REPORT TO: POLICY & RESOURCES COMMITTEE – 25 APRIL 2016

REPORT ON: REVENUE MONITORING 2015/2016

REPORT BY: EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF CORPORATE SERVICES

REPORT NO: 133-2016

1 PURPOSE OF REPORT

1.1 To provide Elected Members with an analysis of the 2015/2016 projected revenue outturn as at 29 February 2016 monitored against the adjusted 2015/2016 Revenue Budget.

2 **RECOMMENDATIONS**

- 2.1 It is recommended that Elected Members:
 - a note that the overall General Fund 2015/2016 projected revenue outturn as at 29 February 2016 is an underspend of £4,469,000 against the adjusted 2015/2016 Revenue Budget.
 - b note that the Housing Revenue Account as at 29 February 2016 is projecting an underspend of £100,000 against the adjusted HRA 2015/2016 Revenue Budget.
 - agree that the Executive Director of Corporate Services will take every reasonable action to ensure that the 2015/2016 Revenue expenditure is below or in line with the adjusted Revenue Budget.
 - d instruct the Executive Director of Corporate Services in conjunction with all Chief Officers to continue to monitor the Council's 2015/2016 projected revenue outturn.

3 FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS (see Appendix A)

- 3.1 The overall projected 2015/2016 General Fund Revenue outturn position for the City Council is an underspend of £4,469,000 based on the financial information available at 29 February 2016. This variance represents an underspend of 1.3% against the adjusted 2015/2016 Revenue Budget. A system of perpetual detailed monitoring will continue to take place up to 31 March 2016 with the objective of the Council achieving a final outturn which is below or in line with the adjusted 2015/2016 Revenue Budget.
- 3.2 The Housing Revenue Account outturn position for 2015/2016 is projecting an underspend of £100,000 based on the financial information available for the period to 29 February 2016. A system of perpetual detailed monitoring will continue to take place up to 31 March 2016 with the objective of the HRA achieving a final outturn which is below or in line with the adjusted 2015/2016 HRA Revenue Budget.

4 BACKGROUND

4.1 Following approval of the Council's 2015/2016 Revenue Budget by the Special Policy and Resources Committee on 12 February 2015 this report is now submitted in order to monitor the 2015/2016 projected revenue outturn position as at 29 February 2016, against the adjusted 2015/2016 Revenue Budget.

4.2 This report provides a detailed breakdown of departmental revenue monitoring information along with explanations of material variances against adjusted budgets. Where departments are projecting a significant under or overspend against adjusted budget, additional details have been provided. Where departmental expenditure is on target and no material variances are anticipated, additional information has not been provided.

5 **RISK ASSESSMENT**

- In preparing the Council's 2015/2016 Revenue Budget, the Executive Director of Corporate Services considered the key strategic, operational and financial risks faced by the Council over this period (Article III of the minute of the meeting of the Special Policy & Resources Committee on 12 February 2015, Report No: 68-2015 refers). In order to alleviate the impact these risks may have should they occur, a number of general risk mitigation factors are utilised by the Council. These include the:
 - system of perpetual detailed monthly budget monitoring carried out by departments
 - general contingency provision set aside to meet any unforeseen expenditure
 - level of general fund balances available to meet any unforeseen expenditure
 - level of other cash backed reserves available to meet any unforeseen expenditure
 - possibility of identifying further budget savings and efficiencies during the year, if required.
- 5.2 The key risks in 2015/2016 have now been assessed both in terms of the probability of whether they will occur and the severity of their impact on the Council should they indeed happen. These risks have been ranked as either zero, low, medium or high. Details of this risk assessment, together with other relevant information including any proposed actions taken by the Council to mitigate these risks, are included in Appendix D to this report.

6 GENERAL FUND SERVICES - MONITORING POSITION AS AT 29 FEBRUARY 2016

- 6.1 The Executive Director of Corporate Services submitted a report to the Policy & Resources Committee earlier this year outlining the 'Financial Outlook' for the Council over the period 2016 to 2018 (Article IX of the minute of the meeting of the Policy & Resources Committee on 26 October 2015, Report No: 372-2015 refers). Based on the assumptions at that time of budgetary requirements and available grant funding it was anticipated that savings and efficiencies of almost £16m would require to be identified in 2016/17 in order to achieve a balanced budget for that year. The Council's share of the Local Government Financial Settlement for 2016/17 has recently been announced and the level of savings that will require to be identified for next financial year are now projected to be significantly higher.
- 6.2 In anticipation of these challenging financial circumstances, the Chief Executive and Executive Director of Corporate Services requested all Chief Officers to review all areas of their current revenue budget to identify any areas where expenditure could be reduced. The outcome of this review, that forecasts an underspend of £4,469,000 is detailed in the following paragraphs.
- 6.3 The forecast position as at 29 February 2016 for General Fund services is summarised below:

	Adjusted <u>Budget</u> <u>2015/16</u> <u>£000</u>	Forecast 2015/16 £000	Variance £000
Total Expenditure Total Income	346,150 <u>(346,150)</u>	341,681 <u>(346,150)</u>	(4,469)
Forecast Position	_	(4,469)	<u>(4,469)</u>

The forecast position as at 29 February 2016 is shown in more detail in the appendices to this report, as follows:

Appendix A shows the variances between budget and projected outturn for each department/service of the Council.

Appendix B provides detailed explanations for the variances against budget that are shown in Appendix A.

Appendix C lists the budget adjustments that have been undertaken to date.

Appendix D lists the key strategic, operational and financial risks being faced by the Council. These risks have been assessed and ranked accordingly both in terms of the probability of whether they will occur and the severity of their impact on the Council should they indeed happen. Any changes to the assessment from the previous reporting period, together with any additional comments included, are highlighted in bold type.

6.4 The following paragraphs summarise the <u>main</u> areas of variance by department along with appropriate explanations. It should be emphasised that this report identifies projections based on the first eight months of the financial year to 29 February 2016. The figures are therefore indicative at this stage and are used by the Chief Executive, Executive Director of Corporate Services and all other Chief Officers to identify variances against budget and enable corrective action to be taken as appropriate.

Departmental Commentary

6.5 Education (£1,150,000 underspend)

This reflects an underspend in the teachers staffing budget, resulting from a number of unfilled vacancies within the primary sector. In addition, there will also be savings from projected slippage on vacant support staff posts in secondary schools.

6.6 Social Work (£970,000 underspend)

Within Adults Services, payments to third sector bodies will be lower than budgeted following delays in fully implementing various new services for service users. This will be partly offset within Children and Families, where an overspend in third party payments is expected due to an increase in the number of residential and secure care placements that are currently being made. In addition, within Older People services, clients contribution towards residential accommodation in local authority homes being greater than previously anticipated. New monies received for Children and Young People Act and Self Directed Support will not be fully utilised and have increased the projected underspend.

6.7 City Development (£300,000 overspend)

The department forecast a shortfall in external rental income due to the number of commercial properties that will remain vacant in 2015/16 although this is expected to be partly offset by savings in staff costs due to the level of slippage across the department and additional income from building warrants and planning applications due to the current level of demand for these activities.

6.8 Environment (£nil)

The department are projecting that the surplus from construction activities will exceed the budgeted level. This favourable variance is expected to be offset by a shortfall in the level of chargeable income budgeted mainly due to the volatility in national and global commodity prices for the sale of recyclate materials such as glass, metals and paper.

6.9 <u>Chief Executive (£292,000 underspend)</u>

The above underspend mainly reflects the current level of staff vacancies within the department along with additional translation service income.

6.10 Supporting People (£110,000 underspend)

The above underspend reflects a reduction in the level of payments to external providers.

6.11 Capital Financing Costs / IORB (£1,600,000 underspend)

The above reflects a projected saving due to lower than anticipated interest rates together with a reduction in required level of borrowing due to slippage on expenditure in the 2015/16 capital programme.

6.12 Contingency – General (£300,000 underspend)

Based on commitments to date it is anticipated that the total amount set aside to meet unforeseen items of expenditure will not be fully utilised this financial year.

6.13 Contingency – Energy Costs (£200,000 underspend)

Based on the level of expenditure incurred to date it is anticipated that the contingency set aside to meet additional energy costs will not be required this financial year.

6.14 <u>Miscellaneous Income – Share of Surpluses (£117,000 additional income)</u>

This reflects the anticipated share of Tayside Contracts additional 2015/16 surplus.

6.15 Tayside Valuation Joint Board – Share of Underspend (£30,000 additional income)

This additional income reflects DCC's share in the Joint Board's projected underspend in 2015/16.

7 HOUSING REVENUE ACCOUNT - MONITORING POSITION AT 29 FEBRUARY 2016

7.1 The forecast position as at 29 February 2016 for the HRA is summarised below:

	<u>Adjusted</u> <u>Budget</u> <u>2015/16</u> <u>£000</u>	Forecast 2015/16 £000	Variance £000
Total Expenditure Total Income	55,117 <u>(55,117)</u>	54,970 <u>(55,070)</u>	(147) <u>47</u>
Forecast Position	<u> </u>	(100)	<u>(100)</u>

- 7.2 The department are anticipating that expenditure on repairs and relets will exceed budget due to the current level of demand. In addition, a shortfall in rental income is expected due to a reduction in the level of housing stock following an increase in Council house sales. These adverse variances are projected to be offset by savings elsewhere due to a reduction in general administration costs and lower than anticipated capital financing costs, resulting in an overall underspend of £100,000 (please refer to Appendix B for further details).
- 7.3 The overall impact is a £100,000 underspend against the adjusted HRA 2015/2016 Revenue Budget. A system of perpetual detailed monitoring will continue to take place up to 31 March 2016 with the objective of the HRA achieving a final outturn which is below or in line with the adjusted 2015/2016 HRA Revenue Budget.

8 **POLICY IMPLICATIONS**

This report has been screened for any policy implications in respect of sustainability, strategic environmental assessment, anti-poverty, equality impact assessment and risk management. Details of the risk assessment are included in Appendix D to this report.

There are no major issues.

9 **CONSULTATIONS**

The Chief Executive, Head of Democratic and Legal Services and all other Chief Officers have been consulted in the calculation of projected outturns included in this report, insofar as they apply to their own individual department.

10 BACKGROUND PAPERS

None.

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13 APRIL 2016

DUNDEE CITY COUNCIL 2015/2016 REVENUE OUTTURN MONITORING PERIOD 1 APRIL 2015 - 29 FEBRUARY 2016

Appendix A

Statement analysing 2015/2016 Projected Revenue Outturn to Budget (Capital Charges, Central Support, Corporate Business Support, Central Buildings & Corporate Property Recharges have been excluded from Departments as these costs are outwith their control).

	Approved Budget £000	Budget Adjustments 01 April to 31 Jan £000	Budget Adjustments 01 Feb to 29 Feb £000	Total Budget Adjustments (see Appx C) £000	Adjusted Budget £000	Forecast £000	Worse Than Budget £000	Better Than Budget £000	Net Variance (see Appx B) £000	Notes	Previous Months Projected Variance £000	Movement since Previous Month £000
General Fund Departments												
Education	119,526	1,740	589	2,329	121,855	120,705		(1,150)	(1,150)	1	(750)	(400)
Social Work	98,449	589	535	1,124	99,573	98,603		(970)	(970)	2	(500)	(470)
City Development	21,279	1,883	116	1,999	23,278	23,578	300		300	3	300	
Environment	16,602	80	135	215	16,817	16,817				4		
Chief Executive	18,044	(29)		(29)	18,015	17,723		(292)	(292)	5	(120)	(172)
Corporate Services	22,082	1,011	132	1,143	23,225	23,225						
Other Housing	2,319				2,319	2,319						
Supporting People	11,634				11,634	11,524		(110)	(110)	6	(110)	
Scottish Welfare Fund	1,513	191		191	1,704	1,704						
	311,448	5,465	1,507	6,972	318,420	316,198	300	(2,522)	(2,222)		(1,180)	(1,042)
Capital Financing Costs /												
Interest on Revenue Balances	26,682		43	43	26,725	25,125		(1,600)	(1,600)	7	(1,500)	(100)
Contingencies:	20,002		.0	.0	20,720	20,.20		(1,000)	(1,000)	'	(1,000)	(100)
- General	650	(39)		(39)	611	311		(300)	(300)	8	(150)	(150)
- Energy Costs	200	(00)		(00)	200	0		(200)	(200)	9	(200)	(100)
- Other Cost Pressures	428				428	428		(200)	(200)	~	(200)	
- Unallocated Corporate Savings:	120				120	120						
CFTF - Admin / Clerical Review	(438)	42		42	(396)	(396)						
VER / VR Scheme (Corporate Services)	(150)	148		148	(2)	(2)						
Various New Monies / Adjustments:	(100)	140		140	(2)	(2)						
- Self Directed Support	108		(108)	(108)	0	0						
- Children & Young People Bill	427		(427)	(427)	0	0						
Miscellaneous Income	(3,186)	(24)	(132)	(156)	(3,342)	(3,459)		(117)	(117)	10		(117)
Discretionary NDR Relief	(3,100)	(24)	(132)	(130)	(3,342)	(3,439)		(117)	(117)	10		(117)
	2,410				2,410							
Supplementary Superannuation Costs					2,410 949	2,410		(00)	(20)	1 44		(20)
Tayside Valuation Joint Board	949					919		(30)	(30)	11		(30)
Total Expenditure	339,675	5,592	883	6,475	346,150	341,681	300	(4,769)	(4,469)		(3,030)	(1,439)
Sources of Income												
General Revenue Funding	(231,508)	(848)	(748)	(1,596)	(233,104)	(233,104)						
Contribution from NNDR Pool	(62,479)	(040)	(740)	(1,590)	(62,479)	(62,479)						
Council Tax	(45,688)				(45,688)	(45,688)						
Use of Balances -	(45,000)				(43,000)	(43,000)						
Committed Balances c/f		(3,035)		(3,035)	(3,035)	(3.035)						
Renewal & Repair Fund		(1,700)	(135)	(1,835)	(3,033)	(1,835)						
Other Balances			(135)	, , ,								
Onler balances		(9)		(9)	(9)	(9)						
(Surplus)/Deficit for the year	0	0	0	0	0	(4,469)	300	(4,769) =====	(4,469) ======		(3,030) =====	(1,439) ======
Housing Revenue Account	0	0	0	0	0	(100)		(100)	(100)	12	0	(100)
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REASONS FOR 2015/2016 CONTROLLABLE PROJECTED REVENUE OUTTURN VARIANCES (Excludes Capital Charges, Central Support Services & Office Recharges) AT 28 FEBRUARY 2016

<u>Department</u>	<u>Note</u>	As at 29 Feb £000	As at 31 Jan £000	Cost Centre	<u>Subjective</u> <u>Analysis</u>	As at 29 Feb £000	As at 31 Jan £000	Reason / Basis of Over/(Under)spend
<u>Education</u>	1	(1,150)	(750)	Departmental	Staff	(1,000)	(600)	Reflects projected underspend in overall teachers staffing budget, which is mainly within primary sector.
				Secondary Schools	Staff	(120)	(120)	Reflects projected slippage within support staff posts.
Social Work	2	(970)	(500)	Departmental	Income	(310)	(310)	Reflects repayment of underspends on externally purchased services from social care providers and additional grant income.
				Children & Families	Third Party Payments	1,300	1,000	Reflects the increase in number of residential and secure care placements currently being made.
					Third Party Payments	240	260	Reflects increase in the number of children required to be looked after and accommodated by the family placement service.
				Older People	Income	(300)	(200)	Mainly due to clients contribution towards residential accommodation in local authority homes being greater than previously anticipated.
				Adults	Third Party Payments	(1,400)	(1,250)	Reflects delays in fully implementing various new services for service users for which budgetary provision has been made.
				New Monies		(500)	-	Reflects funding received in year re Children & Young People's Act and Self Directed Support
City Development	3	300	300	Departmental	Staff	(250)	(250)	Reflects the overall level of net staff slippage projected due to a number of unfilled posts across the department.
				Property	Income	850	850	Reflects projected shortfall in external rental income due to the number of properties that are currently vacant.
				Planning	Income	(315)	(315)	Reflects an increase in chargeable income from building warrants and planning applications due to the current demand for these activities.
<u>Environment</u>	4	Nil	Nil	Construction	Various	(500)	(500)	Based on latest position surplus expected to exceed budgeted level.
				Environmental Protection	Income	400	400	Largely due to a lower than budgeted income due to the volatility in national and global commodity prices for the sale of recyclate materials such as glass, metals and paper.
				Environmental Management	Supplies & Services	(100)	(100)	Reflects reduced expenditure on materials and equipment arising from an ongoing service review.
					Income	200	200	Reflects shortfall in various chargeable income for services provided.
				Support Services	Staff	(70)	(70)	Reflects projected slippage within support staff posts.

Appendix B

REASONS FOR 2015/2016 CONTROLLABLE PROJECTED REVENUE OUTTURN VARIANCES (Excludes Capital Charges, Central Support Services & Office Recharges) AT 28 FEBRUARY 2016

<u>Department</u>	<u>Note</u>	As at 29 Feb £000	As at 31 Jan £000	Cost Centre	<u>Subjective</u> <u>Analysis</u>	As at 29 Feb £000	As at 31 Jan £000	Reason / Basis of Over/(Under)spend
Chief Executive	5	(292)	(120)	Corporate Division	Staff	(38)	(38)	Mainly reflects current level of staff slippage.
				Communities Division	Staff	(200)	(78)	Mainly reflects current level of staff slippage, maternity leave and projected savings in employers superannuation contributions due to the number of employees not being members of the pension scheme.
					Income	(50)	-	Mainly reflects over-recovery of translation income offset by lower income from Games Hall
Supporting People	6	(110)	(110)	Supporting People	Third Party Payments	(110)	(110)	Reflects lower than budgeted payments to external providers.
Capital Financing Costs	7	(1,600)	(1,500)	Corporate	Capital Financing Costs / IORB	(1,600)	(1,500)	Reflects projected saving on capital financing costs due to lower than anticipated interest rates together with slippage on expenditure in 2015/16 capital programme.
Contingency - General	8	(300)	(150)	Contingencies	Various	(300)	(150)	Based on commitments to date it is anticipated that the total amount set aside to meet unforeseen items of expenditure will not be fully utilised this financial year.
Contingency - Energy Costs	9	(200)	(200)	Contingencies	Property Costs	(200)	(200)	Based on the level of expenditure incurred to date it is anticipated that the contingency set aside to meet additional energy costs will not be required this financial year.
Miscellaneous Income	10	(117)	Nil	Income	Share of Surpluses	(117)	-	Reflects anticipated share of Tayside Contracts 2015/16 surplus
Tayside Valuarion Joint Board	11	(30)	Nil	Income	Share of Underspend	(30)	-	Reflects DCC share of Tayside Valuation Joint Board's projected underspend in 2015/16
Housing Revenue Account	12	(100)	Nil	Repairs & Relets		414	405	Reflects higher costs for repairs and relets costs due to increased demand.
				Administration		(222)	(208)	Reflects reduction in spend due to lower staffing costs and a general reduction in discretionary expenditure.
				Rent of Houses		37	47	Reflects reduced rental income compared to budget due to an increase in Council house sales.
				Capital Financing Costs		(329)	(244)	Reflects projected saving on capital financing costs due to lower than anticipated interest rates.

	Alloc From Conts	b/fwd	Funding <u>T/Fs</u>	Alloc from R&R Fund	Alloc from Other Bals	T/Fs Between Depts / Conts	Vol Early Retiral/ Redund Scheme	<u>Dept</u> Totals
General Fund Departments	<u>0003</u>	<u>0003</u>	0003	0003	<u>0003</u>	<u>0003</u>	<u>£000</u>	<u>0003</u>
Education 1. DSM Balances 2. 1 + 2 Language Policy 3. Early Years Change Fund 4. Additional Support for National Qualifications 5. T/F Staff Costs for Admin staff in Secondary Schools 6. Review of Support Staff in Secondary Schools 7. Early Years Change Fund (School & Family Development Workers) 8. Education: Teachers Induction Monies - per Annex G 9. Education: Free School Meals (£28k) & Teacher Numbers (£40k)		967 155 4	85 25 521 68			346 (42) 200	Г	2,329
Social Work 1. Community Equipment Service 2. Family Support Service 3. Older People's Change Fund 4. Early Years Change Fund 5. Choose Life 6. Dundee Women's Aid 7. Looked After Children 8. Early Years Change Fund (School & Family Development Workers)		49 74 640 120 49 14 5				(200)	-	
Creation of Learning & Workforce Development Team T/F Staff Costs savings to General Fund						(403)	(10)	
11. Kinship Care Allowances 12. Reallocation of Fleet Recharge			179			22		
13. Community Justice Transitional Funding 14. New Monies - Self Directed Support	108		50					
15. New Monies - Sen Directed Support 15. New Monies - Young Persons Act	427						-	
City Development 1. Youth Employment Strategy 2. Reallocation of Fleet Recharge		178				5	L	1,124
3. Various property repairs, health & safety contracts			159	1,700				
City Dev - Developing the Young Workforce SG FC 1/2016 Lochee Regeneration Prudential Borrowing Transfer Environment			139			(43)		1,999
Residual Waste Project Creation of Learning & Workforce Development Team		210				(75)		
3. Easter Fun Day					9	, ,		
Reallocation of Fleet Recharges Mill O Mains SUDS to be funded from R&R Fund Chief Franching				135		(64)		215
Chief Executive 1. Hands up for Trad (Scottish Traditional Music)		5						
Community Asset Transfer post Creation of Learning & Workforce Development Team		24				(41)		
Description Country Description of Place Partnership Reallocation of Fleet Recharge Transfer of Secretaries from CEX	13					37 (67)		
Corporate Services								(29)
1. External Audit		20						
Elections full canvas Corporate Debt / Welfare Reform (Staff Costs)		40 85						
Discretionary Housing Payments Welfare Reform		182 23						
6. Discretionary Housing Payments		23	509					
7. T/F Staff Costs for Admin staff in Secondary Schools 8. Creation of Learning & Workforce Development Team						(346) 543		
V&A Consultancy Costs To Trip Staff costs to General Fund	36						(148)	
11. Transfer of Secretarial Staff to Chief Executive 12. Tfr of Pers Officer from Housing to HR Full Year						67 49	(-/	
13. Tfr of Contact Ctr from Housing to Rev & Cust Serv 8.5 months						83	-	1
Scottish Welfare Fund							L	1,143
Admin Grant Crisis and Community Care Grants		99 92						
General Contingency								191
1. Dundee Cultural Strategy, City of Design and Place Partnership	(13)							
T/F Staff Costs savings from Social Work W&A Consultancy Costs	(36)						10	
New Monies - Self Directed Support New Monies - Young Persons Act	(108) (427)							
Unallocated Savings Contingency: CFTF - Admin / Clerical Review 1. Review of Support Staff in Secondary Schools	(121)					42		(574)
Capital Financing Costs / IORB 1. Lochee Regeneration Prudential Borrowing Transfer						43		42
Miscellaneous Income							L	43
Creation of Learning & Workforce Development Team (Increased HRA 2. Tfr of Pers Officer from Housing to HR Full Year	recharge)					(24) (49)		
The of Pers Officer from Housing to Fig. 12. The Pers Officer from Housing to Rev & Cust Serv 8.5 months						(83)	r	(150)
<u>Unallocated Savings Contingency: VER/VR Scheme</u> 1. T/f Staff costs to General Fund							148 Г	(156)
Total Adjustments (General Fund)	0	3,035	1,596	1,835	9	0		6,475

	Assessment		
Risks - Revenue	Original	Revised	Risk Management / Comment
General Inflation General price inflation may be greater than anticipated.	Med	Med	Corporate Procurement strategy in place, including access to nationally tendered contracts for goods and services. In addition, fixed price contracts agreed for major commodities i.e. gas and electricity.
Equal Pay Claims A provision may be required for the cost of equal pay claims.	Low	Low	Relatively few cases being taken through the Employment Tribunal process.
Capital Financing Costs Level of interest rates paid will be greater than anticipated.	Low/ Med	Low/ Med	Treasury Mgmt Strategy. Limited exposure to variable rate funding.
Savings Failure to achieve agreed level of savings & efficiencies.	Low/ Med	Low/ Med	General risk mitigation factors (ref para 5.1), in particular, regular monitoring by departments to ensure savings targets are met.
Emerging Cost Pressures The possibility of new cost pressures or responsibilities emerging during the course of the financial year.	Low/ Med	Low/ Med	General risk mitigation factors (ref para 5.1), in particular, regular monitoring by departments to ensure cost pressures are identified early and corrective action can be taken as necessary.
Chargeable income The uncertainty that the level of chargeable income budgeted will be received.	Med/ High	Med/ High	General risk mitigation factors (ref para 5.1), in particular, regular monitoring by departments to ensure any shortfalls are identified as early as possible and corrective action can be taken as necessary.
Council Tax Collection Provision for non-collection of Council Tax (3.2%) may not be adequate.	Low	Low	Provision set takes cognisance of amounts collected for previous financial years. Non-payers subject to established income recovery procedures.
Welfare Reform The changes introduced as part of the welfare reform exercise may increase the risk that budgeted income collection levels are not achieved and that current non-collection provision levels are inadequate.	Low/ Med	Low/ Med	General risk mitigation factors (ref para 5.1), in particular, regular monitoring by departments to ensure any shortfalls are identified as early as possible and corrective action can be taken as necessary. Budget also introduced for discretionary housing payments to assist those affected by these changes.