

Area West Committee – 19th June 2013

9. Area West Outturn Report 2012/13 (Executive Decision)

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Purpose of the Report

The purpose of this report is to inform Members of the actual spend against budgets for 2012/13 of the service over which this Committee exercised financial control.

Public Interest

This report gives an update of the Area West Committee's financial outturn for the twelve months ended 31st March 2013.

Recommendations

Members are recommended to:

- (1) Review and comment on the outturn position and explanation of variances from budgets for the financial year 2013/14;
- (2) note the position of the Area West Revenue Reserve;
- (3) carry forward the slippage of £27,166 on approved capital schemes and £9,081 of unallocated capital funds in the Area West capital programme.

REVENUE BUDGETS

Background

Full Council in February 2012 set the General Revenue Account Budgets for 2012/13 and delegated the monitoring of the budgets to the four Area Committees and District Executive. Area West now has delegated responsibility for the Area West development revenue budgets, which include revenue grants and regeneration, the Area West Capital Programme and the Area West Reserve.

Financial Position

The table below shows the position of revenue budgets as at 31st March 2013. This includes transfers to or from reserves.

	£
Approved base budget as at Feb 2012 (Original Budget)	312,470
Budget Carry forwards approved June 2012	18,080
Allocation of training budgets	2,390
Revised Budget as at 31st March 2013	332,940

A summary of the revenue position as at 31st March 2013 is as follows:

Element Net Expenditure	Original Budget £	Revised Budget £	Actual Spend £	Carry Forwards £	Actual+ Carry Forwards £	Variance £	%
Development	292,280	309,950	301,211	2,260	303,471	(6,479)	
Projects	4,700	4,700	18,646		18,646	13,946	
Grants	15,490	18,290	8,861	700	9,561	(8,729)	
Area West Total	312,470	332,940	328,718	2,960	331,678	(1,262)	0.4%

Area Development Manager's Comments

The Development element of the budget comprises salary and associated costs and incomes including Street markets. As a result of both managed staffing changes and market redevelopment work this budget was underspent as was the grants budget, as indicated in detailed reports earlier in the year. Our aim is for the Projects budget to be broadly cost neutral, with project costs covered by external income received. The Boden Centre is managed in this way. However, as also indicated in detailed reports earlier in the year, special provision was made in 2012-13 to extend funding for the CJP project.

At only 0.4%, the slight underspend of net expenditure against budget is a good outcome.

Most of the capital allocations referred to as "slippage" are grant allocations to community schemes which had or have completion timetables that run into 2013/14 due to weather related construction delays or in the case of Forton Community Association, the complexity of the funding package.

This is the last monitoring report that you will see in the current format. In agreement with the Area Chairs and Financial Services we plan to bring forward half yearly project investment reports with information about overall investment in schemes and progress by ward. This will link grant funding with Section 106 monies to give a fuller picture of investment in the wards across the Area.

AREA RESERVE

The position on the Area West Reserve is as follows:

		£
Position as at 1st April 2012		54,120
Less amounts transferred for use in 2012/13:		
Contribution to new portable PA System	1000	
Current balance in Reserve at 31st March 2013		53,120
Less amounts allocated but not yet transferred:		
Underwrite Community Grants	(39,620)	
Provision for Street Market improvements (some contribution agreed in principle – subject to detail)	(13,500)	
		(53,120)
Uncommitted balance remaining		0

CAPITAL PROGRAMME

The revised capital programme for this financial year and beyond is attached following this report together with a progress report on each scheme either Area or District Wide that are current within Area West.

In summary the actual spending to 31st March 2013 was £31,913 on an approved 2012/13 programme of £59,079 and a capital budget of £68,160. It is recommended that the slippage of £36,247 for both approved and reserve schemes be carried forward into 2013/14.

The slippage and future spend included £109,394 allocated to the reserve schemes as detailed in the table below.

Schemes	£
Markets Improvement Group	5,660
Community Grants	3,421
Ilminster Community Office	20,000
Unallocated Capital Reserve	89,394
TOTALS	118,475

If Members would like further details on any of the Area West budgets or services they should contact the relevant budget holder or responsible officer.

Corporate Priority Implications

The budget is closely linked to the Corporate Plan.

Carbon Emissions & Adapting to Climate Change Implications (NI188)

There are no implications currently in approving this report.

Equality and Diversity Implications

When the Area West budget was set any savings made included an assessment of the impact on equalities as part of that exercise.

Background Papers – *Financial Services Area West budget file
Published Area West Committee Reports 2012/13 covering the
Community Justice Panel Project and the Community Grants
Scheme.*