

MONITORING REPORT FROM DIRECTOR OF ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES

DATE: 22nd April 2010

PURPOSE

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

BACKGROUND

The changes identified in this month's Budget Monitoring Report reflect additional costs of urgent footway repairs following the adverse weather conditions, offset by reduced tonnages to landfill, following the success of the Recycle Bank pilot scheme.

SPECIFIC AREAS FOR ATTENTION

Revenue Budget

1. The Director is pleased to report a provisional outturn for 2009/10 of £60k under target. All main variances have been reported throughout the year.
- 2 The Borough will receive £195k additional funding from the Department of Transport in 2010/11 towards repairing our highways network as a result of the adverse weather conditions.

ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES	
Note	Explanation
1	<p><u>Winter Maintenance</u> Approved Estimate: £200k Variation £75k (£50k) 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 £75k will be required to maintain salt levels, repair potholes and cover the cost of snow clearing Action: by Head of Highways & Engineering.</p>
2	<p><u>Other Highways - Bridges</u> Approved Estimate: £204k Variation £10k (£0k) First reported at Cabinet: April 10 Provision for outstanding claims for bridge works Action: by Head of Highways & Engineering.</p>
3	<p><u>Rights of Way</u> Approved Estimate: £42k Variation £5k (£0k) First reported at Cabinet: April 10 Additional works required for Rights of Way due to adverse weather conditions Action: by Head of Highways & 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 & 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>Highways & Engineering Unit</u> Approved Estimate: £1,298k Variation £10k (£0k) First reported at Cabinet: April 10 Potential lower level of Capital Salaries - still to be finalised Action: by Head of Operations</p>
7	<p><u>CCTV</u> Approved Estimate: £178k Variation £5k (£0k) First reported at Cabinet: April 10 Additional costs of software Action: by Head of Operations</p>
8	<p><u>Amenity Litter</u> Approved Estimate: £1,402k Variation- £5k (-£0k) First reported at Cabinet: April 10 Savings from Litter contract variations Action: by Head of Operations</p>
9	<p><u>Public Conveniences</u> Approved Estimate: £253k Variation £15k (£0k) First reported at Cabinet: April 10 Additional costs electricity, water and urgent PC repairs Action: by Head of Operations</p>

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10	<p><u>Crime & Disorder</u> Approved Estimate: £764k Variation- £30k (-£20k) First reported at Cabinet: February 10 Savings from staff vacancies. Action: by Head of Operations</p>
11	<p><u>Car Parking Expenditure</u> Approved Estimate: £2,682k Variation -£70k (-£70k) First reported at Cabinet: March 10 Business Rates refund £80k for Nicholson's Car park for previous years 1999 - 2005, together with advertising costs of £10k for tariff changes. This will help offset the pressure of reduced levels of parking Action: by Head of Operations</p>
12	<p><u>Parking Income</u> Approved Estimate: -£6579k Variation £130k (£130k) First reported at Cabinet: February 10 Projected lower level of parking income due to adverse weather conditions Action: by Head of Operations</p>
13	<p><u>Licensing Income</u> Approved Estimate: -£579k Variation -£65k (-£60k) First reported at Cabinet: September 09 Projected potential higher level of Hackney Carriage Income. Action: by Head of Public Protection & Sustainability</p>
14	<p><u>Refuse Collection</u> Approved Estimate:£2231k Variation -£10k (-£10k) First reported at Cabinet: March 10 Projected savings refuse contract variations £20k, offset by shortfall trade waste income £10k Action: by Head of Public Protection & Sustainability</p>
15	<p><u>Recycling</u> Approved Estimate: £1795k Variation £65k (£30k) First reported at Cabinet: March 10 Contract variations for additional tonnages of recycled materials. Action: by Head of Public Protection & Sustainability</p>
16	<p><u>Waste Disposal</u> Approved Estimate: £2801k Variation -£45k (-£10k) First reported at Cabinet: March 10 Potential savings due to lower tonnages of waste disposal. Action: by Head of Public Protection & Sustainability</p>

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17	<p><u>Facilities Management</u> Approved Estimate: £1477k Variation -£60k (-£10k) First reported at Cabinet: March 10 Facilities management contract savings in transport costs due to reduced waste tonnages Action: by Head of Public Protection & Sustainability</p>
18	<p><u>Environmental Health Team</u> Approved Estimate: £708k Variation -£40k (-£40k) First reported at Cabinet: February 10 Savings from staff vacancy Action: by Head of Public Protection & Sustainability</p>
19	<p><u>Trading Standards Team</u> Approved Estimate: £439k Variation- £10k (-£10k) First reported at Cabinet: March 10 Savings from staff vacancy Action: by Head of Public Protection & Sustainability</p>
20	<p><u>Industrial & Commercial Estates</u> Approved Estimate: -£3,249k Variation -£50k (-£50k) 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</p>

ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES DIRECTLY MANAGED COSTS	2009/10		Variance- Manager's Projection	Notes
	Budget	Approved Estimate		
	£000	£000	£000	
HIGHWAYS & ENGINEERING including:- Street Lighting, Winter Maintenance & Public Transport Support				
Expenditure	5,978	6,453	100	1-6
Income	(1,163)	(1,418)	0	
Net	4,815	5,035	100	
STREETCARE & OPERATIONS including:- Highway Maintenance and Amenity Litter				
Expenditure	4,307	4,375	(15)	7-10
Income	(196)	(117)	0	
Net	4,111	4,258	(15)	
PUBLIC PROTECTION & SUSTAINABILITY including:- Refuse Collection & Disposal, Recycling, Env Health & Trading Standards				
Expenditure	10,997	11,120	(100)	14-19
Income	(936)	(983)	(55)	13,14
Net	10,061	10,137	(155)	
ASSET MANAGEMENT including:- Industrial & Commercial Estates & Administrative Buildings				
Expenditure	3,484	3,439	0	
Income	(4,280)	(4,280)	(50)	20
Net	(796)	(841)	(50)	
PARKING SERVICES				
Expenditure	4,081	3,936	(70)	11
Income	(6,684)	(6,579)	130	12
Net	(2,603)	(2,643)	60	
CORPORATE MANAGEMENT				
Expenditure	256	254	0	
Income	0	0	0	
Net	256	254	0	
TOTAL DIRECTLY MANAGED COSTS	15,844	16,200	-60	