

SOUTH CAMBRIDGESHIRE DISTRICT COUNCIL

REPORT TO: Planning Portfolio Holder 2 March 2010
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FINANCIAL MONITORING REPORT PLANNING PORTFOLIO EXPENDITURE TO 31 JANUARY 2010

Purpose

1. This report compares the actual revenue and capital expenditure to 31 January for the Planning Services Portfolio with the revised annual budget for the year ending 31 March 2010, and seeks comments from the Portfolio Holder and officers.

Background

2. In general, it is intended that financial reports will be presented to portfolio holders approximately every three months, depending on meeting dates. This report is the second monitoring report to the portfolio holder for the 2009-10 year. In addition, the Planning services revised estimates were reported to the Portfolio Holder in January.
3. The reports exclude recharges and other year-end transactions. These recharges are calculated for the original estimates in December before the start of the financial year, then recalculated for the revised estimates and finalised as soon as possible after the year-end.
4. The reported figures are summarised in Appendix A. Appendix B shows the full detail of the revenue expenditure. The working budget figures are the revised estimates.
5. Grant expenditure is shown on a commitments basis to 31 January, whereas other expenditure is on a payments/receipts basis.

Considerations

Revenue Estimates

6. **Development Control:**
The revenue expenditure to 31.01.10 shows £134,681 spent out of a budget of £153,670 (88%). The income from planning fees of £633,389 is 78% of the budget of £812,000, which equates to a predicted overspend of around £50,000.
7. **Building Control Service:**
The income from Building Control fees of £254,248 is 91% of the budget of £280,000. It is predicted that there will be an increase in the fees received of about £20,000 to £300,000. However, this will be offset at the end of the financial year by reducing the amount to be transferred from reserves.
8. **Economic Development:**
The revenue expenditure to 31.01.10 shows £27,717 spent out of a budget of £70,800 (39%). The remaining budget is expected to be spent.

9. Concessionary Fares:
The revenue expenditure to 31.01.10 shows £224,420 spent out of a budget of £703,180 (32%) mainly due to the County Council not yet submitting an invoice for the second half-year contribution to the scheme and the final invoice for 2008/09, which was delayed due to a reimbursement dispute with one of the operators.

Capital Estimates

10. There are potential savings for the Conservation Area Enhancement Scheme Grants (22% spent) and the Tree/Hedge Partnership Scheme (5% spent).

Implications

11.	Financial	None
	Legal	None
	Staffing	None
	Risk Management	None
	Equal Opportunities	None

Consultations

12. The cost centre managers have been informed of the expenditure and grant details and budgets.

Effect on Strategic Aims

13.	Commitment to being a listening council, providing first class services accessible to all.	None
	Commitment to ensuring that South Cambridgeshire continues to be a safe and healthy place for all.	None
	Commitment to making South Cambridgeshire a place in which residents can feel proud to live.	None
	Commitment to assisting provision for local jobs for all.	None
	Commitment to providing a voice for rural life.	None

Conclusions/Summary

14. The revenue expenditure comments are in paragraphs 6 to 9.
15. Capital grants comments are in paragraph 10.

Recommendations

16. The Planning Portfolio Holder is requested to comment on the report, as appropriate.

Background Papers: the following background papers were used in the preparation of this report: Budget files; grant decisions and the financial management system.

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