

Monthly Financial Monitoring Report

2012/13 as at end of January 2013 - Period 10

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General Fund Revenue Operations – pages 4 to 23

The January monitoring report on the General Fund for 2012/13 is showing a £488k favourable variance compared to the original budget of £9,829k. This is a further favourable movement of £57k since the December report and it brings the total favourable variance to over 4.9% of the original budget.

The table below shows how the potential carry forward of favourable Directorate variances might result in a net increase of £245k in the General Fund Reserve to £1,198k at the 31st March 2013 against a target of £1m.

| General Fund Reserves | General Fund Reserve £000 | Directorate Investment Reserve £000 |
|--|---------------------------------|--|
| Balance at 1st April 2012 | 953 | 110 |
| Favourable/(adverse) movement in 2012/13 | 488 | |
| Planned transfers/utilisation | | (20) |
| 50% transfer to Directorate Investment Reserve | | |
| Place Directorate | (49) | 49 |
| Business Directorate | (109) | 109 |
| Corporate Directorate | (85) | 85 |
| Balance anticipated at 31st March 2012 | 1,198 | 334 |

At year-end consideration will be given to potentially using some of the General Fund Reserve – see list on page 23.

Earmarked Revenue Reserves – page 24 to 25

The total cash-backed Earmarked Reserves brought forward at 1st April 2012 were £5,152k.

Contributions expected in 2012/13 now include the Directorate Investment Reserve predictions of £243k shown above.

The anticipated use of the Transitional Reserve has been adjusted to reflect the 2013/14 draft budget being presented to members in February.

The forecast closing balance at the 31st March 2013 is now predicted to be £4,224k, but this is forecast to drop to £2,815k by March 2015.

Government Grants Unapplied – page 26

Additional DFG grant received in 2012/13 has been applied to the current expenditure forecasts, potentially allowing £66k of the Housing Capital Pot to be deferred into future years. This change has been reflected in the Capital Programme Budget which is being placed before Members as part of the February budget-setting exercise.

The forecast balance at March 2013 is now revised to £703k, which is expected to reduce to £242k by March 2016.

Staff Monitoring - page 26

The staff savings during January have increased the favourable variance by £23k to £217k for the year to date. During the year 4.8 FTEs have been removed from the establishment to give 199.6 FTEs against which there were 4 vacant posts at the end of January.

Treasury & Cash Management - page 27 to 29

The Council's cash balances were £11,930k at the end of January and the revenue interest income forecasted for 2012/13 has risen by a further £6k to £46k favourable for the year. A significant element of this variance is due to higher than expected balances following additional

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capital receipts, changes to the capital programme and the £1.2m NNDR refund from central government in June.

However, caution is urged following the notification that bank interest rates will be falling in the last two months of this financial year and the first quarter of 2013/14. At this time officers expect the best rate for 12-month deposits to be 1.1% compared to 3.1% and 2.55% being earned this year. Officers hope to manage the cash balances more closely across a range of 30- to 95-day notice accounts to minimise the adverse impact until interest rates improve, but this is still likely to reduce interest income for 2013/14 by around £11k from the original budget for 2012/13.

The value of outstanding sundry invoices has increased to £529k with the issue of 2 large quarterly refuse and recycling invoices and one grant claim invoice to LCC in January. As a result the debtor days performance has slipped to 76 days at the end of January (78 days in January 2012) compared to the target of 80 days.

Despite this the anticipated bad debt provision requirement has dropped £14k to £121k, against which the Council has a £109k provision. Over 80% of the suggested doubtful debts relate to invoices raised prior to April 2012 and consideration of any additional provision or write-off will be made at the year-end.

Capital Receipts – page 30

The sales of three CPO properties sold at auction in December have been concluded in January and officers are still confident that the fourth sale will be completed by the end of March.

In addition one equity release loan of £9k has been repaid, raising the year-end estimate of housing ring-fenced funds to £400k. Proposals to redirect these funds into 2015/16 support for DFGs are being placed before Members as part of the Capital Progamme Budget in February.

The above changes mean that the unapplied capital receipts at the end of the year are expected to be £321k for general fund activity and £400k for housing projects.

Capital Programme and Funding – page 31 to 32

The original capital programme for 2012/13 was £936k and £2,966k was rolled over from 2011/12 for projects in progress. The revised capital programme at the end of January was £5,223k against which £4,173k has been spent or committed to date (80%).

There was only one change to the programme in January which was the order of a further £12k of household refuse bins, funded from unspent revenue provisions.

Several building maintenance projects got under way this month, mainly those dealing with car parks and tarmac replacement and the works to prepare for the One Stop Shop staff moving up to Futures Park Business Centre.

Collection Fund 2012/13 - page 33

The collection performance for the amount of Council Tax due from householders was 95.48% at the end of the normal 10 monthly instalment collection period (95.47% in 2011/12). Based on last year this could lead to a year-end collection rate of around 97.6% compared to the 97.8% target, which would equate to around £50k less in cash terms. However, improvements in the pace of banding decreases means that the total to be collected has risen by the same £50k, leaving the net predicted deficit unchanged at £170k, a burden of £29k for Rossendale.

NNDR collection rates to the end of January were 94.61%, which is above the 94.1% at this time last year and means that the full year target of 98% should be achievable.

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General Fund Revenue Operations

| Service Area | 2012/13 Orginal Budget £000 | 2012/13 Forecast £000 | 2012/13 Variance (Adv)/Fav £000 | Variance last reported £000 | Change in January (Adv)/Fav £000 |
|--|--------------------------------------|-----------------------------|--|---------------------------------------|---|
| Diago Diverte vete | | | | | |
| Place Directorate | 4 007 0 | 1 700 1 | 44.4 | 27.0 | 0.0 |
| Communities Customer Services and E-Government | 1,837.2 | 1,793.1 | 44.1 | 37.2 20.6 | 6.9 |
| | 1,231.7 | 1,201.9 | 29.9 24.9 | 20.6 | 9.3 3.7 |
| Place Operations | 1,577.7 | 1,552.8 | 24.9 | 21.2 | 3.7 |
| Business Directorate | | | | | |
| Building Control Services | 127.9 | 131.4 | (3.5) | | 0.5 |
| Legal & Democratic Services | 791.9 | 742.5 | 49.3 | 42.0 | 7.3 |
| Planning Services | 139.1 | 88.2 | 50.9 | 51.7 | (8.0) |
| Local Land Charges | 22.0 | 26.3 | (4.3) | · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · | (3.3) |
| Licensing & Enforcement | 152.1 | 46.2 | 105.9 | 85.8 | 20.1 |
| Health, Housing & Regeneration | 1,012.8 | 993.4 | 19.7 | 13.4 | 6.3 |
| Corporate Support Services | | | | | |
| Corporate Management | 414.8 | 368.4 | 46.2 | 46.1 | 0.1 |
| Finance & Property Services | 1,439.5 | 1,392.8 | 46.6 | 43.6 | 3.0 |
| People and Policy | 401.8 | 368.2 | 33.6 | 34.3 | (0.7) |
| Non Distributed Costs | 147.3 | 162.2 | (14.9) | (13.9) | (1.0) |
| Capital Financing and Interest | 45.9 | (13.2) | 59.0 | 53.1 | 5.9 |
| Leisure | 652.6 | 652.0 | 0.6 | 0.6 | (0.0) |
| Use of Earmarked Reserves | (165.0) | (165.0) | - | - | - |
| Favourable impact on General Fund | 9,829.0 | 9,341.2 | 488.1 | 430.7 | 57.4 |

The revenue position at the end of January includes various favourable and adverse variances, coming to a net favourable £488k.

Total anticipated favourable variance compared to the original budget in relation to staff has risen by £26k to £248k favourable against the original establishment of 204.4 full-time equivalent employees at the start of the year. The main changes this month have come from review of the savings from vacant posts, including that of the Communities Manager from late January. Page 26 details the reduction of 4.8 FTEs in the establishment during the year, against which there are currently 4 vacant posts.

The other main areas of non-staff movements in January can be seen in the table opposite.

- Recovery of overpaid benefits is improving and should result in an additional £7k of income by the year-end.
- Around £15k of the savings within the Operations Team is being used to support the capital programme in the purchase of additional refuse bins.
- A comparatively mild winter so far is expected to reduce the Council's spending on rock salt by around £6k.
- Licensing income is still rising, adding a further £19k to bring the total favourable variance up to £92k, net of the additional costs required to meet the demand.
- It is now unlikely that the town twinning events will result in any further costs, thereby releasing £7.3k of the budget.

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| Major Variances in January | Favourable /(Adverse) | Net |
|--|--------------------------|-------|
| Communities | | |
| Staff costs | 8.0 | 0.0 |
| Other minor variances | (1.1) | 6.9 |
| Customer Services and e Government | 5 0 | |
| Staff costs | 5.0 7.0 | |
| Recovery of Benefit overpayments Other minor variances | (2.7) | 9.3 |
| | (2.1) | |
| Place Operations Staff costs | 9.0 | |
| Purchase of additional refuse bins | (15.0) | |
| Provision for adverse weather (rock salt) | 6.0 | |
| Other minor variances | 3.7 | 3.7 |
| Business Directorate | | |
| Land Charges income | (3.3) | |
| Licensing income (net of additional costs) | 19.0 | |
| Town Twinning | 7.3 | |
| Other minor variances | 0.8 | 23.8 |
| Business - Health, Housing & Regeneration | | |
| Staff costs | 1.0 | |
| Other minor variances | 5.3 | 6.3 |
| Corporate Management | | |
| Other minor variances | 0.1 | 0.1 |
| Finance & Property Services | | |
| Staff costs | 2.1 | |
| Property running costs (including water refund) | 0.8 | 0.5 |
| Other minor variances | 0.6 | 3.5 |
| People & Policy (incl P&P & Comm) | | |
| Staff costs | 1.0 | (O =) |
| Other minor variances | (1.7) | (0.7) |
| Non-Distributed Costs & Capital Financing | | |
| Interest receivable | 5.9 | 4.0 |
| Other minor variances | (1.0) | 4.9 |
| This month's favourable/(adverse) variance on the Genera | l Fund | 57.8 |

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Communities - Period 10 (January)

| Summary | 2012/13 Org Budget | Forecast | (Adv)/Fav | Variance last reported | (Adv)/Fav |
|---|-----------------------|--------------|-----------|------------------------|-----------|
| | £000 | £000 | £000 | £000 | £000 |
| Strategic Functions | 130.7 | 95.1 | 35.5 | 30.9 | 4.6 |
| Community Management & Admin Community Safety | 50.1 | 95.1 47.2 | 2.8 | | 3.2 |
| Local Strategic Partnership | (35.3) | | 3.0 | (0.4) 5.4 | (2.4) |
| Area Forum Grant Budgets | 70.0 | 70.0 | - | 0.0 | - |
| Emergency Planning | 7.7 | 1.9 | 5.7 | 5.7 | 0.0 |
| Grants | 125.9 | 125.9 | - | 0.0 | - |
| Discretionary NNDR | 25.8 | 21.1 | 4.7 | 4.7 | - |
| Localities - Residual budget | 17.9 | 21.4 | (3.5) | (3.7) | 0.2 |
| Haslingden, Helmshore & Edenfield Locality | 313.0 | 320.1 | (7.1) | (7.2) | 0.1 |
| Rawtenstall Locality | 406.8 | 393.3 | 13.5 | 13.5 | 0.0 |
| Bacup & Whitworth Locality | 354.4 | 347.2 | 7.2 | 7.1 | 0.1 |
| Parks & Open Spaces | 289.7 | 346.7 | (57.0) | (64.5) | 7.6 |
| Street Cleansing | 334.3 | 279.8 | 54.5 | 53.5 | 1.0 |
| Pride in Rossendale | 7.0 | 6.4 | 0.6 | 0.0 | 0.6 |
| Cemeteries | (140.7) | (130.8) | (9.9) | (4.2) | (5.7) |
| Markets | (119.9) | (113.9) | (6.0) | (3.7) | (2.4) |
| Total | 1,837.2 | 1,793.1 | 44.1 | 37.2 | 6.9 |

| | Variance | Variance | Full-Yr | R |
|---|----------|----------|---------|---|
| Key changes made during the period to the full year forecast | Bfwd | this Pd | | Α |
| | £000 | £000 | £000 | G |
| Communities Admin/ Emergency Planning & Communities Mgmt | 38.1 | 4.0 | 42.1 | |
| Emergency Planning Contract | (12.0) | | (12.0) | |
| Emergency Planning running costs | 5.0 | | 5.0 | |
| Communities Admin savings on Printing and Consultancy fees | 1.4 | | 1.4 | |
| LSP 2nd homes income more than budget | 4.5 | | 4.5 | |
| NNDR Discretionary rate relief | 4.7 | | 4.7 | |
| Markets salaries savings | 3.8 | | 3.8 | |
| Markets - income | (5.6) | | (5.6) | |
| Communities - Protective clothing | (2.4) | | (2.4) | |
| Salary and Agency costs - Parks & Open Spaces | (28.0) | 4.0 | (24.0) | |
| Salary and Agency savings - Street Cleansing | 56.2 | | 56.2 | |
| Open Spaces - Tools & Equip, Plants, other horticultural materials | 3.7 | | 3.7 | |
| Open Spaces - Playground Equipment / refurb | (7.3) | | (7.3) | |
| Open Sapces Fuel | (2.7) | 2.0 | (0.7) | |
| Olympic Torch Related Event costs | (3.0) | | (3.0) | |
| Open Spaces - Tarmacing Bacup Cemetery / works at Stubbylee, Whitaker Park/ | | | | |
| St James Church Yard | (12.6) | (1.5) | (14.1) | |
| Vehicles - excise duty | (3.4) | (1.5) | (3.4) | |
| Open Spaces & Playing fields Income | 1.8 | | 1.8 | |
| Cemetries - Income | 2.2 | | 2.2 | |
| Cemeteries - Record and mapping system | (5.7) | | (5.7) | |
| Communities Miscellaneous costs | ` / | (4.6) | , , | |
| | (1.5) | (1.6) | (3.1) | |
| TOTAL | 37.2 | 6.9 | 44.1 | |

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Communities Highlight Report – Period 10 (January)

Historic Issues

- The vacant Emergency Planning Post remains within the budgets showing an under spend of £31.2k. Some of this is being used to offset an annual cost of £12k for the Shared Emergency Planning Service with Hyndburn.
- This budget includes a £28.6k income contribution from Lancashire County Council to support public realm works and in particular additional costs incurred by Rossendale. In setting the budget the Head of Finance took the view, based on the previous year, that the overall budget would absorb this additional cost pressure.
- Street Cleansing salary and agency forecasts are showing an under spend of £54.7k
- The projected shortfall on market income is £5.7k.
- The re-tarmacking of Bacup Cemetery has been agreed, after feedback from the public and Councillors, at a cost of £6.6k.
- It was assumed the budget for Business Rates Discretionary Rate Relief would be fully utilised. However, based on the October figures provided by Capita and a contingency of £2k for any further allocations, the budget is showing an under spend of £4.7k.

Current Month Issues

- The current forecast is for a projected under spend of £44.1k, a favourable movement in month of £6.9k.
- The vacant Communities Manager post is in the process of being formally dis-established, therefore the under spend on this vacant post has increased by £4k than previously reported.
- The use of agency within the Parks has ceased, no further agency expenditure is currently anticipated and consequently there is a favourable budget movement of £4k.

Future Issues

Nothing to report

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Customer Services & E-Government - Period 10 (January)

| Summary | 2012/13 Org Budget £000 | 2012/13 Forecast £000 | 2012/13 Variance (Adv)/Fav £000 | Variance last reported | |
|----------------------------------|-------------------------------|-----------------------------|--|------------------------|-------|
| | 2000 | 2000 | 2000 | 2000 | 2000 |
| Strategic Functions | | | | | |
| Management and Support | 77.9 | 77.4 | 0.6 | 0.6 | 0.0 |
| Service Assurance Team | 135.6 | 132.1 | 3.6 | 3.4 | 0.2 |
| Revenues, Benefits and Customer | | | | | |
| Services | | | | | |
| Local Tax Collection | (344.8) | (328.0) | (16.8) | (15.8) | (1.0) |
| Benefits Admin | 865.8 | 833.9 | 31.8 | 31.9 | (0.1) |
| Net - Benefit Payments & Subsidy | | | | | , , |
| received | (98.5) | (107.6) | 9.1 | 1.7 | 7.5 |
| Information and Communications | | | | | |
| Technology | 554.3 | 550.0 | 4.3 | 0.3 | 4.0 |
| Pest Control | 11.0 | 14.4 | (3.4) | (3.5) | 0.1 |
| Dog Warden | 30.4 | 29.8 | 0.6 | 2.0 | (1.3) |
| Total | 1,231.7 | 1,201.9 | 29.9 | 20.6 | 9.2 |

| Key changes made during the period to the full year forecast | Variance | Variance | Full-Yr Forecast | R |
|---|--------------|-----------------|---------------------|--------|
| | Bfwd £000 | this Pd £000 | £000 | A G |
| Service Assurance Team | 5.3 | | 5.3 | |
| Government Connect | 3.0 | | 3.0 | |
| Salary under spends (vacancy) & External Resislence | 31.0 | 5.0 | 36.0 | |
| Inflation on contracts | 28.0 | | 28.0 | |
| Court Costs awarded for non collection of Council Tax | (20.0) | | (20.0) | |
| Software Licenses | (1.0) | | (1.0) | |
| Other various minor variances | 6.0 | (0.7) | 5.3 | |
| Recovery of Housing Benefit overpayments | 4.0 | 7.0 | 11.0 | |
| Upgrade of Governemnt Connect (following on from external ICT audit) | | (2.0) | (2.0) | |
| Disaster Recovery & Computer Circuits | (24.7) | | (24.7) | |
| Purchase of Computer Switches to facilitate the move of Council Staff | | | | |
| from Rawtenstall to Bacup (Futures Park) | (9.5) | | (9.5) | |
| Dog Warden / Pest Control | (1.5) | | (1.5) | |
| TOTAL | 20.6 | 9.3 | 29.9 | |

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Customer Service & E-Government Highlight Report – Period 10 (January)

Historic Issues

- Disaster Recovery at present the budget is projected to over spend by £14k the full savings will not be realised in the current year due to administrative issues with the supplier. These are being escalated to BT / Regulator to ensure the problems are resolved.
- Court costs awarded to the Council in respect of the non-payment of council tax, are below anticipated levels. Since court dates and volumes of arrears are consistent with original expectations; officers suspect that this shortfall is the result of an increase in arrangements to pay made with customers who would otherwise have been taken to court.

This would appear to be supported by court volumes between June and October, which are in line with previous years. It should be noted, however that whilst court cost income and associated recovery costs are solely attributable to Rossendale Borough Council, whereas only 16.1% of Council Tax Income is retained by the borough.

Current Month Issues

- The headline figure is a projected under spend of £29.9k; a favourable movement in month of £9.3k
- There has been a significant cash recovery of Housing Benefit overpayments received in month, the forecast for cash recovery of housing benefit over-payments has moved favourably by £7k in month.
- The Web Development vacancy within the ICT Support team is not expected to be filled in the current financial year; increasing the salary savings by £5k.
- The Council has recently had an external ICT Audit which highlighted a need to upgrade system pertaining to Government Connect; this has resulted in £2k additional expenditure.

Future Issues

- Dog Warden contract only one organisation has responded to the original tender, therefore a commercial evaluation process could not be completed and the tender specification is currently being reviewed. Another procurement exercise will be conducted following this review.
- The Council is in the process of incorporating Rossendale Leisure Trust within its ICT environment to help reduce running costs for the Trust and therefore reduce future grant requirements. Finance and payroll transactions will also be delivered by the Council.
- The Council is still liable for a shortfall with respect to housing benefit paid to supported tenancies. Based on the latest information this financial burden is anticipated to be in the region of £25k. This burden will form part of the housing benefit subsidy claim at financial year end, but it is not yet clear if this will lead to a loss or surplus on the overall housing benefit subsidy.

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Place Operations - Period 10 (January)

| Summary | 2012/13 Org Budget £000 | Forecast | 2012/13 Variance (Adv)/Fav £000 | Variance last reported | (Adv)/Fav |
|--|-------------------------------|----------------|--|------------------------|--------------|
| Strategic Functions Operations Admin / Vehicle Maintenance Operational Functions | 431.1 | 410.2 | 20.8 | 15.5 | 5.3 |
| Refuse Collection Street Sweeping | 815.6 331.0 | 837.2 305.3 | (21.6) 25.7 | (19.6) 25.3 | (2.0) 0.4 |
| Total | 1,577.7 | 1,552.8 | 24.9 | 21.2 | 3.7 |

| Key changes made during the period to the full year forecast | Variance Bfwd | Variance this Pd | Full-Yr | R A |
|---|------------------|---------------------|---------|--------|
| | £000 | £000 | £000 | G |
| Salary Saving from use of Hyndburn | 26.5 | | 26.5 | |
| Other Salary Savings / non take-up of pension (includes Agency) | 17.2 | 9.0 | 26.2 | |
| Purchase of Additional Refuse Bins | | (15.0) | (15.0) | |
| Additional Hours | (2.1) | Ì | (2.1) | |
| Street Sweeping Overtime | 11.2 | | 11.2 | |
| Henrietta Street Miscellaneous | (0.6) | | (0.6) | |
| Public Realm funding | 3.0 | | 3.0 | |
| Protective clothing | (4.8) | | (4.8) | |
| External repairs | (2.0) | | (2.0) | |
| Purchase of Tools & Equipment | 9.0 | | 9.0 | |
| Provision for adverse weather (Rock Salt) | (9.0) | 6.0 | (3.0) | |
| Recycling Contract and Income | (36.0) | 2.0 | (34.0) | |
| Bulky collections expenditure & income | (6.5) | | (6.5) | |
| Revenue Contribution to Capital Outlay on Brake Testing | (30.0) | | (30.0) | |
| Trade Waste tipping fees | (12.2) | | (12.2) | |
| Trade Waste income | 16.0 | | 16.0 | |
| Clincial Waste Collection | (4.0) | (3.0) | (7.0) | |
| Bin Deliveries | 5.0 | 1.7 | 6.7 | |
| Vehicle Maintenance & Consumables | (10.7) | 3.0 | (7.7) | |
| Christmas calenders & delviery | 13.0 | | 13.0 | |
| Fuel | 34.8 | | 34.8 | |
| Vehicle Road Tax | (9.9) | | (9.9) | |
| MOT | (3.2) | | (3.2) | |
| Hire/ Leases | 8.3 | | 8.3 | |
| Street Sweeping Miscellaneous | 2.3 | | 2.3 | |
| Sale Proceeds from the sale of misc assets | 5.9 | | 5.9 | |
| TOTAL | 21.2 | 3.7 | 24.9 | |

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Operations Highlight Report – Period 10 (January)

Historic Issues

- The vacancy arising from the departure of the Operations manager, and subsequent joint working with Hyndburn Council, has resulted in a forecast £20.5k saving in year (full year recurrent saving of £25k.)
- The invoices for the collection of trade waste were above the original budgets, resulting in forecasts of £17.6k favourable variance.
- Additional vacancies and reduced hours had generated salary savings of £19.6k
 however agency costs were forecast to over spend on budget by £13.6k. This was in
 part due to some agency workers being eligible for an increased rate due to the
 Working Time Directive, as well as the additional requirement of agency staff to cover
 long term sickness.
- Current estimates are for a fall in the price of Paper & Card by 63% and Glass, Cans & Plastics by 18% due to factors discussed in the August monitoring pack (period 5), effective from the termination of current arrangements on 31st August 2012.

Current Month Issues

- The Operations budget is forecast to under spend by £24.9k, a favourable movement in month of £3.7
- The Council's stock of Refuse bins has reduced to critical levels, consequently new refuse will be purchased in the current financial, the exact numbers of bins required has not been determined, but is it estimated to costs circa £15k.
- Reduced utilisation of agency has staff has resulted in a favourable movement on agency expenditure of £9k.
- £9k had been previously set aside for the purchase of rock salt; this forecast has been revised downwards to £3k. Expenditure in this area, is dependent upon weather conditions.

Futures Issues

- The current projection for recycling income will be dictated by the prevailing market conditions for recycling products, and may be revised up or downwards in the future months.
- At year-end consideration will be given to transferring some of the additional receipts from the sale of surplus vehicles into the Vehicle Replacement Reserve to help support future purchases.

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Business Services - Period 10 (January)

| | | | 2012/13 | | Change in |
|--|-----------------------|---------|-----------------------|---------------------------|-----------|
| Summary | 2012/13 Org Budget | | Variance (Adv)/Fav | Variance last reported | |
| Juliary | £000 | £000 | £000 | | |
| Strategic Functions | | | | | |
| Executive Director of Business | 0.4 | 0.4 | - | - | - |
| Planning | | | | | |
| Development Control | (15.3) | (64.8) | 49.5 | 50.1 | (0.6) |
| Forward Planning | 154.3 | 152.9 | 1.4 | 1.6 | (0.2) |
| Land Charges | 22.0 | 26.3 | (4.3) | (1.0) | (3.3) |
| Building Control | | | | | |
| Building Control - Fee Earning Account | 17.3 | 20.5 | (3.2) | (1.1) | (2.1) |
| Building Control - Statutory Function | 102.6 | 105.1 | (2.5) | (2.9) | 0.4 |
| Building Control - Street Signs | 8.0 | 5.8 | 2.2 | - | 2.2 |
| Legal Services | 205.3 | 190.8 | 14.5 | 13.5 | 1.1 |
| Democratic Services | | | | | |
| Electoral Registration | 57.1 | 60.0 | (2.9) | (2.8) | (0.1) |
| Elections | 71.6 | 65.6 | 6.0 | 5.9 | 0.1 |
| Democratic Representation | 390.8 | 376.3 | 14.6 | 14.2 | 0.4 |
| Mayoralty | 59.1 | 49.3 | 9.8 | 11.3 | (1.5) |
| Town Twinning | 7.5 | 0.2 | 7.3 | - | 7.3 |
| Licensing & Enforcement | 152.1 | 46.2 | 105.9 | 85.8 | 20.1 |
| Total | 1,232.8 | 1,034.5 | 198.3 | 174.5 | 23.8 |

| Key changes made during the period to the full year forecast | Variance Bfwd | this Pd | Full-Yr | Α |
|--|------------------|---------|---------|---|
| | £000 | £000 | £000 | G |
| Planning - Salary vacancy/ costs | 22.9 | | 22.9 | |
| Planning - Professional fees | (8.0) | | (8.0) | |
| Planning - Planning Applications Income | 106.9 | | 106.9 | |
| Planning - Transfer Planning Applications Income to Volatility Provision | (77.9) | | (77.9) | |
| Planning - Misc | 6.2 | | 6.2 | |
| Land Charges Income | (1.5) | (3.3) | (4.8) | |
| Land Charges - Misc | (0.3) | | (0.3) | |
| Building Control - Training from 2009/10 | (1.5) | | (1.5) | |
| Legal Salaries - non take of Pension | 5.5 | | 5.5 | |
| Legal fees & courts costs | 6.4 | | 6.4 | |
| Legal Misc | 0.9 | | 0.9 | |
| Registrar of Electors - registration forms/ Postal votes signature refresh | (1.5) | | (1.5) | |
| Local Elections | (2.9) | | (2.9) | |
| Release budget held for local council bi-elections | 6.6 | | 6.6 | |
| Councillor Allowances | 2.7 | | 2.7 | |
| Democratic - Post changed to Part-time | 2.3 | | 2.3 | |
| Democratic - Admin costs | 1.8 | | 1.8 | |
| Democratic - Members Travel | 5.5 | | 5.5 | |
| Democratic - Local Democracy Week | 2.0 | | 2.0 | |
| Mayoralty Salaries (casual staff) | 2.7 | | 2.7 | |
| Mayoralty Miscellaneous | 6.5 | | 6.5 | |
| Licensing and Enforcement Staff costs | 6.8 | | 6.8 | |
| Taxi income | 90.8 | 21.0 | 111.8 | |
| Taxi Licensing - Taxi plates & Badges | (9.0) | | (9.0) | |
| Licensing - Misc Non-Pay Budgets | (8.7) | (2.0) | (10.7) | |
| Town Twinning | ` ' | 7.3 | 7.3 | |
| Other Licensing Income | 6.3 | | 6.3 | |
| Misc | 3.0 | 0.8 | 3.8 | |
| TOTAL | 174.5 | 23.8 | 198.3 | |

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Business Highlight Report – Period 10 (January)

Historic Issues

- The planning function currently has a vacancy within the structure for part of the year.
 Current forecasts are that this position will not be filled, generating a favourable variance of £15.2k.
- The income within the planning function is forecast to over achieve by £106.9k due to a number of major applications received, generating a positive variance. Local Land Charges however are forecast to be £4.4k below their income target.

Current Month Issues

- The Business directorate is currently forecast to under spend by £198.3k, representing a favourable movement in month of £23.8k.
- Taxi licensing income continues to perform significantly above target, the forecast for Taxi Licensing income has moved favourably by £21k, in month.
- The Town Twinning budget was previously been forecast to be fully utilised, with any underutilisation of the 2012-13 budget being earmarked for expenditure in future years. The earmarking of these monies is no longer required, consequently the Town Twinning budget is forecast to under spend by £7.3k

Futures Issues

- Expenditure on the Core Strategy continues to be funded from the Earmarked Reserves as originally planned, and costs monitored carefully (see the Earmarked Reserves Schedule on page 24). As previously reported, changes to the programme of works will ensure that costs are limited to the specific balances held in earmarked reserves.
- The Council, in conjunction with the Local Government Association, is currently
 defending claims from personal search companies in relation to Land Charge Search
 fees.

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Health, Housing & Regeneration - Period 10 (January)

| Summary | 2012/13 Org Budget | 2012/13 Forecast | 2012/13 Variance (Adv)/Fav | | Change in January (Adv)/Fav |
|--|-----------------------|---------------------|----------------------------------|--------|-----------------------------------|
| , | £000 | £000 | £000 | - | £000 |
| Strategic Functions Regeneration Mangement & Admin | 74.3 | 71.8 | 2.5 | 2.6 | (0.1) |
| Tourism | 53.5 | 54.5 | (0.9) | 0.0 | (0.9) |
| Economic Regeneration | | | , | | ` ′ |
| Economic Regeneration | 63.4 | 67.5 | (4.1) | (5.4) | 1.3 |
| Museum | 91.1 | 107.7 | (16.6) | (15.8) | (8.0) |
| Regen Joint Delivery Team | 69.3 | 69.3 | 0.0 | (0.0) | 0.0 |
| Regeneration Projects | 0.6 | 0.6 | - | - | - |
| Strategic Housing | | | | | |
| Housing Strategy | 60.6 | 45.9 | 14.7 | 12.2 | 2.5 |
| Homelessness | 88.0 | 95.5 | (7.5) | (7.9) | 0.4 |
| Private Sector Renewal | 49.0 | 37.7 | 11.3 | 10.8 | 0.5 |
| Environmental Health | | | | | |
| Environmental Health | 463.0 | 442.6 | 20.4 | 17.0 | 3.4 |
| Total | 1,013.1 | 993.4 | 19.7 | 13.4 | 6.3 |

| Key changes made during the period to the full year forecast | Variance Bfwd | Variance this Pd | Full-Yr | R |
|--|------------------|---------------------|---------|---|
| | £000 | £000 | £000 | G |
| Economic Regeneration - Photocopying Recharges | (2.1) | | (2.1) | |
| Economic Regeneration - Professional Fees | (1.3) | | (1.3) | |
| Economic Regeneration - Misc | (0.2) | | (0.2) | |
| Empty Homes revenue costs | (3.5) | | (3.5) | |
| Museum Management Fee | (15.8) | | (15.8) | |
| PSR - Salary - part time retirement | 7.6 | | 7.6 | |
| PSR - External Printing & Stationary | 2.3 | | 2.3 | |
| PSR - Misc | 0.7 | | 0.7 | |
| Housing Strategy Salary | 5.3 | 1.0 | 6.3 | |
| Housing Strategy - Publicity & Fees | 4.5 | 1.5 | 6.0 | |
| Homelessness Salaries | (3.5) | | (3.5) | |
| Homelessness Misc | 3.6 | | 3.6 | |
| Homelessness Accommodation Provision for Loss | (6.0) | | (6.0) | |
| Car Allowances | 5.1 | | 5.1 | |
| Regeneration - Salaries | 1.6 | | 1.6 | |
| Regeneration - Rental of Premises | 0.3 | | 0.3 | |
| Regeneration Valuation fees | (0.5) | | (0.5) | |
| Public burials income from previous year | 0.7 | | 0.7 | |
| Environmental Health - Salary vacancy | 16.7 | | 16.7 | |
| Transfer of Salary Vacancy to reserves | (16.7) | | (16.7) | |
| Environmental Health Legal Fees | (2.4) | | (2.4) | |
| Environmental Health Income | 2.6 | | 2.6 | |
| Environmental Health Misc Non-Pay Budgets | 5.5 | | 5.5 | |
| Environmental Health Misc - Professional fees | 5.4 | 3.4 | 8.8 | |
| Misc | 3.5 | 0.4 | 3.9 | |
| TOTAL | 13.4 | 6.3 | 19.7 | |

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Business - Health, Housing & Regeneration Highlight Report - Period 10 (January)

Historic Issues

- The Whittaker Park Museum management fee budget for 2012/13 was understated, and as such, an adverse variance of £15.8k has occurred.
- The decision to take part time retirement by an officer within the Private Sector Renewal team has resulted in a saving of £7.6k within the year.

Current Month Issues

- Health, Housing and Regeneration are forecast to under spend by £19.7k, representing a favourable movement of £6.3k within the month.
- Estimated expenditure with external contractors for the regulation of permitted processes has been revised downwards by £3.4k.

Future Issues

Nothing to report

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Corporate Management - Period 10 (January)

| Summary | 2012/13 Org Budget £000 | Forecast | | Variance last reported | |
|-------------------------------|-------------------------------|----------|------|---------------------------|-------|
| Compared Management | | | | | |
| Corporate Management | | | | | |
| Executive Office | 289.9 | 276.2 | 13.6 | 13.4 | 0.2 |
| Corporate Contingency | - | - | - | - | - |
| Concessionary Fares | 40.0 | 20.2 | 19.8 | 19.8 | - |
| Executive Support & Corporate | | | | | |
| Subscriptions | 84.9 | 72.0 | 12.8 | 12.9 | (0.1) |
| Total | 414.8 | 368.4 | 46.2 | 46.1 | 0.1 |

| Key changes made during the period to the full year forecast | Variance Bfwd £000 | Variance this Pd £000 | Full-Yr £000 | R A G |
|--|--------------------------|-----------------------------|-----------------|-------------|
| Executive Mangement Team Salaries | 7.5 | | 7.5 | |
| Customer Service Review | (0.8) | | (8.0) | |
| Miscellaneous non pay budgets | 8.1 | 0.1 | 8.2 | |
| Corporate Subscriptions/Contributions | 11.5 | | 11.5 | |
| Concessionary Fares | 19.8 | | 19.8 | |
| TOTAL | 46.1 | 0.1 | 46.2 | |

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Corporate Management Highlight Report - Period 10 (January)

Historic Issues

 A contingency budget of £40k for Concessionary Fares was brought forward into 2012/13. After accounting for liabilities relating to the previous financial year, concessionary fares are predicted to underspend by £19k.

Current Month Issues

• There are no significant movements this month.

Futures Issues

• Nothing to report.

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Finance and Property Services - Period 10 (January)

| Summary | 2012/13 Org Budget £000 | | (Adv)/Fav | Variance last reported | (Adv)/Fav |
|----------------------------|-------------------------------|---------|-----------|------------------------|-----------|
| Financial Services Team | 398.4 | 393.4 | 5.0 | 2.0 | 3.0 |
| Internal Audit | 80.0 | 64.4 | 15.6 | 15.6 | - |
| Corporate Costs | | | | | |
| External Audit Fee | 93.7 | 64.0 | 29.7 | 29.7 | - |
| Bank Charges (net of fees) | 20.2 | 17.5 | 2.7 | 2.7 | - |
| Treasury Management | 6.6 | 6.5 | 0.1 | 0.1 | - |
| Property Services | | | | | |
| Property Services Team | 240.8 | 270.7 | (29.9) | (30.4) | 0.5 |
| Corporate Estates | (29.2) | (33.4) | 4.2 | 4.2 | 0.0 |
| Non Domestic Estates | (71.3) | (83.9) | 12.6 | 12.6 | 0.0 |
| Office Accommodation | 236.6 | 240.4 | (3.8) | (3.8) | 0.0 |
| Operational Properties | 360.6 | 336.5 | 24.1 | 24.1 | (0.0) |
| Leisure Properties | 67.0 | 64.8 | 2.2 | 2.2 | (0.0) |
| Bus Shelters | (17.4) | (10.8) | (6.6) | (6.6) | (0.0) |
| Business Centre | 53.5 | 62.7 | (9.3) | (9.3) | 0.0 |
| Total | 1,439.5 | 1,392.8 | 46.6 | 43.1 | 3.6 |

| Key changes made during the period to the full year forecast | Variance Bfwd | Variance this Pd | Full-Yr | R A |
|--|------------------|---------------------|---------|--------|
| | £000 | £000 | £000 | |
| Internal Audit - reduction in Audit Plan | 15.6 | | 15.6 | |
| External Audit - new audit contract | 29.7 | | 29.7 | |
| Finance Team - other misc variances | 2.5 | 0.9 | 3.4 | |
| Finance Team - staff vacancy | 2.3 | 2.1 | 4.4 | |
| Water | 7.6 | 0.5 | 8.1 | |
| NNDR - refunds | 35.2 | 0.9 | 36.1 | |
| Repairs & Maintenance | (13.7) | | (13.7) | |
| Electricity | 5.6 | 0.8 | 6.4 | |
| Gas | (4.4) | (1.4) | (5.8) | |
| Haslingden Pool - structural survey | (1.5) | Ì | (1.5) | |
| Hardmans Mill - Service air conditioning unit | | (1.6) | (1.6) | |
| Legionella | (2.5) | | (2.5) | |
| Salary savings - vacant post | 3.6 | | 3.6 | |
| Pension strain for previous employee | (2.9) | | (2.9) | |
| BT ISDN / rental costs at Stubbylee Hall | (6.4) | | (6.4) | |
| Telephone call charges across sites | (3.2) | | (3.2) | |
| Departure charges | (4.2) | | (4.2) | |
| Land Drainage | (0.6) | | (0.6) | |
| Rawtenstall Market - Suspended Air Heater | (3.3) | | (3.3) | |
| Corporate Estates - Professional Fees Land at Douglas Road | (1.8) | | (1.8) | |
| Corporate Estates/ Industrial Units - Rental Income | (0.5) | | (0.5) | |
| Business Centre - Rental income | (2.6) | | (2.6) | |
| Business Centre - other room hire | (1.6) | | (1.6) | |
| Business Centre - Miscellaneous Expenses | (1.9) | | (1.9) | |
| Property - Miscellaneous Expenses | (7.9) | 1.3 | (6.6) | |
| TOTAL | 43.1 | 3.5 | 46.6 | |

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Finance & Property Services - Monitoring Highlight Report - Period 10 (January)

Financial Services

Historic Issues

- External Audit fees are expected to see a further marginal reduction following the national transfer of the Audit Commission contract to Grant Thornton.
- Internal Audit saving on number of days required for the 2012/13 audit plan is £15.6k.

Current Month Issues

• One vacant post is not likely to be filled this year, saving a further £2.1k.

Futures Issues

· Nothing to report.

Property Services

Historic Issues

- An agreement has now been reached between RBC and LCC with regard the Bury Road culvert c£130k. All outstanding invoices have been paid.
- BT costs for ISDN and rental costs for Stubbylee Hall are showing an over spend of £4.7k.
- NNDR refunds totalling £36.1k this includes the Astoria having the rates reduced to zero with effect from April 2010
- Land Drainage budget has been fully utilised. Any additional works will result in an over spend against this budget.
- The projected gas forecast is now expected to over spend by £4.7k. This figure is net of the 18.5% increase in the new contract commencing October 2012 and savings from the demolition of Henrietta St garage.
- Works at Healey Dell have now been ordered to the value of £9.5k which is being funded by contributions from S106 resources.

Current Month Issues

- The Current forecast is for a projected over spend of £6.4k, a favourable movement in the month of £0.5k
- The air conditioning unit at Hardmans Mill service/maintenance costs are £1.6k
- The projected gas costs have moved adversely by £1.4k during the month showing a projected over spend of £5.8k. This is the second month of the new gas contract and the payments for some sites are currently estimated.

Futures Issues

- United Utilities are undergoing a national review to consolidate the new charges introduced in 2011/12 for cemeteries. The phased introduction is likely to result in further cost pressures though the total value is unknown.
- Recent adverse weather conditions may impact upon future annual drainage budget allowances in comparison to historic requirements.

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People and Policy - Period 10 (January)

| Summary | 2012/13 Org Budget £000 | Forecast | (Adv)/Fav | Variance last reported | |
|---|-------------------------------|----------|-----------|---------------------------|-------|
| People & Organisational Development Human Resources | 401.8 | 368.2 | 33.6 | 34.3 | (0.7) |
| Total | 401.8 | 368.2 | 33.6 | 34.3 | (0.7) |

| Key changes made during the period to the full year forecast | Variance Bfwd £000 | this Pd | | Α |
|--|--------------------------|---------|--------|---|
| Salaries | 5.4 | 1.0 | 6.4 | |
| External Printing / Publicity | 3.6 | | 3.6 | |
| Photography Fees | 1.0 | | 1.0 | |
| General Subscriptions | 3.1 | | 3.1 | |
| Newsletter Production & Design | 7.1 | | 7.1 | |
| Remove contribution to Corporate Plan | 1.9 | | 1.9 | |
| Various Non Pay budgets | 4.0 | | 4.0 | |
| Professional fees re employment advice | (2.3) | (1.7) | (4.0) | |
| Green Travel Plan Cycles | 0.5 | | 0.5 | |
| Alcohol Prevention | (10.0) | | (10.0) | |
| Children's Trust | 20.0 | · | 20.0 | |
| TOTAL | 34.3 | (0.7) | 33.6 | |

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People & Policy Highlight Report - Period 10 (January)

Historic Issues

• The main forecast under-spend relates to budgets that were previously used by the Communications section for newsletter production, graphic design etc. A £30k expenditure budget remains in this area, c£3k of which will be used to support the Council's various current consultation projects.

Current Month Issues

• There are no significant movements this month.

Future Issues

• In February there will be a prudent review of the expenditure requirements against the retained communications budget mentioned above.

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Non-distributed Costs, Corporate Resources & Leisure Services Period 10 (January)

| Summary | 2012/13 Org Budget £000 | Forecast | (Adv)/Fav | Variance last reported | , |
|-----------------------------|-------------------------------|----------|-----------|---------------------------|-------|
| Non Distributed Costs | | | | | |
| Employee & Pension Costs | 135.9 | 149.7 | (13.8) | (13.8) | 0.0 |
| Other Non-distributed Costs | 11.4 | 12.5 | `(1.1) | , , , , , | (1.0) |
| Capital Financing | | | ` , | , , | ` , |
| Minimum Revenue Provision | 124.5 | 124.5 | - | - | - |
| Investment Interest | (78.7) | (137.7) | 59.0 | 53.1 | 5.9 |
| Leisure | 652.6 | 652.0 | 0.6 | 0.6 | (0.0) |
| Total | 845.7 | 801.0 | 44.7 | 39.8 | 4.9 |

| Key changes made during the period to the full year forecast | Variance Bfwd | | | R A |
|--|------------------|-------|--------|--------|
| | £000 | £000 | £000 | G |
| Pensions - inflation pressures | (13.8) | | (13.8) | |
| Interest expenditure | 12.5 | | 12.5 | |
| Interest income | 40.2 | 5.9 | 46.1 | |
| Other misc variances | 0.9 | (1.0) | (0.1) | |
| TOTAL | 39.8 | 4.9 | 44.7 | |

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Non-Distributed Costs & Capital Financing - Highlight Report - Period 10 (January)

Historic Issues

- Pension charges in relation to former employees has risen by £12.9k for the year following inflation rises in the pension levels.
- Interest payments not now required will result in another favourable variance of £13k.

Current Month Issues

• Interest income has been forecasting a favourable variance all year and in December this has risen by a further £5.9k to £46.1k. The amount of interest earned or secured through the current fixed rate deposits now totals over £137k.

Future Issues

- Following the Annual General Meeting of Municipal Mutual Insurance, the Council's insurer up until the mid 1990s, the Council has received the June 2012 accounts and a statement from the chairman regarding the position of ongoing insurance claims dating back many years. It is therefore anticipated that there is a need to increase the Council's provision from £100k to £200k.
- Summary of the potential year-end provisions which may be required:-

o Collection Fund Deficit 2012/13 £29k

Bad Debts additional provision £21k

Municipal Mutual Insurance £100k

o Revenue Contributions to Capital

■ Vehicle Replacement <u>£30k</u> £180k

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Earmarked Reserves

| | | Corporate | | | | | | |
|--|-------------------|------------------------|--------------------|---------------|--------------|----------------------|---------------|----------------------|
| Earmarked Reserves (cash-backed items only) | Change Manag't | Contingency Reserve | Planning LABGIS | Core Strategy | Econ' Regen' | Budget Volatility | Single Status | Homeless' Reserve |
| | AN060103 | AN060131 | AN060107 | AN060108 | AN060109 | AN060110 | AN060111 | AN060127 |
| Balance at 01/04/12 | 932.7 | 14.0 | 65.4 | 243.1 | 335.3 | 226.7 | 30.0 | 213.6 |
| Funds Received 2012/13 | | | | | | | | |
| 2012/13 grants | | | | | | | | |
| Revenue income received | 16.7 | | | | | | | |
| Revenue income anticipated | | | | | 38.0 | 78.0 | | |
| Total Funds Available | 949.4 | 14.0 | 65.4 | 243.1 | 373.3 | 304.7 | 30.0 | 213.6 |
| 2011/12 Utilisation Deferred | | | | | | | | |
| Stubbylee / Acc & Ross College | | | | | | | | |
| Area Forum Grants | | | | | | | | |
| Leisure Investment Project | | | | | | | | |
| Leisure Support | | | | | | | | |
| Valley Centre demolition | | | | | (131.1) | | | |
| 2012-13 Published Budget Utilisation | | | | | | | | |
| Admin Support to Regeneration | | | | | (20.0) | | | |
| Tourism Support | | | | | (/ | | | |
| Regeneration Officer | | | | | (47.0) | | | |
| Area Forum Grants | | | | | , , | | | |
| Community Engagement Officer & Planning for | | | | | | | | |
| Climate Change | | | | | | | | |
| 2012-13 Other Utilisation Plans | | | | | | | | |
| Bacup 'Big Ideas' | | | | | | | | |
| Building Safer Stonger Communities | | | | | | | | |
| Core Strategy | | | | (159.7) | | | | |
| Allocations Strategy - Letter Drop | | | | (7.4) | | | | |
| B-with-us | | | | | (6.0) | | | |
| Refuse Bins | | | | | | (26.7) | | |
| Youth Homelessness funding | | | | | | | | (183.6) |
| PRG Adrenalin Gateway Program | | | | | | | | |
| PRG Signage Capital | | | | | | | | |
| Hako Sweepers | | | | | | | | |
| Alcohol Rig Monies (Bacup Action Plan / Family | | | | | | | | |
| Intervention) | | | | | | | | |
| Council tax - CPO properties | | (4.5) | | | | | | |
| Additional pension payments | | | | | | | | |
| THI Contribution | | | | | | | | |
| Homelessness post cover | | _ | | | | | | |
| Reserve Estimates 31/3/13 | 949.4 | 9.5 | 65.4 | 76.0 | 169.2 | 278.0 | 30.0 | 30.0 |
| Future Contributions/Utilisation Plans | | | | | | | | |
| 2013/14 Plans | (16.7) | | | (13.7) | (40.1) | | | (30.0) |
| Bacup Town Centre Heritage Inititative | | | (65.4) | | (20.1) | | | |
| 2014/15 Plans | | | | (62.2) | 0.0 | | | |
| 2015/16 Plans | | | | | | | | |
| Potential Reserve Balances | 932.7 | 9.5 | 0.0 | 0.1 | 109.0 | 278.0 | 30.0 | 0.0 |

| Minor Reserves | Balance Bfwd | Forecast Added | Forecast Used | Bal March 2013 | Bal March 2016 |
|---------------------------------|-----------------|-------------------|------------------|-------------------|-------------------|
| Directorate Investment Reserves | | | | | |
| Place Directorate | 0.0 | 49.0 | 0.0 | 49.0 | 49.0 |
| Business Directorate | 49.0 | 109.0 | (19.5) | 138.5 | 138.5 |
| Corporate Directorate | 61.0 | 85.0 | 0.0 | 146.0 | 146.0 |
| CCTV | 92.3 | 0.0 | (18.5) | 73.8 | 73.8 |
| Performance Mgt | 64.5 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 64.5 | 64.5 |
| Right to Challenge | 0.0 | 8.0 | 0.0 | 8.0 | 8.0 |
| Assets of Community Value | 0.0 | 4.0 | 0.0 | 4.0 | 4.0 |
| Pension Fund Reserve | 141.0 | 309.3 | (250.0) | 200.3 | (2.0) |
| | 407.8 | 564.3 | (288.0) | 684.1 | 481.8 |

The transactions on the Pension Fund Reserve reflect the anticipated pension budgets and the additional Green Vale Homes VAT Shelter income as noted on page 30.

The potential impact of the localisation of non-domestic rates from April 2013 has yet to be determined and reflected in the above reserve requirements. It is possible that this will result in a recommendation to increase the level on the budget volatility reserve over the next two years.

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Earmarked Reserves

| Earmarked Reserves (cash-backed items only) | Vehicle Reserve | Leisure Reserves | Bacup N'hood Reserve | PRIDE Reserve | Perform Reward Grant | Transistional Budgetary Support | Area Based Grants | Other Minor Reserves | Total |
|--|--------------------|---------------------|----------------------------|------------------|----------------------------|---------------------------------------|----------------------|-------------------------|---------|
| | AN060130 | AN060118/9 | AN060125 | AN060126 | AN060120 | AN060129 | AN060121 | - 1 | |
| Balance at 01/04/12 | 254.5 | 924.0 | 135.0 | 178.1 | 329.3 | 815.0 | 48.3 | 407.8 | 5,152.8 |
| Funds Received 2012/13 | | | | | | | | | |
| 2012/13 grants | | | | | | | | 0.00 | 0.0 |
| Revenue income received | 52.1 | | 8.0 | | | | | 262.30 | 339.1 |
| Revenue income anticipated | | | 19.2 | | | | | 302.00 | 437.2 |
| Total Funds Available | 306.6 | 924.0 | 162.2 | 178.1 | 329.3 | 815.0 | 48.3 | 972.1 | 5,929.1 |
| 2011/12 Utilisation Deferred | | | | | | | | | |
| Stubbylee / Acc & Ross College | | | (100.0) | | | | | 0.00 | (100.0) |
| Area Forum Grants | | | | (38.0) | | | | 0.00 | (38.0) |
| Leisure Investment Project | | (258.5) | | , , | | | | 0.00 | (258.5) |
| Leisure Support | | | | | | | | 0.00 | 0.0 |
| Valley Centre demolition | | | | | | | | 0.00 | (131.1) |
| 2012-13 Published Budget Utilisation | | | | | | | | | , , |
| Admin Support to Regeneration | | | | | | | | 0.00 | (20.0) |
| Tourism Support | | | | | | | | 0.00 | 0.0 |
| Regeneration Officer | | | | | | | | 0.00 | (47.0) |
| Area Forum Grants | | | | (70.0) | | | | 0.00 | (70.0) |
| Community Engagement Officer & Planning for Climate Change | | | | , , | | | (22.4) | 0.00 | (22.4) |
| 2012-13 Other Utilisation Plans | | | | | | | , , | | ` ' |
| Bacup 'Big Ideas' | | | (50.0) | | | | | 0.00 | (50.0) |
| Building Safer Stonger Communities | | | () | | | | | (18.50) | (18.5) |
| Core Strategy | | | | | | | | 0.00 | (159.7) |
| Allocations Strategy - Letter Drop | | | | | | | | 0.00 | (7.4) |
| B-with-us | | | | | | | | 0.00 | (6.0) |
| Refuse Bins | | | | | | | | 0.00 | (26.7) |
| Youth Homelessness funding | | | | | | | | 0.00 | (183.6) |
| PRG Adrenalin Gateway Program | | | | | (76.2) | | | 0.00 | (76.2) |
| PRG Signage Capital | | | | | (70.0) | | | 0.00 | (70.0) |
| Hako Sweepers | (120.0) | | | | | | | 0.00 | (120.0) |
| Alcohol Rig Monies (Bacup Action Plan / | | | | | | | | | |
| Family Intervention) | | | | | (26.0) | | | 0.00 | (26.0) |
| Council tax - CPO properties | | | | | | | | 0.00 | (4.5) |
| Additional pension payments | | | | | | | | (250.00) | (250.0) |
| THI Contribution | | | | | | | | (12.50) | (12.5) |
| Homelessness post cover | | | | | | | | (7.00) | (7.0) |
| Reserve Estimates 31/3/13 | 186.6 | 665.5 | 12.2 | 70.1 | 157.1 | 815.0 | 25.9 | 684.1 | 4,224.0 |
| Future Contributions/Utilisation Plans | | | | | | | | | |
| 2013/14 Plans | 35.5 | (24.6) | 12.8 | (70.1) | | (386.0) | | (202.30) | (735.2) |
| Bacup Town Centre Heritage Inititative | | | | | | | | 0.00 | (85.5) |
| 2014/15 Plans | (68.5) | (18.6) | | | | (429.0) | | 0.00 | (578.3) |
| 2015/16 Plans | | (9.6) | | | | | | 0.00 | (9.6) |
| Potential Reserve Balances | 153.6 | 612.7 | 25.0 | 0.0 | 157.1 | 0.0 | 25.9 | 481.8 | 2,815.4 |

Current issues

The expected usage of the earmarked reserves for 2012/13 and the coming years has been reflected above. This includes the conclusion of the Rawtenstall Town Centre redevelopment as well as the leisure investment project at Marl Pits.

In accordance with the June Cabinet report the balances on the Planning LABGIS and Economic Regeneration Reserves have now been allocated to the matched funding required for the Bacup Town Centre Heritage Initiative project. This is in conjunction with the two grants shown on the following page and leaves a matched funding requirement of £116k still to be identified from the reserves above.

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Grants Unapplied

| Grants Unapplied (* denotes a capital grant) | Commun' for Habitats | Bacup Town Centre | Housing Capital Pot * | Disabled Facilities Grants * | Regen Grants (HMR)* | Local'n Ctax Grant | Commun' for Health | Total |
|---|----------------------------|-------------------------|-----------------------------|------------------------------------|---------------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|---------|
| Balance at 01/04/12 | 25.2 | 52.6 | 493.0 | 0.0 | 70.2 | | 174.0 | 815.0 |
| New Funds Received 2012/13 | | | | | | | | |
| Government grant received | | 100.0 | | 419.0 | | 84.0 | | 603.0 |
| Other contributions | | | | 200.0 | | | | 200.0 |
| Total Funds Available | 25.2 | 152.6 | 493.0 | 619.0 | 70.2 | 84.0 | 174.0 | 1,618.0 |
| Planned Utilisation in 2012/13 | | | | | | | | |
| Planning Core Strategy work | (16.8) | | | | | | | (16.8) |
| DFGs original Capital Prog 2012/13 | | | (104.0) | (419.0) | | | | (523.0) |
| Additional Utilisation in 2012/13 | | | | | | | | 0.0 |
| DFGs broughf forward from 2011/12 | | | (81.0) | | | | | (81.0) |
| DFGs additional GVH element | | | | (200.0) | | | | (200.0) |
| Other Housing Capital Programme | | | | | | | | 0.0 |
| Elevate Programme balance | | | | | (10.1) | | | (10.1) |
| Localisation of Ctax - software costs | | | | | | (84.0) | | (84.0) |
| Anticipated Balance 31/3/13 | 8.4 | 152.6 | 308.0 | 0.0 | 60.1 | 0.0 | 174.0 | 703.1 |
| Future Utilisation Plans | | | | | | | | |
| 2013/14 | | (152.6) | (170.0) | | | | | (322.6) |
| 2014/15 | | | (138.0) | | | | | (138.0) |
| 2015/16 | | | | | | | | 0.0 |
| Potential Reserve Balances | 8.4 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 60.1 | 0.0 | 174.0 | 242.5 |

In December the Disabled Facilities Grant income was revised to include the additional £66k being paid from central government. This income needs to be spent before the end of the financial year and will effectively reduce the amount of Housing Capital Pot grant required to finance the current year expenditure on DFGs, allowing those funds to be deferred to support future DFG requirements.

Staff Costs, including agency

The table below now reflects the changes made in year to the opening operational structures, removing 4.8 FTEs. The current vacant posts are compared to the reduced establishment of 199.6 FTEs. The total favourable variance has increased by £23k in January to £217k.

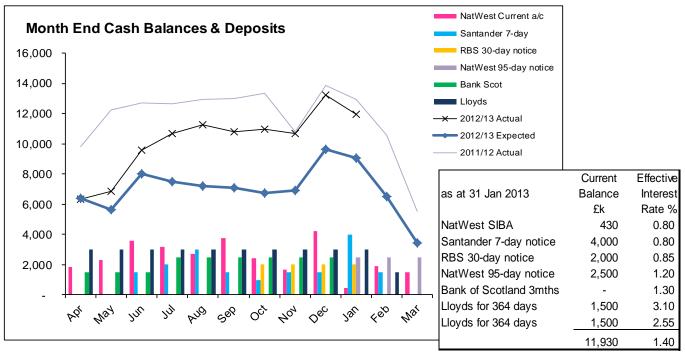
| | | | Variance | Variance | Change this | | FTE | |
|-----------------------------|--------|--------|-----------|-----------|-------------|------------|---------|---------|
| Employment Costs | YTD | YTD | this mth | last mth | mth | Original | Changes | Current |
| Period 10 - January 2013 | Budget | Actual | (Adv)/Fav | (Adv)/Fav | (Adv)/Fav | Budget | during | Vacant |
| | £000 | £000 | £000 | £000 | £000 | Staff FTEs | 2012/13 | Posts |
| Place Directorate | | | | | | | | |
| Communities Service | 1,246 | 1,199 | 47 | 32 | 14 | 49.7 | -1.8 | 1.0 |
| Customer Services | 358 | 314 | 44 | 35 | 9 | 10.8 | -1.0 | 1.0 |
| Operations Service | 1,180 | 1,100 | 80 | 80 | (0) | 51.7 | 0.0 | 1.0 |
| Business Directorate | | | | | | | | |
| Building Control Services | 185 | 186 | (1) | (0) | (0) | 5.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| Legal & Democratic Services | 366 | 365 | 1 | 1 | (0) | 12.7 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| Planning Services | 369 | 342 | 27 | 24 | 3 | 12.6 | -1.0 | 0.0 |
| Local Land Charges | 66 | 66 | (0) | 0 | (1) | 2.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| Public Protection | 209 | 204 | 5 | 4 | 1 | 8.8 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| Health, Housing & Regen | 732 | 733 | (1) | (3) | 2 | 21.5 | -1.0 | 0.0 |
| Corporate Services | | | | | | | | |
| Corporate Management | 307 | 300 | 7 | 7 | (0) | 5.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| Finance & Property Services | 533 | 529 | 4 | 6 | (2) | 18.6 | 0.0 | 1.0 |
| People & Org. Performance | 204 | 200 | 4 | 6 | (2) | 6.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| Total | 5,755 | 5,538 | 217 | 194 | 23 | 204.4 | -4.8 | 4.0 |

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Treasury Management & Cash Flow Monitoring

Cash Flow Management

At the end of January the bank balances were £11,930k, down from £13,216k at the end of December and it will continue to fall to the year-end as the Collection Fund receipts draw to a close.



During January officers met with both the bank manager and the treasury management advisors to gain a better understanding the level of interest rates available for 2013/14 and beyond. Unfortunately, the national "Funding for Lending" scheme means that banks do not need to offer attractive rates for 12-month deposits and the best available over the next couple of months is 1.1% from Lloyds. Already banks are warning that the interest rates available will be cut again between February and May by up to 0.3% and from March the SIBA account will drop from 0.8% to 0.6%.

In order to maximise interest income, officers have opened a range of notice accounts, such as the 95-day notice account above which is offering 1.2% until mid May, when it will drop to 0.8%. When the first Lloyds deposit matures in mid February this is likely to be reinvested at 1.1% before the 12-month rates take a similar reduction.

Deposits and Interest Earned

The 2012-13 interest earned continues to perform well and a further £5.8k favourable variance has been reflected in the General Fund on page 22. However, the notes above mean that in 2013/14 the original budget being proposed has now reduced from £90k to £79k.

| Interest | Budget 12/13 | Forecast 12/13 | Variance Fav/(Adv) | Change Fav/(Adv) |
|------------------|-----------------|-------------------|-----------------------|---------------------|
| Revenue | | | | |
| Interest payable | (13.0) | 0.0 | 13.0 | 0.0 |
| Interest income | 90.0 | 136.1 | 46.1 | 5.8 |
| Net Interest | 77.0 | 136.1 | 59.1 | 5.8 |
| Capital | | | | |
| Interest income | 0.0 | 8.3 | 8.3 | 0.0 |
| Net Interest | 0.0 | 8.3 | 8.3 | 0.0 |

| as at 31 Jan 2013 | Terms | Gross Rate % | Interest Paid |
|------------------------|-----------------------|-----------------|------------------|
| NatWest instant access | £1M+ | 0.80 | Quarterly |
| Santander 7-day notice | £1+ | 0.80 | Quarterly |
| RBS 30-day notice | £1+ | 0.90 | Monthly |
| NatWest 95-day notice | £1+ | 1.20 | Monthly |
| Bank of Scotland | £2.5m 3mths | 1.30 | 24/10/12 |
| Lloyds | £1.5m 364 days | 3.10 | 13/02/13 |
| Lloyds | £1.5m 364 days | 2.55 | 20/03/13 |

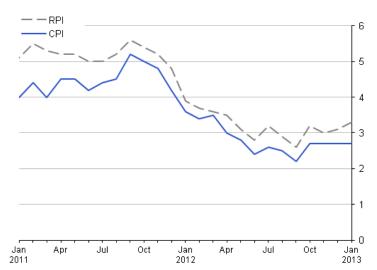
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Economic Outlook (issued 12th Feb)

The Consumer Prices Index (CPI) annual inflation stood at 2.7 % in January, unchanged for the fourth month in a row. However, the Retail Prices Index (RPI) annual inflation rose to 3.3% from 3.1% in December.

The largest upward pressures came from alcohol and air fares whilst miscellaneous goods & services and clothing provided the largest downward pressures.

Members should note that the September CPI of 2.5% was an important one as it determines the coming year rises for payments such as pensions and benefits. inflate the Revenues & Benefits contract.



payments such as pensions and benefits. However, the September RPI of 2.6% is the factor used to

NB - Changes to pensions announced in mid January will not come into effect until April 2017 at the earliest, therefore the September RPI figure is still an important indicator for the life of the Council's MTFS.

Interest rate forward predictions

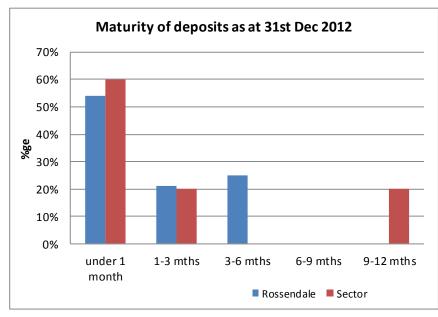
Sector analysts have maintained their forecast of any rise in interest rates until at least Q1 of 2015.

| as at | Mar | Jun | Sept | Dec | Mar | Jun | Sept | Dec | Mar | Jun | Sept |
|------------------------|----------------|----------------|------|------|------|----------------|------|----------------|------|----------------|----------------|
| Jan 2013 | 2013 | 2013 | 2013 | 2013 | 2014 | 2014 | 2014 | 2014 | 2015 | 2015 | 2015 |
| Base Rate 25yr PWLB | 0.50% 3.80% | 0.50% 3.80% | | | | 0.50% 3.90% | | 0.50% 4.10% | | 1.00% 4.40% | 1.25% 4.60% |

Treasury Management Practices and Prudential Indicators

All the Council's investments continue to follow the policies laid down in the Treasury Management Strategy document, only using UK high street banks with high credit ratings and/or assisted by government funding and limiting investments to short-term (ie. 364 days maximum).

The Council's Treasury Management Practices limit the maximum investment with any single institution to the greater of £5m or 50% of total funds available, and £10m across a single group.



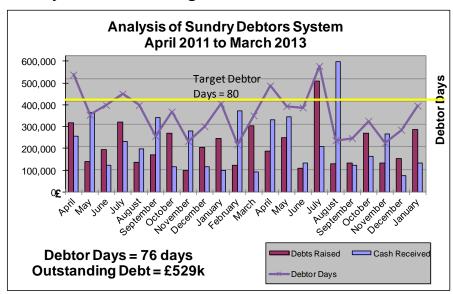
Though the balance in the NatWest SIBA account went to £5,051k overnight on the 15th January, the total funds available were over £14m, therefore the Council's deposits remained within the above investment limits.

Sector's current portfolio has an effective interest rate of 0.72% and an average duration of 70 days.

In comparison, the Council's average duration at the end of January was 35 days but the effective interest rate is 1.40%. This will fall markedly in the next two months as the Council's longer-term deposits mature.

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Sundry Debts Monitoring



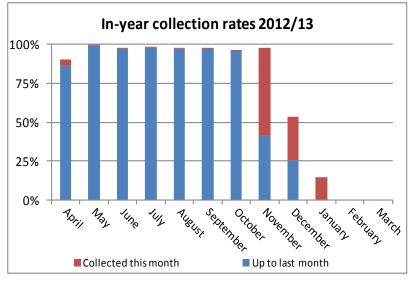
During January £342k of new invoices were raised, including a quarterly trade waste invoice of £147k and an £82k invoice for the "Warm Homes Healthy People" grant, both to LCC.

This brings the total to date in 2012/13 up to £2,261k.

Of the total £529k outstanding in the table below 57% is under 30 days old.

After the final installment collection for trade waste bills over 93% of April invoices will have been collected. Of the invoices raised between May and November the collection rate is over 98%.

The value of the January invoices has raised the average debtor days to 76 from 55 last month, but this is still a marginal improvement on the 78 days at the end of January 2012.



| 5.14 | Mar | Mar | 31 Dec | 2012 | 31 Jan | 2013 | Doubtfu | Il Debt |
|---------------------|-------|-------|--------|-------|--------|-------|---------|---------|
| Debts | 2011 | 2012 | | | | | Prov | /'n |
| Outstanding | £k | £k | £k | £k | £k | £k | rate | value |
| Earlier Debt | 41.7 | 24.9 | | 23.1 | | 23.0 | 100% | 23.0 |
| 2010/11 Debt | 477.5 | 24.0 | | 19.7 | | 19.6 | 100% | 19.6 |
| 2011/12 Debt | | 419.3 | | 63.0 | | 58.0 | mixed | 54.5 |
| 2012/13 Debt | | | | | | | | |
| Q1 Apr | | | 26.9 | | 19.6 | | 50% | 4.8 |
| Q1 May | | | 1.5 | | 1.4 | | 50% | 0.7 |
| Q1 Jun | | | 3.5 | 31.9 | 2.2 | 23.2 | 50% | 1.1 |
| Q2 Jul | | | 10.3 | | 10.1 | | 10% | 1.0 |
| Q2 Aug | | | 4.0 | | 3.4 | | 10% | 0.3 |
| Q2 Sept | | | 3.5 | 17.8 | 3.0 | 16.5 | 10% | 0.3 |
| Q3 Oct | | | 11.0 | | 8.8 | | 10% | 0.9 |
| Q3 Nov | | | 77.3 | | 2.5 | | 10% | 0.3 |
| Q3 Dec | | | 121.0 | 209.3 | | 86.3 | | 7.5 |
| Q4 Jan | | | | | 293.1 | | 10% | |
| Q4 Feb | | | | | 9.4 | | 10% | 0.9 |
| Q4 Mar | | | _ | 0.0 | _ | 302.5 | 10%_ | 0.0 |
| Total Debt o/s | 519.2 | 468.2 | | 364.8 | | 529.1 | | 121.3 |

Doubtful debts

When calculating the level of doubtful debts the invoices to LCC have been excluded.

Therefore, the total doubtful debts have dropped from £135k last month to £121k, against which the Council has a provision of £109k.

At the end of the year officers will consider any additional contribution, however the current forecast is for no material requirement.

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Capital Resources

Table 1 - 2012/13 receipts

| | Original | | Total | Surplus/ |
|-----------------------|-----------|----------|----------|-----------|
| Major Receipts: | Expect'ns | Received | Forecast | (Deficit) |
| | £000 | £000 | £000 | £000 |
| Capital Receipts | | | | |
| Land & Property Sales | 100 | 1,107 | 1,143 | 1,043 |
| Equity Release Repaym | nents | 9 | 9 | 9 |
| Cost of sales | | | (107) | (107) |
| | 100 | 1,116 | 1,046 | 946 |
| Revenue Receipts | | | | |
| GVH - Vat Shelter | 346 | 213 | 393 | 47 |

Historic issues

VAT Shelter payments for Q4 2011/12 were received in June at £77k above the level accrued for. When added to Quarter 1 & 2 income the total receipts to date are £213k.

Of the land sale receipts above £525k pertaining

to a development in Bacup was earmarked and used within the revised programme overleaf to facilitate the transfer of the larger site, leading to a net £300k benefit.

In August the sale of a ransom strip in Whitworth was concluded and funds received.

| Capital Receipts expected in 2012/13 | 1,046 |
|--------------------------------------|-------|
| | 2,057 |
| Revenue Contributions (RCCO) | |
| VAT Shelter after Pensions | - |
| Leisure & Regen Reserves | 389 |
| other Earmarked Reserves | 160 |

Table 2 - Useable Capital Receipt Balances

£ 000

1,011

(400)

Useable Capital Receipts Forecast

Balance at April 2012

from Revenue Operations 98

Total Capital Resources 2012/13 2,704

Capital Programme spend (1,983)

Capital Resources at March 2013 721

Estimate of Unreserved Capital
Receipts at March 2013 321

Reserved for housing at March 2013

Current issues

In December the initial deposits were received pertaining to 3 CPO properties following their sale at auction. Those sales have now been completed and the total income included in Table 1 above, matched by the costs of CPO and emergency works to date. The remaining CPO costs and sale of the final property are expected in the coming months. The exercise is now expected to result in net capital receipts of around £30k which will be added to the current housing CPO ring-fenced funds of £130k to meet any net costs of future similar schemes.

Green Vale Homes have notified the Council that the Q3 VAT Shelter entitlement is £83k and payment is due in February. Any receipts above the original budget will be transferred to the Pension Fund Earmarked Reserve as noted on page 24.

One £9k former Equity Release grant has been paid back in January, ring-fenced for housing.

Financing the Capital Programme

The estimate of unreserved general fund capital receipts at year-end remains £321k following the December decision to invest £160k in the accommodation strategy project.

The other main source of capital funds is through grants. Following the December notification of a further £66k of DFG grants use of Housing Capital Pot grant has been equally deferred to future years. Therefore, the revised DFG project estimate still stands at £804k with £419k from DFG grant, up to £200k funded by Green Vales Homes and £185k from the unapplied Housing Capital Pot grant.

<u>Future issues</u> DFG grant beyond 2014/15 remains uncertain and for prudence the future capital programme proposals assume no DFG grants beyond March 2015. However, £200k of funds not required for the Decent Homes Assistance project (see the following page) may be redirected to DFGs if the Members so decide when they consider the proposed capital programme in February.

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Capital Programme Spending

Actual capital expenditure, compared to budget, is as follows:

| SERVICE AREA | 2012/13 Original Capital Programme | 2012/13 Revised Capital Programm | | od 10 ORING | Full YR Forecast | Revis | ed Program | ıme Funding | ı Arrangeme | ents |
|-----------------------------|---|---|-------|----------------|---------------------|-----------|------------|-------------|-------------|--------|
| | Total | Total | Spend | Committ | Forecast | Grants/ | Capital | Reserves | RBC Int | MRP |
| | £000 | £000 | £000 | £000 | £000 | Contrib'n | Receipts | /RCCO | Borrow | Effect |
| Place Directorate | | | | | | | | | | |
| Communities & Operations | 60 | 508 | 157 | 32 | 508 | 145 | 323 | 40 | 0 | 0 |
| Customer Services & e Govt | 0 | 25 | 17 | 8 | 25 | 0 | 0 | 11 | 14 | 2 |
| Regeneration | 0 | 442 | 261 | 146 | 442 | 311 | 0 | 131 | 0 | 0 |
| Corporate Support Services | | | | | | | | | | |
| Finance & Property Services | 153 | 1,298 | 896 | 28 | 1,298 | 0 | 1,012 | 137 | 149 | 16 |
| Leisure Facilities | 0 | 2,072 | 1,953 | 123 | 2,072 | 0 | 0 | 258 | 1,814 | 87 |
| Other PRG Projects | 0 | 73 | 0 | 0 | 73 | 3 | 0 | 70 | 0 | 0 |
| Housing | 723 | 805 | 522 | 30 | 805 | 804 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| | 936 | 5,223 | 3,806 | 367 | 5,223 | 1,263 | 1,336 | 647 | 1,977 | 105 |

Historic issues

The original capital programme for 2012/13 approved in February was £936k.

A total of £2,966k was carried over from 2011/12 for ongoing projects and new projects added during 2012/13 so far mean that the revised programme is now £5,223k.

| | Costs | Additional Projects | Costs |
|----------------------------------|-------|--------------------------------|-------|
| Slippage items from 2011/12 | '£000 | • | '£000 |
| Victoria Park play area | 5 | Sharneyford Play area | 41 |
| Edgeside Play Area | 5 | Stacksteads Riverside Park | 92 |
| Cemeteries | 73 | Wheeled bins | 30 |
| Sports playing Fields | 200 | IT equipment and software | 18 |
| Rawtenstall Town Centre | 131 | Contaminated Land | 162 |
| Car Park upgrading | 36 | Rawtenstall Town Centre | 149 |
| Building Maintenance | 44 | Henrietta Street Depot | 290 |
| Stubbylee Hall - College project | 100 | Henrietta Street CPO costs | 283 |
| Emergency Works | 109 | Solar panels | 113 |
| Leisure Facilities | 1,960 | Accommodation Project | 160 |
| PRG - Signage project | 73 | Leisure Facilities (equipment) | 112 |
| Henrietta Street exit costs | 19 | Disabled Facilities Grants | 200 |
| Disabled Facilities Grants | 81 | CPO / Enforced Sales | -129 |
| CPO / Enforced Sales | 130 | Decent Homes Assistance | -200 |
| | 2,966 | | 1,321 |

Current Issues - January activity included:-

- A further £41k of mandatory DFGs have been completed and paid for. To the end of January all the general fund monies available in 2012/13 have now been committed in the form of grants approved and 69% of those have been paid for or commissioned. Of the £200k available for Green Vale Homes properties £177k of grants have been approved and 75% of those have been paid or commissioned.
- The Stacksteads Riverside Park project is now 74% complete.
- Building maintenance projects which have commenced in January include
 - o Leavengreave Car Park and Waterfoot Car Park
 - Tarmac replacement at Daniel Street and Heys Street Industrial Estates
 - Car Park work at Haslingden Sports Centre
 - Marl Pits Flat roof work
- The Accommodation Project work has commenced with the alterations to the Business Centre at Futures Park to enable teams from the One Stop Shop to move up gradually over the coming months.

Against the revised programme of £5,223k costs paid or committed to date are £4,173k (80%)

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Minimum Revenue Provision

Internal borrowing is paid back over the life of the assets from the Revenue Account (known as the Minimum Revenue Provision or MRP) and the original budget for this in 2012/13 was £570.7k, of which £437k related specifically to operational vehicles and equipment and £9k was for the new desktop virtualisation project.

| Minimum Revenue Provision (MRP) | Original MRP Budget 2012/13 | Budget Virements 2012/13 | Revised MRP Budget 2012/13 | Revised MRP Costs 2012/13 | MRP Costs 2013/14 |
|---|--------------------------------------|--------------------------------|-------------------------------------|------------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| Refuse Collection Street Sweeping Parks IT Facilities | 313 68 56 9 | 5 4 | 313 68 56 14 4 | 312 64 56 11 4 | 312 70 56 11 14 |
| Leisure Investment Non-distributed Costs | 0 124 570 | 36 17 62 | 36 141 632 | 36 144 627 | 87 124 674 |

MRP in 2012/13 has now been revised to include the repayment of the Leisure and Regeneration investment projects and the solar panels project. These have been funded from budget virements in 2012/13, for example from IT leasing costs and electricity costs no longer required. The full year impact of these changes have been accounted for in the ongoing cost budgets being proposed to Members in February.

Section 106 Receipts Monitoring

| Section 106 Agreements | Third Party Projects £000 | RBC Revenue Projects £000 | RBC Capital projects £000 | Total Held £000 |
|--------------------------------|---------------------------|------------------------------------|------------------------------------|--------------------|
| Balance bfwd at 1st April 2012 | 155.2 | 281.7 | 142.0 | 578.9 |
| Deposits received in 2012/13 | 167.8 | - | 257.8 | 425.6 |
| Deposits applied in 2012/13 | (31.4) | (32.9) | (141.5) | (205.7) |
| Current Balance | 291.6 | 248.9 | 258.3 | 798.8 |

The amounts available to support Rossendale Council projects are shown below.

| Planning Ref | Area | Site | Purpose | Time Period | Currant Balance |
|-----------------|------------------|----------------------------|--------------------------------------|--------------|--------------------|
| RBC Maint | enance:- | | | | |
| 2004/401 | Bacup | Douglas Rd/ Tong Lane | Land Maintenance | none stated | 134,846 |
| 2002/407 | Haslingden | Bentgate, Manchester Rd | Play Area upgrade | none stated | 10,000 |
| 2001/003 | Haslingden | Clough End Rd | Park upgrade | none stated | 10,000 |
| 2010/428 | Helmshore | Free lane | Helmshore Park - project in progress | Exp May 2015 | 37,000 |
| 2008/587 | Borough | PCT, Bacup Rd, Rawtenstall | Irwell Sculpture Trail | none stated | 35,987 |
| 2006/696 | Whitewell Bottom | Burnley Rd East | Community Area upgrade | none stated | 21,000 |
| | | | | | 248,833 |
| RBC Capita | ı al:- | | | | |
| 2007/737 | Edenfield | Market St | Edenfield Community Centre | Exp May 2018 | 10,000 |
| 2011/0046 | Helmshore | Holmefield House | Open Space | Exp Aug 2017 | 101,084 |
| 2010/0667 | Whitworth | Cowm Park Way/ Hall St | Public & Open Spaces / Youth | Exp May 2017 | 41,500 |
| 2010/433 | Whitworth | Eastgate | Open Spaces/ Affordable housing | Exp Jul 2017 | 105,835 |
| | | | | | 258,419 |

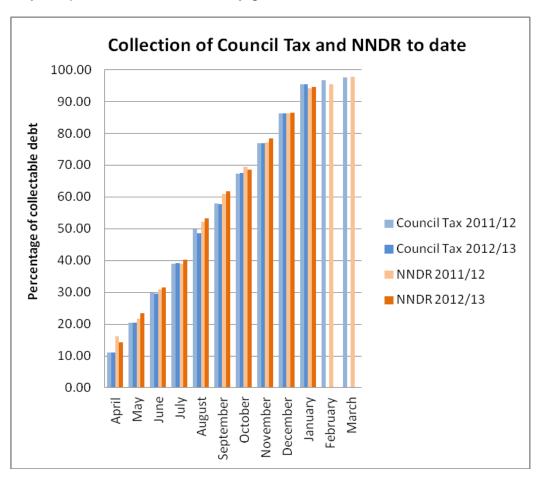
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Collection Fund

The collection performance for the amount of Council Tax due from householders was 95.48% at the end of the normal 10 monthly instalment collection period (95.47% in 2011/12). Based on last year this could lead to a year-end collection rate of around 97.6% compared to the 97.8% target, which would equate to around £50k less in cash terms.

However, the amount to be collected continues to improve and the predicted deficit has dropped to around £120k. When combined with the cash collection issue above this leaves the estimated net deficit unchanged at £170k.

NNDR collection rates to the end of January were 94.61%, marginally above the 94.1% at this time last year. Based on last year this could lead to a year-end collection rate of around 98.3% compared to the 98% target, though any improvement is passed over to central government. The current business rates pooling scheme will cease as from 31st March 2013 and new arrangements will commence as part of the Local Government Finance Act (2012), paving the way the partial retention of locally generated business rates income.



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Glossary

Capital expenditure

Spending on the acquisition or maintenance of assets either directly by the Council or indirectly in the form of grants to other persons or bodies. Expenditure that does not fall within the definition must be charged to a revenue account.

Capital Receipts

Proceeds from the sale of fixed assets, such as land or buildings, or the repayment of capital grants or advances.

Cash & Cash Equivalents

Cash deposits are those which provide instant access to the funds without significant penalty or loss of interest. For the Council this is the balance on the NatWest account. This is in comparison to short- and long-term *Investments* in which funds are untouchable during the life of the deposit.

Consumer Price Index (CPI)

The consumer price index (CPI) is a measure estimating the average price of consumer goods and services purchased by households. It is a price index determined by measuring the price of a standard group of goods meant to represent the typical market basket of a typical urban consumer and how this changed in the previous 12 months.

Compulsory Purchase Order (CPO)

Compulsory acquisition of key properties in accordance with the Council's regeneration agenda. Compensation must be paid to the property owners, but where they cannot be traced the Council must deposit the funds with the courts for a minimum of 12 years.

Earmarked Reserves

Cash-backed funds identified to fund specific projects in the future.

Full Time Equivalent (FTE)

Each full-time post within the Council works 37 hours per week. Part-time posts are expressed in relation to this, for example a post working 4 days a week would be 0.8FTE.

General Fund

The main revenue fund of the Council. Spending on services is met from the General Fund. Spending on the provision of housing, however, must be charged to a separate Housing Revenue Account.

Government Grants Unapplied

Grants received in advance – these will be released into capital or revenue once projects come online.

Housing Market Renewal (HMR)

Grant received to improve and renew the housing stock within the Bacup and Stacksteads area. Also referred to as Elevate and now run by the Regenerate Pennine Lancashire team.

Investments

The Council invests surplus cash in short- and long-term deposits in accordance with the Treasury Management Strategy and Practices revised in February each year. In this context short-term includes anything up to 365 days, and long-term is for more than one year. Funds deposited in such investments are not accessible until the end of the agreed terms.

Local Authority Business Growth Incentive Scheme (LABGIS)

This is a means to reward Councils for increases in the rateable value of business properties above a certain threshold. Rossendale has received this for the first time in 2006/07 and used the extra income to create a Reserve for future Economic Development activity.

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Local Strategic Partnership (LSP)

The Local Strategic Partnership brings together local representatives from the public, private, community, voluntary and faith sectors to deliver a better quality of life in Rossendale, as set out in the Sustainable Community Strategy 2008-2018.

Medium Term Financial Strategy (MTFS)

The Council's financial planning document for the foreseeable future.

Minimum Revenue Provision (MRP)

The minimum amount which must be charged to the Council's revenue account each year and set aside as provision for credit liabilities, as required by the Local Government and Housing Act 1989.

National non-domestic rates (NNDR)

National non-domestic rates for commercial premises are set annually by the government and collected by all local authorities. The proceeds are redistributed through the Central Formula Grant.

Provision

Cash 'put aside' for expenditure on an intended project which is not commenced or complete at the yearend. This may include accumulating provisions, such as a vehicle replacement provision, and one-off projects.

Provisional

Best forecast given current knowledge.

Reserve

Amounts included in one financial year's accounts to provide for payment for goods or services, whether revenue or capital, in a future financial year.

Revenue account

An account that records an authority's day-to-day expenditure and income on such items as salaries and wages and other running costs of services.

Retail Price index (RPI) and (RPIX)

The Retail Price Index (RPI) is a measure of inflation published monthly by the Office for National Statistics. It measures the change in the cost of a basket of retail goods and service and is used by the government as a base for various purposes, such as the indexation of pensions, social housing rent increases and many employers also use it as a starting point in wage negotiations

RPIX is the RPI excluding mortgage interest payments.

Section 106 Agreement

Planning agreement whereby developers make a contribution towards specific projects linked to their development as a condition of planning application approval. Deposits may be for revenue or capital schemes, but application of the funds are dependent on firstly the developer, and then the Council, pursuing the projects specified within the agreement.

Sector

Sector is the company which provides the Council with Treasury Management advice, including daily market reports and predictions, credit rating updates, interest rate forecasts and annual reviews of our strategy and practices ahead of the February reports to Full Council. The Sector model investment portfolio is the benchmark by which we measure our investment performance.

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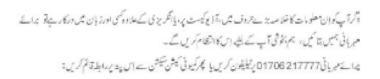
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