

REVENUE BUDGET MONITORING STATEMENT

SUMMARY	Budget	2007/08 Approved Estimate	Variance- Manager's Forecast
	£000	£000	£000
Learning & Care			
Children & Young People	12,841	13,172	(2)
Adult Social Care	28,773	28,483	(778)
Director's Office	391	263	0
Strategy & Resources	2,214	2,128	0
Housing	994	992	0
Specific Government Grants	(3,830)	(3,839)	0
Total Learning & Care	41,383	41,199	(780)
Community Services			
Highways & Engineering	3,606	3,590	15
Streetcare & Operations	4,259	4,229	40
Planning Services	1,953	1,885	45
Public Protection & Sustainability	8,717	8,762	(50)
Asset Management	(473)	(573)	(270)
Leisure Services	2,817	2,860	(20)
Libraries, Information, Arts & Heritage	2,854	3,009	0
Parking Services	(3,190)	(2,772)	260
Corporate Management	645	535	0
Total Community Services	21,188	21,525	20
Corporate Services			
Corporate Management	621	616	46
Democratic Services	2,580	2,548	0
Legal Services	1,004	967	72
Corporate Performance and Development	967	954	0
Business Improvement	3,029	2,872	0
Customer Service Centre	1,038	1,170	(30)
Finance	3,028	2,910	215
Human Resources	1,671	1,674	0
Procurement	153	253	0
Total Corporate Services	14,091	13,964	303
TOTAL EXPENDITURE	76,662	76,688	(457)
LABGI receipt			(1,100)
Contribution to Capital Fund			1,100
Contribution to Insurance Fund			200
Contribution from Earmarked Reserve		(445)	0
Corporate Initiatives	(681)	(160)	129
Levies-			
Environment Agency	117	117	0
Capital Financing inc Interest Receipts	4,546	4,546	(200)
NET REQUIREMENTS	80,644	80,746	(328)
Less - Special Expenses	(1,018)	(1,018)	0
Transfer (from)/ to balances	0	(102)	328
GROSS COUNCIL TAX REQUIREMENT	79,626	79,626	0
Working Balances	5,158	5,596	5,494
Transfer from/to balances	0	(102)	328
	<u>5,158</u>	<u>5,494</u>	<u>5,822</u>

LEARNING & CARE DIRECTLY MANAGED COSTS		2007/08 Budget	Approved Estimate	Variance- Manager's Forecast	Notes
		£000	£000	£000	
INDIVIDUAL SCHOOLS BUDGET					
	Expenditure	76,590	81,477	0	
	Income	(16,634)	(20,276)	0	
	Net	59,956	61,201	0	
CENTRALLY MANAGED DSG					
	Expenditure	13,706	13,204	(316)	1
	Income	(3,581)	(4,019)	0	
	Net	10,125	9,185	(316)	
DEDICATED SCHOOLS GRANT					
	Expenditure	0	0	316	1
	Income	(70,321)	(70,547)	0	
	Net	(70,321)	(70,547)	316	
LOCAL AUTHORITY FUNDED EDUCATION & CHILDREN'S SERVICES					
	Expenditure	18,383	21,448	46	2 - 5
	Income	(5,302)	(8,115)	(48)	4
	Net	13,081	13,333	(2)	
ADULT SOCIAL CARE					
	Expenditure	38,357	38,503	(859)	6, 8, 9, 12-13, 15-20
	Income	(9,584)	(10,020)	81	7, 10, 11 & 14
	Net	28,773	28,483	(778)	
DIRECTOR'S OFFICE					
	Expenditure	391	521	0	
	Income	0	(258)	0	
	Net	391	263	0	
STRATEGY & RESOURCES					
	Expenditure	2,321	2,282	0	
	Income	(107)	(154)	0	
	Net	2,214	2,128	0	
HOUSING					
	Expenditure	2,903	2,901	0	
	Income	(1,909)	(1,909)	0	
	Net	994	992	0	
SPECIFIC GOVERNMENT GRANTS					
	Expenditure	0	0	0	
	Income	(3,830)	(3,839)	0	
	Net	(3,830)	(3,839)	0	
TOTAL DIRECTLY MANAGED COSTS		41,383	41,199	(780)	

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Note	Explanation
1	<p><u>Dedicated Schools Budget</u> Approved estimate: £70,321k Variation: £0 First reported at Cabinet Feb 08</p> <p>Expenditure against the ring-fenced DSG grant is estimated to be £316k underspent. The underspend is carried forward into 2008-09 and beyond and will be applied to future years' Schools Budget, so that the net variance in 2007-08 is nil. There is no impact on the LA's budget. Schools Forum is regularly updated about the projected over / underspend. The main areas of the underspend relate to vacancies in Behaviour support (-£89k), lower than expected 4 year olds in the private, voluntary and independent nursery sector (-£75k), vacancies in SAMS (-£40k), school specific contingency (-£56k), and central school expenditure in the Schools Budget (-£68k).</p> <p>Action by: Head of Children's Services</p>
2	<p><u>Home to School Transport</u> Approved estimate: £1,892k Variation: £54k First reported at Cabinet Feb 08</p> <p>A pressure of £54k is predicted across the entire Home to School Transport budget mainly due to increased numbers of post-16 SEN students. This is typically a difficult budget to predict.</p> <p>Action by: Head of Children's Services</p>
3	<p><u>LA funded school costs</u> Approved estimate: £225k Variation: £0 (-£80) First reported at Cabinet January 08</p> <p>An underspend of £80k was reported last month reflecting a provision, now no longer needed, that was made two years ago in respect of potential costs relating to the removal of posts in School Improvement. This will be now transferred to reserves pending requests to support future re-organisations.</p> <p>Action by: Head of Children's Services</p>
4	<p><u>In House Foster Care and adoption</u> Approved estimate: £764k Variation: - £35k (-£35k) First reported at Cabinet July 07</p> <p>The Foster Care and adoption budgets remain unchanged from last month at -£35k under budget. As reported last month, this is made up of an over-recovery of budgeted income of -£48k, an underspend of -£27k for adoption payments, and higher than expected foster care payments resulting in an overspend of £41k.</p> <p>Action by: Head of Children's Services</p>
5	<p><u>Joint Funded Residential Care</u> Approved estimate: £1,477k Variation: - £22k (-£115k) First reported at Cabinet July 07</p> <p>The underspend reported last month has reduced by £93k from -£115k to -£22k due to a disabled child whose costs should have been joint funded by the safeguarding budget (+£61) and a new service user who is expected to be placed at a cost of £3,500 per week (+£32k). The overall position of -£22k under budget is made up by an underspend of -£89k on looked after children and a pressure in the disabled children budget of £67k.</p> <p>Action by: Head of Children's Services</p>

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6	<p><u>Older Person - Residential & Nursing Care - Expenditure</u></p> <p>Approved estimate: £8,819k Variation: -£77k (+£79k) First reported at Cabinet July 07</p> <p>The pressure on Nursing care expenditure reported last month has reduced due to a drop in Spot purchased placements although average weekly costs remain higher than budgeted. The net effect of both volume and cost variance is +£27k. Residential Spot purchased placements have also fallen during the period as have average weekly costs for these placements, leading to a combined volume and cost variance of -£115k. This is in part due to the new block contract in Windsor (Queen's Court) as we expect to see a reduction in spot placements until the block beds are fully utilised. Prices have increased at one of our block providers leading to additional</p> <p>Action by: Head of Adult Services.</p>
7	<p><u>Older Person - Residential & Nursing Care - Income</u></p> <p>Approved estimate: -£3,299k Variation: £0k (-£35k) First reported at Cabinet July 07</p> <p>Average service user contributions for Residential care are greater than expected leading to an over-recovery of income of -£40k despite the reduction in number of placements. This is offset by under-recovery of Free Nursing Care income +£40k due to the lower volume of Nursing</p> <p>Action by: Head of Adult Services.</p>
8	<p><u>Physical Disability - Residential & Nursing Care - Expenditure</u></p> <p>Approved estimate: £1,086k Variation: -£3k (+£13k) First reported at Cabinet August 07</p> <p>The previously reported variance due to higher than anticipated weekly costs has now been offset by a reduction in placement numbers. The average number of service users during the year is now 22.4 against a budget of 26.</p> <p>Action by: Head of Adult Services.</p>
9	<p><u>External Home Care - Externally Purchased hours - Expenditure</u></p> <p>Approved estimate: £2,583k Variation: +£26k (+£65k) First reported at Cabinet June 07</p> <p>The overspend reflects an increase in number of hours of care delivered and the continuing situation of the block providers not reaching the target of 80% of the commissioned care, resulting in the use of higher cost spot providers +£52k. This has reduced since last reported due to a fall in the number of hours commissioned. The overspend is offset by under usage of meals</p> <p>Action by: Head of Adult Services.</p>
10	<p><u>External Home Care - Externally Purchased hours - Income</u></p> <p>Approved estimate: £803k Variation: +£45k (+£35k) First reported at Cabinet December 07</p> <p>Additional service user contributions of -£21k will be received due to the additional care hours being provided. This favourable variance is offset by two adverse variances (i) Service user contributions at Extra Care Housing schemes will be below budget as not all care hours provided at these schemes are chargeable to individual service users +£49k and (ii) Charges for Meals on Wheels will be lower than budget due to the decreased number of meals being supplied +£17k.</p> <p>Action by: Head of Adult Services.</p>

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11	<p>Dementia Care Service - Income</p> <p>Approved estimate: £110k</p> <p>Variation: +£6k (+£6k)</p> <p>First reported at Cabinet November 07</p> <p>The previously reported income shortfall for Dementia Care Services has been revised following receipt of up-to-date projections from the voluntary organisation running the service. The service should now come in on target. There remains a small variance due to some final expenditure incurred prior to handover.</p> <p>Action by: Head of Adult Services.</p>
12	<p>Disability Team - Expenditure</p> <p>Approved estimate: £1,891k</p> <p>Variation: -£20k (-£20k)</p> <p>First reported at Cabinet January 08</p> <p>There is an expected underspend within the Adult Disability team due to delays in recruitment.</p> <p>Action by: Head of Adult Services</p>
13	<p>In-House Homecare and RRR - Expenditure</p> <p>Approved estimate: £3,466k</p> <p>Variation: -£68k</p> <p>First reported at Cabinet February 08</p> <p>An overspend of £20k has occurred in the running costs of the in-house homecare team while the Rapid Response & Rehabilitation team are underspending by -£88k. Vacancies are due to be filled within the next three months</p> <p>Action by: Head of Adult Services</p>
14	<p>In-House Homecare - Income</p> <p>Approved estimate: £283k</p> <p>Variation: +£30k</p> <p>First reported at Cabinet February 08</p> <p>Service user contributions for in-house homecare are lower than expected by £30k.</p> <p>Action by: Head of Adult Services</p>
15	<p><u>Joint Commissioning Team - Expenditure</u></p> <p>Approved estimate: £589k</p> <p>Variation: +£0k (+£10k)</p> <p>First reported at Cabinet November 07</p> <p>Management action to maximise income and control expenditure has brought this area back within budget.</p> <p>Action by: Head of Adult Services.</p>
16	<p><u>Learning Disability - External care - Expenditure</u></p> <p>Approved estimate: £9,779k</p> <p>Variation: -£452k (-£372k)</p> <p>First reported at Cabinet August 07</p> <p>As previously reported, the anticipated growth in Service users requiring long term care has slowed due to (1) the delayed provision of a Supported Living unit (2) Service Users in general remaining at home supported by relatives for longer than anticipated (3) Continuing Care health funding awards in excess of expectation (4) transfers to hospital or into the judicial system (5) RBWM ceasing to contribute towards residential college placements which are joint-funded with the Learning & Skills Council and (6) disputes resolved in our favour. On-going analysis of expected placements has resulted in additional in-year savings due to further slippage in the start</p> <p>Action by: Head of Adult Services - Continued detailed monitoring of budget projection.</p>

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17	<p><u>Learning Disability - Staffing - Expenditure</u> Approved estimate: £2,839k Variation: -£70k First reported at Cabinet Feb 08</p> <p>A number of staffing variances have occurred across the Learning Disability Service. These consist of CTPLD (Community Team for People with Learning Disabilities) -£20k; Way into Work -£5k; Homeside Close (LD Residential) -£45k; Allenby Road (Respite) +£35k; Brunel Day Centre -£30k; Bridge that Gap Cafe +£20k and Oakbridge Day Centre -£25k. Action by: Head of Adult Services</p>
18	<p><u>Mental Health - External care - Expenditure</u> Approved estimate: £1,655k Variation: -£75k (-£75k) First reported at Cabinet August 07</p> <p>As previously reported, there has been a reduction in the number of service users with a mental health problem requiring residential services during the year. Action by: Head of Adult Services</p>
19	<p><u>Mental Health - CMHT - Expenditure</u> Approved estimate: £937k Variation: -£70k (-£85k) First reported at Cabinet October 07</p> <p>There is an expected underspend within the Community Mental Health team from vacancies and lower travel costs due to difficulties in recruitment. Current vacancies consist of an Approved Social Worker and a Care Manager. These are expected to go to national advert in the near future. Action by: Head of Adult Services</p>
20	<p><u>Mental Health - MHTOP - Expenditure</u> Approved estimate: £139k Variation: -£50k (-£50k) First reported at Cabinet November 07</p> <p>A new Mental Health Team for Older People has been created from posts transferring from Older People's Services. There is an expected underspend on this team due to a vacancy and the level of recharge from the PCT. The current vacancy for an Assistant Care Manager is in the process of being appointed to. Action by: Head of Adult Services</p>

COMMUNITY SERVICES DIRECTLY MANAGED COSTS	2007/08		Variance- Manager's Forecast	Notes
	Budget	Approved Estimate		
	£000	£000	£000	
HIGHWAYS & ENGINEERING including:- Street Lighting, Winter Maintenance & Public Transport Support				
Expenditure	4,130	4,114	15	1
Income	(524)	(524)	0	
Net	3,606	3,590	15	
STREETCARE & OPERATIONS including:- Highway Maintenance and Amenity Litter				
Expenditure	4,737	4,717	70	2,3
Income	(478)	(488)	(30)	2
Net	4,259	4,229	40	
PLANNING SERVICES				
Expenditure	4,379	4,395	(15)	4,7,8
Income	(2,426)	(2,510)	60	5,6,7
Net	1,953	1,885	45	
PUBLIC PROTECTION & SUSTAINABILITY including:- Refuse Collection & Disposal, Recycling, Env Health & Trading Standards				
Expenditure	9,518	9,563	(60)	11,12,13
Income	(801)	(801)	10	9,10
Net	8,717	8,762	(50)	
ASSET MANAGEMENT including:- Industrial & Commercial Estates & Administrative Buildings				
Expenditure	3,084	3,049	0	
Income	(3,557)	(3,622)	(270)	14,15
Net	(473)	(573)	(270)	
LEISURE SERVICES including:- Parks, Cemeteries & Leisure Centres				
Expenditure	9,452	9,535	0	
Income	(6,635)	(6,675)	(20)	16
Net	2,817	2,860	(20)	
LIBRARIES, INFORMATION, ARTS & HERITAGE				
Expenditure	3,101	3,216	0	
Income	(247)	(207)	0	
Net	2,854	3,009	0	
PARKING SERVICES				
Expenditure	3,206	3,304	(100)	17
Income	(6,396)	(6,076)	360	17
Net	(3,190)	(2,772)	260	
CORPORATE MANAGEMENT				
Expenditure	702	592	(50)	18
Income	(57)	(57)	50	18
Net	645	535	0	
TOTAL DIRECTLY MANAGED COSTS	21,188	21,525	20	

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1	<p><u>Highways & Engineering - Amenity Verge Contract Variations</u> Approved Estimate: £394k Variation: £15 [£15k] - First reported Cabinet 22/11/07 Proposed Action: Additional costs arising from contract variations. Review other areas of Amenity Verge Maintenance such as tree surgery for savings.</p>
2	<p><u>Streetcare & Operations - CCTV</u> Approved Estimate: £124k Variation: -£10k Reduced costs of CCTV maintenance contract.</p>
3	<p><u>Streetcare & Operations - Emergency Planning cost of recent floods</u> Approved Estimate: £31k Variation: £50 [£60k] - First reported Cabinet 23/8/07 The cost of emergency works resulting from the recent floods are £80k. These are offset by the grants awarded of £30k.</p>
4	<p><u>Planning - Local Development Framework</u> Approved Estimate: £25k Variation: £25k [£25k] - First reported Cabinet 22/11/07 Proposed Action: Additional costs arising from Inspectorate for the Local Development Framework (£45k), £20k met from savings in additional highways development control income..</p>
5	<p><u>Planning - Income</u> Approved Estimate: (£1257k) Variation: £50k [£0k] - First reported Cabinet 27/9/07 This reflects a potential low level of Pre-Planning Application & S106 admin fee income Proposed Action: The situation is carefully monitored, and any large applications will influence income levels.</p>
6	<p><u>Planning - Highways Development Control S278 & S38 Income</u> Approved Estimate: (£43k) Variation: -£10k [£0k] - First reported Cabinet 22/10/07 Additional income from S278 & S38 agreements.</p>
7	<p><u>Planning Service - Transport Policy & Implementation Unit - Potential Staffing Budgets savings</u> Approved Estimate: £389k Variation: -£30k expenditure, £20k income The vacancies in Transport Planning & Implementation Unit are partly offset by loss of funding for S106 officer.</p>
8	<p><u>Planning Service - Building Control Unit - Potential staffing budget savings</u> Approved Estimate: £695k Variation: -£10k The vacancies in Building Control Unit have been carefully managed to help offset budget pressure of lower level of planning income</p>

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9	<p><u>Public Protection - Lower income Trade Waste</u> Approved Estimate: (£100k) Variation: £80k [£80k] - First reported Cabinet 26/7/07 Lower uptake for Trade Waste following the opening of the facility in 2006/07. Increased opening hours and wide advertising have done little to improve the level of income. Working to encourage our contractors to use the facility.</p>
10	<p><u>Public Protection - Reduced Tonnages of Waste Disposal</u> Approved Estimate: £2,028k Variation: -£70k [-£70k] - First reported Cabinet 28/6/07 Potential reduction in waste tonnages to landfill will give rise to lower costs which underpin the budget projections for 2007/08. Proposed Action: Saving to be used to meet shortfall in trade waste income</p>
11	<p><u>Public Protection - Facilities Management contract savings</u> Approved Estimate: £1,442k Variation: -£50k Saving due to reduced charges for disposal costs of WEEE material. Proposed Action: Saving to be used to meet shortfall in trade waste income</p>
12	<p><u>Public Protection - Head of Public Protection & Sustainability sponsorship income</u> Approved Estimate: -£15k Variation: £10k [£10k] - First reported Cabinet 22/11/07 Proposed Action: Potential lower level of sponsorship income from earth balloon, offset by managing staff vacancies in public Protection Units.</p>
13	<p><u>Public Protection Unit Budgets staff vacancies</u> Approved Estimate: £1,034k Variation: -£20k [-£20k] - First reported Cabinet 22/11/07 The vacancies in Environmental Health and Trading Standards have been carefully managed to help offset budget pressure of lower level of sponsorship income</p>
14	<p><u>Asset Management - Commercial Estates - Potential Increased level of income</u> Approved Estimate: -£3,431k Variation: -£260k [-£190k] - First reported Cabinet 22/11/07 Increase in rent and back rent.</p>
15	<p><u>Asset Management - Property Management Unit staff savings</u> Approved Estimate: £341k Variation: -£10k [-£10k] - First reported Cabinet 22/11/07 Additional level of fees recovered by the Property Management Unit</p>

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16	<p><u>Leisure Services - Parks - Potential increased level of income.</u></p> <p>Approved Estimate: (£213)k Variation: -£20k [-£20k] - First reported Cabinet 23/8/07 Potential additional income from the Windsor Wheel and Ice Rink</p>
17	<p><u>Parking Services - Potential reduced level of parking income.</u></p> <p>Approved Estimate: (£5,436)k Variation: £260k [£200k] - First reported Cabinet 28/6/07 This reflects a low level of Parking Income in Maidenhead Town Centre, together with the introduction of on street free parking for residents in Windsor. Proposed Action: A review of each of the Council's car parks and on-street parking in hand. Working with the police for interim arrangements for on-street parking enforcement, prior to introduction of Decriminalised Parking Enforcement next month. Savings of £320k within the Directorate have been vired to help offset the potential shortfall in parking income, together with savings in car parking expenditure (£100k) for energy, repairs and rates. There remains £250k in reserves for loss of car parking income following the Sainsbury's development. Current indications are that savings in the Directorate will offset part of the parking deficit, thus reducing the need to draw down all of the provision.</p>
18	<p><u>Corporate Management - Strategy & Resources staff vacancies</u></p> <p>Approved Estimate: £324k Variation: -£0k [-£10k] - First reported Cabinet 23/8/07 The vacancies in Strategy & Resources Unit have been carefully managed to help offset the small loss of profit on the Advantage Card Magazine.</p>

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		£000	£000	£000	
CORPORATE MANAGEMENT	Expenditure	621	616	46	8, 12
	Income	0	0	0	
	Net	621	616	46	
DEMOCRATIC SERVICES	Expenditure	3,170	3,168	0	
	Income	(590)	(620)	0	
	Net	2,580	2,548	0	
LEGAL SERVICES	Expenditure	2,680	2,704	0	1,5,6,9,10
	Income	(1,676)	(1,737)	72	
	Net	1,004	967	72	
CORPORATE PERFORMANCE & DEVELOPMENT	Expenditure	1,743	1,849	0	
	Income	(776)	(895)	0	
	Net	967	954	0	
BUSINESS IMPROVEMENT	Expenditure	3,513	3,356	0	
	Income	(484)	(484)	0	
	Net	3,029	2,872	0	
CUSTOMER SERVICE CENTRE	Expenditure	1,773	1,333	(30)	7
	Income	(735)	(163)	0	
	Net	1,038	1,170	(30)	
FINANCE	Expenditure	35,823	35,755	215	2, 3, 4, 5,11
	Income	(32,795)	(32,845)	0	
	Net	3,028	2,910	215	
HUMAN RESOURCES	Expenditure	2,005	2,037	0	
	Income	(334)	(363)	0	
	Net	1,671	1,674	0	
PROCUREMENT	Expenditure	154	552	0	
	Income	(1)	(299)	0	
	Net	153	253	0	
TOTAL DIRECTLY MANAGED COSTS		14,091	13,964	303	

CORPORATE SERVICES

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1	<p><u>Legal Services - Joint Arrangement costs (Coroners)</u> Current Budget: £152k Variation: -£17k (+£24k) - First reported to Cabinet 28/6/07 Proposed action: This increase arises from late notification of mortuary costs required following the Ufton Nervet Rail Crash Enquiry. These costs are shared between Berkshire unitary authorities. These costs are outside RBWM's control. Recent information from Reading Borough Council indicates that the overspend is expected to be lower than previously reported. This means that only £24k of the budget (£41K) transferred from underspends elsewhere in Corporate Resources was needed resulting now in a expected underspend of £17K.</p>
2	<p><u>Strategic Finance</u> Current Budget: £126k Variation: £0k (-£5k) - First reported to Cabinet 23/8/07 Savings are anticipated against the staff training, hospitality, refreshments and photocopying budgets. However, these will be needed for financial planning agency cover. The previously expected underspend will therefore not arise.</p>
3	<p><u>Council Tax and Business Rates Collection</u> Current Budget: £418k Variation: £25k (-£35k) - First reported to Cabinet 23/8/07 The cost of the annual audit of Business Rates (NNDR3) can no longer be met from existing resources £10k. A budget pressure will be put forward for 2008/09. The Cost of Collection Allowance received for NDR is below the current budget £10k, a pressure has been put forward for 2008/09. Due to software issues it became necessary to employ Agency staff during the year to clear backlogs, this incurred an additional cost of £5k that could not be contained within the existing budget. Despite the backlogs the collection for Council Tax rate has continued to improve. Additional budget has been transferred from other Corporate underspends (£10k) reducing the overspend to £25K.</p>
4	<p><u>Housing and Council Tax Benefits</u> Current Budget: £1k Variation: £200k (-£227k) - First reported to Cabinet 23/8/07 An overspend of £15k is anticipated due to the requirement of Agency staff for the implementation of Serengetti. In addition the cost of the annual audit of Housing Benefits Subsidy Claim can no longer be met from existing resources (£12k), a budget pressure will be put forward for 2008/09. It is currently too early in the year to predict with any accuracy the expected percentage subsidy which will be received or the level of overpayments likely to be recovered for the year, this is however being monitored and any variances will be reported if they arise. Due to changes in legislation it has become more difficult to collect Housing Benefit overpayments from landlords, which has resulted in a sharp drop in the overpaid benefits recovered in the current year. It is anticipated that this, along with the current arrangements with individuals of low regular repayments, will result in an overspend of £200k. Action has been taken to recover these debts with the introduction of Baliff services, but it is not expected that the results will start to be seen until the start of the new financial year. Additional budget has been transferred from other Corporate underspends (£27k) reducing the overspend to £200K.</p>

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5	<p><u>Legal Services -</u> Current Budget: £915k Variation: +£0k (£38k) - First reported to Cabinet 27/9/07 Vacancies within Legal Services resulting in a previously projected underspend of £42k which is offset by an inability to recover costs from Section 106 income (60k), as anticipated. Underspends elsewhere in the Directorate have been transferred to cover this.</p>
6	<p><u>Registrar -</u> Current Budget: -£34k Variation: -£28k (-£75k) - First reported to Cabinet 27/9/07 The additional income experienced during 2005/6 and 2006/7 as a result of the Royal and Celebrity weddings is expected to be sustained. Further income re nationality checking is also due to start during this financial year. Part of the underspend (£47k) has been transferred to cover overspends elsewhere in the Directorate.</p>
7	<p><u>Customer Services Centre</u> Current Budget: £1194k Variation: £70k (£100k) - First reported to Cabinet 27/9/07 Overspend of £10k as a result of sickness cover (£55k), staffing previously charged to Capital (£25K) and additional costs of Phase 3 services implementation where no budget was transferred into Customer Service Centre but allocated as Corporate Efficiency Savings (£20k).</p> <p>There is a Project Manager role within the CSC establishment which is being filled by a temp on a fixed term basis, whilst this position would normally be a revenue cost the work undertaken is currently on projects and therefore costs are being capitalised in 2007/08 which has contained any further overspend.</p> <p>Additional budget was transferred from underspends elsewhere in the Directorate, however CSC now holds excess budget (£30k) as savings of this amount were found within the marketing and communication offsetting the original underspend of £100K. This may be needed to cover other</p>
8	<p><u>Corporate Management</u> Current Budget: £340k Variation: £8k (£0k) Recent information from the Audit Commission has been received indicating an overspend relating to Audit Fees.</p>
9	<p><u>Local Land Charges</u> Current Budget: -£401K Variation £100k (£75k) A recent review of Land Charges Income has shown an economic downturn, expected to result in underrecovery of £100,000. An increase in personal searches (£10 each) as opposed to solicitor searches (£120 each) is largely due to the introduction of HIPS.</p>

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Note	Explanation
10	<p><u>Magistrates Courts</u> Current Budget: £0k Variation: £17k (£17k)</p> <p>This expenditure relates to a share of the total post 1990 capital financing charges attributable to Thames Valley Magistrates Courts. Local authorities continue to receive funding for their post 1990 debt from the DCLG on the same basis as before, so RBWM is not disadvantaged by the fact that no borrowings were transferred to the Department of Constitutional Affairs (DCA) in April 2005 when the fixed assets were transferred under the Courts Act 2003 for nil consideration.</p>
11	<p><u>Exchequer Services</u> Current Budget:£561k Variation -£10k (-£10k)</p> <p>Due in part to a post that is currently filled below the budgeted grade due to staff illness (£5k). There are also anticipated underspends on training (£2k) and professional fees (£3k).</p>
12	<p><u>Chief Executive</u> Current Budget:£276K Variation: (£38k)</p> <p>An overspend has arisen in respect of recruitment costs relating to the Chief Executive post.</p>
13	<p><u>Proposed Action re notes 1-12 above</u></p> <p>The Chief Executive has reviewed the areas within his control to minimise the overspend on the Corporate Services budget and it is proposed that variances above be equalised by virements between the various service areas.</p>