

BUDGET & PERFORMANCE PANEL 16 SEPTEMBER 2008

CONSIDERATION OF 2007/08 BUDGET VARIANCES

SERVICE: PLANNING SERVICES

BUDGET/SERVICE AREA	£ (FAVOURABLE)/ ADVERSE	KEY REASONS/CIRCUMSTANCES	LESSONS & ACTIONS ARISEN
BUILDING CONTROL ACCOUNT	(46,800)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • (£28.7K) WAS REPORTED UNDER INDIVIDUAL HEADINGS IN PRT Q4 COVERING DBCO VACANT POST, SAVINGS AGAINST EQUIP & TOOLS, AND HIGHER THAN ANTICIPATED INCOME. A FURTHER (£6.2K) OCCURRED DURING CLOSEDOWN RE FRS17 ADJUSTMENTS OUTSIDE OF SERVICE CONTROL 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • OUTTURN FIGURES DIFFERENT BUT AT TIME OF PREP FOR Q4 BEST ESTIMATE USED AS PER FINANCIAL TRAINING.
PLANNING APPLICATION FEES	(24,700)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • NOT REPORTED AS UNPREDICTABLE TO PROFILE AND VARIANCE NORMAL DURING ANY ONE YEAR. SIGNIFICANT OUT TURNS UNDER BUDGET NORMAL TO HIGHLIGHT. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • SERVICE HEADS ONLY ASKED TO REPORT PROBLEMATIC VARIANCES BY FORMER DIRECTOR. DID REPORT INCREASED INCOME IN Q2 & HALF YEAR REVISION AS ACTION IN Q3. REVIEW OF MONITORING SYSTEMS REQUIRED AND CLOSER LIAISON WITH FINANCE

LAND DRAINAGE R&M	(6,000)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> REPORTED Q4 	
LOCAL DEVELOPMENT FRAMEWORK	7,800	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> EXPLANATION WAS PROBABLY CORRECT AS REPORTED Q4; HOWEVER VARIANCE AMOUNT ITSELF WAS REPORTED AS BEING A FAVOURABLE £9.2K AS A RESULT OF MISREADING NEGATIVE SIGN ON PRT REPORT 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> FINANCIAL AWARENESS TRAINING SESSIONS RECENTLY CARRIED OUT FOR ALL RSO'S WITH FURTHER MORE DETAILED FINANCE TRAINING TO BE PROVIDED
LUNESIDE REGENERATION GRANT INCOME	(67,700)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> REPORTED Q4 	
MIDDLETON WOOD ELECTRICITY / R&M	(32,000)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> (£27K) WAS REPORTED SEPARATELY Q4 AND INCLUDED A CREDIT OF (£23K) FROM ENERGY SUPPLIER FOLLOWING REVIEW OF METER READINGS. THE BALANCE RELATES TO UNDERSPENDS FOR R&M FOR WHICH A CARRY FORWARD HAS BEEN REQUESTED 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> IMPROVED MONITORING SYSTEM NOW IN PLACE FOR CHASING UP BILLS

<p>TOWNSCAPE HERITAGE INITIATIVE</p>	<p>(15,200)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • HIGHLIGHTED DURING BUDGET PROCESS THAT HLF GRANT AVAILABLE FOR THI1, HOWEVER TOO LATE TO FEED INTO 07/08 REVISED BUDGET PROCESS AND NOT FED INTO SUBSEQUENT PRT REPORTS <p>** IN ALL THE ABOVE CIRCUMSTANCES PRT REPORTS WERE BASED ON PERIOD 12 LEDGER FIGURES AND BEST GUESS ESTIMATES</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • REPORT TO PRT WOULD HAVE ENSURED THAT BUDGET VARIANCE WAS PICKED UP • NEW PAPERWORK ATTACHED TO PRT Q1 0809 REPORT (FOR REPROFILING/ BUDGET MOVEMENT/VIREMENT ETC) TO AID SERVICES IN FUTURE PRT INFORMATION PROVISION <p>IMPROVED LIAISON WITH AND REVIEW OF PRT PAPERWORK AND GUIDANCE BY FINANCE SHOULD IMPROVE MONITORING IN FUTURE</p>
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