

**FINANCE AND BEST VALUE O&S COMMITTEE – SPECIAL MEETING**  
**TUESDAY 11 DECEMBER 2007**  
**TECHNICAL SERVICES 2007/08**

**1. VARIATIONS – BUDGET V ACTUAL 2007/08**

DETAILS	2007/08 BUDGET £000	2007/08 ACTUAL 31.10.07 £000	2007/08 YTD VARIANCE £000	2007/08 FORECAST INCOME £000	2007/08 FORECAST VARIANCE £000
Parking Services	2,591.5	1,150.0	361.7 ADV	2,351.5	240.0 ADV
MWDA – Sale of Recyclates	571.7	0	571.7 ADV	0	571.7 ADV
<b>TOTAL</b>					<b>811.7 ADV</b>

**2. BRIEF SUMMARY OF FORECASTED ADVERSE VARIANCES 2007/08**

**2.1 Parking Services**

The parking services budget showed an unfavourable variance of £250,000 in 2006/07. Current projections are that a similar deficit is likely in 2007/08. This is largely due to reduced PCN and car parking income and the effect of inflation on the associated enforcement contracts which commenced in 2003.

**2.2 MWDA Sale of Recyclates**

Included in the Waste and Recycling budget for 2007/08 is £571,000 relating to a profit share from the sale of recyclables at Bidston Waste Management Facility. Merseyside Waste Disposal Authority are advising that for legal reasons, the profit share may have to be rebated as part of the 2008-2009 waste disposal levy and may be less than the £571,000 originally indicated. Discussions are ongoing and a full report will be submitted to Cabinet as soon as the situation is clarified.

**3. ADDRESSING THE POTENTIAL SHORTFALL 2007/08**

Areas for further Savings or Increased Income to offset the under recovery of the above Income are continuously being reviewed and identified. It is anticipated that by the year end a balanced Budget will be achieved with the exception of the £571,000 covered in item 2.2 above.

**3.1 Parking Services**

Cabinet are considering a report on 29 November 2007 in relation to an extension of the enforcement contract with a potential saving resulting. The balance of the total shortfall will have to be met from other compensatory variances across other Departmental service areas.

### **3.2 Sale of Recyclates**

Discussions are continuing and at this stage I remain confident of a satisfactory resolution.

### **4. IMPACT ON 2008/09 BUDGET**

The £571k MWDA Income from Recyclates will be deleted from the Base Budget 2008/09 following Cabinet Approval of a Projected Budget Report being submitted on 29 November 2007. The recovery of the value of recyclates will in the future be incorporated in a reduced levy.

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