

Report to: Budget Panel
Date of meeting: 26th November 2013
Report of: Senior Accountant, Finance Shared Services
Title: Finance Digest 2013/2014 – Period 7 (October 2013)

1.0 **SUMMARY**

1.1 This report informs the Budget Panel of the reported budgetary variances at the end of October 2013 (period 7).

2.0 **RECOMMENDATIONS**

2.1 To consider the Finance Digest as at Period 7 2013/2014.

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Members are welcome to raise questions prior to any discussion at the meeting. Indeed, it would be helpful if questions could be notified in advance to ensure comprehensive responses are available at the meeting. Queries should be addressed in the first instance to the Accountancy Practice (accountancy.practice@threerivers.gov.uk) who will ensure an answer is provided by the responsible budget holder.

3.0 REVENUE EXPENDITURE & INCOME

- 3.1 Income and expenditure is monitored by Heads of Service throughout the financial year with regard their areas of responsibility. If budgetary increases are identified as part of this process, Heads of Service are required wherever possible to find compensating savings to offset these increases.
- 3.2 Changes to revenue expenditure to Period 7 are shown in the Finance Digest at Appendix 1 (section 1.2). The original budgeted revenue expenditure of £15.021m is forecast to increased by £189k to £15.210m which has been met by movements in reserves (notably Economic Impact and Invest to Save) which are detailed in table 1.3 of the Digest.
- 3.3 Explanations for variances in the current period are shown primarily under the section headed 'Table 2 - Variance Analysis by Service and Cost Centre'. Previously reported variances would have been detailed to members within earlier digests.

4.0 FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

These have been included in the report.

5.0 LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

None Specific.

6.0 EQUALITIES

None Specific.

7.0 POTENTIAL RISKS

| Potential Risk | Likelihood | Impact | Overall Score |
|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------|--------|---------------|
| That the Council's Budget is overspent and financed from the unplanned use of reserves | 3 | 3 | 9 |

APPENDICES

Appendix 1 Finance Digest October 2013 - Period 7