

Decision Ref No:

EX.115/08

Subject Matter:

PROVISIONAL GENERAL FUND REVENUE OUTTURN 2007/08
(Key Decision)

The Director of Corporate Services reported (CORP.12/08) on the 2007/08 provisional outturn for the General Fund Revenue Budget. She informed Members that the net underspend for Council services as at 31 March 2008 was £367,808 but if requests to carry forward committed expenditure were approved it would result in an overspend of £419,292.

The Director commented on the major variances which were included in the outturns and added that a large part of the outturn position was due to a shortfall in income which was £280,000 lower than had been anticipated in this Council's estimates, as opposed to overspends on expenditure, she added however that some of that shortfall could be offset by additional Treasury Management income received.

The Director detailed the position with regard to treatment of carry forward requests and itemised the various requests which had been received. She added that, as the requests would result in a projected overspend of £419,292, she did not have delegated authority to approve the requests but the Executive could recommend the carry forward requests to Council as a supplementary estimate or the Executive could decide not to approve the carry forward requests or limit the requests to the level of the budget available.

The Director then commented on the annual Efficiency Statement and referred to the initial three year forecast, together with the review of 2007/08 and the projection for 2008/09 onwards.

The Director further added that the information contained in the report was provisional, subject to the formal audit process and the Statement of Accounts for 2007/08 which would be presented to the Audit Committee on 23 June and Special Council Meeting on 26 June 2008.

Members noted the comments with regard to the shortfall in income and highlighted the need for Officers to produce firm estimates of income in the budget process for 2009/10. Members also noted the significant reduction in the level of variance in the outturn figures for 2007/08.

Decision:

The Executive:

- (i) Note the net underspend of £367,808 as at 31 March 2008.
- (ii) Instruct the Senior Management Team to reduce the carry forward requests to £647,808 to limit the final overspend to £280,000 which equates to the amount of under achieved income as set out in paragraph 3.4(i) of Report CORP.12/08.
- (ii) Recommend the City Council on 26 June 2008 to agree that the carry forward requests total £647,808 which will require an additional £256,200 contribution from reserves in 2008/09 with £23,800 being built into the Medium Term Financial projections from 2009/10 onwards.

Key or Non-Key Decision: **Key Decision Ref:**

Portfolio:

Who made decision:

Date:

Reports and Background Papers considered:

Reasons for Decision:

Summary of Options rejected:

Interests declared

Date published

Urgent decision not subject to call in

Consent of Chairman/ Deputy Chairman of Council to Urgency:

Deadline for call-in:

Implementation date if not called-in:

Relevant Overview and Scrutiny Committee:

Call-in notified to and date notified:

Approved for implementation on:
