

# RIBBLE VALLEY BOROUGH COUNCIL INFORMATION

## REPORT TO PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

Agenda Item No 9

meeting date: 16 AUGUST 2012  
 title: REVENUE MONITORING 2012/13  
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### 1 PURPOSE

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

1.2 Relevance to the Council's ambitions and priorities:

- ❖ Community Objectives – none identified
- ❖ Corporate Priorities – to continue to be a well managed Council providing efficient services based on identified customer need and meets the objective within this priority, of maintaining critical financial management controls, ensuring the authority provides council tax payers with value for money.
- ❖ Other Considerations – none identified

### 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 under spend of £47,635 on the net expenditure, after allowing for estimated transfers to and from balances and reserves. Please note that underspends are denoted by figures with a minus symbol.

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 £	
CORES	Core Strategy	86,000	4,781	2,009	-2,772	A
PLANG	Planning Control & Enforcement	147,130	-87,835	-122,695	-34,860	R
PLANP	Planning Policy	190,390	-59	-25	34	G
BCSAP	Building Control SAP Fees	360	-874	-851	23	G
BLDGC	Building Control	53,880	-41,820	-34,268	7,552	R
AONBS	Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty	11,890	0	0	0	G
COMMG	Community Groups	21,800	6,100	4,000	-2,100	A
COUNT	Countryside Management	48,670	13,738	8,624	-5,114	R
FPATH	Footpaths & Bridleways	4,440	74	0	-74	G
HIGHH	High Hedges	2,060	0	0	0	G
CONSV	Conservation Areas	11,880	0	0	0	G
PENDU	Pendle Hill User Group	0	0	1,650	1,650	G
PLSUB	Grants and Subscriptions	15,280	0	0	0	G
CINTR	Clitheroe Integrated Transport Scheme	7,030	5,316	11	-5,305	R
<b>Total net cost of services</b>		<b>600,810</b>	<b>-100,579</b>	<b>-141,545</b>	<b>-40,966</b>	

Items added to / (taken from) balances and reserves					
PLBAL H234	Building Control Reserve Fund	-1,080	45,726	37,935	-7,791
PLBAL H273	Pendle Hill User Reserve Fund	0	0	-1,650	-1,650
PLBAL H358	Core Strategy Reserve Fund	-86,000	-4,781	-2,009	2,772
<b>Net Balances and Reserves</b>		<b>-87,080</b>	<b>40,945</b>	<b>34,276</b>	<b>-6,669</b>
<b>Net Expenditure</b>		<b>513,730</b>	<b>-59,634</b>	<b>-107,269</b>	<b>-47,635</b>

- 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 The main variations for items included in the amber shaded cost centres are shown with budget holders' comments at Annex 2.
- 2.5 In summary the main areas of variance which are unlikely to rectify themselves by the end of the financial year are summarised below. Please note favourable variances are denoted by figures with a minus symbol.

Description	Variance to end of June 2012 £
<b>BLDGC - Building Control</b> – reduced income from applications	11,174
<b>PLANG – Planning Control</b> – Major applications received to date – upward trend anticipated for next three months	-34,898

### 3 CONCLUSION

- 3.1 The comparison between actual and budgeted expenditure shows an under spend of £47,635 for the first three months of the financial year 2012/13.
- 3.2 The main reasons for the under spend is the additional income of £34,898 from major planning applications.
- 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 quarter of this year was £44,243, which does not compare favourably with the estimate of £55,417.

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## 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	-212,000	-55,417	-44,243	11,174	R	Reduced income from applications.	Expenditure on staffing being reduced to offset reduction in income.
PLANG/8404u	Planning Control / Planning Fees	-418,310	-88,850	-123,748	-34,898	R	Major applications received to date - upward trend expected for the next three months.	No action at present Estimate to be reviewed as part of the budget setting process
CINTR/4677	Clitheroe Integrated Transport Scheme / Grants to Precepting Bodies	5,280	5,280	0	-5,280	R	Awaiting invoice from Lancashire County Council for Contribution towards the Clitheroe Line Community Rail Partnership	No action at present

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## AMBER VARIANCES

Ledger Code	Ledger Code Name	Budget for	Budget to	Actual	Variance		Reason for Variance
		the Full Year	the end of the period	including Commitments to the end of the period			
COMMG/4678	Community Groups / Grants to Voluntary Organisations	4,100	4,100	2,000	-2,100	A	RSPB to confirm project is still continuing.
COUNT/4677	Countryside Management / Grants to Precepting Bodies	10,000	10,000	7,000	-3,000	A	Awaiting annual reports from Parish Council's to be submitted for work carried out in 2011/12 to ascertain that all work is being completed.