

CORPORATE RESOURCES OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY

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Committee Report

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Meeting:

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Title: Leisuretime Overspend 2002/03

Report of: Head of Finance

Report
reference: FS11/02

Summary:

At the Executive meeting 19 December it was reported that the projected 2002/03 overspend of Leisuretime services would be contained within the overall bottom line of the Leisure and Community Development (L&CD) Department's 2002/03 budget.

Corporate Resources at its meeting on the 9 January asked that a further report be provided showing where the projected overspend would be met from.

Members will be aware that the organisations structure changes were implemented 1 December 2002 and the L&CD Department per se no longer exists.

This report provides analysis of the actual expenditure versus budgets for the areas of service that previously came under the Director of L&CD ie the financial 'bottom line' the Director was managing within.

This report shows where the scope is to contain the overspend of Leisuretime within the L&CD Department's overall budget as at 31/12/02 (excl. the effects of the restructure).

Recommendations:

To note the report.

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1. BACKGROUND INFORMATION AND OPTIONS

1.1 The transfer of the provision of Leisuretime services to a not for profit organisation

or a Trust had the potential to deliver savings via NNDR Relief and VAT savings that these organisations could benefit from. Though savings have been built into future years budgets detail was provided (FS2/02) regarding the lack of any saving being achieved during this first year of transfer. It was reported that during 2002/03 an overspend of £50k was projected for this area of service.

1.2 Report FS2/02 set out the reasons for potential savings not being delivered and

stated that the Director of Leisure and Community Development would manage the overspend within the overall departmental budget available. Corporate Resources Overview and Scrutiny Committee on the 9th January requested a further report showing which of the other service areas coming under the remit of the then Director the changed position would be met from.

3. The situation has been complicated by the organisational restructure having been

implemented during the course of the existing financial year. Certain service areas previously managed by the Director of Leisure and Community Development now come under different Heads of Service. Bereavement Services now comes under the Head of Environmental Protection and Community Support under the Head of Economic and Development Services.

4. The budgetary position that the Director of Leisure and Community Development

was working to, to enable the declaration that overall the Department's budget would not overspend as a result of the Leisuretime service overspend have been recreated as shown by table 1 below. Actual net expenditure versus the budget as at 31st December 2002 across all the services the Director of Leisure and Community Development managed was £7,942 less than the budget at that time.

Table 1

	Actual Net Exp. 31/12/02	Budget to 31/12/02	Over/Underspend (-) to 31/12/02
	£	£	£
Culture, Leisure & Sports	4,137,269	4,084,665	52,604
Bereavement Services	202,065	228,740	-26,675

Community Support Services	1,175,934	1,209,805	-33,871
Total	5,515,268	5,523,210	-7,942

5. The above is an estimated position and at a 31/12/02 rather than at the yearend. An added complication now is that the parts of the services showing underspends have been restructured to come under the remit of different budget holders in the form of the new 'Heads of'. We are confident however that the overspend can be contained within the overall council budget for the year (refer to report FS 9/02 elsewhere on the agenda).

2. CONSULTATION

1. Consultation to Date.

Not applicable

2. Consultation proposed.

Not applicable

3. STAFFING/RESOURCES COMMENTS

Not applicable

4. HEAD OF FINANCE COMMENTS

Included

5. LEGAL COMMENTS

Not applicable

6. CORPORATE COMMENTS

Not applicable

7. RISK MANAGEMENT ASSESSMENT

Not applicable

8. EQUALITY ISSUES

Not applicable

9. ENVIRONMENTAL IMPLICATIONS

Not applicable

10. CRIME AND DISORDER IMPLICATIONS

Not applicable

11. RECOMMENDATIONS

That the Committee note the report.

12. REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATIONS