

<b>Title of Report:</b>	<b>Financial Performance Report 2014-15 Quarter One</b>
<b>Report to be considered by:</b>	Executive
<b>Date of Meeting:</b>	04 September 2014
<b>Forward Plan Ref:</b>	EX2829

**Purpose of Report:** To inform Members of the latest financial performance of the Council.

**Recommended Action:** For Members to note this report

**Reason for decision to be taken:** To ensure that Members are fully aware of the latest financial position of the Council.

**Other options considered:** None

**Key background documentation:** Papers held in Accountancy

The proposals will also help achieve the following Council Strategy principle:  
 **CSP6 - Living within our means**

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## Implications

**Policy:** n/a

**Financial:** If the forecast position occurs at the end of the financial year, there will be a corresponding impact on the Council's General Reserves of a reduction of £199,679. The financial implications of the report have been detailed throughout the summary report and directorate appendices.

**Personnel:** n/a

**Legal/Procurement:** n/a

**Property:** n/a

**Risk Management:** n/a

Is this item relevant to equality?	Please tick relevant boxes		Yes	No
Does the policy affect service users, employees or the wider community and:				
• Is it likely to affect people with particular protected characteristics differently?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		
• Is it a major policy, significantly affecting how functions are delivered?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		
• Will the policy have a significant impact on how other organisations operate in terms of equality?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		
• Does the policy relate to functions that engagement has identified as being important to people with particular protected characteristics?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		
• Does the policy relate to an area with known inequalities?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		
<b>Outcome</b> (Where one or more 'Yes' boxes are ticked, the item is relevant to equality)				
Relevant to equality - Complete an EIA available at <a href="http://www.westberks.gov.uk/eia">www.westberks.gov.uk/eia</a>			<input type="checkbox"/>	
Not relevant to equality				<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

Is this item subject to call-in?	Yes: <input type="checkbox"/>	No: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
If not subject to call-in please put a cross in the appropriate box:		
The item is due to be referred to Council for final approval	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Delays in implementation could have serious financial implications for the Council	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Delays in implementation could compromise the Council's position	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Considered or reviewed by Overview and Scrutiny Management Commission or associated Task Groups within preceding six months	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Item is Urgent Key Decision	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Report is to note only	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	

# Executive Summary

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## 1. Introduction

1.1 This report presents the financial performance for Quarter One of the 2014/15 financial year.

1.2 At Quarter One, the forecast revenue position is an over spend of £199,679.

## 2. Proposals

2.1 For Members to note this report.

## 3. Equalities Impact Assessment Outcomes

3.1 This report is not relevant to equality.

## 4. Conclusion

4.1 The Quarter One position is showing a forecast over spend of £199,679. Though the Council remains in a challenging financial environment, and is faced with making savings in excess of £5m, it has taken steps to maintain financial discipline and ensure that savings are deliverable.

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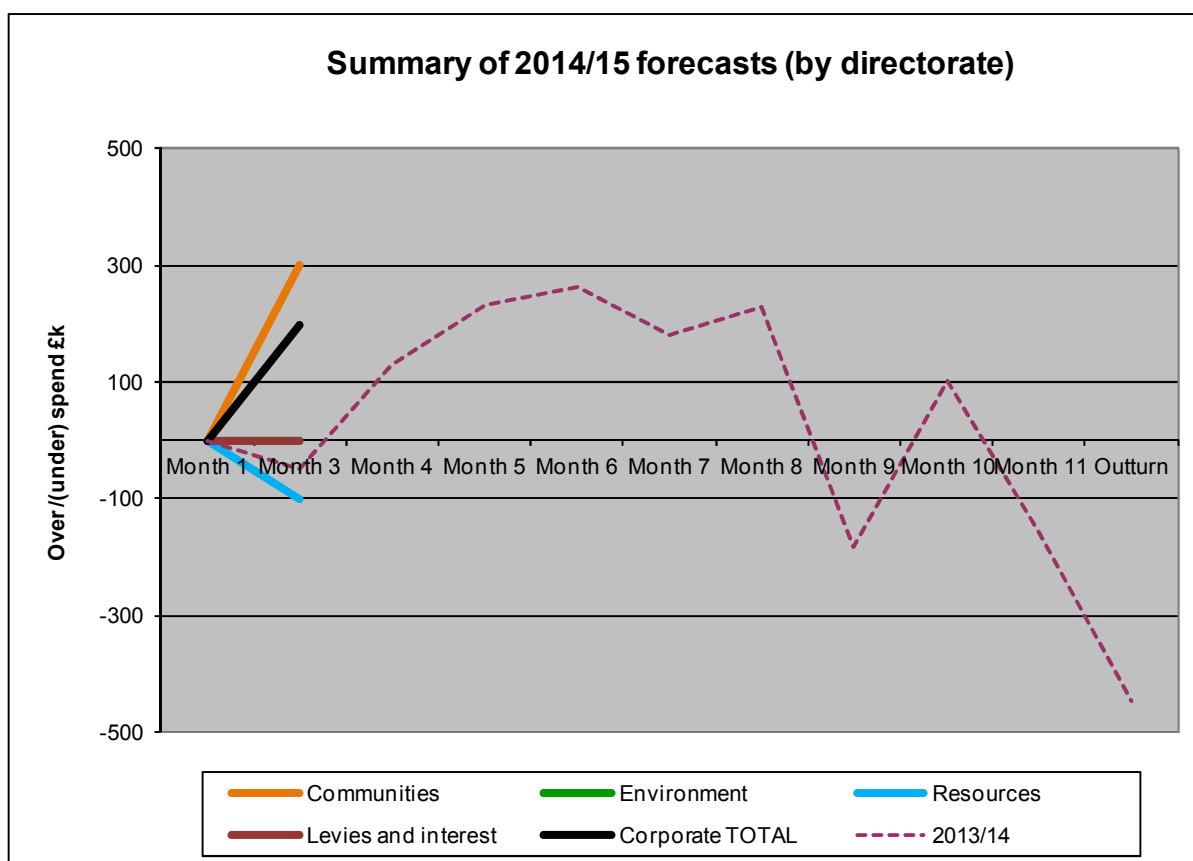
## 1. Introduction

- 1.1 The financial performance reports provided to Members throughout the financial year are concerned with the under or over spend against the Council's approved budget.
- 1.2 At Quarter One, the forecast revenue position is an over spend of £199,679.
- 1.3 Of the total capital programme of £38.3 million 24.5% has been committed at the end of Quarter One. Approximately £2.4 million of the programme is now expected to be re-profiled to 2015/16.

## 2. Summary Revenue Forecast

Service	Annual Net Budget	Annual Net Forecast	Forecast (under)/over spend				Change from last quarter
			Quarter One	Quarter Two	Quarter Three	Year End	
	£000	£000	£000	£000	£000	£000	£000
DSG	(721)	(721)	0				
Corporate Director - Communities	279	279	0				
Adult Social Care	36,932	36,932	0				
Care Commissioning, Housing & Safeguarding	6,649	6,649	0				
Children's Services	13,023	13,243	220				
Education	11,667	11,748	81				
Adult Social Care Change Programme	752	752	0				
<b>Communities</b>	<b>68,581</b>	<b>68,882</b>	<b>301</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
Corporate Director	166	166	0				
Highways & Transport	7,633	7,549	(84)				
Planning & Countryside	4,239	4,268	29				
Culture & Environmental Protection	21,964	22,017	53				
<b>Environment</b>	<b>34,002</b>	<b>34,000</b>	<b>(2)</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
Chief Executive	574	574	0				
Customer Services	1,889	1,889	0				
Human Resources	1,201	1,187	(15)				
Information Technology	2,766	2,766	0				
Finance	1,962	1,962	0				
Legal	940	940	0				
Public Health	(80)	(80)	0				
Strategic Support	3,499	3,413	(86)				
<b>Resources</b>	<b>12,751</b>	<b>12,651</b>	<b>(100)</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
Capital Financing & Management	7,563	7,563	0				
Movement through Reserves	-1,739	-1,739	0				
<b>Levies and Interest</b>	<b>5,824</b>	<b>5,824</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>121,158</b>	<b>121,357</b>	<b>199</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>

- 2.1 In Communities, Children's Services are forecasting an over spend of £220k. There is a forecast pressure of £448k in placement budgets. The overall Children's Services pressure is being reduced by under spends in Early Intervention Services resulting from increased contributions from Public Health. Education is forecasting an over spend of £81k in the areas of Disabled Children's placements and Pre School Teacher Counselling.
- 2.2 The Environment Directorate is forecasting an under spend of £2k as a result minor pressures in Planning and Countryside and Culture and Environmental Protection offset by small savings in Highways and Transport.
- 2.3 The Resources Directorate is forecasting an under spend of £100k largely from additional income and salary savings in Strategic Support.
- 2.4 Levies and Interest is currently forecasting on line.
- 2.5 The chart below shows the forecasts per Directorate together with a corporate total and a comparison to last year.



### 3. Summary Capital Forecast

- 3.1 24.5% of the 2014/15 capital programme is committed as at the end of June 2014. Forecast capital spend in the year is currently £35.9 million against a budget of £38.3 million with £2.4 million now expected to be re-profiled into 2015/16. The summary capital forecast is shown in Appendix 1.

## 4.2 Communities

22.8% of the Communities programme has been committed at the end of Quarter One. No variance from the revised budget is reported for Adult Social Care. Expenditure on Housing grants may be affected by concerns about the performance of the Home Improvement Agency (HIA), although no under spend is currently forecast. The Education programme has been revised to take account of the latest estimated scheme costs, updated priorities and scheduling of schemes. This is expected to result in the re-profiling of £1,988,000 to 2015/16 and later years.

## 4.2 Environment

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.

## 4.3 Resources

34.6% of the Resources programme is committed as at the end of Quarter One. No over or under spend is forecast at this stage. The majority of the Chief Executive's capital budget relates to the London Road Industrial Estate project, for which the budget is required for legal and consultancy costs prior to the signing of a development agreement. In Finance, £83,000 of the members' bids fund has been allocated to schemes but not yet claimed and up to £135,000 is available to be allocated by the next members' bids panel in September 2014. All major ICT schemes are currently on schedule and in Strategic Support, applications for parish planning grants are expected to be processed over the next few months.

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## Appendices

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Appendix 1 - Summary capital forecast

Appendix 2a-c – Directorate summaries

## Consultees

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**Local Stakeholders:** N/a

**Officers Consulted:** Budget holders, Corporate Board

**Trade Union:** N/a