

# Report to Planning Committee

Date 22 January 2020

**Report of:** Deputy Chief Executive Officer

Subject: ACTUAL REVENUE EXPENDITURE

# **SUMMARY**

This report sets out for the information of Members details of the actual revenue expenditure for 2018/19 in respect of the services for which this Committee is responsible.

# **RECOMMENDATION**

The Committee is asked to note the content of the report.

# INTRODUCTION

- 1. The final accounts for the financial year for this Committee shows that the actual expenditure of £973,185 was £375,385 (63%) above the revised budget of £597,800 which was agreed by this Committee in January 2019 and approved by Full Council in February 2019.
- 2. The actual totals of gross expenditure and income are set out in the table below.

	Revised		
	Budget	Actual	Variance
	2018/19	2018/19	2018/19
	£	£	£
Employees	753,800	835,919	82,119
Transport	11,600	14,803	3,203
Supplies & Services	242,800	467,550	224,750
Third Party Payments	93,900	93,149	-751
Internal Recharges	163,000	173,300	10,300
GROSS EXPENDITURE	1,265,100	1,584,721	319,621
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Other Income	-2,600	-7,489	-4,889
Fees & Charges	-664,700	-604,047	60,653
GROSS INCOME	-667,300	-611,536	55,764
NET EXPENDITURE	597,800	973,185	375,385

- 3. The main reasons for the variance is due increased spend on consultants and legal costs in relation to planning applications and appeals. Income from fees and charges was lower than anticipated when compared to the budget. There was also more than anticipated spend on employee costs mainly due to additional pension costs that are removed from the overall council position.
- 4. The actual net revenue expenditure for the year analysed over the main services heading is shown in the following table:-

	Revised		
	Budget	Actual	Variance
	2018/19	2018/19	2018/19
	£	£	£
Planning Applications	14,900	236,084	221,184
Planning Advice	253,900	271,057	17,157
Planning Enforcement	124,400	129,892	5,492
Planning Appeals	204,600	336,152	131,552
	597,800	973,185	375,385
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5. A detailed breakdown of the actual cost of the individual services is shown in Appendix A. The main variations which exceed £1,000 from the approved budgets are detailed below.

# PLANNING APPLICATIONS

- 6. The service was overspent by just over £221,000. The main reason for variance was an increase use of consultants for providing specialist advice for larger applications including the Welborne application.
- 7. In addition the employee budget was overspent by £68,000 mainly due to additional pension costs and use of agency workers.
- 8. There was also a reduction in income from applications of over £55,000 during the year.

# PLANNING ADVICE

9. The overall overspend for this service was just over £17,000. The main reason for this was an overspend in the employee budget due to pension costs.

# PLANNING ENFORCEMENT

10. The overall overspend for this service was just over £5,000. The main reason for this was an increased use of consultants for work on court cases.

#### PLANNING APPEALS

11. The overall underspend for this service was over £131,000. The main reason for this was an increased use of consultants and legal advise on appeals. There were a number of high profile appeals during the year including Posbrook Lane(£136,000), Old Street(£82,000), Sopwith Way(£40,000) and Saw Mills Appeal(£28,000).

# **RISK ASSESSMENT**

12. There are no significant risk considerations in relation to this report

# CONCLUSION

- 13. The cost of the services provided by this Committee was £375,385 higher than anticipated when the revised budgets were prepared and the reasons for this are set out in this report.
- 14. Any overspends against the overall budget will have to be offset by corresponding underspends within other committees or portfolio budgets. Where this is not possible then reserves will have to be used to balance the council's accounts.

Background Papers:
Reference Papers:
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# **APPENDIX A**

# **PLANNING COMMITTEE**

# **ACTUAL OF EXPENDITURE AND INCOME 2018/19**

	Revised Budget 2018/19 £	Actual 2018/19 £	Variance 2018/19 £
Processing Applications	14,900	236,084	221,184
Planning Advice	253,900	271,057	17,157
Planning Enforcement	124,400	129,892	5,492
Planning Appeals	204,600	336,152	131,552
NET EXPENDITURE	597,800	973,185	375,385
SUBJECTIVE ANALYSIS	Revised Budget 2018/19	Actual 2018/19	Variance 2018/19
	£	£	£
Employees	753,800	835,919	82,119
Transport Expenditure	11,600	14,802	3,202
Supplies & Services	242,800	467,550	224,750
Third Party Payments	93,900	93,149	-751
Internal Recharges	163,000	173,301	10,301
GROSS EXPENDITURE	1,265,100	1,584,721	319,621
Other Income Fees & Charges	-2,600	-7,489 -604,047	-4,889 60,653
GROSS INCOME	-568,700 - <b>667,300</b>	-611,536	00,000

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**NET EXPENDITURE** 

	Revised		
	Budget	Actual	Variance
PROCESSING APPLICATIONS	2018/19	2018/19	2018/19
	£	£	£
EMPLOYEES	423,800	484,373	60,573
TRANSPORT EXPENDITURE	7,700	10,480	2,780
SUPPLIES AND SERVICES	112,900	132,386	19,486
THIRD PARTY PAYMENTS	77,200	70,161	-7,039
INTERNAL RECHARGES	101,200	104,517	3,317
GROSS EXPENDITURE	722,800	801,917	79,117
OTHER INCOME	-2,600	0	2,600
FEES AND CHARGES	-537,000	-624,604	-87,604
GROSS INCOME	-539,600	-624,604	-85,004
NET EXPENDITURE	183,200	177,312	-5,888
	Revised		
	Budget	Actual	Variance
PLANNING ADVICE	2018/19	2018/19	2018/19
	£	£	£
EMPLOYEES	211,900	224,569	12,669
TRANSPORT EXPENDITURE	2,100	1,799	-301
SUPPLIES AND SERVICES	2,000	1,926	-74
THIRD PARTY PAYMENTS	12,000	10,864	-1,136
INTERNAL RECHARGES	36,800	38,173	1,373
GROSS EXPENDITURE	245,600	277,331	12,531
FEES AND CHARGES	-31,700	-36,914	-5,214
GROSS INCOME	-31,700	-36,914	-5,214
NET EXPENDITURE	233,100	240,417	7,317

	Revised		
	Budget	Actual	Variance
PLANNING ENFORCEMENT	2018/19	2018/19	2018/19
	£	£	£
EMPLOYEES	81,800	81,842	42
TRANSPORT EXPENDITURE	2,500	2,439	-61
SUPPLIES AND SERVICES	3,000	16,156	13,156
THIRD PARTY PAYMENTS	5,100	3,800	-1,300
INTERNAL RECHARGES	16,900	17,631	731
GROSS EXPENDITURE	109,300	121,868	12,568
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FEES AND CHARGES	0	-45	-45
GROSS INCOME	0	-45	-45
NET EXPENDITURE	109,300	121,823	12,523
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PLANNING APPEALS	2018/19	2018/19	2018/19
EMPLOYEEO	£	£	£
EMPLOYEES	24,000	26,543	2,543
TRANSPORT EXPENDITURE	0	229	229
SUPPLIES AND SERVICES	173,900	166,044	-7,856
INTERNAL RECHARGES	4,600	4,810	210
GROSS EXPENDITURE	202,500	197,626	-4,874
NET EXPENDITURE	202,500	197,626	-4,874
TOTAL PLANNING COMMITTEE	597,800	973,185	375,385