

DEVON AUDIT PARTNERSHIP
Report of the County Treasurer

Please note that the following recommendations are subject to confirmation by the Committee before taking effect.

Recommendation: that the Partnership Committee note the Partnership financial outturn report for 2013/14

Financial Outturn 2013/14

Summary

The year-end process has identified a small financial surplus (£958); this is slightly less than was anticipated at Month 9 (£4,472).

The variance between month 9 and year-end is mainly due to less income than forecast; we anticipated undertaking, and then invoicing, for a number of school audits during the last quarter of 2013/14, but due to additional requirements to support irregularity investigations at the partners, staff have had to be deployed on these areas. The affected schools have been informed of these changes and the audits will be completed during the first quarter of 2014/15. In addition, transport costs have been slightly higher than anticipated.

Detailed notes

Employee costs overspend against original budget (2%) is due to the continuation of temporary staff contracts, which have been needed because of the extra services requested from the partnerships customers. These extra costs have been covered by the increase in income.

Premises costs are greater than budgeted as has previously been discussed and explained.

Transport costs were slightly higher than budgeted (4%) because of the requirement for extra visits to customers, in-line with their request for extra services. These costs have been covered by the increase in income.

Income from external partners is more than budgeted due to the supply of extra audit services to Devon and Cornwall Police, University of Plymouth and other local authorities.

The table below analyses the under/over spend.

	2013 /14 Base Budget	2013/14 Outturn	2013/14 Year end Variance	Variance @ Mth 9	2014/15 Proposed Budget
	£	£	£	£	£
Employees	1,231,500	1,261,052	29,552	34,054	1,195,120
Premises	29,600	50,708	21,108	22,845	40,115
Transport	28,800	34062	5,262	1,084	27,800
Supplies & Services	111,300	118,895	7,595	3,553	118,100
Professional Services	23,300	20,540	-2,760	0	
Income	-1,424,500	-1,486,215	-61,715	-66,008	-1,386,135
Total (Surplus) / Deficit	0	-958	-958	-4,472	-5,000

The above figures have been used to generate our Small Bodies Return. The Small Bodies Return follows a set procedure, and as such we have provided a short summary that shows how the above accounts reconcile to the Return.

Reconciliation between the Financial Outrun report and the Small Bodies Return (SBR) for 2013/13.

Box 1 of the SBR shows the carry forward from last year	£172,342
To this is added our income (Box 2)	+ £1,486,215
Total	= £1,658,557
Expenditure is then taken away. Expenditure is shown in :-	
Box 4 - Staff Costs (employees costs)	- £1,261,052
And Box 6 "all other payments" which is a summary of Premises, Transport, Supplies and Services and Professional Services	- £224,205
This provides the "balance carried forward" of	= £173,300
The increase in Balances brought forward (Box 1) from	£172,342
To Balance Carried Forward Box 7	£173,300
Is And represents our Total Surplus for the year	£958

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Electoral Divisions: All
Local Government Act 1972
List of Background Papers

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