

RIBBLE VALLEY BOROUGH COUNCIL INFORMATION

REPORT TO PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

Agenda Item No

meeting date: 16 JULY 2009
 title: REVENUE OUTFURN 2008/09
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1 PURPOSE

1.1 To let you know the position for the 2008/09 year on the revenue budget as far as this committee is concerned.

1.2 Relevance to the Council's ambitions and priorities:

- ❖ In accordance with corporate plan objective 2.3, this report provides members with information to ensure that budget allocation and expenditure is in line with corporate priorities.

2 FINANCIAL INFORMATION

2.1 Shown below, by cost centre, is a comparison with the revised estimate. You will see an overall overspend of £22,633 on the net cost of services, which has mainly been funded from reserves.

Cost Centre	Cost Centre Name	Revised Estimate £	Actual £	Difference £
DEVDP	Development Department	0	-16,337	16,337
PLANG	Planning Control & Enforcement	25,500	59,447	-33,947
PLDEV	Planning Delivery	0	-1046	1,046
PLANP	Planning Policy	146,840	146,781	59
BCSAP	Building Control SAP Fees	-550	-4,172	3,622
BLDGC	Building Control	71,680	94,612	-22,932
AONBS	Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty	14,620	14,610	10
COMMG	Community Groups	19,380	19,260	120
COUNT	Countryside Management	47,880	49,815	-1,935
FPATH	Footpaths & Bridleways	5,190	4,900	290
HIGHH	High Hedges	1,880	1,870	10
CONSV	Conservation Areas	19,910	13,076	6,834
ALBNM	Albion Mill	-6,950	-9,185	2,235
INDDV	Economic Development	111,950	105,851	6,099
CCTEL	CCTV Equipment	150,280	151,224	- 944
PLSUB	Grants and Subscriptions	24,990	24,533	457
CINTR	Clitheroe Integrated Transport Scheme	7,440	7,434	6
TRNSP	Transport Development	1,120	1,120	0
	Total net cost of services	641,160	663,793	-22,633

Cost Centre	Cost Centre Name	Revised Estimate £	Actual £	Difference £
ITEMS ADDED to / (TAKEN FROM) BALANCES AND RESERVES				
	Transfer to capital reserve fund	0	2,578	-2,580
PLBAL H253	Local Development Framework Reserve Fund	-23,370	-23,368	-2
PLBAL H251	Rent Deposit Reserve	-1,500	-1,500	0
PLBAL H234	Building Control Reserve Fund	-41,260	-63,589	22,329
PLBAL H244	Conservation Areas Reserve Fund	0	6,844	-6,844
	After transfers to/from earmarked reserves	575,030	584,760	-9,730

2.2 We have extracted the main variations (over £5,000) and shown them, with the budget holder's comments, in the table below.

SERVICE	REASON	£	£
MOVEMENT IN EXPENDITURE – Increased costs			
Building Control			
- Non recurring purchase of equipment	Expenditure incurred on the purchase of software, which was approved by Planning Committee in December. This expenditure to be met from building control reserve fund. This was not included in the estimates prepared for approval by the December Planning Committee	-7,500	
MOVEMENT IN EXPENDITURE –Reduced costs			
Development Department			
- Consultants	A budget provision has been established to cover the cost of consultants working on behalf of Ribble Valley on planning issues. Only one fee paid in 2008/09 to district valuer for fees incurred for the financial appraisals on 3 planning applications.	6,510	
- Mileage/Microfilming /Postages	Reduced mileage claims due to downturn in planning applications, lack of staff resources to prepare files for microfilming and increase in plans being sent out electronically rather than by post.	6,644	
Building Control			
- Mileage/Microfilming /Equipment/ Subscriptions	Reduced mileage claims due to downturn in building regulation applications, lack of staff resources to prepare files for microfilming, no new equipment required and subscriptions cancelled.	7,162	
Conservation Areas			
- Other contract payments	The underspend has been caused by schemes not being completed by the end of the financial year. £5k of this under spend has been earmarked for match funding to ELEVATE	6,844	

SERVICE	REASON	£	£
Economic Development			
- Subscriptions / Contributions	Work has not been carried out due to staff vacancies in the regeneration section.	5,442	
NET MOVEMENT IN EXPENDITURE			25,102
MOVEMENT IN INCOME – Increased Income			
Building Control Sap fees			
- Sap Fees / Gratuities	Since April 2008 only accredited surveyors have been able to carry out these inspections, this has resulted in a member of staff working additional hours the cost of which has been offset by additional income for the council. The salary costs were less than anticipated and income from fees more than anticipated.	3,693	
MOVEMENT IN INCOME – Reduced Income			
Planning Control			
- Planning fees	Developers delaying schemes due to downturn in economic climate	-32,620	
Building Control			
- Building regulation fees	Downturn in income in December, January and March compared to previous 3 years	-23,057	
NET MOVEMENT IN EXPENDITURE			-51,984
MOVEMENT IN SUPPORT SERVICES			
Increased Support Services			
Community Services / Financial Services / Legal Services / Revenues / Chief Executive			
	Increased costs within departments	-4,539	
MOVEMENT IN SUPPORT SERVICES			
Reduced Support Services			
Council Offices / Civic Suite / Organisation & Member Development / IT / Development Department			
	Reduced costs within departments	6,573	
NET MOVEMENT IN SUPPORT SERVICES			2,034
NET CHANGE IN COST OF SERVICES			-24,848
MOVEMENT IN RESERVE FUNDS			
Building Control	Less income received	22,329	
Conservation Areas	Transfer to earmarked reserve due to delay in conservation schemes	-6,844	
NET MOVEMENT IN RESERVE FUNDS			15,485
OVERALL OVERSPEND (after transfers to/from earmarked reserves)			-9,363

3 CONCLUSION

- 3.1 The comparison between actual and budgeted expenditure shows an overspend for the financial year 2008/09 of £22,600. After transfers to/from earmarked reserves this is reduced to £9,700.
- 3.2 The main factor affecting this committee is the downturn in income from planning and building regulation fees. This amounted to over £56k, which has mostly been offset by a contribution from the building control fee earning reserve fund of £22k and reduced expenditure in the development department of £13k and economic development of £5k.

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