

# NB General Fund

## Revenue Budget Forecasts 2016/17

### December 2016

Key to BRAG where Forecast variance is:

Greater than (£100k)

Between £50k and (£100k)

Between £51k and £100k

Greater than £100k

Division	Ksa	Service Area	Revised Budget £000's	Forecast £000's	Forecast Variance £000's	RAG Status	Notes on Forecast Variances
	FA01	Asset Management	961	1,103	142	R	Additional temporary staff covering vacant positions and professional services to carry out valuations £121k. Overachievement of NNDR rebates following challenges (£68k). Overspend on repairs and maintenance budget due to upgrade of lights in St Giles Churchyard £5k, increase in need for street nameplate repairs £15k, lift works at Danes Camp and Guildhall £20k and £50k of responsive works including Weston Favell Shopping centre, tree works and tarmac repairs. The latter was a regeneration project.
	FA06	Other Buildings & Land	(1,477)	(1,496)	(18)	G	
<b>Asset Management</b>			<b>(516)</b>	<b>(393)</b>	<b>123</b>	<b>R</b>	
	DR02	Director of Regeneration, Enterprise and Planning	306	272	(34)	G	Underspend mainly due to potential savings on Alive budget £30k and Recharge to EZ of £40k. This has been partially offset by advertising of vacant director post and interim cover
<b>Director of Regeneration, Enterprise &amp; Planning</b>			<b>306</b>	<b>272</b>	<b>(34)</b>	<b>G</b>	
	RG01	Head of Economic Development and Regeneration	109	152	43	G	Overspend due to Interim Cover of vacant post £83k, partially offset by Recharge to EZ £40k
	RG02	Programmes & Enterprise	1,155	1,200	45	G	Overspend relates to £100k Grant to DAPT to be agreed at Cabinet 11/01/17. Partially offset by Recharges to EZ
<b>Economic Development and Regeneration</b>			<b>1,264</b>	<b>1,352</b>	<b>88</b>	<b>A</b>	
	PE02	Building Control	(45)	1	47	G	Anticipated drop in income of £68k due to market conditions and reduction in market share. This has been partially offset by employee savings due to officer reducing hours and other minor variations
	PE03	Development Control	67	(187)	(254)	B	Due to the level of income received to date forecast income for the whole year has been increased by £260k compared to the budget, this is an increase of £10k from last month's forecast. There were a couple of large appeals, that were being dealt with. One of these been lost, and the Council is liable to pay partial costs to the developer, at present the value of these are unknown. These costs are likely to be funded from corporate reserves, and are therefore not included in the Directorate forecasts. The other claim is still ongoing.
	PE06	Head of Planning	110	73	(37)	G	Underspend due to forecast expenditure on Head of Service less than employee budget allocated

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PE15		Joint Planning Unit	108	31	(77)	G	Additional refund of £28k due re 15/16 Contribution to JPU, savings on 16/17 contribution £63k. Offset by reduced recharges to JPU of £14k
PE17		Planning & Regn Project Support	25	29	4	G	
RG04		Planning Policy & Heritage	607	556	(52)	G	
<b>Head of Planning</b>			<b>872</b>	<b>502</b>	<b>(370)</b>	<b>B</b>	
<b>Director of Regeneration, Enterprise &amp; Planning</b>			<b>1,925</b>	<b>1,733</b>	<b>(192)</b>		
HS05		Housing Options & Advice	665	828	163	R	Mainly due to additional staff costs for agency staff £70k, £30k Homelessness Prevention schemes and £49k of unmet corporate savings targets.
HS13		Head of Housing and Wellbeing	129	125	(4)	G	
PE09		Travellers Sites	38	48	10	G	
PE12		Private Sector Housing	87	341	254	R	£28k unachieved Vacancy Factor savings. £115k reduction in Licensing Income mainly due to a Legal issue regarding the ability of staff being able to issue non-compliance notices. £44k reduction in Disabled Facility Grants fees. £20k unachieved income on the Empty Homes scheme offset by an underspend of £81k on Consultancy costs. £125k due to additional staff costs for agency staff, partly offset by vacant post savings, mainly in Home Adaptations and Housing Standards.
RG03		Housing Strategy & Wellbeing	157	60	(97)	G	
<b>Head of Housing and Wellbeing</b>			<b>1,076</b>	<b>1,402</b>	<b>325</b>	<b>R</b>	
<b>Housing</b>			<b>1,076</b>	<b>1,402</b>	<b>325</b>		
GC08		Communications	256	245	(11)	G	
GC15		Emergency Planning	52	52	0	G	
PI20		Performance and change	55	37	(18)	G	
<b>Business Change</b>			<b>363</b>	<b>334</b>	<b>(29)</b>	<b>G</b>	
CX01		Chief Executive	185	185	0	G	
GC02		Civic and Mayoral Expenses	91	108	17	G	
GC05		Overview & Scrutiny	47	49	2	G	
GC06		Councillor & Managerial Support	535	526	(9)	G	
LD02		Electoral Services	303	428	125	R	Spend on the Association of Electoral Administrators while the Elections Manager post is being recruited to.
LD04		Legal	140	166	26	G	
LD08		Democratic Services	261	216	(45)	G	
<b>Borough Secretary</b>			<b>1,562</b>	<b>1,677</b>	<b>115</b>	<b>R</b>	
<b>Borough Secretary</b>			<b>1,925</b>	<b>2,011</b>	<b>87</b>		
DR01		Director of Customers & Communities	182	222	40	G	
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CE03		Events	285	259	(26)	G	New posts being created due to restructure in this service but offset against vacant posts £40k. Corporate sickness savings and vacancy factor not being meet £17k.
CE06		Museums and Arts	772	816	44	G	
CE17		CCTV	177	186	9	G	
CE23		Town Centre Management	40	41	2	G	
CE24		Car Parking	(905)	(1,396)	(490)	B	Underspend on NNDR demands (£62k). Revised income forecast (£426k). Includes assumption of additional seasons tickets due to new Angel Street offices. Reduced rent costs for St Peter Way Car Park (£60k). Additional building cleaning costs £23k and various equipment upgrades, maintenance and safety works £68k. Forecast electricity costs (£40k) less than budget.
CE26		Bus Station	116	104	(11)	G	The forecasted overspend is due to corporate sickness and vacancy factor totalling £32k not being able to be met due to this being a front line service so required to be fully staffed at all times.
CS02		Call Care	(12)	(8)	4	G	
CS03		Head of Customer & Cultural Services	90	106	16	G	
CS04		Customer Services	290	326	36	G	
FA08		Facilities Management	1,282	1,244	(38)	G	(£32k) due to a vacant posts being left held unfilled to make efficiency savings. Savings on utilities costs (£22k). £20k reduction in income forecast due due income received in advance in 2015/16 not carried in to 2016/17.
FA09		Markets	(40)	(38)	1	G	
<b>Head of Customer &amp; Cultural Services</b>			<b>2,094</b>	<b>1,640</b>	<b>(454)</b>	<b>B</b>	
CE02		Community Safety	199	184	(16)	G	Unachievable saving in relation to the review of lease/management agreement with Northampton Leisure Trust.
CE04		Leisure Contract	75	125	50	G	
GC04		Policy	5	5	0	G	Estimated deductions made to the monthly core contract payment (£600k). Additional Pension charges of £194k have been incurred. Additional costs of £130k for pro active work on fly tipping. £12k on agency staff for park duties. £13k on Northamptonshire Waste Partnership membership. £18k for legal costs incurred on the EMS claim. Annual inflationary increases on the price of the EMS contract £42k.
GC09		Community and Other Grants	1,218	1,218	0	G	
GC10		Community Developments	92	98	6	G	
GC11		Community Centres	20	20	0	G	
LD05		Licensing	(258)	(406)	(148)	B	Additional income from Taxi licences and reduced expenditure
PE07		Pest Control	2	4	2	G	
PE10		Commercial Services	233	246	13	G	
PE11		Environmental Protection	375	384	9	G	
SS09		Environmental Services Contract	7,102	6,917	(185)	B	

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	SS11	Parks & Open Spaces and Neighbourhood Wardens	491	503	12	G	
	SS20	Environmental Services	(340)	(326)	14	G	
<b>Head of Communities and Environment</b>			<b>9,215</b>	<b>8,973</b>	<b>(242)</b>	<b>B</b>	
<b>Director of Customers &amp; Communities</b>			<b>11,491</b>	<b>10,835</b>	<b>(656)</b>		
	FA03	Audit	160	160	0	G	
	FA04	Non Distributed Costs	5,561	5,561	(0)	G	
	FA20	Corporate Finance	73	73	(0)	G	
	HS01	Benefits	(1,368)	(1,109)	260	R	Additional costs for B&B and County Chambers
	HS03	Revenues	(913)	(913)	0	G	
<b>Corporate</b>			<b>3,513</b>	<b>3,773</b>	<b>260</b>	<b>R</b>	
	LGSS	Local Government Shared Service	8,321	8,321	0	G	
<b>LGSSX</b>			<b>8,321</b>	<b>8,321</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>G</b>	
<b>Total Service Budgets</b>			<b>28,251</b>	<b>28,075</b>	<b>(176)</b>		
Item 01		Debt Financing	1,851	1,481	(370)	B	<b>Interest payable on borrowing</b> - forecast £14k under budget. <b>Interest receivable on investments</b> - An overspend of £81k is forecast due to reduced interest rate forecasts since the start of the year and following the Brexit vote. <b>MRP</b> - Significant savings (£227k) generated due to repayment of borrowing on short-life assets during 2015-16 and carry forward of some capital expenditure into 2016-17. <b>Recharges from/(to) the HRA</b> - Forecast at £142k below budget due to lower opening balances than budgeted, and lower average rate of interest assumed on investments (0.65% compared to 0.90% budgeted).
<b>Total Corporate Budgets</b>			<b>1,851</b>	<b>1,481</b>	<b>(370)</b>		
<b>Total General Fund</b>			<b>30,102</b>	<b>29,556</b>	<b>(546)</b>		