

RESOURCES DIRECTORATE POSITION AS AT MONTH 10

Revenue:

	Month10 Forecast £000
CHIEF EXECUTIVE	-25
HUMAN RESOURCES	-42
ICT	-1
LEGAL SERVICES	66
STRATEGIC SUPPORT	-137
DAAT (reported in SS)	-258
CUSTOMER SERVICES	25
FINANCE	-8
PUBLIC HEALTH	-80
Total	-460

Overview:

The Directorate is forecasting to be £460k under spent at outturn compared with £483k under spend at Quarter Three. This decrease in the under spend is mainly due to the fact that we have needed to instruct further Counsel for the Asset Land case and therefore increase in the forecast for legal costs associated with this.

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. New pressures in Legal have arisen as the result of 2 high profile cases. These cases may not be heard until next year but significant costs will be incurred for preparation work this year.

Management action taken to address emerging pressures

Savings are being identified across the Directorate to manage emerging pressures including the following:

- 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 align 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

The legal cases identified as high profile this year will be heard next year and have significant costs associated with them.