

**ENVIRONMENT DIRECTORATE POSITION AS AT QUARTER 1:****Revenue:**

	Quarter 1 forecast £000
CORPORATE DIRECTOR – ENV	0
HIGHWAYS & TRANSPORT	63
PLANNING & COUNTRYSIDE	198
CULTURE AND ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION	-144
<b>Total</b>	<b>117</b>

**Corporate Director's summary:****Overview**

- 1.1 The forecast revenue over spend for the Environment Directorate as a whole is £117,000 against the budget of £34 million net.
- 1.2 No variance is expected in the Corporate Director's budget.
- 1.3 Highways and Transport are forecasting an over spend of £63,000.
- 1.4 The Planning and Countryside service is forecasting an over spend of £198,000
- 1.5 Culture and Environmental Protection is forecasting an under spend of £144,000.

**Pressures on the 2013-14 Budget**

- 1.6 In Highways and Transport there is a pressure of £63k largely due to an inability to achieve the MVF target as there are few vacancies in the Service.
- 1.7 Planning have an emerging pressure due to a below predicted income achievement together with smaller pressures in Countryside resulting from tree works and insurance claims.
- 1.8 There is a net under spend forecast in Culture and Environmental Protection as a result of a predicted savings from a range of items. These will offset pressures in Adventure Dolphin from reductions in income, together with a payment from Kennet Leisure which has not yet been agreed.

**Management action taken to address emerging pressures**

1.9 Expenditure at Adventure Dolphin is under review in order to minimise the income shortfall. The payment by Kennet School is being pursued.

**Risks identified**

1.10 Potential risks include:

- Pressure on income from car parks due to delays in implementation of new schemes.
- Pressure on income from Development and Building Control due to changes in demand and Government legislation.
- A severe winter could result in expenditure over budget.

**CAPITAL BUDGET MONITORING 2013/14 QUARTER 1 –ENVIRONMENT****1. Summary of Overall Position for the Environment Directorate**

<b>Service</b>	<b>2013/14 capital programme £000</b>	<b>Amount Spent/ Committed to 30-06-13 £000</b>	<b>Forecast Spend in Year £000</b>	<b>Forecast Under/ Over Spend in Year £000</b>
Culture and Environmental Protection	2,895	2,222	2,895	0
Highways and Transport	5,922	3,153	5,822	-£100
Planning and Countryside	495	263	495	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>9,312</b>	<b>5,638</b>	<b>9,212</b>	<b>-£100</b>

The overall Environment Capital programme is 61% committed.

In Culture and Environmental Protection, the Northcroft Leisure Centre Scheme is subject to some delay because of technical difficulties on site. No overspend is projected at this point, but the budget will be closely monitored. The Museum Project remains on programme and on budget.

Good progress is being made with the majority of the main Highways schemes, but £100,000 S106 for the A340 rail bridge at Aldermaston Wharf is expected to be reprofiled because of difficulties with the land owner.

Some Countryside projects which were planned for last financial year are now underway and will be complete before the weather deteriorates.