

SOUTH CAMBRIDGESHIRE DISTRICT COUNCIL

REPORT TO:	Planning Portfolio Holder	13 July 2010
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FINANCIAL MONITORING REPORT PLANNING PORTFOLIO FINAL EXPENDITURE FOR 2009-10

Purpose

1. This report compares the final actual revenue and capital expenditure for the Planning Portfolio with the final working budget for the year ending 31 March 2010.

2. Recommendations

The Planning Portfolio Holder is asked to comment on the final actual revenue and capital expenditure for the Planning Portfolio compared with the working budget for the year ending 31 March 2010.

Background

3. There were two previous monitoring reports to the portfolio holder in the 2009-10 year, the latest covering expenditure up to the end of January 2010. In addition, the Planning revised estimates were reported to the Portfolio holder in January.
4. The format of this report is consistent with the monitoring reports during the year, in that it concentrates on the direct costs, which are completely under the control of the cost centre managers, whereas the recharges are dependent on various factors that are more corporate. Therefore, the final recharges and related transactions are shown separately in the summary. 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 at the year-end.
5. 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.
6. Grant expenditure is shown on a commitments basis to 31 March, whereas other expenditure is on a payments/receipts basis.

Considerations

Revenue Estimates - Appendix B

7. Development Control (page G2):
The revenue expenditure to 31.03.10 shows £209,950 spent out of a budget of £153,670 (137%). This overspend of £56,280 mainly relates to the costs of the Linton Wind Farm Appeal included within the Appeals and Advice on Current Applications

budgets. The income from planning fees of £753,400 is 93% of the budget of £812,000, which equates to an overspend of £58,600.

8. Building Control Service (page G3):
The income from Building Control fees of £305,717 exceeds the budget of £280,000 by £25,717 (9%). This has been offset at the end of the financial year by reducing the amount to be transferred from reserves.
9. Economic Development (page G4):
The revenue expenditure to 31.03.10 shows £53,117 spent out of a budget of £70,800 (75%). Of the under spend of £17,683 an amount of £8,000 has been rolled forward to the 2010/11 budget.

The Council also agreed, on the 26 February 2009, to provide support for businesses, which was delivered through the economic downturn budget (not in the Planning Portfolio budget). This focussed on specific support required as a result of the recession.

Capital Estimates (Appendix A(2))

10. The ICT Development project was underspent by 51,507 (61%) due to slippage in the programme. This has been rolled forward to the 2010/11 budget.

Implications

11.	Financial	None
	Legal	None
	Staffing	None
	Risk Management	None
	Equal Opportunities	None
	Climate Change	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 7 to 9.
- 15. Capital expenditure comments are in paragraph 10.

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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