

Resources Directorate					
General Fund Monitoring Report Quarter 1					
Costc	Costc(T)	Current budget	Q1 Forecast	Variance	Comments
3700	Chief Executive	181,800	182,200	400	
3722	Stationery	30,000	15,000	(15,000)	Stationery was centralised for the first time in 2011/12, with departmental budgets being removed during the budget cycle. This gave the authority an opportunity for a stationery amnesty and a resultant dip in purchases in the early part of the year, and also to challenge the items which were previously being purchased from stationery budgets.
	Chief Executive	211,800	197,200	(14,600)	
3603	Strategic Director - Resources	103,700	103,600	(100)	
3604	SMT Support	170,400	170,600	200	
3714	Corporate Subscriptions	34,900	30,000	(4,900)	
3903	Terms and Conditions Savings	(71,600)	0	71,600	The Resources directorate has £125K of savings to achieve this financial year. A full salaries budget review has been undertaken in Q1 resulting in a net anticipated saving of £53K, this has been adjusted against the individual service lines within this directorate.
3903	In year budget reductions Resources	0	0	0	Savings relating to Pensions, Stationery and Counter Fraud will be allocated here if Cabinet approval is obtained.
	Strategic Director Resources	237,400	304,200	66,800	
3455	Pension Costs	209,700	158,200	(51,500)	RCC has a commitment to make additional pension contributions to the LCC pension fund when officers are granted early retirement. In previous financial years some of these payments were made on a 5 yr basis to spread the cost. The fall out table had not been considered when setting the budget, and some payments made in previous financial years are no longer necessary. The current forecast is based upon the most recent information from LCC, and any early retirements granted in year will be a cost pressure against this forecast.
3458	Corporate Insurance	133,900	125,800	(8,100)	

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3720	External Audit & Inspection	245,600	168,700	(76,900)	As part of national public sector efficiencies the Audit Commission has made and passed on savings to the bodies that they audit through a reduced audit fee. Based upon the latest information from the Audit Commission the revised charge to RCC this year is expected to be £169K
3721	External Levies	61,900	61,700	(200)	
3811	Corporate Finance	47,200	32,000	(15,200)	Forecast income from East Northants Council for provision interim Chief Finance Officer arrangements.
3812	Exchequer	0	(400)	(400)	
3813	Corporate Financial Expenses	55,200	59,700	4,500	
	Accountancy and Finance	753,500	605,700	(147,800)	
5845	Communication	99,700	90,800	(8,900)	There is a reduction in the forecast expenditure for road closures.
	Communications	99,700	90,800	(8,900)	
3250	Community Care Finance	50,900	50,900	0	
4703	Supporting People Admin	265,600	265,600	0	
5350	Performance & Information Ops	132,900	132,500	(400)	
	Contracting & Commissioning	449,400	449,000	(400)	
3710	Members Services	195,000	193,400	(1,600)	
3712	Democratic Services	179,200	181,300	2,100	
3715	Civic Expenses	9,300	9,300	0	
3716	Reprographics & Post	2,700	6,300	3,600	
3719	Standards of Conduct	6,500	6,500	0	
	Democratic Services and Elections	392,700	396,800	4,100	
3040	Elections - General	57,900	33,200	(24,700)	Income of £40K has been received to contribute towards the referendum in May 2011 which wasn't included within the budget. This will help offset the additional costs incurred when running the local and parish elections.
3041	Elections - Local	0	10,700	10,700	Costs relating to the local elections.
	Elections	57,900	43,900	(14,000)	
2100	Health & Safety	34,900	34,900	0	
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3101	Head of Business Support People	254,200	253,700	(500)	
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3102	Head of Business Support Places	260,500	259,700	(800)	
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3103	Head of Business Support Resources	450,900	445,000	(5,900)	
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3711	Human Resources	(4,700)	7,600	12,300	A redundancy occurred in April 2011 meaning a cost pressure of £8K, this should be partially offset by a vacancy in the Head of Business Support cost centre. There are also over-spends of £4K for professional fees such as CRB checks.
3718	Training, Confs & Seminars	175,900	175,900	0	
	Human Resources	171,200	183,500	12,300	
4101	Information Officer	15,200	15,200	0	
	Information	15,200	15,200	0	
3713	Internal Audit	76,400	76,000	(400)	
	Internal Audit Consortium	76,400	76,000	(400)	
3701	Welland Partnership	55,300	46,600	(8,700)	
3740	Information Technology Dept	32,800	32,400	(400)	
3750	Address Management	65,300	65,300	0	
3820	IT Operational Support	1,019,400	1,068,600	49,200	One off savings were taken in 2010/11 by posting significant prepayments into 11/12 for maintenance and licensing agreements over the calendar year. The current forecast overspend relating to IT equipment, software and maintenance is £55K but further work is being undertaken to mitigate the situation. Updates will be provided at Q2.
3822	Telecommunications	45,500	72,400	26,900	The budget covers the cost of the telephone lines and infrastructure. Telephone calls are also being charged here causing a pressure. We are currently considering options to address this pressure in future financial years.
	IT Services	1,218,300	1,285,300	67,000	
3840	Legal Services	160,500	169,300	8,800	
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3841	Monitoring Officer	62,000	63,600	1,600	
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5847	LSP Support	32,800	33,400	600	
	Partnerships	32,800	33,400	600	

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3000	Revenues	145,400	178,500	33,100	There is an NNDR discretionary relief cost pressure as a result of a a large discretionary relief application being approved. This will be partly offset by a virement of £23k from the Peoples Directorate during Q2.
3001	AllPay	12,200	12,200	0	
3010	Counter Fraud Section	52,200	45,500	(6,700)	
3015	Benefit Processing	(38,600)	(38,900)	(300)	
3021	Housing Benefit Payments	75,500	83,100	7,600	
3024	Council Tax Benefit Payments	(24,100)	(28,300)	(4,200)	
	Revenues and Benefits	222,600	252,100	29,500	
	Resources Directorate Total	5,161,900	5,159,300	(2,600)	