

Leisure Services Team

Cost centre	Projected Overspend £	Main components		Comments
Leisure Centre	59,970	Gas	33,000	Rise far higher than anticipated when budget set
		Electricity	7,000	As above
		Maintenance	4,000	Old building with ongoing issues and cost of annual contracts has risen
		Telephones	1,200	Annual rental for hard line connection has doubled to £3,600
		Income shortfall	16,000	Entirely due to gym membership income down 24,000 (local competition has increased and economic climate hitting discretionary spend). Other areas of income are slightly up so reducing the overall impact by 6,000.
Selby Cottage	21,700	Employee Costs	8,000	Due to use of agency staff while recruiting to permanent posts and as numbers up some extra staffing via agency to maintain ratio's is required.
		Utilities	1,500	Reasons are as per the leisure centre
		Cleaning	1,000	Cost for and amount of cleaning done has risen as the centre has increased its numbers and activity areas.
		Transport & Plant	1,500	This is the cost of the minibus which has not been increased for a number of years although costs have risen.
		Telephones	1,000	
		Income shortfall	10,000	Sessional care is not quite as high as we had hoped. It should be noted though that £28,000 of income for April was incorrectly posted to last year, with this income the budget would have been in surplus this year.
Golf Complex	30,350	Employee costs	-3,750	Covering less and Graham doing more on the course to offset extra costs
		Maintenance	1,000	Ongoing repairs and a change to internal layout caused by needs of bar/catering contractor
		Utilities	9,500	As for leisure centre but also an outstanding gas bill going back some years has come to light
		Transport repair	1,000	Grass cutting fleet getting old and requiring more repairs to keep going, new equipment is flagged up in capital bids to the County for next year.

		Fuel	2,800	Cost has risen dramatically and amount used has gone up as more cutting needed to keep on top of fast growing grass due to wet but sunny climate over summer period
		Security Arrangements	500	Cost of this contract has risen
		Income shortfall	19,000	Made up of <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 5,000 short in green fees. (on target until very poor and wet July/August which caused a real drop in users) • 5,000 short in range fees (on target until the fire which has dropped things back as only half range open pending insured repairs) • 4,000 short on vending sales (badly hit by poor weather) • 2,000 short on coaching due to a lack of interest in sessions and programmes arranged. • 3,000 short on rent as unable to let flat due to right to buy legislation.
Riverside				
Park	37,350	Maintenance	10,565	Cost of and requirement for contracts has increased, also as buildings and fittings age they are becoming more expensive to maintain.
		Utilities	9,000	As per leisure centre
		Catering	5,000	Level of sales have increased, this extra cost is more than cancelled out by the increased income generated over budget
		Printing & Stationary	1,100	
		Telephones	3,000	Cost of hard wire connection annual rental has doubled
		Income Shortfall	1,340	While the overall position looks ok it disguises a number of major concerns; <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Car parking 11,000 down due to very poor summer affecting park and other site usage • Astro turf 7,500 down due to poor weather and a reduced number of contracts by teams • Athletics 1,500 down • Tennis 2,000 down due to poor weather over summer This has been counterbalanced by a good trading position on sales/vending which is projected to be 13,300 over budget plus some other smaller income streams doing well ie keep fit.

Darlington	-8,840			Costs less due to proactive decision not to use planned for casual staff to service the teams but try to cope with existing resources
DOCC centre	1,390	Utilities	890	As per leisure centre
		Fixtures & fittings	500	Extra cost of replacing lead stolen from roof but not covered by insurance
Park Centre	4,660	Paddling pool repairs	5,500	Essential costs to enable the pool to open this summer, included repairs to surround tarmac, tiled surfaces etc.
Training centre	3,035	Income shortfall	6,000	Hire fees for hall about 10% down
Special events	17,150	Income shortfall	17,150	Lost a full day's car parking income from the cancelled 20:20 international and cricket club's insurance did not cover it. Also as no music event scheduled again this year potential for another full day's income also lost
Community Leisure				
Outdoor Sports Facilities	-5,090		-5,090	Proactive savings made on minimizing spend on repairs to football pavilions
Community Leisure	-5,960		-5,960	(requires Lynn Hardy's salary provision of 9,200 to be moved here from leisure admin)
Sports Development	-2,060		-4,350	Not using the 4,350 budgeted for the CLS Sports & Activity network projects as grant funding enough to cover costs
Arts development	-24,310		-24,310	From salary savings on vacant arts officer post. Cost of leisure works providing cover for remainder of year on specific arts work is being met from the arts reserves.
Pelton Fell Hall	-4,250		-4,250	Reduced costs due to closure and mothballing of hall prior to redevelopment
Total leisure Overspend	125,095			

Savings Options			
Reserves		12,000	Money is earmarked in reserves for a new high level fence behind the football pitch at Sacriston Recreation Ground. This was in response to concerns from residents at balls going over the existing fence and into their gardens. This work could be deferred and looked at by the new authority
Outdoor Sports Facilities	Maintenance	1,200	Undertake no further maintenance this year
Community Leisure	Community Awards	1,000	Do not present the awards this year
Community Centre's	Maintenance	3,240	Undertake no further maintenance this year although given the condition of them this is likely to leave serious health & safety problems unaddressed. Perhaps the county Council could take over this responsibility as was the case in Teesdale.
Allotments	Maintenance	900	Undertake no further maintenance this year
	Income	3,000	Aggressive campaign on discounted season tickets during November will hopefully generate additional income over that projected in the outturn
Leisure Centre	Maintenance	12,100	Cover the cost of this sum used in repairs/improvement to the changing areas from the capital sum allocated as part of the government's free swimming initiative. This has been agreed at the leisure workstream as reasonable although as all the money is initially paid to the County Council we will need to request it from them.
	Salaries	1,700	Reduce casual gym cover for maternity leave by 10 hrs per week through restructuring of the rota's. This will leave the gym staffing short at times and could have an impact on inductions and GP referrals.
	Income	2,500	Aggressive campaign on discounted memberships for November generating additional income over that projected in outturn
Riverside	Utilities	4,300	Close the athletics track on Monday, Wednesday and Friday evenings so saving on costs of lighting. As these are not club lights there is only minimal usage. In addition all first floor lights will be switched off as soon as the classes have finished and cleaning been completed.
Total Savings		41,940	
Revised Projected Overspend		83,155	