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**Meeting:** Sustainable Communities Overview and Scrutiny Committee  
**Date:** 26 July 2012  
**Subject:** 11/12 Provisional Outturn Revenue Budget Monitoring Report  
**Report of:** Cllr Brian Spurr, Executive Member for Sustainable Communities - Services and Cllr Nigel Young, Executive Member for Sustainable Communities - Strategic Planning and Economic Development  
**Summary:** The report sets out the financial position to the end of March 2012.

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**Contact Officer:** Sue Templeman, Senior Finance Manager  
**Public/Exempt:** Public  
**Wards Affected:** All  
**Function of:** Council

## **CORPORATE IMPLICATIONS**

### **Council Priorities:**

1. Sound financial management contributes to the Council's value for money and enables the Council to successfully deliver its priorities. The recommendations will contribute indirectly to all 5 Council priorities.

### **Financial:**

2. The financial implications are set out in the report.

### **Legal:**

3. There are no direct legal implications arising from the report.

### **Risk Management:**

4. Sound financial management and budget monitoring mitigates adverse financial risks.

### **Staffing (including Trades Unions):**

5. Not Applicable.

### **Equalities/Human Rights:**

6. Public Authorities must ensure that decisions are made in a way which minimises unfairness and without a disproportionately negative effect on people from different ethnic groups, disabled people, women and men. It is important that Councillors are aware of this duty before they take a decision.
7. Equality Impact Assessments were undertaken prior to the allocation of the 2011/12 budgets and each Directorate was advised of any significant equality implications relating to their budget proposals.

**Community Safety:**

8. Not Applicable.

**Sustainability:**

9. Not Applicable.

**Procurement:**

10. Not applicable.

**RECOMMENDATION(S):**

**The Sustainable Communities Overview and Scrutiny Committee is asked to note and consider the report**

11. Sustainable Communities

12. Sustainable Communities annual expenditure budget is £62,813k and income budget of £12,144k. The provisional outturn for the directorate after the use of reserves is an under spend of £894k.

13. The provisional outturn of £894k under spend is an improvement of £764k on the February forecast. On the expenditure side the pattern of under spend remained consistent with previous months. Salary costs remained below budget due to staff vacancies and lower superannuation costs; whereas electricity, fuel and vehicle maintenance and business rates were above budget. A one-off saving from waste contracts of £129k, and savings in leisure operations of £67k contributed towards reducing the outturn expenditure.

14. Grant income was higher than budgeted by £409k. Most of the increase is due to the new Safer Communities grant of £232k which has been allocated across a range of projects supporting community safety priorities, including the Integrated Offender Management Scheme. This grant will be significantly reduced in 2012/13 and would transfer to the Police and Crime Commissioners.

15. Fee income was budgeted at £9,744k and at the end of March £9,561k was realised, which is a shortfall of £183k. The effect of slower economic conditions is evident on the Directorate's figures especially in the demand led income arena. Despite this fact, the Directorate has managed to post favourable results.

**RESERVES POSITION (Appendix B)**

16. Earmarked Reserves

17. The provisional outturn position includes use of £649k Earmarked reserves.

**DEBTORS (Appendix D)**

18. Sustainable Communities - The total debt at the end of March was £3,272k an increase of £731k compared to December quarter. Sections 38, 106 and 278 legal agreements account for £2,402k or 73% of debt. Sixty percent of debt is less than three months old. Since December, the value of debt up to three months old has increased by £622k, and debt older than three months has increased by £109k.

## **CAPITAL**

19. The position on Capital is subject to a separate report on the Agenda.

### **Appendices:**

Appendix A2 – Directorate Summary

Appendix A3 – Monthly forecast variance

Appendix A4 – Subjective Analysis

Appendix B – Earmarked Reserves

Appendix D – Debtors

**Background Papers:** (open to public inspection)

None