

## ENVIRONMENT REVENUE BUDGET MONITORING

**Report By: DIRECTOR OF ENVIRONMENT**

### Purpose

1. To advise members of Budget Monitoring the position for the Environment Programme Area budgets for the period to 31st July 2003. The report discusses variations against budget at this stage in the year.

### Financial Implications

2. It is expected that all budget variances will be contained within the overall 2003/04 revenue budget 2002/03 for Environment. Some pressure areas have been identified below but where necessary, management action will be taken to contain these pressures.

### Considerations

3. The report on Budget Monitoring is attached at Appendix 1 for Members' consideration.
4. The overall Environment Budget for 2003/04 is £22,098,000 which is the budget notified to the last meeting of the Committee plus the carry forward of £220,000 from 2002/3.
5. The carry forward of £220,000 from 2002/03 has been allocated as follows: -

	<b>£000</b>	
Decriminalised parking	10	Any surplus on this service must be used for transport related purposes.
Licensing	10	
Road maintenance	200	
<b>Total</b>	<b>220</b>	

A large proportion of this underspending is allocated to road maintenance to reflect the priority given to this service and the additional allocations given for this purpose in 2003/04.

### Environment General

6. The latest information suggests spending will be in line with the budget at present. There are three main pressure areas including the Travellers services budget, which was overspent in 2002/03. The Waste Collection contract is expected to be overspent because of the recent contract indexing although this is being offset by improved Trade Waste Income. Car parking excluding decriminalised parking is expected to overspend due to the ongoing cost of non-domestic rates. Management

action including possibly virements from other services will be necessary to contain these pressures.

### **Environment Regulatory**

7. The spending on these services looks very much in line with the budget at present. It is hoped at present that budget pressures in respect of landfill and contaminated land and licensing can be contained within the overall budget.

### **Environment Planning**

8. The only variation identified to date is additional development fee income of around £50,000. It is too early to say if this increased income will be maintained throughout the year. The report assures the Planning Development Grant of £320,000 will be spent during the year.

## **RECOMMENDATION**

**THAT the Revenue Budget Monitoring Report for 2003/04 be noted subject to any comments which members may wish to make.**

### **BACKGROUND PAPERS**

- None identified.