

RESOURCES DIRECTORATE POSITION AS AT QUARTER THREE

Revenue:

	Quarter Two Forecast £000	Quarter Three Forecast £000
CHIEF EXECUTIVE	-20	-28
HUMAN RESOURCES	-44	-44
ICT	-3	5
LEGAL SERVICES	43	41
STRATEGIC SUPPORT	-70	-136
DAAT (PH managed but currently reported as SS)	0	-258
CUSTOMER SERVICES	45	25
FINANCE	-1	-8
PUBLIC HEALTH	-80	-80
Total	-130	-483

Overview:

The Directorate is forecasting to be £483k under spent at outturn compared with £130k under spend at Quarter Two. This increase is mainly due to four areas as follows:

- Release of under spend from the Drug and Alcohol Action Team (DAAT) budget after all service commitments have been funded.
- Public Health has funded a post and various service level agreements in Strategic Support.
- New improved forecast for court cost recovery in respect of Council Tax and Business Rates.
- Increased income forecast from land charges.

Pressures on the 2013-14 budget

The main pressure arising is as a result of a reduction of the Housing Benefit Admin Grant which was not known until after budget setting. A new pressure has arisen in Legal due to two high profile prosecutions which are anticipated to start this year.

Management action taken to address emerging pressures

Savings are being identified across the Directorate to manage emerging pressures including the following new savings in quarter three:

- Reduced expenditure in the Chief Exec's contingency budget enabling a saving to be released.
- A new forecast for the recovery of court costs which has resulted in an additional recovery of £28k
- Funding from Public Health for a post and various service level agreements in Strategic Support.

Since taking over the Public Health function in 2013 the Council has sought to minimise any duplication of services that may be undertaken currently within the Council that also would be undertaken as part of the Public Health function. In order that these services can be maintained and provided efficiently, the funding of these services will be provided from the Public Health budget where they meet the criteria of contributing to the Public Health Outcomes Framework. This funding of existing Council activities from the Public Health budget is referred to as re-badging. Some of this funding has been provided this year as detailed above and some will form part of the Council's strategic plans for 14-15.

Risks identified

None