

Corporate Director's Report on Financial Performance

Environment Directorate

Quarter One 2015/16

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	167	0				0
Highways & Transport	7,819	(66)				0
Planning & Countryside	3,761	0				0
Culture & Environmental Protection	21,610	59				0
Total	33,357	(7)	0	0	0	0

Overview

The forecast revenue under spend for the Environment Directorate as a whole is £7k.

Highways and Transport

The Highways and Transport Service is forecasting an under spend of £66k. The under spend is mainly due to increased income in Car Parking, specifically season tickets.

Planning and Countryside

The Planning and Countryside Service is forecasting an on line year end position with some in year pressures due to tree safety works and a withdrawn contribution from Newbury Town Council towards the Newbury Public Conveniences are being managed within the Service.

Culture and Environmental Protection

Culture and Environmental Protection is forecasting an over spend of £59k mainly due to a payment from Kennet Leisure which has not yet been agreed.

Risks identified

None

Section 2: Capital

Service	2015/16 Original Capital Programme £000	2015/16 Revised Capital Programme £000	Amount spent/ committed to Quarter Three £000	Forecast spend in year £000	Forecast under/over spend in year £000
Highways & Transport	10,189	18,751	11,194	16,832	(1,919)
Planning & Countryside	135	288	227	288	0
Culture & Environmental Protection	506	1,444	438	1,444	0
Total	10,830	20,483	11,859	18,564	(1,919)

57.9% of the total capital budget for Environment has been committed as at the end of June 2015.

Good progress is being made with the majority of Highways schemes including 2 major new schemes funded by Challenge Fund grant from the Department for Transport (DfT), which were added to the capital programme by the Executive in April – the replacement of street lights with LEDs (£4.3m planned spend in 2015/16) and improvements to the A339 corridor (£2.5m spend in 2015/16). However it will be necessary to re-profile £1.97m of the highways programme. This is mainly due to the need to resolve land issues for the new access road to the London Road Industrial Estate and the A340 footpath at Aldermaston Wharf. It will also be necessary to reschedule of the Great Shefford Flood alleviation scheme to comply with Environment Agency funding requirements.

In Planning and Countryside, the cost of repairs to flood damaged rights of way are still expected to be contained within the amount of the Severe Weather Recovery grant brought forward from 2014/15 and additional investment in play area improvements will be funded from section 106 contributions.

In Culture and Environmental protection capital maintenance programmes for leisure centre facilities and libraries and Shaw House are expected to be completed on schedule.