

General Fund Budget Monitoring Statement for Period
April 2004 – 24 June 2005

Department	Budget £000	Projected Outturn £000	Over/(Under) spend £000	Note
Central Resources	1,881	1,904	23	1
Community Services	5,567	5,559	(8)	2
Housing Services (General Fund)	410	421	11	3
Management Support Unit	846	850	4	4
Regeneration	1,380	1,435	55	5
Corporate Management	362	362	-	6
Technical Items	(300)	(500)	(200)	7
TOTAL	10,146	10,031	(115)	

Funding:				
Government Grant	5,925	5,925	-	
Council Tax	3,755	3,755	-	
Reserves	466	351	(115)	
TOTAL	10,146	10,031	(115)	

Central Resources – Note 1

- (i) Reduced staffing costs due to vacancy - **£15,000 under spend**
- (ii) Saving due to renewal of telephones contract - **£6,000 under spend**
- (ii) Reduced court costs income due to more prompt payment of council tax. This avoids the need to take people to court and charge them accordingly - **£9,000 over spend**
- (iii) Reduced income from land charges due to increase in personal searches and slow down in housing market - **£15,000 over spend**
- (iv) Reduced levels of benefit subsidy based upon 2004/05 figures - **£20,000 over spend**

Community Services – Note 2

- (i) Increased costs on Parks and Open spaces due to costs of unbudgeted attendant - **£7,000 over spend**
- (ii) Two staff vacancies in Environmental Health services to remain unfilled for 2005/06 financial year - **£35,000 under spend**
- (iii) Additional temporary staff and overtime costs within refuse collection service due to roll out of wheeled bin scheme. Figures assume reduction in staffing costs from July onwards. Also additional vehicle hire due to operational requirements. Figures assume purchase of new vehicle to minimise additional hire costs - **£50,000 over spend**

- (iv) Additional temporary staff and overtime costs within recycling service due to demand. Also reduction in recycling credits due from Durham County Council. - **£37,000 over spend**
- (v) Reduced costs within street cleansing service due to unfilled post of Streetscene manager. Assumed that post will not be filled in 2005/06. Also levels of overtime and temporary staff lower than anticipated - **£54,000 under spend**
- (vi) Increased car parking income due to North Bondgate remaining open in 2005/06 - **£40,000 under spend**
- (vii) Reduced income at Spectrum Leisure due to smaller activity programme - **£20,000 over spend**

Housing Services (General Fund) – Note 3

- (i) Increased rates costs on Civic Centre - **£5,000 over spend**

Management Services Unit – Note 4

- (i) Unbudgeted expenditure from crime fund for CCTV monitoring - **£6,000 over spend**

Regeneration – Note 5

- (i) Additional costs of planning applications and enforcement staff are to be partly funded by an increase in planning income due to fee levels increasing by 17%. It is forecasted that the actual income level will currently fall short of target although the figure is extremely difficult to predict and will change over time - **£40,000 over spend.**

Corporate Management – Note 6

- (i) No major variances to report.

Technical Items – Note 7

- (i) Additional investment interest due to large capital receipts. Assumed these are not used during this financial year - **£200,000 under spend**