

The Highland Council
Planning, Development and Infrastructure Committee
4 November 2015

Agenda Item	4
Report No	PDI 59/15

Revenue Budget Monitoring Report – 2015/16

Report by Director of Development and Infrastructure

Summary

This report invites Members to approve the revenue budget monitoring position for the period from 1 April 2015 to 30 September 2015.

1. Background

1.1 This report is produced in support of the Council's corporate governance process, which in turn is designed to support/augment the Council's overall/corporate delivery of all of its obligations in terms of the Single Outcome agreement.

2. Current Position

2.1 The revenue expenditure monitoring statement, appended to this report, shows the financial position to 30 September 2015. In total, the expenditure is currently in line with the budget outturn target.

3. Year-End Projection

3.1 The year-to-date actual figures represent the transactions for the six months ended 30 September 2015, and are generally in line with management expectations.

3.2 Members will note that based on the financial performance to date, it is predicted, that at the end of the financial year the budget as a whole will be balanced.

4. Major Issues and Variances

4.1 The Directorate budget line is overspending due to computer costs in respect of the new "idox" system. As in the previous financial year the overspend will be funded from an increase in planning and building warrant income.

4.2 Planning and building standards is overspending due to increased expenditure on dangerous buildings, and costs associated with Public Local Inquiries. Both budgets are set at the same level each year, however given the nature of the unpredictability of the costs involved, these lines may overspend.

4.3 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 £0.142m. However, indications are that the budget for this financial year, as was the case for the previous year, could result in a £0.250m overspend.

- 4.4 The increase in planning and building warrant income is currently sufficient to meet the predicted overspends. The Service will continue to scrutinise spend in order to minimise the effect. Budgets will be closely managed and any further underspends will be used to offset overspends and pressures within the overall Service budget.

5. Budget Savings

- 5.1 The attached monitoring statement takes full account of all budget savings in 2015/16 which the Development and Infrastructure Service was asked to make by the Council.

6. Implications

- 6.1 Resource implications are discussed in this report.
- 6.2 There are no legal, equality, climate change/carbon clever, risk, Gaelic or rural implications arising as a direct result of this report.

Recommendations

Members are invited to approve the report and the attached monitoring statement which shows the revenue position for the period to 30 September 2015.

Designation: Director of Development and Infrastructure

Date: 26 October 2015

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Background Papers: Monitoring Statement 30/09/15 and the Highland Council Financial Ledger

DEVELOPMENT AND INFRASTRUCTURE Revenue Expenditure Monitoring Report

1 APRIL 2015 - 30 SEPTEMBER 2015

Summary

	£000 Actual Year To Date	£000 Annual Budget	£000 Year End Estimate	£000 Year End Variance
BY ACTIVITY				
Directorate				
Director & Business Team	603	1,119	1,188	69
Planning & Building Standards	2,638	4,715	4,826	111
Infrastructure				
Project Design Unit	(233)	(656)	(656)	0
Flood Risk Assessment	107	267	267	0
Environment & Economic Development				
Management	42	82	82	0
Environment	920	2,168	2,168	0
Economy & Regeneration	1,175	1,887	1,887	0
Trading Standards	394	831	831	0
Employability Service	555	1,960	1,960	0
Property				
Energy & Sustainability	2,362	(101)	(101)	0
Property asset management	1,443	3,768	3,768	0
Revenue Maintenance	2,715	5,112	5,254	142
Housing Development & Private Sector Housing Grant	1,214	1,702	1,702	0
Investment Properties	(1,091)	(2,202)	(2,202)	0
Technical, Design & Projects	1,722	(4,197)	(4,197)	0
Income				
Planning Fee Income	(1,257)	(2,444)	(2,521)	(77)
Building Warrant Fee Income	(1,161)	(1,879)	(2,124)	(245)
	12,148	12,132	12,132	0
BY SUBJECTIVE				
Staff Costs	9,598	20,109	20,109	0
Other Costs	10,184	18,584	18,906	322
Gross Expenditure	19,782	38,693	39,014	322
Grants	(1,032)	(2,040)	(2,040)	0
Other Income	(6,602)	(24,521)	(24,843)	(322)
Total Income	(7,634)	(26,561)	(26,883)	(322)
	12,148	12,132	12,132	0

Notes

1. Percentage of annual budget

Expenditure

Income

This year

51%29%**2. Appeals, Public Local Inquiries and Court Cases
(included above in Planning & Building Standards)**Actual Year
to Date

£000

PLIs General

12

THC v Alexander Brodie

14

Glenmorie Wind Farm (PLI)

16

Carn Gorm Wind Farm

4

Strathy South Wind Farm

19

TOTAL

65