

Environment Directorate Provisional Outturn Report

All analysis completed in £/k

Table 1: Year End Position by Service:

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	0	0	(5)	(5)
Highways & Transport	7,422	(84)	(18)	(13)	(199)	(186)
Planning & Countryside	3,867	29	30	(4)	(65)	(61)
Culture & Environmental Protection	21,393	53	76	(3)	(55)	(52)
Total	32,848	(2)	88	(20)	(324)	(304)

Overview of the 2014/15 Financial Year

Directorate Summary

The year end position for the Directorate for 2014/15 was a £324k under spend, approx 1% of the total net budget. This was a change of £304k from the reported Quarter Three under spend of £20k.

Throughout the first six months there were a range of small pressures within the Directorate which were offset by a saving from concessionary fares plus additional income from car parking.

At Quarter Three, pressures had been further mitigated by a reduction in the cost of the tree safety works, reduced gritting, and salary savings due to increasing staff turnover.

In the last quarter Directorate expenditure was slowed, particularly in Highways and Transport, in order to assist the Council's overall budget position.

Review of Individual Service Outturns 2014/15

Corporate Director

	Quarter One	Quarter Two	Quarter Three	Year End
	£000	£000	£000	£000
Variance to budget	0	0	0	(5)

The year end position was a £5k under spend.

Highways & Transport

	Quarter One	Quarter Two	Quarter Three	Year End
	£000	£000	£000	£000
Variance to budget	(84)	(18)	(13)	(199)

The year end position was an under spend of £199k.

The majority of the under spend arose as a result of additional income in the Car Parking Service, a lower payment to the concessionary fares operators together with a saving in winter maintenance as a result of the mild winter. In year pressures included a reduction in the forecast income from S278 supervision fees and additional emergency work due to the flooding in the spring of 2014.

In quarter four in order to assist the Council's overall budget position expenditure was slowed.

Planning & Countryside

	Quarter One	Quarter Two	Quarter Three	Year End
	£000	£000	£000	£000
Variance to budget	29	30	(4)	(65)

The year end position was an under spend of £65k.

In year pressures included additional tree safety works and insurance claims. Under spends came from increased income at Henwick Worthy and reduced expenditure on advertising.

Culture & Environmental Protection

	Quarter One	Quarter Two	Quarter Three	Year End
	£000	£000	£000	£000
Variance to budget	53	76	(3)	(55)

The year end position was an under spend of £55k.

In year pressures within the Service were managed through a combination of savings in the Museum budget due to the fact that it was only opened part way through the year, reduced expenditure on carbon reduction commitment purchase and salary savings.