

WAVERLEY BOROUGH COUNCIL

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Title:

BUDGET MONITORING OCTOBER 2009

[Portfolio Holder: Councillor Mike Band]

[Wards Affected: All]

Summary and purpose:

This report provides an update of the expenditure and income position to the end of October 2009 compared with budget for the General Fund and the Housing Revenue Account. The focus is on major items of income and expenditure together with the latest position on major variances identified previously.

How this report relates to the Council's Corporate Priorities:

The monitoring of the Council's Budgets ensures there is financial control over the services that contribute to the Corporate Priorities.

Equality and Diversity Implications:

There are no direct equality and diversity implications relating to this report.

Resource/Value for Money implications:

This report shows the budget monitoring position to the end of October 2009 for the General Fund and the Housing Revenue Account. It monitors the progress of revenue expenditure and income and projects the likely year-end position.

Legal Implications:

There are no direct legal implications relating to this report.

General Fund

1. The July monitoring position was reported to the Executive on 1 September as part of the Budget Review and showed a potential overspend of £477,000. The Executive requested the Corporate Management Team to advise on measures that could be taken to offset this. Subsequently, on 29 September the Executive agreed a list of savings totalling £477,800, thus bringing the projected outturn within the overall approved budget. As at the end of September a small underspend of £34,100 was projected

2. The only significant change at the end of October is an improvement of £20,000 in projected Land Charge income. This is offset by the £15,000 capital programme for Car Park works that was reinstated by the Executive on 3 November. The result of these changes is that there is a small improvement of £5,000 in the year-end projections.

Housing Revenue Account

3. The situation to the end of October shows a small change to that previously reported. The anticipated surplus of £66,000 is now estimated to be slightly reduced at £55,000. The sustained reduction in rent attributable to void properties is improving the amount of rent that will be taken to the revenue account. However, based on the mid-year review of housing benefit subsidy, the rent rebate subsidy limitation penalty is likely to be further increased, resulting in an estimated reduction of the overall surplus.

Conclusion

Monitoring to the end of October shows that the measures put in place as part of the Budget Review are a major contribution to the latest Budget position as reported.

A full Budget Monitoring report will be presented to the next meeting of the Executive at the beginning of January, culminating from the formal Budget Monitoring process for the eight months to 30 November.

Recommendation

It is recommended that the position as at 31 October 2009 be noted.

Background Papers (Deputy Chief Executive)

There are no background papers (as defined by Section 100D(5) of the Local Government Act 1972) relating to this report.

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