

DOWNS COMMITTEE

6 September 2010

Report of: The Strategic Director of Resources

Title: Financial Outturn 2010/11

Ward:

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RECOMMENDATION

That the Committee note the likely financial position for 2010/11.

Summary

Appendix A presents the actual expenditure and income to the end of July along with an estimate of the likely financial position at the end of the year.

The significant issues in the report are:

- The Contribution from the Downs Reserve required to balance the budget.
- Major variations are detailed in the report.
- Total reserves as at 1 April 2010 stand at £259,682

Policy

1. The budget for 2010/11 has been prepared in line with Council guidelines.

Consultation

Internal

2. Robert Westlake, Downs Ranger

External

3. N/A

Context

4. Based on current expenditure trends there is likely to be a deficit on the account of £7,960. This is largely due to an additional £3,000 contribution to the Avon Gorge and Downs Wildlife Project, agreed by the Committee in March 2010 and increased security costs of £7,600. This is in relation to increased security cover, including Sunday patrols, on a trial basis for this year. These increased costs are partially offset by a small amount of additional income. The balance will be met from reserves.

In July the Committee agreed a programme of capital works to be funded directly from the reserve. To date £45,000 has been charged to the reserve for work completing the railings at the sea walls. The balance on the reserve is now £214,682. Further works will be charged to the reserve as the year progresses.

Proposal

5. The report is noted.

Other Options Considered

6. N/A

Risk Assessment

7. N/A

Equalities Impact Assessment

8. There are no equalities impacts arising from this report.

Legal and Resource Implications:

Legal The Clifton and Durdham Downs (Bristol) Act 1861 provides that the Downs should remain as a place for the public resort and recreation of the citizens and inhabitants of Bristol, and that a committee should be appointed to manage them. The recommendation contained in this report is within the powers conferred by this statute.

Legal advice given by: Frances Horner, Senior Solicitor

Financial

Revenue As set out in the report

Capital None

Financial advice given by: Tony Whitlock, Principal Accountant

Land N/A

Personnel N/A

Appendices: Appendix A- Outturn 2010/11

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DOWNS - ORIGINAL BUDGET 2010/11**Appendix (12) A**

	Original 2010/11 Budget £	Actual to end of July £	Projection to year end £	Variation from Budget £
EMPLOYEES				
Basic	172510	52399	172510	0
Overtime	40000	10702	40000	0
Superannuation	28380	7937	28380	0
National Insurance	14290	4768	14290	0
Other Salary Costs	2700	177	2700	0
	257880	75983	257880	0
PREMISES				
General Maintenance & Premises Costs	52110	26055	52110	0
NNDR	8230	0	8230	0
Utility Costs	7770	2097	7770	0
	68110	28152	68110	0
SUPPLIES & SERVICES				
Consultants Fees	3030	0	3030	0
Contribution to Avon Gorge & Downs Bio Ed Officer	15000	18000	18000	3000
Consumable Stores Items	300	0	300	0
Miscellaneous Expenses	1010	1087	2000	990
Security Costs	16160	6060	23760	7600
Protective Clothing & Uniforms	1720	82	1720	0
Equipment, Light Plant & Tools	2020	2143	4000	1980
Leasing Charges	22450	18069	22450	0
	61690	45441	75260	13570
TRANSPORT				
Car Allowances	1060	0	1060	0
Vehicle Maintenance	12120	3641	12120	0
Hire of Vehicles	1110	0	1110	0
Fuel	15150	4936	15150	0
	29440	8577	29440	0
CENTRAL CHARGES				
Legal Services	5660	1775	5660	0
Finance	2090	0	2090	0
District Auditor	530	0	530	0
Admin Recharge	6060	0	6060	0
	14340	1775	14340	0
GROSS EXPENDITURE	431460	159928	445030	13570
INCOME				
Fees & Charges :-				
Zoo- Car Park	22360	25600	25600	3240
Catering Concession - Durdham Rd / Stoke Rd	18630	4500	18000	-630
Events	41650	34121	41650	0
Club Bookings	43300	0	43300	0
Other Concessions	43430	0	43430	0
Other Income	0	2470	3000	3000
Contribution From Reserves	0			0
TOTAL INCOME	169370	66691	174980	5610
NET EXPENDITURE	262090	93237	270050	7960