Item: 4

Harbour Authority Sub-committee: 24 August 2021.

Revenue Expenditure Outturn.

Report by Interim Executive Director of Finance, Regulatory, Marine Services and Transportation.

1. Purpose of Report

To advise of the revenue outturn position for financial year 2020/21 across each of the service areas for which the Sub-committee is responsible.

2. Recommendations

The Sub-committee is invited to note:

2.1.

The revenue expenditure outturn statement in respect of the Scapa Flow Oil Port and Miscellaneous Piers for financial year 2020/21, attached as Annex 1 to this report, indicating the following:

- An income surplus of £2,721,400 against an income budget of £763,700 in respect of Scapa Flow Oil Port.
- An income deficit of £1,054,600 against an income budget of £1,879,100 in respect of Miscellaneous Piers.

The Sub-committee is invited to scrutinise:

2.2.

The explanations given, and actions proposed in respect of significant budget variances, as outlined in the Budget Action Plan, attached as Annex 2 to this report, in order to obtain assurance that appropriate action was taken with regard to significant budget variances.

3. Background

3.1.

On 3 March 2020, the Council set its overall revenue budget for financial year 2020/21. On 11 June 2020, the Council received the detailed revenue budgets which form the basis of the individual revenue expenditure monitoring reports.

3.2.

Individual revenue expenditure monitoring reports are circulated every month to inform Elected Members of the up-to-date financial position. Quarterly revenue expenditure monitoring reports are presented to individual service committees.

3.3.

In terms of revenue spending, at an individual cost centre level, budget holders are required to provide an explanation of the causes of each material variance and to identify appropriate corrective actions to remedy the situation.

3.4.

Material variances are identified automatically as Priority Actions within individual budget cost centres according to the following criteria:

- Variance of £10,000 and more than 110% or less than 90% of anticipated position (1B).
- Not more than 110% or less than 90% of anticipated position but variance greater than £50,000 (1C).

3.5.

Priority Actions can be identified at the Service Function level according to the same criteria and these are shown in the Revenue Expenditure Statements. As with individual cost centre variances, each of these Priority Actions requires an explanation and corrective action to be identified and these are shown in the Budget Action Plan.

3.6.

The details have been provided following consultation with the relevant Executive Directors and their staff.

4. Financial Summary

4.1.

The revenue expenditure outturn statement is attached as Annex 1 to this report.

4.2.

The Budget Action Plan, attached as Annex 2 to this report, provides an explanation and proposed corrective action for each of the Priority Actions identified.

5. Corporate Governance

This report relates to the Council complying with its governance and financial processes and procedures and therefore does not directly support and contribute to improved outcomes for communities as outlined in the Council Plan and the Local Outcomes Improvement Plan.

6. Financial Implications

6.1.

The Financial Regulations state that service directors are able to incur expenditure within an approved revenue budget. Such expenditure must be in accordance with the Council's policies or objectives subject to compliance with these Financial Regulations and approved schemes of delegation.

6.2.

Additional expenditure requirements identified during the financial year can only be approved by means of a spending recommendation to the Policy and Resources Committee, subject to the use of emergency powers.

6.3.

The outturn statements include a number of accounting entries required to comply with proper accounting practice, including International Financial Reporting Standards. This includes accounting for the use of fixed assets, for example depreciation and revaluations, current service cost of pensions and accumulated staff absences.

7. Legal Aspects

Regular financial monitoring and reporting help the Council meet its statutory obligation to secure best value.

8. Contact Officers

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9. Annexes

Annex 1: Revenue Expenditure Outturn Statement.

Annex 2: Budget Action Plan.

Annex 1: Revenue Expenditure Outturn Statement for Financial Year 2020 to 2021

	Spend	Budget	Over/(Und Spend	•	Annual Budget
	£000£	£000	£000	%	£000
Non-General Fund					
Scapa Flow Oil Port	(2,721.4)	(763.7)	(1,957.7)	356.3	(763.7)
Miscellaneous Piers	1,054.6	(1,879.1)	2,933.7	n/a	(1,879.1)
Service Totals	(1,666.8)	(2,642.8)	976.0	63.1	(2,642.8)

		Spend	Budget	Over/Und Spend		Annual Budget
Scapa Flow Oil Port	PA	£000	£000	£000	%	£000
Administration	1B	729.2	824.8	(95.6)	88.4	824.8
Environmental Unit	1B	127.1	144.2	(17.1)	88.2	144.2
Marine Officers and Pilots		824.4	824.3	0.1	100.0	824.3
Navigation	1B	79.1	97.4	(18.3)	81.3	97.4
Weather Forecasts		9.4	7.5	1.9	125.0	7.5
Harbour Launches	1B	700.9	801.4	(100.5)	87.5	801.4
Towage Services		2,185.9	2,216.3	(30.4)	98.6	2,216.3
Harbour Dues	1B	(8,162.9)	(6,964.9)	(1,198.0)	117.2	(6,964.9)
Scapa Flow Development	1B	80.1	182.0	(101.9)	44.0	182.0
Oil Pollution		72.8	72.5	0.3	100.5	72.5
Accounting for Pensions		(10.6)	(10.6)	0.0	100.0	(10.6)
Movement in Reserves	1B	241.6	639.9	(398.3)	37.8	639.9
Non-Distributed Costs		2.3	2.3	0.0	100.0	2.3
Finance Charges - SF		399.2	399.2	0.0	100.0	399.2
Service Totals		(2,721.4)	(763.7)	(1,957.7)	356.3	(763.7)

Movement in Reserves Statement

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The surplus of £2,721.4K was transferred to the Strategic Reserve Fund

Annex 1: Revenue Expenditure Outturn Statement for Financial Year 2020 to 2021

				Over/(U	nder)	Annual
		Spend	Budget	Spen	ıd	Budget
Miscellaneous Piers	PA	£000	£000	£000	%	£000
Piers	1B	(1,063.8)	(3,364.2)	2,300.4	31.6	(3,364.2)
Environmental Unit		17.9	20.7	(2.8)	86.5	20.7
Marine Officers and Pilots		315.7	322.4	(6.7)	97.9	322.4
Navigation		36.8	35.4	1.4	104.0	35.4
Weather Forecasts		9.4	7.4	2.0	126.5	7.4
Harbour Launches		380.8	381.3	(0.5)	99.9	381.3
Administration - MP		623.4	652.6	(29.2)	95.5	652.6
MP Development		125.3	131.3	(6.0)	95.5	131.3
Oil Pollution		45.4	49.0	(3.6)	92.6	49.0
Accounting for Pensions		(7.1)	(7.1)	0.0	100.0	(7.1)
Pilotage Income	1B	(75.0)	(585.4)	510.4	12.8	(585.4)
Movement in Reserves	1B	190.0	21.7	168.3	875.7	21.7
Non-Distributed Costs		1.5	1.5	0.0	100.0	1.5
Finance Charges		454.3	454.3	0.0	100.0	454.3
Service Totals		1,054.6	(1,879.1)	2,933.7	n/a	(1,879.1)

IFRS Accounting Entries

190.0

Miscellaneous Piers and Harbours Statement of Reserves

Miscellaneous Piers and Harbours Total Useable Reserves	(8,258.1)	1,054.6	(7,203.5)
Miscellaneous Piers Property Maintenance Fund	(1,368.2)	1,032.4	(335.8)
Miscellaneous Piers and Harbours Fund	(6,889.9)	22.2	(6,867.7)
	Balance	(Surplus)	Balance
	Opening	Deficit /	Closing

Annex 2:

Budget Action Plan

Scapa Flo	w Oil Port		
Function	Function Description / Explanation	Action Category/ Action Description	Responsible Officer
R52A	Administration Less than anticipated expenditure by £95.6K.	No action required.	J Buck
	Variance due to decrease in bad debt provision for Scapa Flow Oil Port for 2020.21.		
R52B	Environmental Unit	No action required.	J Buck
	Less than anticipated expenditure by £17.1K. Reduced works undertaken due to COVID-19		
	restrictions.		
R52D	Navigation	No action required.	J Buck
	Less than anticipated expenditure by £18.3K.		
	Reduction in maintenance conducted due to COVID-19 restrictions earlier in the financial year.		
R52F	Harbour Launches	No action required.	J Buck
	Less than anticipated expenditure by £100.5K.		

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Scapa Flo	w Oil Port		
Function	Function Description / Explanation	Action Category/ Action Description	Responsible Officer
R52I	Harbour Dues	No action required.	J Buck
	More than anticipated income by £1,198.0K.		
	Income received was higher than budgeted due to one extra tanker at Flotta Oil Terminal.		
	There were more ship to ship operations in the Flow than was budgeted for; plus, additional income from anchorage.		
R52L	Scapa Flow Development	No action required.	J Buck
	Less than anticipated expenditure by £101.9K.		
	Very few third-party payments made due to lower than expected work due to impact of COVID-19.		
R52U	Movement in Reserves	Budget reviewed and re-aligned during the 2021/22 budget	G Waterson
	Less than anticipated expenditure by £398.3K.	setting process.	
	Mainly reduced expenditure on the capital maintenance programme due to COVID-19 restrictions.		

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Budget Action Plan

Miscellan	eous Piers		
Function	Function Description / Explanation	Action Category/ Action Description	Responsible Officer
R53A	Piers Less than anticipated income by £2,300.4K. Cruise liner visits cancelled due to COVID-19 restrictions and hence no cruise liner income received. Also Harbour Dues for other shipping less than anticipated due to reduction in passenger numbers and general reduction in travelling due to COVID-19 restrictions.	Budget has been adjusted downwards for 2021.22 to 40% of cruise liner income, based on bookings in March 2021.	J Buck
R53L	Pilotage Income Less than anticipated income by £510.4K. Income for fees and charges was lower than budgeted due to impact of COVID-19 and very little activity on the Piers and Harbours, with next to no cruise liners and other shipping.	Budget has been adjusted downwards for 2021.22 to 40% of pilotage income for cruise liner visits, based on booking in March 2021.	J Buck
R53U	Movement in Reserves More than anticipated expenditure by £168.3K. Contribution from Repairs and Renewals fund less reduced expenditure on the capital maintenance programme due to COVID-19 restrictions.	No action required.	G Waterson