

**BRISTOL CITY COUNCIL**

**Downs Committee**

**9<sup>th</sup> September 2013**

**Report of:** Director of Organisational Development

**Title:** Finance Report 2013/14

**Ward:** N/A

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**RECOMMENDATION**

That the Committee note the estimated outturn for 2013/14

**Summary**

Appendix A presents the estimated financial outturn position. This is based on actual figures to the end of June 2013. Currently no variation is being forecast against the budget.

**The significant issues in the report are:**

There are no forecast variations identified to date and expenditure / income is in line with expectations.

Total reserves as at 1st April 2013 stand at £229,345.

**Policy**

1. The Downs budget for 2013/14 was prepared in line with Council guidelines and approved by Council on 26 February 2013.

**Consultation**

2. **Internal**  
Robert Westlake – Downs Ranger

- 3. External**  
Not applicable

## **Context**

### **Outturn 2013/14**

Appendix A shows the approved budget for 2013/14 together with expenditure and income as at the end of June 2013.

There are no forecast variations identified to date.

### **Use of the Downs Reserve**

The total amount in reserves as at 1 April 2013 is £229,345. This is prior to taking into account the cost of any remedial works for the rock-face at Sea Walls and Suspension Bridge Road following the completion of the report by Parsons Brinkerhoff.

## **Proposal**

4. That the outturn report for 2013/14 is noted.

## **Other Options Considered**

5. Not applicable

## **Risk Assessment**

6. Not applicable

## **Public Sector Equality Duties**

- 7a) Before making a decision, section 149 Equality Act 2010 requires that each decision-maker considers the need to promote equality for persons with the following “protected characteristics”: age, disability, gender reassignment, pregnancy and maternity, race, religion or belief, sex, sexual orientation. Each decision-maker must, therefore, have due regard to the need to:
- i) Eliminate discrimination, harassment, victimisation and any other conduct prohibited under the Equality Act 2010.
  - ii) Advance equality of opportunity between persons who share a relevant protected characteristic and those who do not share it. This involves having due regard, in particular, to the need to --

- remove or minimise disadvantage suffered by persons who share a relevant protected characteristic;
- take steps to meet the needs of persons who share a relevant protected characteristic that are different from the needs of people who do not share it (in relation to disabled people, this includes, in particular, steps to take account of disabled persons' disabilities);
- encourage persons who share a protected characteristic to participate in public life or in any other activity in which participation by such persons is disproportionately low.

- iii) Foster good relations between persons who share a relevant protected characteristic and those who do not share it. This involves having due regard, in particular, to the need to –
- tackle prejudice; and
  - promote understanding.

7b) The Downs budget is part of the total precept forming part of the Council's overall budget for 2013/14. The Council's budget underwent a full equalities impact assessment.

## **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.

### **Financial**

#### **(a) Revenue**

As set out in the report

#### **(b) Capital**

None

**(Financial advice provided by Mike Allen, Finance Business Partner)**

### **Land**

Not applicable

### **Personnel**

Not applicable

**Appendices:**

Appendix A – Estimated outturn position as at 31 March 2014

**LOCAL GOVERNMENT (ACCESS TO INFORMATION) ACT 1985**

**Background Papers:**

Budget working papers held in Corporate Finance.

## DOWNNS - OUTTURN 2013/14

APPENDIX A

ABW Cost Centre - 10359	Original 2013/14 Budget	Actual to end of June	Projection	Variation from Budget
	£	£	£	£
<b>EMPLOYEES</b>				
Basic	154,000	52,624	154,000	0
Overtime	46,560	8,496	46,560	0
Superannuation	25,690	8,194	25,690	0
National Insurance	15,520	4,406	15,520	0
Other Salary Costs	1,530	207	1,530	0
	<b>243,300</b>	<b>73,927</b>	<b>243,300</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>PREMISES</b>				
General Grounds Maintenance & Premises Costs	64,550	8686	64,550	0
NNDR	2600	0	2,600	0
Utility Costs	15000	0	15,000	0
	<b>82,150</b>	<b>8,686</b>	<b>82,150</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>SUPPLIES &amp; SERVICES</b>				
General Supplies	6000	854	6,000	0
Security Costs	25500	6270	25,500	0
Protective Clothing & Uniforms	1700	0	1,700	0
Equipment, Light Plant & Tools	28000	15697	28,000	0
Leasing Charges	10450	0	10,450	0
	<b>71650</b>	<b>22821</b>	<b>71650</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>PROJECT COSTS</b>				
Contribution to Avon Gorge & Downs Bio Ed Officer	15000	0	15,000	0
Seasonal Education Officer	10000	0	10,000	0
Discover the wildlife of Avon Gorge book			0	0
Avon Gorge and Downs Wildlife Project	5400	0	5,400	0
Downs Day 2012 (Reserve funding approved)		0	0	0
	<b>30,400</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>30,400</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>TRANSPORT</b>				
Insurance	3200	0	3,200	0
Direct Transport Costs	22000	1496	22,000	0
	<b>25,200</b>	<b>1,496</b>	<b>25,200</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>CENTRAL CHARGES</b>				
Legal Services	4000	0	4,000	0
Finance	1700	0	1,700	0
	<b>5,700</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>5,700</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>GROSS EXPENDITURE</b>	<b>458,400</b>	<b>106,930</b>	<b>458,400</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>INCOME</b>				
Fees & Charges :-				
Zoo- Car Park	34660	0	34,660	0
Catering Concession - Durdham Rd / Stoke Rd	18000	6000	18,000	0
Events	46650	6408	46,650	0
Club Bookings	39000	19765	39,000	0
Other Concessions	58000	0	58,000	0
Bristol Waterworks		4875	0	0
<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>	<b>196,310</b>	<b>37,048</b>	<b>196,310</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>NET EXPENDITURE</b>	<b>262,090</b>	<b>69,882</b>	<b>262,090</b>	<b>0</b>