



**Policy Finance &
Development
Committee**

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**Matter for
information**

Title: **Provisional Committee Budget Outturn Report –
2013/14**

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1 Introduction

This report provides Members with details of the Committee's provisional outturn position for capital and revenue for 2013/14. The Council's full provisional outturn position is being reported in a further report to this committee.

2 Recommendations

That Members:

(1) Note the reported outturn positions for 2013/14 (Appendix 1)

3 Information

The outturn position for 2013/14 is still only provisional because at the time of writing, it is still subject to audit.

General Fund

In February 2013, the Council approved a 2013/14 budget for this committee of £2.423m. These estimates were later revised to £2.445m, which was approved at Council in February 2014. The provisional outturn position for 2013/14 is £2.297m, which represents a £148,000 under spend for the financial year as compared with the revised estimate.

The provisional outturn position figures shown in Appendix 1 have been adjusted to remove those technical accounting adjustments, such as depreciation and impairment, that would normally be shown in the statutory year end Statement of Accounts but do not affect the balance on the General Fund. This makes the figures comparable to the approved budgets for the year.

The headline reasons for the variance are explained below.

- Whilst not all variances relating to the salaries budgets relate specifically to this committee, comment on them, in their entirety, is included as this committee is responsible for establishment. A salaries vacancy provision of £200,000 was provided for within the financial year. The actual outturn on salaries showed a saving of £272,000. In net terms, this resulted in a saving of £72,000. However, during the period a £154,000 over spend on hired staff was incurred.
- Another major variance related to an increase of £66,000 in the level of subsidy received from Central Government for benefit payments.

Other savings within the financial year related to this committee are shown below.

	£ 000's
Unused Charity Relief on Business Rates	40
Additional Local Land Charges Income	11
Additional Court Cost Income	18
Bank Charges	18
Corporate Training	15
Council Tax Support Grant	15
Net Cost of Council Tax Benefits	21
Council Tax Reform Grant	53

Other headline variances are shown in Appendix 2 of this report.

Capital Programme

The revised capital programme for this committee had a total budgeted cost of £99,050. The provisional outturn for these schemes is £99,599 which represents a slight over spend of £549.

More specific reasons for the variances are given in Appendix 3.

Carry Forwards

Details of requested carry forward budgets for capital only (no revenue requested) have been included for approval in the main Council outturn report elsewhere on this agenda but are shown for information at Appendix 4.

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Background Papers: Report to Council on 21 February 2013 – Budget
Proposals and Associated Strategies
Report to Council on 25 February 2014 – Budget
Proposals 2014/15

Implications	
Financial (PL)	Incorporated within the body of the report
Risk (PL)	CR1 Decreasing Financial Resources CR9 Economy
Equalities (KG)	No significant implications
Legal (KG)	No significant implications