

City Growth and Regeneration Committee

**Quarterly Finance Report** 

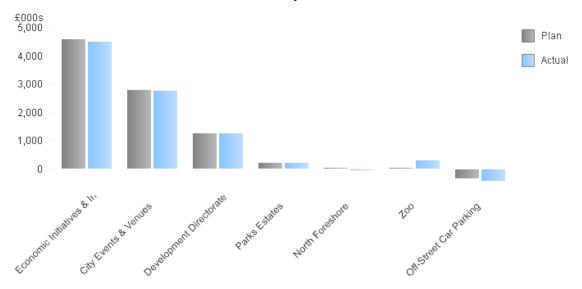
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Revenue Section								
Committee	YTD	YTD Var £000s	Var %	Forecast	Forecast Var £000s	Var %		
Economic Initiatives & Internat Devpt		(88)	(1.9)%	1	(270)	(3.0)%	3 - 9	
City Events & Venues		(9)	(0.3)%		(10)	(0.2)%		
Development Directorate	Ø	(9)	(0.8)%	Ø	(12)	(0.5)%		
Parks Estates		(1)	(0.4)%	8	30	8.0%		
North Foreshore	8	(42)	(555.0)%	Ø	0	0.0%		
Zoo	8	272	8,063.0%	8	200	21.9%		
Off-Street Car Parking	8	(79)	23.8%	8	(117)	12.0%		
Total		44	0.5%		(179)	(1.1)%		

### **Committee Net Revenue Expenditure: Year to Date Position**



The **City Growth and Regeneration Committee** budget is over spent by £44k, or 0.5% of its net budgeted expenditure at the end of Quarter 2.

The Committee's budget is made up of the following profit centres:

- **Economic Initiatives** (DEV):- Tourism, Culture, Heritage and Arts; Economic Development; Markets; European Unit and International Relations
- **↓ City Events and Venues** (DEV): City Events; Belfast Waterfront; Ulster Hall
- ♣ Development Directorate (DEV): Belfast Bikes; Business Research and Development; Directorate
- **♣ Estates Management** (PKS/CNS): Malone House; Belfast Castle; Stables Restaurant; Adventure Playground
- Zoo (PKS/CNS)
- North Foreshore (PPD)
- **♣ Off Street Car Parking (H&ES/CNS)**

Economic Initiatives & International Development (EIID) is under spent by £88,051 (1.9%), Development Directorate is under spent by £9,340 (0.8%); Parks Estates Management are under spent by £865 (0.4%) North Foreshore is under budget by £41,627 (555%) Off Street Car Parking is under budget by £78,859 (23.8%) and City Events & Venues is under spent by £9,410 (0.3%) whilst the Zoo is over budget by £272,432 (8,063%) at the end of Quarter 2.

There are six main areas that give rise to the current overall £44k (0.5%) over spend within the City Growth and Regeneration Committee budget at the end of Quarter 2. These are as follows:

- 1. Gross Income was £113k less than budgeted income to the end of September 2017. This variance relates to more income being received than planned in Directorate (£10k); City Events and Venues (£7k) and Off Street Car Parking (£118k) which are offset by less income than planned in the Parks Estates (£28k), EIID (£56k) and the Zoo (£164k).
- 2. Employee costs are £243k less than budget with under spends in Development Directorate (£152k) and EIID (£263k) as a result of vacant posts which are offset by additional employee costs in the Zoo (£125k) and Off Street Car Parking (£49k).
- 3. Premises expenditure was £11k less than budget with under spends in the Parks Estates

(£15k); the Zoo (17k) and Off Street Car Parking (£12k) being offset by additional costs in City Events and Venues (£11k) and EIID (£22k). These are primarily profiling issues that will self correct during the financial year.

- 4. Supplies and Services expenditure was £150k over budget. Additional expenditure in Directorate (£150k) and EIID (£80k) is offset by an under spends in the Zoo (£17k); North Foreshore (£42k); Parks Estates (£15k) and City Events and Venues (£8k). These are primarily profiling issues which will self correct during the financial year.
- 5. Miscellaneous costs are £31k over budget. This relates to unbudgeted expenditure in relation to compensation claims in the Zoo (£19k) and EIID (£15k).

#### **Service Analysis**

EIID are under spent by £88,051 at the end of Quarter 2. (Budgeted Net Expenditure: £4,559,969; Actual Net Expenditure: £4,471,918).

EIID is under spent by £88k. This relates to an under spend of £263k within employee costs relating to vacant posts which is offset by additional expenditure in relation to an unbudgeted compensation claim £15k; additional expenditure of supplies and services £80k and additional expenditure in Premises £22k which is a profiling issue and will self correct in this financial year. Income is £56k less than budget as a result of reduced grant income.

City Events and Venues are under spent by £9,410 at the end of Quarter 2. (Budgeted Net Expenditure: £2,762,770; Actual Net Expenditure: £2,753,361).

Both City Events and City Venues are on budget at the end of Quarter 2

Directorate are under spent by £9,340 at the end of Quarter 2. (Budgeted Net Expenditure: £1,234,272; Actual Net Expenditure: £1,224,931)

The under spend within Directorate is attributable to decreased spend within employee costs as a result of vacant posts and posts under review which is then offset by additional spend in supplies and services.

The Zoo is over spent by £272,432 at the end of Quarter 2. (Budgeted Net Expenditure: £3,379; Actual Net Expenditure: £275,811)

Net expenditure at quarter 2 is £272k over budget due primarily to reduced income £164k due to poor weather conditions especially in August affecting visitor numbers and retail sales through the shop. Employee costs are over spent by £125k due to seasonal cover. Savings are being made on Animal Feeds £37k and other Hired and Contract Services of £8k. Compensation Claims are over by £28k

Parks Estates are under spent by £865 at the end of Quarter 2. (Budgeted Net Expenditure: £196,346; Actual Net Expenditure: £195,481)

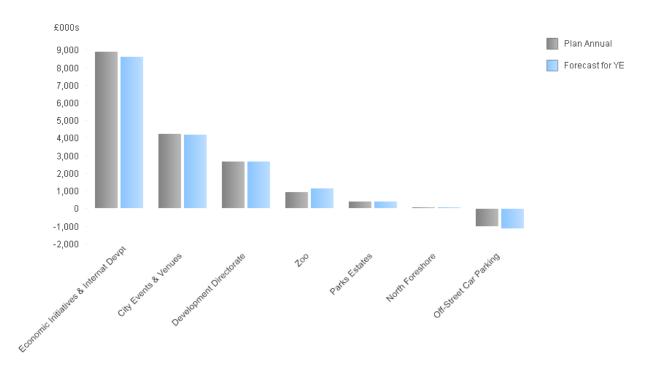
Parks Estates are on budget at the end of Quarter 2.

Off Street Parking is under budget by £78,859 at the end of Quarter 2. (Budgeted Net Expenditure: -£333,458; Actual Net Expenditure: -£410,318) Off Street Car Parking

Net Expenditure at Quarter Two was £79k below budget due to an additional car park since time

of estimate (Corporation Street)., license agreement for free Car Parks and general increase in income overall.										
The North Foreshore is under budget by £41,627 at the end of Quarter 2. (Budgeted Net Expenditure: £7,500; Actual Net Expenditure: -£34,127)  Net expenditure is £42k less than budget at the end of Quarter 2 and relates to delays regarding roadworks and landscaping of the site										

### Committee Net Revenue Expenditure: Forecast for Year End



It is forecast that the **City Growth and Regeneration Committee** budget will be under spent by £179k, or 1.1%, of its budgeted net expenditure of £16.1 million at year end.

The Economic Initiatives and International Development service are forecast to be under spent by £270k (3.0%) at year end as a result in delays in filling additional new posts and programme costs as a result in vacant posts and delays in procurement processes.

The City Events and Venues service is forecast to be £10k (0.2%) under spent at year end.

**Directorate** are forecast to be under spent by £12k (0.5%) at year end as a result mainly of vacant posts.

The **Zoo** is forecast to be £200k (21.9%) over spent at year end due to downturn in income and seasonal employee costs. Savings are being sought in hired and contracted costs. Unexpected compensation claims of £28k have also impacted

**Parks Estates** is forecast to be over spent by £30k (8.0%) at year end due to the downturn in income across. All expenditure will be tightly managed to mitigate the overspend

**North Foreshore** is forecast to be on budget at year end.

#### **Off Street Car Parking**

It is forecast that Off Street Car parking will be £117k (12.0%) under budget due to additional income in relation to an additional car park since time of estimate(Corporation Street), license agreement for free Car Parks and a general increase in income overall.

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## **Section Expenditure Budgetary Analysis & Forecast**

	Plan YTD £000s	Actuals YTD £000s	Variance YTD £000s	% Variance	Annual Plan 2017/2018 £000s	Forecast for Y/E at P6 £000s	Forecast Variance £000s	% Variance
Economic Initiatives & Internat Devpt	4,560	4,472	(88)	(1.9)%	8,881	8,611	(270)	(3.0)%
City Events & Venues	2,763	2,753	(9)	(0.3)%	4,209	4,199	(10)	(0.2)%
Development Directorate	1,234	1,225	(9)	(0.8)%	2,663	2,651	(12)	(0.5)%
Parks Estates	196	195	(1)	(0.4)%	374	404	30	8.0%
North Foreshore	7	(34)	(42)	(555.0)%	15	15	0	0.0%
Zoo	3	276	272	8,063.0%	913	1,113	200	21.9%
Off-Street Car Parking	(331)	(410)	(79)	23.8%	(976)	(1,093)	(117)	12.0%
Total	8,433	8,477	44	0.5%	16,078	15,899	(179)	(1.1)%