

**TITLE: BUDGET MONITORING REPORT**

Committee: Community Services

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1. ISSUE

1.1 This report provides Members with details of the financial position for services under the Community Services Committee.

2. RECOMMENDATION (S)

2.1 Members are requested to note that this Committee is currently projected to underspend by £13,500 at the end the year, with a net spend of £1,609,711.

2.2 Members are further requested to note that the Committee has a projected capital programme outturn of £2,126,650, this being an overspend on the revised budget of £86,968.

3. BACKGROUND/OPTIONS

3.1 Under Financial Regulations each policy committee is required to consider projections of financial performance against both its revenue and capital budget on a quarterly basis.

3.2 This is the third quarterly report for the 2018-19 financial year and details actual expenditure incurred as at 31st December 2018 and current projections as to the year-end position.

3.3 The revenue budget for each service that falls under the stewardship of this Committee has been reviewed with appendix 1 detailing the current variance and forecast outturn for each service line.

3.4 The significant variances of actual spend compared to profiled budgeted spend at the end of December are detailed below:

<b>Service</b>	<b>Variance £</b>	<b>Explanation</b>
Community Projects & Grants	76,871	Project expenditure will be funded from CIL / S106 income, which will be applied to account as part of the yearend process

Marketing and Grants	-27,257	It is likely that promotion costs will underspend this year, but it is anticipated that these will be carried forward for use in 2019-20
Parks and Gardens Team	136,161	Staff costs for seconded staff for the 3 <sup>rd</sup> quarter remained on this account on the report date, but will be charged to the ECTC during January
Community Transport	-13,500	Accrual at the end of 2017-18 not yet paid. There is a paper on the current status of this issue on the agenda for this meeting

- 3.5 The projected net revenue outturn expenditure for this Committee is forecast to be £1,609,711, this is an underspend of £13,500 as detailed below.

Service	Variance £	Explanation
Oliver Cromwell House	1,500	Costs in relation to 2017-18 which were not reserved at yearend and so have become a charge against the 2018-19 budget
Emergency Planning	-15,000	Staff saving – Post filled via a secondment arrangement with an officer from another authority.

- 3.6 The revised capital budget for this Committee stands at £2,350,309; including £1,126,319 of slippage brought forward from 2017-18.
- 3.7 The current forecast is that capital spending will be £2,437,277 at yearend. This is an overspend of £86,968 compared to the revised budget. It is forecast that the Leisure Centre will cost an extra £346,807 mainly as a consequence of delays with a third party getting utilities onto the site, as previously reported. This additional cost will be covered by additional CIL contributions, appropriately allocated to the Leisure Centre project, but not included in the original business plan.
- 3.8 The overspend on the equipment fit out, now forecast to be £120,161, will be recovered from the operator as part of the management fee, so again, will not impact on the Council's budget position.
- 3.9 With the East Cambs Trading Company now having now sold properties on Barton Road in Ely and the Fledglings in Soham, it has generated funds to cover its expected operating costs for the remainder of the financial year, and as such, no further loan funding is expected to be required from the Council prior to financial yearend.

4. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS/EQUALITY IMPACT ASSESSMENT

- 4.1 The current forecast is that the Committee's revenue position will be a £13,500 underspend at yearend.
- 4.2 There is a capital overspend of £86,968 compared to this Committee's revised budget.
- 4.3 Equality Impact Assessment (INRA) not required.

5. APPENDICES

- 5.1 Appendix 1 – Community Services Committee Budget Monitoring Report – 31<sup>st</sup> December 2018.

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Background Documents

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Budget Monitoring Report  
Preparation Documents

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