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For Information

Introduction

- 1 This report informs Members of the latest forecast outturn for the Chief Executive's Directorate and the Financing Items budgets.

Third-Quarter monitoring report

- 2 Attached are the monitoring reports for the third quarter for the Chief Executive's Department and the Financing Items budgets. The main points to highlight are:

- a) Chief Executive's Department

The forecast variance at year-end is an underspend of £625k. The attached report details the reasons for this forecast underspend. The main reasons for the projected underspend are:

Unit	£'000	Principal Reason
Public Health	-138	Delayed start to the HealthWatch programme
ISG	268	Budgeted reduction in demand for services from directorates has not materialised
SDU	-182	Re-phasing of the Kent TV pilot
Legal	-581	Additional legal work being delivered to directorates and external clients
Other	8	
Total	-625	

On the capital programme, there is a minor re-phasing of some expenditure on the Gateway programme (£70k) and the Oracle self-service project (£37k) into future years. There is also a more significant re-phasing (£335k) on the SHQ building maintenance programme due to a re-timing of the lift major overhaul project into 2009/10. Also, as a consequence of the property market conditions, there has been a slow-down of activity relating to Works to Properties for Disposal (£204k). In terms of a real over or under spend on the near £15m programme, there is a projected overspend of just £41k.

b) Financing Items

The net forecast underspend has reduced to £715k, due to the transfer of £4.1m into reserves in order to meet the budgeted one-off contribution to the 2009/10 revenue budget as approved by County Council on 19 February 2009.

Within the overall projected underspend there is an overspend of £350k against the income target for outdoor advertising, due to delays caused by most of the Kent Districts requiring planning consent for the erection of signs on roundabouts.

Also within the overall projected underspend, there is a projected overspend of £596k against the LABGI budget. However, this is some £753k better than last expected due to the recent release by Government of £100m nationally of LABGI grant that they had previously held-back. The recommendation to Cabinet on 30 March is that this additional £753k should be put into the Regeneration Fund to support the delivery of the Regeneration Framework.

3 Recommendations

- 3.1 Members of the Corporate POC are asked to note the projected outturn figures for the Chief Executive's directorate and Financing Items, as at the third quarter.

Background Papers:

Cabinet 30 March 2009; Revenue and Capital Budgets, Key Activity and Risk Monitoring

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