



**Safer Halton Policy and Performance Board**

**\* \* \* Supplementary Agenda \* \* \***

**Tuesday, 22 January 2008 6.30 p.m.**

**Council Chamber, Runcorn Town Hall**

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**Chief Executive**

**COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIP**

<b>Councillor Shaun Osborne (Chairman)</b>	<b>Labour</b>
<b>Councillor John Stockton (Vice- Chairman)</b>	<b>Labour</b>
<b>Councillor Susan Edge</b>	<b>Labour</b>
<b>Councillor Martha Lloyd Jones</b>	<b>Labour</b>
<b>Councillor Keith Morley</b>	<b>Labour</b>
<b>Councillor Peter Murray</b>	<b>Conservative</b>
<b>Councillor Ernest Ratcliffe</b>	<b>Liberal Democrat</b>
<b>Councillor Margaret Ratcliffe</b>	<b>Liberal Democrat</b>
<b>Councillor Linda Redhead</b>	<b>Liberal Democrat</b>
<b>Councillor Geoffrey Swift</b>	<b>Conservative</b>
<b>Councillor Dave Thompson</b>	<b>Labour</b>

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*The next meeting of the Committee is on Tuesday, 18 March 2008*

**ITEMS TO BE DEALT WITH  
IN THE PRESENCE OF THE PRESS AND PUBLIC**

**Part I**

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**REPORT TO:** Safer Halton Policy and Performance Board

**DATE:** 22<sup>nd</sup> January 2008

**REPORTING OFFICER:** Strategic Director, Corporate and Policy

**SUBJECT:** Quarter 3 Financial Information Update.

**WARDS:** Boroughwide

**1.1 PURPOSE OF THE REPORT**

**2.0** To provide Members with the financial information for the relevant departments as at 31<sup>st</sup> December 2007.

**3.0 SUPPORTING INFORMATION**

**4.0 POLICY IMPLICATIONS**

4.1 There are no new policy implications as a result of this report.

**5.0 OTHER IMPLICATIONS**

5.1 There are no other implications flowing from this report.

**6.0 RISK ANALYSIS**

6.1 There are no risks associated with this report.

**7.0 EQUALITY AND DIVERSITY ISSUES**

7.1 There are no Equality and Diversity issues associated with this report.

**8.0 LIST OF BACKGROUND PAPERS UNDER SECTION 100D OF THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 1972**

8.1 There are no background papers under the meaning of the Act.

**ENVIRONMENTAL & REGULATORY SERVICES DEPARTMENT****ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH & BUILDING CONTROL DIVISION****Revenue Budget as at 31<sup>st</sup> December 2007**

	Annual Revised Budget	Budget To Date	Actual To Date	Variance To Date (overspend)	Actual Including Committed Items
	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000
<b><u>Expenditure</u></b>					
Employees	1,644	1,237	1,173	64	1,174
Premises Support	79	0	0	0	0
Other Premises	8	7	3	4	3
Supplies & Services	305	228	184	44	235
Transport	66	44	42	2	43
Central Support Services	324	0	0	0	0
Departmental Support Services	321	0	0	0	0
Agency Related	14	14	17	(3)	17
Asset Charges	2	0	0	0	0
<b>Total Expenditure</b>	<b>2,763</b>	<b>1,530</b>	<b>1,419</b>	<b>111</b>	<b>1,472</b>
<b><u>Income</u></b>					
Sales	-50	-49	-43	(6)	-43
Building Control Fees	-370	-277	-230	(47)	-230
Pest Control	-64	-48	-60	12	-60
Other Fees & Charges	-5	-4	-3	(1)	-3
Grant Funding	-196	-190	-173	(17)	-173
Reimbursements	-14	-6	-7	1	-7
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>-699</b>	<b>-574</b>	<b>-516</b>	<b>(58)</b>	<b>-516</b>
<b>Net Expenditure</b>	<b>2,064</b>	<b>956</b>	<b>903</b>	<b>53</b>	<b>1,056</b>

**Comments on the above figures:**

In overall terms, revenue net expenditure at the end of quarter 3 is below budget.

With regards to expenditure, staffing is below budget at the end of quarter 3. This is a combination of vacancies within the Enforcement Co-ordination, Building Control, Food Health & Safety and Environmental Protection Teams.

With regards to income, Building Control fees are less than budget to date as a result of increased competition from the private sector. Although it can be anticipated that the deficit will be closed in the final quarter of the financial year, it is unlikely that the annual target will be achieved.

At this stage it appears the only significant issue is the low Building Control income.

**ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH & BUILDING CONTROL DIVISION****Capital Projects as at 31<sup>st</sup> December 2007**

	2007/08 Capital Allocation £'000	Allocation To Date £'000	Actual Spend To Date £'000	Allocation Remaining £'000
Noise Equipment Replacement	10	10	11	(1)
Contaminated Land Stenhills Quarry	170	74	0	170
Air Quality Monitoring Station	20	0	0	20
<b>Total Capital Expenditure</b>	<b>200</b>	<b>84</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>189</b>

**ENVIRONMENTAL & REGULATORY SERVICES DEPARTMENT****PLANNING DIVISION****Revenue Budget as at 31<sup>st</sup> December 2007**

	Annual Revised Budget	Budget To Date	Actual To Date	Variance To Date (overspend)	Actual Including Committed Items
	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000
<b><u>Expenditure</u></b>					
Employees	993	747	685	62	690
Premises Support	67	0	0	0	0
Hired & Contracted Svcs	80	60	109	(49)	111
Unitary Development Plan	25	19	4	15	10
Supplies & Services	138	101	51	50	219
Transport	16	12	13	(1)	13
Central Support Services	229	0	0	0	0
Departmental Support Services	255	0	0	0	0
Agency	3	2	0	2	0
<b>Total Expenditure</b>	<b>1,806</b>	<b>941</b>	<b>862</b>	<b>79</b>	<b>1,043</b>
<b><u>Income</u></b>					
Planning Fees	-782	-547	-541	(6)	-541
Support Services	-400	0	0	0	0
Planning Delivery Grant	-250	-77	-77	0	-77
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>-1,432</b>	<b>-624</b>	<b>-618</b>	<b>(6)</b>	<b>-618</b>
<b>Net Expenditure</b>	<b>374</b>	<b>317</b>	<b>244</b>	<b>73</b>	<b>425</b>

**Comments on the above figures:**

In overall terms revenue spending at the end of quarter 3 is below budget.

With regards to expenditure, employees is below budget to date due to staff vacancies within the department. The variance of spend above budget to date relating to hired and contracted services is due to spend funded by Planning Delivery Grant and will be offset by grant by the financial year-end. The variance in supplies and services is mainly due to spend within the Spatial Planning section, however, it is anticipated that the full budget will be spent by the financial year end. The large commitment in this area includes £134k of Mersey Gateway related expenditure for policy work.

In terms of income, an estimated budget of £250k has been identified against the Planning Delivery grant. In fact, the actual allocation for grant has been confirmed at £300,000 all of which has been committed. The first tranche of £77k has been received to date.

At this stage it is anticipated that overall spend will be in line with the Departmental budget by the financial year-end.

**HIGHWAYS , TRANSPORTATION & LOGISTICS****Revenue Budget as at 31<sup>st</sup> December 2007**

	Annual Revised Budget	Budget To Date	Actual To Date	Variance To Date (overspend)	Actual Including Committed Items
	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000
<b><u>Expenditure</u></b>					
Employees	3,296	2,481	2,257	224	2,257
Premises Support	260	0	0	0	0
Other Premises	152	88	70	18	72
Hired & Contracted Services	246	188	154	34	228
Supplies & Services	359	235	199	36	245
Highways Insurance	639	0	0	0	0
Street Lighting	1,694	836	819	17	931
Highways Maintenance	2,200	989	963	26	1,039
Bridges	113	79	70	9	72
Eastern Relief Road (met by grant)	205	154	141	13	154
Other Transport	247	212	140	72	151
Central Support Services	540	0	0	0	0
Departmental Support Services	284	0	0	0	0
NRA Levy	55	41	42	(1)	42
Subsidised Bus Routes	654	490	431	59	565
Out of Zone Transport	144	108	53	55	63
Grants to Voluntary Organisations	113	113	113	0	113
Asset Charges	4,988	0	0	0	0
<b>Total Expenditure</b>	<b>16,189</b>	<b>6,014</b>	<b>5,452</b>	<b>562</b>	<b>5,932</b>
<b><u>Income</u></b>					
Sales	-42	-36	-41	5	-41
Out of Zone Transport	-144	-108	-67	(41)	-67
Other Fees & Charges	-108	-75	-116	41	-116
Support Service Recharges	-979	0	0	0	0
Grants & Reimbursements	-406	-380	-418	38	-418
Recharge to Capital	-638	-247	-247	0	-247
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>-2,317</b>	<b>846</b>	<b>-889</b>	<b>43</b>	<b>-889</b>
<b>Net Expenditure</b>	<b>13,872</b>	<b>5,168</b>	<b>4,563</b>	<b>605</b>	<b>5,043</b>



## **Comments on the above figures:**

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

Staffing is below budget to date mainly in the Highways Engineers section as a result of staff turnover and vacancies for professional staff being slow to fill. In addition, there are also a number of vacancies within Transportation, resulting from staff leaving and secondments to other sections.

With regards to works budgets – Street Lighting, and Highways Maintenance, these budgets usually incur expenditure towards the end of the financial year due to the nature of the work undertaken. As a result the budgets will be spent by the financial year-end.

Hired and Contracted Services is below budget to date due to the fact that there is no requirement to produce an annual LTP progress report this financial year. However, this budget has been committed elsewhere and will be spent by the financial year-end.

Subsidised Bus Routes is below budget due to quarterly charges not yet received from other authorities and Merseytravel. This budget will be fully spent at the financial year-end, as indicated by the actual including commitment figure.

At this stage it is anticipated that overall spend will be in line with the Departmental budget by the financial year-end.

**HIGHWAYS , TRANSPORTATION & LOGISTICS****Capital Projects as at 31<sup>st</sup> December 2007**

	2007/08 Capital Allocation £'000	Allocation To Date £'000	Actual Spend To Date £'000	Allocation Remaining £'000
<b><u>Local Transport Plan</u></b>				
<b><u>Bridges &amp; Highway Maintenance</u></b>				
Bridge Strengthening - Calvers	150	0	0	150
A533 Desoto Road Railway Bridge	120	123	119	1
A533 Widnes Pedestrian Subway	30	0	9	21
A533 Widnes Approach Viaduct	284	284	359	(75)
A533 Brook Place Bridge	67	0	0	67
SJB Complex & Associated Structures	68	48	14	54
Other Bridges	60	40	27	33
HBC Bridges LTP Staff Costs	147	0	0	147
Seconded Staff Waterman	72	72	92	(20)
Retentions on Contracts from 04.05	20	6	1	19
Carriageway Reconstruction Major – PRN Minor	250	250	201	49
Carriageway Reconstruction MLI	150	140	140	10
Footway Reconstruction PRN	80	64	20	60
Independent Footpath Network (205k)	75	27	7	68
Footway Reconstruction MLI	100	91	56	44
Carriageway Reconstruction Other Roads	110	110	90	20
Footway Reconstruction Other Roads	51	19	24	27
Carriageway Major Drainage	45	10	41	4
Cycleways	34	34	34	0
HBC Highways LTP Staff costs	90	0	67	23
Seconded Staff Waterman	39	0	7	32
Lighting	150	45	4	146
<b>Total Bridges &amp; Highway Maintenance</b>	<b>2,192</b>	<b>1,363</b>	<b>1,312</b>	<b>880</b>
<b><u>Capital</u></b>				
LSS – PR Safety Schemes Barriers	17	13	21	(4)
Local safety schemes – Watkinson Way	89	55	24	65
Walking (Quality Corridor)	158	128	60	98
Walking (Outside Corridor)	33	0	5	28
Cycling (Quality Corridor)	161	131	39	122
Cycling (Outside Corridor)	49	0	0	49
Bus Route – Quality Corridor	170	100	35	135
Direct Contribution to Regeneration	40	35	0	40
A56/Eastern Expressway Improvements	130	30	84	46
Upton Lane Distributor Match Funding	60	60	6	54
Seconded Staff Waterman	75	70	41	34
Minor Works Staff Costs	199	150	130	69
<b>Total Capital</b>	<b>1,181</b>	<b>772</b>	<b>445</b>	<b>736</b>

<b><u>Lighting</u></b>				
Variable Message Signing	167	120	69	98
Traffic Signal Upgrades	27	20	18	9
Minor Works Staff Costs	18	13	0	18
<b>Total Lighting</b>	<b>212</b>	<b>153</b>	<b>87</b>	<b>125</b>
<b><u>Transport</u></b>				
LSS – Minor Works	65	54	33	32
School Travel Plan Support	19	15	8	11
Bus Shelter Improvements	33	27	27	6
Intregated Transport Improvements	70	70	82	(12)
Accessibility Buses	145	0	0	145
Access Improvements	33	33	12	21
PRW	63	8	8	55
Greenways	40	0	0	40
Transportation LTP Staff Costs	97	27	17	80
<b>Total Transportation</b>	<b>565</b>	<b>234</b>	<b>187</b>	<b>378</b>
<b>Total Local Transport Plan</b>	<b>4,150</b>	<b>2,522</b>	<b>2,031</b>	<b>2,119</b>
<b><u>Halton Borough Council</u></b>				
Mersey Gateway	3,750	3,213	3,579	171
Flood Defence	75	38	9	66
Street lighting	200	100	0	200
Peelhouse Lane Link Compensation	160	0	9	151
<b>Total Halton Borough Council</b>	<b>4,185</b>	<b>3,351</b>	<b>3,597</b>	<b>588</b>
<b><u>Section 106 Schemes</u></b>				
Royal Avenue Car Parking	18	0	0	18
Widnes Station Access/Car Park	180	0	4	176
Upton Rocks Distributor Road	100	100	0	100
B & Q Site Public Transport	39	0	0	39
<b>Total Section 106 Schemes</b>	<b>337</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>333</b>
<b><u>Section 278 Schemes</u></b>				
Keckwick Lane	14	0	0	14
A56/Eastern Expressway – Non LTP	352	0	0	352

**HIGHWAYS , TRANSPORTATION & LOGISTICS****LSP, External or Grant Funded Items as at 31<sup>st</sup> December 2007**

	Annual Revised Budget	Budget To Date	Actual To Date	Variance To Date (overspend)	Actual Including Committed Items
	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000
Accessible Transport	24	18	24	(6)	24
Links to Work	20	45	43	2	43
Neighbourhood Travel Team	60	15	5	10	5
<b>Total Local Strategic Partnerships Funding</b>	104	78	72	6	72