



AGENDA ITEM: 8

OVERVIEW & SCRUTINY BOARD

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1st Quarter Revenue Budget Projected Outturn

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PURPOSE OF THE REPORT

1. To present to Overview & Scrutiny Board an estimate of the annual projected outturn for 2008/2009 based on the first quarter review of revenue expenditure against the current years Revenue Budget.

BACKGROUND AND EXTERNAL CONSULTATION

2. The Council on the 7th March 2008 set its revenue budget at £126.3 million for 2008/2009. A Council Tax increase of 4.9% for Middlesbrough Council was approved.
3. In setting the 2008/2009 budget, approximately £4.5 million of efficiency savings were identified. The Council approved an extra £5.1 million for key services; including:
 - £0.8m for Children, Families and Learning
 - £3.4m for Social Care for older people and disadvantaged groups
 - £0.6m for investment in the Environment
 - £0.3m for new investments
4. The projected outturn position for 2008/2009 is a net budget pressure of (+£1,022,000). This represents a 1% pressure against the £126.3m 2008/2009 budget. The projected outturn position is summarised below:

	Budget 2008/2009	Estimated QTR 1 Outturn	Variance	Variance
	£'000s	£'000s	£'000s	%
Children, Families and Learning	22,368	23,083	715	3%
Social Care	35,295	35,297	2	0%
Environment	24,567	25,197	630	3%
Regeneration	8,142	8,142	0	0%
Corporate Services	27,531	27,289	-242	-1%
Central Costs and Provisions	8,474	8,391	-83	-2%
TOTAL	126,377	127,399	1,022	1%

A breakdown of Gross Expenditure and Income budgets against projected Expenditure and Income outturns are contained in Appendix A.

Children, Families and Learning: (+£715,000)

5. The service predicts a net budget pressure of (+£715,000) at the end of the 1st quarter. The projected outturn position is summarised below: -

	Budget 2008/2009	Estimated QTR 1 Outturn	Variance	Variance
	£'000s	£'000s	£'000s	%
Policy & Resources	3,749	3,836	87	2%
School Improvement	623	583	-40	-6%
Pupil Support	8,312	8,317	5	0%
Community Education	1,292	1,336	44	3%
Strategic Management	370	370	0	0%
Family Services	15,480	16,099	619	4%
Individual School Budget	69,185	69,185	0	0%
DSG Services	552	552	0	0%
DSG Grant	-77,195	-77,195	0	0%
TOTAL	22,368	23,083	715	3%

- 6 **Commissioning and Resources: (+£87,000)** There are projected staff savings of (-£24,000) across the service. The Catering Services budget is showing a potential pressure of (+£346,000) due to the increased cost of food supplies. Over the last year there has been an average inflationary pressure of 12.5% on catering supplies. The support services charges has added a further (+£100,000) to this pressure. Further pressure of (+£25,000) have been identified relating to the reduction of buy back income from falling pupil numbers. The schools management forum has allocated £360,000 from the DSG carry forward to offset the pressure on the catering service. This contribution is for one year only. A value for money exercise will be completed in 2008/2009 to identify options for reducing costs.

7. **School Improvement: (-£40,000)** The long-term absence and subsequent retirement of a Senior Adviser will result in a salary saving of (-£44,000). This saving will be offset by additional salary costs of (+£4,000) for temporary cover needed within this area to ensure service delivery.
8. **Pupil Support: (-£5,000)** The Child Protection service has been running “twilight” training sessions and as a result does not need to provide supply cover to schools. Savings of (-£5,000) are anticipated from the supply budget.
9. There is a pressure on Attendance & Behaviour Support Team (+£72,000) due to the under-recovery of school buy backs. Staff savings and the recharge of salaries to grants will produce a saving of (-£47,000). The behaviour support element of this team is included within the Dedicated Schools Grant; this is 60% of the total service costs.
10. **Community Education: (+£44,000):** A shortfall in income for Nautical Studies is expected to produce a pressure of (+£39,000). Negotiations have been held with a group of external partners who have agreed in principal to provide a subsidy to the Nautical Studies Unit. The refurbishment of some areas of Stainsacre has resulted in a shortfall in income of (+£5,000) mainly due to the centre not being able to accommodate overnight stays while the building work was carried out.
- 12 **Family Services: (+£619,000)** Within the Assessment and Care Management budget the use of Agency Social Work staff to cover vacancies within several of the Locality Teams and increased expenditure on transport related headings is resulting in a pressure of (+£108,000). This pressure has been partially offset by staff vacancies of (-£70,000). Additional premises related expenditure has been incurred in relation to movement of staff and the need for increased accessibility to buildings, this pressure totals (+£16,000).
- 13 The Children Looked After budget is projecting a net pressure of (+£311,000). This comprises a pressure of (+£74,000) on In house fostering due to the higher number of children being placed in the in-house service There is an anticipated pressure of (+£15,000) for the agency fostering service.
- 14 The anticipated transfer of two children from residential placements to agency placements resulted in the Residential Placements budget being reduced at the budget setting time by £164,000. The children have been successfully moved but between the budget setting exercise and the end of the 2007/08 financial year there were an additional six children placed in residential establishments resulting in a pressure of (+£222,000). As a demand led area it is difficult to predict the numbers of children being placed in this service.
- 15 A reduction in grant income relating to the parental support advisory service, which is one of the services provided from within the Family Resource Team has resulted in a pressure of (+£195,000). Work is currently on going to identify other grants that could be applied for to be able to bridge the gap in this budget.
16. Increased demand on section 17 payments across family Support Services may result in a year-end pressure of (+£59,000). The majority of the increased demand

is in relation to the Council's statutory duty to fund the travel of parents and family to visit children placed with foster carers who live out of the Tees Valley area.

17. A detailed breakdown of the efficiency savings are shown in appendix B. a key element of the shortfall is in relation to a failure to reduce the extent of ASP's within the service.
18. An update on the Children Families & Learning actions required from 2007/2008 quarter three budget clinic is shown in appendix C.

Social Care: (+£2,000)

19. The service predicts a net budget pressure of (+£2,000) after the use of (-£270,000) from the Social Services provision to meet demand led pressures as summarised below: -

	Budget 2008/2009	Estimated QTR 1 Outturn	Variance	Variance
	£'000s	£'000s	£'000s	%
Older People	8,947	9,281	334	4%
Older People with Metal Health	3,600	3,622	22	1%
Physical disability / Sensory Impairment	3,354	3,451	97	3%
Learning Disabilities	8,168	8,198	30	0%
Mental Health	2,946	2,853	-93	-3%
Other Adult Services	179	176	-3	-2%
Adults Holding Accounts	-943	-950	-7	1%
Asylum seekers	109	109	0	0%
Ayresome Industries	0	0	0	0%
Personal Care	3,697	3,693	-4	0%
Supporting People	0	0	0	0%
Performance & Modernisation	2,179	2,233	54	2%
Service Strategy	439	442	3	1%
Street Wardens	1,792	1,785	-7	0%
Registrars	115	134	19	17%
Contributions from Social Care demand Led Provisions	713	-270	-443	62%
TOTAL	35,295	35,297	2	0.0%

20. **Older People: (+£355,000)** A pressure of (+£173,000) is forecast on Elderly residential budgets as a result of demand led pressures from an increase of 16 service users since the budget was set. This was partially offset by a reduction in payments to Anchor Housing.

21. An increase of 36 service users receiving direct payments is expected to result in a further budgetary pressure of (+£188,000). An increase in user demand is also the main reason for projected budgetary pressures of (+£56,000) on Respite Care.
22. A requirement to keep the Levick House site secure has resulted in projected unbudgeted security costs of (+£60,000). A further pressure of (+£45,000) is projected on Carelink following a re-evaluation of staffing grades. This has been recognised in the services revised Medium Term Financial Plan.
23. There is a pressure of (+£18,000) on the Central Hub Team relating to the increase in car parking permit fees and an abatement target for staff turnover not being met. Pressures are also anticipated on the Middlesbrough Intermediate Care Centre budget (+£16,000) due to a requirement for additional staff cover and a pressure of (+£47,000) due to the non-achievement of efficiency savings in relation to Free Nursing Care.
24. The above pressures are partially offset by a number of projected savings from a decrease of 11 service users (-£131,000) on Nursing Community Care costs and (-£28,000) on Occupational Therapy Management costs as a result of a vacant post. Pro-active work to rationalise the size of care packages is expected to result in savings of (-£34,000) on Trinity Extra Care budgets and (-£30,000) on Residential Short Stay budgets.
25. The projected pressure on Older Mental Health costs is mainly a result of an additional Nursing Short Stay placement (+£10,000) and the non-achievement of efficiency savings in relation to Free Nursing Care (+£25,000) and Continuing Health Care review (+£31,000). Increase in demand for Older People Mental Health Respite Care (+£17,000) has resulted in a further pressure. These pressures are partly offset by savings on Older People Mental Health residential costs (-£45,000) following a reduction of 5 long-term placements. A (-£18,000) saving is expected from a service user in receipt of a direct payment being re-classified as Continuing Health Care and therefore funded by Health.
26. **Physical Disabilities: (+£97,000)** A net pressure of (+£72,000) is forecast on Direct Payments (+£95,000), Residential (+£12,000), Respite Care (+£14,000) and Community Support (+£13,000) as a consequence of an increase in service users. These pressures are partially offset by the receipt of additional Health Service income (-£23,000) and a saving of (-£12,000) on Nursing costs due to a decrease of 1 care package.
27. **Learning Disabilities: (+£30,000)** The number of service users receiving direct payments has increased by 19, a budgetary pressure of (+£99,000) is forecast as a result.
28. There is a pressures expected on the Day Care budgets (+£78,000) resulting from a 16% increase in charges from Redcar & Cleveland Council for Day Care services. Further pressures are anticipated on Assessment & Care Management budgets (+£21,000) and from the non-achievement of budget holder savings in relation to the Continuing Health Care review (+£118,000). The pressures are partly offset by anticipated savings on Residential placements (-£112,000) and Nursing Care (-£31,000) from a reduction in placements and the PCT agreeing to

joint- fund a package of care for a service user backdated to 2005 (-£110,000). Delays in filling vacancies in the newly created Progress Team are expected to give rise to savings of (-£17,000).

29. **Mental Health: (+93,000).** Savings are projected on Residential (-£87,000) and Nursing Care (-£24,000) from reduction in placements and the average payments under the Fair Price for Care bandings for non-older persons' services are lower than predicted.
30. Savings are also forecast for Independent Supporting Living schemes (-£34,000) as a result of the receipt of income from the PCT relating to 2007/2008. There are projected staff on Assessment & Care Management (-£21,000) and the Community Support Team (-£11,000). There is a net saving of (-£15,000) forecast on Sunningdale from additional income offset by additional staffing costs.
31. The cost of Section 117 reviews that are not eligible for Supporting People funding will have to be met from the mainstream resources. A budgetary pressure of (+£45,000) is projected as a result. Pressures are also projected on Direct Payment budgets (+£56,000) due to an increase of 12 placements.
32. **Personal Care: (-£4,000)** Income contributions from the PCT towards the cost of the service are higher than originally forecast and a saving of (-£27,000) is predicted.
33. On Home Care the Contractual issues associated with Single Status Part 3 negotiations have resulted in a projected pressure of (+£91,000) on Rapid Response Team costs. The non-achievement of the staff abatement target is expected to result in a pressure on the Independence Team of (+£27,000). These pressures are partly offset by projected savings of (-£83,000) on Home Care Management costs due to the receipt of additional income from the PCT, including one-off income for a service user back-dated to 2002. A small saving of (-£12,000) is also forecast on the OPMH Team budget.
34. **Performance & Modernisation: (+£54,000).** A review of the provision of transportation services in Social Care was expected to generate budgeted savings in 2008/09. The review is still on going and a budget pressure of (+£49,000) is forecast as a consequence.
35. **Registrars: (+£20,000).** Pressures are forecast on the Registrar's equipment budget due to a number of one-off refurbishment costs.
36. **Demand led Budgets: (+£270,000).** The Council set aside a provision of £713,000 to cover increases in demand across the service. Pressures based on the current level of demand totalling £356,000 have been referred to in the respective service division sections of this report. The cost of further increases in demand between July and the end of the year is estimated at (+£270,000).
37. A detailed breakdown of the efficiency savings are shown in appendix B
38. An update on the Social Care actions required from 2007/2008 quarter three budget clinic is shown in appendix C.

Environment: (+£630,000)

39. The service predicts a net budget pressure of (+£630,000) at the end of the 1st quarter. The projected outturn position is summarised below:

	Budget 2008/2009	Estimated QTR 1 Outturn	Variance	Variance
	£'000s	£'000s	£'000s	%
Transport & Design	7,519	7,586	67	1%
Community Protection	4,232	4,383	151	4%
Streetscene (Revenue Funded)	12,387	12,553	166	2%
Executive Director	429	429	0	0%
Streetscene Trading	0	246	246	100%
TOTAL	24,567	25,197	630	3%

40. **Transport & Design: (+£67,000).** On Parking Solutions there is projected shortfall in income of (+£64,000) primarily due reduced demand. A pressure of (+£70,000) has been identified on the street maintenance contract and negotiations are underway with the contractor to mitigate the impact of this pressure. The Gershon saving of (+£72,000) in relation to the Bus Station will not be achieved and a full review of the Bus Station operation is in progress. There are pressures on the Intervention Team (+£40,000) from the increased workload under the new code of practice and on road inspections (+£20,000) due to increased road closures for cleansing purposes.
41. These pressures are partly offset by a saving of (-£31,000) on vacant posts within Road Safety. There is a projected over achievement of (-£30,000) against the Gershon target in respect abandoned shopping trolleys. There is a projected insurance saving of (-£40,000) and savings on salaries across the service are forecast at (-£98,000)
42. Savings of (-£150,000) have been identified on the concessionary fares budget following the agreement with the Bus operators. This amount will be transferred back to corporate reserves.
43. **Community Protection: (+£151,000).** Continued poor attendance at North Ormesby Market (£+20,000) is an ongoing concern. Staffing savings within Community safety are projected to be (-£25,000).
44. The Southlands theatre hall is due for replacement in October 2008. It is projected that this closure will result in a (+£30,000) loss of income. All efforts will be made to minimise costs during the closure period to offset the loss of income. A similar situation will occur at the Rainbow Centre with an estimated (+£40,000) loss of income. The Golf Centre is projecting a pressure of (+£4,000). The service has secured funding from the PCT of (-£90,000) in respect of Free swimming Initiative and a contribution of (-£21,000) towards the cost of the Tees Pride 10K and PCT fun run.

45. The impact of Job Evaluation on casual staff has been estimated as (+£54,000) and this is included in the projected outturn figures.
46. **Streetscene: (+£166,000).** The Waste Services have a predicted pressure of (+£120,000) on fuel for Waste Collection and a (+£44,000) shortfall in the level of pension back funding. There is 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.
47. **Streetscene Trading (+£246,000).** Area Care is projecting a deficit of (+£220,000) principally of an estimated (+£125,000) overspend on fuel, an expected (+£55,000) shortfall in the level of pension back funding credit due to be received. Property Services is projecting a trading deficit of (+£56,000) and a trading deficit of (+£65,000) is projected on Building Works. The main areas of work contributing to this deficit are electricians and joiners. This is offset by a surplus on Building Cleaning (-£4,000) and Building Security (-£5,000).
48. Fleet Services is projecting a trading deficit of (+£150,000) due to pressures in providing transport for Social Care.
49. It is proposed to meet the cost of the pension back funding (£99,000) and fuel inflation (£125,000) from central contingencies.
50. A detailed breakdown of the efficiency savings are shown in appendix B
51. An update on the Environment actions required from 2007/2008 quarter three budget clinic is shown in appendix C

Regeneration: (Nil)

52. The service predicts a net budget pressure of (+£57,000) at the end of the 1st quarter. The projected outturn position is summarised below:

	Budget 2008/2009	Estimated QTR 1 Outturn	Variance	Variance
	£'000s	£'000s	£'000s	%
Planning & Regeneration	1,886	1,922	36	2%
Cultural Services	848	839	-9	-1%
Economic & Community Regeneration	1,295	1,295	0	0%
Libraries	2,255	2,255	0	0%
Executive Director	322	322	0	0%
Museums	1,536	1,566	30	0%
Planning Delivery Grant	0	-57	-57	
TOTAL	8,142	8,199	0	0

53. **Planning and Regeneration: (+£36,000).** A surplus of (-£20,000) is projected for planning fee income. This is partly offset by specialist design advice studies at Central Gardens of (+£7,000) and costs related to a public enquiry in relation to 135 Guisborough Road of (+£14,000). Reduced Income from Pre-application

advice is predicted to be a pressure of (£+28,000). The current economic climate will have a long term impact on planning income. There is an anticipated pressure of (+£6,000) on the efficiency target on Joint Working arrangements with Redcar & Cleveland Council.

54. **Cultural Services: (-£9,000).** There are projected staffing savings of (-£24,000) within the service. This is offset by a pressure of (+£15,000) on the events programming budget in relation to the Music Live event due to a rise in infrastructure costs, a reduced contribution from one of the event's business partners and an income shortfall from the bars and catering franchises.
55. **Economic & Community Regeneration. £0** Net savings on Economic Development and support of (-£60,000) are projected on staffing. This is expected to be partly offset by an under achievement of income of (+£43,000) at the Enterprise centre caused by businesses relocating and a reduction in the number of re-lets. The efficiency target for the enterprise centres of £40,000 is only likely to be partly achieved this will create a pressure of (+£20,000).
56. **Museums: (+£30,000)** Although regular bookings for corporate hires of mima are being received there is an anticipated pressure of (+£15,000) and on the exhibitions budget of (+£15,000). Officers are looking at ways to address the pressure by either securing additional external funding or reducing expenditure.
57. The service has been notified of a £900,000 Planning Delivery Grant allocation in 2008/2009. Identified spending pressures of £57,000 will initially be met by this allocation. The utilisation of the balance will be subject to a separate report.
58. A detailed breakdown of the Gershon savings are shown in appendix B
59. An update on the Regeneration actions required from 2007/2008 quarter three budget clinic is shown in appendix C.

Corporate Services: (-£242,000)

60. The service predicts a net budget saving of (-£242,000) at the end of the 1st quarter. The projected outturn position is summarised below:

	Budget 2008/2009	Estimated QTR 1 Outturn	Variance	Variance
	£'000s	£'000s	£'000s	%
Legal & Democratic Services	3,068	2,939	-129	-4%
Strategic Resources	25,527	25,354	-173	-0.7%
Performance & Policy	2,460	2,430	-30	-1%
Corporate Services	-3,524	-3,434	90	3%
Recharges				
TOTAL	27,531	27,289	-242	-0.9%

61. **Legal & Democratic Services: (-£129,000).** There are projected staffing savings in Senior Management (-£11,000), Common Law (-£22,000), Property & Regeneration (-£5,000), Welfare (-£5,000), Governance Team (-£24,000), Resource Team (-£12,000) and on the Scrutiny Team (-£6,000). These savings are partly offset by a projected pressure of (+£24,000) on General Services budgets as a consequence of the rising cost of essential law books.
62. Savings of (-£64,000) are predicted on Members' basic and special responsibility allowances, as current allocations are lower than the budgeted level.
63. A small saving of (-£3,000) is projected on the Coroner's staff budget.
64. **Strategic Resources: (-£173,000).** The level of recovery of overpayments Housing Benefits is forecast to exceed the budgeted target by (-£50,000) and there are also projected savings on staff costs (-£9,000) and on Hired Services (-£8,000). A further saving has arisen from the receipt of additional Housing Subsidy income of (-£29,000). Savings of (-£29,000) are projected on the Council Tax budgets due to the success of Allpay replacing the Erimus cash collection across the town.
65. Savings of (-£29,000) are projected on the Loans & Investment Section as a result of a member of staff working reduced hours and a small saving is expected on the cost of bank charges. On-going recruitment difficulties and the resultant need to recruit agency staff on short term contracts will result in a net pressure of (+£64,000) on Internal Audit.
66. A reduction in hours for a member of staff and the transfer of resources from the Mouchel Partnership budget is expected to give rise to a saving of (-£40,000) on Asset Management costs. Further savings on staffing costs are forecast on the Strategic Accountants (-£12,000) and Value for Money Team (-£11,000).
67. No variances are anticipated at this point on Property Services income budgets although the Council is still waiting for confirmation from GONE that they are willing to write off all potential urban programme repayments. If confirmation is received, the Council will have an additional (-£136,000) to reinvest.
68. The MFD contract is now in the fourth year and the majority of the leasing payments for the equipment have now ceased. A saving of (-£42,000) over and above the £45,000 efficiency saving is predicted. Requests for funding from the Corporate Initiatives budget exceed available resources by (+£7,000). A detailed analysis is attached at appendix **.
69. **Performance & Policy: (-£30,000).** Savings of (-£42,000) are projected for the service as a result of vacant posts in Partnership Information and Human Resources Client. A pressure of (+£6,000) is forecast on running costs for the service particularly on printing and computer equipment.
70. As no agreement has been reached yet between HMRC and representative bodies for Employee Assistance programmes (EAP) to be exempt from tax, it has been decided that the counselling services and other advice provided by the EAP must be recognised as a taxable benefit. The liability for tax and NIC has been

calculated at (+£6,000) for which there is no provision within the People Strategy budget.

71. A detailed breakdown of the efficiency savings are shown in appendix B.
72. An update on the Central services actions required from 2007/2008 quarter three budget clinic is shown in appendix C.

Central Costs and Provisions: (-£83,000)

73. Central Costs and Provisions predict a net budget saving of (-£83,000) at the end of the 1st quarter. The Projected Outturn position and the projection variance are summarised below:

	Budget 2008/2009	Estimated QTR 1 Outturn	Variance	Variance
	£'000s	£'000s	£'000s	%
Pay & Prices and Contingency	651	232	-419	64%
Job Evaluation	329	329	0	0%
Capital Financing	6,196	6,196	0	0%
Custodian Properties	135	35	-100	-74%
Right to Buy Receipts	-923	-191	732	79%
Ex-Trading Services	328	224	-104	-32%
Contribution to/from Reserves	-691	-691	0	0%
Investment Fund	342	342	0	0%
Demand Led Pressures	152	152	0	0%
Unfunded Pensions	1,743	1,551	-192	-11%
Other	212	212	0	0
TOTAL	8,474	8,391	-83	-1%

74. **Efficiency Savings:** The Council has embedded within its budget monitoring procedures reporting on efficiency savings. The Council is projected to under achieve its efficiency savings target by (+£448,000). The table below summaries the Projected Outturn position:

	Target	Estimated QTR 1 Outturn	Variance
	£'000s	£'000s	£'000s
Children, Families and Learning	1,602	1,451	151
Social Care	1,180	902	278
Environment	860	851	9
Regeneration	173	121	52
Corporate Services	177	219	-42
TOTAL	3,992	3,544	448

Appendix B provides a detailed analysis for each service.

75. **Service Reviews:** Services were requested to identify areas for future review as part of the 2008/2009 budget setting exercise and a list of proposed reviews was

presented to Executive in January 2008. It is important that that these reviews are undertaken during 2008/2009 to assist in addressing the significant budget pressures the Council will need to deal with in future years. The progress across the services has been mixed, some major reviews have still to be started, and other reviews are progressing well.

Balance Sheet Management

76. **Reserves / Provisions:** The table below summarises the projected movements on reserves and provisions for 2008/2009. A detailed breakdown of the movements is shown in Appendix E - Reserves and Appendix F -Provisions.

	31 st March 2008 £'000s	Receipts in year £'000s	Payments in Year £'000s	31 st March 2009 £'000s
School Reserves	5,579			5,579
Investment Reserves	1,131			1,131
Specific Revenue	15,119	278	5,136	10,261
Provisions	3,959	0	512	3,447
TOTAL	25,788	278	5,648	20,418

77. **Bad Debt Provision:** The Council's intention is to link its budget monitoring with its Balance sheet management. The first stage in this process is to report on the aged debt across each service and the impact this may have on service budgets and bad debt provision. The table below summaries the projected Outturn position: -

	Provision 31 st March 2008 £'000s	Estimated Provision 31 st March 2009 £'000s	Increase / Decrease £'000s
Children, Families and Learning	224	220	-4
Social Care	626	626	0
Environment	417	393	-24
Regeneration	313	313	0
Corporate Services	291	324	33
TOTAL	1,871	1,876	5

78. **Sale of Assets (Losses/Gains):** No assets have been disposed of the first quarter of 2008/2009 and as a result there are no gains or losses to report.

OPTION APPRAISL / RISK ASSESSMENT

79. Not applicable to this report.

FINANCIAL, LEGAL AND WARD IMPLCATIONS

80. A net budget pressure of (+£1,022,000) is forecast within general fund services for the year as summarised below:-

	Projected Outturn £'000s
Children, Families and Learning	715
Social Care	2
Environment	630
Regeneration	0
Corporate Services	-242
Central Costs and Provisions	-83
TOTAL	<u>1,022</u>

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

	General Fund £'000s	Lane Rental Income £'000s
Opening Balance	5,477	208
Add/Less		
Forecast Net Pressure	1,022	
Less:		
Used in 2008/2009		208
Estimated balance as at 31st March 2009	4,455	0

RECOMMENDATIONS

82. Members of the Overview & Scrutiny Board are asked to: -

- a) Note and consider 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

- 2008/2009 Revenue Budget Executive Report 7th March 2008
- 2008/2009 Council Tax Report : Council 7th March 2008

- 2008/2009 – 2011/2012 Medium Term Financial Plan: Exec Report 8 Jan 08
- Quarter 3 Consolidated Revenue Budget Projected Outturn 14th February 2008

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