

General Fund Budget Monitoring Statement for Period
April 2005 – Sept 2005

Department	Budget £000	Projected Outturn £000	Over / (Under) spend £000	%age Over / (Under) spend	Note
Central Resources	1,881	1,920	39	2%	1
Community Services	5,567	5,604	37	1%	2
Housing Services (General Fund)	410	355	(55)	(13%)	3
Management Support Unit	846	846	-	-	4
Regeneration	1,380	1,434	54	4%	5
Corporate Management	362	362	-	-	6
Technical Items	(300)	(387)	(87)	(29%)	7
TOTAL	10,146	10,134	(12)		

Funding:			
Government Grant	5,925	5,925	-
Council Tax	3,755	3,755	-
Reserves	466	454	(12)
TOTAL	10,146	10,134	(12)

Additional Investment Income	0	(300)	(300)	-	8
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Total under spend £312,000

Central Resources – Note 1

- (i) Reduced costs of members travel and subsistence compared to budget - **£13,000 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 - **£12,000 over spend**
- (iii) Reduced income from land charges due to increase in personal searches and slow down in housing market - **£30,000 over spend**
- (iv) Unfilled vacancies within housing benefit service due to problems in recruitment - **£15,000 under spend**
- (v) Reduced levels of benefit subsidy based upon 2004/05 figures - **£25,000 over spend**

Community Services – Note 2

- (i) Increased costs on Parks and Open spaces due to costs of unbudgeted attendant and anticipated overspend on Grounds Maintenance, ground repairs and playground equipment maintenance. It may be possible to offset some of the overspend by using Section 106 funds - **£40,000 over spend**

- (ii) Staff vacancies in Environmental Health services to remain unfilled for 2005/06 financial year - **£15,000 under spend**
- (iii) General reduction in costs on Community Centres to help offset other departmental overspends - **£7,000 under spend**
- (iv) Reduction in Cemeteries ground repairs to help offset other departmental overspends - **£5,000 under spend**
- (v) Increased income within Licensing section due to introduction of personal / premises licences - **£20,000 under spend**
- (vi) Staff vacancy in Household Waste Collection service - **£16,000 under spend**
- (vii) 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, however increased vehicle maintenance / fuel costs etc - **£129,000 over spend**
- (viii) Additional temporary staff and overtime costs within recycling service due to demand. Also reduction in recycling credits due from Durham County Council. - **£59,000 over spend**
- (ix) Reduced costs within street cleansing service due to major reduction in litter and dog control budget - **£35,000 under spend**
- (x) Increased car parking income due to delays in North Bondgate re-development in 2005/06 - **£80,000 under spend**
- (xi) Reduced Markets income due to car boot income budget being duplicated. Also reduction in stalls in 2005/06 - **£14,000 over spend**
- (xii) Reduced costs at Spectrum Leisure Complex due to smaller activity programme until transfer to SLAM - **£14,000 under spend**
- (xiii) Staff vacancies in Community Services General - **£21,000 under spend**
- (xiv) Reduced income at Glenholme Leisure Complex - **£14,000 over spend**
- (xv) Reduced income at Woodhouse Close Leisure Complex - **£6,000 over spend**

Housing Services (General Fund) – Note 3

- (i) Delays in recruitment of additional street wardens - **£40,000 under spend**
- (ii) Supporting people grant for Homeline service assumed 2.5% reduction from 2004/05. Grant actually frozen between 2004/05 and 2005/06 - **£20,000 under spend**
- (ii) Increased rates costs on Civic Centre - **£5,000 over spend**

Management Support Unit – Note 4

- (i) No major variances to report.

Regeneration – Note 5

- (i) Fall in activity regarding Building Control fees - **£10,000 overspend**
- (ii) Final Business Support payment for 2004-05 to Wear Valley Development Agency not accounted for in was omitted from year- end information provided to Accountancy - **£14,000 overspend in 2005-06.**
- (iii) Shortfall in rents at Durham Dales Centre – **overspend £28,000.**
- (iv) Funding of salary post included in NFR administration support grant, as income, was not costed in salary budgets – **overspend £17,000.**
- (v) Unfilled vacant post within NC1 Community Capacity Development which will not effect funding – **under spend £15,000**

Corporate Management – Note 6

- (i) No major variances to report.

Technical Items – Note 7

- (i) New borrowing to fund capital expenditure taken at reduced interest rates - **£17,000 under spend**
- (ii) Additional investment income due to improved cash flow - **£70,000 under spend**

Additional Investment Income – Note 8

- (i) Additional investment interest due to large capital receipts totalling in excess of £7m in current year plus unspent receipts from previous years. Assumed these are not applied to capital expenditure during this financial year - **£300,000 under spend**