

AREAS OF BUDGETARY RISK

The table below identifies a number of areas that have been identified as a budgetary risk within the Economy revenue and capital budgets.

The revenue budget areas of risk are:

Budget Title	Approved Budget	Risk
<p>Property & Estates Services – Income budgets property portfolio</p>	<p>£3,500,610</p>	<p>Income dependant on properties let and the number of properties which are void for long periods of the year.</p> <p>Leases can be renegotiated at lower rate to ensure income streams are maximized but resulting in shortfall of income against budget.</p> <p>If properties are void there will be a loss of income and the council becomes liable for the Non Domestic Rates at the property. This could result in an overspend if void period is significant.</p>
<p>Car Parks – fee income</p>	<p>£5,660,000</p>	<p>A significantly increased budget was set for 2013/14. The results have fluctuated through the first half year and currently stand at approximately £40,000 less than the budget. At this stage it appears that this shortfall will be partially offset by additional income from recharges. However, this source of income can be affected by factors outside the control of Exeter City Council and even a small shortfall in percentage terms could be significant because of the size of the budget. The income is closely monitored and updates are provided to Members and the Senior Management Team on a monthly basis.</p>
<p>Planning Services – planning fee income</p>	<p>£667,850</p>	<p>Fee income projected to be significantly lower than budgeted based on to date figures. Continual monitoring of income is being carried out by officers.</p> <p>An update on the projected shortfall will be provided to Members and the Senior Management Team on a monthly basis.</p>

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Revenue: Museums – utilities and National Non Domestic Rates costs	£2,068,440	<p>The utility costs at the Museum are projected to exceed the budget.</p> <p>Officers are continually monitoring the cost of utilities and updates are being provided to the Management Team.</p> <p>The Nation Non Domestic Rates budget is projected to exceed the budget. The rateable value of the Museum increased due to the redevelopment. An appeal has been lodged with the Valuation Office, the result of the appeal should be known by the end of the financial year.</p>

ACTION PLAN

Officers have taken the following actions to address the key areas of budgetary risk:

An update on Planning Application Fee income is provided to Senior Management Team on a regular basis. The variance is being addressed corporately due to the factors contributing to the shortfall being uncontrollable.