

EXETER CITY COUNCIL
SCRUTINY COMMITTEE - RESOURCES
15 SEPTEMBER 2010

RESOURCES SCRUTINY STEWARDSHIP TO 30 JUNE 2010

1. PURPOSE OF REPORT

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

2. STEWARDSHIP TO 30 JUNE 2010

- 2.1 The current forecast suggests that net expenditure for this committee will increase from the revised budget by a total of £32,360. Supplementary budgets of £25,160 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 budgets for 2010/11 include a provision of 0.7% in cost centres for the pay award. The current position is that the Local Government Employers have not offered a pay award in the current year.
- 2.3 The main variations by management unit are detailed below:

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2010-2011 REVISED BUDGET	16,043,730
86A1 REVENUE COLLECTION / BENEFITS	(68,660)
It is estimated at the end of the first quarter that there will be a net increase in Housing Benefits subsidy.	
86A2 ELECTIONS & ELECTORAL REGISTRATION	16,200
A by-election was held in May 2010 for which there was no budget provision. The City Council elections that were originally planned for May 2010 will now be held on 9 September 2010.	
86A3 CORPORATE	15,360
A revised scale of fees for external audit work to be carried out during the year will result in an increase in costs. There has been an increase in volume and cost of the central bank charges.	
86A4 CIVIC CEREMONIALS	(3,760)
There are no major twinning events planned in the current financial year.	
86A5 DEMOCRATIC REPRESENTATION	77,990
There will be an underspend on Members' Expenses by the end of the financial year due to the temporary reduction in numbers pending the September 2010 elections. Expenditure has been incurred on the Local Government Review related to the Judicial Review and subsequent work to identify a date for the required elections but the final total is not	

likely to be known until later in the year.

86A6 GRANTS/CENTRAL SUPPORT/CONSULTATION	(7,000)
Minimal work will be undertaken this year on Charter Mark resulting in reduced expenditure.	
86A7 UNAPPORTIONABLE OVERHEADS	18,000
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	(28,320)
A reduction in working hours within the department will result in pay savings.	
86B3 HUMAN RESOURCES	34,210
Additional work is being undertaken within Human Resources that obtained approval by Committee in February 2010.	
86B5 CORPORATE CUSTOMER SERVICES	(17,020)
Vacancies within the Customer Service Centre have resulted in pay savings.	
86B6 IT SERVICES	(4,640)
There have been some minor pay savings within the service.	

2010-11 EXPECTED FINAL OUTTURN	<u>£16,076,090</u>
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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