

ENVIRONMENT DIRECTORATE POSITION AS AT QUARTER TWO:**Revenue:**

	Quarter Two forecast £000
CORPORATE DIRECTOR	0
HIGHWAYS & TRANSPORT	201
PLANNING & COUNTRYSIDE	86
CULTURE AND ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION	-173
Total	114

Corporate Director's summary:**Overview**

- 1.1 The forecast revenue over spend for the Environment Directorate as a whole is £114,116 against the budget of £34 million net.
- 1.2 No variance is expected in the Corporate Director's budget.
- 1.3 Highways and Transport are forecasting an over spend of £200,700
- 1.4 The Planning and Countryside service is forecasting an over spend of £85,962
- 1.5 Culture and Environmental Protection is forecasting an under spend of £172,546

Pressures on the 2013-14 Budget

- 1.6 In Highways and Transport there is a pressure of £200,700, which is an increase of £103,700 from last month. This increase is mainly due to further reduced income in car parks and S278 income due to delays to commencement of approved developers' schemes.
- 1.7 The overall pressure in Planning and Countryside has reduced from £133k to £86k. This is largely due to savings being made in developmental control.
- 1.8 There are pressures in Adventure Dolphin from anticipated reduction in income from Children's Services (which has reduced from £88k to £65k), together with a payment from Kennet School which has not yet been agreed.

Management action taken to address emerging pressures

- 1.9 Expenditure at Adventure Dolphin is under review in order to minimise the income shortfall. The payment by Kennet School is being pursued.

Risks identified

- 1.10 Potential risks include:

- Pressure on income from car parks due to further delays in implementation of new schemes and reductions in demand.
- Pressure on income from Development and Building Control due to changes in demand and Government legislation.
- A severe winter could result in expenditure over budget.

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Summary of Overall Position for the Environment Directorate

Service	2013/14 capital programme £000	Amount Spent/ Committed to 30-09-13 £000	Forecast Spend in Year £000	Forecast Under/ Over Spend in Year £000
Culture and Environmental Protection	3,613	2,478	3,613	0
Highways and Transport	11,349	8,159	11,249	-100
Planning and Countryside	528	422	528	0
Total	15,490	11,059	15,390	-100

The overall Environment Capital programme is now 71% committed.

In Culture and Environmental Protection, the Northcroft Leisure Centre Scheme is on budget and on target for completion in mid November, despite some technical difficulties earlier in the project. The Museum Project remains on programme and on budget.

Good progress is being made with the majority of Highways schemes, including the £1.4m re-profiled from future years to address problems on the network caused by the severe winter weather. However £100,000 S106 for the A340 rail bridge at Aldermaston Wharf is still expected to be re-profiled because of difficulties with the land owner.

In Planning and Countryside, the majority of work on public rights of way projects will be completed before the autumn weather causes deteriorating working conditions.