

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

1. 2006/07 Budget – As at December 2006

- 1.1 Cabinet received a report on the latest position of the 2006/07 revenue budget at its meeting on 19th October 2006. This report updates the latest position on the forecast outturn of the revenue budget.
- 1.2 It is now expected that the outturn will be £78k higher than reported in October giving a forecast outturn of £17,951k against the budget of £18,305k. The main variations are shown in the table in Annex A.
- 1.3 The Council is currently in dispute with a previous insurer (MMI) over their liability to reimburse the Council for a claim (£173k) that has been properly paid and this may result in legal proceedings. There is a reasonably good chance that the sum will be recovered in due course and so it has not been included in the assessment of the outturn.

2 Budget Monitoring

- 2.1 In the report to Cabinet on 20th July 2006 there were recommendations as to how the budget monitoring process could be improved. Quarterly meetings between Directors and their Heads of Service to review both revenue and capital spending to date and the forecast for the year are now operating and COMT will also be receiving overall monitoring reports starting this month.

3 Recommendation

- 3.1 It is recommended that the Cabinet note the spending variations.

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Source Documents:

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

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Annex A

	Expenditure	Income	Recharge to capital	Net Expenditure
	£000	£000	£000	£000
Original Budget	59,421	-40,334	-782	18,305
Unspent budget brought forward from 2005/06	139			139
Less reimbursed expenditure	23,788	-23,788		0
Adjusted Budget	35,772	-16,546	-782	18,444
Items reported to October 2006 meeting	132	-484	-219	-571
Variations since last report				
Reduced interest		90		
Savings not yet realised relating to the Call Centre (net of reduced spending)	101			
Deferred projects	-83			
Saving on the maintenance of waste collection vehicles	-49			
Other variations	19			
total	-12	90	0	78
Total variations	120	-394	-219	-493
	0.3%	-2.4%		-2.7%
Forecast net spending				17,951

FUNDING	
Government Support	-10,892
Collection Fund adjustment	74
Council Tax	-5,961
Deficit met from Reserves	-1,172