

RESOURCES DIRECTORATE POSITION AS AT QUARTER TWO

Revenue:

	Quarter Two forecast £000
CHIEF EXECUTIVE	-20
HUMAN RESOURCES	-44
ICT	-3
LEGAL SERVICES	43
STRATEGIC SUPPORT	-70
CUSTOMER SERVICES	45
FINANCE	-1
PUBLIC HEALTH	-80
Total	-130

Overview:

The Directorate is forecasting to be £130k under spent at outturn compared with £119k under spend at Month Five. The increased under spend forecast for Quarter Two is mainly as the result of reduction in expenditure levels of training and supplies and services in the Chief Executive's budget, together with some additional salary savings from delays to recruitment and maternity leave and additional income from land charges in Strategic Support.

Pressures on the 2013-14 budget

The main pressure arising is as a result of a reduction of the Housing Benefit Grant which was not known until after budget setting. A new pressure has arisen in Legal due to two high profile prosecutions which are anticipated to start this year.

Management action taken to address emerging pressures

Savings have been being identified across the Directorate to manage emerging pressures including the following:

- Additional income has been identified in Strategic Support from land charges and emergency planning work for AWE,
- Increased income from the Registrar's Service.
- HR have significant salary savings as a result of vacant posts which will be offered up as permanent savings in the future, together with a post re-grading, the balance of which has also been offered up as a saving.
- Supplies and services and training under spend in the Chief Executive's Service

Risks identified

None

CAPITAL BUDGET MONITORING 2013/14 QUARTER TWO – RESOURCES

Summary of Overall Position for the Resources 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
Chief Executive	103	39	103	0
Finance	274	42	274	0
ICT	1,176	547	1,045	-131
Strategic Support	62	16	62	0
Total	1,615	644	1,484	-131

The capital programme for Resources is 40% committed as at the end of quarter two.

The Council's investment in the Market Street regeneration project, managed by the Chief Executive, is now largely complete while the London Road project is now at the stage of selecting a joint venture partner.

In Finance, the June members' bids panel allocated £47,000 to new schemes, but £80,000 funds allocated to members' schemes in previous years remains unspent or unclaimed. This figure will be reviewed at the next panel meeting.

In ICT the contract for Superfast Broadband has now been let, but the revised project programme now shows that the Council's budget of £131,000 for implementation of the first stage of the project in 2012/13 will not now be required to be paid until 2014/15.

The Strategic Support capital budget for shop mobility and CCTV is already fully committed.