

BUDGET MONITORING- KEY SERVICE AREAS 2017-18
1 APRIL 2017 - 30 JULY 2017

APPENDIX B

Main Code	Service Area	Latest Approved Budget £	Budget to Period 4 £	Adjusted Actual to Period 4 £	-----Variance-----		Projected Full Year Variance () = Favourable £	
					Adverse £	Favourable £		
	General Expenses							
	<u>EXPENDITURE</u>							
060	Leisure Vision	56,830	13,830	14,705	875	-	2,510	☹️ Awaiting Q1 info and discussion with SLM to inform expected Management fee payment. Recent CSA approvals on agreements have provided some certainty around income.
372	Rent Rebates - Non HRA	10,310	14,000	14,000	-	-	(9,990)	😊😊 When the budget was set, it was not known that these claims would be included under universal credit (UC). The impact of UC is that bed and breakfasts (B&Bs) within the borough are included under UC rules. There has been reduced B&B usage (to date only two cases) but this may change as the winter months approach and as other Local Authorities move to full UC service .
373	Rent Rebates-HRA Properties (Net)	(99,700)	(33,233)	14,441	47,674	-	(2,710)	😊😊 Subsidy predicted broadly in line with budgeted. Full years impact of UC not yet known and volatile budget which fluctuates. It should be noted that it has been identified that although currently in line with budget, the subsidy predicted has been decreasing which if this continues could adversely impact on the budget. Work will be undertaken to try and understand this pattern and the reasons potentially through the use of contractors. Implementation of Wider Use of Real Time Information (WURTI) which has allowed real time information on customers earnings when claiming housing benefits is expected to lead to an increase in overpayments recovered but this will be monitored.
375	Rent Allowance Payments (Net)	(94,190)	(31,396)	(94,964)	-	63,568	(21,330)	😊😊 Subsidy predicted higher than budgeted for. It should be noted that it has been identified that although currently above budget, the subsidy predicted has been decreasing which if this continues could adversely impact on the budget. Work will be undertaken to try and understand this pattern and the reasons potentially through the use of contractors. Implementation of Wider Use of Real Time Information (WURTI) which has allowed real time information on customers earnings when claiming housing benefits is expected to lead to an increase in overpayments recovered but this will be monitored.

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410	Homelessness	178,690	29,487	(13,451)	-	42,938	(10,770) 😊😊
<p>New Housing Options Officer post vacant for first part of the year. B&B usage is lower than increased budget (based on forecast and 16/17 estimates) and therefore there is the potential for there to be a significant underspend if this materialises. Current forecast assumes no saving in relation to this due to the early stage in the year but will be closely monitored and updated as the year progresses. Flexible Homeless Support Grant of £50k received. Currently developing a range of activities locally and county wide which will require the support grant. Some of this may be in 2018/19.</p>							
471	Customer Services	786,770	298,970	286,553	-	12,417	22,300 ☹️
<p>Transformation savings not expected to be met. Reduced by salary savings through vacant posts and removal of LCC receptionist. Remaining shortfall expected to be offset by savings within Communications due to vacant posts.</p>							
627	Wheels to Work	(87,740)	(3,595)	36,164	39,759	-	21,380 ☹️
<p>Northampton scheme not successful. Approval of fees and charges delayed until June. Also winding down costs for the existing scheme. Increase in contract for W2W Administration Assistant not in the establishment. Partially offset through use of W2W reserve as approved by PFA.</p>							
Total Expenditure		750,970	288,063	257,448	88,308	118,923	1,390
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