

## Carry Forward of Controllable Overspends

For Consideration by Cabinet 23 June 2015

Services and Detail of Overspend		Revised Budget £	Actual £	Variance £	Comments
<b>GENERAL FUND REVENUE</b>					
<b>Environmental Services</b>					
Grounds Maintenance	Vehicle & Plant Hire	28,600	35,460	6,860	The additional cost has been managed by making savings of £19K on vehicle and plant repairs, which has ultimately proved more cost effective. This may be a continuing practice in which case future savings could be generated.
	Waste Disposal Services	16,100	24,647	8,547	Initially offset by £10K saving on equipment & tools. In reality these additional costs are uncontrollable as there are no alternative waste disposal providers in the district. Disposal of waste from Council operations represents a significant cost to the organisation, which will continue. In any event there will be a review of waste disposal arrangements during 2015/16.
White Lund Depot	Waste Disposal Services	8,200	13,661	5,461	Initially offset by £11K saving on equipment & tools. See comments above re future impact on budgets.
Nurseries	Materials	68,700	77,500	8,800	This relates to the cost of purchasing bulbs, plants and compost etc. Costs were higher than anticipated but spend was necessary to complete the planting programme. These additional costs were offset by saving on salaries (£3K), equipment (£2K) and additional income (£5K). It is uncertain as to whether this additional cost will continue in future years, however if it does it will need to be managed within existing budgets again.
Street Cleaning	Salaries - Overtime	84,700	90,031	5,331	Offset by savings on vehicle repairs (£8K), salaries (£10K), and additional income (£18K). The additional costs result from covering staff vacancies, having to extend vehicle leases due to late supply of new vehicles and additional waste disposal charges as mentioned above. These are on-off costs with the exception of the waste disposal charges.
	Transport Leases	36,800	42,691	5,891	
	Waste Disposal Services	17,900	38,801	20,901	
Engineering Section	Waste Disposal Services	12,200	17,969	5,769	Offset by vehicle repair savings (£7K). See comments above re future impact on budgets.
Trade Refuse	Trade Refuse Collections	(1,266,600)	(1,224,538)	42,062	Offset by savings on fuel (£6K), plastic sacks (£4K), waste disposal (£18K) and landfill tax (£17K). Whilst every effort is made to maximise income if demand falls, unfortunately income has reduced. It is uncertain as to whether this trend will continue or not, but this will be kept under review. It should be noted however, that trade refuse collections still make a significant contribution to the Council's budget.
<b>Regeneration &amp; Planning</b>					
Building Control	Consultancy	50,000	60,554	10,554	Offset by savings of £24K within other Planning areas. Spend was necessary to complete the work into establishing whether a shared service arrangement was feasible with a neighbouring authority. This was a one-off overspend and therefore no future budgetary action is required.
<b>Resources</b>					
Information, Communications & Technology	Infrastructure - Update & Maintenance	60,700	71,653	10,953	Offset by salary savings of £65K. Spend relates to necessary PSN requirements on disaster recovery arrangements, and line rental charges which are currently being disputed with the provider. These are one-off overspends and therefore no future budgetary action is required.
	Members Line Rental	7,000	14,699	7,699	
Revenues & Benefits	Revenues Shared Service Management Fee	2,051,500	2,062,289	10,789	Relates to a variety of factors, including welfare reform preparations, so not expected to recur. There are funds available to cover these in future, and therefore no remedial action is proposed. Note also that in proportion to the budget the overspending is minor.

**Officer Decisions:** That no further action be taken as all overspends are offset by other savings. On-going implications still being reviewed.