allowances

There is a net underspend in rent allowances and rent rebates for the year of £108.6k, mainly comprised of a saving of £116k in the budget for the bad debt provision. A review of the level of related debtor balances at 31st March 2017 has resulted in a lower than expected increase to the provision at the year end.

Income & Expenditure on investment properties

There is net underspend of £140k on miscellaneous investment properties for the year including £117k surplus rental income relating to the renegotiation of leases and related income for back dated rental periods.

In addition there is a net underspend on the council's leisure centre of £65k, made up of net utility savings for the year.

SIGNIFICANT VARIANCES (OVER £100K) IN CAPITAL OUTTURN 2016/17

Crematorium development scheme

The total approved budget for this development scheme is £8.4m, made up of £7.4m approved for the first new chapels and £1m for the second new chapels. This scheme straddles three financial years and is expected to be completed in 2018/19. The total spend on these scheme was £334k in 2016/17, with the committed balance of £8.1m carried forward for the continuation of the scheme in 2017/18.

10 Year Vehicle Replacement Programme

The lead in time to procure a number of new vehicles for the Ubico fleet means that the budget of £196k for 2016/17 has not been spent. This has been carried forward into 2017/18, and added to the 2017/18 original budget allocation of £3.063m. The total budget of £3.259m is to be spent on the procurement of these vehicles in 2017/18.