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**TO EACH MEMBER OF THE
SUSTAINABLE COMMUNITIES OVERVIEW & SCRUTINY COMMITTEE**

15 January 2015

Dear Councillor

**SUSTAINABLE COMMUNITIES OVERVIEW & SCRUTINY COMMITTEE - Thursday 22
January 2015**

Further to the Agenda and papers for the above meeting previously circulated, please find attached the following additional report(s) which supersedes the previous version.

- (i) Q2 Budget Report **3 - 10**

To receive a presentation on the Quarter 2 Budget. This presentation supersedes the previous version.

Should you have any queries regarding the above please contact the Overview and Scrutiny Team on Tel: 0300 300 4193

Yours sincerely

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Sustainable Communities Overview and Scrutiny Committee January 2015

Budget Monitoring Q2 – September 2014/15

Revenue –Community Services

Key points to note (see full reports for details):

- 2014/145 forecast outturn is to overspend by £120k (Q1 - £162K under)
- The Year to Date spend is underspent by £171k
- Outstanding debt (over 1 month days) is £1,319k (Q1 - £627K).
 - This is due to Section 278 debt now being shown in Community Services.
 - Work continues on pursuing these debts in accordance with the Council’s policy

Revenue - Community Services

Division	Approved Budget	Forecast outturn for year	Forecast variance for year (-under) / over spend	Forecast variance after use of earmarked reserves (-under) / over spend
	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000
Community Services Director	345	295	-50	-50
Highways & Transportation	13,070	13,425	355	42
Environmental Services	23,301	24,431	1,130	128
Community Services	36,716	38,151	1,435	120

Main variance is in Environmental Services which is due to shortfall in parking income

Capital - Community Services

Forecast variance for the year £22,428k underspend

- Enhanced Waste Facilities £9,400k. £9,000k of this is an underspend and work continues on developing plans for new and existing sites
- Woodside Link £7,921k. Work on the road has been pushed back to better accommodate developer needs .
- Etonbury school £1,400k. This is a contribution to work at the school and is dependant on community use. Negotiations on this have yet to be concluded.

Year to date variance £2,141K behind profile

Scheme Categories	Net Expenditure Budget £'000	Net Expenditure Forecast £'000	Net Expenditure Forecast Variance £'000
Environmental Services	11,421	1,839	-9,582
Libraries	167	167	0
Leisure	9,256	7,856	-1,400
Transport	33,077	21,631	-11,446
Community Services	53,921	31,493	-22,428

Percentage of budget	58.4%	-41.6%
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Revenue – Regeneration and Business

Key points to note (see full reports for details):

- The 2014/15 forecast outturn is to underspend by £415K (Q1 – nil)
- The Year to Date spend is underspend by £722K (Q1 - £55K over)
- Outstanding debt (over 1 month days) is £1,044k (Q1 - £3,076K)
 - This is due to Section 278 debt now being shown in Community Services

Revenue – Regeneration and Business

Division	Approved Budget	Forecast outturn for year	Forecast variance for year (-under) / over spend	Forecast variance after use of earmarked reserves (-under) / over spend
	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000
Director	461	461	0	0
Business and Investment	882	1,248	366	55
Planning	3,768	3,914	146	-470
Regeneration & Business Support	5,111	5,623	512	-415

Main variance is in Planning due to increase in planning income and forecast underspend in salaries and consultancy cost.

Capital - Regeneration

Forecast variance for the year £100K underspend which is on Dunstable TC properties

Year to date variance £555k behind profile

Scheme Categories	Net Expenditure Budget	Net Expenditure Forecast	Net Expenditure Forecast Variance
	£'000	£'000	£'000
Regeneration	1,372	1,272	-100
Total	1,372	1,272	-100
Percentage of budget		92.7%	-7.3%

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