

FINANCIAL MONITORING SUMMARY

REPORT OF THE DIRECTOR OF FINANCE

1. EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

1.1 This is one of a series of reports submitted throughout the year presenting an overview of the financial performance of the Council. It details any variations and provides a summary of the overall implications for the General Fund.

2. FINANCIAL MONITORING

2.1 Cabinet on 3 April 2008 agreed that I would provide this summary report to Cabinet and to Finance & Best Value Overview Committee following the end of each quarter and that it would compare spend against the approved budget. To support this each departmental Chief Officer provides an update on their departmental budget that includes references to growth items, savings and any other variations from the approved budget.

2.2 Members of Cabinet, Finance & Best Value Overview & Scrutiny Committee and Committee chairs also receive a monthly Financial Monitoring Statement.

3. FINANCIAL YEAR 2008/09

3.1 Subsequent to the agreement of the budget at Council on 3 March 2008 there were variations to reflect the final levies and the re-allocation of central and departmental recharges to reflect the agreed savings in departmental budgets. On 25 September Cabinet agreed to the transfer of budgets following the creation of the Department of Law, Human Resources and Asset Management. The table shows the Budget reported to Council with the Current Budget reflecting the decisions of Council and the changes referred to.

Expenditure	Council Budget	Current Budget
	£	£
Adult Social Services	86,671	86,434
Children & Young People	70,560	70,560
Corporate Services	6,422	5,112
Finance	20,526	21,048
Law, HR and Asset Management	0	1,105
Regeneration	41,229	41,229
Technical Services	35,609	35,529
Treasury Management	11,755	11,755
Merseytravel	25,311	25,311
Local Pay Review	4,546	4,546
Contribution (from) balances	(4,102)	(4,102)
Net Expenditure	298,527	298,527

4. FINANCIAL MONITORING 2008/09

4.1 Progress on implementing Policy Options

4.1.1 The growth and policy options agreed as part of the budget have been, or are in the process of being, implemented. In respect of Corporate Services the expansion of participatory budgeting through the Area Forums and the You Decide initiative was reported to Cabinet in July with the present round of Forums considering the spending of the resources.

4.2 Progress on delivering savings

4.2.1 The savings target for Adult Social Services in £4.5 million and the proposals are essentially on target to be achieved during the financial year. There are, however, issues around the implementation of some of the savings which, if not in place during the summer, put at risk their successful delivery in 2008/09. The Director presented a detailed report to Cabinet on 4 September and is investigating alternative and one-off savings that can be achieved.

4.2.2 Within the Children and Young People Department target of £4 million are a number that involve a re-structuring of service areas and will impact upon employees. The timing of the implementation and the scale of these savings is placing additional pressures upon the existing vacancy control targets. The Director is considering other options in order to offset any increased costs in 2008/09.

4.2.3 All departments have a saving to be achieved through better, more efficient procurement and all are addressing the targets with the support of the Corporate Procurement Unit.

4.3 Impact of any Cabinet decisions that have budgetary implications

4.3.1 Cabinet on 26 June agreed a report of the financial out-turn for 2007/08 following the completion of the year-end accounts. Overall this resulted in an increase in the projected balances at 31 March 2008 by £2.5 million. The main spending pressures being within Adult Social Services but were more than offset by the increase in Housing Benefit grant and the benefits that accrued from Treasury Management activities.

4.3.2 Cabinet on 9 July agreed releasing £3 million from the Insurance Fund reserve to the general balance. This is a result of the continuing improved performance in respect of insurance and risk management as reflected in the annual Actuarial assessment and the potential liability for claims.

4.3.3 On 23 July a report was presented to Cabinet on fuel and energy costs. It was agreed that £780,000 be provided from balances this year to meet the increased energy costs for street lighting in Technical Services and £125,000 for fuel costs relating to Children & Young People transport costs. Financial pressures were identified based upon the likely outcome of the energy contracts due to be tendered for in autumn 2008. The same meeting also

agreed that the receipt of the final payment of the Local Authority Business Growth Incentive (LABGI) grant of £1.3 million be added to balances.

- 4.3.4 As at the end of September the decisions affecting the agreed budget in respect of the allocation of the £5.3 million Efficiency Investment Budget were:-

Department	Area	£000
Children & Young People	Accommodation	250
	Early Years and Somerville Centre	25
Corporate Services	Senior management	225
	Tourism & Marketing	149
Finance	Government Connect	29
	Insurance cover	88
Law, HR and Asset Mgt	Skills Audit	40
	Sustainability Unit	80
Regeneration	CCTV control room	97
	Parks Gateway review	40
Technical Services	Section 106 strategy	40

4.4 Variations from the approved budget

- 4.4.1 The following sections highlight the issues in those areas of the budget that are identified as key risks in delivering the objectives of the department within the available resources. All are subject to closer monitoring because of the volatile nature of either demand or cost or because in recent years they have experienced pressures in keeping to the agreed budget.

4.4.2. Adult Social Services

The pressures of increasing demand for care services that resulted in an overspend in 2007/08 remain within community care services. With the issues highlighted previously around the savings the present projections indicate a £3.5 million overspend.

The Director presented a detailed report to Cabinet on 4 September including the actions being taken to mitigate the projected overspend. Cabinet noted this and regular updates on progress are being presented to Cabinet.

4.4.3. Children and Young People

The areas that are the most volatile remain as Special Education Needs (SEN) and care services in respect of Looked After Children. In terms of SEN and including transport a variation of £0.4 million is identified. Budget pressures from the care of young people resulted in an overspend in 2007/08 and with changes to court proceedings now project an overspend of £0.6 million.

The impact of the savings is affecting employee budgets and, as highlighted previously, is placing pressures on the achievement of vacancy control

targets. With challenges from delivering service re-engineering savings from 2007/08 these form the significant part of the projected overspend totalling some £1.1 million.

The Director has put in place actions that have reduced the projected overspend from £3 million in June to £1.7 million and continues to address this overspend. As last year, this will be from a combination of spending reduction measures and the maximisation of grant opportunities.

4.4.4 Corporate Services

A report was presented to Cabinet on 25 September on the budget virements required as a consequence of the creation of the Department of Law, Human Resources and Asset Management. On the budget remaining there are no variations to report upon at this stage.

4.4.5. Finance

The spend, and associated Government grant, in respect of Council Tax Benefit and Housing Benefit payments includes the largest individual budgets in the Council. The service is subject to numerous performance and control measures to ensure that individuals receive the benefits to which they are properly entitled and the Council maximises the grant opportunities.

In previous years continuing improvements have been made through a combination of the opportunities offered by the Integrated Tax and Benefits System, improvements and efficiencies to the management and handling of claimants through the Customer Access channels and the maximisation of grant support from the Government. This is within the savings agreed for 2008/09 onwards.

4.4.6 Law, Human Resources and Asset Management

A report was presented to Cabinet on 25 September on the budget virements for the Department. The budget included the additional allocation to meet the financial pressures identified in the Coroner Service although this area continues to be closely monitored. At this stage there are no variations to report.

4.4.7. Regeneration

Income generation is a key element of the budget with factors outside the control of the Council and culture is the largest energy user within the non-schools budget, a cost that remains largely outside the control of the Department.

At this stage income and energy costs are projected to be at variance with the budget and efforts are being made to contain spend within the budget allocated. In respect of the Service Re-engineering savings targets brought

forward from 2007/08 the options for consideration have yet to be approved meaning an overspend of £0.6 million is likely.

4.4.7. Technical Services

The budget is reliant upon income from car parking and planning and, as in previous years, the Director is highlighting shortfalls in these areas which will be difficult to accommodate from within the departmental budget.

The impact of rising energy prices continues to give cause for concern and was reported to Cabinet in July. At this stage this has been seen in the street lighting energy contract for which additional resources were made available.

4.4.8. Treasury Management

Cash flow management and the need to borrow to fund investment has been re-engineered. This reduced the requirement for temporary borrowing, and the savings achieved in 2007/08 continue, delivering £0.5 million in 2008/09.

The opportunities offered by the increased rates offered by the banking sector have been taken as a consequence of the improved cash management. At this stage of the year the additional income realised is in the order of £0.7 million. Given the unpredictability in the financial sector any surplus resources are now being invested in lower risk / lower return Government investments.

4.5. **Other issues**

4.5.1 Local Pay Review

The progress on implementing the Local Pay Review, including Job Evaluation and Harmonisation, has regularly been reported to Cabinet and is expected to be within the financial projections. Phase 1 has been agreed and was implemented during August. When details of Phase 1 are confirmed part of the total sum available for the Review will be allocated to individual departments.

4.6 **Issues affecting future financial years**

4.6.1 The pressures on care services and energy budgets have been highlighted in separate reports to Cabinet. The Directors involved will report progress in these areas and particularly energy as the revised contracts are agreed.

4.6.2 The revised Medium Term Financial Strategy was reported to Cabinet in July and the projected Budget continues to be updated and reported to Cabinet.

5. **FINANCIAL AND STAFFING IMPLICATIONS**

5.1 When setting the 2008/09 budget the projected balances at 31 March 2009 were £5 million and the latest position is as follows:-

Details	£million	£million
Projected General Fund balances at 31 March 2009 when setting the budget for 2008/09		5.0
Cabinet decisions		
26 June - Financial out-turn for 2007/08 showed an underspending and contribution to balances		+2.5
9 July - Release of Insurance Fund reserve to general balance		+3.0
23 July - Receipt of Local Authority Business Growth Incentive (LABGI) grant to general balance		+1.3
23 July - Funding for street lighting energy and Children & Young People transport costs		-0.9
Projected variances / potential overspends		
Overspend		
Adult Social Services	+3.5	
Children & Young People	+1.7	
Regeneration	+0.6	
Underspend		
Treasury Management	-1.2	-4.6
Potential liability		
Reported to Cabinet 23 July in respect of fuel and energy costs in 2008/09		-2.6
General Fund balances at 31 March 2009 based upon the latest projections		3.7

5.2 There are no additional staffing implications arising from this report.

IAN COLEMAN
DIRECTOR OF FINANCE

**WIRRAL COUNCIL - ADULT SOCIAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT
FINANCIAL MONITORING REPORT 2008/09
POSITION AS AT 30 SEPTEMBER 2008**

SUMMARY

The Department has identified financial pressures of £9m which are being addressed through the transformational change programme. At the time of writing the projected budget deficit for 2008/09 is £3.5 million. This assumes that all Budget Efficiencies/Projects agreed by Council on 3 March 2008, and those that carried over from 2007/08 are delivered without slippage and that there is no further increase in FACS compliant demand. Significant progress is being made to deliver the savings and reduce expenditure. However there has been an increase in demand over the summer, in both health and social care, which if sustained may impact on the Department's ability to safely deliver these savings in this financial year.

POLICY OPTIONS

Details	£000	Comments / progress
Older People Parliament	20	

SAVINGS TARGETS

Details	£000	Comments / progress
Re-organisation of fieldwork teams	250	Locality structure for DASS agreed following lengthy consultation and implementation will commence in October.
Continuing E-Monitoring & Care Procurement process	100	E-Monitoring solutions being rolled out with Independent providers. Evidence of reduced expenditure however new demand is offsetting this.
Choice through Individualised Care and Direct Payments	200	Savings arise through increased take-up of Direct Payments and people assessed as paying the full cost choosing to make their own arrangements. Local targets agreed and action plans in place.
Ensure funding is correctly allocated between PCT and DASS	200	Ongoing application of Continuing Health Care and Joint Funding criteria. Savings achieved as a result of full year impact of Panel decisions made in 2007/08.
Reduction in Management & Support costs	425	Locality structure for DASS agreed and implementation will commence in October.
Reduce posts in HR and staff development	250	New structure for Finance & Performance Branch agreed by Chief Executive on 18 April 2008. On target.
Reduce admin posts in SWIFT Team	150	New structure for Finance & Performance Branch agreed by Chief Executive on 18 April 2008. On target.
Care Services Procurement - joint working with PCT	100	Discussions being held with Wirral PCT in relation to Integrated Commissioning as part of the Transformation Programme.

Capital Strategy (residential care)	250	Strategy agreed by Cabinet in June. On target.
Increase in non-residential care charges	1,324	New charging policy implemented in January 2008. On target.
Review of out-of-home activities (day services)	700	Project currently being developed. At risk of slippage in 2008/09. One-off efficiencies being investigated.
Corporate procurement target	545	Discussions held with Corporate Procurement Team to identify projects to take forward.

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Details	£000	Comments / progress
Increase in non-residential care charges	928	Increase in fees effective 2009/10.

CABINET DECISIONS

Date	Details	£000
4 Sept 2008	Noted probability of overspends occurring in 2008/09 (£3.5m) and 2009/10 (£0.8m).	
25 Sept 2008	Creation of the Department of Law, HR and Asset Management	-222

VOLATILE AREAS / POTENTIAL VARIATIONS

Details	£000	Comments / progress
Community care	3,250	This is the underlying over-commitment on the Community Care Budget. Action Plan developed to reduce spending through reviews, re-ablement and tighter controls on Access.
Utility costs in care homes	250	This pressure has increased due to further rises in gas and electricity prices.

JOHN WEBB
DIRECTOR OF ADULT SOCIAL SERVICES

**WIRRAL COUNCIL - CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE'S DEPARTMENT
FINANCIAL MONITORING REPORT 2008/09
POSITION AS AT 30 SEPTEMBER 2008**

SUMMARY

The projected budget deficit for the Children and Young People's Department is £1.7m. Budgets continue to be reviewed. Work is ongoing to examine and quantify slippage within a number of grant funded spend plans. This may create opportunities to improve the current budget position. Many of these reductions are "one-off savings" and in the medium term the overall position remains a challenging one.

POLICY OPTIONS

Details	£000	Comments / progress
Youth Parliament	20	Decisions to be taken on spend by young people.

SAVINGS TARGETS

Details	£000	Comments / progress
Reduce sickness levels	100	Sickness levels and the impact on Agency costs are being monitored
Facilities management – Children's Homes	25	Repair and maintenance budget reduced.
Independent residential care	650	The target for residential placements has reduced from 47 to 39. There are currently 49.
Closure of Poolwood Children's Home	500	The home closed in December 2007
Staff savings from reviews in Social Care (£573k)	2,123	The savings in Family support, Youth Offending, CAMHS and Support are being implemented.
Staff savings from reviews in Participation and Inclusion (£528k)		Savings in BIP, Play Services and Social Welfare have been implemented. The costs of joint funded places with schools have been reviewed.
Planning and Resources (£421k)		Support posts have been reduced and vacant posts deleted.
Learning and Achievement Savings in Music service, support at Acre Lane and Early Years (£601k)		Posts have been reduced. In addition Music Tuition Charges increased and some posts funded from grant.
Procurement	583	This includes residential care (N.W. Auth. Consortium) and work with the Council's Procurement Unit. Progress will be reported separately.

BRIDGING FINANCE

Details	£000	Comments / progress
None		

CABINET DECISIONS

Date	Details	£000
9 July 2008	Energy Price Rises - Fuel costs SEN transport	125

POTENTIAL VARIATIONS

Details	£000	Comments / progress
Outstanding Service Re-engineering	486	Unidentified / one-off savings in 2007-08 carried forward into the new year.
Vacancy Control	660	Staffing savings delete over £700,000 in vacant posts. The vacancy control of £1m and sickness reduction target of £100,000 is challenging.
Home to School Transport	350	The budget overspend in 2007/08 resulted in part from more taxi journeys. These are likely to continue.
Children's Homes	330	There are additional staff costs arising in part from the care plans for young people.
Independent Residential Care	100	The number of placements are not reducing as quickly as required in the budget plan
Legal, Court and Medical Fees	150	These budgets are under pressure. A budget to cover the additional cost of child court proceedings has been created. This will be reviewed in year.
Computer software costs	50	There has been an increase in maintenance and license costs, some areas are no longer grant funded.
Emergency Duty Team	160	This represents the department's share of additional staff costs in 2007/08. This is a joint service with Adult Social Services and is currently being reviewed.
Standards Fund	300cr	Some allocations carried forward from 2007/08 have enabled savings to be made in 2008/09.
Surestart	200cr	It is possible to use some Surestart allocations to offset existing eligible costs within Social Care.

HOWARD COOPER
DIRECTOR OF CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE'S SERVICES

**WIRRAL COUNCIL - CORPORATE SERVICES DEPARTMENT
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SUMMARY

There are no variations to be highlighted at this time.

POLICY OPTIONS

Details	£000	Comments / progress
Local Area Agreement	200	The LAA Board approved bids in June to assist in the delivery of the Local Area Agreement. The balance will be agreed at a future meeting.
You Decide Area Forum	220	Initiative delivering more choice to local people about services. You Decide is currently being promoted and this round of Area Forums is looking to allocate the resources.
Assistance for Remploy	6	Officers are assessing the current position.
Support for Wirral's Veterans	15	Support for a programme of events for Wirral Veterans including enabling attendance at National Veterans Day in June and the Wirral Tribute to Veterans Day.

SAVINGS TARGETS

Details	£000	Comments / progress
Strategic Development staff	75	Budgets reduced in Corporate Services
Corporate Policy restructure	60	Budgets reduced in Corporate Services
Transformational Change	30	Budget reduced in T/change.
Tourism and Marketing	60	Budgets reduced in Corporate Services
Supplies & Services savings including procurement	64	£40k identified and relevant budgets reduced. £24k savings yet to be identified

CABINET DECISIONS

Date	Details	£000
25 Sept 2008	Creation of the Department of Law, HR and Asset Management.	-803

VOLATILE AREAS / POTENTIAL VARIATIONS

Details	£000	Comments / progress
None		

**J WILKIE
DEPUTY CHIEF EXECUTIVE
DIRECTOR OF CORPORATE SERVICES**

**WIRRAL COUNCIL - FINANCE DEPARTMENT
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SUMMARY

Spend is anticipated to be contained within the overall budget allocated. Savings are essentially achieved and efforts continue to try and ascertain other areas of financial benefit.

POLICY OPTIONS

Details	£000	Comments / progress
Council Tax discount	40	Increased number of applicants presently being assessed.

SAVINGS TARGETS

Details	£000	Comments / progress
Corporate ICT staffing	100	Achieved. Staffing changes made.
Housing / Council Tax benefit subsidy	600	Achieved. Continuing improvements from improved service delivery and maximising grant opportunities.
Integrated IT system – staffing and contract	380	Achieved. Reduced staffing and revised contract effective 2008/09.
Cash collection at OSS	30	Achieved. Alternative facilities provided.
Call centre staffing	80	Achieved. Staffing numbers reduced.
IT Systems support	200	Achieved. New contractual arrangements in place for 2008/09.
Procurement	306	Addressing areas to identify savings including insurance tenders.

CABINET DECISIONS

Date	Details	£
None		

VOLATILE AREAS / POTENTIAL VARIATIONS

Details	£000	Comments / progress
Housing and Council Tax Benefit	120million	The size and nature of the budget make this a key area within the departmental budget. Performance in this area is closely monitored. The financial climate has seen an increase in applicants.

**IAN COLEMAN
DIRECTOR OF FINANCE**

**WIRRAL COUNCIL – DEPARTMENT OF LAW, HR AND ASSET MANAGEMENT
FINANCIAL MONITORING REPORT 2008/09
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SUMMARY

There are no variations to be highlighted at this time.

POLICY OPTIONS

Details	£000	Comments / progress
Carbon footprint	115	From technical services and programmed to be spent by the year-end.

SAVINGS TARGETS

Details	£000	Comments / progress
Integrated Payroll operation	50	Budgets were reduced prior to the creation of the new department and included for reference.
Review of Central Services	50	
Review of Legal Services	40	
Skills specific training.	25	
Supplies & Services savings including procurement	84	£60k identified and relevant budgets reduced. £24K savings yet to be identified.

CABINET DECISIONS

Date	Details	£000
23 July 2008	Ending of SLA Wirral Partnership Homes – Virement from Treasury Management	+148
25 Sept 2008	Creation of the Department of Law, HR and Asset Management	+991
25 Sept 2008	Transfer of carbon reduction policy option from Technical Services	+115

VOLATILE AREAS / POTENTIAL VARIATIONS

Details	£000	Comments / progress
Asset Management		The disposal of land is traditionally a volatile area and remains closely monitored throughout the year.
Coroners Service		The budget was increased for 2008/09, having overspent in previous years. It continues to be closely monitored.

**BILL NORMAN
DIRECTOR OF LAW, HR AND ASSET MANAGEMENT**

**WIRRAL COUNCIL - REGENERATION DEPARTMENT
FINANCIAL MONITORING REPORT 2008/09
POSITION AS AT 30 SEPTEMBER 2008**

SUMMARY

At this stage pressures identified on delivering the prior year service re-engineering savings and procurement savings as well as meeting increasing energy costs and the reliance upon achieving income targets. Potential overspend of £0.6 million identified in respect of the savings targets.

POLICY OPTIONS

Details	£000	Comments / progress
Anti-dog fouling measures	40	The section has taken delivery of a new quad bike for enforcement and cleaning. Improved signage, publicity and reward cards for dog owners are currently being produced.
Allotment sustainability	40	Appointment of a part time Community Development Officer for 2 years to liaise with allotment holders. Due to start in November 2008.
Get into reading	75	Three year funding, at £25,000 a year, being the Council's contribution to the "Get into Reading" project. Progressing as planned.
Improve access pathways	30	Environmental improvements to be made to public open spaces to improve or provide additional access pathways and additional tables and seating. Improvements completed at Leasowe Common.
Clean-Ups play areas	20	A pilot scheme responding flexibly outside normal hours, for children's play areas during periods of high use. Progressing as planned.
Heritage issues	20	A sum of £5,000 for the continued development of the Heritage Group and £15,000 for the delivery of a Heritage Strategy for Wirral in 2008/09, in consultation with the Heritage Group)

SAVINGS TARGETS

Details	£000	Comments / progress
Community Support Officers	105	Reduction of support costs to Police, budget reduction implemented.
Change from grants to loans - staff re-assignment	86	Budget reduction implemented.
Alleygating Programme	66	Support reduced to residual maintenance, reduction implemented.
CCTV Control room	51	Review of hours, reduction implemented.
Improved use of IT	29	Budget reduction implemented.
Finance Monitoring Post	27	Budget reduction implemented.
Housing Strategy	14	Budget reduction implemented.

Procurement	443	Budgets yet to be reduced
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CABINET DECISIONS

Date	Details	£
None		

VOLATILE AREAS / POTENTIAL VARIATIONS

Details	£000	Comments / progress
Repairs and Maintenance	1,173	Will continue to be monitored during the year.
Energy costs	1,503	This area will be monitored closely during the year. Energy efficiency schemes could produce some savings in 2008/09. Concerns about future energy costs.
Cultural Service Income Levels	9,094	Continues to be monitored closely as income levels can vary significantly mainly because of adverse weather conditions. Minor variations can be absorbed by the department but major variations may result in a potential under-recovery of income. Delays in completing the Oval could have implications in 2008/09.
Service re-engineering	634	Various options have been submitted for consideration but as yet none have been agreed. Potential overspend.
Procurement saving	443	Several budgets are wholly funded by grant or produce significant levels of income. Reducing the expenditure lines without consideration of the grant or income implications could result in reduced income levels, negating the effect of the budget reduction. To date no procurement savings have been identified.

ALAN STENNARD
DIRECTOR OF REGENERATION

**WIRRAL COUNCIL - TECHNICAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT
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POSITION AS AT 30 SEPTEMBER 2008**

SUMMARY

Budget monitoring reports during 2007/08 identified deficits within the operational services of car parking and building & development control fee income. There are continuing problems in the areas of land charges, building control and general procurement savings which are under review and Cabinet will shortly receive a report on land charges, planning delivery grant and other minor budget amendments. It is unlikely that the variations identified from the above can be fully accommodated within existing resources and the Cabinet report will propose alternatives for rationalising matters.

POLICY OPTIONS

Details	£000	Comments / progress
Carbon Reduction	115	Transferred to Law, HR and Asset Mgt.
Graffiti Removal	30	To be spent by the year-end

SAVINGS TARGETS

Details	£000	Comments / progress
Traffic management	35	
Energy conservation	5	
Building and Development Control administration	50	
Highways maintenance	75	
Waste contract mgt/admin	45	All the savings, other than procurement, have been incorporated in to the departmental budgets.
External services income	55	
Review of waste budgets	142	
Streetscene / grass cutting contract extended	30	
School crossing patrols	32	
Health & safety admin	30	
Increase car park charges	100	
Development control	50	
Instigate CRM project	50	
Review admin in view of IT	30	
Highways maintenance	283	
Procurement	225	

CABINET DECISIONS

Date	Details	£000
9 July 2008	Impact of Energy Price Rises –Street lighting	+780
25 Sept 2008	Creation of the Department of Law, HR and Asset Management	+34
25 Sept 2008	Carbon reduction policy option to Law, HR and Asset Management	-115

VOLATILE AREAS / POTENTIAL VARIATIONS

Details	£000	Comments / progress
Planning Delivery Grant	209	Grant discontinued and will be the subject of a Cabinet report along with land charges and building control fee income

Building Control Fees	200	Declining income due to the effect of the national and local economic situation.
Land Charges	150	Declining income due to the effect of external factors on the housing market.

DAVID GREEN
DIRECTOR OF TECHNICAL SERVICES

**WIRRAL COUNCIL - TREASURY MANAGEMENT
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SUMMARY

Currently the Treasury Management spend is projected to be produce an underspend this year. There are two main areas of potential volatility / variation which are highlighted below that are being closely monitored and are subject to fluctuations based upon changes in the global economy.

POLICY OPTIONS

Details	£000	Comments / progress
Match funding pot	200	Central allocation increased and is available for use.

SAVINGS TARGETS

Details	£000	Comments / progress
None		

BRIDGING FINANCE

Details	£000	Comments / progress
None		

CABINET DECISIONS

Date	Details	£000
23 July 2008	Ending of SLA Wirral Partnership Homes – Virement to Corporate Services	-148

VOLATILE AREAS / POTENTIAL VARIATIONS

Details	£000	Comments / progress
Investment Income	700	The constantly changing financial environment hinders accurate projections of the investment income achievable in the year. At 30 September secured £3.44m against a target of £2.7m. Investments now being placed in more secure but lower return areas.
Temporary Borrowing	500	Due to better cash flow management the requirement to borrow on a temporary basis has almost been eliminated. This should generate an annual saving of approximately £500,000.
Minimum Revenue Provision		Government changes to the calculating of the minimum revenue provision may have an impact on revenue. This impact will be assessed in the coming months and will be reported at later date.

**IAN COLEMAN
DIRECTOR OF FINANCE**