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Subject: Financial Monitoring Update 2008/09

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Summary: To update the Committee on the financial position in the current year.

Introduction

1. This report gives a brief summary of the developments on the budget since the 1st quarter financial monitoring that was included in the papers for the September POC. The significant variations since the September POC are set out below:

Revenue

2. In EH&W the overall forecast remains at breakeven but behind this, there is an underspend on Waste of about £2.5m (possibly more if tonnages continue to remain below budgeted levels). This is due to increased income from recyclable materials, reduced tonnages and to the Allington waste to energy plant being offline for some of July and August. This underspend is offset by invest to save proposals, which are being finalised currently, in order to produce savings and efficiencies to help with next year's inflation pressures.
3. Some overspends are appearing in the KHS budget as the Unit tries to address some of the service pressures such as minor repairs, street lighting and vegetation control and also the one-off costs of implementing the expectations from the Traffic Management Act. There is likely to be a compensating saving on the Freedom pass, as excellent value for money is being achieved with the bus providers, but the level of this saving will depend on take-up in the extended pilot areas, the estimated numbers for which are being refined at the moment.
4. There has been no significant movement on the RS&I portfolio

Capital

5. There has been no significant movement on capital forecasts since the full monitoring report presented to the September POC.

Recommendation

6. Members of this committee are invited to note and comment upon this report.

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