

The Highland Council
Planning, Development and Infrastructure Committee

18 February 2015

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Report No	PDI 1/15

Revenue Budget – Monitoring 2014/15

Report by Director of Development & Infrastructure

Summary

This report provides information on the revenue monitoring position for the period to 31 December 2014.

1 Revenue Budget 2014/15 - Development & Infrastructure

- 1.1 The statement attached at **Appendix 1** shows the financial position for the period to 31 December 2014.

2 Year-end Projections & Variances

- 2.1 At this stage in the financial year the Service predicts a net year end underspend of £0.209m, after taking into consideration pressures on ICT costs which will be exceeded by increased Planning and Building Warrant fee income, and the management of staff vacancies.
- 2.2 Public Local Inquiries costs incurred in the year to date have exceeded the annual budget. Actual spend against the £0.050m budget was £0.096m at the end of December 2014. The year end forecast, at present, is a budget overspend of £0.070m which is covered by savings identified elsewhere in the overall budget.
- 2.3 The Service continues to have budget pressures in relation to Property Revenue Maintenance and, at this stage in the financial year, the Service predicts an overspend of £0.168m which is taken into account in 2.1 above. However, indications are that the budget for this financial year could result in a £0.250m overspend, and the Service will continue to scrutinise spend in order to minimise the effect.
- 2.4 This report covers the period to 31 December 2014, however Members will be aware of the storm event which took place in January, and potentially this may have an impact on the financial outturn for 2014/15. Specific codes have been set up to capture all costs associated with this event. Indicative costs are of the order of £0.350m for damage to Council properties, however an element of these costs will be met by the Council's insurance fund.

3 Budget Savings

- 3.1 The attached monitoring statement takes full account of all budget savings in 2014/15 which the Development and Infrastructure Service were asked to make by the Council.

4 Implications

- 4.1 There are no resource, legal, equality, climate change/Carbon Clever, risk, Gaelic, or rural implications arising out of this report.

Recommendations

It is recommended that the Committee approve the Development and Infrastructure monitoring report to the end of December 2014.

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DEVELOPMENT AND INFRASTRUCTURE Revenue Expenditure Monitoring Report

1 APRIL - 31 DECEMBER 2014

Summary

	£000 Actual Year To Date	£000 Annual Budget	£000 Year End Estimate	£000 Year End Variance
BY ACTIVITY				
Directorate				
Director & Business Team	693	926	1,080	154
Planning & Building Standards	3,428	4,452	4,474	22
Infrastructure				
Project Design Unit	(87)	(543)	(543)	0
Flood Risk Assessment	172	267	267	0
Environment & Economic Development				
Management	79	83	83	0
Countryside, Heritage & Natural Resources	1,567	2,360	2,300	(60)
Economy & Regeneration	835	1,944	1,894	(50)
Trading Standards	615	818	818	0
Employability Service	973	2,183	2,182	0
Property				
Energy & sustainability	(19)	(874)	(874)	0
Property asset management	2,419	3,894	3,903	9
Revenue Maintenance	5,377	5,112	5,280	168
Housing development & Private Sector Housing Grant	1,081	1,687	1,687	0
Investment properties	(1,615)	(2,115)	(2,177)	(62)
Technical, Design & Projects	(309)	(3,663)	(3,713)	(50)
Income				
Planning Fee Income	(1,997)	(2,311)	(2,471)	(160)
Building Warrant Fee Income	(1,606)	(1,877)	(2,057)	(180)
	11,605	12,342	12,134	(209)

BY SUBJECTIVE

Staff Costs	13,656	17,962	17,793	(169)
Other Costs	15,249	18,215	18,475	260
Gross Expenditure	28,904	36,177	36,268	91
Grants	(2,295)	(1,130)	(1,130)	0
Other Income	(15,004)	(22,704)	(23,004)	(300)
Total Income	(17,300)	(23,835)	(24,135)	(300)
	11,605	12,342	12,134	(209)

Notes

1. Percentage of annual budget

This year

Expenditure

80%

Income

73%

2. Appeals, Public Local Inquiries and Court Cases
(included above in Planning & Building Standards)Actual Year to
Date

£000

PLIs General	23
Tain (PLI)	3
Invergordon Incinerator (PLI)	2
THC v Alexander Brodie	1
Dalnessie Wind Farm (PLI)	-
Glenmorie Wind Farm (PLI)	3
Limekiln Wind Farm (PLI)	62
Lyth Wind Farm	-
Tressady Wind Farm	1
Spittal Hill Wind Farm	1
TOTAL	96