

METROPOLITAN BOROUGH OF WIRRAL

FINANCE AND BEST VALUE OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

26 SEPTEMBER 2006

REPORT OF THE DIRECTOR OF FINANCE

FINANCIAL MONITORING STATEMENT

1. EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

1.1 Following requests by the Chairman this report provides a summary in tabular format of the current position of the Authority revenue accounts and General Fund balances. Further details can be found in the financial monitoring summary and service re-engineering summary reports elsewhere on this agenda.

2. MONITORING STATEMENT

2.1 The monitoring statement is attached to this report (Appendix A). The statement includes the following:

- Composition of 2006/07 budget by department including agreed Service Re-Engineering (SRE) savings, other saving and policy options
- Monitoring against 2006/07 budget
- Anticipated variance against original budget
- Explanation of variances and areas identified as requiring further attention.

2.2 The monitoring statement is based upon the information provided within the departmental budget monitoring reports submitted to each Overview and Scrutiny Committee. The monitoring statement will be updated and submitted to each meeting of this Committee.

3. FINANCIAL AND STAFFING IMPLICATIONS

3.1 The statement includes an update of the Authority revenue budget and General Fund balances position.

4. EQUAL OPPORTUNITIES IMPLICATIONS

4.1 There are none arising directly from this report.

5. **HUMAN RIGHTS IMPLICATIONS**

5.1 There are none arising directly from this report.

6. **LOCAL AGENDA 21 IMPLICATIONS**

6.1 There are none arising directly from this report.

7. **COMMUNITY SAFETY IMPLICATIONS**

8.1 There are none arising directly from this report.

9. **PLANNING IMPLICATIONS**

9.1 There are none arising directly from this report.

10. **LOCAL MEMBER SUPPORT IMPLICATIONS**

10.1 There are no particular implications for any Members or wards arising out of this report.

11. **BACKGROUND PAPERS**

11.1 The Departmental budget monitoring reports have been used for the preparation of this report. .

12. **RECOMMENDATIONS**

12.1 That the contents of the financial monitoring statement be noted.

12.2 That financial monitoring statements be submitted to future meetings of this Committee.

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DIRECTOR OF FINANCE

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Budget 2006/07

Monitoring 2006/07

Department Expenditure	Non-SRE Savings	SRE Savings	Policy Options	Total Budget	Non-SRE Savings	SRE Savings	Policy Options	Cabinet Decisions	Anticipated variance	Comment
	£K	£K	£K	£K				£K	£K	
Adult Social Care Services	-	461.0	-	77,414.4	✓	x	✓	-		Currently forecast to be within budget. Pressure areas though are utility costs, care services and staffing costs. No other budget variations identified. £106K SRE to be identified.
Children and Young People	- 135.0	735.0	221.0	71,203.5	✓	x	✓			Residential Care and foster care payments volatile and CAHMS work potentially problem areas. £65K SRE to be identified.
Corporate Services	- 50.0	241.0	78.0	6,865.7	✓	✓	✓			No variations identified to date
Cultural Services		604.0	555.0	24,457.9	✓	x	✓		1,600.0	Overspend forecast due to low income and higher energy costs. Further work required to quantify impact. £560K SRE to be identified and unlikely to be achievable.
Finance		767.0	-	15,272.3	✓	x	✓			£201K SRE to be identified. No other variations identified
Regeneration	- 148.0	322.0	10.0	11,422.2	✓	✓	✓			No variations identified (see separate line for Cultural Services)
Technical Services	- 220.0	570.0	80.0	32,097.1	✓	x	✓	2,400.0	2,400.0	Streetscene contract Cabinet 8/6/06. £100K SRE to be identified. No other variations identified
Treasury Management			91.0	14,414.7	n/a	n/a	✓			No variations identified
Merseytravel	n/a	n/a	n/a	23,332.0	n/a	n/a	n/a			Fixed Amount
Local Pay Award	n/a	n/a	n/a	1,500.0	n/a	n/a	n/a	- 1,500.0	1,500.0	Per Cabinet 23 August 2006
Procurement	n/a	n/a	n/a	1,960.0	n/a	n/a	n/a			Fixed Amount
Insurance Fund Saving					n/a	n/a	n/a	- 500.0	500.0	Insurance Fund Saving identified per cabinet Report 23/8
Bridging Finance				1,700.0		n/a				
Formula Grant Amendment				1,880.3						Fixed Amount
Budget before Contr to/from balances	- 553.0	-3,700.0	1,035.0	243,610.1				400.0	2,000.0	Overcommitment against budget / likely to require use of balances £400K already agreed plus potential £1.6m Cultural Services
Contribution to/from balances				3,943.9	n/a	n/a	n/a	- 400.0	2,000.0	Use of balances
Budget Requirement per Resolution	- 553.0	-3,700.0	1,035.0	247,554.0	-	-	-	-	-	Balanced via use of balances
Income										
Revenue Support Grant				21,181.0	n/a	n/a	n/a			Fixed Amount - No change
National Non Domestic Rate				109,721.0	n/a	n/a	n/a			Fixed Amount - No change
Council Tax Income				115,188.3	n/a	n/a	n/a			Fixed Amount - No change
Collection Fund Surplus				1,463.7	n/a	n/a	n/a			Fixed Amount - No change
TOTAL INCOME				247,554.0						No change
STATEMENT OF GENERAL FUND BALANCES										
At 01/04/2006				1,422.9					4,000.0	Opening Balance Position 1 April 2006
Contributions to Balances				4,277.1						Less forecast Contributions (-) or call upon (+):
Budgeted use For Bridging Finance				1,700.0						
Use or Funding per Cabinet/Executive								- 400.0	400.0	Waste Contract(+2.4), use of Single Status Budget (-1.5) and Insurance fund (-0.5) Per Cabinet 23 August 2006
Other Financial Pressures									1,600.0	Cultural Services forecast
BALANCES AT 31/03/06 and 31/03/07				4,000.0				- 400.0	2,000.0	Projected Balances start and end of 2006/07

Key				
No concern for item	✓			
Area for concern/further work	x			