

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

**DATE:** 25<sup>th</sup> February 2010

### **PURPOSE**

To update members on activity within the Environmental Services Directorate during the period to January 2010.

### **BACKGROUND**

The changes identified in this month's Budget Monitoring Report reflect the effect of the adverse weather on car parking income, offset by staff savings and additional income from Commercial Estates.

### **SPECIFIC AREAS FOR ATTENTION**

#### **Revenue Budget**

1. Licensing Income is remaining steady and above the target despite the economic climate with a revised estimated surplus of £60k.
2. There is a budget pressure of £130k for a substantial fall in car parking income in late December and January due to the adverse weather conditions.
3. The supplementary estimate of £100k to cover the impact of severe weather conditions on the road network for additional salt and gritting costs and fallen trees has been built into the Approved Estimate for Highways, but current indications are that there will be an additional pressure of £50k for snow clearance, salt supplies and pothole repairs.
4. Additional rent and back rent from Commercial and Industrial Estates has helped offset the pressure of empty properties.
5. Overall the Directorate remains at a projected £30k under target and is continuing to monitor all areas of spend.

#### **Capital Budget**

The supplementary estimate of £75k to cover the impact of repairing roads and footways damaged by the extreme weather conditions has been built into the Approved Capital Estimate.

### **KEY ACHIEVEMENTS**

Work has started to address the issues of pothole repairs following the adverse weather conditions both by the internal team and contractor.

A Planning Application has been submitted for Home Park Car Park Extension

The Planning Application for the Bridge Link to Windsor Dials has been recommended for approval

A Contractor has been appointed for the Windsor & Eton Relief Road and the scheme is progressing

Highways Surfacing contract of £1.25m and covering 80 schemes has now been completed.



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Note	Explanation
1	<p><u>Winter Maintenance</u>            Approved Estimate: £200k            Variation £50k (£0k)            First reported at Cabinet: January 2010            The approved budget includes a supplementary estimate of £90k to cover the impact of severe weather conditions for additional salt and gritting. Current indications are that an additional £50k will be required to maintain salt levels, repair potholes and            Action: by Head of Highways &amp; Engineering.</p>
2	<p><u>Highway Trees</u>            Approved Estimate: £90k            Variation £0k (£25k)            First reported at Cabinet: November 09            The approved budget includes a supplementary estimate of £10k for tree damage caused by heavy snowfall, and a virement of £25k from Highway Licensing Income for Emergency Tree works.(see note 3)            Action: by Head of Highways &amp; Engineering.            licensing income - see note 3.</p>
3	<p><u>Highway Licensing Income</u>            Approved Estimate: -£384k            Variation £0k (£-25k)            First reported at Cabinet: November 09            £25k budget for surplus income has been vired to Highway trees (see note 2)            Action: by Head of Highways &amp; Engineering.</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 &amp; Engineering.</p>
5	<p><u>Road Safety &amp; 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 &amp; Engineering.</p>
6	<p><u>Crime &amp; Disorder</u>            Approved Estimate: £767k            Variation- £20k (£0k)            First reported at Cabinet: February 10            Savings from staff vacancies.            Action: by Head of Operations</p>
7	<p><u>Operations Unit</u>            Approved Estimate: £1,410k            Variation- £10k (£0k)            First reported at Cabinet: February 10            Savings from staff vacancy for Emergency Planning Officer            Action: by Head of Operations</p>

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8	<u>Parking Income</u> Approved Estimate: -£6579k Variation £130k (£0k) First reported at Cabinet: February 10 Projected lower level of parking income due to adverse weather conditions. Action: by Head of Operations
9	<u>Licensing Income</u> Approved Estimate: -£556k Variation -£60k (-£50k) First reported at Cabinet: September 09 Projected potential higher level of Hackney Carriage Income. Action: by Head of Public Protection & Sustainability
10	<u>Environmental Health Team</u> Approved Estimate: £711k Variation- £40k (£0k) First reported at Cabinet: February 10 Savings from staff vacancy Action: by Head of Public Protection & Sustainability
11	<u>Industrial &amp; Commercial Estates</u> Approved Estimate: -£3,249k Variation -£60k (£30k) First reported at Cabinet: September 09 Final costs in 09/10 for termination of lease 24 High St, now offset by additional rent income. Action: by Head of Property Services
12	<u>Property Management Unit</u> Approved Estimate: £401k Variation -£20k (£0k) First reported at Cabinet: February 10 Staff savings Action: by Head of Property Services