

# **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):

- The 2014/145 forecast outturn is to underspend by £120k (Q1- £162K)
- 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   |
| <b>Community Services</b>   | <b>36,716</b>   | <b>38,151</b>             | <b>1,435</b>                                     | <b>120</b>  |

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 | Net Expenditure Forecast | Net Expenditure Forecast Variance |
|---------------------------|------------------------|--------------------------|-----------------------------------|
|                           | £'000                  | £'000                    | £'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                           |
| <b>Community Services</b> | <b>53,921</b>          | <b>31,493</b>            | <b>-22,428</b>                    |

|                             |              |               |
|-----------------------------|--------------|---------------|
| <b>Percentage of budget</b> | <b>58.4%</b> | <b>-41.6%</b> |
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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  |
| <b>Regeneration &amp; Business Support</b> | <b>5,111</b>    | <b>5,623</b>              | <b>512</b>                                       | <b>-415</b>   |

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

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