

HAMPSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL**Decision Report**

Decision Maker:	Executive Member for Environment and Transport
Date of Decision:	6 November 2012
Decision Title:	Budget Monitoring - 2012/13 Quarter 2
Decision Reference:	4343
Report From:	Director of Corporate Resources – Corporate Services and Director of Economy, Transport and Environment

Contact name: Rory Fitzgerald

Tel: 01962 847415

Email: rory.fitzgerald@hants.gov.uk

1. Forecast Position

- 1.1. This report outlines the budget monitoring position as at the end of quarter 2 (30 September 2012).
- 1.2. The projected outturn for 2012/13 is a net planned saving of £78,000 (0.07%). The forecast variance by service stream is as follows. The position on Economic Development is now being reported to the Executive Member for Economic Development and Rural Affairs.

	Current budget £000	Forecast outturn £000	Forecast variance	
			£000	%
Highways, Traffic & Transport (HT&T)	63,759	63,681	(78)	(0.1)
Waste, Planning & Environment (WP&E)	40,289	40,289	0	0.0
Departmental & Corporate Services	5,418	5,418	0	0.0
Total	109,466	109,388	(78)	(0.1)

- 1.3. The forecast saving in Highways, Traffic & Transport results mainly from a net saving on staffing and operational support with increased income and savings on permanent staffing, premises and transport costs offset in part by increased agency and temporary staffing costs. The Executive Member's priority programme of road safety measures including Street Sense, Village 30 enforcement and the casualty reduction scheme will be delivered in full and below budget by the year end. The position on highways maintenance is unchanged from quarter 1.

- 1.4. Following receipt of information from the contractor and partner authorities it has been possible to compile a clearer picture of the outturn forecast for the waste contract. Total spend is managed across the Economy, Transport & Environment cash limit and a central contingency set at £3.394 million in 2012/13. Due to a number of factors, including the negotiating of a delayed start to phase 3a of the contract, the targeting of additional income, and the evidence now available of lower waste volumes in the year to date, current forecasts anticipate only £0.4 million of the contingency provision will be required.
- 1.5. A more detailed breakdown of the budget and forecast variations is shown in Appendix 1.
- 1.6. There are no key corporate risks to report.

2. Efficiency Savings

- 2.1. The 2012/13 efficiency savings target for Economy, Transport and Environment of £6.104m will be successfully delivered, with 91% already achieved and the balance at a high degree of confidence of being achieved. The majority of these savings are the full year effect of actions taken in 2011/12.

3. Recommendation

- 3.1. That the Executive Member notes the forecast position for the revenue budget as at the end of quarter 2.

CORPORATE OR LEGAL INFORMATION:

Links to the Corporate Strategy

Hampshire safer and more secure for all:	yes
Corporate Improvement plan link number (if appropriate):	
Maximising well-being:	yes
Corporate Improvement plan link number (if appropriate):	
Enhancing our quality of place:	yes
Corporate Improvement plan link number (if appropriate):	

Section 100 D - Local Government Act 1972 - background documents

The following documents discuss facts or matters on which this report, or an important part of it, is based and have been relied upon to a material extent in the preparation of this report. (NB: the list excludes published works and any documents which disclose exempt or confidential information as defined in the Act.)

Document

Location

None

IMPACT ASSESSMENTS:

1. Equalities Impact Assessment:

- 1.1 The proposals in this report have been developed with due regard to the requirements of the Equality Act 2010, including the Public Sector Equality Duty and the Council's equality objectives. An assessment of the impacts in this service area can be found at <http://www3.hants.gov.uk/equality/equality-impact-assessments/cx-pu-eqimpact-envi.htm>

It is considered that the issues covered by this report will not have impacts requiring further specific actions by the Council above those already established in its existing policies and working procedures.

2. Impact on Crime and Disorder:

- 2.1 As this is a general report covering the monitoring of the budget, performance and workforce for the department, it cannot set out detailed crime and disorder implications. However, crime and disorder implications of specific departmental issues would be reflected in individual service plans and project reports where appropriate.

3. Climate Change:

- (a) How does what is being proposed impact on our carbon footprint / energy consumption?
- (b) How does what is being proposed consider the need to adapt to climate change, and be resilient to its longer term impacts?

As this is a general report covering the monitoring of the budget, performance and workforce for the department, it cannot set out detailed climate change implications. However, climate change implications of specific departmental issues would be reflected in individual service plans and project reports where appropriate.

Appendix 1 - Forecast outturn – Quarter 2**Position as at 30 September 2012 across services**

Description	Current Budget	Quarter 2 forecast variance ⁱ	
	£000	£000	%
Highways, Traffic and Transport			
Highways Maintenance	31,185	210	0.7
Engineering Consultancy	(105)	-	-
Public Transport	18,968	-	-
Staffing and Operational Support	11,415	(63)	(0.6)
Road Safety inc. Safer Roads Partnership	2,135	(225)	(10.6)
Traffic Surveys	256	-	-
Parking Services	(95)	-	-
	63,759	(78)	(0.1)
Waste, Planning and Environment			
Waste Contract	35,887	-	-
Waste non-contract	1,114	-	-
Staffing and Operational Support	3,109	-	-
Chichester Harbour Conservancy	179	-	-
	40,289	0	0
Departmental and Corporate Services			
Staffing and Operational Support	5,418	-	-
	5,418	0	0
Total Economy, Transport and Environment	109,466	(78)	(0.1)

Note: Economic Development also forms part of the Economy, Transport and Environment department's budget but is reported through the Executive Member for Economic Development and Rural Affairs.