

MONITORING REPORT FROM DIRECTOR OF ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES

DATE: 28th January 2010

PURPOSE

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

BACKGROUND

The changes identified in this month's Budget Monitoring Report reflect the effect of the adverse weather on the road network.

SPECIFIC AREAS FOR ATTENTION

Revenue Budget

1. The budget pressure of £30k shown on the statement represents the residual costs following the successful transfer of the lease of an empty property.
2. Licensing Income is remaining steady and above the target despite the economic climate with a current estimated surplus of £50k.
3. There is a budget pressure of £25k for emergency works on Highway Trees. This can be offset by a potential £25k additional income from Highway Licences.
4. A request for a supplementary estimate of £100 will be made to Cabinet to cover the impact of severe weather conditions on the road network for additional salt and gritting costs and fallen trees.
5. Overall the Directorate remains at a projected £20k under target and is continuing to monitor all areas of spend.

All as reported to Cabinet on 17th December

Capital Budget

A request for a supplementary estimate of £75k will be made to Cabinet to cover the impact of repairing roads and footways damaged by the extreme weather conditions.

KEY ACHIEVEMENTS

ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES

Note	Explanation
1	<p><u>Winter Maintenance</u> Approved Estimate: £200k Variation £0k (£0k) First reported at Cabinet: January 2010 The approved budget includes a supplementary request of £90k to cover the impact of severe weather conditions for additional salt and gritting.. Action: by Head of Highways & Engineering.</p>
2	<p><u>Highway Trees</u> Approved Estimate: £90k Variation £25k (£25k) First reported at Cabinet: November 09 Emergency works on Highway trees. The approved budget includes a supplementary request of £10k for tree damage caused by heavy snowfall. Action: by Head of Highways & Engineering. Request for funding to be vired from additional highway licensing income - see note 3.</p>
3	<p><u>Highway Licensing Income</u> Approved Estimate: -£384k Variation -£25k (£-25k) First reported at Cabinet: November 09 Projected potential higher level of Highway Licensing Income Action: by Head of Highways & Engineering. Request for surplus to be vired to highway trees - see note 1</p>
4	<p><u>Transportation - Bus Subsidies</u> Approved Estimate: £674k Variation £5k (£5k) First reported at Cabinet: November 09 Additional contribution to Bracknell for re-negotiated Route 53 - Bracknell to Wexham Park Hospital Action: by Head of Highways & Engineering.</p>
5	<p><u>Road Safety & School Crossing Patrols</u> Approved Estimate: £41k Variation - £5k (£-5k) First reported at Cabinet: November 09 Savings from staff vacancies Action: by Head of Highways & Engineering.</p>
6	<p><u>Licensing Income</u> Approved Estimate: -£556k Variation -£50k (£-50k) First reported at Cabinet: September 09 Projected potential higher level of Hackney Carriage Income. Action: by Head of Public Protection & Sustainability</p>
7	<p><u>Industrial & Commercial Estates</u> Approved Estimate: -£3,249k Variation £30k (£30k) First reported at Cabinet: September 09 Final costs in 09/10 for termination of lease 24 High St. Action: by Head of Property Services</p>