

BUDGET MONITORING - KEY SERVICE AREAS 2016-17
1 APRIL 2016 - 31 JULY 2016

APPENDIX B

Main Code	Service Area	Latest Approved Budget	Budget to Period 4	Adjusted Actual to Period 4	<-----Variance----->		Projected Full Year Variance
		£	£	£	Adverse £	Favourable £	() = Favourable £

General Expenses
EXPENDITURE

372	Rent Rebates - Non HRA	2,860	14,000	14,000		0	8,470	☹️	At the stage of budget setting, a number of claims were included under this budget which have since been re-defined under budgets Rent Rebates HRA and Rent Allowances. The claims that remain in this budget are those which attract less subsidy and this has resulted in the subsidy % falling to 77.07% against a budget of 93.19%. B&B and homelessness levels, which also affect this budget, have increased significantly and are expected to increase further.
373	Rent Rebates-HRA Properties (Net)	(51,210)	(17,070)	(31,377)		14,307	(69,080)	☺️	Subsidy is currently higher than budgeted due to lower claimant errors than previously predicted which is having a positive influence on the budget. However, this is a highly volatile budget and can fluctuate - the position will continue to be closely monitored. The year end position on overpayments (which amounts to £25k of the projected variance) has been re-adjusted due to the level of invoices raised in relation to overpayments being reduced. DWP processes have also changed in relation to attachment to benefits which means that any invoices which are being paid in that way will have to be cancelled, this is because any overpayment will now be collected by a file sent from Northgate directly to the DWP rather than through raising of an invoice. It should also be noted that for the overpayments raised if claimants return to benefits, the invoices will be cancelled.
375	Rent Allowance Payments (Net)	(98,790)	(32,930)	(109,066)		76,136	(6,240)	☺️	Subsidy predicted is slightly higher than anticipated. The first four months have seen fluctuations and the position will continue to be closely monitored - at present there are no trends and no particular reason for the fluctuations. The year end position on overpayments has been re-adjusted in line with budget due to the level of invoices raised in relation to overpayments being reduced. DWP processes have also changed in relation to attachment to benefits which means that any invoices which are being paid in that way will have to be cancelled. It should also be noted that for the overpayments raised if claimants return to benefits, the invoices will be cancelled.

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	General Expenses						
410	Homelessness	119,960	47,987	45,129		2,858	7,730
471	Customer Services	803,600	325,032	343,051	18,019		1,160
	Total Expenditure	776,420	337,019	261,737	18,019	93,301	(57,960)

During April-July there was long term B&B usage due to service demand and accommodation required for vulnerable persons (including a 16 year old), of which these costs are only partially recoverable. This particular case has now ended. However, there has been the requirement for emergency accommodation for families fleeing domestic violence of which high cost B&B accommodation is now being incurred due to a delay in voids and lack of available properties.

Redundancy costs as a result of bringing the FTEs back in line with the establishment. Partially offset by other savings within the existing budget such as essential user lump sum and uniforms.