

**SIGNIFICANT VARIANCES IN REVENUE OUTTURN FOR 2012/13
(OVER £50,000) BY SERVICE**

STRATEGIC DIRECTORS

There is a net underspend of £150k within the Strategic Directors Directorate for 2012/13 including the following significant variances:-

There is a net underspend of £186k in the parks and gardens and schools contract services, mainly as a result of an underspend in operations carried out by Ubico Ltd on behalf of the council as detailed below.

BUILT ENVIRONMENT

There is a net underspend of £27k within the Built Environment Directorate for 2012/13 including the following significant variances:-

Off Street Car Parking

There is a net overspend of £85k within Off Street Car Parking for 2012/13. This has arisen from a continued drop in car parking income over the later end of the financial end, totalling £47k short of target. This was further exacerbated by overspend on supplies and services totalling £38K. This was partly to do with a renegotiation of the service charges paid for Regent Arcade Car Park which resulted in additional cost of around £16k being incurred in year. Further to this, increased credit card charges from increased take-up of credit / debit card payments have added to the cost of service.

Highways Agency Verges & Trees was £54k underspend following the final review of the cost of service delivery from Ubico Ltd which resulted in a saving being passed back to the council at year-end.

COMMISSIONING

There is a net underspend of £245k within the Commissioning Directorate for 2012/13 including the following significant variances:-

The net Ubico Ltd position on all commissioning areas, including parks & gardens, schools contract services and highways agency, is an underspend of £224k. This is partly due to the bad weather over the winter, which disrupted service provision particularly on grass cutting and refuse collection, but also due to efficiency savings by Ubico Ltd across the board during its first year of operation.

WELLBEING & CULTURE

There is a net underspend of £33k within the Wellbeing & Culture Directorate for 2012/13 including the following significant variances:-

There is an underspend in the Entertainments service of £57,547. This is due to an increase in sales for promoted events and agency tickets during the final two quarters and prudent management of budgets.