

**REVENUE BUDGET MONITORING STATEMENT TO FEBRUARY 2009 - ENVIRONMENT & REGENERATION DEPARTMENT****REPORT BY:** Corporate Director, Environment & Regeneration**CONTACT:** Darren Lambert  
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Prior Years Budget Var.	
06-07 £'000	07-08 £'000
213	-118
-114	29
163	35
-62	50
-23	35
-356	-297
-179	-267

Head of Service Budgets	Approved Budget £'000	Forecast Variation £'000	% Change	Forecast Variation References (over £50k only)	Critical Savings and Volatile Budget within budgets (see appendices C & D)
<b>Environment &amp; Regeneration</b>					
Engineering & Transportation	6,768	-189	-2.8%	A1-A3	CS10, VB12-13
Resources & Performance Review	2,261	35	1.6%		
Environmental & Consumer Services	2,373	52	2.2%		CS7, SB13
Planning	1,392	-137	-9.8%	D1-D2	CS8, VB15, SB09
Regeneration	2,170	12	0.6%		
Street Services	30,831	-318	-1.0%	F1-F15	CS11-12, VB14, SB07-08, SB11-12, SB14-16
Environment & Regeneration Total	45,795	-544	-1.2%		

**Areas where variations to budget are forecast**

Ref	£'000	Expenditure or Income Change	Explanation of Main Forecast Variances to Budget
A1	-100	Expenditure	Engineers diary sheets - additional charges to capital
A2	-61	Income	PTU - Additional external income (e.g. schools)
A3	-23	Expenditure	Climate Change Grant (FIN011)
D1	-250	Income	Development Control income
D2	139	Income	Building Regulations Income
F1	78	Expenditure	Street Services - Estimated fuel overspend
F2	-550	Expenditure	Waste contract - estimated underspend
F3	179	Expenditure	Street lighting energy
F4	50	Expenditure	Arboriculture
F5	-100	Expenditure	Waste Management - WEEE
F6	-60	Expenditure	Waste treatment - tonnes being charged at same rate as waste going to landfill
F7	60	Expenditure	Parks, Cems & Crem - R&M to ensure achievement of LAA targets
F8	-80	Expenditure	Waste Management - Consultants (FIN011). See SB16
F9	77	Expenditure	Winter Maintenance (salt and snow clearing)
F10	300	Expenditure	Highways - resurfacing required due to deterioration caused by adverse weather and gritting
F11	-75	Expenditure	Special waste underspend
F12	61	Expenditure	Parks - repayment of s106 contribution
F13	-22	Expenditure	Waste Education Unit (FIN011)
F14	-10	Expenditure	Waste minimisation - recycling bus wrap (FIN011)
F15	-3	Expenditure	Dog Wardens underspend (FIN011) See SB13

**General Information on Budget Position for the Year (incl. risk analysis)**

At Quarter 3, E&amp;R reported a projected underspend of £624k. This has been updated at period 11 to show a projected underspend of £544k.

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The main variations since Quarter 3 are included in the above list and are explained in more detail below.

Engineering & Transportation

A1 - £100k more than estimated has been recharged to capital projects via engineers diary sheets.

A2 - The PTU has generated additional external income throughout the year by providing ad hoc services primarily to schools.

A3 - Climate Change grant of £22.5k was awarded in February. This was too late to spend the grant, and so a request is being made to carry the grant forward.

Planning

D1 - The over achievement of Development Control income has been reduced by £20k to reflect the slow down in application income.

D2 - The shortfall in Building Regulation income has increased from £108k to £139k.

Street Services

F1 - the estimated overspend in street services vehicle fuel has reduced from £93k to £78k

F2 - the estimated underspend in the waste contract has been increased from £390k to £550k.

F3 - the estimated overspend in street lighting energy has reduced from £230k to £179k.

F8 - the estimated underspend on Waste Management consultants has increased from £50k to £80k. A request will be made to carry this amount forward to enable work programmed for 2008/9 to be carried out in 2009/10.

F9 - the adverse winter weather in January and February has resulted in an estimated overspend of £77k which relates specifically to purchases of extra salt and snow clearing by both Council employees and contractors

F10 - the adverse winter weather and higher frequencies of gritting have resulted in significant deterioration in the condition of the highways network, to such an extent that resurfacing has been required at an extra cost of £300k to reduce the risk of accidents and insurance claims against the Council.

F11 - an underspend of £75k in disposal costs of special waste (e.g. asbestos) due to low volumes

F12 - a s106 contribution needs to be repaid to the developer, with interest, at a total cost of £61k.

F13 - the underspend in the waste education unit relates to door knocking planned for 2008/9 that will need to be undertaken in 2009/10 to ensure that maximum benefit can be achieved in 2009/10, which is the first target year for the Landfill Allowance Trading Scheme (LATS)

F14 - the fitting out of the recycling bus was scheduled for 2008/09 but will not be complete until 2009/10. The wrap for the bus exterior will be the last job and hence the budget for the work will need to be carried forward.

F15 - an SLA to promote responsible dog ownership is being developed with the RSPCA and was intended to be complete before the year end. Further work will be required in April before the SLA can be actioned and a carry forward request is being made to cover the costs of that work.

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<p><u>Risk analysis</u></p> <p>All known significant variations at period 11 have been identified in this report. Volatility in some service areas (e.g. waste, highways) is a risk which could have a further significant impact, positive or negative, on the reported position. For example, a definitive legal opinion is awaited in relation to payments made under the waste disposal contract. The monitoring reflects the current method of payment, but if the legal opinion identifies that payments have not been calculated correctly, a reduction of almost £300k in the reported underspend could arise.</p> <p>Services where expenditure is seasonal also pose a risk, as can be seen from the significant overspends reported in highways maintenance (F9 and F10) since period 9 due to the impact of the winter weather.</p> <p><u>Carry forward requests</u></p> <p>Carry forward requests totalling £137.9k will be made, consisting of items A3, F8, F13, F14 and F15.</p>		
<p><b>Executive Options on the reported budget position</b></p> <p>Note the report.</p>		
<p><b>Officer Recommendation</b></p> <p>Note the report and await further results from monitoring of expenditure during the year</p>		

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