

## **MONITORING REPORT FROM DIRECTOR OF ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES**

**DATE:** 23rd April 2009

### **PURPOSE**

To update members on activity within the Environmental Services Directorate during the period to March 2009.

### **BACKGROUND**

The key issues identified in this month's Budget Monitoring Report are:

- Successful achievement of containing budget pressures of falling income levels due to the economic climate and the effect of adverse weather conditions.
- Provisional outturn of £65k (0.3%) under on a £22.7M budget.

### **SPECIFIC AREAS FOR ATTENTION**

#### Revenue

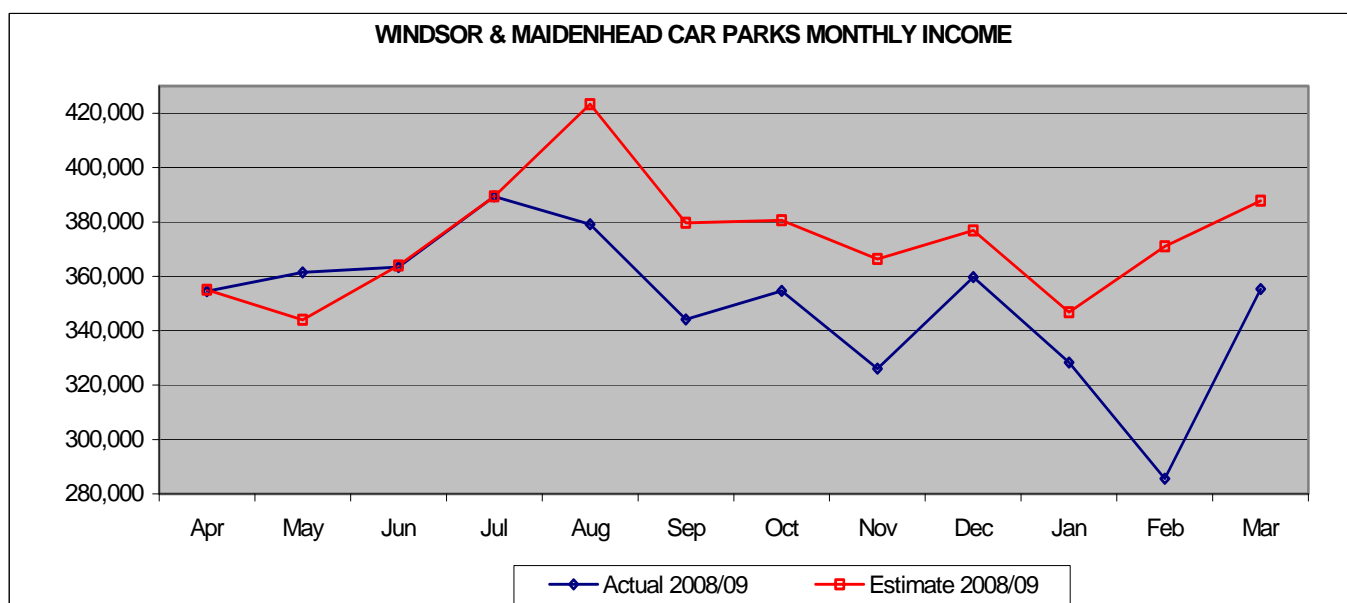
1. The provisional 2008/09 outturn for the Directorate including Planning & Leisure Services is £65k (0.3%) under the approved estimate for the year.
2. Planning income has increased during March, but is still £100k below target due to the economic climate. Measures taken to address this are reported by the Head of Planning in the budget monitoring notes.

There is a further fall in Car Parking income levels in March mainly due to current market conditions. Reductions in car parking income have been offset by savings on repairs.

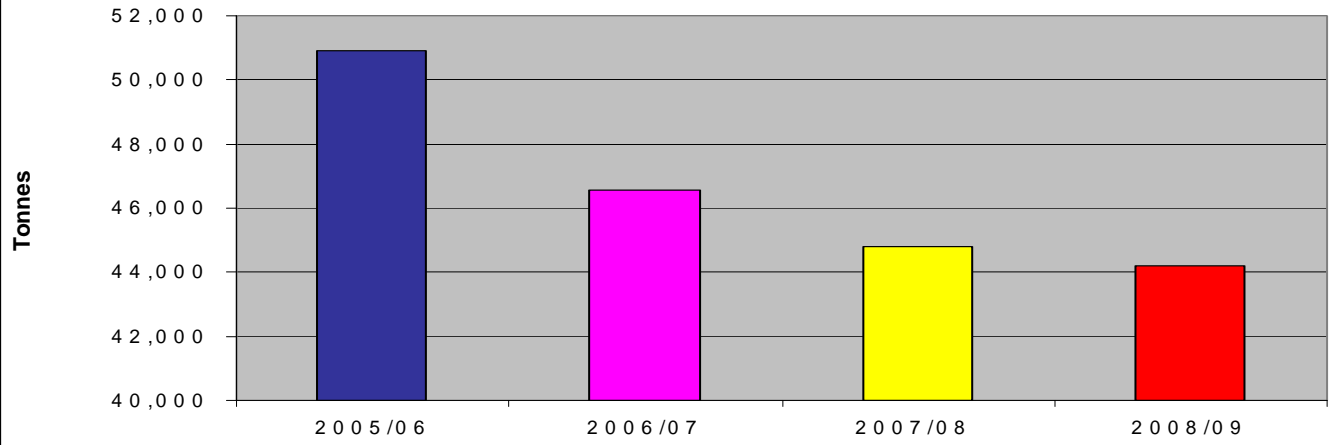
The increase in subscriptions for the green waste scheme and other recycling activities have resulted in a final reduction in waste to landfill of 2,300 tonnes for the year, together with related savings on transport as a result of the reduced tonnages.

Budget management has been assisted by a rate re-valuation at the Transfer Station, resulting in a £20k reduction in NNDR for the year, together with a three year rebate of £60k.

3. Measures, which have been taken to address the Directorate's pressures, are shown on the detailed budget monitoring sheets. This concerted effort from the Directorate has enabled 'Community Services' to contain expenditure within the current budget.



**Comparison of Household Waste Tonnages (Landfilled)  
(Year on Year)**



## REVENUE BUDGET MONITORING STATEMENT

SUMMARY	Budget	2008/09 Approved Estimate	Variance
	£000	£000	£000
<b>Learning &amp; Care</b>			
Children & Young People - DSG funded	73,160	73,045	155
Dedicated Schools Grant	(73,432)	(73,269)	(155)
Children & Young People - LA funded	13,280	16,198	192
Adult Social Care	29,143	29,511	(568)
Director's Office	393	287	0
Strategy & Resources	1,897	2,565	(60)
Housing	908	956	(10)
Specific Government Grants	(1,835)	(534)	157
<b>Total Learning &amp; Care</b>	<b>43,514</b>	<b>48,759</b>	<b>(289)</b>
<b>Community Services</b>			
Highways & Engineering	3,540	3,894	80
Streetcare & Operations	4,215	4,221	5
Planning Services	2,291	2,323	5
Public Protection & Sustainability	9,773	9,748	(380)
Asset Management	(760)	(728)	(115)
Leisure Services	2,563	2,620	(15)
Libraries, Information, Arts & Heritage	2,902	2,922	(20)
Parking Services	(2,812)	(2,767)	370
Corporate Management	512	472	5
<b>Total Community Services</b>	<b>22,224</b>	<b>22,705</b>	<b>(65)</b>
<b>Corporate Services</b>			
Corporate Management	651	651	(82)
Democratic Services	2,818	2,798	(118)
Legal Services	683	701	67
Corporate Performance and Development	875	1,258	(73)
Business Improvement	2,753	2,747	58
Customer Service Centre	1,115	1,262	89
Finance	3,478	3,545	4
Human Resources	1,696	1,651	(18)
Procurement	347	389	0
<b>Total Corporate Services</b>	<b>14,416</b>	<b>15,002</b>	<b>(73)</b>
<b>TOTAL EXPENDITURE</b>	<b>80,154</b>	<b>86,466</b>	<b>(427)</b>
LABGI receipt	0	(97)	0
Contribution from Earmarked Reserve	0	(843)	0
Contribution to Capital Reserve	0	297	0
Contribution to Economic Contingency Reserve	0	1,200	0
Corporate Initiatives	(376)	(331)	202
Levies-			
Environment Agency	130	130	0
Capital Financing inc Interest Receipts	5,414	5,414	(1,150)
<b>NET REQUIREMENTS</b>	<b>85,322</b>	<b>92,236</b>	<b>(1,375)</b>
Less - Special Expenses	(1,075)	(1,075)	0
Transfer (from)/ to balances	0	(1,885)	1,375
<b>GROSS COUNCIL TAX REQUIREMENT</b>	<b>84,247</b>	<b>89,276</b>	<b>0</b>
Working Balances	5,735	5,755	3,870
Transfer from/to Balances	0	(1,885)	1,375
	<u>5,735</u>	<u>3,870</u>	<u>5,245</u>
Commitment On Balances To Carry Forward to 2009-10			(237)
Uncommitted Balances	<u>5,735</u>	<u>3,870</u>	<u>5,008</u>

\* With effect from 1st April 2008, area based grants are treated as general grants and are used to fund the overall gross council tax requirement. The approved estimate has been adjusted to reflect this requirement, and the £5,218k is now incorporated with formula grant and non-domestic rates income in order to achieve a balanced budget. The transfers to and from the balances have been adjusted accordingly.