

CORPORATE DIRECTOR'S SUMMARY: CHIEF EXECUTIVE MONTH 6

Overview

The Directorate is forecasting to be £98k 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 pressure is the loss of Land Charge income (£50k). 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 The current fee has been revoked from 17th August 2010 and will therefore create an in year budget pressure.

Other pressures have arisen in Legal & Electoral. There is a £30k pressure from High Court and other cases, which may be offset by costs recovery subject to cases not being further adjourned. In addition there is a £12k pressure on Legal Services income due to receiving fewer instructions from Planning than anticipated.

There is a concern that £59k of the Budget Monitoring Panel's savings target will not be met as any vacancy savings are going towards the recruitment freeze target instead.

The position regarding CCTV savings is also being kept under review.

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

The majority of capital expenditure has been committed for the directorate; the directorate anticipates spending its capital allocation within budget.