



AGENDA ITEM:

OVERVIEW & SCRUTINY BOARD

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2007/2008 Revenue Outturn

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PURPOSE OF THE REPORT

1. To present the final outturn position for expenditure against the 2007/2008 Revenue Budget.

BACKGROUND AND EXTERNAL CONSULTATION

2. The Council at its meeting on the 7th March 2007 set its revenue budget at £117.7 million for 2007/2008. No general fund balances were applied to support the overall expenditure of the Council. A Council Tax increase of 3.7% for Middlesbrough Council was applied.
3. In setting the 2007/2008 budget, approximately £2.6 million of efficiency net savings were identified. The Council approved an extra £3.5 million for key services; including:
 - £1.9m for Vulnerable Adults and Children
 - £0.7m for Regeneration Projects
 - £0.4m for Investment in the Environment
 - £0.2m for Street Warden Services
 - £0.1m for Leisure, Sports and Health
 - £0.2m other services
4. On the 1st April 2008, Executive considered the 3rd Quarter Revenue Budget outturn report that projected a net budget saving of (-£253,000). The actual outturn for 2007/2008 is reported as (-£485,000).
5. A summary of the overall outturn variances against the 3rd Quarter projections are shown below:

	Qtr 3 £,000s	Outturn £,000s	Variance £,000s
Children, Families and Learning	0	0	0
Social Care	-37	-130	-93
Environment	+48	0	-48
Regeneration	-41	-67	-26
Corporate Services and Provisions	-223	-288	-65
	-253	-485	-232

6. A detailed breakdown of each service outturn position is given in the following sections of this report together with a summary of the position relating to corporate costs and central provisions.

Children, Families and Learning

7. The service predicted a net budget saving of (-£390,000) at the 3rd quarters budget clinic. The outturn position is a net saving of (-£391,000). This has reduced the requirement for the temporary use of balances from the approved level of £1,143 million to £752,000. The outturn position is summarised below:

	Qtr 3 £,000s	Outturn £,000s	Variance £,000s
Commissioning and Resources	-3	+205	+208
School Improvement	-70	-112	-42
Pupil Support	-74	-244	-170
Community Education	-17	-26	-9
Strategic Management	0	+20	+20
Family Services	+573	-83	-656
Sure Start	-799	-151	+648
	-390	-391	-1
Less reduction in temporary use of balances	+390	+391	-+1
Net Position	0	0	0

8. **Commissioning and Resources (+£205,000).** There was a saving of (-£62,000) on the premature retirement budget due to its prudent application. Catering Services budget had a pressure of (+£361,000) due to the increased cost of food supplies and a support service recharge of (+£100,000). Additional income within Governors support and Joint arrangements – Outdoor Centres has resulted in budget net savings of (-£35,000). There has also been net savings across the service area of (-£59,000), mainly from the maximisation of grants.

9. **School Improvement (-£112,000)** Advisory Service staff spent more time working on grant initiatives, which allowed the recharge of salary expenditure to specific grants. This resulted in a saving of (-£52,000). Staff turnover resulted in a saving of (-£18,000). The service area generated additional income of (-£42,000).
10. **Pupil Support (-£244,000)** There were net savings of (-£143,000) on Home to School Transport due to the receipt of LSC Income not originally budgeted for (-£38,000), recharges to Sure Start and the Cleveland Unit (-£36,000), the renegotiation of contracts for taxis and buses (-£49,000), Parkwood PRU providing its own transport (-£5,000) and a contribution of (-£15,000) from DSG towards additional transport costs. The net savings on the Psychology service of (-£71,000) were due to recharges to Standards Funds and Sure Start Grants. There was a pressure of (+£21,000) on the Attendance & Behaviour Support Team. Management vacancies and additional grant funding for staffing costs generated net savings of (-£51,000) across the service area.
11. **Community Education (-£26,000)** The Head of Community Education service has undertaken work for the Connexions Service, which attracted grant funding (-£22,000). There was a saving on Special Sessional Projects of (-£30,000) due to reduced staff costs. Youth had a saving of (-£21,000) due to reduced demand for casual Youth Workers. There was a pressure on Stainsacre of (+£30,000) due to reduced income when building work was undertaken at the centre. Nautical Studies had a pressure of (+£18,000) due to reduced usage.
12. **Strategic Management (+£20,000)** The net pressure of (+£22,000) is from the implementation of the services senior management restructure.
13. **Family Services (-£83,000)** Within the Assessment and Care Management budget there was a net pressure of (+£162,000). This was offset by net savings within Family Support (-£96,000), Other Children's and Families services (-£266,000) and Management Support (-£72,000) as a result of maximising the use of Sure Start Grants.
14. There was a pressure on Children Looked After from agency fostering charges of (+£400,000) as a result of an increase in placements. This was partly offset by net savings in In-house fostering of (-£169,000) due to a reduction in placements and additional LAA grant. There were net savings on running costs within this service area of (-£42,000).
15. **Sure Start (-£151,000)** Work has been undertaken to maximise the use of the Sure Start Local Programme Grant, the General Sure Start Grant and the Transformation Fund. The saving of (-£151,000) is due to additional revenue income within the Service Provision (-£119,000) and the use of grant funding to support the Early Years and Child Care Management area of the service (-£32,000).

16. **Dedicated Schools Grant** The 2007/08 DSG grant amounted to £75,378,000. Savings of (-£911,000) have been identified from within the LA element of DSG. Legislation requires all surplus/deficits on the DSG to be carried forward and allocated by Schools Management Forum. Proposals will be taken to the Schools Management Forum meeting in June 2008 to apply the carry forward. The proposals to be considered are:
- Funding for the planned maintenance programme slippage from 2007/08;
 - A contribution towards the school catering service;
 - Projects requiring additional funds relating to increased demand in CFL central services as a result of government legislation funded by DSG;
- The final DSG allocation for 2008/09 has not been announced by the DCSF. A contingent amount is being carried forward to offset any possible reduction in funding. This will avoid the need to re-determine school budget shares. Any residual balance will be distributed to schools.

17. A detailed breakdown of the Gershon savings are detailed in appendix A.

Social Care (-£130,000)

18. The service predicted a net budget saving of (-£37,000) at the 3rd quarters budget clinic. The outturn position is a net saving of (-£130,000) as summarised below:

	Qtr 3 £,000s	Outturn £,000s	Variance £,000s
Older People	+237	-63	-300
Physical disability / Sensory Impairment	-88	-141	-53
Learning Disabilities	-65	-104	-39
Mental Health	+85	+24	-61
Other Adults Services	0	-29	-29
Adults Holding Accounts	-117	+28	+145
Asylum Seekers	0	+95	+95
Personal Care	+370	+331	-39
Ayresome Industries	0	0	0
Performance & Modernisation	-289	-209	+80
Service Strategy	0	-1	-1
Street Wardens	0	-61	-61
Contribution from Social Services Provision	-170	0	+170
	-37	-130	-93

19. **Older People (-£63,000)** The ongoing work to promote the occupation of Pennyman House, an extra care-housing scheme and to review the care packages of service users taking up a tenancy has generated net savings of (-£67,000).
20. The improvement of £300,000 in the outturn for the older people service was mainly due to reduced demand pressures from service users and windfall income, details of which are outlined in the paragraphs below.

21. The saving on Community Care of (-£80,000) resulted from a reduction in service users and (-£35,000) from the receipt of windfall income from the Middlesbrough PCT. There was also increased income of (-£68,000) on Warden Control and the Middlesbrough Intermediate Centre of (-£30,000).
22. There was a pressure of (+£116,000) in relation to the unbudgeted costs of four former employees of Albert Cocks/Levick who have yet to be redeployed. The pressure of (+£43,000) on Older Mental Nursing was the result of a payment of back fees for one service user.
23. The delays associated with the demolition and redevelopment of the Levick House site have required the site to be kept secure resulting in a pressure of (+£64,000).
24. **Physical Disabilities (-£141,000)** There was a net saving of (-£41,000) on Nursing and Residential Care as a consequence of a lower than expected recharge from Stockton Council for placements at Blenheim Care Home. Demand led pressures within the Physical Disabilities service division were less than expected resulting in net savings of (-£100,000).
25. **Learning Disabilities (-£104,000)** The net savings of (-£104,000) resulted in additional income and service action taken to re-direct service users to employment support.
26. **Mental Health (+£24,000)**. There were pressures from the shortfall on the Section 117 income budget of (+£24,000), increases in residential placements have resulted in a further pressure of (+£11,000), and the reallocation of Section 117 expenditure which had previously been assumed would be met from Supporting People grant (+£103,000).
27. The above pressures were offset by net savings of (-£83,000) on Assessment & Care Management costs due to staff vacancies and (-£39,000) from the delay in establishing a new employment scheme.
28. **Other Adults Services (-£29,000)** There was a lower take up of residential placements for people with substance abuse problems producing a saving of (-£29,000).
29. **Adult Holding Accounts (+£28,000)** A net pressure of (+£28,000) has been incurred on Adult Holding Accounts budgets primarily due to the running costs of the social care teams and additional costs associated with the emergency duty team recharge from Stockton Council..
30. **Asylum Seekers (+£95,000)** The pressure of (+£95,000) arose because of unbudgeted costs for failed asylum seekers.
31. **Personal Care (+£331,000)** The expected net savings from the Home Care Review did not materialise because of the delay in implementing the revised arrangements resulting in a budget pressure of (+£339,000). The number of hours of purchased Personal Care increased as a consequence of the Home Care

Review resulting in a budget pressure of (+£25,000). These pressures were partially offset by net savings of (-£27,000) on the Sitting Service.

32. **Performance & Modernisation (-£209,000)**. Recovery of outstanding debts produced a reduction in the service's bad debt provision of (-£172,000). There were also a number of short-term efficiencies on running costs, which produced net savings of (-£170,000).
33. The service has requested that (+£133,000) of the above saving is put into the Social Services demand led pressures provision.
34. **Street Wardens (-£61,000)** Vacancies and a reduction in overtime costs resulted in a saving on Street Wardens of (-£61,000) after the creation of a provision of £25,000 for the purchase of new uniforms in 2008/2009.
35. The surplus of £141,000 North East Contracting Consortium for Asylum Support (NECASS) contract with the Home Office, Newcastle Council and seven other authorities in the North East will be carried forward to be applied in 2008/2009.
36. The net surplus of £43,000 for the pooled account of the Tees Community Equipment Service is to be carried forward for use by the eight partners in 2008/2009
37. **2008/2009 Commitments:** It has been assumed in the figures above that the following resources will be carried forward to fund commitments in 2008/09:

Description	Carry Forward
	£
Preventative Technology Grant	210,000
Workforce Development Grant	122,800
Carers Grant	103,000
Mental Health Capacity Grant (IMCA)	27,800
Carer Support – LPSA scheme	10,000
Carry Forward 2008 / 2009	473,600

38. A detailed breakdown of the Gershon savings are detailed in appendix A.

Environment and Neighbourhood Services

39. The service predicted a net budget pressure of (+£48,000) at the 3rd quarter budget clinic. The outturn position is a net zero as summarised below:

	Qtr 3 £,000s	Outturn £,000s	Variance £,000s
Transport & Design	+22	-193	-215
Community Protection	-59	-175	-116
Streetscene	+85	+353	+268
Other	0	+15	+15
	+48	0	-48

40. **Transport & Design (-£193,000)**. There was a pressure of (+£148,000) on parking income due to a poor Christmas trading period and the general economic situation; these costs were offset by a decrease in the bad debt provision of (-£134,000).
41. There was a saving on Highways Engineering Services of (-£113,000), primarily due to an overachievement of (-£130,000) on abandoned shopping trolleys. There was also savings on Winter Maintenance and Becks Maintenance of (-£16,000) insurance costs (-£60,000), Highways Maintenance operating costs (-£12,000) and the Highways Engineering service (-£13,000). However, these savings were offset by a pressure on staffing costs for the Intervention Team of (+£51,000) and Street Lighting maintenance contract (+£73,000), due to increased costs from the contractor relating to extra columns uncovered during an audit.
42. Laboratories have a net saving of (-£39,000), mainly due to a reduction in bad debt provision of (-£46,000), following a comprehensive exercise to chase up bad debts. Management & Admin has made savings of (-£73,000). This was due to a (-£50,000) reduction in the bad debt provision and (-£23,000) saving on running expenses.
43. Transport & Policy had a pressure of (+£48,000), due to an increase of (+£31,000) in the bad debt provision, and the non-achievement of the Gershon targets of (+£70,000), regarding the review of the Bus Station operating arrangements. These pressures were partly offset by staffing savings of (-£53,000). Road Safety & Traffic made a saving of (-£55,000), due to savings on vacant posts.
44. **Community Protection (-£175,000)** North Ormesby Market has a net pressures of (+£23,000). This pressure was offset by savings in staff costs within Selective Licensing & Private Sector Housing (-£67,000) and Community Safety (-£46,000). The Service recently received net income of (-£96,000) following a court case brought by Trading Standards.
45. Community Protection Management & Admin made a saving of (-£36,000), due to a reduction in the bad debt provision of (-£20,000), and reduced running costs (-£16,000).
46. There was a pressure on the Golf Centre of (+£52,000) due to a reduction in the income from green fees and the bar/café. There were net savings of

(-£22,000) on management costs for the service. The bad debt provision for sport and leisure increased by (+£20,000).

47. **Streetscene (+£353,000)** There was a net pressure of (+£72,000) in relation to Waste Services as a result of more waste being sent to landfill when the incinerator was closed during February and March and an increase in costs associated with the implementation of the green waste initiative and the kerb side recycling programme.
48. The Landscape and Countryside income shortfall of (+£158,000) was partly offset by salary net savings (-£93,000) and running costs (-£5,000). The Public Conveniences made a saving of (-£21,000) on running costs. There was a pressure of (+£20,000) on the maintenance budget of Centre Square due to higher than expected maintenance, water and electricity charges for the water feature.
49. Parks had a pressure of (+£27,000), made up of (+£17,000) underachievement of income on Prissick Pitch 'n' Putt, (+£17,000) shortfall on Environmental Task Force, due to low throughput of trainees, (+£18,000) on Allotments, due to increased running and maintenance costs, and (+£11,000) rent income shortfall due to Tees Forest vacating the Stewarts Park Offices. These are offset by savings of (-£36,000) on running costs across other areas of Parks.
50. The cost of implementing Area Care has been (+£92,000) higher than projected. However the benefits can be seen in the improved general cleanliness of the Town. A review will be undertaken to manage these costs within budget in 2008/2009. The Gershon saving relating to the method of hire of vehicles was not achieved producing a pressure of (+£90,000).
51. **Other (+£15,000).** There was a pressure of (+£15,000) as a result of additional expenditure on three of the "reserves & balances schemes"- Hardstand/footpaths in unadopted areas (£+8,000), Playgrounds (+£1,000) and Litter Equipment (+£6,000).
52. There were pressures on Streetscene Trading (+£39,000) and Horticulture Trading (+£59,000) as a result of rising fuel costs hampering recovery of one-off costs in the year of Management Buy Outs (+£65,000), additionally net savings in relation to the implementation of the Area Care operation have not materialised as expected. Building Works has outturned with a pressure of (+£40,000), this area continues to be an ongoing concern for the service. There was additional income on Street Maintenance (-£16,000) and Property Services (-£4,000).
53. A detailed breakdown of the Gershon savings are detailed in appendix A.

Regeneration and Cultural Services (-£67,000)

54. The service predicted a net budget saving of (-£41,000) at the 3rd quarter budget clinic. The outturn position is a net saving of (-£67,000) as summarised below:

	Qtr 3 £,000s	Outturn £,000s	Variance £,000s
Planning & Regeneration	-25	+66	+91
Cultural Services	-36	-22	+14
Economic & Community Regeneration	-6	-96	-90
Libraries	+25	-9	-34
Museums	+54	+83	+29
Regeneration	-53	-56	-3
Other	0	-33	-33
	-41	-67	-26

55. **Planning and Regeneration (+£66,000)** There was pressure of (+£21,000) on staffing costs for Urban Policy and Implementation team, Development Control, Building Control and Middlehaven. Expenditure on specialist design advice studies at Central Gardens, Dunning Street Police Station and costs related to a public enquiry in relation to 135 Guisborough Road have been incurred which offset the surplus achieved for Planning Fee income. Net savings of (-£30,000) on the Regeneration Programmes team were made by maximising grant income.
56. The Local Development Framework (LDF) is comprised of several Development Plan Documents (DPDs) for the authority, which are drafted and refined over a period of years. An outline covering the amounts, period and type of expenditure was produced in 2005/2006 and funding was allocated over a number of years in the MTFP. The budget for 2007/2008 is £249,000 of which £121,000 has been spent. The balance will be carried forward into 2008/2009.
57. After the original spend profile was drafted the government introduced a new Test of Soundness into the LDF process. The service has spent (+£123,000) on a series of studies to put in place additional supporting material to ensure as far as possible that the Middlesbrough LDF documents would not be found unsound. The studies have been reviewed and have been found to directly cover the LDF requirements for producing the framework and add "soundness" to the plan documents. The additional LDF expenditure was funded from savings within the service (-£83,000) and central reserves (-£40,000).
58. **Cultural Services (-£22,000)** There were net savings due to staff turnover and the vacancy of the Audience Development Manager post of (-£44,000). This was offset by pressures in the service of (+£22,000) due to the cancellation of concerts at the Town Hall, the Music Live & MELA events.
59. **Economic & Community Regeneration (-£96,000)** There were pressures of (+£9,000) from early retirement packages in connection with the merger of TVDC and Tees Valley and redundancy costs (+£13,000) incurred for WMNT staff.

These were offset by net savings on Community Development (-£9,000) and staffing costs of (-£46,000) on the Economic Development team and Town Centre Company team (-£102,000).

60. There is an underachievement of income within the Enterprise Centres of (+£13,000) due to a reduction in the number of businesses using the centres. An increase in the bad debt provision of (+£21,000) and pressure of (+£5,000) on running costs.
61. **Libraries (-£9,000)** The net savings on staff costs of (-£41,000) were offset by pressures on the Peoples Network, courier service, premises costs and user survey (+£36,000). There was a net saving on the Archives budget of (-£4,000).
62. **Other (-£33,000)** There was a saving on the Regeneration Initiatives budget of (-£69,000) offset by pressures relating to security of the central square and MIMA (+£28,000) and service running costs (+£7,000).
63. **Regeneration (-£56,000)** The service received windfall income of (-£20,000) due to repayment of support service costs from WMNT and (-£36,000) net savings from a review of outstanding commitments.
64. **Museums (+£83,000)** There were pressures on running of MIMA due to underachievement of sales income for corporate hires (+£25,000), staff turnover (+£24,000) and national advertising costs (+£10,000). There were also pressures on the running of the Dorman Museum, Captain Cook Birthplace Museum and the exhibitions budget for Museums (+£24,000).
65. A detailed breakdown of the Gershon savings are detailed in appendix A.

Corporate Services and Provisions (-£288,000)

66. The service predicted a net budget saving of (-£223,000) at the 3rd quarter budget clinic. The outturn position is a net saving of (-£288,000) as summarised below:

	Qtr 3 £,000s	Outturn £,000s	Variance £,000s
Legal & Democratic Services	-184	-331	-147
Strategic Resources	-460	-695	-235
Performance & Policy	-14	-85	-71
Provisions	+435	+823	+388
	-223	-288	-65

67. **Legal & Democratic Services (-£331,000)** There were pressures of (+£177,000) on the Local and Mayoral registration budget, from the additional costs associated with postal ballots and by-elections. These costs have been met from the corporate provision.

68. Total spending on Barristers' fees in relation to equal pay claims was (+£691,000). These costs have been met from the Equal Pay earmarked reserve as in previous years.
69. A net saving of (-£14,000) was made on the Coroners budget. This was the result of the negotiation of a reduction in the charges from Middlesbrough Primary Care Trust (PCT) for mortuary fees.
70. A pressure of (+£13,000) was incurred on the Registrars Service budget due to a shortfall in income of (+£43,000) offset by staff net savings of (-£30,000).
71. The Member's basic and special responsibility allowances rates were lower than the budgeted level producing a saving of (-£94,000). Net savings were also made on the Members Development budget (-£27,000), the Chair's hospitality budget (-£13,000) and other Member's Office budgets (-£61,000). There were also net savings on staff vacancies across the service of (-£94,000) and an unbudgeted contribution of (-£20,000) from other Tees Valley authorities for scrutiny work.
72. **Strategic Resources (-£695,000)** A net saving of (-£700,000) has been made on Housing Benefits budgets. This is primarily due to the recovery of overpayments exceeding the budgeted amount.
73. Net savings have been made on Asset Management budgets (-£42,000) following the receipt of an electricity charge rebate relating to 2005/06. Net savings were also made on Loans & Investment (-£30,000), Asset Management Team (-£18,000) and Value for Money Team (-£16,000) due mainly to staff vacancies. Net savings of (-£41,000) were made on Strategic Commissioning and Procurement as a result of additional income from Multi Functioning Devices due to a greater than anticipated turnover and a reduction on running costs.
74. A reduction in the charge to Erimus for cash collection due to an increase in the take up of electronic payments has resulted in a saving of (-£29,000) on Council Tax Collection budgets.
75. Difficulties in recruiting staff in the Internal Audit section led to a need to employ agency staff on short-term contracts, resulting in a budget pressure of (+£57,000). In addition the need to employ agency staff to carry out key council projects created a pressure of (+£27,000). Additional Audit Fees resulted in a pressure of (+£12,000) on the Senior Management budget. The savings in Strategic Resources were offset by a reduction in recharges to trading areas (+£97,000).
76. **2008/2009 Commitments:** The balance of £185,000 on the Urban Programme Grant is to be carried forward as it is likely that the council will be required to repay the grant in 2008/2009.
77. **Performance & Policy (-£85,000).** The net savings of (-£57,000) on HR Strategy and (-£55,000) on Web Assistants/Development costs were partially offset by a number of minor pressures on running costs (+£27,000). This will not reoccur in 2008/09 following the implementation of a forthcoming staffing restructure.

78. A detailed breakdown of the Gershon savings is detailed in appendix A.
79. Central Costs and Provisions predicted a net budget pressure of (+£435,000) at the 3rd quarter budget clinic. The outturn position is a net pressure of (+£823,000) as summarised below:

	Qtr 3 £,000s	Actual £,000s	Variance £,000s
Pay & Prices	-168	-364	-196
Independent Sector Price rises	+191	+204	+13
Unsociable Hours / Red Book Buy Out	+189	+189	0
Less use of equal pay reserve	-189	-189	0
Trainee Allowances	+120	+96	-24
Capital Financing	-914	-1,551	-637
Custodian Properties	+250	+202	-48
Right to Buy Receipts	+418	+464	+46
Miscellaneous	0	-29	-29
Trading Services - Surpluses	+265	+289	+24
LDF Surveys	+48	+40	-8
Ex Trading Services – Non trading costs	+55	+86	+31
Local Elections	+167	+177	+10
Designated Authority	-40	-35	+5
Environment Agency	+19	+19	0
River Tees Port Authority	+24	+24	0
Balance Sheet Management	0	-203	-203
Unpresented Cheques write back	0	-265	-265
Housing Account	0	-19	-19
Cleveland Centre Car Park Income	0	+135	+135
Car Parking VAT	0	+183	+183
Invest to save/ Change Programme	0	+1,600	+1,600
Changes to Specific Reserves :-			
Cleveland Centre Roof	0	-69	-69
Initiatives	0	-52	-52
Tennis World Loan Guarantee	0	-90	-90
NRF repayment Reserve	0	-19	-19
	+435	+823	+446

80. Appendix B provides a detailed analysis of all reserves and provisions at 31st March 2008.

Reserves and Balances Allocations

81. On the 15th August 2006, Executive approved the allocation of additional resources of £2,659,000 on specific schemes. An unspent balance of £1,473,000 was carried forward into 2007/2008, which has been nearly fully spent in 2007/2008. Appendix C provides a schedule of the schemes for each service.

Gershon Net savings

82. The Council has embedded within its budget monitoring, procedures reporting on Gershon net savings. The Council has exceeded its cashable net savings target by (-£40,000) its non-cashable target by (-£64,000). The table below summaries the outturn position:

	Cashable		Non-Cashable	
	Target	Outturn	Target	Outturn
	£000's	£000's	£000's	£000's
Children, Families and Learning	483	483	483	483
Social Care	1,095	1,125	666	882
Environment	360	370	568	415
Regeneration	135	135	150	151
Corporate Services	66	66	0	0
Total	2,139	2,179	1,867	1,931

Appendix A provides a detailed analysis across each service.

OPTION APPRAISAL / RISK ASSESSMENT

83. Not applicable to this report.

FINANCIAL, LEGAL AND WARD IMPLCATIONS

84. A net budget saving of (-£427,000) is forecast within general fund services for the year as summarised below:

	£,000s
Children, Families and Learning	0
Social Care	-130
Environment	0
Regeneration	-67
Corporate Services and Provisions	-288
	-485

85. A statement of projected revenue balances is set out below:

	General Fund £000s	Back Dated RSG £000s	Lane Rental Income £000s
Opening Balance	5,740	2,459	444
Add/less Forecast Net Savings	485		0
Less Used in 2007/2008	752		236
Estimated Balance as at 31st March 2008	5,473	2,459	208

RECOMMENDATIONS

86. OSB are asked to: -

- a) Note the contents of report.

REASONS

- a) To ensure that Middlesbrough Council reports on resource utilisation against approved budgets.
- b) To consider implications upon the Medium Term Financial Plan.

BACKGROUND PAPERS

The following papers were used in the preparation of the report

- 2007/2008 Revenue Budget Executive Report 13th February 2007
- 2007/2008 Council Tax Report : Council 7th March 2007
- 2006/2007 – 2010/2011 Medium Term Financial Plan: Executive Report 19th December 2006
- 3rd Quarter Consolidated Revenue Budget Outturn Report to Executive 1st April 2007

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