



**Policy, Finance &
Development
Committee**

**Tuesday 27th
October 2015**

**Matter for
Information and
Decision**

Title: **Overall Budget Position – April to August 2015**

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1 Introduction

This report provides Members with details of the Council's budgetary position for the General Fund, Housing Revenue Account and Capital Programme for the period April to August. In addition any supplementary requests which require approval by this committee are provided in line with the Council's Financial Regulations as approved by Council.

2 Recommendations

That Members:

- 1) Note the current budgetary position on the General Fund, Housing Revenue Account and Capital Programme. (Appendix 1)
- 2) Approve the revenue budget supplementary request at 3.4 in the report.

3 Information

- 1) In February 2015 the Council approved a General Fund Budget for 2015/16 of £6,468,574. This would leave a General Fund Balance of £1,014,000, which is well above the recommended level of 10% of the net budget.
- 2) The current overall budget position at the end of August shows that there is a change to the projected estimated General Fund net expenditure which will leave a balance on the General Fund Reserve of £1,188,000
- 3) A summary of the overall General Fund budget is outlined in the table below, this includes virements and supplementary budgets approved by Management Team under the Financial Regulations and budgets from 2014/15 approved to be carried forward by the Policy, Finance and Development Committee on 21 July 2015

Committee	Original Budget 2015/16	Budgets c/f from 2014/15	Approved Budget Changes	Revised Budget 2015/16	
	£	£	£	£	
Policy Finance and Development	2,325,960	84,690	119,350	2,530,000	
Service Delivery	3,583,500	6,860	12,100	3,602,460	
Development Control	491,450	14,800	2,000	508,250	
Children and Young Persons	14,500	0	0	14,500	
Licensing	4,760	0	0	4,760	
Salaries over/(underspend)				(195,000)	
Net Committee Expenditure	6,420,170	106,350	133,450	6,464,970	
Capital Financing	306,180			306,180	
Contributions to/(from) Earmarked Reserves	(257,776)	(106,350)	(112,450)	(476,576)	
Net Expenditure	6,468,574	0	21,000	6,294,574	

Details of committee variances are reported to separate committees.

The above figures include the Council General Fund salary, hired staff and overtime budget which is currently showing a potential under spend of £195,000 after taking into account the vacancy savings target.

- 4) Below are the items that require approval by this committee under the current financial regulations.

Adjustments to Budget Requiring Approval			
	Budget	£	Comments
Recycling Disposal	Income from Recyclates	200,000	Leicestershire County Council has ceased paying recycling credits for green waste. There has also been a decline in the market for recycled materials causing a drop in income.
Total		200,000	

The Council has a number of earmarked reserves which can be used for special projects occurring in year as well as fluctuations in budget caused by external influences.

The Management of Change Reserve containing £445,000 is to be used to fund the £100,000 budget approved by Council for the review of staff and management relations.

The Greening the Borough Reserve containing £183,000 is to be used to fund the extra staffing requirement at the Brocks Hill Centre

The predicted outturn position is based on actual expenditure of the first five months of the financial year. Subsequent financial reviews will give further updates on these positions.

The requests for budgets and grants to be carried forward which were approved by Policy, Finance and Development Committee on 21 July 2015 have been included in these figures and are funded from an earmarked reserve.

- 5) The Council's Housing Revenue Account budget was set in February 2015 estimating that a budget deficit of £1,346,200 would be made after appropriations to earmarked reserves, leaving a balance on the HRA Reserve of £300,000. After including the budgets and revenue contributions to capital, which were not used in 2014/15, The new deficit for the year will be £ 2,120,866 leaving a balance on the HRA Reserve of £600,000.
- 6) The Council's capital programme is detailed in Appendix 1 of this report. This includes the capital budgets carried forward from 2014/15 which were approved at Policy Finance and Development Committee 21 July 2015, together with any supplementary budgets and virements already approved under the Council's Financial Regulation.

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Background Papers: Report to Council on 19 February 2015 – Budget Proposals 2015/16

Implications	
Financial (CR)	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