

WYRE FOREST DISTRICT COUNCIL

AUDIT COMMITTEE
MEETING ON 25 JUNE 2012

REPORT ON FINAL ACCOUNTS 2011/12

SUSTAINABLE COMMUNITY STRATEGY THEME:	Stronger Communities
CORPORATE PLAN PRIORITY:	Delivering Together with Less
CABINET MEMBER:	Cllr. Nathan Desmond
DIRECTOR:	Director of Resources
CONTACT OFFICER:	Tracey Southall Ext.2125
APPENDIX 1	Statement of Accounts 2011/12 - Overview
APPENDIX 2	Appendix setting out an Explanation of Major Variations on Revised 2011/12 Budgets
AN OPEN ITEM	

1. PURPOSE OF REPORT

- 1.1 To consider a pre-audit copy of the Council's Statement of Accounts for the financial year 2011/12.

2. RECOMMENDATION

The Audit Committee is asked to DECIDE that :-

- 2.1 **The pre-audit Statement of Accounts approved by the Director of Resources be endorsed by the Audit Committee.**
- 2.2 **That the Director of Resources be authorised to make minor changes to the copy of the Statement of Accounts endorsed in 2.1 above prior to the statutory pre-audit deadline of the 30 June, should this be necessary.**

3. BACKGROUND

- 3.1 The Accounts and Audit (England) Regulations 2011 have been incorporated into the Council's Financial Regulations. These regulations require that the Council's Statement of Accounts be produced and approved by the Director of Resources on or before 30 June, each year. This is a change to previous regulations where the Audit Committee had the responsibility and this recognises the increased burden upon local authorities as a result of implementing the International Financial Reporting Standards fully adopted for the first time last year. The Audit Committee are therefore requested to endorse the Statement approved by the Director of Resources at this stage. Should the need for any late changes arise after this meeting, the Committee is asked to agree these changes are made with the approval of the Director of Resources. A full copy of the draft Statement of Accounts will be made available on the Council's intranet for Member's perusal.

- 3.2 The Cabinet received the provisional outturn position in relation to the Final Accounts for 2011/12 on the 19 June 2012. Additional contributions were approved by Cabinet - £100,000 for the One-off Implementation Costs Reserve, £50,000 for initial support to Bewdley Community Venues Ltd for the redevelopment of St Georges Hall, £250,000 for a Town Centre Support Fund and £1,000 for an earmarked reserve to supplement the Civic Protocol Budget. They also endorsed that the additional reserves generated from the 2011/12 surplus will be reconsidered in accordance with the Council's Financial Strategy as part of the 2013/16 Budget Process.
- 3.3 The Statement is then subject to audit and the Council's external auditor, the Audit Commission has until 30 September 2012 to complete the audit; after which the Audit Committee will be asked to consider and approve the Statement, following which it will be published.
- 3.4 Should it be necessary for the Audit Commission to agree technical changes with the Director of Resources while the accounts are subject to audit, these will be made under delegated powers and the Statement will then be published. All Members of the Council will be provided with a published copy of the Statement.
- 3.5 Members may wish to note that the Council's Accounts will be made available for public inspection as required by the Accounts and Audit Regulations (England) 2011, between 4 July 2012 and 31 July 2012. The Audit Commission will be available on the 1 August 2012, at the Resources Directorate, Duke House, if any local government elector for the area has any questions on the accounts that they wish to raise with them.
- 3.6 Appendix 1 - gives a brief explanation of the key components of the Statement of Accounts.
- 3.7 The provisional revenue outturn position has identified savings of £407,590 (subject to audit) compared to the revised budget. Appendix 2 summarises major variations from the Revised Budget for Members information.

4. KEY ISSUES

- 4.1 These remain challenging times for the Council as we come to grips with an environment where funds are reducing, exacerbated by the Local Government Resource Review, including proposals for the Localism of Council Tax Benefit and Business Rate Retention. The Financial Strategy 2012/15 approved by Council in February 2012, provides a stable financial platform to move forward with. For the coming year, Council approved a freeze in Council Tax which released an additional grant from government, however, in each of the following two years annual increases of 2.5% have been assumed, along with a 13.65% reduction in Government Grant in 2012/13 and 6% pa reductions thereafter.
- 4.2 The Council has made further significant progress in relation to the recovery of the Icelandic investments and as at 31 March 2012, just over £4.71m of the £9m had been repaid to the Council, with further dividends received from the Heritable of £37,900 on the 20 April 2012, from Kaupthing Singer and Friedlander (KSF) of £500,000 on 2 May 2012 and £367,026 from Landsbanki on the 29 May 2012 that are post balance sheet events in the Statement of Accounts 2011/12. Further dividend payments are expected during 2012/13 and beyond.

- 4.3 In addition, an update to the guidance for accounting for potential losses (impairment) from the Icelandic investments (update to LAAP Bulletin 82) was issued on the 14 May 2011. This statutory guidance results in improvements in the impairment position for all 3 investments, more or less matched by a writing-off of our claim for penalty interest now confirmed as refused, on the Landsbanki deposit. A further update to the LAAP Bulletin was received during June, the implications of this late change are reflected as a Post Balance Sheet Event in the accounts.
- 4.4 The Council was been successful in maintaining its “priority status” with Landsbanki, as confirmed in October 2011 by the Icelandic Court. This is excellent news and two dividend repayments have now been received totalling £1,243,746 with close to a full recovery predicted.
- 4.5 Included within Appendix 2 is the identification of the significant variances against the revised budget for 2011/12. These variances include:
- i) Pay and General Administration savings of £415k
These relate to various accounts across the whole of the Council which are then reallocated to front line services. It is clear that reductions have been made in expenditure across the authority as spending decisions continue to be scrutinised closely.
 - ii) Benefit Payments, positive variance of £50k
The Council has been successful in the recovery of more overpayments than had been expected. The total benefit payments budget is around £38m, an under spend of £50k equates to 0.13% of the total budget.
 - iii) Property-related savings in building maintenance, energy of £72k
The Council manages the building maintenance position extremely carefully and has achieved significant savings in the last year.
 - iv) Savings in relation to the Elections function of £49k
The contingency built into the budget for Parish referendums and ethical investigations was not required and any future expenditure can be met from reserves.
 - v) Additional costs of an increase in the Bad Debt Provision of £17k
Due in the main to greater difficulty in collecting debts to the Council the value of the bad debt provision has had to be increased. These charges relate to debt across the whole of the Council.
 - vi) Additional External Interest income received of £46k
This additional interest on investments has resulted from slightly longer durations and an extremely robust treasury management of funds. The improvement in the estimated recovery of the Icelandic investments, confirmed in the LAAP Bulletin has mitigated the loss of the penalty interest previously forecast. It is impossible to predict such improvements in advance of formal guidance.
 - vii) Net Reduced income from Car Parking and Civil Enforcement £65k
The reduced income from the two parking activities of £154k has been offset as far as possible by reduced costs.
 - viii) Reduced Trade Waste Income of £54k

Although income has reduced, this activity still contributes towards the overall cost of the Council.

- ix) Additional Cemetery Income and lower repairs and maintenance totalling £47k
The forward sale of plots at the old cemetery and reduced repairs and maintenance has resulted in this saving.
- x) Parks and Open Spaces positive variance of £65k
This saving is the result of improved ways of working and prudent management of repairs and maintenance of open spaces.

- 4.6 It is clear that the future financial position for the Council will continue to be challenging, particularly in relation to the Local Government Resource Review which fundamentally changes the way Central Government provides funding for its local counterparts, together with the continuing national budget deficit. The reduced level of funding for the Council in the future is being mitigated by a raft of transformational reviews led by the Wyre Forest Forward programme.
- 4.7 The draft position for 2011/12 demonstrates that through prudent financial management additional resources of £407,590 will be made available to the Council's reserves. In addition to the under spend, a further contribution of £1,073k has been made to earmarked reserves (excluding external funding and shared services reserves). This includes £452k remaining from the £700k One-off Implementation Costs Budget.
- 4.8 As part of the Budget for 2011/14 a fund of £700k for One-off Implementation costs was established to support the Transformation process led by Wyre Forest Forward. As stated above, £452k remains from this fund at the end of 2011/12. This has been extremely successful in delivering upon the change programme, and a further contribution of £100,000 was approved by Cabinet on the 19 June from the 2011/12 under spend to top-up this reserve.
- 4.9 Cabinet on the 19 June also approved, that the Council contribute up to £50,000 initial support for design costs, to Bewdley Community Venues Ltd (formerly Bewdley Development Trust) for the redevelopment of St Georges Hall. This earmarked reserve has been established to fund upfront design costs in relation to this proposal, on the basis that their Rural Development Programme for England (RDPE) funding bid for the St George's Hall proposal has been agreed for the 2012/13 financial year. The sum available from the RDPE is £805,000. Up to £40,000 of this support may be repaid to the Council; any such repayment will be returned to General Reserves.
- 4.10 Cabinet also approved that an earmarked reserve for a Town Centre Support Fund of £250,000 be established from the 2011/12 under spend to complement the work being undertaken using the State of the Area Debate funding.
- 4.11 Finally, Cabinet approved that an earmarked reserve for an addition to the Civic Protocol Budget of £1,000 be established from the identified savings.

5. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

- 5.1 The positive variance of £407,590, compared to the revised budget, will be reconsidered in accordance with the Council's Financial Strategy, as part of the 2013/16 Budget Process. This is greater than reported at Quarter 3 budget monitoring,

however, a number of events and decisions in the last quarter coupled with year end transactions has led to the increase in the savings. This saving represents just over 0.5% of total gross revenue expenditure of £63m and is a welcome addition to General Reserves, particularly taking into account the latest projection of £600k in such balances at the end of the current Medium Term Financial Strategy.

6. LEGAL AND POLICY IMPLICATIONS

6.1 None.

7. RISK MANAGEMENT

7.1 The principal risk to the Council is non-achievement of the Accounts and Audit (England) Regulations 2011 deadline, in respect of production and approval of the Statement of Accounts before 30th June 2012, and qualification of the Accounts by the Council's External Auditors.

7.2 Further updates on the continued return of the Icelandic investments will be provided to Council and Cabinet as part of Quarterly Budget Monitoring and the Leader's Update Reports to Council.

8. EQUALITY IMPACT ASSESSMENT

8.1 This is a financial report and there is no requirement to undertake an Equality Impact Assessment.

9. CONCLUSION

9.1 In order to comply with the Accounts and Audit (England) Regulations 2011, the Director of Resources is required to consider and approve the Council's Statement of Accounts before 30th June 2012, the Audit Committee is asked to endorse this officer approval.

10. CONSULTEES

10.1 CMT/Cabinet

11. BACKGROUND PAPERS

11.1 Accounts and Audit (England) Regulations 2011

11.2 Cabinet 19 June 2012

11.3 Code of Practice of Local Government Accounting 2011/12

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STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTS 2011/12 – OVERVIEW

1. INTRODUCTION

Each year the Council has to produce a set of accounts just like any other organisation. The formal document is the Statement of Accounts (Statement) which sets out the financial aspects of the Council's activities and draws attention to the main characteristics of the Council's financial position. The full Audited Statement will be published on the Council's web-site by the 30 September 2012. The purpose of this overview document is to provide a summary of key aspects of the more detailed Statement to aid understanding and assist with the scrutiny process.

2. APPROVAL PROCESS

The deadline for approval of the 2011/12 Statement of Accounts is the 30 June, 2012 in accordance with the Accounts and Audit Regulations.

This Council's timetable for approval is as follows:

- : Cabinet – 19 June 2012 (Major Variations only); and then
- : Director of Resources approval/Audit Committee – 25 June 2012
- : Audit Committee – 24 September 2012 (revised version)

The Accounts are audited by the Audit Commission who are the Council's external auditors. Regulations require that the Statement of Accounts is published by the 30 September 2012.

3. BASIS OF ACCOUNTS

The Chief Financial Officer, the Director of Resources, Joanne Wagstaffe, is responsible for the preparation of the Statement in accordance with the Code of Practice of Local Authority Accounting in the United Kingdom 2011/12. This includes, full compliance with the International Financial Reporting Standards (IFRS).

The Accounts present a true and fair view of the financial position of Wyre Forest District Council for the year ended 31st March 2012. Up to date and proper accounting records have been maintained in accordance with the accounting policies outlined in the detailed Statement. In addition, the Chief Executive and Leader of the Council are required to confirm the Council's Governance arrangements can be relied upon to produce an accurate Statement of Accounts; again this is contained in the main Statement within the Annual Governance Statement.

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4. KEY COMPONENTS

The Council's accounts for the financial year ended 31 March 2012 mainly comprise:-

(a) The Comprehensive Income and Expenditure Statement

This new statement replaces the former Income and Expenditure Account and Statement of Total Recognised Gains and Losses. These cover many of the day to day activities that the Council is involved with, detailing revenue income and expenditure on each of the major activities. It excludes Capital, accounted for separately. Many of the activity descriptions are similar to those in the budget book, but are grouped into Standard Expenditure Analysis Areas for interauthority comparisons. Income from the Council's precept on the Collection Fund is included in these accounts. It represents the gains and losses that contribute to the changes in financial resources and is the accounting position rather than the bottom-line to taxpayers.

(b) The Movement in Reserves Statement

This statement replaces the former Statement of Movement on the General Fund Balance and the note on the movement in reserves. It represents the changes in the Council's financial resources.

(c) The Collection Fund Income and Expenditure Account

This reflects the statutory requirement to maintain a separate Collection Fund. This account records income received from the Council Tax and Business Rates. It also shows the distribution of that income to precepting authorities, including Wyre Forest District Council, Worcestershire County Council, West Mercia Police Authority, and The Hereford and Worcester Fire and Rescue Authority.

(d) The Balance Sheet

This relates to the Council's year end financial position, covering both Capital and Revenue. It shows the balances and reserves at the Council's disposal, summarised information on the fixed assets held, the current assets employed in its operations and its long term indebtedness.

(e) The Cash Flow Statements

The statements summarise major movements of the Council Funds over the period of the financial year.

5. FINANCIAL STRATEGY

The Council continues to implement the three year Financial Strategy endeavouring to balance service priorities against resources available. The increasing needs of the Community were recognised within the Strategy by taking advantage of Council

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Tax Freeze Grant for a second year in 2012/13, then setting a target Council Tax increase for the District of 2.5% per annum thereafter and by undertaking a Budget Consultation exercise. The Corporate Plan sets out the three priorities for 2011 to 2014 as reflected in the Finance Strategy. The Strategy supports these priorities for 2011/12 being securing the economic prosperity of the district, delivering together, with less and improving community well-being.

6. SUMMARY OF THE COMPREHENSIVE INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT, MOVEMENT IN RESERVES STATEMENT

2010/11 Net Expenditure/ (Income) £000's	Service Area	2011/12 Net Expenditure/ (Income) £000's
1,280	Central Services to the Public	1,397
5,039	Cultural and Related Services	3,832
3,615	Environment and Regulatory Services	4,065
1,569	Planning Services	1,038
1,175	Highways and Transport Services	335
1,632	Housing Services	1,472
(2,844)	Corporate and Democratic Core etc	2,634
11,466	Net Cost of Services	14,773
459	Parish Precepts	459
(184)	Other Net Operating Income	863
(372)	Investment and Right to Buy and other Capital Income	(318)
3,985	Other Accounting Adjustments*	(1,457)
15,354	Amount to be met by Government Grant/Council Tax	14,320
	Funded by:	
(7,044)	NNDR Re-distribution	(4,769)
(1,023)	Revenue Support Grant	(1,474)
(7,382)	Council Tax	(7,455)
(327)	Area Based Grant / Local Services Support Grant	(293)
<u>(422)</u>	Movement in Revenue Fund Balance	<u>329</u>
<p>* This takes into account entries required to reflect issues including depreciation, reduction in market value of assets and the position of this Council's Pension Fund</p>		

7. OVERALL BUDGET VARIATIONS

Major revenue variations between the revised budget and actual were reported to Cabinet on the 19 June, 2012 and are shown in Appendix 2 to the main Audit

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Committee report. This demonstrates a saving of £407,590 compared to the revised budget; this saving will be reconsidered in accordance with the Council’s Financial Strategy, as part of the 2013/16 Budget Process.

A further analysis of actual compared to the original budget used for 2011/12 is contained in the full Statement.

8. WHAT DO WE OWN (NUMBER OF ASSETS)?

Civic & Administrative Buildings	4
Car Parks	29
Asset under Construction – New HQ	1
Trading Estates & Enterprise Centres	5
Public Conveniences	14
Leisure Centres (leasehold interest in Bewdley Leisure Centre)	3
Museums	1
Farms	2
Sports, Social Clubs, Fields & Parks	26
Nature Reserves	3
Other Land & Buildings	37
Vehicles	78
Play Equipment /Systems Software/Open Spaces Equipment	Various
Heritage Assets	Various
Note: The Council also owns a number of assets below the de minimis level of £10,000 which are not shown in these figures	

9. SIMPLIFIED BALANCE SHEET

31/03/11 £000's	What the Council owns and is owed	31/03/12 £000's
	What we own:	
48,966	Buildings, Land, Vehicles and Equipment	51,121
86	Inventories	88
17,274	Cash Invested	9,109
2,499	Money owed to the Council	3,835
	What we owe:	
(5,759)	Money owed by the Council	(4,361)
(38,529)	Pension Fund Liability	(46,309)
24,537	Total Value of what we own	13,483
	Financing:	
	Usable Reserves	
10,104	Capital Receipts Reserve	5,484
2,688	Earmarked Reserves	4,003
3,398	General Reserves	3,069
885	Capita Contributions Unapplied (Grants)	816
	Unusable Reserves	
46,048	Capital Financing Reserves	46,557

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(38,529)	Pensions Reserve	(46,309)
(57)	Short-term Accumulated Absences Account	(137)
24,537		13,483
Notes:		
The Council also holds a Collection Fund revenue balance of £27,000 in 2011/12, £20,000 in 2010/11. The Collection Fund is 'ring fenced' and is not available for General Fund purposes.		

10. WHAT ARE OUR RESERVES?

31/03/11 £000's	General Fund Reserves:	31/03/12 £000's
2,976	At beginning of the year	3,398
422	Movement in Revenue Fund Balance	(329)
3,398	Balance at the end of the year	3,069
The Council has a duty in law to keep an appropriate (prudent) level of General Reserves. It is our policy to keep a minimum working balance of £700,000. The approved budget has agreed to use £322,400 in our budget for 2012/13, to use £329,870 for 2013/14 and £656,840 for 2014/15.		
	Capital Expenditure Reserve and other Reserves and Capital Contributions set aside for the future:	
	The savings and money set aside for the future are :-	
10,104	Capital Expenditure Reserve	5,484
2,688	Earmarked Reserves	4,003
885	Capital Contributions Unapplied (Grants)	816
13,677	Total Reserves and Provisions	10,303

11. HOW WELL HAVE WE PERFORMED?

Finances:

Borrowing Money - average interest rate: not relevant since the Council is debt free
 Investing Money - average interest rate 0.87%

Payment of what we owe:

Prompt Payment – we paid 98.19% of all invoices within 30 days

Collection of what is owed to us:

Council Tax - we collected 97.27%

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In October 2010 Central Government abolished the collection of the National Indicator set (NI's). In April 2011, the Government published a single list of all the data that will be required from local authorities by central government. However, it is stated that this list will not be used to set targets or manage the performance of local authorities.

Each year we show the results of how we performed against a range of reduced number of national and local performance measures (performance indicators).

In addition to the single list data set, the Council also collects a number of locally set performance indicators. Local indicators monitor services not included in the data set and are set by each Directorate to measure and monitor the performance of their services.

Wyre Forest Forward (WFF) launched in 2011, is a review of all aspects of the council to ensure we continue to deliver a balanced budget by 2014. However, it is not just about saving money, it is a comprehensive programme of transformation. This includes changing our ways of working and culture, to ensure that despite a reduced budget, we are still capable of delivering services of real value to our residents.

Many of the projects are underpinned by the principles of '**Systems Thinking**' to which a commitment has been made in this year; this focuses on delivering exactly what the customer wants and at the first point of contact. This approach empowers staff to transform their whole service around the customer and thereby improve performance and eliminate waste. Significant work has been completed, led by the Corporate Management Team, on the redefinition of the purposes of the council, measures for checks on the successful delivery of these purposes and leadership of purposes and values. Progress against these measures will be reported for future years.

12. SUMMARY

This Overview gives a summary of the Statement of Accounts, which is a snapshot of this Council's finances as at 31 March 2012, showing:-

- How we raised income during the year
- How we spent money during the year
- How we performed against our budget
- How we performed in looking after the money
- How much money we have at 31 March 2012 (reserves)
- How the money is invested at 31 March 2012 (buildings, equipment and cash)

13. FINANCIAL TERMS EXPLAINED

We have tried to avoid using too many financial terms in this Overview, but here are a few of them explained for you:-

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Assets: Buildings, land, vehicles and money in the bank.

Borrowing: Money we have borrowed to pay for fixed assets and are repaying over a number of years.

Capital Expenditure: Spending on new assets and the refurbishment of old ones like buildings and vehicles.

Capital Expenditure Reserve: Allocated usable capital receipts.

Capital Financing Reserve: Capital accounting reserve “backed” or balanced within balance sheet by fixed assets - not a funding resource available to spend.

Creditors: Those to whom we owe money.

Debtors: People or organisations who owe us money.

Depreciation: Some assets lose their value as they get older; this is called depreciation.

Earmarked Reserves: Savings or money set aside for the future for a specific purpose.

International Financial Reporting Standards (IFRS): international framework to ensure common approach to the production of Statement of Accounts across the world.

Inventories: Things we have bought but have not yet used.

Reserves: Savings or money set aside for the future.

Revenue Expenditure: Spending (and income) on day to day running costs, for example, employees. day to day running expenses including items like premises costs and supplies and services.

14. DIRECTOR OF RESOURCES ENDORSEMENT

The purpose of this overview is to help with the overall understanding of the Council’s finances and accounts. This is an on-going process if you have any comments in relation to how we can improve this understanding please let me know.

The Council continues with its strong financial performance and due to decisions to reduce expenditure in previous years is in a relatively healthy position in meeting the challenges of reduced government funding. During 2011/12 the Council has been able to take a reduced contribution from reserves; however, over the next four years the Council is expecting government support to reduce by a further 32%. These valuable reserves will enable the Council to make the necessary adjustments to spending in a planned manner rather than having to make knee-jerk decisions.

To ensure that the Council is ready to meet future challenges, a number of initiatives are currently being undertaken including Wyre Forest Forward, the

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Corporate Plan, significant service review and transformation work, further Shared Services and the imminent move to the new HQ.

In addition to the transformation programme and service reviews mentioned above the Council has also been seeking the recovery of the deposits with “Icelandic Banks”. The Council had £9m invested in these banks and have been working over the last three and half years to secure their recovery. Full details are provided within the Financial Instruments section of these statements, however, as at 31 March over £4.71m had been recovered and the Council is confident of improved overall returns.

The Council was successful in maintaining its “priority status” with Landsbanki as confirmed in October 2011 by the Icelandic Court. This is excellent news and two dividend repayments have now been received totalling over £1.2m with close to full recovery predicted.

As highlighted above, these remain challenging times for the Council as we come to grips with an environment where funds will be reducing. The Financial Strategy 2012/15 approved by Council in February provides a stable financial platform to move forward with. For the coming year, Council approved a freeze in Council Tax which released an additional grant from government, however, in each of the following two years annual increases of 2.5% have been assumed, along with further reductions of 13.65% in 2012/13 and 6% pa thereafter, in Government Grant.

If you have any questions or would like further explanation of our financial position, please contact either myself, or a member of the Accountancy team.

A full copy of the Statement of Accounts will be published on the Council’s website by the 30 September 2012.

**MAJOR VARIATIONS BETWEEN REVISED BUDGET
AND ACTUAL NET EXPENDITURE FOR 2011/12**

Total Revised Budget 2011/12
Actual Net Expenditure

14,261,610
13,854,020

SAVINGS COMPARED TO 2011/12 REVISED BUDGET

(407,590)

<u>Description of Major Variances</u>	Extra Costs/ Reduced Income £	Savings/ Additional Income £
<u>Community Well Being and Environment</u>		
1. Cemetery - Reduced expenditure on repairs and additional income from forward sale of plots		(47,000)
2. Bewdley Museum - Reduced expenditure on repairs and maintenance and income from shop sales		(24,500)
3. Open Spaces - Reduced expenditure on repairs and maintenance		(65,400)
4. Waste - Additional Recycling Vehicle running costs	25,400	
5. Trade Waste Income reduction	54,400	
6. Public Conveniences - Reduced Expenditure for repairs and maintenance		(26,500)
7. Car Parking and Civil Enforcement - Reduced Income partially offset by savings in expenditure	64,700	
8. Improved programme of renewal for street furniture and naming		(23,600)
9. Garage - Reduced expenditure on Direct Materials		(16,200)
<u>Community Assets and Localism</u>		
1. Property - Savings on Administrative Buildings Repairs and Maintenance		(72,200)
2. Elections - Contingencies no longer required		(49,500)
3. Committee Admin - Additional printing costs due to increased share of print room overheads	11,300	
<u>Economic Prosperity and Place</u>		
1. Planning Delivery and New Home Bonus - additional grant received		(13,500)
2. Regulatory Services - Increased income and refund of 2010/11 surplus on Shared Service		(43,900)
3. Mapping Services - Confirmed budget no longer required		(13,000)
4. Homelessness is a reactive budget which is continually monitored. The under spend is as a result of more efficient and effective management of the use of Bed and Breakfast accommodation		(46,100)
<u>Resources</u>		
1. Benefit Payments - saving over and above £50k credit in revised budget		(50,800)
2. Concessionary Travel - function transferred to the County Council		(13,200)
3. Audit Fee - reduction to take into account IFRS credit		(13,800)
<u>Capital Account/Interest Received</u>		
1. Interest Received - longer duration of investments with government-backed institutions resulted in improved interest rates. (Icelandic default interest, reported in Quarter 3, was lower than anticipated due to improved forecast recovery as notified by the LAAP Bulletin issued in May 2012)		(46,400)
<u>Corporate Variations</u>		
1. Pay, General Administration and Miscellaneous Savings		(415,490)
2. Increase in Bad Debt Provision	16,700	
3. Additional contribution to One-off Implementation Costs Reserve	100,000	
4. St Georges Hall redevelopment - Earmarked Reserve creation	50,000	
5. Town Centre Support Earmarked Reserve creation	250,000	
6. Civic Protocol Budget - Earmarked Reserve creation	1,000	
	573,500	(981,090)
REDUCED NET EXPENDITURE ON YEAR 2011/12		£ (407,590)