



Development Committee

Quarterly Finance Report

Report Period: Quarter 2 2011/12

Dashboard: Quarter 2, 2011/12

Strategic Element: Financial Planning	Variance £,000 (under)/ Over Q1	Indicator % Q1	Variance £,000 (under)/ Over Q2	Indicator % Q2			Page no
Year to date variance							3
BCC	(1,482)	(4.9%)	(2,060)	(3.6)		↑	
• Development Committee	(134)	(2.3%)	(101)	(1.0%)		↑	
○ Community Services	52	3.3%	62	2.2%		↑	
○ City Events and Venues	64	4.2%	(44)	(1.8%)		↑	
○ Economic Initiatives	(165)	(8.0%)	(182)	(6.3%)		↑	
○ Directorate	(84)	(10.8%)	63	4.0%		↑	
Forecasted % variance							4
BCC	(210)	(0.2%)	(1,054)	(0.9%)		↓	
• Development Committee	(100)	(0.5%)	(265)	(1.3%)		↓	
○ Community Services	0	0.0%	(15)	(0.3%)		↓	
○ City Events and Venues	50	1.2%	210	5.1%		↓	
○ Economic Initiatives	(50)	(0.8%)	(350)	(5.7%)		↓	
○ Directorate	(100)	(2.6%)	(110)	(2.8%)		↓	

Notes:

1. Negative variances represent an under spend

2. Movement on last quarter: ↑ Better ↓ Worse → Unchanged

3. Tolerance R/A/G guide for % variances:



Executive Summary

The **Development Department** is under spent by £101,000, or 1% of it's net budgeted expenditure of just over £9.8 million at the end of quarter two.

Community Services and Directorate are overspent by £62,000 (2.2%) and £63,000 (4%), respectively, while Economic Initiatives is under budget by £182,000 (6.3%) and City Events and Venues is under budget by £44,000 (1.8%).

There are four main areas which give rise to the current overall £101k (1%) under spend within the Department at the end of quarter two:

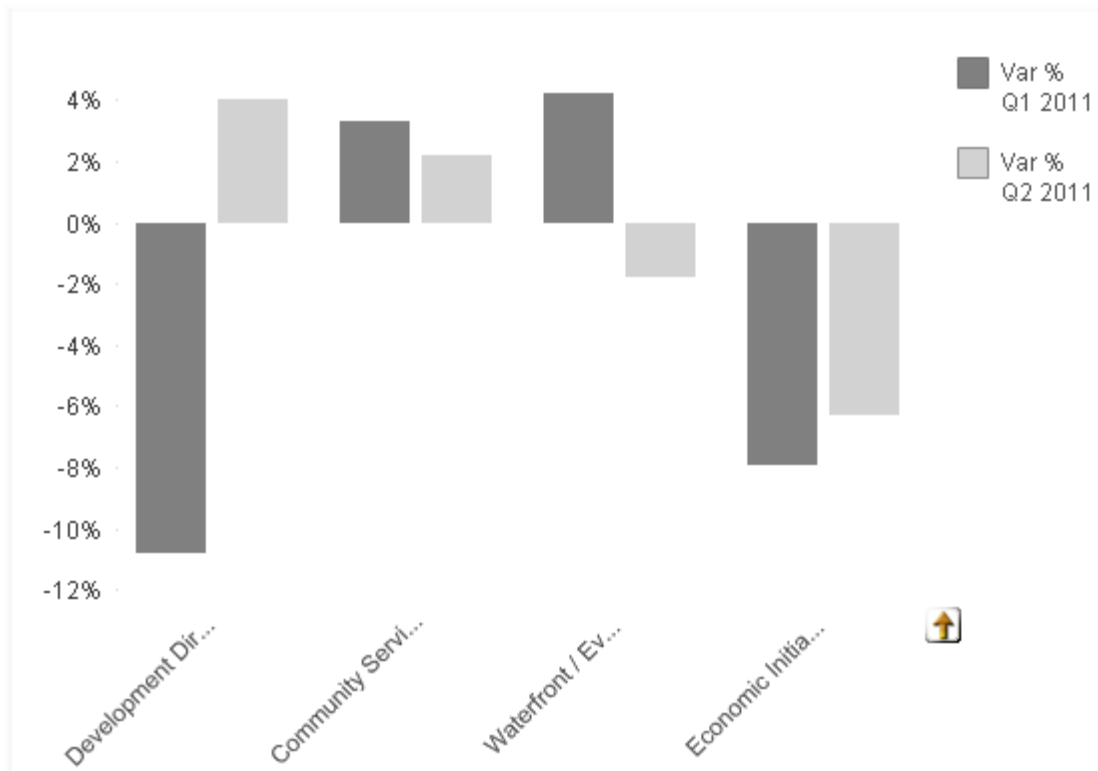
- Premises expenditure was £1,508k, which was £96k (6%) less than the budgeted figure of £1,604k. This variance is mainly due to reduced repairs and building cleaning in the Waterfront and Ulster Halls during quarters one and two;
- Supplies and services of £2,680k was £365k (11.9%) less than budget of £3,045k. The under spend is in the following categories of expenditure :equipment, tools and materials, professional services; licences, uniform and advertising and marketing. This situation will be kept under review by management during quarter three;
- Transport costs are £71k, which is £30k (30%) less than the budget of £101k. This variance is as a result of reduced transport costs in Community Services over the summer period;
- Subscriptions and Grants paid amounted to £4,115k, which was £390k (10.5%) more than the budgeted figure of £3,725k. This was due to differences between the profiled budget and the actual spend distribution and will self correct over time.

It is currently forecast that the Development Department will be under spent by £265k (1.3%) at year end.

- Community Services is forecast to be £15k under budget at year end.
- Economic Initiatives is forecast to be £350k under budget at the year-end.
- Directorate is forecast to be under spent by £110k under budget at year end.
- The City Events and Venues Section is forecast to be over budget by approximately £210k at year-end as a result of reduced income at the Waterfront and Ulster Halls.

Year to Date % variance

This indicator calculates the difference between the budgeted net expenditure and the actual net expenditure as a percentage. It is reported for the year to date.



Commentary and action required

Community Services is over spent by £62,000 at the end of Quarter 2 (Budgeted expenditure: £2,851,131; Actual expenditure: £2,913,341). An over spend in grants £199k as a result of payments having been made earlier than anticipated in relation to budget profiles is offset by underspends £137k in premises, supplies and services and transport.

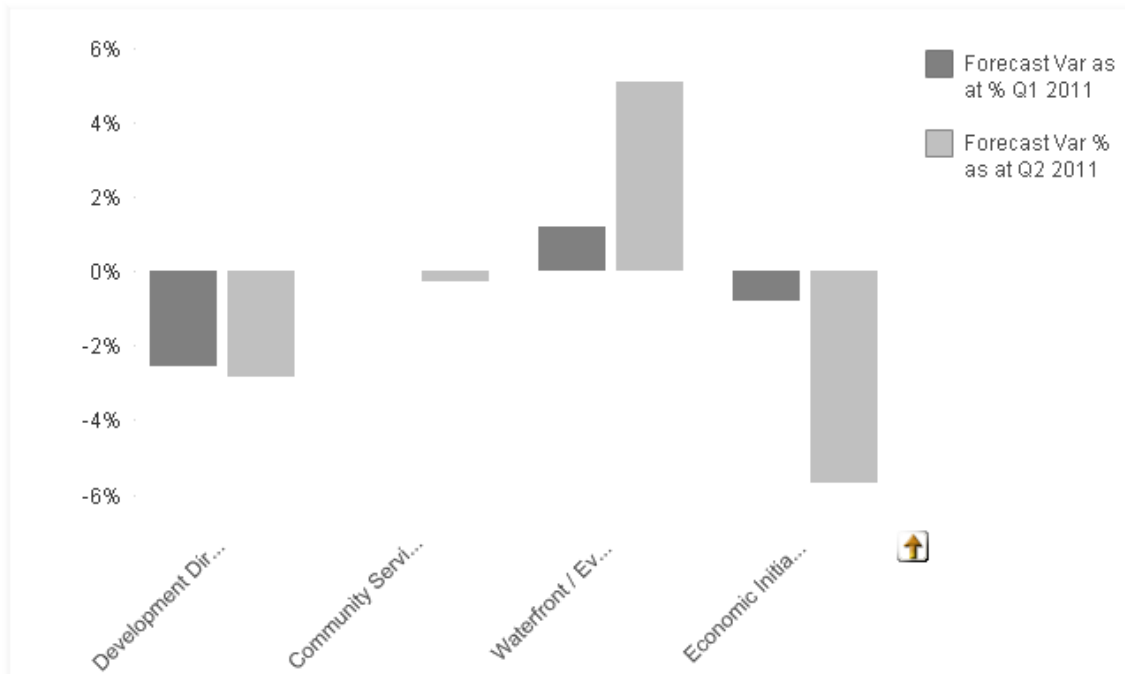
City Events and Venues is under spent by £44,000 at the end of Quarter 2 (Budgeted expenditure: £2,479,654; Actual expenditure: £2,435,908). Reduced income against planned budget within the Waterfront and Ulster Halls £37k is offset by an underspend in premises and supplies and services expenditure £81k against planned budgets at the end of quarter 2.

Economic Initiatives is under spent by £182,000 at the end of Quarter 2. (Budgeted expenditure: £2,885,935; Actual expenditure: £2,703,549). An underspend in supplies and services within the Economic Development and the Planning and transport units £241k is offset by an increased spend against budget in Tourism, Culture and Arts grants (£59k). This is due to the timing of grant payments varying from the profiled budget.

Directorate is over spent by £63,000 at the end of Quarter 2.
(Budgeted expenditure: £1,561,405; Actual expenditure: £1,624,303).
A £125,000 over spend in grants due to timing differences between actual distribution and the budgeted profile is offset by a £62,000 under spend in supplies and services.

Forecast % variance

This indicator calculates the difference between the planned net expenditure and the forecasted net expenditure as a percentage. It is reported as a forecast for the end of the financial year.



Commentary and action required

It is currently forecast that the Development Department will be under budget by £265k (1.3%) at year end.

- Community Services is forecast to be £15k under budget at year end as a result of anticipated reduction in expenditure relating to citywide community facilities.
- Economic Initiatives is forecast to be £350k under budget at the year end as a result of:
 - (i) anticipated delays in expenditure being incurred within Economic Development caused by delays in DETI approval processes (£220k);
 - (ii) anticipated delay in BMAP which will not progress in this financial year (£90k);
 - (iii) by increased income in the Markets as a result of the Sunday Market and new contract regarding the Continental Market (£40k).

- Directorate is forecast to be under spent by £110k which reflects vacant posts in Business Support and SNAP (£75k) and through project delays in the Policy Unit and SNAP (£35k).
- The City Events and Venues Section is forecast to be over budget by approximately £210k at year-end as a result of reduced income at the Waterfront and Ulster Halls.

Development Committee - Main Items of Expenditure

	Plan YTD £'000	Actual YTD £'000	Variance YTD £'000	% Variance	Plan 11/12 £'000	Forecast for Y/E at P6 £'000	Forecast Variance £'000	% Variance
Development Committee	9,778	9,677	(101)	(1.0%)	19,831	19,566	(265)	(1.3%)
Community Services	2,851	2,913	62	2.2%	5,681	5,666	(15)	(0.3%)
City Events and Venues	2,480	2,436	(44)	(1.8%)	4,128	4,338	210	5.1%
Waterfront/Ulster Hall	1,524	1,586	62	4.1%				
City Events	955	850	(106)	(11.0%)				
Economic Initiatives Section	2,886	2,704	(182)	(6.3%)	6,142	5,792	(350)	(5.7%)
Tourism Culture and Arts Unit	2,244	2,298	54	2.4%				
Economic Development	308	281	(28)	(9.0%)				
Planning and Transport	282	137	(145)	(51.3%)				
Planning and Development	51	(13)	(64)	(125.2%)				
Directorate	1,561	1,624	63	4.0%	3,881	3,771	(110)	(2.8%)
City Development	170	366	196	115.5%				
Development Business Support	888	832	(56)	(6.3%)				
European Unit	137	99	(39)	(28.2%)				
Policy and Research	182	188	6	3.1%				
SNAP	185	140	(45)	(24.1%)				

