

CONTROLLABLE OVERSPENDS GREATER THAN £5,000
For Consideration by Cabinet 26 July 2011

SERVICE	DETAILS		BUDGET	ACTUAL	OVERSPEND	EXPLANATION / ACTION
			£	£	£	
Community Engagement	Salt Ayre Sports Centre	Fees and charges	-756,300	-675,264	81,036	Income from fees and charges were down last year, however compensating savings were made on other controllable budgets and there was an overall underspend of £54K - No further action is recommended.
Environmental Services	Public Conveniences	Repair and maintenance	11,000	20,966	9,966	Increased vandalism at Lancaster Bus Station resulted in more repairs. As the nature of the overspend is not controllable no further action is recommended.
	Public Conveniences	Electricity	5,200	13,091	7,891	Difficulties in predicting useage following Parish Toilet Review, therefore no further action recommended.
	Public Conveniences	Water Services	19,800	25,490	5,690	The overspend has resulted from a new surface water charge therefore no further action is recommended.
	Vehicles	Petrol & Derv	325,200	334,315	9,115	Rising cost of fuel has increased beyond expectation, however as there has been an overall underspend on vehicles no further action is recommended.
	Trade Refuse	Trade Refuse Collections	-952,000	-917,992	34,008	There has been a general reduction in demand which reflects the recession and will no doubt continue into 2011/12. As a result, and as the service was underspent overall, no further action is recommended.
Property Services	Service relocation costs		58,000	68,478	10,478	The cost of relocating services resulting from the vacation of Palatine Hall was greater than anticipated due to additional works being required. As this was a one off project and the service was underspent overall no further action is recommended.
	Municipal Buildings	Repair and maintenance	596,900	613,374	16,474	Additional unforeseen works required, however as the services was underspent overall no further action is recommended.
Regeneration and Policy	Building Regulations	Fee income	-225,000	-161,660	63,340	Reduced application numbers due to economy and increased local competition with in depth knowledge of local builders etc. The new charging regime was introduced in Oct 2010 and has completely changed how the Building Control charges are calculated. The scheme is still bedding in and has effectively increased the cost of applications for small scale domestic works and decreased the charges for major applications. Any deficit on the Building Control account is already built into the charging review and is planned to be reocvered over the next three years in line with the requirement to break even over that period. As a result no further action is recommended.
Health & Housing	Council Housing Planned Maintenance	Environmental Works	43,000	58,254	15,254	Appletree Close car parking works were due to complete early 2011/12 but were actually completed ahead of schedule in 2010/11. As there will be a compensating saving in 2011/12 no further action is recommended.