REPORT TO: FINANCE AND MANAGEMENT AGENDA ITEM: 8

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SUBJECT: BUDGET AND FINANCIAL REF

MONITORING 2015/16

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1.0 Recommendation

1.1 That the latest budget and financial monitoring figures for 2015/16 are considered and approved.

2.0 Purpose of the Report

- 2.1 In accordance with its financial management framework, the Council monitors income and expenditure against its budgets on a regular basis throughout the year. This is undertaken on at least a monthly basis.
- 2.2 Financial information is available directly on the Council's Financial Management System to enable day-to-day monitoring within services. Formal monitoring involves budget managers together with their service accountant, meeting and reviewing performance against their particular budgets. This is intended to identify any variances (if any) as early as possible to enable remedial and timely action to be taken.
- 2.3 Overall financial performance and the major budget variances are reported to this Committee throughout the year. In accordance with its Treasury Management Strategy, the Council monitors its lending and borrowing on a regular basis.
- 2.4 The Council's cash flow is monitored and actioned on a daily basis, with monthly reports summarising activity provided to the Chief Finance Officer.

 Again, overall performance is reported to this Committee throughout the year.
- 2.5 This is the half-yearly report for the financial year 2015/16. It details performance up to 30th September 2015, unless otherwise stated.

3.0 Detail

GENERAL FUND REVENUE ACCOUNT

- 3.1 Apart from Council Housing, day-to-day income and expenditure is accounted for through the General Fund. The net expenditure is financed from Government Grant and Council Tax, with any deficit being financed from the Council's General Reserve.
- 3.2 The original budget, which was approved in February 2015, estimated a budget surplus of £91,189 for 2015/16. As in previous years, the Budget includes contingent sums set-aside for inflation, growth and the implementation of the local pay and grading review.
- 3.3 The Budget is summarised in the following table.

| Net Expenditure on Services | £10,944,858 |
|---|--------------|
| Depreciation and Capital Charges (in above) | -£645,650 |
| Minimum / Voluntary Revenue Provisions | £342,444 |
| Contingent Sums | £354,704 |
| Total Estimated Spending | £10,996,356 |
| Financing | -£11,087,545 |
| Estimated Surplus | -£91,189 |

Position as at September 2015

- 3.4 **Appendix 1** details the projected out-turn in respect of the Net Expenditure on Services for 2015/16, compared to the Budget, based on financial performance and known variations during the first half-year.
- 3.5 The variances reflect the latest situation and although projected to out-turn at this level, could change during the remainder of the year. Areas of projected overspend are kept under review in order to mitigate the effects on the overall budget.
- 3.6 A summary of services by each policy committee is shown in the following table.

Projected Net Expenditure 2015/16

| Committee | Budget £ | Projected £ | Variance £ | Transfer to / from (-) Earmarked Reserves | Net Effect on General Reserve |
|---|-------------|----------------|---------------|--|--|
| Environmental and Development Services | 3,575,123 | 3,171,827 | -403,295 | -2,212 | -405,507 |
| Housing and Community Services | 2,365,821 | 2,221,686 | -144,135 | 155,081 | 10,947 |
| Finance and Management Services | 5,003,282 | 5,366,820 | 363,539 | -335,483 | 28,056 |
| Total General Fund Projected Out-turn 2015/16 | 10,944,225 | 10,760,334 | -183,891 | -182,614 | -366,505 |

- 3.7 The preceding table shows that based on current spending and after adjusting for transfers between earmarked reserves, there is a projected decrease in net expenditure of £366,505 compared to the Budget for the year.
- 3.8 This compares with a figure of £194,393 at the end of the first quarter reported in September. An analysis by main service area is shown in the following table.

Performance against Budget 2015/16 as at September 2015 (by Service)

| Summary by Main Service Area | Budget £ | Projected Actual £ | Projected Variance £ | Earmarked Reserves £ | General Reserve £ |
|--|-------------|--------------------------|----------------------------|----------------------------|-------------------------|
| Transport Account | 855,557 | 849,354 | -6,203 | 0 | -6,203 |
| Economic Development | 236,636 | 215,782 | -20,855 | 0 | -20,855 |
| Environmental Education | 69,104 | 42,316 | -26,788 | 26,788 | 0 |
| Environmental Health Services | 513,831 | 493,663 | -20,168 | 0 | -20,168 |
| Highways | 5,347 | 6,317 | 970 | 0 | 970 |
| Licensing and Land Charges | -53,571 | -69,124 | -15,553 | 0 | -15,553 |
| Planning | 322,462 | -76,991 | -399,453 | -29,000 | -428,453 |
| Town Centre | 58,617 | 68,136 | 9,519 | 0 | 9,519 |
| Waste Collection & Street Cleansing | 1,567,139 | 1,642,374 | 75,235 | 0 | 75,235 |
| Community Development and Support | 646,613 | 622,318 | -24,295 | 36,671 | 12,376 |
| Leisure and Recreational Activities | 156,553 | 146,929 | -9,624 | 714 | -8,909 |
| Leisure Centres and Community Facilities | 486,789 | 361,006 | -125,782 | 155,041 | 29,259 |
| Parks and Open Spaces | 698,818 | 667,152 | -31,667 | -16,334 | -48,001 |
| Private Sector Housing | 377,048 | 424,281 | 47,233 | -21,011 | 26,222 |
| Central and Departmental Accounts | 3,311,116 | 3,427,770 | 116,655 | -36,101 | 80,554 |
| Concessionary Travel | 0 | -380 | -380 | 0 | -380 |
| Corporate and Democratic Costs | 677,852 | 652,533 | -25,320 | 0 | -25,320 |
| Electoral Registration | 276,104 | 276,104 | 1 | 0 | 1 |
| Payments to Parish Councils | 324,340 | 333,333 | 8,992 | -8,992 | 0 |
| Pensions, Interest Payments and Receipts | 205,820 | 516,630 | 310,809 | -290,390 | 20,419 |
| Property and Estates | -150,153 | -175,540 | -25,387 | 0 | -25,387 |
| Revenues and Benefits | 358,203 | 336,371 | -21,832 | 0 | -21,832 |
| TOTAL | 10,944,225 | 10,760,334 | -183,891 | -182,614 | -366,505 |

Overview of Spending To-date

- 3.9 The main reason for this variance is the continuing increase in planning fee income compared to the Budget; this follows the large increase in 2014/15.
- 3.10 The Budget for the year is £600,000, with actual fees generated as at 31st October 2015 of £716,000. The current projection is £1m for the year, an increase of £400,000 as detailed in Appendix 1.
- 3.11 A list of all of the major variances is shown in the following table.

| Favourable variances | £ 000 |
|--|-------|
| Additional Planning Income | -400 |
| Vacant Posts | -292 |
| Offset by costs of Temporary Cover and Recruitment | 196 |
| Additional income from collection of Trade Waste | -27 |
| Additional income from Estates lettings | -15 |
| Additional grant income | -14 |
| Elected Members Cost's | -11 |
| Additional income from Land Charges | -10 |
| Other income | -18 |
| Adverse Variances | |

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Adverse Variances

Eavourable Variances

| Income from Recycling credits over-budgeted | 110 |
|---|-----|
| Indexation on contractual services and grant-aid (see note below) | 42 |
| Additional Vehicle Hire | 21 |
| Utility Costs at Leisure Centres | 20 |
| Repairs at Green Bank Leisure Centre - ACUs | 15 |
| Other Variances | 16 |

Total Projected Variance - Positive -367

Note: this cost is met from the inflation contingency.

3.12 The other large variance relates to vacant posts, although the reduction is partly offset by the costs of temporary cover and recruitment.

Recycling Credits

- 3.13 The main adverse variance relates to income from Recycling credits. This budget was increased in in 2015/16 based on an expected increase in tonnage being recycled.
- 3.14 Since 2012/13, income has increased, due mainly to the introduction of the kerbside recycling scheme. Income was £296,000 in 2012/13, rising to £358,000 in 2013/14 and £405,000 in 2014/15. This trend was expected to continue in 2015/16.
- 3.15 However, over the last year, the tonnages recycled have not increased at the same rate as the previous two years. They are now fairly consistent and it is likely that the income will out-turn in 2015/16 broadly in line with 2014/15 at approximately £400,000. There will be an on-going effect in future years.

Procurement Savings

3.16 In addition to the above variances, the following procurement savings were achieved in the year-to-date:

| Contract | Budget | Price | Savings |
|-------------------------------|---------|--------|---------|
| | £ | £ | £ |
| Provision of Christmas Lights | 31,300 | 22,725 | -8,575 |
| Gulley Cleaning Services | 107,000 | 72,700 | -34,300 |
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3.17 These savings will be on-going. In addition, a one-off saving of £6,300 has been made following the replacement of print room equipment.

Renewal of Insurance Premiums

- 3.18 The 5-year contract for the provision of insurance premiums was retendered in October. Following a competitive tendering exercise, which was subject to European Procurement Regulations, the contract was awarded to the existing insurers, Zurich Municipal Insurance.
- 3.19 The value of the contract is £347,000 per year, compared to the current value of £353,000. Unfortunately, only a small reduction in price was achieved. The Council's brokers advised that this was due to a hardening in the insurance market since the last tendering exercise due to the amount of outstanding liabilities and perceived risk in the public sector generally.
- 3.20 The Council's own claims experience, apart from motor vehicles, has improved in the last 5-years. Compared to many authorities, the Council's risk is not perceived to be as great and there are no large claims outstanding on the Public and Employer's Liability policies; these are generally the greatest risk and costly areas.
- 3.21 There was a potential for the Council to have made a further saving of £8,000 by splitting the various polices across 2 or 3 different insurers. However, it was considered that the additional administration and brokerage involved would exceed this saving.

Long Term Agreement (LTA)

- 3.22 By entering into a Long Term Arrangement (LTA) for 5 years, the Council retains some certainty and control over future costs. This is because the cost of the overall premiums can only be changed where the Council's claims experience differs significantly from that on which the tender was based, or the Council wishes to alter its cover.
- 3.23 This is reviewed on the anniversary date in October each year and the premiums are updated if necessary on an annual renewal.
- 3.24 If the insurers were to change the cost of premiums outside of the LTA, for example, because there was a hardening in the insurance market, then the Council has the option of retendering.

Insurance Premium Tax

- 3.25 In addition to the cost of premiums, Insurance Premium Tax (IPT) is paid to the Government at a rate of 6%. From November 2015, this was increased to 9.5% and applies to premium renewals after that date.
- 3.26 This will apply to the Council's premiums from October 2016, the anniversary date of the annual renewal. This will increase the cost by £12,000 per year and will need to be included in the Base Budget for 2016/17.

Other Costs

- 3.27 As previously reported, additional costs of approximately £23,000 have been incurred in demolishing Church Gresley Memorial Club, as a dangerous structure. This one-off cost will be financed from the General Fund Reserve.
- 3.28 In addition, the MTFP includes a budget of £100,000 to meet the costs of undertaking the current job evaluation exercise, including the appointment of the external facilitator.

Recycling Service

- 3.29 The Council has been notified that there may be additional costs associated with the Recycling Service. The Council is currently working with the main contractor to ascertain the issues and potential costs involved. This will be kept under review and when further details are known, they will be reported to the Committee.
- 3.30 Although the additional costs may not impact immediately in 2015/16, they are likely to have an impact on the MTFP.

Contingent Sums

3.31 The original Budget included the following contingent sums totaling £354,700

| Contingent Sums | £ |
|------------------------|---------|
| Pay and Grading Review | 165,000 |
| Inflation/Provisions | 89,700 |
| Growth | 100,000 |
| Total | 354,700 |

Pay and Grading

3.32 In accordance with the approved timetable, the outcome of the current job evaluation exercise will not be implemented until 2016/17. Therefore, the contingent sum to meet on-going pay costs arising out of the review, of £165,000 per year, will not be required in 2015/16. This has been reflected in the updated MTFP approved by the Committee in October 2015.

Inflation

- 3.33 The contingent sum for inflation does not include pay. The pay award approved nationally in January 2015, which will run until March 2016, was included in the Base Budget.
- 3.34 As highlighted earlier in the report which detailed the variance analysis, indexation costs of approximately £42,000 will be met from this contingency.

Provisions

3.35 The following provisions were made in the Council's accounts in 2014/15 for liabilities due in 2015/16.

| | Provision |
|-----------------------------|-----------|
| Provision For | Made |
| Refund of Personal Searches | £156,000 |
| Business Rates Appeals | £272,00 |
| Planning Appeal | £172,000 |
| TOTAL PROVISIONS | £600,000 |

- 3.36 The final costs for business rates and planning appeals are still to be determined. Payments for the refund of personal searches are being made and the overall figure of £156,000 (including fees) has been confirmed.
- 3.37 However, the Council has received a Government contribution in the form of a New Burdens Payment, totalling £105,000. This can be offset against the above provision.

General and Specific Grants Receivable 2015/16

3.38 The following grants have been confirmed for the year.

| | Estimate £ | Actual £ | Variance £ |
|------------------------------------|---------------|-------------|---------------|
| General Grants | | | |
| New Homes Bonus (NHB) | 2,322,405 | 2,322,404 | -1 |
| NHB - Returned Funding | 0 | 7,420 | 7,420 |
| Revenue Support Grant | 1,811,467 | 1,811,334 | -133 |
| Council Tax Freeze Grant | 50,794 | 50,012 | -782 |
| Total General Grants | 4,184,666 | 4,191,170 | 6,504 |
| Specific Grants | | | |
| Business Rate Reliefs (Section 31) | 0 | 411,833 | 411,833 |
| Welfare Reform – New Burdens | 0 | 22,101 | 22,101 |
| Total Specific Grants | 0 | 433,934 | 433,934 |

Business Rate Reliefs - Section 31 Grant

3.39 The figure for Business Rate Relief is confirmed after the Budget has been set. This is based on those businesses qualifying for the various concessions under the Government's Scheme to support small businesses and to bring empty units back into use. The various reliefs are broken down as follows:

| | £ |
|---|---------|
| Cost of 2% cap on 2015/16 Rates Multiplier | 37,791 |
| Cost of Doubling Small Business Rate Relief | 287,253 |
| New Empty Property Relief | 6,492 |
| Long Term Empty Property Relief | 12,903 |
| Retail Relief | 67,394 |

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- 3.40 These grants are paid to reimburse councils who, by granting relief, lose income in the Collection Fund. It is paid so as to ensure that the Billing Authority is no worse off overall. The overall effect is shown in the Collection Fund monitoring update detailed later in the report.
- 3.41 The Grant is only temporary and the Government's Scheme will end on 31st March 2016. Following approval by the Committee in April 2015, local businesses currently qualifying for these reliefs, have been given notice of the Scheme ending.

Other Specific Grants

- 3.42 Specific grants are not budgeted for as they vary from year-to-year and are used to fund one-off expenditure. They are set-aside to deal with additional costs of implementing Government proposals under the "New Burdens Doctrine."
- 3.43 Anything not spent in the year is transferred to an earmarked reserve to meet future costs associated with each area. The funding received for Welfare Reform is likely to be used during the year.

Overall General Fund Position

3.44 After allowing for all variances and adjustments, the projected overall position on the General Fund for 2015/16, compared to the Budget, is shown in the following table.

| | £'000 |
|---|-------|
| Lower Net Expenditure | -367 |
| Use of Contingent Sums Lower | -148 |
| Procurement Savings | -43 |
| Insurance Premiums | -6 |
| Demolition Costs – Dangerous Structure | 23 |
| New Burdens Funding - Personal Search Refunds | -105 |
| Higher General Fund Grants | -6 |

Projected Reduction in Net Expenditure

3.45 This position is subject to change, although at this stage, there is likely to be an overall reduction in net expenditure for 2015/16.

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3.46 However, it is recommended that this is not assumed or included in the MTFP until it is certain and reported in the Budget Out-turn for the year. This is in accordance with the financial policy followed in previous years.

THE COLLECTION FUND

- 3.47 The Collection Fund is the statutory account that records the collection of Council Tax and Business Rates and shows how that income has been distributed to the Government and Preceptors on the Fund, including this Council.
- 3.48 Any surplus or deficit on the Fund is transferred to the General Funds of the Preceptors, in proportion to precepts levied each year. The projected position on the Fund for 2015/16, based on transactions up to 30th September 2015, is detailed in **Appendix 2.**
- 3.49 The projected position on the Fund as at 31st March 2016 is currently £195,000 for Council Tax and £1.3m for Business Rates. Based on these amounts, the Council's share is approximately £22,000 Council Tax (11.2%) and approximately £1/2m for Business Rates (40%).
- 3.50 The actual surplus to be declared on the Fund for 2015/16 will be included in the budget setting for 2016/17. This will then be paid to all Preceptors in accordance with their relevant share.

Council Tax

- 3.51 The Council declared a surplus on the Collection Fund in 2014/15 of £500,000 and this is being repaid to the Preceptors, including £57,000 to the Council, in 2015/16. Depending on the number of new properties in the remainder of 2015/16, the current projected surplus on the Fund by March 2016 of £195,000 could increase further.
- 3.52 The cost of the Local Council Tax Support Scheme continues to reduce, although it has started to level off. In 2013/14, it reduced from £4.95m to £4.65m and was £4.5m in 2014/15. It is still currently forecast to be approximately £4.42 in 2015/16 broadly in line with that reported at the end of the first quarter.

Business Rates

- 3.53 The position for Business Rates continues to remain positive. Following the deficit in the first year (2013/14) of the Rates Retention System, surpluses in 2014/15 and 2015/16 will mean a projected surplus on the Collection Fund as at March 2016 of £1.3m. This allows a provision for bad debts, further appeals anticipated, together with the relocation of a major business in the area that will qualify for rate relief.
- 3.54 The General Fund position will directly benefit in both 2015/16 and 2016/17 as these surpluses are released from the Collection Fund (if approved). This is currently projected to be approximately £3/4m in 2015/16 and £1/2m in 2016/17. The MTFP allows for further benefits of £100,000 from 2017/18 onwards.

3.55 The position in 2015/16 is much now better than budgeted due to the Section 31 grants (as highlighted earlier in the report) together with a benefit likely to accrue from the Derbyshire Pool.

Derbyshire Business Rates Pool

- 3.56 2015/16 is the first year of the Pool. The benefit of pooling is that growth in business rates receipts across Derbyshire are not subject to the 50% Government levy but are shared between pool members.
- 3.57 Based on performance of the Pool in the first half-year, the Council's share of growth in 2015/16 is estimated at £267,000. The actual amount will be paid at the year end when actual figures have been finalised.

HOUSING REVENUE ACCOUNT (HRA)

- 3.58 The Council is required to account separately for income and expenditure in providing Council Housing.
- 3.59 The approved HRA Budget for 2015/16 was set with a deficit of £240,000, to be financed from the HRA General Reserve. Performance on the HRA as at September 2015 is summarised in the following table.

| Summary HRA 2015/16 | Budget £'000 | Projected Out-turn £'000 | Projected Variance £'000 |
|---|-----------------|--------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| Rental Income | -12,618 | -12,618 | 0 |
| Contribution to Major Repairs | 5,500 | 5,500 | 0 |
| Planned Maintenance | 2,253 | 2,551 | 298 |
| Responsive Repairs | 1,142 | 1,162 | 20 |
| Supervision and Management | 1,531 | 1,527 | -4 |
| Supported Housing and Careline Services | 420 | 366 | -54 |
| Interest on Debt | 1,681 | 1,633 | -48 |
| Provision for Bad Debts | 44 | 44 | 0 |
| Contribution to New Build | 287 | 287 | 0 |
| Surplus (-) / Deficit | 240 | 452 | 212 |

Planned Maintenance

- 3.60 The main variance at this stage is the projected overspend on planned maintenance. To-date, approximately £1.5m has been spent or committed. Housing Officers have requested that £150,000 of the planned budget for 2016/17 in the HRA Business Plan is brought forward to allow planned works to be continued without a break.
- 3.61 This will mean that the 2015/16 and 2016/17 programme will run over 18 months and not two years, terminating in October 2016.
- 3.62 The reduction in Supported Housing is due vacant posts and additional income. The reduction in interest is due to the rate on the variable element of the debt, remaining lower than expected.

CAPITAL EXPENDITURE and FINANCING 2015/16

3.63 Progress in 2015/16 to-date is summarised in the following table.

| Capital Spending 2015/16 (as at September 2015) | Approved Budget £ | Actual £ |
|---|-------------------------|-------------|
| Council House Improvements | 11,030,869 | 4,083,281 |
| Private Sector Housing and DFGs | 701,579 | 110,739 |
| Leisure and Community Development | 1,533,453 | 1,206,331 |
| Vehicles, Property and Plant | 1,481,809 | 391,606 |
| Total | 14,747,710 | 5,791,957 |

Council House Improvements

- 3.64 The budget includes £5.2m for major improvements in accordance with contracts let in the previous year, 2014/15. In addition, it includes £5.4m for New Build to provide 50 homes. As the main contracts have recently commenced, expenditure will be incurred over the remainder of the year.
- 3.65 The remainder of the budget (approximately £400,000) is for Disabled Facility improvements.

Community and Recreational Projects

3.66 Apart from the Melbourne Sporting Partnership project, where construction is well underway, a substantial part of the programme is already complete, i.e. the Grove Hall and Etwall Leisure Centre projects. The expenditure on these projects is currently showing gross and income from external funders is awaited to offset costs where this is applicable. This mainly relates to the projects at Green Bank and Etwall Leisure Centres.

Vehicles, Property and Plant

3.67 The budget includes an amount of approximately £900,000 for vehicle replacements which are due to take place later in the year. It also includes an amount £230,000 for the purchase of town centre land, together with £250,000 to refurbish the Council's main factory site, as previously approved by the Committee. These projects are being funded by Reserves.

Capital Receipts

3.68 There were 11 council house sales in the first half of 2015/16. These generated gross receipts of £518,615, of which £172,913 was pooled. The net amount retained of approximately £345,000 has been transferred to the New Build Reserve. A further sale has been completed in the last month.

Council House New Build

3.69 Including the amount brought forward from 2014/15 (£2.05m) the accumulated balance on this Reserve is now approximately £2.4m.

Financial Target

3.70 Under an agreement with the Government, which allows a greater share of HRA asset sales to be retained locally, the following New Build targets (in financial terms) need to be achieved otherwise retained sums would be reclaimed by the Treasury.

New Build Targets

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|--------|------------|
| Sep-15 | £191,058 |
| Dec-15 | £324,056 |
| Mar-16 | £628,347 |
| Jun-16 | £628,347 |
| Sep-16 | £686,430 |
| Dec-16 | £1,112,561 |
| Mar-17 | £1,112,561 |
| Jun-17 | £1,296,447 |
| Sep-17 | £1,550,961 |
| Dec-17 | £1,594,226 |
| Mar-18 | £1,594,226 |

Note: These figures are cumulative.

3.71 The Council is currently ahead of these cumulative targets, with Phase 1 of the New Build programme underway. Expenditure on the 3 schemes approved is estimated to be in excess of £3m by March 2016 and £5.4m by March 2018.

General Fund Receipts

3.72 A further £165,000 has been received associated with the next phase for the sale of the land at the William Nadin Way development. This receipt has been set-aside as a contribution to the cost of relocating the Council Depot.

TREASURY MANAGEMENT

- 3.73 An analysis of the Council's borrowing and bank deposits is summarised in the tables, below. These show the position at 31st October 2015.
- 3.74 Debt outstanding is split between the HRA and the General Fund and this represents the "two pool" approach adopted for debt management.

| | 01/04/15 £'000 | 31/10/15 £'000 | Change £'000 |
|---|-------------------|-------------------|-----------------|
| Housing Revenue Account | | | |
| Debt Outstanding (Average Rate 2.7%) | 57,423 | 57,423 | 0 |
| Capital Financing Requirement (CFR) | 61,584 | 61,584 | 0 |
| Statutory Debt Cap | 66,853 | 66,853 | 0 |
| Borrowing Capacity (Cap Less Debt o/s) | 9,430 | 9,430 | 0 |
| General Fund | | | |
| | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Debt Outstanding | 0 | , and the second | 0 |
| Capital Financing Requirement (CFR) | 6,532 | 6,532 | 0 |
| Borrowing Capacity (CFR Less Debt o/s) | 6,532 | 6,532 | 0 |
| Temporary Deposits and Short Term Borrowing | | | |
| Temporary Bank and other Deposits | 12,000 | 18,000 | 6,000 |
| Less Parish Council Deposits | -28 | -28 | 0 |
| Total - Short-term Cash Position | 11,972 | 19,972 | 8,000 |
| | | | |
| Average Interest Rate | 0.31% | 0.38% | 0.07% |
| Average 7-Day Money Market Rate | 0.50% | 0.51% | 0.01% |

Short-term Deposits

3.75 The deposits of £18m are currently invested as follows:

| Debt Management Office (DMO) | £4m | 0.25% |
|------------------------------|------|-------|
| Other Local Authorities | £14m | 0.42% |

- 3.76 Money on deposit with other local authorities tends to be for longer periods of up to 6 months; deposits with the DMO are for shorter periods to manage cash flow and to avoid the need for short-term borrowing.
- 3.77 Total interest paid in the first half year was £29,000 and is forecast to be approximately £60,000 for the year. This compares with a budget estimate of £39,000.

Lending Policy and Counterparty List

3.78 No changes are required to the approved list. The credit ratings of parties within the Council's Policy have remained stable and unchanged in the year to-date. This is being kept under review.

4.0 Financial Implications

4.1 As detailed in the report.

5.0 Corporate Implications

5.1 None directly

6.0 Community Implications

6.1 None directly

7.0 Background Papers

7.1 None

APPENDIX 1

GENERAL FUND SERVICES 2015 /16 PROJECTED POSITION as at SEPTEMBER 2015

ENVIRONMENTAL and DEVELOPMENT SERVICES

| | | ANNUAL | | RESER | VES | | |
|---|-------------------|---------|--------------------|-----------|----------|--|--|
| | PROJECTED OUTTURN | BUDGET | PROJECTED VARIANCE | EARMARKED | GF | COMMENTARY | |
| Transport Services | 849,354 | 855,557 | 6,203 | | 6,203 | Favourable salaries | |
| Central & Departmental Accounts | 849,354 | 855,557 | 6,203 | 0 | 6,203 | | |
| Tourism Policy, Marketing & Development | 56,624 | 56,624 | (0) | | (0) | Profiling Favourable salaries (£6k) & | |
| Promotion and Marketing of the Area | 159,158 | 180,013 | 20,855 | | 20,855 | unbudgeted income (£14k) | |
| Economic Development | 215,782 | 236,636 | 20,855 | 0 | 20,855 | | |
| Environmental Education | 42,316 | 69,104 | 26,788 | 26,788 | | Additional income for projects | |
| Environmental Education | 42,316 | 69,104 | 26,788 | 26,788 | 0 | | |
| Food Safety | 57,622 | 47,453 | (10,169) | | (10,169) | Adverse salaries (£4k) & licensing income (£6k) Favourable salaries (£13k) & fee | |
| Pollution Reduction | 286,821 | 303,139 | 16,317 | | 16,317 | income (£4k) | |
| Pest Control | 8,325 | 12,015 | 3,690 | | 3,690 | Fee income | |
| Public Conveniences | 35,491 | 35,129 | (362) | | (362) | Profiling | |
| Community Safety (Safety Services) | 103,603 | 114,295 | 10,692 | | 10,692 | Favourable salaries (£10k) | |
| Welfare Services | 1,800 | 1,800 | (0) | | (0) | Profiling | |
| Environmental Services | 493,663 | 513,831 | 20,168 | 0 | 20,168 | | |

| Environmental Maintenance (Other Roads) | (26,242) | (26,242) | (0) | | (0) | Profiling |
|--|------------------|---------------|--------------|----------|---------|--|
| Public Transport | 32,559 | 31,589 | (970) | | (970) | Profiling |
| Highways | 6,317 | 5,347 | (970) | 0 | (970) | |
| Local Land Charges | (32,451) | (21,921) | 10,530 | | 10,530 | Favourable fee income (£12k), Adverse fees & charges (£2k) Favourable salaries (£3k) & prof fees |
| Licensing | (36,673) | (31,650) | 5,023 | | 5,023 | (£2k) |
| Licensing and Land Charges | (69,124) | (53,571) | 15,553 | 0 | 15,553 | |
| Emergency Planning and Works | 279 | 0 | (279) | | (279) | |
| Building Regulations Building Control Enforcement | 45,227 0 | 55,035 0 | 9,809 0 | | 9,809 | Favourable salaries (19k) & fee income (£1k), Adverse prof fees (£11k) |
| Other Building Control Work | (13,088) | (10,000) | 3,088 | | 3,088 | Favourable fee income Favourable planning fees (£400k) |
| Dealing with Development Control Applications Development Control Enforcement | (445,971) (0) | (74,971) 0 | 371,000 0 | (29,000) | 400,000 | Salary funded through reserves (Appeals provision to be released) |
| Structure and Local Planning | 336,563 | 352,398 | 15,835 | | 15,835 | Favourable salaries (£13k), other (£3k) |
| Planning | (76,991) | 322,462 | 399,453 | (29,000) | 428,453 | |
| Off-Street Parking | 68,136 | 58,617 | (9,519) | | (9,519) | Rent and fee income |
| Town Centre | 68,136 | 58,617 | (9,519) | 0 | (9,519) | |
| Public Health | (605) | 0 | 605 | | 605 | |

| Street Cleansing (not chargeable to highways) | 264,435 | 280,717 | 16,282 | | 16,282 | Favourable salaries (£37k), Adverse vehicle hire (£21k) |
|--|-----------|----------------------|---------------------|---------|----------|---|
| Household Waste Collection | 1,256,975 | 1,252,875 | (4,100) | | (4,100) | Favourable salaries (£64k), Adverse agency (£68k) |
| Trade Waste Collection Recycling | 283,679 | (134,646) 168,193 | 27,465 (115,486) | | 27,465 | Favourable fee income Adverse fee income (£110k), printing (£3k), advertising (£2k) |
| Waste Collection & Street Cleansing | 1,642,374 | 1,567,139 | (75,235) | 0 | (75,235) | (25.1) |
| TOTAL - ENVIRONMENTAL and DEVELOPMENT SERVICES | 3,171,827 | 3,575,123 | 403,295 | (2,212) | 405,507 | |

HOUSING and COMMUNITY SERVICES

| | | ANNUAL | | RESER | VES | |
|--------------------------------------|----------------------|----------|--------------------|-----------|----------|---|
| | PROJECTED OUTTURN | BUDGET | PROJECTED VARIANCE | EARMARKED | GF | COMMENTARY |
| | | | | | | 2% increase in grants covered by |
| General Grants, Bequests & Donations | 254,269 | 248,269 | (6,000) | (6,000) | 0 | reserves |
| Community Centres | 75,334 | 76,001 | 668 | | 668 | Profiling |
| Community Safety (Crime Reduction) | 67,321 | 109,992 | 42,671 | 42,671 | 0 | |
| Defences Against Flooding | 56,657 | 56,772 | 115 | | 115 | Profiling |
| Market Undertakings | (9,639) | (11,943) | (2,304) | | (2,304) | Reduced income |
| | | | | | 4 | Adverse grants paid (£15k), fee income (£4k), Favourable salaries |
| Planning Development | 170,156 | 160,521 | (9,635) | | (9,635) | (£8k), training (£1k) |
| Village Halls | 8,221 | 7,000 | (1,221) | | (1,221) | Repairs |
| | | | | | | |
| Community Development and Support | 622,318 | 646,613 | 24,295 | 36,671 | (12,376) | |
| Arts Development & Support | 20,606 | 21,320 | 714 | 714 | 0 | |
| Events Management | 126 224 | 125 222 | 9,000 | | 9 000 | Favourable salaries (£5k) & civic |
| Events Management | 126,324 | 135,233 | 8,909 | | 8,909 | functions (£4k) |

| 146,929 | 156,553 | 9,624 | 714 | 8,909 | |
|----------|--|---|---|---|--|
| (18,067) | 120,499 | 138,566 | 138,566 | | Additional income for projects |
| 245 247 | 246 744 | (20.502) | | (20.502) | Adverse utilities (£20k), repairs |
| | 1 | | 45.002 | | (£15k), Favourable fee income (£7k) |
| | , | | 45,993 | | |
| | | | (| | Repairs |
| | , | | | | |
| 33,543 | 14,365 | (19,178) | (19,178) | 0 | |
| 361,006 | 486,789 | 125,782 | 155,041 | (29,259) | |
| | | | | | Favourable salaries (£54k) & training |
| | | | | | (£1k) Adverse ex-gratia payment |
| 346,268 | 392,890 | 46,622 | | 46,622 | (£5k), fees other (£4k) |
| 11,130 | 11,990 | 860 | | 860 | |
| (2,488) | (655) | 1,833 | | 1,833 | Favourable rental income |
| 96,189 | 96,188 | (0) | | (0) | |
| 3,700 | 2,617 | (1,084) | | (1,084) | Adverse fee income |
| 4,330 | 4,100 | (230) | | (230) | Profiling |
| 208,023 | 191,689 | (16,334) | (16,334) | (0) | |
| 667,152 | 698,818 | 31,667 | (16,334) | 48,001 | |
| 24 202 | 26.220 | 4.057 | | 4.057 | |
| | , | · | | 1 | Favourable salaries |
| | | | | | Adverse salaries |
| 61,709 | 53,354 | (8,354) | | (8,354) | Adverse salaries |
| 72.779 | 61.843 | (10.936) | | (10.936) | Favourable salaries (£3k), Adverse agency (£13k) |
| | , | | | | agency (L13N) |
| (0) | 0 | 0 | | 0 | |
| | (18,067) 345,217 (37,933) 1,856 36,391 33,543 361,006 346,268 11,130 (2,488) 96,189 3,700 4,330 208,023 667,152 34,382 129,571 61,709 72,779 32,381 | (18,067) 120,499 345,217 316,714 (37,933) 8,060 1,856 1,100 36,391 26,050 33,543 14,365 361,006 486,789 346,268 392,890 11,130 11,990 (2,488) (655) 96,189 96,188 3,700 2,617 4,330 4,100 208,023 191,689 667,152 698,818 34,382 36,339 129,571 121,195 61,709 53,354 72,779 61,843 32,381 31,870 | (18,067) 120,499 138,566 345,217 316,714 (28,503) (37,933) 8,060 45,993 1,856 1,100 (756) 36,391 26,050 (10,341) 33,543 14,365 (19,178) 361,006 486,789 125,782 346,268 392,890 46,622 11,130 11,990 860 (2,488) (655) 1,833 96,189 96,188 (0) 3,700 2,617 (1,084) 4,330 4,100 (230) 208,023 191,689 (16,334) 667,152 698,818 31,667 34,382 36,339 1,957 129,571 121,195 (8,377) 61,709 53,354 (8,354) 72,779 61,843 (10,936) 32,381 31,870 (511) | (18,067) 120,499 138,566 138,566 345,217 316,714 (28,503) (37,933) 8,060 45,993 45,993 1,856 1,100 (756) 36,391 26,050 (10,341) (10,341) 33,543 14,365 (19,178) (19,178) (19,178) 361,006 486,789 125,782 155,041 346,268 392,890 46,622 11,130 11,990 860 (2,488) (655) 1,833 96,189 96,188 (0) 3,700 2,617 (1,084) 4,330 4,100 (230) 208,023 191,689 (16,334) (16,334) 667,152 698,818 31,667 (16,334) 34,382 36,339 1,957 129,571 121,195 (8,377) 61,709 53,354 (8,354) 72,779 61,843 (10,936) 32,381 31,870 (511) | (18,067) 120,499 138,566 138,566 345,217 316,714 (28,503) (28,503) (37,933) 8,060 45,993 45,993 0 1,856 1,100 (756) (756) (756) 36,391 26,050 (10,341) (10,341) 0 361,006 486,789 125,782 155,041 (29,259) 346,268 392,890 46,622 46,622 46,622 11,130 11,990 860 860 (2,488) (655) 1,833 1,833 96,189 96,188 (0) (0) (1,084) (1,084) (1,084) 4,330 4,100 (230) (230) (230) (230) 208,023 191,689 (16,334) (16,334) 48,001 667,152 698,818 31,667 (16,334) 48,001 34,382 36,339 1,957 (8,377) (8,377) (8,377) (8,377) (8,354) 72,779 61,843 (10,936) (511) (511) (511) |

| Homelessness Administration Travellers´ Sites | 108,922 (15,463) | 87,911 (15,464) | (21,011) (0) | (21,011) | 0 (0) | £64k funding through RSG Costs covered by DCC recharge |
|---|---------------------|--------------------|-----------------|----------|----------|--|
| Private Sector Housing | 424,281 | 377,048 | (47,233) | (21,011) | (26,222) | |
| TOTAL - HOUSING and COMMUNITY SERVICES | 2,221,686 | 2,365,821 | 144,135 | 155,081 | (10,947) | |

FINANCE and MANAGEMENT SERVICES

| | | ANN | NUAL | RESER | VES | |
|--------------------------------|--------------------|--------------------|--------------------|-----------|------------|--|
| | PROJECTED OUTTURN | BUDGET | PROJECTED VARIANCE | EARMARKED | GF | COMMENTARY |
| Senior Management | 483,509 | 454,739 | (28,770) | | (28,770) | Favourable salaries (£10k), Adverse agency (£3k), recruitment advertising (£14k), consultancy (£20k) |
| Reprographic/Print Room | 71,578 | 71,992 | 414 | | 414 | Favourable salaries (£30k), Adverse agency (£39k), comp maintenance |
| Financial Services | 311,244 | 290,880 | (20,365) | | (20,365) | (£2k) & consultancy (£9k) |
| Internal Audit | 103,115 | 103,115 | 0 | | 0 | |
| Merchant Banking Services | 51,971 | 45,935 | (6,036) | | (6,036) | Bank charges |
| ICT Support Legal Services | 687,885 133,108 | 651,783 133,865 | (36,101) 757 | (36,101) | (0) 757 | Any overspend covered by ICT reserve |
| Personnel/HR | 252,364 | 235,916 | (16,448) | | (16,448) | Thomas tests (£5k) & prof fees (£12k) |
| Policy & Communications | 238,086 | 239,103 | 1,016 | | 1,016 | Contract saving |
| Customer Services | 564,404 | 535,600 | (28,803) | | (28,803) | Additional contract costs |
| Health & Safety | 34,490 | 35,218 | 728 | | 728 | |
| Admin Offices & Depot | 318,787 | 317,412 | (1,375) | | (1,375) | Adverse R&M (£5k), Favourable salaries (£3k) |
| Procurement Unit | 102,584 | 103,437 | 853 | | 853 | Contract saving |
| Corporate Services Partnership | (0) | 0 | 0 | | 0 | Northgate recharge |

| Other Management Costs | (0) | 0 | 0 | | 0 | |
|--|-----------|-----------|-----------|----------|----------|---|
| Caretaking | 74,647 | 92,122 | 17,475 | | 17,475 | Favourable salaries (£27k), Adverse redundancy (£1k), refuse collection (£1k), agency (£7k) |
| Central and Departmental Accounts | 3,427,770 | 3,311,116 | (116,655) | (36,101) | (80,554) | |
| Concessionary Fares | (380) | 0 | 380 | | 380 | |
| Concessionary Travel | (380) | 0 | 380 | 0 | 380 | |
| Democratic Representation & Management | 76,025 | 82,528 | 6,503 | | 6,503 | Favourable salaries Favourable NI & pension (£5k), members allows (£3k), catering (£2k), |
| Elected Members | 319,074 | 329,758 | 10,685 | | 10,685 | room hire (£1k) |
| Corporate Management | 75,143 | 75,400 | 257 | | 257 | |
| | | | | | | Favourable audit fee (£9k), Adverse |
| Corporate Finance Management | 57,404 | 64,459 | 7,055 | | 7,055 | Bretby payment (£2k) |
| Debt Management Costs | 124,887 | 125,707 | 820 | | 820 | |
| Corporate and Democratic Costs | 652,533 | 677,852 | 25,320 | 0 | 25,320 | |
| | | | | | | Adverse printing (£44k), Favourable |
| Registration of Electors | 20,123 | 20,122 | (0) | | (0) | postage (£8k), income (£22k) |
| Conducting Elections | 255,981 | 255,981 | (0) | | (0) | prompt (===:,) |
| 6 | | | | | | |
| Electoral Registration | 276,104 | 276,104 | (1) | 0 | (1) | |
| | | | (2,222) | (0.000) | (0) | 2% increase not budgeted reserve |
| Parish Councils | 333,333 | 324,340 | (8,992) | (8,992) | (0) | funded |
| Payments to Parish Councils | 333,333 | 324,340 | (8,992) | (8,992) | (0) | |
| | | | | | | |

| | | | | | | £24k under accrual 2014/15 |
|---|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|----------|---|
| Funded Pension Schemes | 269,851 | 241,505 | (28,346) | | (28,346) | redundancy |
| Planning Agreements | 290,390 | 0 | (290,390) | (290,390) | (0) | |
| Interest & Investment Income (GF) | (45,112) | (37,185) | 7,927 | | 7,927 | Additional interest income |
| External Interest Payable (GF) | 1,500 | 1,500 | (0) | | (0) | |
| Pensions, Grants Interest Payments and Receipts | 516,630 | 205,820 | (310,809) | (290,390) | (20,419) | |
| Estate Management | (175,540) | (150,153) | 25,387 | | 25,387 | Favourable salaries (£5k), agency (£5k), rental income (£15k) |
| Property and Estates | (175,540) | (150,153) | 25,387 | 0 | 25,387 | _ |
| Council Tax Collection | (66,652) | (66,652) | (0) | | (0) | |
| Council Tax Benefits Administration | 0 | 0 | 0 | | 0 | |
| Council Tax Benefits | 0 | 0 | 0 | | 0 | |
| Non Domestic Rates Collection | 28,765 | 29,361 | 596 | | 596 | |
| Rent Allowances Paid | 214,195 | 214,195 | 0 | | 0 | |
| Net cost of Non-HRA Rent Rebates | 0 | 0 | 0 | | 0 | |
| Net cost of Rent Rebates Paid | 56,015 | 56,015 | 0 | | 0 | |
| | | | | | | Favourable salaries (£20k), Govt grant unbudgeted (£30k), Adverse |
| Housing Benefits Administration | 104,048 | 125,284 | 21,236 | | 21,236 | Capita (£12k), Northgate fee (£17k) |
| Revenues and Benefits | 336,371 | 358,203 | 21,832 | 0 | 21,832 | _ |
| TOTAL - FINANCE and MANAGEMENT SERVICES | 5,366,820 | 5,003,282 | (363,539) | (335,483) | (28,056) | |

COLLECTION FUND MONITORING 2015/16

| | Actual | Projected | |
|---|----------------------|-------------------------|---|
| COUNCIL TAX - INCOME & EXPENDITURE | 2014/15 £'000 | 2015/16 £'000 | |
| INCOME | £ 000 | £ 000 | |
| Council Tax Collectable | 45,729 | 47,478 | Actual Debit as at October 2015 |
| EXPENDITURE | | | |
| County Council Precept | 32,657 | 34,295 | Actual amount due as set in March 15 |
| - | - | - | 1 |
| Police and Crime Commissioner Precept | 5,059 | 5,370 | As above |
| Fire and Rescue Authority Precept | 2,034 | 2,136 | As above |
| SDDC Precept | 4,466 | 4,599 | As above |
| SDDC Parish Precepts | 606 | 668 | As above |
| Increase in Bad Debts Provision | 396 | 411 | 0.87% of Council Tax Collectable |
| Total Expenditure | 45,218 | 47,479 | = |
| Surplus for the Year | 511 | -1 | - - |
| COUNCIL TAX BALANCE | | | |
| Opening Balance 1st April | 358 | 696 | As per final accounts |
| Share of Previous Surplus to County Council | -126 | -364 | Actual amount approved by Committee in January 2015 |
| Share of Previous Surplus to Police | -19 | -56 | As above |
| Share of Previous Surplus to Fire Authority | -8 | -23 | As above |
| Share of Previous Surplus to SDDC | -20 | -57 | As above |
| Surplus for Year (as above) | 511 | -1 | As above |
| Closing Balance as at 31st March | 696 | 195 | |

BUSINESS RATES - INCOME & EXPENDITURE

INCOME

| Business Rates Collectable | 22,823 | 23,566 |
|----------------------------|--------|--------|
|----------------------------|--------|--------|

EXPENDITURE

| Central Government Precept | 10,540 | 10,990 |
|-----------------------------------|--------|--------|
| SDDC Precept | 8,432 | 8,792 |
| Derbyshire County Council Precept | 1,897 | 1,978 |
| Fire and Rescue Service Precept | 211 | 220 |
| Cost of Collection | 91 | 92 |
| Increase in Bad Debts Provision | 64 | 353 |
| Provision for Appeals | 54 | 451 |
| Total Evnenditure | 21 289 | 22 876 |

22,8/6 Total Expenditure

Surplus / Deficit (-) 1,534 690

BUSINESS RATES BALANCE

| Opening Balance 1st April 2014 | -886 | 648 |
|---|-------|-----|
| Share of Previous Surplus to Government | 0 | 0 |
| Share of Previous Surplus to SDDC | 0 | 0 |
| Share of Previous Surplus to County Council | 0 | 0 |
| Share of Previous Surplus to Fire Authority | 0 | 0 |
| Surplus / Deficit (-) for the Year as above | 1,534 | 690 |

Closing Balance as at 31st March 2015 1,338 648

Fixed - 50% of estimate in 2015/16 Fixed - 40% of estimate in 2015/16 Fixed - 9% of estimate in 2015/16 *Fixed - 1% of estimate in 2015/16* Amount approved by the Government To allow for Section 44a Relief deducted from Rates Collectable

To allow for Doctor's Surgeries and ATMs

| GENERAL FUND POSITION - BUSINESS RATES | | |
|--|--------|--------|
| SDDC Precept | 8,432 | 8,792 |
| Less Tariff Payment | -6,084 | -6,200 |
| Add Section 31 Relief Grants | 455 | 413 |
| Reversal of Previous Year's Surplus not Declared | -355 | 259 |
| Less 50% of Growth paid to the Derbyshire Pool | -523 | -475 |
| Add Share of Business Pool Growth | 0 | 267 |
| Actual Financing Transferred to General Fund | 1,925 | 3,056 |
| Less Estimate in General Fund Budget | 2,248 | 2,291 |
| Additional Income in Year | -323 | 765 |