

HAMPSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

Decision Report

Decision Maker:	Executive Member for Environment and Transport
Date of Decision:	5 March 2013
Decision Title:	Budget Monitoring - 2012/13 Quarter 3
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Report From:	Director of Corporate Resources – Corporate Services and Director of Economy, Transport and Environment

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1. Forecast Position

- 1.1. This report outlines the budget monitoring position as at the end of quarter 3 (31 December 2012).
- 1.2. The projected outturn for 2012/13 is a net planned saving of £70,000 (0.06%). 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	63,687	63,637	(50)	(0.1)
Waste, Planning & Environment	40,343	40,343	0	0.0
Departmental & Corporate Services	3,891	3,871	(20)	(0.5)
Total	107,921	107,851	(70)	(0.6)

- 1.3. The forecast position in Highways, Traffic & Transport results from net staff savings together with an increase in forecast fee income and a higher forecast surplus from

Engineering Consultancy due to the significantly greater level of additional capital work now expected to be undertaken in the current financial year. These provisions are offset by a significantly higher call on highways maintenance funding in the final quarter to address the growing problem of urgent defects resulting from the combination of unusually wet weather, raised groundwater levels and the recent cold spell. Depending on weather conditions during the final quarter of the year it may not be possible to complete all the required work in the current financial year, and given the likely continuing level of defects arising a separate item on the agenda proposes the reintroduction of Operation Restore immediately and into 2013-14. Provision has therefore been made in the current year towards work in this area.

- 1.4. Expenditure relating to the waste management contract services continues to be contained significantly below the total County Council 2012/13 provision with up to £3 million of the £3.394 million centrally held contingency not expected to be required.
- 1.5. The revised budget includes a reduction of £1.625 million relating to IT centralisation.
- 1.6. A more detailed breakdown of the budget and forecast variations is shown in Appendix 1.
- 1.7. 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 94% 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 forecast position at the end of Quarter 3 be noted.

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 3**Position as at 31 December 2012 across services**

Description	Current Budget	Quarter 3 forecast variance ⁱ	
	£000	£000	%
Highways, Traffic and Transport			
Highways Maintenance	31,290	671	2.1
Engineering Consultancy	(105)	(395)	(376)
Public Transport	19,001	-	-
Staffing and Operational Support	11,430	(326)	(2.9)
Road Safety inc. Safer Roads Partnership	1,910	-	-
Traffic Surveys	256	-	-
Parking Services	(95)	-	-
	63,687	(70)	(0.1)
Waste, Planning and Environment			
Waste Contract	35,941	-	-
Waste non-contract	1,114	-	-
Staffing and Operational Support	3,109	-	-
Chichester Harbour Conservancy	179	-	-
	40,343	0	0
Departmental and Corporate Services			
Staffing and Operational Support	3,891	(20)	(0.5)
	3,891	(20)	(0.5)
Total Economy, Transport and Environment	107,921	(70)	(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.