

GENERAL FUND VARIANCE ANALYSIS

For Consideration by Cabinet 06 December 2016

	2016/17		2017/18	
	Revised Compared to Original Budget		Estimate Compared to Original Forecast	
	£	£	£	£
ORIGINAL BUDGET OR FORECAST	16,258,000		15,180,000	
	ADVERSE / (FAVOURABLE)			
EXPENDITURE				
Employees				
Net turnover savings, incremental progression & restructures	(351,400)		(174,300)	
Additional cost of agency staff to cover vacancies/specific projects	130,100		3,700	
Additional overtime costs to cover vacancies	<u>20,900</u>	(200,400)	<u>11,600</u>	(159,000)
Premises				
Business Rates/utility savings mainly at White Lund Depot and Salt Ayre	(24,800)		(35,400)	
Net energy cost - mainly due to Energy Efficiency scheme re-programming	<u>47,400</u>	22,600	<u>46,200</u>	10,800
Transport				
Increased cost of fuel greater than originally forecast	2,100		31,800	
Car allowances savings mainly attributable to use of pool cars	<u>(11,900)</u>	(9,800)	<u>(7,600)</u>	24,200
Supplies & Services				
Parking - increase in service charge at St Nicholas car park	12,800		27,100	
Car Parks - increased use of cashless payments offset by reduced cash collection and enforcement costs	(19,400)		(19,600)	
Additional cost of City Council By-Elections	27,000		3,800	
Increased Planning consultancy costs	23,300		30,000	
Additional costs for ICT essential infrastructure upgrades and maintenance	26,100		18,000	
Reduced Shared Service Management Fee due to staff savings	<u>(20,000)</u>	49,800	<u>0</u>	59,300
Income				
Litter Enforcement Fines - pilot not implemented as originally planned	60,000		60,100	
Grounds Maintenance - reduced level of rechargeable work	31,500		28,900	
Williamson Park - net additional income	(8,900)		(36,400)	
Rent from Parksafes to be received from April 2017	-		(30,000)	
Car Parks - Reduced income from off street pay and display and fines	28,000		27,500	
Charging for garden waste collection - delayed implementation	449,700		(400)	
Introduction of new taxi licence fees	(4,200)		(36,100)	
HMRC delay in introducing VAT on Search Fees	(20,000)		600	
Pest Control - additional contracts and the increase in demand generally	(23,300)		(500)	
Community Pools - net income down due to lessons and club hire cancellations	27,200		0	
Building Control - income down due to reduced staffing (net impact)	23,500		0	
Planning Application - income down due to unexpected refund	25,000		0	
Additional grants, including Universal Credit & LCTS Admin Grant	(168,400)		(47,100)	
Additional Council Tax legal costs recovered	(22,000)		(22,300)	
Commercial Properties - increased net rental and service charge income	(18,600)		(54,000)	
Updated interest forecast	30,100		7,300	
Charging for credit cards - proposal on hold pending new legislation	<u>-</u>	409,600	<u>25,000</u>	(77,400)
Other Net Service Variances		30,400		(13,800)
Reserves and Capital Financing				
Highways Reserve used to fund additional weed control - reserve to be closed	(10,200)		0	
Mainly changes in revenue financing of the Capital Programme (MRP)	<u>13,300</u>	3,100	<u>(151,000)</u>	(151,000)
LATEST NET REVENUE BUDGET POSITION	16,563,300		14,873,100	
RESULTING NET REVENUE BUDGET OVERSPEND/(UNDERSPEND)	305,300		(306,900)	
Financing Changes				
Business Rates:				
Reduced General Income	393,800		0	
Additional tariff payment	288,200		288,200	
Additional Renewable Energy income	<u>(947,300)</u>	(265,300)	<u>(966,300)</u>	(678,100)
OVERALL NET OVERSPEND/(UNDERSPEND)	40,000		(985,000)	