

Budget Update 2019-20 - Forecast Out-turn by Department

Appendix 1

Fund	Tier 1 Pillar	Tier 2 Function	Budget 2019/20 £'000	Full-Year Projected Out-turn £'000	Projected Variance £'000	Movement since last report £'000	Commentary on Reasons for Variance		
General Fund	Resources	Finance, Property & Audit	(2,008)	(2,368)	(360)	(102)	Revised property rental income forecast		
		Human Resources and	2,274	2,155	(119)	0			
		Digital Services and Corporate Programmes	7,314	7,671	357	8	Further reduction in the income forecast for the Crematorium largely mitigated by a saving on ICT licences		
		Performance, Communications, Legal and Democratic Services	4,232	4,276	44	74	Additional costs associated with the use of locum staff in the Legal service pending the completion of recruitment activity partly mitigated by further vacancy savings in other areas.		
	Economy		11,812	11,734	(78)	(20)			
		Strategic Growth	616	583	(33)	0			
		Town Centre	625	578	(47)	(47)	Vacancy savings plus a reduction in the forecast expenditure in relation to feasibility works.		
	Children Services		1,241	1,161	(80)	(47)			
		Routes to Employment & Libraries	2,025	1,985	(40)	(39)	Skills and employment have identified further savings of £20k and the library service has undertaken a review of their budgets resulting in the identification of savings of £19k.		
		Skills & Attainment	2,118	2,647	529	206	Further pressure due to increased demands on the team along with the need to use interim staff until the recruitment process has been completed (£247k). This has been partly mitigated by savings identified as a result of a zero based budgeting exercise.(£41k).		
	Adult Services	Children, Families and Community Health Services	38,617	39,503	886	(358)	Vacancies have resulted in a reduction in the forecast cost pressure relating to staffing by £318k. A reduction in costs across other spend areas has improved the forecast by a further by £40k since the August report.		
		Adults	42,760	44,135	1,375	(191)	Increased pressure regarding Older People with high level dementia requiring residential care and agency costs in Adult safeguarding pending completion of recruitment activity.		
		Public Health	325	(20)	(345)	(310)	Public Health grant to fund preventative services provided by Community Health and Wellbeing that are currently charged to the general fund.		
	Communities and Housing		61,104	61,488	384	(181)			
		Streetsmart and Supported Employment	15,268	15,793	525	(70)	Enterprise works trading forecasts have improved by £54k. Waste disposal forecasts have reduced by £80k based on tonnage data. A review of forecasts for staff costs has resulted in an increase in the costs of additional temporary worker costs to cover the impact of sickness absence and staff suspensions due to compliance breaches in the waste & recycling team (£200k). The balance reflects updated forecasts for salary, operating expenditure and income projections across all service areas following budget manager meetings. Further management work will be undertaken here to control spend.		
		Housing Services	(321)	(322)	(1)	(1)			
		Highways & Transport	6,969	7,731	762	23	Additional transport costs forecasted of £150k for both mainstream and special needs pupils as a result of the increased demand for the numbers of pupils to be taken to school in September; Highway operations underspend reduced by £166k due to an increase in traffic management costs, project materials, H&S equipment and other costs; but is still forecasting an underspend for the year. This is mitigated by improved forecasts across car parking of £161k for income and operating expenditure. These have been further mitigated by updated forecasts for salary, operating expenditure and income projections across all service areas following budget manager meetings. Further management work will be undertaken here to control spend.		
		Planning, Regulatory and Heritage Services	1,331	911	(420)	(566)	A release of developer contributions (S38 fees) to match costs (£400k); a one-off rebate on a utility bill (£68k); the balance reflects updated forecasts for salary, operating expenditure and income projections across all service areas following budget manager meetings.		
		Facilities Management	2,333	2,327	(6)	31	Additional in year salary costs forecast for Homeline control room. Potential in year mitigations are being investigated by managers.		
			25,580	26,440	860	(583)			
		General Fund Total			142,497	144,958	2,461	(1,022)	

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Health	Health Adults	Health Adults	5,847	5,856	9	(138)	Fall in demand for FNC grant
		Health Adults Funding	(5,847)	(5,856)	(9)	138	Funding adjusted in line with savings on FNC grant
	Health Children's	Children's Health Delivery	1,781	1,777	(4)	(4)	
		Children's Health Delivery	(1,781)	(1,781)	0	0	
		Children's Health	2,466	2,470	4	4	
		Children's Health	(2,466)	(2,466)	0	0	
Health Total			0	0	0	0	
Dedicated Schools Grant	DSG Commissioning	DSG Skills and Attainment	79,858	78,620	(1,237)	90	Increased demand for high needs top ups and costs of placing additional pupils in provision +£62k and increased demand for Placements outside of Swindon +£132k, partially offset by reduction in demand for Post 16 placements (£94k) and net saving for minor variances (£10k)
	DSG Commissioning	DSG Skills and Attainment	(79,858)	(76,911)	2,947	0	
Dedicated Schools Grant Total			0	1,709	1,709	90	
Housing Revenue Account	Housing Revenue Account	Supervision & Management	(36,234)	(36,323)	(89)	(3)	Void rents have reduced less than planned in the first half of the year resulting in a further pressure of £43k. This has been more than offset by savings on vacant posts and estate management running costs. A review of income projections has resulted in a net reduction of £40k income. This has been offset by savings of £28k on staff and utility costs. Vacancy savings in the Business Support function.
		Special Services	668	586	(82)	12	
		Repairs	10,780	10,856	76	(42)	
		HRA Capital Financing	24,786	24,786	0	0	
Housing Revenue Account Total			0	(95)	(95)	(33)	