

Appendix A3

HIGHWAYS & TRANSPORT PORTFOLIO

Revenue Monitoring

Approved budget as reported at Q2	£5,662,800
Adjustments to budget	
	<u>£0</u>
	£0
Revised Budget	<u>£5,662,800</u>
Forecast Outturn at 31 March 2011	£5,802,200
Forecast over(under)spend	£139,400*

* £66,000 to be met by a transfer from earmarked reserve so the net position is an overspend of £73,400 and includes £150,000 expenditure relating to the pothole repairs for which the funding was granted and subsequently un-ringfenced.

The significant issues arising during the period April to December that Members should consider are:

Service	Approved Budget	Q1 Forecast	Q2 Forecast	Q3 Forecast	Potential Budget Saving	Q3 Forecast Year End Variance	Explanation including assumptions made and risk assessment of the forecast
Highways Directorate	£83,900	£83,900	£31,800	£37,000	£0	(£46,900)	Variance relates to savings within this Directorate as a result of restructure.
Highways Management	£355,900	£355,900	£355,900	£372,500	£0	£16,600	The forecast overspend reflects a reduction in the capital programme which in turn reduces the amount of revenue salary costs rechargeable to the programme.
Transport Strategy	£223,600	£235,300	£235,300	£248,700	£0	£25,100	The forecast overspend reported in Q1 was £11,700 due to the removal of cycle programme grant income which has been transferred to the centrally held ABG grant income. The overspend has increased due to a reduction in the capital programme which in turn reduces the amount of revenue rechargeable to the projects.
Safety Partnership Arrangement	£91,200	£91,200	£91,200	£91,200	£0	£0	Q1 reported a reduced contribution to Road Safety Partnership to reflect reduced grant as agreed with partners. The budget has now been revised.

Service	Approved Budget	Q1 Forecast	Q2 Forecast	Q3 Forecast	Potential Budget Saving	Q3 Forecast Year End Variance	Explanation including assumptions made and risk assessment of the forecast
Service Costs (Carriageway Maintenance)	£3,213,000	£3,213,000	£3,363,000	£3,341,000	£0	£128,000	This variance includes £150k for additional works undertaken regarding Extreme Winter Maintenance. Cabinet have made the decision to fund using the additional grant allocation from the Area Based Grant. Since Q2 savings of £22k have mitigated the overspend.
Public Transport	£325,900	£356,900	£356,900	£356,900	£0	£31,000	Cabinet approved participation in the Stamford Call Connect scheme and agreed additional funding from the 'Invest to Save' reserve (Cabinet Report 107/2010).
Concessionary Travel	£276,300	£276,300	£266,300	£266,300	£0	(£10,000)	Reimbursement by Bus Operator of over-claimed amount that was chargeable to Northants. If members decide not to go ahead with the Concessionary Tokens scheme it will result in further savings. There have been recent communications from the service provider indicating that they are likely to claim backdated Concessionary fares reimbursement following a misunderstanding over which authority was responsible for payment. This would be in the region of £40k for the current year plus £70k for the 2 previous years. The current year costs would be mitigated if the token scheme is withdrawn.

Service	Approved Budget	Q1 Forecast	Q2 Forecast	Q3 Forecast	Potential Budget Saving	Q3 Forecast Year End Variance	Explanation including assumptions made and risk assessment of the forecast
Home to College Transport	£136,200	£136,200	£86,000	£86,000	£0	(£50,200)	Figures detailing numbers of College students requiring Transport in the current Academic year have been received and costed. The forecast is a significant underspend.
Parking Services	(£147,900)	(£112,900)	(£98,600)	(£105,000)	£0	£42,900	The service shortfall has been increased by new Pay and Display machines and associated costs currently amounting to £30,900. However, funding has been agreed from 'Invest to Save' reserve to cover these specific costs. The net operating position being a shortfall of £12,000 due to a Cabinet decision not to increase the charges in Uppingham, in line with report 63/2010, after the budget was set for 2010/11.
Total reduction in 2010/11 budget as a result of in year savings			£0				

Capital Monitoring

The approved capital programme 2010/11 for the Highways & Transport Portfolio is £1,318,800

Approved budget		£1,318,800
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Adjustments to capital programme

£0

£0

Revised Budget

£1,318,800

Approved Budget:

Approved Schemes	£1,318,800	
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Funding not yet allocated to schemes	£0	£1,318,800
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Forecast Outturn at 31 March 2011

£841,600

Forecast over(under)spend

(£477,200)

Approved Schemes

Scheme	Approved Budget	Q1 Forecast	Q2 Forecast	Q3 Forecast	Q3 Variance against budget	Funding source	Explanation including assumptions made and risk assessment of the forecast
Highways Capital Maintenance	£673,400	£673,400	£673,400	£673,400	£0	Supported Borrowing	Schemes are under construction and are forecast to come in on budget
Integrated Transport	£574,000	£574,000	£186,000	£139,000	(£435,000)	Grant & Supported Borrowing	A significant underspend is forecast this year largely due to a members decision to put a number of traffic calming schemes 'on hold'. The Oakham Town Capital scheme has also been put 'on hold' until the new Council is established so will be deferred until 2011/12.
Oakham Bypass b/fwd	£41,700	£20,000	£25,000	£25,000	(£16,700)	Supported Borrowing	This is for landscape works on the Oakham bypass and covers 2010/11 and 2011/12, the figures show the forecast to be spent in the current year
Transport Asset Management Plan b/fwd	£29,700	£29,700	£29,700	£4,200	(£25,500)	Grant	The TAMP was initially approved as part of a £250k growth bid but then rejected by Cabinet in December. However it was agreed that the TAMP could proceed using existing resources. The forecast shows what has been spent to date and this is unlikely to change this financial year. The balance will be carried forward.

Scheme	Approved Budget	Q1 Forecast	Q2 Forecast	Q3 Forecast	Q3 Variance against budget	Funding source	Explanation including assumptions made and risk assessment of the forecast
Road Safety	£0	£0	£0	£0	£0	Grant	The Road Safety Grant from DfT has been withdrawn this year. No spend has been committed.
TOTAL	£1,318,800	£1,297,100	£914,100	£841,600	(£477,200)		