



Report to:	Development Committee
Subject:	Quarterly Financial Report – Quarter 1 2013/14
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1	Relevant Background Information
1.1	The Strategic Policy and Resources Committee agreed on 18 June 2010 that: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - the Council would produce financial reporting packs for the Strategic Policy and Resources Committee and each Standing Committee on a quarterly basis - the Budget and Transformation Panel would receive monthly financial updates if there were any significant issues to report.
1.2	The reporting pack (Appendix 1) contains a summary dashboard of the financial indicators and an executive summary explaining the financial performance of the Development Committee in the context of the financial performance of the overall Council. It also provides a more detailed explanation of each of the relevant indicators covering the year to date and forecast financial position at the year-end.
1.3	The style and layout of the reporting pack reflect much of the discussion and feedback arising from the Members' financial training at the end of September 2010. As we previously advised the Committee, we will continue to develop the style and contents of the reports in liaison with Members. Central Finance and our departmental management team have worked together to develop the information contained within this financial reporting pack.

2	Key Issues
2.1	<u>Current and forecast financial position 2013/14</u> The Development Department is under spent by £132,000, or 2.1% of its net budgeted expenditure of just under £6.3 million, at the end of quarter one.
2.2	Community Services are under spent by £68,000 (4.6%), City Events and Venues are under spent by £38,000 (2.2%), Economic Initiatives and International Development are under spent by £79,000 3.4(%) and Directorate is over budget by £53,000 (6.5%).

2.3	<p>There are five main areas which give rise to the current overall £132k (2.1%) under spend within the Department at the end of quarter one:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Gross Income was £1,780k, which was £113k (6.8%) higher than the budgeted income of £1,667k. This variance is mainly due to increased income at the Waterfront and Ulster Halls (totalling £117k) during the period. - Employee costs of £2,413k were £7k (0.3%) more than the budgeted figure of £2,406k. - Premises costs of £939k were £33k above the budget for the period. This was due to increased electricity, gas and rates charges within the City Venues Unit. - Supplies and Services expenditure of £1,794k was £131k (6.8%) below the budget of £1,925k. This was mainly due to under spends on equipment, tools and materials, license fees and advertising and marketing expenditure. These are profiling issues, most of which will self-correct in future periods. - Subscriptions and Grants paid amounted to £2,488k, which was £72k (3.0%) higher than the budgeted figure of £2,415k. This was due to groups meeting their monitoring requirements earlier than normal and, as a result, monies were paid out sooner than had been originally profiled by the Council.
2.4	<p>It is currently forecast that the Development Department will be under spent by £15k (0.1%) at year end.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Community Services is forecast to be £20k (0.4%) under budget at year end. - Economic Initiatives is forecast to be £45k (0.7%) under budget at the year end. - Directorate is forecast to be on budget at year end. - Finally, the City Events and Venues Section are forecast to be £50k (1.3%) over budget at year end.
2.5	<p>The Department will continue to monitor the variance between actual and budgeted expenditure during Quarter Two.</p>
2.6	<p>The financial reporting pack contains more detail on both the overall Council position and the financial performance in each of the Services within the Development Department.</p>

3	Resource Implications
3.1	<p>There is a year to date under spend of £132k and the forecast is that the Department will be under spent by £15k at the year-end.</p>

4	Equality and Good Relations Considerations
4.1	<p>There are no specific equality and good relations considerations attached to this report.</p>

5	Recommendations
5.1	<p>Members are recommended to note the above report and associated financial reporting pack.</p>

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Decision Tracking

There is no decision tracking attached to this report.

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Documents Attached

Appendix 1 - Financial Reporting Pack