

EXETER CITY COUNCIL

**SCRUTINY COMMITTEE - ECONOMY
8 SEPTEMBER 2011**

ECONOMY SCRUTINY STEWARDSHIP TO JUNE 2011

1. PURPOSE OF REPORT

- 1.1 This report advises Members of any forecast variations to the budget, based on the first three months of the financial year 2011/12.

2. INFORMATION

- 2.1 This report highlights any differences by management unit to the outturn forecast for the first three months of the financial year up to 30 June 2011 compared with the approved annual budget.

- 2.2 During this period the total of the variances indicate that the overall net expenditure for this committee will increase by £221,940. This includes supplementary budgets of £125,170. Notional charges in respect of IAS19 Pension Costs and Capital charges have been deducted from this to provide the total budget for management accounting purposes.

- 2.3 The main variations by management unit are detailed below:

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2011-2012 REVISED ESTIMATE Less NOTIONAL CHARGES	(2,567,770)
83A3 CAR PARKING	(10,380)
<p>A saving is anticipated on employee costs due to a number of vacant posts within the Management Unit. This saving has been partially offset by expenditure incurred in respect of the opening and closing of Council Car Parks</p> <p>The National Non Domestic rates and printing budgets will be exceeded, this overspend will be offset by an expected saving the insurance budgets in the management unit.</p>	
83A8 DISTRICT HIGHWAYS & FOOTPATHS	(3,630)
<p>Income has been received in respect of an insurance claim</p>	
83B2 ADMINISTRATION SERVICE	(21,140)
<p>Employment costs are anticipated to be less than the budget due to a number of vacant posts within the management unit. The savings being made on Salaries, National Insurance and Superannuation budgets.</p> <p>The savings made will be recharged back to the various management units within this committee at the end of the financial year.</p>	
83B5 PLANNING	68,260
<p>Additional expenditure will be incurred due to costs awarded against the council in respect of a planning appeal at Hill</p>	

Barton Farm.

83B7 ARCHAEOLOGICAL FIELD UNIT 286,120

Members will be aware that the unit is in the process of a staged closure, this overspend is the anticipated cost of the closure included in the report to executive in March 2011.

Expenditure in relation to the closure will be closely monitored throughout the financial year with any change to the anticipated cost of closure being reported in future stewardship reports.

83B9 MARKETS & HALLS (74,900)

Expenditure on employment costs in the management unit is expected to be less than the budget with savings being made on National Insurance and Superannuation budgets, the savings on these budgets will be partially offset by an anticipated overspend on overtime and enhancements.

A saving will be made on the National Non Domestic Rate Budgets at the Livestock Centre and Exeter Corn Exchange.

An overspend is expected on the expenditure budget in respect of event promotion at Exeter Corn Exchange. This overspend will be offset by the income generated from the events staged.

Additional income is expected from various sources with the income from livestock sales, commission and rental income all exceeding the budgeted levels.

83C1 WATERWAYS (22,390)

A saving will be made on the employment budgets in the management unit due to the retirement of the Canal Manager.

The saving on the employment budgets will be partially offset by an anticipated overspend in respect of the cost of marine insurance.

2011-2012 EXPECTED FINAL OUTTURN (2,345,830)

3. RECOMMENDED that Members note the contents of 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:

1. None