

**DOWNS COMMITTEE**

**31 January 2011**

**Report of: The Strategic Director of Resources**

**Title: Financial Outturn 2010/11**

**Ward:**

**Officer presenting report: Tony Whitlock, Principal Accountant  
Resources**

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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 December 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 £39,657. This will be met from reserves at the end of the financial year. All the expenditure has been previously approved and to date includes improvements to the Downs depot, clearance work at Bridge Valley and some preliminary work in connection with the 150 th anniversary celebrations.

£45,000 has been charged to the reserve for work completing the railings at the sea walls. The balance on the reserve, excluding the commitments above is £214,682.

### **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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**DOWNES - ORIGINAL BUDGET 2010/11****Appendix A**

	<b>Original 2010/11 Budget £</b>	<b>Actual to December £</b>	<b>Projection to year end £</b>	<b>Variation from Budget £</b>
<b>EMPLOYEES</b>				
Basic	172510	118210	167207	-5303
Overtime	40000	29076	40000	0
Superannuation	28380	17912	24000	-4380
National Insurance	14290	10810	14290	0
Other Salary Costs	2700	399	2700	0
	<b>257880</b>	<b>176407</b>	<b>248197</b>	<b>-9683</b>
<b>PREMISES</b>				
General Maintenance & Premises Costs	52110	60874	70000	17890
NNDR	8230	4761	8230	0
Utility Costs	7770	3252	7770	0
	<b>68110</b>	<b>68887</b>	<b>86000</b>	<b>17890</b>
<b>SUPPLIES &amp; SERVICES</b>				
Consultants Fees	3030	16504	18000	14970
Contribution to Avon Gorge & Downs Bio Ed Officer	15000	18000	18000	3000
General Supplies	1310	2603	300	-1010
Security Costs	16160	17078	23760	7600
Protective Clothing & Uniforms	1720	279	1720	0
Equipment, Light Plant & Tools	2020	4621	5000	2980
Leasing Charges	22450	18069	22450	0
	<b>61690</b>	<b>77154</b>	<b>89230</b>	<b>27540</b>
<b>TRANSPORT</b>				
Insurance	2320	2320	2320	0
Direct Transport Costs	27120	21236	30000	2880
	<b>29440</b>	<b>23556</b>	<b>32320</b>	<b>2880</b>
<b>CENTRAL CHARGES</b>				
Legal Services	5660	6967	9000	3340
Finance	2090	0	2090	0
District Auditor	530	0	530	0
Parks Recharge	6060	602	6060	0
	<b>14340</b>	<b>7569</b>	<b>17680</b>	<b>3340</b>
<b>GROSS EXPENDITURE</b>	<b>431460</b>	<b>353573</b>	<b>473427</b>	<b>41967</b>
<b>INCOME</b>				
Fees & Charges :-				
Zoo- Car Park	22360	25600	25600	3240
Catering Concession - Durdham Rd / Stoke Rd	18630	13500	18000	-630
Events	41650	46343	41650	0
Club Bookings	43300	38835	40000	-3300
Other Concessions	43430	0	43430	0
Other Income	0	1500	3000	3000
Contribution From Reserves	0		39657	39657
<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>	<b>169370</b>	<b>125778</b>	<b>211337</b>	<b>41967</b>
<b>NET EXPENDITURE</b>	<b>262090</b>	<b>227795</b>	<b>262090</b>	<b>0</b>