

CORPORATE DIRECTOR'S SUMMARY: CHIEF EXECUTIVE MONTH 10

| Chief Executive Directorate | Month 10 forecast / £k |
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| Chief Executive | -37 |
| Benefits & Exchequer | -88 |
| Finance | 0 |
| Human Resources | -16 |
| ICT | -40 |
| Legal | 99 |
| Policy & Communication | -163 |
| Special Projects | 0 |
| Total | -245 |

Overview

The Directorate is forecasting to be £244,591 underspent at outturn. The forecast underspend has increased by £78,000 from Month 9. Increased underspend has been identified during Month 10 in ICT Infrastructure salaries and supplies (£28,000), Legal from increased fee income (£27,000) and Policy from Emergency Planning and Service Level Agreements (£23,000).

There are a number of other 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 £41k 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 The current fee has been revoked from 17th August 2010 and will therefore create an in year budget pressure.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 £135k 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 makes the 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

Savings are being found across the Directorate to manage emerging pressures. These savings largely relate to staffing where a number of posts are being held vacant.

Risks identified

No major risks have been identified at this point.