

**EXETER CITY COUNCIL**  
**SCRUTINY COMMITTEE - RESOURCES**  
**17 SEPTEMBER 2008**

**RESOURCES SCRUTINY STEWARDSHIP TO 30 JUNE 2008**

**1. PURPOSE OF REPORT**

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

**2. STEWARDSHIP TO 30 JUNE 2008**

- 2.1 The current outturn forecast suggests that net expenditure for this committee will increase from the budget by a total of £71,610 which represents a variation of 1.17% from the revised budget
- 2.2 The main variations by management unit are detailed below:

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<b>2007-2008 REVISED BUDGET</b>	17,675,000
<b>6A1 REVENUE COLLECTION / BENEFITS</b>	82,190
It is estimated that there will be an increase in Housing Benefit cost partly as a result of recovery of 2006/07 subsidy overpayment (£49,740) and partly due to a reduction in net subsidy for 2008/09.	
<b>6A3 CORPORATE</b>	12,140
A revised scale of fees for external audit work to be carried out during the year will result in an increase in costs.	
<b>6A5 DEMOCRATIC REPRESENTATION</b>	(6,570)
It is expected that there will be an underspend on Members' Expenses by the end of the financial year.	
<b>6A7 UNAPPORTIONABLE OVERHEADS</b>	(5,300)
There is a forecast reduction in contributions due in to the pension fund administered by Devon County Council to meet the approved cost of early retirements and redundancies.	
<b>6B1 TREASURY SERVICES</b>	(6,540)
Additional one-off government grant has been received in respect of introducing changes in empty property rate relief reforms.	
<b>6B3 HUMAN RESOURCES</b>	11,230
There has been an increase in the cost of software licences due to the upgrade in the system and an expansion of on-line services.	

<b>6B4</b>	<b>LEGAL SERVICES</b>	(6,320)
	It is anticipated that there will be some additional fee income generated from legal work.	
<b>6B5</b>	<b>CORPORATE CUSTOMER SERVICES</b>	(9,220)
	As a the result of an upgrade in the telephony IT, there will be a saving in the maintenance costs.	
<b>2007-2008 EXPECTED FINAL OUTTURN</b>		<u>£17,746,610</u>

### 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