

Corporate Director's Report on Financial Performance

Environment Directorate

Quarter One 2014/15

Section 1: Revenue

Service	Net Budget	Forecast (under)/over spend				Change from last quarter
		Quarter One	Quarter Two	Quarter Three	Year End	
	£000	£000	£000	£000	£000	£000
Corporate Director	166	0				
Highways & Transport	7,633	(84)				
Planning & Countryside	4,239	29				
Culture & Environmental Protection	21,964	53				
Total	34,002	(2)	0	0	0	0

Overview

The forecast revenue under spend for the Environment Directorate as a whole is £2k against the budget of £34 million net.

Highways and Transport

The Highways and Transport Service are forecasting an under spend of £84k mainly due to increased income in Car Parking, specifically season tickets and a lower payment of concessionary fares.

Planning and Countryside

The Planning and Countryside service is forecasting an over spend of £29k due to an expected payment for tree safety works, which has been partially offset by a saving on consultancy fees in Transport Policy.

Culture and Environmental Protection

Culture and Environmental Protection is forecasting an over spend of £53k mainly due to a payment from Kennet Leisure which has not yet been agreed.

Risks identified

Potential risks include:

- The cost of the tree safety works has not yet been identified and the value is just an estimate at this stage.

Section 2: Capital

Service	2014/15 Original Capital Programme	2014/15 Revised Capital Programme	Amount spent/ committed to Quarter One	Forecast spend in year	Forecast under/over spend in year
	£000	£000	£000	£000	£000
Highways & Transport	11,908	14,824	3,631	14,444	(380)
Planning & Countryside	135	285	89	285	0
Culture & Environmental Protection	693	2,316	723	2,316	0
Total	12,736	17,425	4,443	17,045	(380)

25.5% of the Environment capital programme has been committed as at the end of quarter one.

In Culture and Environmental protection, the Museum project is on budget and on schedule for opening in summer 2014.

Good progress is being made with highways schemes despite delays due to flooding earlier in the year. However £380,000 of the programme is now expected to be re-profiled to 2015/16, mainly due to delays to Network Rail's programme of works.

In Planning and Countryside, the programme of work is underway to improve key rights of way, to repair damage caused by floods and to refurbish play areas.