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Report to:	Financial Resources Scrutiny Forum
Date of Meeting:	1 July 2010
Report by:	Executive Director (Finance and Information Technology Resources)

Subject:	Revenue Budget Monitoring 2010-11
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1. Purpose of Report

1.1 The purpose of the report is to:-

- ♦ update members of the Financial Resources Scrutiny Forum of progress on the Council's revenue budget for the period covering 1 April 2010 to 14 May 2010.

2. Recommendation(s)

2.1 The Financial Resources Scrutiny Forum is asked to approve the following recommendation(s):-

- (1) that the 2010/2011 Financial Position as at period 2 (14 May 2010) for General Services, Housing Revenue Account and Trading Operations is noted (as detailed in Appendix A);
- (2) that the position on the Enterprise Resources' Trading Operations, Financial and Operational Performance Review, as at 31 March 2010 (2009/10 outturn) and as at period 2 2010/2011 (14 May 2010) be noted (as detailed in Appendix B).

3. Background

3.1 The Revenue reports attached provide detail on the most recent Executive Committee report dated 23 June 2010. The reports detail the position as at 14 May 2010 for General Services, Housing Revenue Account and the Council's Trading operations. Also, Financial and Operational Performance Review papers have been included for the Roads Trading Operation as part of the rotating reporting cycle.

3.2 The papers have been split into separate Appendices as shown below:

- Appendix A – 2010/11 Financial Position as at Period 2 (14 May 2010) for General Services, Housing Revenue Account and Trading Operations
- Appendix B – Enterprise Resources' Trading Operation – Financial and Operational Performance Review as at 31 March 2010 (2009/2010 outturn) and as at period 2 2010/2011 (14 May 2010).

4. Employee Implications

4.1 None

5. Financial Implications

- 5.1 The financial position of the General Services Revenue Budget, Housing Revenue Account and the Council's Trading Operations are detailed in Appendices A and B attached.
- 5.2 Appendix A shows a net underspend of £0.012 million against the phased budget. The forecast for the General Fund Revenue Account to 31 March 2011 is a break even position.
- 5.3 Rates
- 5.3.1 Early in the 2010/11 budget process, the Assessor advised of potential increases across the Rateable Value of Council properties. However, also anticipated was a reduction in the level of rate poundage paid which offsets part of the overall increase. Now that the Rateable Value information has been received from Housing and Technical Resources (Non-Domestic Rates Register as at May 2010), the impact on Resources' budgets can be clarified. A summary of the impact is shown in the table below:

Resource	Increase / (Decrease) to budget £m
Community Resources	0.089
Corporate Resources	(0.138)
Education Resources	1.348
Enterprise Resources	(0.134)
Finance and IT Resources	(0.010)
Housing and Technical Resources	(0.014)
Social Work Resources	(0.019)
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- 5.3.2 The table shows a net increase required to the Council's budget of £1.122m which can be met from the allocation agreed as part of the 2010/11 budget. The Executive Committee was asked to approve the proposed allocation above with a view to implementing it in the next available set of Revenue Monitoring reports.

6. Other Implications

- 6.1 The main risk associated with the Resource's Revenue Budget is failure to manage the budget resulting in a significant overspend. The risk has been assessed as low given the detailed budget management applied across the Services of the Resources. The risk is managed through four weekly Budget Monitoring Meetings at which any variance is analysed. In addition, the probable outturn exercise ensured early warning for corrective action to be taken where appropriate.

7 Equality Impact Assessment and Consultation Arrangements

- 7.1 This report does not introduce a new policy, function or strategy or recommend a change to existing policy, function or strategy and therefore no impact assessment is required.
- 7.2 There was also no requirement to undertake any consultation in terms of the information contained in this report.

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14 June 2010

Link(s) to Council Values and Objectives

- ◆ Accountable, Effective and Efficient

Previous References

- ◆ None

List of Background Papers

- ◆ Revenue Ledger prints to 14 May 2010

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