

Environment & Urban Renewal Policy and Performance Board

Priority Based Monitoring Report

Reporting Period: **Quarter 1 – Period 01st April 2014 to 31st June 2014**

1.0 Introduction

- 1.1. This report provides an overview of issues and progress against key service objectives/milestones and performance targets, during the first quarter of 2014/15 for service areas within the remit of the Environment & Urban Renewal (E&UR) Policy and Performance Board.
- 1.2. Key priorities for development or improvement in 2014-17 were agreed by Members and included in Directorate Plans, for the various functional areas reporting to the Environment & Urban Renewal Policy & Performance Board i.e.:
 - Development & Investment Services
 - Open Spaces and Waste and Environmental Improvement
 - Highways, Transportation & Logistics and Physical Environment
 - Housing Strategy
- 1.3 The way in which traffic light symbols have been used to reflect progress to date is explained within Section 8 of this report.

2.0 Key Developments

- 2.1 There have been a number of developments within the Directorate during the period which include:

Development & Investment Services

- On the 11th November 2013 the Council completed on the disposal of the site of the former Barge Public House and adjoining land to Keepmoat Homes. This was followed by an immediate start on site by the developer. The scheme comprises a total of 86 two, three and four bedroom homes starting at £90,000. Joint publicity with Keepmoat was gained in early December 2013, with the Executive Board Member for Physical Environment taking a leading role.
- With the success of Phase 1, it is important that momentum within private housing market continues on Castlefields and the Master Plan is realised. As such with planning and other lead in times, attention must now be focussed on bringing Lakeside Phase 2 / 3 to market. In June 2014 Keepmoat expressed an interest in taking forward the final two phases of the Lakeside development site. This equates to about 3.5 hectare of land which will delivery approximately 100 homes. The Council has no requirement to sell to Keepmoat and an alternative approach would be to go to the open market. Keepmoat are currently working up

a financial and social 'offer' for HBC to consider. To ensure momentum is achieved a decision whether to continue to informally negotiate with Keepmoat or progress open market disposal will be required in September 2014. A twin track approach could also be undertaken.

Policy, Planning and Transportation.

- The next batch of 20 mph zones will be advertised shortly. Subject to no objections during the statutory consultation period, these will be implemented in the latter part of 2014:

RUNCORN	
Ward	Area
Mersey	Ellesmere Street Area
Windmill Hill	Windmill Hill Estate, Excluding Main Roads
Beechwood	Beechwood Estates, Excluding Beechwood Avenue
Halton Lea	Palace Fields Estate, Excluding Palace Fields Avenue

WIDNES	
Ward	Area
Hough Green	Cherry Sutton/Haddon Drive – Estate
Riverside	Nazareth House Lane – Estate
Ditton	Oakfield Drive – Estate
Appleton	Millfield Road – Estate

- Work has commenced regarding the implementation of a permit scheme, which will increase our control of roadworks carried out by the Statutory Undertakers. It will be based on the Merseyside Authorities Permits Scheme, which has been developed by St Helens Metropolitan Borough Council (MBC) and it is anticipated the scheme will be operational from September 2015.
- Recently an additional funding boost specifically to target potholes was announced and Halton were successful in their bid, gaining a further £168k for this purpose. This is on the basis of providing quarterly reports to the DfT outlining the number of potholes repaired, their location, cost etc. Primary locations are now being identified and it is hoped that works will commence in August 2014.
- Real Time Passenger Information (RTPI) will be introduced into the Borough during this financial year. The project will be delivered in partnership with Merseytravel and agreement has been reached to purchase 38 information screens to be deployed at bus stops across Widnes and Runcorn. Initially, 20 screens will be installed with the remainder being fitted by the end of the year. The system will provide real-time information enabling service users to make better informed journey decisions.
- Pre-application planning discussions are underway for the development of the old P & O site in Widnes.

- As required by the Inspector who examined the Core Strategy, the Green Belt to the north of the Mersey is being reviewed to identify development sites for release in the future should the supply of available development land fall below the amount required to meet Halton's identified needs. A draft report is expected to be provided to Members in the coming quarter.
- An updated Retail and Leisure Study is being commissioned from specialist consultants to provide a 'health check' for the Borough's three main centres and update market share information and future floor space requirements.
- New population projections for Halton have been released by the Office for National Statistics (ONS). These update the Interim Projections published last year (2013/14) and show Halton's population steadily increasing, though at a slower rate through to 2037, when the projections indicate the Borough's population could stand at over 129,000. These would indicate that the Council's strategies to reverse previous forecasts of population decline have proved to be successful.
- To encourage sustainable travel promotional items have been delivered and are being given out at events and the borough cycle route map is being updated. At Sci-Tech Daresbury, bike maintenance sessions and a Bike User Group have been organised. A week of lunchtime bike rides is scheduled for week commencing 14th July 2014, which will culminate in the provision of a Level 3 Bikeability course.
- Mersey Gateway works to establish the haul road, effectively 'the bridge to build a bridge', commenced in early May 2014, with a ground-breaking ceremony taking place on 7th May 2014.

Open Spaces and Waste & Environmental Improvement

- All of Halton's kerbside collected residual waste is now being diverted from landfill. This follows the commencement of a Waste Treatment Services Contract which was awarded to WSR Recycling Limited; a local company based in Widnes. Residual waste is now taken to the WSR plant on Ditton Road in Widnes where it is bulked up and transported on for treatment outside of the borough. The new contractual arrangements, which will be in place until the commencement of the Merseyside and Halton Resource Recovery Contract 2016, will increase the Council's overall recycling performance and help deliver operational efficiencies.
- Members of the Executive Board have approved an extension of the pilot scheme for the issuing of Fixed Penalty Notices for litter and dog control offences by 3GS until the end of February 2015. The scheme has helped increase the Council's capacity to take enforcement action against those caught committing such offences and since its introduction in mid-February 3GS officers have issued 753 Fixed Penalty Notices for littering and dog fouling offences.

As well as helping to tackle those who commit littering and dog fouling offences, the scheme has brought about an increased highly visible presence, particularly in Town Centre locations and public open spaces. This will help to deter potential offenders and provides reassurance to members of the public that the Council is taking action to tackle litter and dog fouling problems in their local area.

Housing Strategy

- The deadline for funding bids to the Homes and Communities Agency (HCA) Homes Programme 2015/18 passed on the 30th April 2014. Bids have been submitted by Liverpool Housing Trust (LHT), Plus Dane, Halton Housing Trust (HHT) and Galliford Try for developments in Halton. The proposals comprise 365 dwellings for affordable rent across 19 sites. The outcome of the bids is due to be announced mid-July 2014.

25% of the Programme funds have been reserved for subsequent in year bids, and we will seek to take advantage of this and maximise housing delivery through continued joint working with local Housing Associations.

- The Belvedere supported housing scheme has been successfully decommissioned and was returned into Council possession on the 20th June. Options for disposal are currently being considered.

3.0 Emerging Issues

- 3.1 A number of emerging issues have been identified during the period that will impact upon the work of the Directorate including:

Development & Investment Services

- I. The Liverpool City Region (LCR) Local Enterprise Partnership (LEP) has developed a proposal to create a 'Growth Hub' for the city region. A Growth Hub is not a physical entity but rather a virtual organisation to provide business support services across the City Region. However, Government is very prescriptive with respect to the form and function of the Growth Hub model they will support. This must include management and strategic coordination and a one stop shop.

The prescribed model suggests a preeminent role for local Chambers support by Local Authorities. Halton Borough Council and Halton Chamber of Commerce and others are, therefore, discussing in detail how the Growth Hub might work in Halton and how best the model might serve the needs of the local business community

- II. The LEP and Local Authority partners are currently debating the development of an Inward Investment Protocol for the Liverpool City Region. The LEP proposes a co-ordinated agency approach, resourced centrally but led by the LEP, to 'sell' the LCR. The LEP have therefore, issued a tender inviting the private sector to recommend how the LCR might deliver an inward investment service.

Policy, Planning and Transportation.

- I. The cost of energy is a continuing concern as the rates are increasing at a rate higher than inflation. Discussions are now taking place to investigate funding to allow the installation of LED lanterns to be accelerated.

- II. The ongoing work involving the installation of permanent gantries below the main expansion joints of the Silver Jubilee Bridge is now complete and the reinstallation of the refurbished Shock Transmission units is expected to take place over the summer period.
- III. The winter maintenance season for highways finished on 10th April 2014. At the end of the season, 26 gritting runs had been undertaken with salt usage totalling 660 tonnes. Due to this year's relatively mild temperatures this is a reduction in gritting runs of 58% and salt usage of 43% compared to the 2012/13 season.
- IV. The Public Inquiry into the redevelopment of the Heath School in Runcorn that has resulted from the HSE referring the application to the Secretary of State will commence on 16th September 2014. As a consequence a significant amount of preparatory work will now need to be undertaken.
- V. In October 2014, the Speke Road on-slip at the Ditton Junction will close for 14 weeks, with the permanent closure of the link road connecting the east bound Bridgewater Expressway to and from the Central Expressway in Runcorn at around the same time. Local diversions will be put in place and well sign posted, and the Council will be working with Merseylink to phase road closures throughout the project to try and minimise disruption to drivers and residents.

Open Spaces and Waste & Environmental Improvement

- I. Changes to the Council's waste and recycling service are planned to come into effect in the autumn of 2014/15. The changes are being brought about as a result of the roll out of the Alternate Bin Collection (ABC) scheme to all suitable properties in the borough and will coincide with the complete redesign of existing collection schedules. The change is necessary for two reasons: to help protect the environment by encouraging more people to reduce their waste and recycle more, and to enable the Council to deliver a more efficient operation.

4.0 Risk Control Measures

- 4.1 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 2014 – 15 Directorate Business Plans.

Progress concerning the implementation of all high-risk mitigation measures will be monitored in Quarter 2 (14-15).

5.0 High Priority Equality Actions

5.1 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.

The Council's latest annual progress report in relation to the achievement of its equality objectives was published on the Council website during quarter 4 and is available via:



[http://www3.halton.gov.uk/Pages/councildemocracy/pdfs/EandD/Equality - objectives progress report - April 2013.pdf](http://www3.halton.gov.uk/Pages/councildemocracy/pdfs/EandD/Equality_-_objectives_progress_report_-_April_2013.pdf)

6.0 Performance Overview

6.1 The following information provides a synopsis of progress for both milestones and performance indicators across the key business areas that have been identified by the Directorate:

Development and Investment Services

Key Objectives / milestones

Ref	Milestones	Q1 Progress
EEP1	Commence Crossville development by March 2015 .	
EEP1	Commence construction of road at Johnson's Lane and introduce end user to site by March 2015 .	
EEP1	Commence work on site for project Techspace by September 2014 .	
EEP1	Acquisition and preparation of Lord Daresbury plot and hostel site by March 2015 .	

Supporting Commentary

Crosville Site Development

Technical and financially viable solutions to High pressure gas main and contaminated land still being investigated. CPG is continuing to try and progress discussions with National Grid in terms of the preferred design requirements and standards for protecting the Gas Main during the remediation and post construction. A meeting has been held with Development Control to discuss the planning application and agree the information required for submission.

Johnson's Lane Development

Tarmac has withdrawn from the lease offer on 2 acres off Johnson's Lane, but the Ballast Phoenix offer on 6 acres is still live and progressing. The Council's Capital Works Team has been instructed to start work on the road extension. The Council is currently waiting for the funding agreement for the Growing Places Fund (GPF) loan from the Local Enterprise Partnership (LEP). The Road design has been completed and now this is with Tarmac for pricing prior to HBC negotiating the target cost.









Daresbury Labs Techspace

Pre-Qualification Questionnaires (PQQs) have been completed and the invitations to tender will now be sent out with a start on site expected in September 2014.

Lord Daresbury Site

Lord Daresbury plot has now been acquired. Preparation of this and the Hostel plot is expected to take place between September 2014 and March 2015.

Key Performance Indicators

Ref	Measure	13 / 14 Actual	14 / 15 Target	Q1 Actual	Q1 Progress	Direction of travel
DIS LI 01	Occupancy of HBC industrial units.	85%	85%	84%		
DIS LI 02	Occupancy of Widnes Market Hall.	84%	95%	82%		
DIS LI 05	Number of investment enquiries per annum.	295 (Cumulative)	200	73		
DIS LI 06	Inward Investment enquiry conversion rate percentage.	15%	10%	10%		

Supporting Commentary

DIS LI 01

A marginally reduced figure in comparison to the same period last year of 86%.

DIS LI 02

Slightly reduced figure in comparison to the same period last year the figure has reduced from 92%. The reduction is a result of a reduced number of applications for new stalls and a number of established traders either down-sizing or handing in their notice.

DIS LI 05


In comparison to the same period last year the figure has reduced from 81, however Investment enquiries in Quarter 1 2014/15 are on target.

DIS LI 06

Conversions in Quarter 1 2014\15 are on target. In comparison to the same period last year, the figure has increased from 7%.

Open Spaces and Waste & Environmental Improvement

Key Objectives / milestones

Ref	Milestones	Q1 Progress
CE 05	Woodland Expansion - Additional 200m ² of Woodland planted Borough wide - March 2015 .	





Supporting Commentary

Woodland Expansion

Work has begun on the planting plans for the winter period.

Key Performance Indicators

Key Objectives / milestones

Ref	Milestones	Q1 Progress
CE 05	Woodland Expansion - Additional 200m ² of Woodland planted Borough wide - March 2015 .	
CE 06	Complete the borough wide roll out of the Alternative Bin Collection service to all suitable properties September 2014 .	
CE 06	Continue to deliver communications and awareness raising initiatives to ensure that participation with the Council's recycling services is maximised and that residents comply with the requirements of the Council's Household Waste Collection policy March 2015 .	
CE 07	Continue to review and assess the effectiveness of the Council's Environmental Enforcement Plans and Policies and maintain actions to ensure that the Council continues to effectively prevent and tackle a range of waste and environmental offences March 2015 .	

Supporting Commentary

Woodland Expansion

Work has begun on the planting plans for the winter period.

Alternate Bin Collections

As set out in Emerging Issues Section above, plans are being drawn up for the borough wide roll out of the Alternative Bin Collection service to all suitable properties.







Borough Recycling Initiatives

This work is on-going and includes direct delivery of information to households and articles in local media, including Inside Halton.

Environmental Enforcement Plans

This work is on-going and Members will receive updated throughout the financial year.

Key Performance Indicators

Ref	Measure	13 / 14 Actual	14 / 15 Target	Q1 Actual	Q1 Progress	Direction of travel
CE LI 13	Residual household waste per household (Previously NI191).	624 Kgs	650 kgs	159.16 (Estimated)		
CE LI 14	Household waste recycled and composted (Previously NI192).	38.53%	40%	42.85% (Estimated)		
CE LI 16	Municipal waste land filled (Previously NI193).	57.17%	60%	53.53% (Estimated)		



Supporting Commentary

CE LI 13, 14 & 16

These are cumulative figures however, performance in Q1 is in line with the corresponding period from last year and early indications are that these targets will be met.

Highways, Transportation & Logistics

Key Objectives / milestones

Ref	Milestones	Q1 Progress
PPT 01	Review progress against SJB maintenance strategy and deliver 2014/15 major bridge maintenance works programme. March 2015.	
PPT 02	To deliver the 2014/15 LTP Capital Programme March 2015.	















Supporting Commentary



The Department for Transport (DfT) gave approval to transfer £202k of Grant from 2013/14 to 2014/15 to reflect works which have been delayed. This has given a total of £414k of SJB Major Maintenance Scheme grant funding for the year.

Highway development construction work on integrated transport schemes carried through from 2013/14 is in progress. Design work on a programme of sustainable transport improvements is underway. Additionally the 2014/15 carriageway and footway programmes are currently being costed.

It should be noted that there has been a slight delay in the adoption of a Local Flood Risk Strategy which was originally scheduled for June 2014. Consultation is planned for August / September.

Key Performance Indicators

Ref	Measure	13 / 14 Actual	14 / 15 Target	Q1 Actual	Q1 Progress	Direction of travel
PPT LI 01	Number of third party compensation claims received due to alleged highway / footway defects.	132	110	27		
PPT LI 04 (ex NI 157)	Processing of planning applications as measured against targets for:					
	a) 'major' applications	83.3%	60%	*100% (70%)		
	b) 'minor' applications	74.2%	85%	86%		
	c) 'other' applications	83.6%	85%	93%		
PPT LI 05	To ensure a five year rolling supply of housing land available for 2,760 homes over 5 years. Measure as supply of ready to develop housing sites (%).	111	110	N / A	N / A	N / A
PPT LI 15	Bus service punctuality, Part 1: The proportion of non-frequent scheduled services on time (%):					
	Percentage of buses starting route on time	98.05%	98.0%	98.11		
	Percentage of buses on time at intermediate timing points	91.60%	87.50%	94.1%		
PPT LI 17	No. of passengers on community based accessible transport	253,357	267,000	60,310		

Ref	Measure	13 / 14 Actual	14 / 15 Target	Q1 Actual	Q1 Progress	Direction of travel
PPT LI 19	Number of local bus passenger journeys originating in the authority area in one year (000's)	5,522	6,200	1,361		

Supporting Commentary

The Majority of indicators are presently showing positive levels of achievement above that that was being achieved at the same time last year, whilst the passenger journey numbers are slightly down on the same period last year. This is due to the increased use of the in-house fleet for out of borough journeys to reduce contracting costs. Halton Community Transport (HCT) has also seen a slight reduction in passengers due to a reduction in contracted services and group bookings.

The five year supply of housing land availability is calculated by the annual Strategic Housing Land Availability Assessment (SHLAA). The 2014 assessment is underway with draft results typically available from October and finalised in January.

7.0 Financial Summaries

ECONOMY, ENTERPRISE & PROPERTY DEPARTMENT

Revenue Budget as at 30th June 2014

	Annual Budget	Budget To Date	Actual To Date	Variance To Date (overspend)
	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000
<u>Expenditure</u>				
Employees	4,356	1,029	1,052	(23)
Repairs & Maintenance	2,411	581	579	2
Premises	41	35	36	(1)
Energy & Water Costs	567	143	138	5
NNDR	582	468	467	1
Rents	426	164	163	1
Marketing Programme	35	7	6	1
Promotions	53	9	8	1
Supplies & Services	1,416	223	208	15
Agency Related Expenditure	33	13	14	(1)
Total Expenditure	9,920	2,672	2,671	1
<u>Income</u>				
Fees & Charges	-481	-113	-114	1
Rent - Markets	-759	-167	-169	2
Rent - Industrial Estates	-573	-169	-169	0
Rent - Commercial	-560	-64	-64	0
Transfer to / from Reserves	-199	-190	-190	0
Government Grant - Income	-1,916	-202	-202	0
Reimbursements & Other Income	-38	-38	-38	0
Recharges to Capital	-312	0	0	0
Schools SLA Income	-569	-20	-19	(1)
Total Income	-5,407	-963	-965	2
NET OPERATIONAL BUDGET	4,513	1,709	1,706	3
<u>Recharges</u>				
Premises Support Costs	1,409	343	343	0
Transport Support Costs	30	4	4	0
Central Support Service Costs	1,970	507	507	0
Asset Rental Support Costs	2,414	0	0	0
Repairs & Maint. Rech. Income	-2,448	-612	-612	0
Accommodation Rech. Income	-2,652	-663	-663	0
Central Supp. Service Rech. Income	-1,457	-364	-364	0
Total Recharges	-734	-785	-785	0
Net Expenditure	3,779	924	921	3

Comments on the above figures:

Achieving staff turnover savings within the Department will continue to remain an issue this financial year. Whilst, there are a few vacancies within the Department which will contribute towards the savings, the staff savings turnover target set for Building & School Cleaning and Caretakers Service cannot be achieved as the services need to be fully staffed at all times.

Energy & Water Costs are under budget at the end of Quarter 1 as a result of improvements that have been implemented throughout the Council buildings over the last few years.

In order to ease budget pressures spending has been restricted in year on Supplies & Services. Promotions and Marketing has also been kept to a minimum in an effort to achieve savings for the Department.

The adverse variance relating to Asset Management income in previous years has alleviated this financial year, as a result of the closure of Moor Lane and the impending sale of Seymour Court. The remaining Industrial Estates and Commercial Properties show the income budgets marginally under budget at this point in the year. As rental income can fluctuate in year, close monitoring will continue on these volatile budgets.

Market rental income is slightly above budget at the end of Quarter 1. Both market hall and open market income has remained stable during the first quarter of the year.

Work will continue with Managers to deal with any in-year budget pressures. In overall terms it is anticipated that net expenditure will be slightly under the overall Departmental budget by year-end.

COMMUNITY & ENVIRONMENT DEPARTMENT

Revenue Budget as at 30th June 2014

	Annual Budget	Budget To Date	Actual To Date	Variance To Date (overspend)
	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000
<u>Expenditure</u>				
Employees	12,249	3,026	3,036	(10)
Other Premises	1,459	535	507	28
Supplies & Services	1,546	462	439	23
Book Fund	192	58	57	1
Promotional	265	66	64	2
Other Hired Services	1,052	171	160	11
Food Provisions	706	167	164	3
School Meals Food	1,643	373	367	6
Transport	55	14	4	10
Other Agency Costs	676	89	87	2
Waste Disposal Contracts	5,012	76	80	(4)
Leisure Management Contract	1,437	349	390	(41)
Grants To Voluntary Organisations	333	116	111	5
Grant To Norton Priory	222	111	112	(1)
Capital Financing	19	0	0	0
Total Spending	26,866	5,613	5,578	35
<u>Income</u>				
Sales Income	-2,327	-600	-562	(38)
School Meals Sales	-2,368	-160	-173	13
Fees & Charges Income	-2,793	-677	-618	(59)
Rents Income	-127	-135	-149	14
Government Grant Income	-31	-5	-5	0
Reimbursements & Other Grant Income	-444	-27	-31	4
Schools SLA Income	-82	-71	-68	(3)
Internal Fees Income	-110	-21	-32	11
School Meals Other Income	-2,165	-15	-50	35
Meals On Wheels	-192	-40	-38	(2)
Catering Fees	-226	-43	-29	(14)
Capital Salaries	-53	-13	-13	0
Transfers From Reserves	-27	0	0	0
Total Income	-10,945	-1,807	-1,768	(39)
Net Controllable Expenditure	15,921	3,806	3,810	(4)

Recharges				
Premises Support	2,048	547	547	0
Transport Recharges	2,393	155	173	(18)
Departmental Support Services	9	0	0	0
Central Support Services	3,149	844	844	0
Asset Charges	3,197	0	0	0
HBC Support Costs Income	-356	-356	-356	0
Net Total Recharges	10,440	1,190	1,208	(18)
Net Departmental Total	26,361	4,996	5,018	(22)

Comments on the above figures:

The net budget is £22,000 over budget profile at the end of the first quarter of 2014/15.

Staffing expenditure is over budget profile by £10,000 for the first quarter of the year. This is primarily due to the quarterly target for premium pay of £14,100. There has been some spending on agency staffing in Open Spaces to cover absences and vacancies although this spend is not expected to continue.

Other Premises and Supplies & Services expenditures are collectively currently £51,000 under budget to date. The main reasons are due to lower spend on rates across the division and lower than expected spend in the quarter on landscaping works and equipment within school meals. It is likely that landscaping works and equipment budgets will be spent later in the year.

The Leisure Management contract is £41,000 over budget profile. If spend continues at the same rate the full year effect is likely to be in the region of £160,000 over budget. Last financial year the contract was £81,000 overspent, however £32,000 reserves were used to partially offset this.

Sales and Fees & Charges across the Department are currently underachieving and will continue to be a pressure this year. In particular stadium sales and trade waste income is still less than anticipated but the underachievement is less than previous years due to the target having been reduced.

The majority of invoices relating to waste disposal for the quarter have not yet been received so close monitoring will be undertaken throughout the next quarter to ascertain an accurate position moving forward.

COMMUNITY & ENVIRONMENT DEPARTMENT**Capital Projects as at 30th June 2014**

	2014/15 Capital Allocation £'000	Allocation To Date £'000	Actual Spend To Date £'000	Allocation Remaining £'000
Stadium Minor Works	30	7	1	29
Widnes Recreation Site	2,515	630	630	1,885
Open Spaces Schemes	189	108	108	81
Children's Playground Equipment	79	1	1	78
Upton Improvements	63	0	0	63
Crow Wood Play Area	13	0	0	13
Runcorn Hill Park	311	153	153	158
Runcorn Cemetery Extension	9	0	0	9
Cremators Widnes Crematorium	396	1	1	395
Landfill Tax Credit Schemes	340	14	14	326
Litter Bins	20	0	0	20
Total Spending	3,965	914	908	3,057

POLICY, PLANNING & TRANSPORTATION DEPARTMENT

Revenue Budget as at 30th June 2014

	Annual Budget £'000	Budget To Date £'000	Actual To Date £'000	Variance To Date (overspend) £'000
<u>Expenditure</u>				
Employees	4,810	1,163	1,161	2
Other Premises	205	53	44	9
Hired & Contracted Services	433	118	110	8
Supplies & Services	314	89	89	0
Street Lighting	1,914	276	277	(1)
Highways Maintenance	2,383	1,002	1,000	2
Bridges	96	8	3	5
Fleet Transport	1,385	244	238	6
Lease Car Contracts	516	301	301	0
Bus Support – Halton Hopper Tickets	177	70	70	0
Bus Support	541	89	83	6
Out of Borough Transport	51	4	3	1
Finance Charges	406	169	171	(2)
Grants to Voluntary Organisations	68	34	34	0
NRA Levy	58	15	15	0
Total Expenditure	13,357	3,635	3,599	36
<u>Income</u>				
Sales	-253	-116	-125	9
Planning Fees	-506	-102	-98	(4)
Building Control Fees	-186	-62	-68	6
Other Fees & Charges	-845	-203	-207	4
Rents	-8	0	0	0
Grants & Reimbursements	-523	-211	-211	0
Efficiency Savings	-60	0	0	0
School SLAs	-39	0	0	0
Recharge to Capital	-312	0	0	0
Total Income	-2,732	-694	-709	15
Net Controllable Expenditure	10,625	2,941	2,890	51
<u>Recharges</u>				
Premises Support	528	229	229	0
Transport Recharges	596	59	59	0
Asset Charges	7,946	0	0	0
Central Support Recharges	2,385	596	596	0
Departmental Support Recharges Income	-432	-108	-108	0
Support Recharges Income – Transport	-2,884	-248	-248	0
Support Recharges Income – Non Transport	-2,385	-337	-337	0
Net Total Recharges	5,754	191	191	0
Net Departmental Total	16,379	3,132	3,081	51

Comments on the above figures:

In overall terms revenue spending at the end of quarter 1 is below budget profile. This is due to a number of expenditure and income budget areas.

Other Premises is below budget to date mainly due to lower than expected utility bills and lower than expected NNDR for Lower House Lane Depot within the Logistics division.

Planning fees are currently below budget for quarter 1 but are expected to match budgeted income by year end. Building control income is currently above budget due to higher than expected site inspections on large developments. This favourable variance is expected to continue throughout the year.

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 30th June 2014

	2014/15 Capital Allocation £'000	Allocation To Date £'000	Actual Spend To Date £'000	Allocation Remaining £'000
<u>Local Transport Plan</u>				
Bridges & Highway Maintenance				
Bridge Assessment, Strengthening & Maintenance	1,114	92	56	1,058
Road Maintenance	1,388	347	283	1,105
Total Bridge & Highway Maintenance	2,502	439	339	2,163
Integrated Transport				
	1,020	85	21	999
Total Local Transport Plan	3,522	524	360	3,162
<u>Halton Borough Council</u>				
Street lighting – Structural Maintenance	200	16	17	183
Risk Management	120	10	13	107
Fleet Replacement	1,121	350	358	763
Total Halton Borough Council	1,441	376	388	1,053
<u>Grant Funded</u>				
Surface Water Management Grant	195	0	0	195
Mid Mersey Local Sustainable Transport	399	5	2	397
Total Grant Funded	594	5	2	592
<u>Local Pinch Point Fund</u>				
A558 Access Improvements	2,253	87	55	2,198
Total Capital Programme	7,810	992	805	7,005

Comments on the above figures:

Repairs and maintenance on the Silver Jubilee Bridge have been postponed until the summer holidays to avoid excess traffic congestion regarding the construction of the Mersey Gateway. Costs should reflect this from quarter 2 onwards.

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.

Contracts have recently been signed regarding the A558 improvements, works on this project should be starting within the next quarter.

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Revenue Budget as at 3^{0th} June 2014

	Annual Budget	Budget To Date	Actual To Date	Variance To Date (overspend)
	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000
<u>Expenditure</u>				
Employees	7,463	1,770	1,729	41
Premises	241	87	88	(1)
Supplies & Services	1,905	460	451	9
Carers Breaks	422	145	145	0
Transport	170	40	36	4
Contracts & SLAs	149	36	27	9
Payments To Providers	3,816	888	884	4
Emergency Duty Team	103	0	0	0
Other Agency Costs	521	128	132	(4)
Total Expenditure	14,790	3,554	3,492	62
<u>Income</u>				
Sales & Rents Income	-221	-150	-138	(12)
Fees & Charges	-173	-25	-32	7
CCG Contribution To Service	-613	-186	-184	(2)
Reimbursements & Grant Income	-663	-55	-56	1
Transfer From Reserves	-870	0	0	0
Total Income	-2,540	-416	-410	(6)
Net Operational Expenditure	12,250	3,138	3,082	56
<u>Recharges</u>				
Premises Support	192	40	40	0
Transport	436	109	109	0
Central Support Services	1,685	421	421	0
Asset Charges	76	16	16	0
Internal Recharge Income	-1,685	0	0	0
Net Total Recharges	704	586	586	0
Net Departmental Total	12,954	3,724	3,668	56

Comments on the above figures:

Net operational expenditure is £56,000 below budget profile at the end of the first quarter of the financial year.

Employee costs are currently £41,000 below budget profile. This results from vacant posts, specifically in relation to mental health and day services. These vacant posts are in the process of being filled, and it is not anticipated that the spend below budget profile will continue at this level for the remainder of the financial year.

Expenditure on Contracts and Service Level Agreements is projected to be £28,000 below budget at the year-end. This relates to savings made in payments to providers for the Bredon respite care contract.

Income is currently marginally below the target to date. There is an anticipated shortfall on rental income due to the intended refurbishment of a homeless facility. At this stage in the financial year it is anticipated that this shortfall can be met from over-achievements of income in other service areas, and savings from expenditure.

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Capital Projects as at 30th June 2014

	2014/15 Capital Allocation £'000	Allocation To Date £'000	Actual Spend To Date £'000	Allocation Remaining £'000
ALD Bungalows	400	0	0	400
Grangeway Court	347	0	0	347
Section 256 Grant	56	0	0	56
Community Capacity Grant	351	0	0	351
Total Spending	1,154	0	0	1,154





8.0 Explanation of Symbols

Symbols are used in the following manner:

Progress Symbols

<u>Symbol</u>	<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

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.