

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

	Quarter Two forecast £000	Quarter Three forecast £000
CORPORATE DIRECTOR	0	0
HIGHWAYS & TRANSPORT	201	290
PLANNING & COUNTRYSIDE	86	37
CULTURE & ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION	-173	-204
Total	114	123

Corporate Director's summary:**Overview**

- 1.1 The forecast revenue over spend for the Environment Directorate is £122,843 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 £289,800
- 1.4 Planning and Countryside is forecasting an over spend of £37,070.
- 1.5 Culture and Environmental Protection is forecasting an under spend of £204,027.
- 1.6 The total Directorate over spend is an increase in the forecast at Quarter Three of £9k

In Highways and Transport the increase from Quarter Three is predominantly due to an increased expenditure on highways emergencies following the recent flooding. Pressures in Planning have been reduced as a result of some advertising and consultancy savings. Whilst the under spend in Culture and Environmental Protection has increased due to some funding from Public Health.

Pressures on the 2013-14 Budget

- 1.6 In Highways and Transport there is a pressure of £290k. This is mainly due to an increased forecast in the Emergencies budget as a result of the recent storms and flooding.
- 1.7 There are pressures in Planning and Countryside mainly as a result of the fluctuations in the Development Control income forecast due to changes in demand and Government legislation.
- 1.8 In the Culture and Environmental Protection Service there are pressures in Adventure Dolphin from anticipated reduction in income from Children's Services together with a payment from Kennet School which has not yet been agreed. These are being managed within the Service which is reporting an overall under spend of £204k.

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 and reductions in demand.
 - Pressure on income from Development and Building Control due to changes in demand and Government legislation.
 - Further severe weather conditions will result in an increased expenditure in the Highways budget.