

## RIBBLE VALLEY BOROUGH COUNCIL REPORT TO PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

Agenda Item No 13

meeting date: 10 NOVEMBER 2011  
 title: REVENUE MONITORING 2011/12  
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### 1 PURPOSE

1.1 To let you know the position for the first six months of this year's revenue budget as far as this committee is concerned.

1.2 Relevance to the Council's ambitions and priorities:

- ❖ In accordance with the overarching corporate priority of the council where one of our objectives is *'to maintain critical financial management and controls, and ensure the authority provides council tax payers with value for money'*. 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 between actual expenditure and the original estimate for the period. You will see an overall underspend of £10,062. After allowing for estimated transfers to and from earmarked reserves this increases to a net under spend of £33,552.

Cost Centre	Cost Centre Name	Net Budget for the full year £	Net Budget to the end of the period £	Actual including Commitments to the end of the period £	Variance £	
PLANG	Planning Control & Enforcement	120,890	-187,314	-185,765	1,549	G
PLANP	Planning Policy	155,890	-116	-30	86	G
PLDEV	Planning Delivery	143,320	46,934	57,291	10,357	R
BCSAP	Building Control SAP Fees	-1,470	-1,682	-1,983	-301	G
BLDGC	Building Control	69,620	-94,695	-74,142	20,553	R
AONBS	Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty	13,270	0	0	0	G
COMMG	Community Groups	19,260	6,100	5,500	-600	G
COUNT	Countryside Management	49,930	27,234	8,035	-19,199	R
FPATH	Footpaths & Bridleways	5,550	146	0	-146	G
HIGHH	High Hedges	2,100	0	0	0	G
PENDU	Pendle Hill User Group	0	0	-7,500	-7,500	R
CONSV	Conservation Areas	12,000	0	0	0	G
ALBNM	Albion Mill	-3,060	5,058	5,396	338	G
INDDV	Economic Development	109,610	9,974	409	-9,565	R

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PLSUB	Grants and Subscriptions	15,390	5,079	0	-5,079	R
CINTR	Clitheroe Integrated Transport Scheme	6,910	5,744	5,189	-555	G
	<b>Total net cost of services</b>	<b>719,210</b>	<b>-177,538</b>	<b>-187,600</b>	<b>-10,062</b>	

Items added to / (taken from) balances and reserves					
PLBAL H234	Building Control Reserve Fund	-44,730	94,293	73,660	-20,633
PLBAL H268	Planning Delivery Reserve Fund	-109,770	-46,934	-57,291	-10,357
PLBAL H253	Local Development Framework	-11,580	0	0	0
PLBAL H273	Pendle Hill User Reserve Fund	0	0	7,500	7,500
	<b>Net Balances and Reserves</b>	<b>-166,080</b>	<b>47,359</b>	<b>23,869</b>	<b>-23,490</b>

<b>Net Expenditure</b>	<b>553,130</b>	<b>-130,179</b>	<b>-163,731</b>	<b>-33,552</b>
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- 2.2 The variations between budget and actuals have been split into groups of red, amber and green variance. The red variances highlight specific areas of high concern, for which budget holders are required to have an action plan. Amber variances are potential areas of high concern and green variances are areas that currently do not present any significant concern.

Key to Variance shading	
Variance of more than £5,000 (Red)	R
Variance between £2,000 and £4,999 (Amber)	A
Variance less than £2,000 (Green)	G

- 2.3 We have then extracted the main variations for the items included in the red shaded cost centres and shown them with the budget holder's comments and agreed action plans, in Annex 1.

- 2.4 All other variations are less than £2,000 and are not shown in this report.

### 3 CONCLUSION

- 3.1 The comparison between actual and budgeted expenditure shows an under spend of £33,552 for the first six months of the financial year 2011/12.
- 3.2 The main reasons for the underspend are the additional funding of £16,835 from the Department for Communities and Local Government for Habitats and Climate change funding, shown under Countryside Management and the additional income from planning fees of £8,455.
- 3.3 The main area of concern for this committee is the reduced income from building regulation fees. Total income received for building regulation fees for the first half of this year was £92,053, which does not compare favourably with the estimate of £116,541.

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## Planning and Development Committee Budget Monitoring – Red Variances

Ledger Code	Ledger Code Name	Budget for the Full Year	Budget to the end of the period	Actual including Commitments to the end of the period	Variance		Reason for Variance	Action Plan as agreed between the Budget Holder and Accountant
BLDGC/8405n	Building Control / Building Regulation Fees	-230,000	-116,541	-92,053	24,488	R	Income from building regulations fees is down compared to 3 previous years actual. This is due to current economic climate and also due to some organisations using private competitors.	All expenditure is being scrutinised and fees increased. Meeting to be arranged to discuss current position
PLANG/3072	Planning Control / Planning Fee Refunds	3,490	1,750	6,948	5,198	R	Variation mainly relates to a refund of invalid planning application fees received from Liverpool Housing Trust	Estimate to be adjusted when estimates reviewed
PLANG/3085	Planning Control / Consultants	7,700	7,700	14,050	6,350	R	Professional fees relating to planning inquiry Riddings Lane Whalley	Expenditure to be met from earmarked reserve fund
PLANG/8404u	Planning Control / Planning Fees	-360,000	-185,940	-194,395	-8,455	R	The two large applications, Calderstone, Whalley and Barrow Brook, Barrow received in April have helped maintain income levels during this difficult economic climate.	Income to be monitored over the next few months and estimate revised if necessary when estimates reviewed.
PLSUB/3013	Grants -& Subscriptions - Planning / Subscriptions	15,390	5,079	0	-5,079	R	Delay in being invoiced by Lancashire economic partnership subscriptions for 2011/12.	No action at present

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PLDEV/2881	Planning Delivery / Purchase of equipment and materials	0	0	9,677	9,677	R	Expenditure relates to headroom analysis (a model for reviewing housing numbers). Expenditure was budgeted to come in 2010/11 but has slipped into new financial year	Estimate will be revised when estimates reviewed. Expenditure to be funded from an earmarked reserve
INDDV/3013	Economic Development / Subscriptions	19,790	9,974	0	-9,974	R	Delay in paying Intensive Start Up Support (ISUS) contribution. Also a Virement is yet to be arranged to contribute to Planning delivery costs	No action at present
COUNT/8018z	Countryside Management / Habitats & Climate Change Grant	0	0	-16,835	-16,835	R	Grant was not anticipated when estimates prepared	Additional income to be included into General fund reserves
PENDU/8576z	Pendle Hill User Group / Contribution	0	0	-7,500	-7,500	R	Income received from Lancashire County Council for maintenance on Pendle Hill	Net income to be carried forward in an earmarked reserve to fund future improvement work.