

EXETER CITY COUNCIL
SCRUTINY COMMITTEE - RESOURCES
26 NOVEMBER 2009

RESOURCES SCRUTINY STEWARDSHIP TO 30 SEPTEMBER 2009

1. PURPOSE OF REPORT

This report advises members of any major differences by management unit to the revised budget.

2. STEWARDSHIP TO 30 SEPTEMBER 2009

2.1 The current forecast suggests that net expenditure for this committee will decrease from the revised budget by a total of £826,380, with the largest part of this underspend, estimated to be £700,000, unlikely to be spent this financial year on the Local Government Review. Supplementary budgets of £92,170 are included but the Notional charges budgets in respect of FRS17 Pension Costs and Capital charges have been deducted to provide the total budget for management accounting purposes.

2.2 The main variations by management unit are detailed below:

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2009-2010 REVISED BUDGET	16,358,850
86A1 REVENUE COLLECTION / BENEFITS	(115,810)
It is estimated at the end of the first quarter that there will be a net increase in Housing Benefits subsidy. The total is £115,810 which is 0.32% of the total Housing Benefits Subsidy (£36,698,150).	
86A3 CORPORATE	7,930
A revised scale of fees for external audit work to be carried out during the year will result in an increase in costs.	
86A4 CIVIC CEREMONIALS	(22,350)
A revised rental has been agreed for the High Street shop attached to the Guildhall civic building.	
86A5 DEMOCRATIC REPRESENTATION	(710,640)
It is expected that there will be an underspend on Members' Expenses by the end of the financial year. The budget provision that was made to finance the cost of Local Government Review is expected to be underspent because of the delay in announcing the final conclusion.	
86A7 UNAPPORTIONABLE OVERHEADS	5,420
There is an increase due in payments to the pension fund administered by Devon County Council to meet the approved cost of early retirements and redundancies.	

86A8 CHIEF EXECUTIVE SERVICES	(41,120)
Savings have accrued from vacancies and maternity leave.	
86B1 TREASURY SERVICES	(4,530)
A review of duties and posts within the administration team and secretarial support to the Director, has resulted in increased costs to this budget head but these will be offset in the long-term by savings in management unit 86B7.	
86B4 LEGAL SERVICES	(4,870)
There have been some minor pay savings within the service.	
86B5 CORPORATE CUSTOMER SERVICES	36,980
A review of duties and posts within the Civic Centre and Mail services has resulted in redundancy costs being incurred.	
86B7 DIRECTOR CORPORATE SERVICES	22,610
Redundancy costs have been incurred following a review of secretarial support to the Director.	
 2009-2010 EXPECTED FINAL OUTTURN	<hr/> £15,532,470 <hr/>

3. RECOMMENDATION

- 3.1 That the Scrutiny Committee - Resources note this report.

HEAD OF TREASURY SERVICES

CORPORATE SERVICES DIRECTORATE

Local Government (Access to Information) Act 1985 (as amended)

Background papers used in compiling this report:

None