

RESOURCES OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY PANEL

Panel Report

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Title: REVENUE BUDGET OVERVIEW AND MONITORING REPORT:
APRIL TO SEPTEMBER 2011

Report of: Assistant Director (Resources)

Report reference: RD62/11

Summary:

This report provides an overview of the General Fund revenue budgetary position for the period April to September 2011 and was considered by the Executive on 22 November 2011.

Questions for / input required from Scrutiny: To note the variances contained within the report and the likely year end position.

Recommendations: Members of the Resources Overview and Scrutiny Panel are asked to note the budgetary position for the period April to September 2011.

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REPORT TO EXECUTIVE

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APRIL TO SEPTEMBER 2011

Report of: THE ASSISTANT DIRECTOR [RESOURCES]

Report reference: RD62/11

Summary:

This report provides an overview of the Council's overall budgetary position for the period April to September 2011 for revenue schemes only. The revenue report includes details of balance sheet management issues, high-risk budgets, performance management, and progress against the Comprehensive Spending Review (CSR) efficiency statement.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

The Executive is asked to:

- (i) Note the budgetary performance position of the Council to September 2011,
- (ii) Note the potential forecast year end position for 2011/12; and
- (iii) Approve the release of grant, £85,000 in 2011/12 and £61,000 in 2012/13, for use in Homelessness, as detailed in paragraph 4.9.

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To: The Executive
22 November 2011

RD62/11

REVENUE BUDGET OVERVIEW AND MONITORING REPORT
APRIL TO SEPTEMBER 2011

1. BACKGROUND INFORMATION AND OPTIONS

- 1.1 In accordance with the City Council's Financial Procedure Rules, the Assistant Director [Resources] is required to report to the Executive on the overall budget position, the monitoring and control of expenditure against budget allocations and the exercise of virement on a regular basis. It is the responsibility of individual Assistant Directors to control income and expenditure within their service areas and to monitor performance, taking account of financial information provided by the Assistant Director [Resources].
- 1.2 All Managers currently receive a monthly budget monitoring report covering their areas of responsibility. Information is collated from the main accounting system and then adjusted to correct any known budget profiling trends, timing differences and commitments. The report has been developed in line with the need to provide sound financial management information to inform the decision making process.
- 1.3 Throughout the report, the use of brackets indicates a credit or income budget, and the term underspend also relates to additional income generated.

2. REVENUE BUDGET OVERVIEW

- 2.1 The following statement shows the total annual revenue budget as at September 2011:

2011/12 Revenue Budget	£
Approved Budget (Council resolution – February 2011)	14,214,000
Carry forward requests (2010/11 out-turn)	1,108,200
Updated Budget 2011/12 at September 2011	15,322,200
Non-Recurring Expenditure (note 1)	
Council Tax Freeze Grant (Realignment of Funding Stream)	(167,000)
Transformation Costs (Transformation Reserve)	193,200
Revised Budget 2011/12	15,348,400

3. 2011/12 BUDGET MONITORING

3.1 The summarised budgetary position as at September 2011 is shown below:

Directorate / Appendix		Annual Net Budget	Net Budget to date	Net Spend to date	Adjusted Variance
		(£)	(£)	(£)	(£)
Chief Executive's Office	A1	1,029,400	496,600	477,920	(18,680)
Governance	A2	1,354,300	730,033	658,978	(71,055)
Resources	A3	1,101,200	4,412,839	4,781,107	368,268
Community Engagement	A4	6,224,200	2,187,049	2,294,842	107,793
Economic Development	A5	1,309,600	493,660	762,616	268,956
Local Environment	A6	4,329,700	2,776,862	2,819,800	42,938
Total		15,348,400	11,097,043	11,795,264	698,221

3.2 Further details for each Directorate can be found in **Appendices A1 – A6**. Each appendix shows a breakdown of the variance for that Directorate, with comments from the Assistant Director and a note of any performance issues.

4. KEY ISSUES

4.1 The Salary Turnover Savings budget is a corporate target for the Council and savings from salary budgets across the authority are measured and then transferred to it. The full year target for 2011/12 is £537,100 and with transfers of £212,800 made against the six months target of £268,655, as set out in Appendix A3, there is a deficit to date of £55,855. Indications are that the ability to maintain the expected rate of salary saving is unsustainable as salary budgets contract to a post transformation position. Whilst the year end shortfall is now likely to be less than £160,000 the ongoing budget expectation will need to be addressed as part of the budget process in 2012/13 and continue to be monitored closely in 2011/12.

4.2 The Council has budgets totalling £63,900 in 2011/12 for staff recruitment, advertising and relocation costs. In previous years these have been significantly underspent, (£32,000) in 2010/11 and (£24,300) in 2009/10 and there is continuing potential for savings on these budgets.

4.3 It is likely that there will be a shortfall in the rental income received from the Lanes during 2011/12. Members will be aware that the Council no longer receives a guaranteed rental income and is now only entitled to a percentage of the gross rents. Information regarding lettings, voids, discounts etc. from the managing agents of the

Lanes point to the Council's share of rental income being down by approximately £327,000 for 2011/12 due to the continuing effects of the recession.

- 4.4 The price of fuel continues to spiral due to increased duty and the effects of the "Arab Spring" political unrest in the Middle East and North Africa, increasing over the last year by 15%. The base budget remains at the same level as 2010/11, which was overspent last year by £49,000, and it is estimated that the potential year end overspend in 2011/12 is likely to be £100,000.
- 4.5 It is expected that the continuing shortfall on Development Control fees and increased costs of advertising planning applications and inquiries will result in an overspend at the year end in the region of £150,000.
- 4.6 The need to close the John Street Hostel and re-house the clients in other accommodation whilst the facilities are brought up to standard has resulted in increased operational costs and a reduction in income. However, it is anticipated that the effect on ongoing income levels, due to any reduction in unit capacity now that the centre has re-opened, has been minimised by the introduction of changes to the service structure and working practices. Although there has been no adverse impact on target levels to the end of September the situation continues to be closely monitored.
- 4.7 A new prioritisation system for Disabled Facilities Grants has been implemented which balances control over the level of expenditure while minimising the risk to clients. The new procedures for the approval of grants and reducing the overall capital expenditure will have a negative impact on the revenue income generated from fees and whilst this may not have an immediate impact on this year's budgets the situation may become crucial for targets in future years.
- 4.8 The purchase of a new fleet of vehicles in 2009/10 for the Recycling & Waste Collection service reduced the level of vehicle repairs and hire costs. These savings were reviewed as part of the Transformation process and incorporated in the Medium Term Financial Plan and whilst the changed arrangements continue to provide savings over the predicted level this is partly offset by overspends due to the ageing and inadequate fleet of street cleaning vehicles.
- 4.9 The release of the Prevention of Homelessness grant funding is to be used for enhancements to the current service provision, enabling the Homelessness section to provide positive pro-active interventions to people within the district. The level of grant funding currently provided in the budgets for 2011/12 and 2012/13 are £85,000 and £61,100 respectively, and brief details of the expected spend for these years are provided in the table below:-

Description	2011/12 £	2012/13 £
Additional overtime and staff costs	5,800	0
Grants to voluntary bodies	38,000	20,000
Discretionary fund	14,700	13,100
Medical assessments	5,000	5,000
Postages and printing	500	1,000
Public transport for clients	0	1,000
B&B and temporary accommodation solutions	20,000	20,000
Emergency fund	1,000	1,000
Total	85,000	61,100

5. FORECAST OUTTURN POSITION – 2011/12

5.1 The Council's financial position is affected by a number of external factors that have a financial impact during the course of the year and ultimately at the year-end. These include:

- The general effect of the economic climate on the Council's income streams e.g. car parking and leisure activities
- Fuel prices, energy costs and other inflationary issues
- The effects of the housing market and property prices, especially with regard to income from land charges and rents.

5.2 The Council's financial position will continue to be closely monitored and will be reported more fully in the next quarterly report. Using points highlighted in section 4, the following table attempts to provide a very broad estimate of the potential year end position, some of which will feed into the 2012/13 budget process.

Potential Additional Costs/Shortfall in Income	Recurring £	Non Recurring £	Total £	App/ Para.
Salary Turnover Savings	300,000	(141,000)	159,000	4.1
Lanes Guaranteed Rent	276,900	50,500	327,400	4.3
Transport - Fuel costs	100,000		100,000	4.4
Car Parking Ticket & Contract Income	260,000	10,000	270,000	A6/6.7
Development Control Fees	150,000		150,000	6.5
Development Control Expenses	65,000	55,000	120,000	4.5
Building Control Fees	55,000		55,000	A5
Energy	55,000		55,000	A3
NNDR & Sewerage Charges	45,000		45,000	
Industrial Estate ground rent	32,000		32,000	A3
MRP - Capital Programme increase		56,300	56,300	A3
Tipping Charges	50,000	0	50,000	A6
Civic Centre Waste Collection	5,100	0	5,100	A3

Total additional costs/income shortfalls	1,394,000	30,800	1,424,800	
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Potential Reduction in costs/Additional income				
Recruitment Advertising Costs	(50,000)	25,000	(25,000)	4.2
New Homes Bonus	(250,000)		(250,000)	
Housing Benefit Admin Grant		(70,000)	(70,000)	
Investment Income		(80,000)	(80,000)	A3
Revenues & Benefits Shared Services (STO)		(70,000)	(70,000)	A3
Recycling Income		(120,000)	(120,000)	A6
Transport - Vehicle hire and repairs		(120,000)	(120,000)	4.8
Land Charges		(20,000)	(20,000)	A2/6.3
Total reduced costs/additional income	(300,000)	(455,000)	(755,000)	
Net recurring/non recurring (savings)/shortfall	1,094,000	(424,200)	669,800	

Other Year End Implications/Requirements:				
General Expenses Reductions	(100,000)		(100,000)	
Carry Forward Adjustments				
- Property Services Consultants		(80,700)	(80,700)	
- Creditor Lists items not required		(95,000)	(95,000)	
Redundancy payments (worst case)		350,000	350,000	
Vacant Posts - 50% savings (LE)		(268,400)	(268,400)	
Environmental Enhancement work		70,000	70,000	
Total requirements/(reductions)	(100,000)	(24,100)	(124,100)	
Total Potential (under)/over spends			545,700	

5.3 The overall projected position is an overspend and some of the positive benefits are non-recurring. It will be important to maintain a prudent approach so as to ensure a sustainable budget position for future years and to avoid any significant variance at the year end.

5.3 SMT will investigate temporary measures that can be put in place to mitigate the potential year end overspend position for member consideration in the next cycle of quarterly monitoring reports. This will include looking at spend against carry forwards and where carry forwards have a base budget.

6. HIGH RISK BUDGETS

6.1 A number of high-risk budgets have been identified which require detailed monitoring throughout the year. These include income budgets, recurring and non-recurring bids, approved in the 2011/12 Council Resolution.

6.2 The summarised position of income budgets deemed to be high risk is as follows:

Budget Area	Annual Budget £	Budget to date £	Actual to date £	Variance £
Land Charges	(112,700)	(59,927)	(76,594)	(16,667)
Lanes	(1,583,200)	(791,600)	(523,200)	268,400
Development Control	(637,100)	(351,042)	(225,509)	125,533
Bereavement Services	(1,091,100)	(502,197)	(502,457)	(260)
Car Parking	(1,398,000)	(740,339)	(600,413)	139,926

6.3 The annual budget for income from Land Charges was reduced by £251,000 for 2011/12 as a result of the continuing impact of the economic climate on the housing market. However, the income for the first quarter of the year is exceeding the new target by 28%.

6.4 Income from the Lanes fell short of the target in 2010/11 due to the number of vacant units and the budget for 2011/12 was reduced by £77,000 to meet the potential shortfall. Early indications show that the continuing shortfall will significantly exceed this reduction (refer to paras. 4.3 and 5.2 above).

6.5 Development Control charges income has continued to decline in recent years with fewer planning applications received due to the economic downturn and the annual budget expectation for 2011/12 was reduced by £46,100. The severity of the decline has been greater than anticipated and there is a shortfall of 35% on the downgraded target level for the period to September. A full review of the service costs, particularly the forecast for income levels, is outstanding and the position will be closely monitored.

6.6 The 2011/12 budget set in the MTFP for income from Bereavement Services was reduced in anticipation of a continuing downward trend. Whilst the income target for the first six months of 2011/12 has been achieved, shortfalls against unrealistic winter target levels affect the year end position and these budgets will be addressed as part of the 2012/13 budget process and continue to be closely monitored.

6.7 Income generated from car parking has been consistently lower than the level budgeted for a number of years and for the period April to September 2011 there is a shortfall on the forecast to date of almost 19%. A full review of the car park income is being undertaken, including the impact of reversing the temporary reduction in

2011/12 of £100,000 for the closure of the Viaduct car parks, so as to provide budgets that represent a more realistic target.

7. S.106 COMMUTED SUMS

7.1 The City Council currently holds a balance of £606,745 of commuted sums to be used for the provision and future maintenance of public open spaces and a further £351,868, relating to agreements for sites that have yet to be developed, is expected. In addition, the City Council is acting as custodian for sums totalling more than £785,000 in respect of projects for which Cumbria County Council is responsible, including the Caldew Cycleway and Public Realm. However, should the County Council not progress or the projects remain incomplete before the agreed deadlines, the sums must be repaid, along with a premium for interest, to the Developers.

8. DIRECTION OF TRAVEL

8.1 Balance Sheet Management

In line with CIPFA guidance and good practice, information relating to significant items on the Council's balance sheet is shown below. The information concentrates on those items that may have a material impact on the Council if not reviewed on a regular basis.

Balance Sheet item	Balance at 31/03/2011	Balance at 30/09/2011	Note
Investments	£20.7m	£21.2m	(i)
Loans	£15.0m	£15.0m	(ii)
Debtors	£1.79m	£2.88m	(iii)
Creditors	£0.003m	£0.27m	

- (i) The anticipated return on these investments is estimated at £253,900 for 2011/12 with current projections above target.
- (ii) The cost of managing this debt, in terms of interest payable, is budgeted at £1,322,100 in 2011/12 with costs currently on target. There are no proposals for further borrowing during 2011/12, although this will be kept under review.
- (iii) There may be a significant impact on the cash-flow of the Council if outstanding debts are not received. Any debts deemed to be irrecoverable are written off against a bad debt provision set up specifically for this purpose. Other significant debts relate to Council Tax, NNDR and outstanding claims with Cumbria County Council for Highways Claimed Rights and Civic Centre accommodation charges.
- (iv) Use of reserves
The usage and level of all Council reserves are set out in the Medium Term Financial Plan (RD 27/10), approved by full Council in September 2010. It is anticipated that £1.4m will be required from the Council's Revenue Reserves to fund revenue expenditure in 2011/12 (including £1,108,200 of 2010/11 carry forwards). Any under or overspend at the year end will adjust the balance

transferred to or from the reserve. Council reserves are under significant pressure for 2011/12 and the savings strategy approved in February 2011 will help to resolve the projected deficit. However, further savings must be identified to replenish usable revenue reserves to the minimum required.

- (v) The Council's VAT partial exemption calculation for the period ending 30th September has been calculated at 3.22% which is well below the 5% limit set by HMRC.

8.2 Comprehensive Spending Review 2007

Introduction

As a consequence of the Government spending review published in October 2010 the collection and submission of National Indicator 179 (NI179) has ceased. The requirement to deliver and provide two reports to the Department of Communities and Local government (DCLG) has been superseded by revised arrangements following the 2010 Spending Review.

9. CONSULTATION

9.1 Consultation to Date.

SMT and JMT have considered the issues raised in this report.

9.2 Consultation Proposed

Resources Overview & Scrutiny Panel will consider the report on 6 December 2011.

10. RECOMMENDATIONS

The Executive is asked to:

- (i) Note the budgetary performance position of the Council to September 2011;
- (ii) Note the potential forecast year end position for 2011/12; and
- (iii) Approve the release of grant, £85,000 in 2011/12 and £61,000 in 2012/13, for use in Homelessness, as detailed in paragraph 4.9.

11. REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATIONS

To show that the Executive has been informed of the Council's actual financial position compared with the budgeted position and to bring to their attention any areas of concern.

12. IMPLICATIONS

- Staffing/Resources – Not applicable.
- Financial – Contained within the main body of the report.
- Legal – Not applicable.
- Corporate – SMT have been involved in the preparation of this report.
- Risk Management – Included in the report above.
- Equality Issues – Not applicable.
- Environmental – Not applicable.
- Crime and Disorder – Not applicable.

13. IMPACT ASSESSMENTS

Equality Impact Screening	Impact Yes/No?	Is the impact positive or negative?
Does the policy/service impact on the following?		
Age	No	N/A
Disability	No	N/A
Race	No	N/A
Gender/ Transgender	No	N/A
Sexual Orientation	No	N/A
Religion or belief	No	N/A
Human Rights	No	N/A
Health inequalities	No	N/A
Rurality	No	N/A

This report provides an overview of the Council's overall budgetary position for the period April to September 2011 for revenue schemes, giving reasons for variances and has no negative impact on the above.

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REVENUE BUDGET MONITORING 2011/12

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S OFFICE	Gross Expenditure	Gross Income	Recharges	Adjusted Total
Position as at 30 September 2011	£	£	£	£
Annual Budget	1,142,900	(11,100)	(102,400)	1,029,400
Budget to date	554,033	(11,100)	(46,333)	496,600
Total Actual	529,130	(11,798)	(39,413)	477,920
Variance	(24,903)	(698)	6,920	(18,680)
Carry Forwards				0
Adjusted Variance	(24,903)	(698)	6,920	(18,680)

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Analysis of Variances		Expenditure Variance	Income Variance	Recharges Variance	Adjusted Variance
Service	Note	£	£	£	£
Emergency Planning	1	(7,332)	0	0	(7,332)
Miscellaneous	3	(17,571)	(698)	6,920	(11,348)
Total Variance to date		(24,903)	(698)	6,920	(18,680)

Note	Chief Executive's Comments
1.	Underspend on civil contingencies and other expenses.
2.	Net minor underspend across the service, including events, conferences, printing and training costs.

REVENUE BUDGET MONITORING 2011/12

GOVERNANCE	Gross Expenditure	Gross Income	Recharges	Adjusted Total
Position as at 30 September 2011	£	£	£	£
Annual Budget	1,996,300	(642,000)	0	1,354,300
Budget to date	1,206,804	(476,771)	0	730,033
Total Actual	1,165,013	(506,035)	0	658,978
Variance	(41,791)	(29,264)	0	(71,055)
Carry Forwards				0
Adjusted Variance	(41,791)	(29,264)	0	(71,055)

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Analysis of Variances		Expenditure Variance	Income Variance	Recharges Variance	Adjusted Variance
Service	Note	£	£	£	£
Municipal Elections	1	(16,912)	(662)	0	(17,574)
Land Charges	2	(6,870)	(16,523)	0	(23,392)
Miscellaneous	4	(18,009)	(12,079)	0	(30,088)
Total Variance to date		(41,791)	(29,264)	0	(71,055)

Note	Governance - Assistant Director's Comments
1.	Underspent expenses relating to City and Parish elections.
2.	The annual budgets for highways search costs and income from search fees were reduced by £251,000 in anticipation of the housing market downturn. The income budgets in particular, deemed as high risk, are currently exceeding this reduced budget level and will continue to be closely monitored throughout the year.
3.	Net underspends across the service including Occupational Health costs and improved Licensing income.

Governance

REVENUE BUDGET MONITORING 2011/12

RESOURCES	Gross Expenditure	Gross Income	Recharges	Adjusted Total
Position as at 30 September 2011	£	£	£	£
Annual Budget	45,663,200	(43,738,100)	(822,900)	1,102,200
Budget to date	25,393,776	(20,390,107)	(590,830)	4,412,839
Total Actual	25,647,930	(20,297,574)	(569,249)	4,781,107
Variance	254,154	92,533	21,582	368,268
Carry Forwards				0
Adjusted Variance	254,154	92,533	21,582	368,268

Analysis of Variances		Expenditure Variance	Income Variance	Recharges Variance	Adjusted Variance
Service	Note	£	£	£	£
Garage	1	(25,481)	36,511	0	11,030
Building Maintenance	2	80,187	(74,092)	0	6,095
Stores & Stock Account	3	89,480	(88,817)	0	664
Civic Centre	4	18,114	(6,023)	0	12,091
Treasury & Debt Management	5	(2,027)	(64,653)	0	(66,679)
Other Financial Costs	6	55,508	15,490	0	70,998
ICT Services	7	(1,049)	0	21,800	20,751
The Lanes	8	(2,134)	268,400	0	266,266
Denton Holme Trading Estate	9	28,473	(3,363)	0	25,110
Parkhouse IE	10	(70)	15,600	0	15,530
Miscellaneous	11	13,151	(6,520)	(219)	6,413
Total Variance to date		254,154	92,533	21,582	368,268

Note	Resources - Assistant Director's Comments
	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Underspends on vehicle repairs offset by reduced income from charges to all services. 2. Overspend on materials and sub contractors, offset by surplus income from maintenance contract charges. 3. Overspend on materials and supplies purchased on stores account, offset by recharges to services for stock issued. 4. Overspend on energy and waste disposal charges, investigations into how these costs can be reduced are underway. 5. Surplus income due to higher than expected return on investments. 6. Shortfall on salary turnover savings budget and it whilst is expected that the current level of budget savings is not achievable in the long term it is likely that the shortfall in this year will not be as great as previously anticipated. 7. Shortfall on income from printing and copying service. 8. Income shortfall against income targets due to the recession. 9. Increased cost of rent and back rent payments 10. Shortfall in rental income and it is unlikely that the anticipated increased ground rent will be achieved in this year. 11. Various minor overspends and surplus income.

REVENUE BUDGET MONITORING 2011/12

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT	Gross Expenditure	Gross Income	Recharges	Adjusted Total
Position as at 30 September 2011	£	£	£	£
Annual Budget	10,957,800	(4,733,600)	0	6,224,200
Budget to date	5,989,748	(3,802,699)	0	2,187,049
Total Actual	6,316,430	(4,021,588)	0	2,294,842
Variance	326,682	(218,889)	0	107,793
Carry Forwards				0
Adjusted Variance	326,682	(218,889)	0	107,793

Analysis of Variances		Expenditure Variance	Income Variance	Recharges Variance	Adjusted Variance
Service	Note	£	£	£	£
Culture, Leisure & Sport Management	1	64,574	0	0	64,574
Revenues & Benefits Shared Services	2	52,456	(31,126)	0	21,330
Tullie House	3	121,109	(71,509)	0	49,600
Roman Gateway	4	90,528	(90,463)	0	65
Miscellaneous	5	(1,985)	(25,791)	0	(27,776)
Total Variance to date		326,682	(218,889)	0	107,793

Note	Community Engagement - Assistant Director's Comments
	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Overspend on costs of Tullie House transfer to trust status. 2. Budgets across the shared services have yet to be fully incorporated. 3. Tullie House transferred to Trust on 5th May 2011 and allocations of expected budget savings and arrangements for the transfer of stock and write-off of any obsolete items have yet to be finalised. 4. Grant claims have yet to be submitted for project expenses in this year. 5. Minor underspends and additional income across services, in part relating to external funds for which virements are required.

REVENUE BUDGET MONITORING 2011/12

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT				
	Gross Expenditure	Gross Income	Recharges	Adjusted Total
Position as at 30 September 2011	£	£	£	£
Annual Budget	2,746,800	(1,437,200)	0	1,309,600
Budget to date	1,333,749	(840,089)	0	493,660
Total Actual	1,427,087	(664,471)	0	762,616
Variance	93,338	175,618	0	268,956
Carry Forwards				0
Adjusted Variance	93,338	175,618	0	268,956

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Analysis of Variances		Expenditure Variance	Income Variance	Recharges Variance	Adjusted Variance
Service	Note	£	£	£	£
Building Control	1	337	37,411	0	37,748
Enterprise Centre	2	(14,368)	18,200	0	3,832
Development Control	3	86,898	125,686	0	212,584
Miscellaneous	4	20,471	(5,680)	0	14,792
Total Variance to date		93,338	175,618	0	268,956

Note	Economic Development - Assistant Director's Comments
1.	Shortfall in inspection, plan deposit and notice fees income. This is a ring fenced account and should be budgeted to break-even. The level of budget set aside for Building Control operations is being investigated as part of the budget setting process.
2.	Underspend on premises repairs and income shortfall from lettings.
3.	Overspend on costs of advertising planning applications, consultants and professional fees (£43,900 Airport, £8,870 Crindledyke, £4,100 Beck Burn Windfarm) and shortfall on fee income.
4.	Overspends and increased income across services, in part relating to external funds for which virements are required.

REVENUE BUDGET MONITORING 2011/12

LOCAL ENVIRONMENT	Gross Expenditure	Gross Income	Recharges	Adjusted Total
Position as at 30 September 2011	£	£	£	£
Annual Budget	14,320,500	(9,990,800)	0	4,329,700
Budget to date	7,672,738	(4,895,876)	0	2,776,862
Total Actual	7,287,637	(4,467,837)	0	2,819,800
Variance	(385,101)	428,039	0	42,938
Carry Forwards				0
Adjusted Variance	(385,101)	428,039	0	42,938

Analysis of Variances		Expenditure Variance	Income Variance	Recharges Variance	Adjusted Variance
Service	Note	£	£	£	£
Management & Administration	1	(26,697)	(243)	0	(26,940)
Cemeteries and Crematorium	2	(12,280)	(422)	0	(12,701)
CCTV	3	(12,872)	(4,406)	0	(17,278)
Grounds & Cemeteries Grounds Maintenance	4	24,094	10,349	0	34,443
Street Cleaning	5	16,991	820	0	17,811
Play Areas	6	(13,173)	0	0	(13,173)
Talkin Tarn & Boathouse TeaRoom	7	6,134	(23,012)	0	(16,878)
ECCP	8	25,961	(2,151)	0	23,810
Parking	9	(40,933)	199,294	0	158,360
Highways & Area Maintenance	10	(90,095)	260,715	0	170,620
Highways Claimed Rights	11	(96,055)	128,128	0	32,072
Small Scale Community Projects	12	(19,965)	0	0	(19,965)
Misc. Highways Agency Expenses	13	33,649	(44,361)	0	(10,713)
Recycling & Waste Collection	14	(81,760)	(88,145)	0	(169,905)
Miscellaneous	15	(98,100)	(8,527)	0	(106,627)

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Total Variance to date		(385,101)	428,039	0	42,938
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Note	Local Environment - Assistant Director's Comments
1.	Underspends on IT software, postages and stationery.
2.	Underspends on cremator and premises repairs. Whilst the expected level of fees from cremations etc. has been achieved to date, the unrealistic income targets, particularly for the winter season, will be addressed as part of the 2012/13 budget process
3.	Underspend on equipment and contributions towards the operational costs of cameras re-deployed to Eden DC.
4.	Inadequate budgets have been provided for general materials, tipping charges, protective clothing and uniforms. These will be addressed by the Lean Systems Review.
5.	Overspends on transport costs, due to ageing vehicles and general materials.
6.	Underspend on equipment.
7.	Overspends on supplies and casual staff more than offset by surplus income from sales and operations
8.	Opening stock of Discover Eden booklets - discussions are still underway as to how this is managed and costs recovered.
9.	Underspends of (£30,011) on traffic signage and maintenance, (£28,842) administration and cost of patrols Other major variances include; Off Street Parking: Overspend £21,200 NNDR and £5,100 sewerage service charges; and income shortfall of £94,700 on ticket sales, £34,272 contract parking permits and £12,360 PCNs; On Street Parking: £37,995 net income shortfall from PCN's etc; Others: Income shortfall £11,701 Eden contract.
10.	Underspends on materials, sub contractors and other operational expenses offset by shortfall on income and recharges for highways maintenance works. Sophisticated profiling is required to synchronise budgets with work patterns and a method to provide this is under review.
11.	Underspends on Claimed Rights works and balances on income to be charged to Cumbria County Council, whilst there are difficulties with profiling budgets in line with work schedules, there are currently invoices totalling more than £1.3m owing to the City. This problem has been reported and discussed with senior officers at Cumbria County Council, however this has yet to be resolved and the situation is now critical.
12.	Underspend on Ward schemes.
13.	Net underspent budgets for ad hoc projects fully funded by Cumbria County Council.
14.	Underspend (£27,095) on management and bring site expenses. Net underspent refuse and recycling collection costs, including (£9,176) tipping charges, (£31,902) and (£20,277) transport repair and hire costs, £40,578 overspend on diesel; and (£78,477) improved income. Net underspend of (£42,010) on Green Box collection contract includes (£21,623) surplus income.
15.	Various underspends across the services including equipment, repairs and maintenance.