

## BUDGET MONITORING 2017/18 – Month 9

### Report of Head of Partnership

#### Recommendations:

That members:

1. Note the projected outturn
2. Note variances and reason

#### Budget Monitoring Month 9

The Budget monitoring at month 9 indicates a potential for a slight underspend at the year end. The variance is mainly because of increase income (6.48%) from extra work undertaken by the partnership, but this is offset by the increase in staff (6.07%) and Transport costs (£21.3%) to complete the work.

Projected premises (3.42%) shows a slight overspend, which is due to an additional venue hire.

Transport costs (21.3%) are over target; this is due to the increased expenditure in work the partnership has performed with its clients, including overnight stays where appropriate.

Supplies and services (1.61%) show an overspend, this is due to the use of external staff to cover the additional audit work and other small overspends, but this has been offset by a slight decrease in the charges for other communication cost.

Overall income has grown (6.48%). This is due to the supply of extra audit services to Devon and Somerset Fire and Rescue Service, Devon County Council (risk management services), EU funded schemes and other local authorities (including Mid Devon District Council and Avon Pension Fund). However, income from schools has fallen (as schools continue to convert to academies) and has not been replaced with like-for-like sales to new or existing academies.

The table below analyses the under/over spend:

	<b>2017/18 Base Budget</b>	<b>Projected Outturn</b>	<b>Variance</b>	
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>	
Employees	1,076,600	1,141,900	65,300	6.07%
Premises	38,000	39,300	1,300	3.42%
Transport	28,200	34,200	6,000	21.3%
Supplies & Services	75,500	76,717	1,217	1.61%
Support	21,600	21,600	0	0.00%
Income	(1,239,900)	(1,314,300)	(74,400)	6.48%
<b>Total</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>(583)</b>	<b>(583)</b>	

**Variances (items over £1,000):**

Employees – Staff Costs £ 65,300;

Premises – venue hire - £1,300

Transport – Travel Expenses (inc. overnight accommodation) £ 6,000;

Supplies and services – increase for External staff £ 517 and IT licences £ 5,700, Other communications costs £ (5,000)

Income – £ (74,400) - due to increased service provision to Fire, DCC, EU funded schemes and other local authorities, but also affected by a reduction in income from schools.

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