

EXETER CITY COUNCIL

SCRUTINY COMMITTEE - COMMUNITY
1 SEPTEMBER 2009

COMMUNITY SERVICES STEWARDSHIP TO 30 JUNE 2009

1. PURPOSE OF THE REPORT

- 1.1 This report advises Members of any major differences by management unit to the revised budget.

2. STEWARDSHIP TO 30 JUNE 2009

- 2.1 The current forecast suggests that net expenditure for this committee will increase from the revised budget by a total of £174,570 which represents a variation of 1% from the revised budget of £16,954,600. This includes supplementary budgets of £238,120. Notional charges in respect of FRS17 Pension Costs and Capital charges have been deducted from this to provide the total budget for management accounting purposes.

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

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2009/10 REVISED ESTIMATE Less NOTIONAL CHARGES	13,322,530
81A1 ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION	51,100
<p>The estimates included income from the Department of Health which was received in 2008/09 rather than 2009/10 and is therefore included in the closing figures for the previous year.</p> <p>The cost of maintaining the Home Call Alarm service equipment has been transferred into this unit without a budget, leading to a further over-spend.</p> <p>These are partially offset by income in excess of the estimates, and savings in respect of utilities and equipment maintenance.</p>	
81A2 CLEANSING SERVICES	(13,580)
<p>(see separate operational accounts)</p> <p>The operational accounts show savings in respect of pay and fleet costs. This is partially offset by increased utility and National Non-Domestic Rates (NNDR) costs in the Public Conveniences.</p>	
81A3 LICENSING, FOOD, HEALTH & SAFETY	(18,930)
<p>Savings have arisen in respect of vacant posts in the unit. Additional income has been generated from the Licensing activities.</p>	
81A4 TECHNICAL AND AGENDA 21	9,070
<p>An external contract was not renewed thereby reducing the income for this unit.</p>	
81A5 WATERWAYS & COUNTRYSIDE	0
<p>No material variances to report</p>	

81A6	GROUNDS MAINTENANCE	(5,000)
	Expenditure on dealing with illegal campers and travellers is expected to be less than the estimate	
81A7	MUSEUMS SERVICE	45,000
	Expenditure on NNDR for the library facility will exceed the estimate. Utility and premises maintenance costs for the Royal Albert Memorial Museum are also expected to exceed the estimates,	
81A8	CONTRACTED SPORTS FACILITIES	0
	No material variances to report	
81A9	OTHER SPORTS FACILITIES	0
	No material variances to report	
81B2	CEMETERIES & CREMATORIUM	0
	No material variances to report	
81B3	PROPERTIES	0
	No material variances to report	
81B5	SPORTS & PLAY DEVELOPMENT	0
	No material variances to report	
81B6	RECYCLING	(10,040)
	Net savings have arisen in respect of staffing costs	
81B9	ADMINISTRATION SERVICE	0
	No material variances to report	
81C1	HOME AID	0
	No material variances to report	

81C2	ADVISORY SERVICES	117,920
	<p>There is an increase in the cost of Private Sector Leasing mainly as a result of an increase in void properties. Some of these are due to be handed back and the loss of income has been partly offset by a reduction in rental expenditure.</p> <p>There is an increase in the amount spent on bed and breakfast in the first quarter and Serviced Accommodation costs have increased over the budget for 2009/10. This has been partly offset by additional Housing Benefit income.</p>	
81C3	HOUSING PARTNERSHIP	(6,080)
	<p>Staffing costs are expected to be less than the estimate, and additional grant income will be received. This is partially offset by additional net accommodation costs.</p>	
81C4	PRIVATE SECTOR HOUSING	5,110
	<p>Additional costs will arise in respect of the cost of the Private Sector Housing Condition Survey. This is partially offset by savings in respect of staffing and administrative costs and additional income.</p>	
81C6	CONTRACTS AND DIRECT SERVICES	0
	<p>The costs of this unit are fully recharged to its clients, and there is therefore no direct impact on this committee.</p>	
2009-10 EXPECTED FINAL OUTTURN		13,497,100

3. RECOMMENDED

- 1) That Scrutiny Committee – Community note this report.

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Background papers used in compiling this report: