

RIBBLE VALLEY BOROUGH COUNCIL

REPORT TO ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

Agenda Item No 8

meeting date: 5 NOVEMBER 2020
 title: REVENUE OUTTURN 2019/20
 submitted by: DIRECTOR OF RESOURCES
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1 PURPOSE

1.1 To report on the outturn for the financial year 2019/20 in respect of the Revenue Budget for this Committee.

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 to maintain critical financial management controls, ensuring the authority provides council tax payers with value for money.
- Other Considerations – none identified

2 BACKGROUND

2.1 The national deadlines for local authorities to produce their Statement of Accounts and have them audited have been extended for the 2019/20 financial year, due to other pressures and priority work that finance departments have had to deal with as a result of Covid-19. Local authorities have to approve their Statement of Accounts for audit by 31 August 2020 and the audited Statement of Accounts must be approved by 30 November 2020.

2.2 Our full Statement of Accounts was approved for audit by the Director of Resources on 28 August 2020. The Statement of Accounts audit will commence in September 2020 and it is expected that the audited Statement of Accounts will be approved by the Accounts and Audit Committee at their meeting on 25 November 2020.

3 FINANCIAL INFORMATION

3.1 Shown below, by cost centre, is a comparison with the revised estimate. You will see an overall underspend of -£28,888 on the net cost of services. There have been no transfers to or from reserves. This has been deducted from General Fund Balances.

3.2 The table below provides a summary of actual spend against the revised estimate budget and the associated variance.

Cost Centre	Cost Centre Name	Revised Estimate 2019/20 £	Actual 2019/20 £	Variation £	Associated Earmarked Reserves Variance £	Net Variance £
ALBNM	Albion Mill	-460	-2,959	-2,499	0	-2,499
INDDV	Economic Development	176,470	156,301	-20,169	0	-20,169
TURSM	Tourism & Events	122,340	116,120	-6,220	0	-6,220
NET COST OF SERVICES		298,350	269,462	-28,888	0	-28,888

4 KEY MOVEMENTS FROM REVISED ESTIMATE TO OUTTURN

4.1 The main variations have been extracted, and are shown with the Budget Holder's comments at Annex 1. However, a summary of the major variations is set out in the table below.

Service Area	Description of Variance	Amount £
Economic Development: Subscriptions	A feasibility study with key partners of options to improve the rail network has been delayed to 20/21 resulting in the underspend on subscriptions.	-£10,711

5 CONCLUSION

5.1 There have been a number of variations in both income and expenditure during the year, and this has given rise to an overall underspend of -£28,888 on the net cost of services. There have been no transfers to or from reserves.

SENIOR ACCOUNTANT

DIRECTOR OF RESOURCES

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23 October 2020

BACKGROUND PAPERS

*Revised Estimates approved by Committee on 23 January 2020
Closedown Working Papers*

For further information please ask for Helen Seedall.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE – REVENUE OUTTURN 2019/20 VARIANCES

	Variance in Expenditure £	Variance in Income £	Variance in Support Services £	Variance in Capital Costs £	Total Variance £	Associated Earmarked Reserves Variance £	Net Variance £
<u>ALBNM: Albion Mill</u>							
A saving was achieved as the allowance for repairs and maintenance costs was not required during the year.	-£1,200				-£1,200		-£1,200
Total Albion Mill	-£1,200				-£1,200		-£1,200
<u>INDDV: Economic Development</u>							
A feasibility study with key partners of options to improve the rail network has been delayed resulting in the underspend on subscriptions.	-£10,711				-£10,711		-£10,711
Additional income was received for hosting a Brexit Readiness event delivered by the East Lancashire Chamber of Commerce.		-£3,175			-£3,175		-£3,175
The recharge of the Economic Development and Planning Department costs were lower than estimated due to reduced service expenditure.			-£4,731		-£4,731		-£4,731
Total Economic Development	-£10,711	-£3,175	-£4,731		-£18,617		-£18,617

	Variance in Expenditure £	Variance in Income £	Variance in Support Services £	Variance in Capital Costs £	Total Variance £	Associated Earmarked Reserves Variance £	Net Variance £
TURSM: Tourism & Events							
The cost of the production of the 2020 Visitor Guide was lower than estimated.	-£1,148				-£1,148		-£1,148
Expenditure on publicity was lower than estimated due to the postponement of the wedding partnership promotion due to Covid-19. However, the underspend is offset by sponsorship income not being received (see below).	-£3,233				-£3,233		-£3,233
Lower than estimated usage of postage.	-£1,485				-£1,485		-£1,485
Saving on the recharge of the Community Services Department due to lower service costs.			-£1,492		-£1,492		-£1,492
Increased advertising income received for the 2020 Visitor Guide.		-£3,397			-£3,397		-£3,397
Sponsorship income was not received in connection to the wedding partnership promotion due its postponement because of Covid-19. This reduction in income was partially offset by related savings on publicity expenditure (see above).		£4,030			£4,030		£4,030
Total Tourism & Events	-£5,866	£633	-£1,492		-£6,725		-£6,725
	-£17,777	-£2,542	-£6,223	£0	-£26,542	£0	-£26,542
					-£2,346		-£2,346
Total Variances for Economic Development Committee (Net Cost of Services)					-£28,888	£0	-£28,888