

BUDGET MONITORING - KEY SERVICE AREAS 2012/13
1 APRIL 2012 - 31 JANUARY 2013

Main Code	Service Area	Latest Approved Budget	Budget to Period 10	Adjusted Actual to Period 10	-----Variance----->		Projected Full Year Variance () = Favourable		
					Adverse	Favourable			
		£	£	£	£	£	£		
General Expenses									
<u>EXPENDITURE</u>									
050	Waste Management Contractor Costs	2,006,100	1,507,995	1,492,369	0	15,626	(6,410)	☹️	The Baxter's increase will not be applied to the core contract in 2012/13 due to the renegotiated rate for co-mingled waste. However, these savings will be largely offset by increased costs associated with the increase of house numbers for collections over a two year period (2011/12 and 2012/13).
372	Rent Rebates - Non HRA	7,870	60,142	60,142	0		0	☺️	The projected year end position reflects a roughly neutral predicted subsidy (89.10% budgeted, 89.28% predicted). However due to the volatile nature of benefit subsidy generally, caution should be exercised with regard to any predictions made.
373	Rent Rebates-HRA Properties (Net)	(31,780)	(26,363)	(56,184)		29,821	16,154	☹️	The projected year end position reflects a decrease in predicted subsidy (99.5% budgeted, 99.07% predicted). However, due to the volatile nature of benefit subsidy generally, caution should be exercised with regard to any predictions made.
375	Rent Allowance Payments (Net)	(44,290)	(37,896)	(36,327)	1,569		9,358	☹️	The projected year end position reflects a decrease in predicted subsidy (99.2% budgeted, 99.05% predicted). However, due to the volatile nature of benefit subsidy generally, caution should be exercised with regard to any predictions made.
410	Homelessness	131,500	129,907	128,587		1,320	0	☺️	Homelessness has shown signs of increase over all sectors during the year but the use of bed and breakfast is being minimised through pro-active prevention work. Stock availability to meet possible increases in demand remains an issue but the housing options process is assisting in maximising this. The situation, though showing signs of improvement, is still subject to close and constant review. The year end position assumes the potential use of monies received from the Mortgage Rescue Scheme(MRS) to meet the financial impact of the service.
470	Parkside Expenditure	555,400	398,482	391,347		7,135	0	☺️	A water bill is being chased (from occupation to current day) and this may result in a change in the predicted variance shown.
685	Council Tax Benefit Payments (Net)	(100,080)	343,267	227,467		115,800	(38,425)	☺️☺️	The projected year end position reflects an increase in predicted subsidy (100% budgeted, 101.73% predicted). However, due to the volatile nature of benefit subsidy generally, caution should be exercised with regard to any predictions made.
Total Expenditure		2,524,720	2,375,534	2,207,401	1,569	169,702	(19,323)		

INCOME									
050	Waste Management Income	876,890	682,192	647,635	34,557	-	25,950	☹	See attached narrative.
120	Car Park Income	588,270	490,225	500,365	0	10,140	4,000	☹	Staff car parking remains below budget and the impact has been included in the forecast. Burton Street works are now expected to start in 2013/14. Forecast takes into account additional income to date for season tickets. January's income is significantly below that received in January last year. Overall, the income received to date is 6.7% below the same point of time in 11/12. Therefore forecast is based on February and March at 6.7% below that of 2011/12. The tavern continues to perform badly and the Corporate Property Officer is in discussions with the cattle market partners on the reasons for this. Reasons for the decline in income have been received from the Cattle Market Partners and are as follows: Sheep industry fall in values has been dramatic –numbers of sheep traded is similar, sheep have a risk of lambs having disease and therefore buyers holding off, weather continues to impede footfall.
300	Cattle Market Income	401,320	279,093	272,250	6,843	-	10,240	☹	Income better than expected due to the nature of the applications received. We have received several major applications which attract the larger fee. A 15% increase in fees came into effect from 22nd November. Forecast has taken into account virements to professional fees to cover additional costs of maternity cover and additional environmental health employee costs and Better Business for All contribution.
340	Planning Application Fees	271,500	226,250	296,563	0	70,313	(45,000)	☺☺	Income remains below budget.
355	Building Control Fees	198,220	165,183	110,184	54,999	-	65,000	☹	Job Centre Plus have confirmed occupation for October/November 2013, legal documentation is agreed and exchange of contracts imminent. The variance shown has reduced on previous months due to an adjustment required following analysis of service charge actual versus budget for year 1 of occupation and a virement to the Repairs and Maintenance budget to cover 2 insurance claims settlements.
470	Parkside Income	303,220	265,096	369,983		104,887	(50,000)	☺☺	Year end variance is based on current occupation by East Midlands Councils and VAM. It is not anticipated there will be any new tenants this financial year, but active marketing will continue. Whilst income is below that originally estimated the savings from the NNDR due to reduction in rates for part occupation has offset this loss. Sainsbury's contractor will be carrying out external improvements that will hopefully make the premises more attractive to prospective tenants.
472	Phoenix House Income	61,600	60,975	56,419	4,556		0	☺	Forecast is based on known vacant units and irrecoverable arrears. An allowance has also been made for new lease negotiations and fall in market value of rents for new leases.
570	Industrial Estates - Rents	130,601	113,342	94,252	19,090	-	19,050	☹	
	Total Income	2,831,621	2,282,356	2,347,651	120,045	185,340	29,240		
	Net Position	-306,901	93,178	-140,250	121,614	355,042	9,917		