

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

Agenda Item No

meeting date: 7 NOVEMBER 2013  
 title: REVENUE MONITORING 2013/14  
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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 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 overspend of £80,555 on the net cost of services. After allowing for estimated transfers to and from earmarked reserves this is reduced to £6,497. 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	160,100	59,989	57,982	-2,007	A
PLANG	Planning Control & Enforcement	224,850	-202,987	-116,278	86,709	R
PLANP	Planning Policy	156,520	-120	-1	119	G
BCSAP	Building Control SAP Fees	-1,420	-1,740	-2,958	-1,218	G
BLDGC	Building Control	51,440	-81,662	-90,965	-9,303	R
AONBS	Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty	11,130	0	0	0	G
COMMG	Community Groups	22,270	4,150	4,000	-150	G
COUNT	Countryside Management	49,510	18,575	20,272	1,697	G
FORBW	Forest of Bowland Bridleway Scheme	0	0	5,000	5,000	R
FPATH	Footpaths & Bridleways	6,350	150	0	-150	G
HIGHH	High Hedges	2,170	0	0	0	G
CONSV	Conservation Areas	9,720	0	0	0	G
PLSUB	Grants and Subscriptions	15,660	0	0	0	G

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CINTR	Clitheroe Integrated Transport Scheme	7,060	5,346	5,204	-142	<b>G</b>
	<b>Total net cost of services</b>	<b>715,360</b>	<b>-198,299</b>	<b>-117,744</b>	<b>80,555</b>	

Items added to / (taken from) balances and reserves					
PLBAL H234	Building Control Reserve Fund	4,170	86,990	95,799	8,809
PLBAL H274	Forest of Bowland Bridleway Fund	0	0	-5,000	-5,000
PLBAL H336	Planning Reserve Fund	0	0	-79,874	-79,874
PLBAL H358	Core Strategy Reserve Fund	-160,100	-59,989	-57,982	2,007
<b>Net Balances and Reserves</b>		<b>-155,930</b>	<b>27,001</b>	<b>-47,057</b>	<b>-74,058</b>
<b>Net Expenditure</b>		<b>559,430</b>	<b>-171,298</b>	<b>-164,801</b>	<b>6,497</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)	<b>R</b>
Variance between £2,000 and £4,999 (Amber)	<b>A</b>
Variance less than £2,000 (Green)	<b>G</b>

- 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 Sept 2013 £
<b>PLANG – Planning Control</b> Consultancy and legal costs associated with the Mitton Road (Whalley), Waddow View (Clitheroe), and Barrowlands (Barrow), planning appeals. Expenditure to be met from Planning earmarked reserve.	79,874

### 3 CONCLUSION

- 3.1 The comparison between actual and budgeted expenditure shows an overspend of £80,555 on the net cost of services. After allowing for estimated transfers to and from earmarked reserves this is reduced to an overspend of £6,497 for the first six months of the financial year 2013/14.
- 3.2 The main reasons for the overspend is the reduced income of £9,060 from planning applications. However the situation may change if an application is received for a major development.
- 3.3 The main area of concern for this committee continues to be the expenditure around planning appeals. Total expenditure for the period is £83,920 of which £4,046 has been included in the budget resulting in £79,874 to be funded from the planning earmarked reserve.

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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	-197,000	-98,538	-104,493	-5,955	R	The main reason for the variance is due to inspection fees received for the building of a community hospital (Clitheroe), dwellings Church Raikie (Chipping) and dwellings Barrow Brook Grange (Barrow).	Estimate to be reviewed shortly
PLANG/3085	Planning Control / Consultants	8,090	4,046	83,920	79,874	R	Consultancy and legal costs associated with the Mitton Road (Whalley), Waddow View (Clitheroe) and Barrowlands (Barrow) planning appeals.	Expenditure above the budget for the year to be met from the planning earmarked reserve
PLANG/8404u	Planning Control / Planning Fees	-426,000	-213,084	-204,025	9,060	R	Below 3 year average income received from planning application fees	Estimate to be reviewed shortly
COUNT/2414	Countryside Management / Emergency Tree Work	10,250	6,392	11,815	5,423	R	The variance is mainly due to the cost of felling & pollarding a willow tree in a dangerous condition adjacent to allotments, Ribchester.	Costs to be recharged to other budget heads
FORBW/3277	Forest of Bowland Bridleway scheme	0	0	5,000	5,000	R	Contribution to United Utilities towards the cost of repairs to Hasgill Bridge funded from Forest of Bowland Bridleway Project funds, which are held in an earmarked reserve.	Contribution to be made from Forest of Bowland Bridleway earmarked reserve

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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
PLANG/3103	Planning Control / Agricultural Consultants	8,030	2,034	-400	-2,434	A	Invoice not received from LCC for 1st quarter referrals.