

# FAREHAM

## BOROUGH COUNCIL

### **Report to Planning Committee**

**Date**                    **20 January 2021**

**Report of:**        **Director of Planning and Regeneration**

**Subject:**            **ACTUAL REVENUE EXPENDITURE**

#### **SUMMARY**

This report sets out for the information of Members details of the actual revenue expenditure for 2019/20 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 £953,091 was £286,191 (43%) above the revised budget of £666,900 which was agreed by this Committee in January 2020 and approved by Full Council in February 2020.
2. The actual totals of gross expenditure and income are set out in the table below.

	<b>Revised Budget 2019/20</b>	<b>Actual 2019/20</b>	<b>Variance 2019/20</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
Employees	792,200	895,856	103,656
Transport	11,600	13,749	2,149
Supplies & Services	142,800	358,096	215,296
Third Party Payments	100,200	97,053	-3,147
Internal Recharges	166,100	161,130	-4,970
<b>GROSS EXPENDITURE</b>	<b>1,212,900</b>	<b>1,525,883</b>	<b>312,983</b>
Other Income	-2,600	-20,000	-17,400
Fees & Charges	-543,400	-552,792	-9,392
<b>GROSS INCOME</b>	<b>-546,000</b>	<b>-572,792</b>	<b>-26,792</b>
<b>NET EXPENDITURE</b>	<b>666,900</b>	<b>953,091</b>	<b>286,191</b>

3. The main reasons for the variance was due increased spend on consultants and legal costs in relation to planning applications and appeals. There was also additional spend on employee costs mainly due to additional pension costs that are removed from the overall council position. Income from fees and charges were lower than anticipated so the income target was reduced by £100,000 in the last quarter.
4. The actual net revenue expenditure for the year analysed over the main services heading is shown in the following table:-

	<b>Revised Budget 2019/20</b>	<b>Actual 2019/20</b>	<b>Variance 2019/20</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
Planning Applications	249,500	396,601	147,101
Planning Advice	235,700	238,037	2,337
Planning Enforcement	125,400	97,146	-28,254
Planning Appeals	56,300	221,307	165,007
	<b>666,900</b>	<b>953,091</b>	<b>286,191</b>

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 £147,000 after a revised budget increase of £100,000 to take account of lower planning fee income. The main reason for variance was a large overspend in the employee budget £117,900, mainly due to additional pension costs of £77,600. A temporary Principal Planner post linked to income was established and not included in the budget £57,000. Offset by various staffing savings during the year of £19,700, which included maternity cover and managing vacancies.
7. There were additional use of consultants for providing specialist advice on Air Quality and the Welborne application. The council did receive a 50% contribution from the developer towards this of £52,400.
8. There was reduction in income from applications of over £52,300 during the year even after the original budget was reduced by £100,000 for the revised budget. The planning applications remain low due to the ongoing issues with nitrates.
9. There was additional income from the Legal Partnership of smaller S106 remittances totalling £23,800 for recovery of staff time.

### **PLANNING ADVICE**

10. The overall overspend for this service was just over £2,000. There were savings from vacant posts throughout the year although this was offset by an overspend due to pension costs of £23,900.
11. Income was a third less than budgeted, £13,500 as the income was expected for the whole year, but the additional fees weren't approved until Feb 2020.

### **PLANNING ENFORCEMENT**

12. The overall underspend for this service was just over £28,000. The main reason for this was unexpected £20,000 income for costs awarded from the Woodhams case for breach of a Tree Preservation Order. There were savings from vacancy management throughout the year £20,800 and additional pension costs of £12,200.

### **PLANNING APPEALS**

13. The overall overspend for this service was over £165,000. The main reason for this was an increased use of consultants and legal advice on appeals. There were a number of high profile appeals during the year including Downend Road, Portchester (£120,500) Borderland Fencing Land to the East of New Road (£39,100) 125 Greenaway Road (£13,100), Land East Furze Court (£5,000), Posbrook Lane (£4,000) and the Tithe Barne (£1,500).

### **RISK ASSESSMENT**

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

## **CONCLUSION**

15. The cost of the services provided by this Committee was £286,191 higher than anticipated when the revised budgets were prepared and the reasons for this are set out in this report.
16. 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.

### **Enquiries:**

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## APPENDIX A

### PLANNING COMMITTEE

#### ACTUAL OF EXPENDITURE AND INCOME 2019/20

	Revised Budget 2019/20 £	Actual 2019/20 £	Variance 2019/20 £
Planning Applications	249,500	396,601	147,101
Planning Advice	235,700	238,037	2,337
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<b><u>SUBJECTIVE ANALYSIS</u></b>			
Employees	792,200	895,856	103,656
Transport	11,600	13,749	2,149
Supplies & Services	142,800	358,095	215,295
Third Party Payments	100,200	97,053	-3,147
Internal Recharges	166,100	161,130	-4,970
<b>GROSS EXPENDITURE</b>	<b>1,212,900</b>	<b>1,525,883</b>	<b>312,983</b>
Other Income	-2,600	-20,000	-17,400
Fees & Charges	-543,400	-552,792	-9,392
<b>GROSS INCOME</b>	<b>-546,000</b>	<b>-572,792</b>	<b>-26,792</b>
<b>NET EXPENDITURE</b>	<b>666,900</b>	<b>953,091</b>	<b>286,191</b>

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<b><u>PLANNING APPLICATIONS</u></b>	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
EMPLOYEES	453,400	571,318	117,918
TRANSPORT EXPENDITURE	7,000	10,124	3,124
SUPPLIES AND SERVICES	114,900	169,147	54,247
THIRD PARTY PAYMENTS	81,200	76,520	-4,680
INTERNAL RECHARGES	109,300	106,123	-3,177
<b>GROSS EXPENDITURE</b>	<b>765,800</b>	<b>933,232</b>	<b>167,432</b>
OTHER INCOME	-2,600	0	2,600
FEES AND CHARGES	-513,700	-536,630	-22,930
<b>GROSS INCOME</b>	<b>-516,300</b>	<b>-536,630</b>	<b>-20,330</b>
<b>NET EXPENDITURE</b>	<b>249,500</b>	<b>396,602</b>	<b>147,102</b>

	Revised Budget 2019/20	Actual 2019/20	Variance 2019/20
<b><u>PLANNING ADVICE</u></b>	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
EMPLOYEES	212,200	200,847	-11,353
TRANSPORT EXPENDITURE	2,100	1,360	-740
SUPPLIES AND SERVICES	2,000	1,878	-122
THIRD PARTY PAYMENTS	13,200	15,307	2,107
INTERNAL RECHARGES	35,900	34,807	-1,093
<b>GROSS EXPENDITURE</b>	<b>265,400</b>	<b>254,199</b>	<b>-11,201</b>
FEES AND CHARGES	-29,700	-16,162	13,538
<b>GROSS INCOME</b>	<b>-29,700</b>	<b>-16,162</b>	<b>13,538</b>
<b>NET EXPENDITURE</b>	<b>235,700</b>	<b>238,037</b>	<b>2,337</b>

	Revised Budget 2019/20	Actual 2019/20	Variance 2019/20
<b><u>PLANNING ENFORCEMENT</u></b>	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
EMPLOYEES	97,700	90,908	-6,792
TRANSPORT EXPENDITURE	2,500	2,166	-334
SUPPLIES AND SERVICES	3,000	3,011	11
THIRD PARTY PAYMENTS	5,800	5,226	-574
INTERNAL RECHARGES	16,400	15,834	-566
<b>GROSS EXPENDITURE</b>	<b>125,400</b>	<b>117,145</b>	<b>-8,255</b>
OTHER INCOME	0	-20,000	-20,000
<b>GROSS INCOME</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>-20,000</b>	<b>-20,000</b>
<b>NET EXPENDITURE</b>	<b>125,400</b>	<b>97,145</b>	<b>-28,255</b>

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<b><u>PLANNING APPEALS</u></b>	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
EMPLOYEES	28,900	32,784	3,884
TRANSPORT EXPENDITURE	0	99	99
SUPPLIES AND SERVICES	22,900	184,059	161,159
INTERNAL RECHARGES	4,500	4,365	-135
<b>NET EXPENDITURE</b>	<b>56,300</b>	<b>221,307</b>	<b>165,007</b>
<b>TOTAL PLANNING COMMITTEE</b>	<b>666,900</b>	<b>953,091</b>	<b>286,191</b>