

# RIBBLE VALLEY BOROUGH COUNCIL

## REPORT TO PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

INFORMATION

Agenda Item No 8

meeting date: 8 NOVEMBER 2012  
 title: REVENUE MONITORING 2012/13  
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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:

- ❖ 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 underspend of £81,402 on the net expenditure, after allowing for estimated transfers to and from earmarked 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	9,632	5,858	-3,774	A
PLANG	Planning Control & Enforcement	147,130	-197,683	-275,151	-77,468	R
PLANP	Planning Policy	190,390	-116	-196	-80	G
BCSAP	Building Control SAP Fees	360	-1,750	-1,674	76	G
BLDGC	Building Control	53,880	-86,075	-63,321	22,754	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	17,503	16,174	-1,329	G
FPATH	Footpaths & Bridleways	4,440	146	0	-146	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	4,450	4,450	A
PLSUB	Grants and Subscriptions	15,280	0	0	0	G
CINTR	Clitheroe Integrated Transport Scheme	7,030	5,350	5,161	-189	G
	<b>Total net cost of services</b>	<b>600,810</b>	<b>-246,893</b>	<b>-304,699</b>	<b>-57,806</b>	

Items added to / (taken from) balances and reserves					
PLBAL H234	Building Control Reserve Fund	-1,080	91,274	68,354	-22,920
PLBAL H273	Pendle Hill User Reserve Fund	0	0	-4,450	-4,450
PLBAL H358	Core Strategy Reserve Fund	-86,000	-9,632	-5,858	3,774
<b>Net Balances and Reserves</b>		<b>-87,080</b>	<b>81,642</b>	<b>58,046</b>	<b>-23,596</b>
<b>Net Expenditure</b>		<b>513,730</b>	<b>-165,251</b>	<b>-246,653</b>	<b>-81,402</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 September 2012 £
<b>BLDGC - Building Control</b> – reduced income from applications	29,161
<b>PLANG – Planning Control</b> – Significant number of major applications received to date due to pressure for development coming forward. This is particularly due to applications for Land off Hey Rd, Barrow, Land at Primrose Mill, Woone Lane, Clitheroe, Land SW and West of Whalley Rd, Barrow, Land at Chapel Close, Clitheroe, Land at Mitton Rd, Whalley, Clitheroe Hospital, Chatburn Rd, Clitheroe	-78,923

### 3 CONCLUSION

- 3.1 The comparison between actual and budgeted expenditure shows an under spend of £81,402 for the first six months of the financial year 2012/13.
- 3.2 The main reasons for the underspend is the additional income of £78,923 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 half of this year was £76,879, which does not compare favourably with the estimate of £106,040. Building regulation fee income is also significantly lower than that achieved in the same period last year (£92,053) and highlights a trend of continuingly falling income levels in this service area.

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#### BACKGROUND WORKING PAPERS

Planning & Development Committee budget monitoring working papers 2012/13

PD5-12/TH/AC  
19 OCTOBER 2012

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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 Regulation Fees	-212,000	-106,040	-76,879	29,161	R	Reduced income from applications.	Expenditure on employee costs and other expenditure items being reduced to partly offset shortfall in income
PLANG/8404u	Planning Control / Planning Fees	-418,310	-209,240	-288,163	-78,923	R	Significant number of major applications have been received to date due to pressure for development coming forward. This is particularly due to applications for Land off Hey Rd, Barrow, Land at Primrose Mill, Woone Lane, Clitheroe, Land SW and West of Whalley Rd, Barrow, Land at Chapel Close, Clitheroe, Land at Mitton Rd, Whalley, Clitheroe Hospital, Chatburn Rd, Clitheroe	No action at present

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## AMBER 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
COMMG/4678	Community Groups / Grants to Voluntary Organisations	4,100	4,100	2,000	-2,100	A	RSPB to confirm project is still continuing.
PENDU/2881	Pendle Hill Users / Purchase of Equipment & Materials	0	0	2,800	2,800	A	Chainsaw training & assessment for 4 Parish Lengthsmen to be funded from Pendle Hill user reserve fund
PLANG/3261	Planning Control / Statutory Notices	12,090	6,048	8,345	2,297	A	Increase in types of applications that require statutory notices adverts placed in local newspapers