

FINANCIAL MONITORING – REVENUE BUDGET
(Report by the Head of Financial Services)

1. Budget Monitoring

- 1.1** Expenditure and income to date has been reviewed together with the identification of base budget reductions and likely MTP deferrals or deletions. Though the likely outturn for the year cannot be predicted with certainty at this stage, the forecast reduction is in the region of £820k plus £450k on schemes that will need to be deferred to next year. The main variations are shown in the table below:

| | Income | Expenditure | Recharge to capital | Net Expenditure |
|---|----------------|----------------|------------------------|--------------------|
| | £000 | £000 | £000 | £000 |
| Original Budget | -35,412 | +52,725 | -485 | +16,828 |
| Items deferred from 2003/04 | | +960 | | +960 |
| | -35,412 | 53,685 | -485 | +17,788 |
| Less reimbursed expenditure | +21,335 | -21,335 | | 0 |
| | -14,077 | +32,350 | -485 | +17,788 |
| Income Variations | | | | |
| Development Control | -50 | | | |
| Land Charges | -45 | | | |
| Investment interest** | -450 | | | |
| Housing Benefits subsidy | -70 | | | |
| Car Parking | 90 | | | |
| Deferred start of the Green waste scheme | | -75 | | |
| Licensing Act | | +50 | | |
| Pay award 2004 effect and related adjustments | | +200 | | |
| Additional recharges of staff to Capital | | | -50 | |
| Leisure Centres | | +50 | | |
| Vehicle replacements – leases capitalised | | -50 | | |
| Insurance premiums | | +90 | | |
| Various staff savings | | -160 | | |
| MTP reductions | | -105 | | |
| Other expected savings | -35 | -210 | | |
| | -560 | -210 | -50 | -820 |
| Expenditure deferred to future years | | | | |
| Housing Surveys | | -50 | | |
| Customer first | | -130 | | |
| Local Plan | | -200 | | |
| Application of additional planning grant | | -70 | | |
| | | -450 | | -450 |
| Total variations | -560 | -660 | -50 | -1270 |
| | -4.0% | -2.0% | | |
| Forecast net spending | | | | +16,518 |

** £600k less interest payable on Alconbury fees and a 2003/04 adjustment

1.2 The £820k forecast underspendings include four categories of item:

- Increased costs which will be reviewed to see if any additional MTP variations are required
- One-off reductions (delays in on-going programmes or particular circumstances in the current year that will not continue)
- Potential deletions from the MTP
- Permanent budget reductions resulting from the Base Budget Review as previously reported to Cabinet.

2. RECOMMENDATION

2.1 It is recommended that the Cabinet note the likely spending variations.

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Source Documents:

1. Cabinet and Council Reports
2. Budgetary control files.

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