

SIGNIFICANT VARIANCES IN REVENUE OUTTURN FOR 2017/18 (OVER £50,000) BY SERVICE

HEAD OF PAID SERVICE

There is a net underspend of £404k within the Chief Executive Directorate in 2017/18 including the following significant variances:-

Recycling

There is a net overspend of £97.3k in Recycling collection scheme budgets. This includes £172.6k council share of the Ubico deficit for this service as a result of one-off increased operating and vehicle maintenance costs incurred in 2017/18. This is partially offset by an underspend of £33.1k in recycling equipment and a surplus of £42.2k in recycling credits income for the year.

There is also net surplus income of £37k within the bulking facility services as a result of higher than expected sales of paper, cans and other materials.

Waste

There is a net overspend in household waste of £61.5k including £65.6k council share of the Ubico deficit for this service as a result of one-off the increased transport costs incurred in 2017/18 and a shortfall of £27.4k in expected income for the year. This is partially offset by an underspend of £31.6k in equipment purchases.

This overspend is partially offset by a net saving of £16.2k in the supplies and services costs of the Trade Waste service and additional trade waste income of £29.6k generated in 2017/18.

Street Cleaning

There is a net overspend in Street Cleaning of £71.4k, arising from the council share of the Ubico deficit for this service due to one-off increased transport costs incurred in 2017/18.

Leisure & Culture management

There is a net underspend of £52.9k in the council's budget for Leisure & Culture in 2017/18. This includes a saving of £48.6k in the Local Government pension scheme superannuation costs payable in respect of ex council staff tupe transferred to The Cheltenham Trust in 2014.

ENVIRONMENTAL & REGULATORY SERVICES

There is a net underspend of £159.9k within the Environmental & Regulatory Services Directorate for 2017/18 including the following significant variances:-

Development Control

There is a shortfall of £58k in planning fee income for the year. This is due to reduced applications within 17/18.

Building Control

There is a surplus of £62.k in building control fee earning work for the year. This is due to increased fee income of £26k generated from additional resources employed

towards the end of the financial year. The remaining surplus was due to management staff cost savings of £36k during the year.

Housing Standards

There is a net underspend of £73.7k in the Housing Standards. This is due to £15.1k additional licensing income for houses with multiple occupancy, £48.9k of staff savings during the year and £9.7k underspend of supplies & services budgets.

Cemetery & Crematoria

There is a net overspend in this service of £170.3k. This is made up of £123k of reduced income due to reduced capacity for cremations from February 2018. The remaining overspend was due to cost incurred ensuring that the cremations in February could take place in alternative locations.

Sports & Open Spaces

There is a net underspend of £126.5k in the Sports & Open Spaces budget, This includes £49k additional income from hirers and rentals and £74k council share of the Ubico operations saving in service expenditure in 2017/18.

RESOURCES DIRECTORATE

There is a net underspend within the Corporate Resourcing Directorate of £111.1k, including the following significant variances:-

The Wilson Repairs & Maintenance

There is an overspend in The Wilson premises costs falling under the responsibility of the Council of £59.4k including £52.6k overspend in mechanical repairs and other reactive repair and premises related costs during the year.

There is an underspend of £36k in planned maintenance schemes within the Wilson. This is a timing issue only and the budget has been transferred back to the Repairs & Renewals reserve, to be spent in 2018/19.

Leisure Repairs & Maintenance

There is a net underspend of £71k in the Leisure centre and Prince of Wales Stadium utility costs for the year.

There is an underspend of £123.4k in planned maintenance schemes within these leisure centres. This is a timing issue only and the budget has been transferred back to the Repairs & Renewals reserve, to be spent in 2018/19.

Rent Rebates and Rent Allowances

There is a net underspend in rent allowances and rent rebates of £345k for the year. This includes a saving of £152k in the budget for the rent allowances bad debt provision. A review of the level of related debtor balances at 31st March 2018 has resulted in a lower than expected increase to the provision at the year end.

There is a surplus of £162k for the year in the Local Housing Allowance budget, including additional one off Local Housing Allowance grant income received during the year.

A transfer of £340k has been made into the rent allowances equalisation reserve to cover the cost of future fluctuations in levels of activity.

Ubico

Overall there is net additional contract costs payable by the council of £323.4k within the recycling and waste collection and street cleaning services that fall within the Chief Executives Department of the council as a result of the share of the Ubico deficit for the year.

There is an overall net saving in contract costs payable to Ubico in respect of the Parks & Gardens operations of £100.6k, falling within the council's Environmental & Regulatory Services budgets.

There is a net saving in contract costs payable to Ubico of £19.6k for public conveniences, falling within the council's Resources Directorate Services and a net saving of £4.5k for Housing Forecourts, falling within the Housing Revenue Account.

These total a net overspend of £198.7k across the general fund and Housing Revenue Account, which is included in the net outturn position for 2017/18 and, where significant, detailed above.