

CORPORATE DIRECTOR'S SUMMARY: CHIEF EXECUTIVE MONTH 9

Overview

The Directorate is forecasting to be £167,000 underspent at outturn.

There are a number of pressures emerging in year but management action is in place to address these largely through reduced levels of staffing and holding back on non essential expenditure.

Pressures on the 2010-11 budget

The most significant pressures are in Legal & Electoral. There is a £44k pressure for the loss of Land Charge income. This follows a Government announcement that charging a fee for a personal search of the local land charges register is incompatible with the Environmental Information Regulations and the underlying EU Directive. The current fee has been revoked from 17th August 2010 and will therefore create an in year budget pressure. There is also a £125k pressure as a result of High Court and Tribunal cases, which may be partly offset by costs recovery subject to cases not being further adjourned. The timing of court cases make final outturn very difficult to predict.

Progress against the recruitment freeze

Good progress is being made and the £200k savings target will be met.

Management action taken to address emerging pressures

New savings are being found across the Directorate to manage emerging pressures and any unmet savings. These new savings generally relate to staffing where a number of posts are being held vacant. This is largely in Policy & Communication, ICT and Finance.

Risks identified

No major risks have been identified at this point.

Capital summary:

Finance is forecasting and underspend against the current year's allocation of £395,000 mainly from the accommodation strategy, members bids. This funding will be carried forward to help meet commitments in 2011/12.

Approximately £560,000 of the ICT capital budget is currently expected to be reprofiled into 2011/12. This mainly relates to the Timelord and Data Centre refurbishment projects.

Policy and Communication schemes are expected to be completed on budget within the financial year.

In Special Projects, the slippage of some expenditure on the Denefield School project off set the fact that a capital receipt due in respect of the Trinity Sports Hall to cover expenditure incurred in the current year is not likely to be received until next financial year.