

BUDGET MONITORING - KEY SERVICE AREAS 2015-16
1 APRIL 2015 - 31 JANUARY 2016

Appendix B

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>						
372	Rent Rebates - Non HRA	7,810	66,667	66,667		-	0 ☺
							Subsidy receivable is lower due to increased use of bed and breakfast which attracts a lower subsidy threshold and has had an impact on the budget position. Therefore as previously highlighted the use of this type of accommodation can be unpredictable by its very nature (vulnerable/homeless claimants).
373	Rent Rebates-HRA Properties (Net)	(59,330)	(35,275)	(145,873)		110,598	(9,100) ☺☺
							Predicted subsidy receivable is higher due to the lower instances of claimant and LA errors identified to date, this is unpredictable and can fluctuate as the year progresses. Proactive collection continues to be a priority and LA thresholds are still tight although they are improving due to proactive clearance of changes of circumstances. Increase in overpayments raised due to a focus in that area within the Council. However there is a risk that some of the larger overpayments may later be credited due to change in circumstances of customers. There is also a non-budgeted payment for a Welfare reform (benefit) impact assessment of £5k. Virement completed in December for £4k re SLF reserve.
375	Rent Allowance Payments (Net)	(122,120)	(104,863)	(16,127)	88,736		(7,340) ☺☺
							Previous surplus has been moved to support the SLF (£30k). Proactive collection continues to be a priority and LA thresholds are improving. The year end variance shown does not include prior year subsidy payment due (£2k). Increase in overpayments raised due to a focus in that area within the Council. However there is a risk that some of the larger overpayments may later be credited due to change in circumstances of customers.
410	Homelessness	87,600	91,462	103,057	11,595		12,540 ☺
							There has been an increase in the use of B&Bs especially with some vulnerable residents who cannot maintain a tenancy of their own. Where a single person is in a B&B the nightly charge is £55, however we can only claim £17.55 from HB, for a couple the cost is £75 per night, we can claim £31.40 & for a family £80 and we claim £46.20. As previously reported salary costs are expect to overspend by approx £3k (reduced from £17k following virements) for the year. The ongoing issues with the establishment have been resolved.
	Total Expenditure	(86,040)	17,991	7,724	100,331	110,598	(3,900)