

Resources Directorate Provisional Outturn Report

All analysis completed in £/k

Table 1: Year end position by Service:

Service	Net Budget	Net Outturn	Variance
Chief Executive	519	494	-25
Human Resources	1,193	1,132	-61
ICT	2,804	2,767	-37
Legal Services	929	931	2
DAAT	0	-258	-258
Strategic Support	3,492	3,340	-152
Customer Services	1,799	1,837	38
Public Health	-176	-256	-80
Finance	2,243	2,152	-91
Total	12,803	12,139	-664

*Note – The Public Health budget is fully funded via the Public Health Grant. The total grant funded budget is £4,381k

Overview of the 2013-14 financial year

Directorate Summary

The Directorate achieved a year end position for 2013-14 of £664k under budget which is approximately 5% of the total budget. A large under spend of £258k has been generated from the Drug and Alcohol Action Team (DAAT) budget as a result of the grant coming to an end and the budget being transferred into Public Health.

The final position was an increased under spend of £181k from the reported month nine position. During the final month of the year, we were allocated a grant to cover costs incurred in Legal Services and we became aware that due to changes to the Business Rates accounting we would no longer have to pay discretionary relief through the Income and Expenditure Account, thereby resulting in an operational saving.

	Month 6	Month 9	Month 11	Year End
Variance to budget	-130	-483	-593	-664

Chief Executive

£25k under spend due to savings on the corporate training budget, consultancy fees which were not needed and various other smaller savings on supplies and services.

Human Resources

£61k under spend mainly due to savings on salaries.

ICT

£37k under spend mainly due to savings on postage costs, together with additional income from schools.

Legal & Electoral

£2k over spend.

Strategic Support

£152k under spend plus a further £258k under spend from the Drug and Alcohol Team (DAAT) budget. This budget was previously managed by Strategic Support but from 1st April 2013 the work undertaken by the DAAT came under the control of Public Health. The £258k under spend is the residual balance following any accruals and provisions that have been paid in respect of costs for 12-13.

The Strategic Support under spend of £152k is the result of increased income from local land charges, salary savings, income from Atomic Weapons Establishment for emergency planning together with a saving on Members' allowances and NI.

Customer Services

£38k over spend largely as a result of a reduced grant received in Housing Benefit Administration which was not known until the budget had been set, together with a late payment due to the DWP for the Housing Benefit subsidy audit from 2011-12. The effect was mitigated by increased income from the Registrar's service, increased recovery of court costs and a lower than expected final 13-14 payment due to the Pension Scheme administration service.

Finance

£91k under spend due mainly to a change in the legislation regarding the accounting of discretionary relief given to ratepayers. We have only become aware that this change would result in an operational saving in April due to various technical updates from CIPFA.

Public Health

The Service showed an under spend of £256k, of which £80k will contribute to the support services and the remainder will be transferred to the Public Health Reserve in accordance with the Grant conditions. The under spend was largely due to a staffing saving and savings from the Sexual Health Joint Arrangement contract.