

Safer Policy & Performance Board Priority Based Report

Reporting Period: Quarter 3 – 1st October to 31st December 2015

1.0 Introduction

This report provides an overview of issues and progress against key service area objectives and milestones and performance targets during the third quarter of 2015/16; for service areas within the remit of the Safer Policy and Performance Board.

The report has been structured by the following key priorities for Safer PPB, as identified in the Directorate and Corporate Plans:

- Community Safety
- Safeguarding and Dignity (including Consumer Protection and Substance Misuse)
- Domestic Violence
- Drugs & Alcohol
- Environmental Health
- Risk & Emergency Planning

The way in which the Red, Amber and Green, (RAG), symbols have been used to reflect progress to date is explained in Appendix 2 at the end of this report.

2.0 Key Developments

There have been a number of developments within the Directorate during the third quarter which include:

COMMUNITY & ENVIRONMENT

No key developments for Community & Environment.

POLICY, PLANNING & TRANSPORTATION

Traffic and Risk & Emergency Planning / Health & Safety Network Management

The coordination of the works for the Mersey Gateway is increasing, this is to try and minimise the impact of the works on the travelling public. This is continuing to prove a challenge as works are underway at multiple sites throughout the Borough in order to meet the completion date.

The work is increasing especially around Ditton roundabout (where the roundabout is being replaced with a traffic signal controlled junction) and, in the near future, the Speke Road will be diverted around the roundabout, however this will not take place until the mitigation measures are agreed to minimise the disruption. The Central Expressway, in Runcorn, is now closed for up to 7 months whilst the route is realigned and bridge works are carried out.

Road Safety

The Pegasus Crossing (a crossing for pedestrians, cyclists and horses) will shortly be commissioned across A56 at Daresbury, near Keckwick Lane. It will be of particular benefit to SciTech staff who park in Daresbury church car park (SciTech rent spaces off the church).

The proposed zebra crossing on High Street, Runcorn, near to the NatWest Bank, should be installed in the next few weeks

The CCTV control room is now transferring to Community Safety for day-to-day management.

Contaminated Land

- *Mersey Gateway*

This scheme continues to be a significant part of the workload which includes assessment of Merseylink submissions, overseeing remediation, and reviewing monitoring data to demonstrate the 'no adverse impact' of the construction phase.

Looking forward, there is input into the HBC's regeneration strategy, for the impact areas of the bridge scheme with its associated land contamination constraints, and the implementation of the long term contamination management plan in conjunction with the Mersey Gateway Crossings Board.

- *Planning & Development*

Ongoing review and advice on information submitted to support planning applications and future developments. Of particular note is the former Crosville Depot site in Runcorn, the former Marley Works site in Widnes and re-establishment of golfing facilities at St. Michael's golf course.

Recent articles in the press have picked up some of this work, although usually on a negative note. The most recent was in relation to Fairfield School which highlighted the poor standard of some submitted reports and the need for robust and thorough review by HBC at the assessment phase, prior to submission is support of a planning application.

- *Part 2A and the Contaminated Land Inspection Strategy*

Implementation of the Contaminated Land Inspection Strategy has been hampered by Central Government's removal of funding for both investigations and remediation.

Whilst there is some internal budget available for small and largely in-house investigations and assessments, there is a genuine concern that if major problems are identified requiring significant remedial works by the Authority there will not be a funding source.

- *Groundwater Treat Plant Decommissioning Request*

Working is underway on a scheme that could save the Council £20,000 per year. This would be achieved by demonstrating to the Environment Agency that a groundwater treatment plant installed, alongside Marzahn Way in Widnes, is no

longer generating any significant environmental improvements, and can therefore be decommissioned.

COMMISSIONING & COMPLEX CARE

No key developments for Commissioning & Complex Care.

PREVENTION AND ASSESSMENT

Making Safeguarding Personal

The Local Government Association and ADASS (Directors of Adult Social Services) published an evaluation of Making Safeguarding Personal (MSP). This is the approach embedded within the Care Act and has moved safeguarding investigations from a process driven approach to one which focusses on outcomes for the person involved. The new IT system went live in July 2015 and the report on outcomes has been presented the Safeguarding Adult Board.

PUBLIC HEALTH

Reduction in the harm from alcohol

Good progress continues to be made in implementing the Halton Strategy Action Plan. Following the “Halton Alcohol Inquiry”, which instigated a community conversation around alcohol, an Alcohol Inquiry group was established. The group has developed a range of recommendations for local action and the group is now being supported by local stakeholders to make these recommendations a reality.

3.0 Emerging Issues

PREVENTION AND ASSESSMENT

Financial Abuse

A task and finish group was established to look at developing a Financial Abuse Toolkit which is intended to be used by practitioners and members of the public to provide information to anyone concerned that someone they know maybe a potential victim of financial abuse. This has been agreed by Halton Safeguarding Adult Board and an e learning programme is now being developed which will enhance this further.

PUBLIC HEALTH

No emerging issues for Public Health.

POLICY, PLANNING & TRANSPORTATION

Traffic and Risk & Emergency Planning / Health & Safety Network Management

For the closure of the Central Expressway during the Mersey Gateway works, Northway within Halton Lea has been updated to allow for two-way traffic flows and has had had a positive impact. Options to make this a permanent alteration are being investigated.

COMMUNITY & ENVIRONMENT

No emerging issues for Community & Environment.

COMMISSIONING & COMPLEX CARE

No emerging issues for Commissioning & Complex Care.

4.0 Risk Control Measures

Risk control forms an integral part of the Council's Business Planning and performance monitoring arrangements. As such Directorate Risk Registers were updated in tandem with the development of the suite of 2015/16 Directorate Business Plans.

Progress concerning the implementation of all Directorate high-risk mitigation measures was reported in Quarter 2 and Risk Registers are currently being reviewed for 2015/16 in tandem with the development of next year's Directorate Business Plans.

5.0 Progress against high priority equality actions

Equality issues continue to form a routine element of the Council's business planning and operational decision making processes. Additionally the Council must have evidence to demonstrate compliance with the Public Sector Equality Duty (PSED) which came into force in April 2011.

There have been no high priority equality actions identified in the quarter.

6.0 Performance Overview

The following information provides a synopsis of progress for both milestones and performance indicators across the key priorities that have been identified for Safer PPB, as stated in the Directorate and Corporate Plans.

COMMISSIONING AND COMPLEX CARE

Key objectives, milestones and performance indicators


None applicable to Safer Halton priorities.

PREVENTION AND ASSESSMENT

Key objectives and milestones

None applicable to Safer Halton priorities.

Key Performance Indicators

Ref	Description	Actual 2014/15	Target 2015/16	Quarter 3	Current Progress	Direction of Travel
<u>PA 2</u>	Percentage of VAA Assessments completed within 28 days (Previously PCS15) (Previously PA5)	86.8%	85%	61.59%	?	

Supporting Commentary

PA 3 Percentage of VAA Assessments completed within 28 days:





VAA's completed within 28 days continues to be monitored, exception reports are circulated on a monthly basis, along with in team support for social workers. There is potentially some data loading issues which are currently being looked into.

COMMUNITY AND ENVIRONMENT

Key objectives and milestones

None applicable to Safer Halton priorities.

Key Performance Indicators

Ref	Description	Actual 2014/15	Target 2015/16	Quarter 3	Current Progress	Direction of Travel
<u>CE LI 10</u>	Residual household waste per household	534 kgs	593 Kgs	422Kgs		
<u>CE LI 11</u>	Household waste recycled and composted	46.8%	40%	46%		
<u>CE LI 13</u>	Improved Local Biodiversity – Active Management of Local Sites	56%	55	N/A	N/A	N/A

Supporting Commentary

CE LI 10 Residual household waste per household:

This is an estimated cumulative figure which is subject to seasonal variation and will change. Performance in Q3 is slightly lower than the corresponding period from last year (398kgs) and indications are that whilst the target will be met, performance may be lower than 2014/15. An increase in the amount of waste per household is consistent with increases experienced by other local authorities and appears a national trend.



CE LI 11 Household waste recycled and composted:

This is an estimated cumulative figure which is subject to seasonal variation and will change. Despite an increase in the tonnage of recyclable materials collected through the blue bin scheme, as a result of different waste treatment processes being in place, overall recycling performance may fall for this year. The end of year target is however still forecast to be met.

CE LI 13 Improved Local Biodiversity: Figure not available until Q4. Survey to be undertaken in Q4.

PUBLIC HEALTH

Key objectives and milestones

Ref	Milestones	Q3 Progress
PH04	Implement the Halton alcohol strategy action plan working with a range of partners in order to minimise the harm from alcohol and deliver on three interlinked outcomes: reducing alcohol-related health harms; reducing alcohol-related crime, antisocial behaviour and domestic abuse and establishing a diverse, vibrant and safe night-time economy. March 2016	
PH 04	Hold a community conversation around alcohol – using an Inquiry approach based on the citizen's jury model of community engagement and ensure recommendations for action are acted upon by all local partners.	

Supporting Commentary

PH 04 Alcohol Harm Reduction:



Good progress is being made towards implementing the Halton alcohol strategy action plan. Key activity includes:



- Developing a coordinated alcohol awareness campaign plan.
- Delivery of alcohol education within local school settings (Healthitude, R U Different, Amy Winehouse Foundation, Cheshire Police, Alcohol education Trust, wellbeing web magazine).
- Ensuring the early identification and support of those drinking above recommended levels through training key staff members in alcohol identification and brief advice (alcohol IBA).
- Reviewing alcohol treatment pathways
- Working closely with colleagues from licensing, the community safety team, trading standards and Cheshire Police to promote more responsible approaches to the sale of alcohol (e.g. promotion of Arc Angel and the local pub watch schemes within Halton), promoting a diverse night-time economy.
- Working to influence government policy and initiatives around alcohol: 50p minimum unit price for alcohol, restrictions of all alcohol marketing, public health as a fifth licensing objective.

PH 04 Community conversation around alcohol:

The Inquiry group have developed recommendations for local action related to: alcohol education in schools and educating parents, alcohol licensing and promoting responsible retailing, alcohol advertising and education around alcohol especially awareness of alcohol units and recommended safe drinking levels. These were shared with local stakeholders at a well-attended launch event held in June. Local stakeholders will now support the group going forward in making these recommendations a reality. Members of the Inquiry group attended the local alcohol strategy group to ensure their recommendations are taken forward locally.

Key Performance Indicators

Ref	Description	Actual 2014/15	Target 2015/16	Quarter 3	Current Progress	Direction of Travel
PH LI 04	Alcohol related admission episodes - narrow	814.0 (2013/14)	808.4	753.2 (Q2 15/16)		

	definition Directly Standardised Rate, per 100,000 population					
PH LI 05	Under 18 alcohol- specific admissions Crude Rate, per 100,000 population	60.5 (11/12 to 13/14)	55.0	Annual data only		

Supporting Commentary

PH LI 04 Alcohol admissions:

Alcohol related admissions during Q2 have reduced from the 2014/15 rate and are below the 2015/16 threshold (target).

PH LI 05 Under 18 alcohol-specific admissions:

Good progress is being made related to this indicator with the number of under 18 alcohol-specific admissions continuing to reduce and being below the 2015/16 threshold (target).

POLICY, PLANNING & TRANSPORTATION

Key objectives and milestones

None applicable under Safer Halton priorities.

Key Performance Indicators

None applicable under Safer Halton priorities.

APPENDIX 1 – Financial Statements

COMMISSIONING & COMPLEX CARE DEPARTMENT

Revenue Budget as at 31st December 2015

	Annual Budget	Budget To Date	Actual To Date	Variance To Date (overspend)
	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000
Expenditure				
Employees	7,533	5,322	5,202	120
Premises	243	185	165	20
Supplies & Services	2,102	1,630	1,627	3
Carers Breaks	427	347	351	(4)
Transport	187	140	140	0
Contracts & SLAs	90	68	77	(9)
Payments To Providers	3,531	2,273	2,273	0
Emergency Duty Team	93	14	14	0
Other Agency Costs	640	592	613	(21)
Total Expenditure	14,846	10,571	10,462	109
Income				
Sales & Rents Income	-218	-186	-175	(11)
Fees & Charges	-176	-132	-110	(22)
CCG Contribution To Service	-360	-237	-207	(30)
Reimbursements & Grant Income	-536	-391	-393	2
Transfer From Reserves	-620	0	0	0
Total Income	-1,910	-946	-885	(61)
Net Operational Expenditure	12,936	9,625	9,577	48
Recharges				
Premises Support	174	108	108	0
Transport	450	337	337	0
Central Support Services	1,516	1,136	1,136	0
Asset Charges	62	47	47	0
Internal Recharge Income	-2,479	-567	-567	0
Net Total Recharges	-277	1,061	1,061	0
Net Departmental Total	12,659	10,686	10,638	48

Comments on the above figures:

Net operational expenditure is £48,000 below budget profile at the end of the third quarter of the financial year.

Employee costs are currently £120,000 below budget profile. This results from savings made on vacant posts, specifically in relation to Day and Mental Health Services.

In the case of Day Services, the majority of these posts have now been recruited to, and the spend below budget is not anticipated to continue at this level for the remainder of the year. A saving proposal has been agreed in relation to the Mental Health Services staffing budget from 2016/17 onwards, relating to the deletion of vacant posts. The current year underspend is therefore, not set to continue after this year.

Income is below target to date. There is an anticipated shortfall on Fees & Charges income as a result of revised contract arrangements for the homeless hostel. Additionally, income received from the Clinical Commissioning Group is projected to be below target. This income relates to Continuing Health Care funded packages within Day Services and the Supported Housing Network. The income received is dependent on the nature of service user's care packages. The shortfall is currently estimated to be in the region of £40,000 for the full year.

Trading income from Day Services ventures is forecast to over-achieve this year, principally as a result of contract for student work placements with Riverside College.

A temporary savings target reflecting this increased income has been approved as part of the 2016/17 budget setting process.

At this stage in the financial year, it is anticipated that a balanced budget overall will be achieved for the year. Whilst income is projected below target, this will be offset by in-year savings in other areas, principally on savings on staff turnover above the set target.

Capital Projects as at 31st December 2015

	2015-16 Capital Allocation £'000	Allocation To Date £'000	Actual Spend To Date £'000	Total Allocation Remaining £'000
ALD Bungalows	200	1	1	199
Lifeline Telecare Upgrade	100	0	0	100
Grangeway Court Refurbishment	75	9	9	66
Halton Carer's Centre Refurbishment	34	34	34	0
The Halton Brew	16	16	16	0
Total	425	60	60	365

Completion of the first phase of the Bungalows for ALD clients has been delayed due to the original contractor going into liquidation. The building works are now estimated to be completed in February 2016. Spend is now anticipated to be £200,000 in-year, with the remaining £200,000 of the original capital allocation being spent in 2016/17 on a further phase of build.

The Lifeline Telecare upgrade is due to be completed in March 2016, with payment to match the original capital allocation.

The refurbishment of Grangeway Court is expected to commence late in January 2016. £75,000 is expected to be spent of the original £400,000 capital allocation in the current financial year, with the balance to be spent in the 2016-17 financial year upon completion of the works.

COMMUNITY & ENVIRONMENT DEPARTMENT

Revenue Budget as at 31 December 2015

	Annual Budget £'000	Budget To Date £'000	Actual To Date £'000	Variance To Date (overspend) £'000	Comments on the above figures:
Expenditure					
Employees	12,058	9,522	9,582	(60)	
Other Premises	1,182	913	878	35	
Supplies & Services	1,585	949	879	70	
Book Fund	142	106	107	(1)	
Hired & Contracted Services	1,152	753	766	(13)	
Food Provisions	629	469	459	10	
School Meals Food	2,077	1,320	1,300	20	
Transport	54	52	59	(7)	
Other Agency Costs	674	145	60	85	
Waste Disposal Contracts	5,160	2,667	2,708	(41)	
Leisure Management Contract	1,496	1,075	1,136	(61)	
Grants To Voluntary Organisations	317	268	257	11	
Grant To Norton Priory	222	222	229	(7)	
Rolling Projects	38	38	38	0	
Capital Financing	9	7	0	7	
Total Spending	26,795	18,506	18,458	48	
Income					
Sales Income	-2,207	-1,655	-1,526	(129)	
School Meals Sales	-2,180	-1,585	-1,606	21	
Fees & Charges Income	-3,272	-2,576	-2,501	(75)	
Rents Income	-235	-234	-277	43	
Government Grant Income	-1,202	-1,179	-1,168	(11)	
Reimbursements & Other Grant Income	-548	-426	-453	27	
Schools SLA Income	-79	-79	-83	4	
Internal Fees Income	-120	-83	-106	23	
School Meals Other Income	-2,270	-1,791	-1,800	9	
Meals On Wheels	-196	-134	-96	(38)	
Catering Fees	-225	-154	-78	(76)	
Capital Salaries	-53	-33	-17	(16)	
Transfers From Reserves	-50	-23	-23	0	
Total Income	-12,637	-9,952	-9,734	(218)	
Net Controllable Expenditure	14,158	8,554	8,724	(170)	
Recharges					
Premises Support	1,947	1,472	1,472	0	
Transport Recharges	2,390	1,223	1,223	0	
Departmental Support Services	9	0	0	0	
Central Support Services	3,146	2,379	2,379	0	
Asset Charges	3,005	0	0	0	
HBC Support Costs Income	-382	-390	-390	0	
Net Total Recharges	10,115	4,684	4,684	0	
Net Departmental Total	24,273	13,238	13,408	(170)	

quarter and subsequent vacant posts will help contribute to the staff turnover savings target for

the remainder of the year. Although it is currently forecast that employee expenditure will remain above budget at year-end. . Agency staff expenditure has decreased slightly in quarter three and is still significantly lower than last year, with the introduction of the apprenticeship scheme and vacant posts being filled.

Supplies and services remain under budget profile across all Divisions to offset budget pressures within the Department. There are small underspends on areas such as equipment, advertising, and clothing.

The Leisure Contract is now in its final year and will end in March 2016, after which the service will be brought back in house and realise agreed savings.

Waste Disposal contracts are still over budget profile and will remain a pressure throughout the remainder of the year. This budget will be closely monitored throughout the new financial year to ensure costs are contained and brought back in line with budget.

Other Agency costs are £85,000 under budget profile mainly due to underspending on the Area Forums where some projects have still not yet been completed.

Sales, Fees & Charges and Internal Catering Fees are the most significant under-achievements on income across the Department. Fees and Charges income has recovered a little in this quarter mainly due to generated income relating to the Brindley and Open Spaces being maximised. The income relating to the collection of green waste has however over performed against budget by £44,000.

Capital Projects as at 31st December 2015

	2015-16 Capital Allocation £'000	Allocation To Date £'000	Actual Spend To Date £'000	Total Allocation Remaining £'000
Stadium Minor Works	30	30	31	(1)
Stadium 3G Equipment	12	0	0	12
Widnes Recreation Site	741	600	573	168
Norton Priory	2,843	700	680	2,163
Norton Priory Biomass Boiler	107	0	0	107
Children's Playground Equipment	138	98	92	46
Upton Improvements	13	0	0	13
Crow Wood Play Area	4	2	0	4
Runcorn Hill Park	138	138	521	(383)
Runcorn Cemetery Extension	9	0	0	9
Cremators Widnes Crematorium	109	109	188	(79)
Peelhouse Lane Cemetery	1020	12	12	1,008
Peelhouse Lane Cemetery-Enabling Work	65	20	20	45
Open Spaces Schemes	160	100	97	63
Playground Third Party Funding	340	0	0	340
Litter Bins	20	20	19	1
Total	5,749	1,829	2,232	3,512

Comments on the above figures:

The Widnes Recreation project has now been completed although there are still a number of payments due in respect of retention and project completion. Total spend will be within the allocation.

The Norton Priory “Monastery To Museum” project commenced on-site in August 2015, and has an anticipated completion date of July 2016. Total Heritage Lottery funding amounts to £3.9M over the course of the project.

Funding for the Runcorn Hill Park project remains a concern. The initial contractor tasked with phase one of the building works went into liquidation once work had commenced. The decision was taken to continue with the project with the expectation that extra funding may be secured to meet the resulting increased costs. The additional costs of the re-tendered contract, together with remedial works required to the original constructions, and additional security costs, are in the region of £390,000. Requests to external bodies for additional funding have so far proved unsuccessful. Heritage Lottery Fund, the principal contributor to the scheme are unwilling to contribute further to phase one of the works. Total project funding from the Heritage Lottery Fund amounts to £2.2M until 2018 for a number of phases of the programme, and consideration is currently being given as to whether the costs of subsequent phases of the work can be reduced, whilst still attracting the full level of grant funding originally offered.

The allocation for Playground Third Party Funding represents funding carried forward from previous years to provide match funding for external grants. Any residual funding will be carried forward at year-end.

ADULT SOCIAL SERVICES AND PREVENTION & ASSESSMENT DEPARTMENT

Revenue Budget as at 31st December 2015

	Annual Budget	Budget To Date	Actual To Date	Variance To Date underspend
	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000
Expenditure				
Employees	6,816	4,960	4,881	79
Other Premises	113	55	62	(7)
Supplies & Services	399	263	265	(2)
Aids & Adaptations	113	61	88	(27)
Transport	17	8	8	0
Food Provision	28	12	15	(3)
Other Agency	22	18	18	0
	1,874	0	0	0
Transfer to Reserves				
Contribution to Complex Care Pool	17,330	6,011	5,993	18
	26,712	11,388	11,330	58
Income				
Fees & Charges	-302	-210	-206	(4)
Reimbursements & Grant Income	-196	-132	-120	(12)
Transfer from Reserves	-940	-46	-46	0
Capital Salaries	-121	-91	-91	0
Government Grant Income	-300	-300	-300	0
Other Income	-5	-5	-5	0
	-1,864	-784	-768	(16)
Total Income				
Net Operational Expenditure	24,848	10,604	10,562	42
<u>Recharges</u>				
Premises Support	331	248	248	0
Asset Charges	175	0	0	0
Central Support Services	2,193	1,572	1,572	0
Internal Recharge Income	-1,560	-1,162	-1,162	(1)
Transport Recharges	49	32	31	1
Net Total Recharges	1,188	689	689	0
	26,036	11,292	11,250	42
Net Departmental Total				

Comments on the above figures:

In overall terms, the Net Operational Expenditure for the second quarter of the financial year is £24,000 under budget profile excluding the Complex Care Pool.

Employee costs are currently showing £79,000 under budget profile. This is due to savings being made from vacancies within the department. Some of these vacancies have been advertised and have been or are expected to be filled in the coming months. A saving proposal has been agreed for the staffing budget for the 2016/17 financial year onwards relating to the deletion of a vacant post with Care Management. The current year underspend is therefore not set continue for the 2016/17 budget year onwards.

Other Premises expenditure is £7,000 over budget profile. This is a result of expenditure on maintenance and repairs for Independent Living equipment. There are approximately 324 stair lifts, 19 thru floor/wheelchair lifts and 77 ceiling track hoists requiring an annual service and potentially repairs. For quarter three, the cost included 125 visits to 106 properties.

Expenditure on Aids and Adaptations is £27,000 over budget at this stage of the financial year and this trend is expected to continue for the remainder of the year. As more service users are supported within their own homes, as opposed to moving into residential homes, this places pressure on this budget as more modifications to homes are required.

PLANNING & TRANSPORTATION DEPARTMENT

Revenue Budget as at 31ST December 2015

	Annual Budget	Budget To Date	Actual To Date	Variance To Date (overspend)
	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000
Expenditure				
Employees	4,561	3,462	3,500	(38)
Other Premises	228	77	76	1
Hired & Contracted Services	214	92	100	(8)
Supplies & Services	299	182	160	22
Street Lighting	2,085	813	813	0
Highways Maintenance	2,333	1,972	1,968	4
Bridges	98	4	4	0
Fleet Transport	1,397	733	733	0
Lease Car Contracts	516	282	282	0
Bus Support – Hopper Tickets	180	80	80	0
Bus Support	525	497	497	0
Out of Borough Transport	51	16	16	0
Finance Charges	406	177	177	0
Grants to Voluntary Organisations	68	68	68	0
Direct Revenue Financing	14	14	14	0
NRA Levy	60	45	45	0
Total Expenditure	13,035	8,514	8,533	(19)
Income				
Sales	-372	-203	-213	10
Planning Fees	-531	-493	-493	0
Building Control Fees	-201	-179	-179	0
Other Fees & Charges	-469	-310	-345	35
Rents	-8	-6	-6	0
Grants & Reimbursements	-559	-185	-185	0
Efficiency Savings	-60	0	0	0
School SLAs	-40	-40	-42	2
Recharge to Capital	-312	0	0	0
Transfer from Reserves	-217	0	0	0
Total Income	-2,769	-1,416	-1,463	47
Net Controllable Expenditure	10,266	7,098	7,070	28
Recharges				
Premises Support	642	515	515	0
Transport Recharges	629	460	512	(52)
Asset Charges	7,791	0	0	0
Central Support Recharges	1,935	1,455	1,455	0
Departmental Support Recharges	393	292	292	0
Departmental Support Recharges Income	-491	-368	-368	0
Support Recharges Income – Transport	-3,734	-2,612	-2,665	53

Support Recharges Income	-1,022	-594	-594	0
Net Total Recharges	6,143	-852	-853	1
Net Departmental Total	16,409	6,246	6,217	29

Comments on the above figures:

In overall terms revenue spending at the end of quarter 3 is below budget profile. This is due to a number of expenditure and income budget areas.

Staffing is showing an overspend due to staff turnover targets not being met, this is due to the nature of staffing within PPT, there has been little staff movement over the last 9 months.

Planning fees are current in-line with expected income. This is expected to continue to the end of the financial year.

Building Control is now in-line with current expected income. This is expected to continue to the end of the financial year.

Supplies and services is currently underspending due to closer control of non-essential spending by managers, this is expected to continue in the next quarter.

Income generated from sales at the Lower House Lane depot is slightly above budget for the year to date although the recent impact of nearby road closures connected with Mersey Gateway works is starting to have an adverse impact.

The above budget increase in other fees and charges is mainly due to income generated within the Traffic area for overrun charges and permits etc. The starting of the new permit scheme should also increase this income although not to the expected income target set at the beginning of the year. This shortfall will be covered by excess income and underspends from within the PPT division.

At this stage of the year it is anticipated that overall spend will be within the Departmental budget at the financial year-end.

POLICY, PLANNING & TRANSPORTATION

Capital Projects as at 31st December 2015

	2015/16 Capital Allocation £'000	Allocation To Date £'000	Actual Spend To Date £'000	Allocation Remaining £'000
Local Transport Plan				
Bridges & Highway Maintenance				
Bridge Assessment, Strengthening & Maintenance	967	100	101	866
Road Maintenance	1,261	715	712	549
	2,228	815	813	1,415
Total Bridge & Highway Maintenance				
Integrated Transport	908	260	258	650
	3,136	1,075	1,071	2,065
Total Local Transport Plan				
Halton Borough Council				
Street lighting – Structural Maintenance	200	65	66	134
Street lighting – replacement programme	1,700	690	690	1,010
Risk Management	120	95	95	25
	2,174	650	651	1,523
Fleet Replacement				
	120	5	5	115
Peelhouse Lane Cemetery - Highways				
	4,314	1,505	1,507	2,807
Total Halton Borough Council				
<u>Grant Funded</u>				
	943	80	72	871
Local Pinch Point – Daresbury E'way				
	122	10	9	113
Surface Water Management Grant				
	314	0	0	314
S106 schemes				
	664	95	90	574
STEPS program				
	2,043	185	171	1,872
Total Grant Funded				

Total Capital Programme	9,493	2,765	2,749	6,744

The programme of spend regarding surface water management is dependent on uptake by members of the public. This in turn is affected by local weather conditions.

The STEP (Sustainable Transport Enhancement Package) programme has now commenced as is expected to fully spend by the end of the financial year.

The bulk of the LTP works has now been completed and these fees will now show during Q4 along with contract retention fees.

POLICY, PLANNING & TRANSPORTATION

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PUBLIC HEALTH & PUBLIC PROTECTION DEPARTMENT

Revenue Budget as at 31st December 2015

	Annual Budget	Budget To Date	Actual To Date	Variance To Date (overspend)
	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000
Expenditure				
Employees	2,989	2,220	2,213	7
Supplies & Services	341	157	172	(15)
Other Agency	21	21	17	4
Contracts & SLA's	5,269	2,924	2,924	0
Total Expenditure	8,620	5,322	5,326	(4)
Income				
Other Fees & Charges	-109	-46	-34	(12)
Sales Income	-52	-52	-45	(7)
Reimbursements & Grant Income	-59	-51	-78	27
Government Grant	-9,565	-7,196	-7,196	0
Transfer from Reserves	-167	-137	-137	0
Total Income	-9,952	-7,482	-7,490	8
Net Operational Expenditure	-1,332	-2,160	-2,164	4
<u>Recharges</u>				
Premises Support	166	125	125	0
Central Support Services	2,163	2,037	2,037	0
Transport Recharges	21	11	11	0
Net Total Recharges	2,350	2,173	2,173	0
Net Departmental Total	1,018	13	9	4




Comments on the above figures:

In overall terms, the Net Operational Expenditure for the third quarter of the financial year is £4,000 under budget profile.

From 01 October, the commissioning of the Children's Public Health Services moved to the Council. The Council's responsibilities now include Health Visiting Services and Family Nurse Partnership (FNP) services (targeted service for teenage mothers). This transfer of 0-5 Children's Services increased the public health grant for 2015/16 by £1.41million.




APPENDIX 2 – Explanation of Symbols

Symbols are used in the following manner:

Progress		<u>Objective</u>	<u>Performance Indicator</u>
Green		Indicates that the <u>objective is on course to be achieved</u> within the appropriate timeframe.	<i>Indicates that the annual target <u>is on course to be achieved</u>.</i>
Amber		Indicates that it is <u>uncertain or too early to say at this stage</u> , whether the milestone/objective will be achieved within the appropriate timeframe.	<i>Indicates that it is <u>uncertain or too early to say at this stage</u> whether the annual target is on course to be achieved.</i>
Red		Indicates that it is <u>highly likely or certain</u> that the objective will not be achieved within the appropriate timeframe.	<i>Indicates that the target <u>will not be achieved</u> unless there is an <u>intervention or remedial action</u> taken.</i>

Direction of Travel Indicator

Where possible performance measures will also identify a direction of travel using the following convention

Green		Indicates that performance is better as compared to the same period last year.
Amber		Indicates that performance is the same as compared to the same period last year.
Red		Indicates that performance is worse as compared to the same period last year.
N/A		Indicates that the measure cannot be compared to the same period last year.