

Quarterly Performance & Finance Report

Q3 2008-2009

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LOCAL AREA AGREEMENT PERFORMANCE REPORT

Overall Summary

Reporting Period: Quarter 3 2008-09

LAA1 SUMMARY: ON TARGET TO ACHIEVE 08/9 REWARD TARGET			LAA2 SUMMARY: ON TARGET TO ACHIEVE 08/9 TARGETS			BUSINESS INDICATORS							
	No.	%		No.	%		No.	%					
RED	5	31%	RED	4	31%	RED	5	33%					
AMBER	5	31%	AMBER	1	8%	AMBER	4	27%					
GREEN	6	38%	GREEN	8	62%	GREEN	6	40%					
Version No:													
App 2 Safer, Stronger Communities			0										
App 3 Children & Young People			0										
App 4 Adult Health & Well Being & Tackling Exclusion & Promoting Equality			0										
App 5 Local Economy & Environmental Sustainability			0										
LAA 1 REWARD TARGET MONITORING													
Green	Performance is good: On target		Amber	Performance is sufficient to trigger 60% reward			Red	Performance needs to improve: More than 10% off target or for final results, target not met					
	Target Description		2006-07	2007-08	2008-09	Qtr 1 2008-09	Qtr 2 2008-09	Qtr 3 2008-09	Qtr 4 2008-09	Variation from target	RAG (Reward Due)	Reward Available	Planned Actions
1	*	Average point score (capped) achieved by each student by the end of Year 11 [Luton to confirm measurement period].	Actual	272.7	282.9	295.9	295.9 (provisional)				£486,444	£486,444	
	Reward Threshold				286.1	286.1							
	Full Reward Target		277	282	288.5	288.5							
2	*	a) Percentage of Luton pupils achieving Level 4 or higher at Key Stage 2 English	Actual	76%	76%	77%	77% (provisional)				£243,222	£243,222	Historically, provisional results come back higher and therefore we still hope to achieve target and some reward money. This indicator continues as a mandatory indicator in LAA 2 (NI 73).
	Reward Threshold				77.2%	77.2%							
	Full Reward Target		74.3%	75.0%	78%	78%							
	*	b) Percentage of Luton pupils achieving Level 4 or higher at Key Stage 2 Maths	Actual	70%	69%	74%	74% (provisional)				£0	£243,222	Improvement have been made in the LAA1 years but unfortunately not enough. This indicator continues as a mandatory indicator in LAA 2 (NI 73).
	Reward Threshold				77.2%	77.2%							
	Full Reward Target		72.0%	76.0%	78%	78%							
3		Numbers attending NHS Stop Smoking Services who had quit date and are not smoking at 4 weeks	Actual	1342	1365		185	407	612		£0	£486,444	Q3 data is provisional. An intensive stop smoking campaign is planned for Jan 09 - Mar 09 that should help us to reach target.
	Cumulative Actual		1342	2707		2892	3299	3911					
	Reward Threshold				4094	3054	3401	3747	4094				
	Full Reward Target		1330	2730	4145	3067	3426	3786	4145				

4	Number of adults (15 to 75) BMI 30 or greater completing an evidence based weight management programme and losing 5% of their body weight	Actual	0	0		6	15	20			£0	£486,444	indicator. Numbers accessing the weight loss programme have been high, but not enough have gone on to loose 5% of their body weight.
		Reward Threshold			282	71	141	212	282				
		Full Reward Target	0	125	350	88	175	263	350				
5	Violent crimes* in Luton (woundings, common assaults and personal robbery)	Actual	3976	3384		759	1491	2181		-13%	£0	£486,444	Very close to Q3 target after relatively quiet November & December
		Cumulative Actual	3976	7360		8119	8851	9541					
		Reward Threshold			10249	8082	8805	9527	10249				
		Full Reward Target	3180	6308	10221	7286	8265	9243	10221				
6	Number of domestic burglaries in Luton	Actual	1759	2431		510	991	1346			£0	£486,444	Poor performance over the 3 year LAA period means reward threshold has been exceeded.
		Cumulative Actual	1759	4190		4700	5691	7037					
		Reward Threshold			4612			4612		Above Year End Target			
		Full Reward Target	1617	3175	4551			4551					
7a	a) Number of domestic violence incidents* reported to the Police	Actual	3259	3743		977	1969	2966			£102,219	£160,527	Expected to achieve threshold
		Reward Threshold			3952	988	1976	2964	3952				
		Full Reward Target	3996	4200	4220	1055	2110	3165	4220				
7b	b) % recorded domestic violence repeat incidents in the previous 12 months	Actual	50%			46%	49%	43%		40%	£0	£325,917	YTD average stands at 47%.
		Reward Threshold			39%			39%					
		Full Reward Target	42%	38%	35%			35%					
8.1	Number of parks in Luton with Green Flag status	Actual	2	2		Inspection due June 2009					£389,155	£389,155	We expect 3 parks to achieve Green Flag status in June 2009 inspection.
		Target	1	2	3	3	3	3	3				
8.2	Total score of 8 named parks when assessed by an independent body	Actual		449		Inspection due May/June 2009					£72,139	£97,289	The threshold for achieving any reward is 14% above baseline, therefore we expect to earn some reward.
		Target	482*	512*	448 to 469*	20% improvement on baseline (391) to achieve full reward							
9a	The tonnage of non biodegradable* household waste sent for recycling	Actual	6401	7198		1487.75	3509.43	5469.12		-39%	£260,085	£324,296	Data available one month in arrears. If the monthly average of 684 tonnes is maintained the service will achieve 80.2% of available reward (£260,085)
		Reward Threshold			7400	1850	3700	5550	7400				
		Full Reward Target	6,000	7,500	9,000	2250	4500	6750	9000				
9b	The tonnage of biodegradable** household waste sent for recycling	Actual	15812	13600		1990.71	4717.29	7271.78		-19%	£162,148	£162,148	Data available one month in arrears. If the monthly average of 908.97 tonnes is maintained the service will achieve the full available reward (£162,148).
		Reward Threshold			8800	2200	4400	6600	8800				
		Full Reward Target	8,600	8,800	9,000	2250	4500	6750	9000				
10	Number of households to whom main duty accepted under the Homelessness legislation	Actual	239	261	159	57	159	241		-56%	£808,000	£808,000	Currently the council is within the target although there has been a slight upturn in the number of acceptances during this period. This means we are required to be extra vigilant over the next period to be assured that we remain on line to meet the target levels.
		Reward Threshold			394	99	197	296	394				
		Full Reward Target	364	364	364	91	182	273	364				
11	Number of homeless households occupying temporary accommodation*	Actual	954	795	765	796	765	732			£0	£164,888	Refer to comments below for NI 156
		Reward Threshold			511			511		Above Year End Target			
		Full Reward Target	700	600	481			481					

	12	The % of people in Luton who undertake formal volunteering for at least an avg of 2 hrs a week over a 12 mth period	Actual	(1791 proxy vols)	0		14.0%				£437,800	£486,444	This is an increase of 2.7% from 2006. This represents 90% of the reward and entitles us to reward of £437,800.
			Reward Threshold			13.1%	13.1%						
			Full Reward Target	12.3%	13.3%	14.3%	14.3%						
LAA 2													
Green		Performance is good: At least 95% of target achieved		Amber	Performance is satisfactory but requires corrective action: Within 10% of target			Red	Performance requires serious action: More than 10% outside target				
Block	PI ref	PI Description		Baseline / 2007/08	Target 2008/09	Target 2009/10	Target 2010/11	LAA Period Data				Current Status	Planned Actions/Comments
								2008/09					
								Q1 Apr-Jun	Q2 Jul-Sep	Q3 Oct-Dec	Q4 Jan-Mar		
Safer, Stronger Communities	015	Serious violent crime per 1000 population (year 2 & 3 targets to be reviewed in 2009)	Actual	0.56				0.20	0.35	0.49		Red	The serious violent crime target was proposed as an interim for 2008-09 on limited data and should be reviewed now nearly 12 months of base data are available
	Target			0.53	0.51	0.47	0.13	0.27	0.40	0.53			
	OFFENCES	Actual				37	66	93					
		Target	104	99	94	88	25	50	74	99			
	016	Serious acquisitive crime rate per 1000 population	Actual	37.93				7.35	14.88	21.86		Green	Serious quisitive crime is within target largely driven by the low levels of theft from vehicles.
	Target			35.65	33.38	31.10	8.91	17.83	26.74	35.65			
	OFFENCES	Actual					1387	2810	4128				
		Target	7085	6660	6235	5810	1665	3330	4995	6660			
	030	Re-offending rate of prolific and priority offenders	Actual	92	-20% No more than 74			23	33			Red	Data is provided by Home Office. Quarter 3 data not yet available.
			Target				-20% of 07/08 baseline: No more than 74 offences committed by the cohort						
039	Alcohol-harm related hospital admission rates	Actual	1618									Recalculated baseline to be announced. Trajectory will be unchanged.	
		Target		1674	1725	1759	1674						
Children and Young People	056	Obesity among primary school age children in Year 6	Actual	21.1				20.5 (provisional)				Green	Ensuring mechanisms in place to feedback to parents from NCMP. Delivering MEND from 4 sites in Luton/South Beds.
	Target			22	22	22	22.0						
	063	Stability of placements of looked after children: length of placement - % with 3 or more placements during	Actual	58.7%				60.5%	61.2%	64.60%		Green	If no more children in the cohort change placement before the end of the year performance would stand at 70.3%
	Target			63%	65%	67%	63%						
	069	Children who have experienced bullying	Actual					42.9%					The definition has recently changed and now incorporates children who have been bullied in the last year at school and/or somewhere else.
			Target										
	112	Under 18 conception rate (% change against 1998 baseline)	Actual	-22%				-37.4	-30.4	-22.5		Green	Data refers to the calender year 2007 rather than financial year 2008.
Target			-30%	-41%	-45%	-22%							

	117	% of 16 to 18 year olds who are not in education, training or employment (NEET)	Actual	7.2				6.7	7.2	7.3		Amber	NEET is slightly higher than it has been, given the slow down in the economy. A high volume of 'not known' hasn't helped.
			Target		6.9	6.5	6.2	6.9					
Adult Health & Well Being	135	Carers receiving needs assessment or review and a specific carer's service, or advice and information	Actual	25.4%				30.57%	28%	27%		Green	There's a slight downward trend but still within target range. Planned action next quarter included identifying hidden carers in the BME community.
			Target		28.0%	30.8%	33.9%	28.30%					
	142	% of vulnerable people who are supported to maintain independent living	Actual	06/07: 90.43%				99.90%	99.45%	96.96%		Green	Q3 result is provisional.
			Target		95%	97%	99%	90%					
Local Economy and Environmental Sustainability	154	Net additional homes provided	Actual	478				Q3 YTD 364				Red	Target is for Luton and Bedfordshire. The figures are subject to review after the 1st year to reflect current changes in the housing market.
			Target		1315	1315	1380	1315					
	156	Number of households living in Temporary Accommodation	Actual	892				794	765	732		Red	Luton has the highest number of households in temporary accommodation in the East of England (19% of the total 4390 as at quarter 3 in 0708). The target set is very challenging and ambitious. A reduction of 411 households to achieve 08/09 is almost impossible, particularly considering the current economic situation.
			Target		481	500	446	481					
	181	Ave time taken in calender days to process HB/CT Benefit new claims and change events	Actual	46.1				39.44	42.55	43.85		Green	YTD performance is on target, however Q3 processing times were higher than that in Q2.
			Target		42	30	15	42					
	193	% of Municipal waste land filled	Actual	65.50%				62.86%	62.28%	63.07%		Green	Data reporting is 1 month in arrears due to the number of data streams both in-house and by contractors.
			Target		62.47%	50.50%	44.14%	62.47%					
LAA Locally Selected Indicators													
Block	PI ref	PI Description						LAA Period Data				Current Status	Planned Actions
				Baseline / 2007/08	Target 2008/09	Target 2009/10	Target 2010/11	2008/09					
								Q1 Apr-Jun	Q2 Jul-Sep	Q3 Oct-Dec	Q4 Jan-Mar		
Children & Young People	051	Effectiveness of child and adolescent mental health (CAMHs) services	Actual					15				Green	This indicator is based on a self assessment in January each year. On target to achieve maximum score of 16 during 2009/10.
		Target		13	14	15	13						
Adult Health & Well Being	125	Achieving independence for older people through rehabilitation/intermediate care (%)	Actual					71%	93%	92%		Green	
			Target				90%						
	130	Social Care clients receiving Self Directed Support (Direct Payments and Individual Budgets)	Actual	109				118	115	125		Amber	DVD produced on direct payments to increase awareness and improve uptake. To be distributed in Jan 09 - Mar 09.
			Target	125	125	151	170	125.00					
Community and Sustainability	155	Number of affordable homes delivered (gross)	Actual	64				21	30	43		Green	
			Target	60		111		30					

Local Economic Environmental Su	192	Household waste recycled and composted	Actual	32.49%				34.81%	35.54%	35.50%		Green	Future actions planned by April 2009 includes recruiting more Waste Education Promotion Officers.			
			Target	37.00%	37.36%	40.00%	42.57%	37.36%								
Business Indicators 2008-09																
Green		Performance is good: At least 95% of target achieved			Amber	Performance is satisfactory but requires corrective action: Within 10% of target			Red	Performance requires serious action: More than 10% outside target						
Indicator ref		Description		Historic Data				2008/09				Current RAG Status	Planned Actions/ Predicted Outcome			
				2006/07	2007/08	Target 2008/09	Q1 Apr-Jun	Q2 Jul-Sep	Q3 Oct-Dec	Q4 Jan-Mar						
LBC	Old BV 12	The number of working days/shifts lost due to sickness absence.	Actual	13.35	11.38		12.69	12.23	12.45		RED	The Council has set a target of an average of 9 days per employee. Steps are being taken to reduce sickness. The Council produces regular monitoring data which is reported to Scrutiny, CLMT and each dept. management team. The data gives trends, comparisons with the previous year and will now give the causes of sickness. Hot spots are targeted and recently H&CL have brought in additional HR advisory support to assist managers and the experience is bringing sickness levels down in that dept. Those lessons will be rolled out to other depts and the Council is developing its attendance management strategy to affect change.				
	Target		9.00	9.00	9.00	9.00										
Children & Learning	Local	Number of children in care per 10,000 under 18 population	Actual	80.7	82.6		78.8	79.6	77.7		RED	Actions include granting of Special Guardianship Orders for children in care.				
			Target		75	63.3	75.0	71.1	67.2	63.3						
	Local	% care leavers in Employment, education and training	Actual	48.60%	51.70%		57.10%	56.30%	64.70%		GREEN	Actions planned to improve performance by Mar 09 include: Connexions adviser and social worker working with target group in cohort.				
			Target			63%	63%									
	NI 67	Child protection cases which were reviewed within required timescales	Actual	100%	100%		100%	100%	100%		GREEN					
			Target	100%	100%	100%	100%									
	NI 59	Initial assessments for children's social care carried out within 7	Actual	65.6	57.7		59.9	55.9	66.7		GREEN					
			Target		65		65.0	66.0	67.0	68.0						
Customer & Corporate Services	Old BV 9	Percentage of Council Tax collected in-year	Actual	93.8%	91.7%		28.5%	55.4%	82.0%		GREEN					
			Target	94.4%	94.4%	94.4%	28.9%	55.7%	82.5%	94.4%						
	Local	Percentage of Council Tax arrears collected in-year	Actual	20.30%	18.60%		6.90%	11.20%	14.6%		RED					
			Target	22.00%	22.00%	22.00%	6.20%	11.00%	16.50%	22.00%						
	Local	Proportion of Customer Services Calls Answered all CSS Revenues calls	Actual	28%	27%		26%	29%	31.0%		GREEN					
			Target	60%	60%	60%	25%	28%	30%	35%						
	Local	Proportion of Customer Services Calls Answered all CSS calls except Revenues	Actual	73%	64%		78%	81%	82.0%		GREEN					
			Target	75%	75%	85%	75%	78%	80%	80%						
	Local	Average Queue Waiting Time in	Actual	22	25		24	23	22		GREEN					

		Customer Services - Face-to-Face	Target	20	20	20	25	23	22	20	GREEN						
Env & Regen	NI 157	Processing of 'major' planning applications	Actual	80.70%	40.32%		46.15%	48.15%	52.08%		RED	For "Major" & "Minor" applications performance improved, however there was a slight dip in the "Others" category. This was due to resources focussing on clearing the backlog in Major and Minor categories and a relatively small number of applications being determined out of time in the Other category.					
			Target	65%	60%	60%	60%										
		Processing of 'minor' planning applications	Actual	78.99%	48.87%		58.47%	58.56%	60.94%		RED						
			Target	65%	70%	70%	70%										
		Processing of 'other' planning applications	Actual	89.54%	69.51%		81.28%	87.76%	84.18%		GREEN						
			Target	86%	85%	85%	85%										
Housing & Community Living	BV 66a	Local authority rent collection proportion of rent collected	Actual	96.84	96		96.50	96.39	97.04		GREEN	Planned IT system introduction delayed.					
			Target	97	97.3	97.1	97.10										
	BV 212	Average relet times for local authority dwellings let in the financial year.	Actual	38	33	38	35	38	36		RED	Future plans to improve performance includes 1) Introduce Choice Based Lettings 2) Improve information on each of the sheltered Schemes 3) Waiting list to be managed by the Allocations Team					
			Target	35	30	30	30										
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REVENUE and CAPITAL BUDGET MONITORING STATEMENT TO DECEMBER 2008 - SUMMARY FOR ALL DEPARTMENTS

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GF REVENUE BUDGET SUMMARY	Approved Budget	Forecast Variation	% Change
Head of Service Budgets	£'000	£'000	
General Fund Departments			
Chief Executive	4,593	-117	-2.5%
Children & Learning Services (non schools)	45,328	-57	-0.1%
Customer & Corporate Services	4,968	800	16.1%
Environment & Regeneration	46,287	-623	-1.3%
Housing & Community Living (excl. HRA)	63,855	-1,946	-3.0%
Sub Total	165,031	-1,943	-1.2%
Other Accounts			
Budget Contingencies	812	-412	
Env. Agency Levy & General Grants	133	-21	
Sub Total	945	-433	
Dividend, Interest & Capital			
Airport Dividend - Capital Expenditure	-3,700	0	
Interest on Investment	-3,891	-3,573	91.8%
Capital Financing	-2,982	-1,863	62.5%
Asset Management	2,821	790	28.0%
Sub Total	-7,751	-4,645	
Net Budget prior to Movements in Reserves	158,225	-7,022	-4.4%
Contributions to/from(-) Specific Reserves	-2,211	1,000	
Budgets carried forward from 2006-2007			
Forecast Contrib. To / From General Reserve	-3,112	6,022	
Housing Revenue Account			
HRA cost met from Revenue Balances	1,580	21	
Schools Budget (memo only)			
DSG Central Expenditure	13,579	98	0.7%
Individual Schools Budget	118,087	700	0.6%
LSC Grant	-1,549	0	
Dedicated Schools Grant	-130,117	0	
	0	798	

Carry Forward Requests

GF Revenue Finances Headline
The General Fund Accounts are currently predicted to underspend the current budget by £6.022 million.

HRA Finances Headline
The HRA is close to budget for the year with a small overspend of £21k currently forecast

Period 9 (Quarter 3) Revenue Monitoring Overview

This is the 3rd quarterly revenue monitoring forecast for 2008/09, based on spend to the end of December 2008.

The December monitoring indicates a total net saving of £6.022 million across the General Fund, an increase of £1.793 million compared to the position reported to the Executive at the 2nd quarter. Details of the new variations identified in the accounts are summarised at Sections 1 to 4 below.

REVENUE and CAPITAL BUDGET MONITORING STATEMENT TO DECEMBER 2008 - SUMMARY FOR ALL DEPARTMENTS

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1 General Fund Revenue Monitoring

Departmental Accounts (General)

Children & Learning - net forecast underspend of -£57k (-£375k improvement)

The action plan put in place by the department early in the year has continued to make good progress in containing expenditure and identifying savings to offset the continuing cost pressures experienced in the department. In addition, the one-off business investments for 08/09 and the commissioning strategy have helped to substantially reduce the cost pressures across Children & Family services.

Environment & Regeneration - net forecast underspend of -£623k (increase of -£527k)

Additional forecast savings have been identified in a number of areas, including Development Control income and Waste management costs (contract costs, WEEE & waste treatment), partially offset by unavoidable parks maintenance costs (assists achieving LAA targets and reward grant).

To-date, 2 requests to carry forward identified underspends in to 2009/10 have been made by the department totalling £91k.

Capacity has been identified in the current year to make revenue contributions to fund a number of capital projects. Detail of this is included in the capital monitoring report for the department.

Housing & Community Living - net forecast underspend of -£1,946k (increase of -£564k)

The main areas of underspend continue to be on adult social care costs with forecast savings on residential, nursing, homecare and other support to older persons and adults with disabilities. Demand for these services remains lower than anticipated for the year. Some uncertainty and risk remains from the potential impact on care packages over the remaining winter months, following recent pressures experienced at the L&D hospital. This will continue to be monitored carefully over the next few months and any further change will be advised in subsequent monitoring reports.

To date, 1 carry forward request of £288k in to 2009/10 has been requested by the department.

Capacity has also been identified to make revenue contributions to fund a number capital projects from specific income sources received in 08/09. Details of these projects are included in the capital monitoring report for the department.

Customer & Corporate Services - net overspend of £800k (increase of £450k)

The cost pressures in the communications division and in turning round the revenues and benefits service has been regularly documented in previous monitoring reports. The December monitoring has identified further cost pressures in the department on restructuring settlements and interim staffing arrangements, together with an anticipated reduction in HR income from leased car arrangements (reduced numbers) and some cost relating to the de-capitalisation of the matrix project. A spending moratorium has been put in place across the department to contain costs and pursue any further opportunities for compensating savings.

A small budget of £30k from within the one-off service investment budget for 08/9 has been identified as a carry forward requirement.

Chief Executive's - net forecast underspend of -£117k (-£117k increase)

A number of pressures have been identified within the Chief Executive's budget over the course of the year, but these are being actively managed by the Departmental Management Team and have been accommodated within existing overall resources, due to higher than expected turnover savings in the department.

REVENUE and CAPITAL BUDGET MONITORING STATEMENT TO DECEMBER 2008 - SUMMARY FOR ALL DEPARTMENTS

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Corporate Accounts

Capital, Interest & Pensions - a net saving of £4.645 million (£3.645 excl. pensions entry, an increase of -£245k)

The benefit derived from cumulative Treasury Management activity over the year has been regularly reported in the monitoring results, together with the potential risks in the current volatile investment market. The latest analysis of these accounts indicates that for 2008/09, the Council remains largely insulated from the effects of both reducing interest rates and the wider difficulties in the investment climate. This is partly due to taking maximum advantage of available investment and borrowing opportunities over the year, together with increased cash available for investing in the market.

This level of investment return is however a one-off and will not continue in 2009/10.

Investments returns built in to the draft budget to be approved for 2009/10 are set at a lower, more realistic level than that achieved in 08/09. Current indications for the investment market over the medium term remain depressed, with the potential for interest rates to fall even further.

The pensions control account for 08/09 has been analysed to determine the potential sum available to meet future liabilities of the pension fund and it is anticipated that approx. £1m is available for this. This resource can only be used for pension liabilities and is therefore matched by a corresponding transfer to the pension reserve in the table above. The entries therefore net to nil in the overall forecast, and have no effect on the overall General Fund surplus declared for the year.

Central Contingency Budget - a saving of -£412k

£812k of the central contingency budget remains available in 08/09 approved budget. There are still some potential costs to be quantified which may need to call on this budget by year end and £400k has therefore been retained for this, pending the final outcome of these costs. The current net forecast across the General Fund indicates that the remaining budget of £412k can be declared as a saving for the year.

2 Critical Savings and Volatile Budgets

There are 20 specific budget savings and 17 volatile budgets that are monitored in detail through the year, using a traffic light RAG indicator. The current forecast indicates that the saving relating to the ongoing reorganisation of the revenues and benefits service is unlikely to be achieved and that 2 children and learning savings will not be fully achieved, but alternative savings have been identified. 5 volatile budgets show some degree of overspend, although this is more than compensated for by a net saving for each department across all monitored volatile budgets. Further detail on these is included in the departmental sections of the overall monitoring report. All variations identified here are within the overall totals shown above.

3 Additional Service Investment

£2.9m of the 07/08 underspend has been allocated to various revenue and capital projects, for investment in services this year. The latest monitoring returns indicate that all projects are progressing well, with most due to be completed by year end.

There are however 4 capital projects and 2 revenue project where some delay has been experienced and work can not be completed until 2009/10. The revenue items will feature on the list of potential carry forwards from 08/09. For the capital items, it is recommended that we follow usual accounting practice on revenue contributions to capital outlay and make the full contribution to capital resources in 2008/09. This will allow the projects to be fully incorporated in to the ongoing programme and subsequently tracked to completion, via monitoring of the programme. Details are shown in the departmental sections of the overall report.

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4 Potential Carry Forwards to 2009/10

From January to mid-March, departments can identify requirements for carrying forward managed underspends into the following financial year, within the parameters set out in the Scheme of Devolved Financial Management. Information on these is still being collated, but the first indication of the potential requirement is shown in the table above, totalling £409k for revenue budgets. This value may change by the mid-March cut-off point.

All identified carry forwards remain provisional, pending the final outturn position for each department and the final outturn position across the General Fund as a whole at year end. A review of the final carry forward requests will be undertaken following closure of the accounts with recommendations following to the Executive, for approval.

5 Summary of General Fund Revenue at Period 9

A significant surplus is predicted for the year compared to the current approved budget. The 2009/10 Budget Report and Medium Term Financial Plan recommends specific use of all the 2008/09 predicted surplus, less any amounts approved for the carry forward of managed underspends.

Use of the surplus is recommended to fund a number of short term Growth items identified in the 09/10 budget preparation and to allow the provision of a Recession Reserve to meet the expected challenges resulting from the current economic outlook.

6 Housing Revenue Account

The budget for the HRA has been set based on the use of £1.580 million of balances during 2008/09. Outturn is expected to be close to budget with a current forecast overspend of only £21k for the year, an improvement of £111k from the position reported last month. Increased costs on communal lighting, adaptations to sheltered housing and cleaning/waste costs have been largely offset by savings on subsidy payments, capital financing charges and interest earned on HRA balances.

7 Schools Budget & Dedicated Schools Grant (memo item)

A Dedicated Schools Grant (DSG) of £130 million directly funds School budgets and an agreed proportion of central LEA expenditure for defined support to schools. The latest for each in 2008/09 is:

Central Expenditure met from DSG

An overspend of £98k is currently forecast within the central expenditure element of the Schools budget, an improvement -£65k from the position reported last month. Schools forum will continue to assess how to meet the cost pressures identified in the accounts. Any over/underspend at year end will be carried forward to 2009/10.

Schools Budgets

A 100% monitoring return rate from Schools was achieved at the third quarter. The returns indicate that £700k of school balances are likely to be used this year, reducing overall balances down to around £7.6 million at year end.

Schools in Deficit - Ashcroft High School is on course to reduce its deficit by the planned figure of £140k for 2008/09, with the residual deficit eliminated by the end of 2009/10. There is a possibility that Putteridge High School may go in to deficit this year. Work is underway with the school to assess this further.

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The 3rd quarter's capital monitoring summary is shown at Appendix **?**. It indicates the following variations to programmed spend for 2008/09:

Projects Slipping	-£6.347m
Projects with Reduced Cost	-£1.008m
New Projects	£0.605m
Projects Advanced	£1.374m
Projects with Increased Cost	<u>£0.847m</u>
	-£4.529m

21 projects have been identified as requiring release and spend approval this quarter.

Capital Budget Monitoring - HRA

There is no overall change in the programmed spend for the HRA for 2008/09. One capital virement moving resources between schemes has been identified.

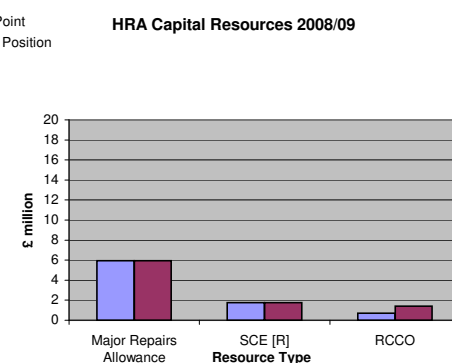
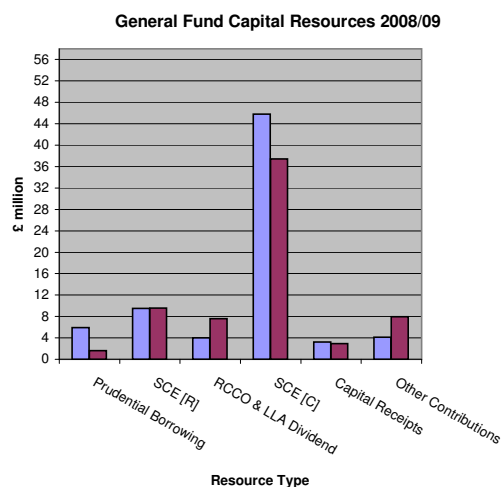
Further detail on the variations identified is shown at each department section of the overall monitoring report.

CAPITAL EXPENDITURE MONITORING SUMMARY - December 2008

SUMMARY TOTALS FOR 2008/09 CAPITAL EXPENDITURE PROJECTS

	APPROVED EXPEND. A	Spend to Date (memo)	FORECAST SPEND B	VARIATIONS identified B-A	TYPES OF VARIATION					CAPITAL EXPENDITURE HEADLINES
					Projects Slipping	Reduced Cost	New Projects	Projects Advanced	Increased Cost	
	£000	£000	£000	£000	£000	£000	£000	£000	£000	<u>General Fund</u>
General Fund Projects										
Children & Learning	13,724.0	10,932.6	13,211.5	-512.4	-1,503.2		100.0	810.7	80.0	
more detail at section		80%	96%	-4%	18 projects		1 projects	4 projects	1 project	
Customer & Corp. Services	8,156.9	3,981.8	6,216.3	-1,940.6	-2,048.9		83.3		25.0	
more detail at section		49%	76%	-24%	26 projects		1 project		1 project	
Environment & Regeneration	29,736.4	10,618.9	28,828.6	-907.8	-1,469.4	-785.8	365.0	563.0	419.4	
more detail at section		36%	97%	-3%	17 projects	6 projects	3 projects	3 projects	1 project	
Housing & Community Living	12,312.6	7,021.9	11,144.8	-1,167.8	-1,325.5	-221.8	57.0		322.5	
more detail at section		57%	91%	-9%	8 projects	1 project	1 project		1 project	
Total	63,929.9	32,555.3	59,401.3	-4,528.6	-6,347.0	-1,007.6	605.3	1,373.7	846.9	
Housing Revenue Account										<u>HRA</u>
HRA Projects	8,013.9	4,013.6	8,013.9			-471.0			471.0	
more detail at section		50%	100%			1 project			1 project	

2008/09 CAPITAL PROGRAMME RESOURCES MONITORING



Capital Expenditure & Resourcing Overview

For the General Fund, a further £6.3m of expenditure has been rephased into 2009/10 and the future, and this is offset by additional projects/increased costs leaving a £4.5m (net) reduction.

The phasing of the Housing Revenue Account has remained the same.

Executive Options

Executive is recommended to review the comments made for the individual departments and consider any options made available.

Officer Recommendation

Executive is recommended to:-

Note the report and approve the release and spend approval where additional resources are being given to fund projects