

The savings identified by services during the March budget monitoring exercise and amounting to a net underspend of approximately £130k are shown below:

<u>Corporate Services Portfolio</u>	£000
ICT & Facilities	
- Various reductions in premises and supplies and service spend relating to the Council Offices, including gas, canteen subsidy, consultancy fees and tree maintenance.	(18)
- An overspend on Technical Support costs, particularly Data Centre maintenance due to exceptional charges following the power surge in January.	23
Democratic & Customer Services Unit	
- Lower than budget spend across a number of Democratic & Customer Services headings including travel, transport hire, conferences & seminars and stationery.	(14)
Legal Services	
- Increase in Local Land Searches income.	(12)
- Belle Vue Enterprise Centre - increase in spend for one-off inspections and issue of electrical safety certificates, required for legal compliance.	13
- Belle Vue Enterprise Centre – rent receipts are above budget.	(11)
- Rental income above budget in Town Centres and 35/39 High Street, Aldershot.	(12)
- Reduction in spend on Counsels fees.	(15)
- Increased spend on books, publications and licences.	15
- Increase in income to Legal Services, including S106 agreements, recharging of valuation work and other chargeable work.	(20)
Strategy Engagement & Organisational Development	
- Reduction in spend on citizens consultation and engagement due to use of in-house staff as alternative to external suppliers.	(24)

<u>Corporate Services Portfolio (cont)</u>	£000
Financial Services	
- Council Tax collection - reduction in supplies and services costs including magistrate court fees, bankruptcy fees, stationery and software costs.	(10)
- Council Tax collection - reduction in costs recovered.	16
- Increase in spend on temporary staff following Service restructure, covering vacant posts, maternity leave and long term sickness.	31
Other variances within the portfolio, individually below £10k	(24)
<i>Total Corporate Services Portfolio variances</i>	(62)
<u>Environment and Service Delivery Portfolio</u>	£000
Community Services	
Car Parks & Parking Management	
- Shortfall in smartcard sales mainly relating to a reduction in smartcard purchases by one company.	129
- Shortfall in Pay and Display income across various car parks, primarily due to specific store closures (eg M&S in Aldershot), problems with rough sleepers and the impact of building works.	92
- Shortfall in the penalty charge notices income for both car parks and on-street parking, as recruitment of four Civil Enforcement Officer posts was delayed by several months (these posts have now been filled).	71
- Additional notional income for the value of free parking permits to organisations.	(17)
- Savings against budget across various car park repairs and maintenance categories, including lighting, machines and signs.	(18)
- Savings against budget for other supplies and services.	(16)
Recycling	
- Shortfall in income mainly due to the continued decline in the value of glass.	15

<u>Environment and Service Delivery Portfolio (cont)</u>	£000
<p>Maintenance Team</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Overspend on expenditure on handyman materials, primarily due to additional clean-up costs required at the depot and increased workload of the maintenance teams. 	20
<p>Markets and Car Boot Sales</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Shortfall in car boot sales income as the Aldershot car boot is not performing as well as predicted. 	42
<p>Planning Services</p> <p>Planning Policy</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Budget included £80.8k for inspection of the new Local Plan once ready. The Plan is not yet at this stage but funds will be needed next year so a carry forward will be requested. £65.5k of this is PDG funds in Earmarked Reserves. 	(81)
<p>Other variances within the portfolio, individually below £10k</p>	(12)
<i>Total Environment and Service Delivery Portfolio variances</i>	225
<u>Concessions and Community Portfolio</u>	£000
<p>Community Services</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Grants to major organisations - additional notional cost for the value of free parking permits to organisations. 	23
<p>Financial Services</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Rent Allowances team – savings across various areas of spend, including contractors, conferences, subscriptions and stationery. 	(10)
<p>Democratic & Customer Services Unit</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Local Elections – Increase in costs recovered for running other elections, such as the General Election in May 2015. 	(14)
<p>Legal Services</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Sustainability Initiatives – increased cost recovery from recharging staff time to Hart DC. 	(20)
<p>Other variances within the portfolio, individually below £10k</p>	(17)
<i>Total Concessions and Community Portfolio variances</i>	(38)

<u>Health and Housing Portfolio</u>	£000
Environmental Health & Housing Services	
- Savings against budget due to a reduction in homeless applications in Bed and Breakfast, shorter time spent by applicants in Bed and Breakfast, and the associated storage for their possessions.	(10)
- Increase in spend on voids on Clayton Court. These voids, which RBC fund, are due to the number of rooms that have to be allocated and matching households to the right size accommodation.	17
- Increase in Bond deposits where landlords in the private rented sector won't use the Rushmoor bond scheme hence a cash deposit is the only way to secure accommodation.	12
- Additional licence income for new Houses in Multiple Occupation during the year.	(10)
Other variances within the portfolio, individually below £10k	(9)
<i>Total Health and Housing Portfolio variances</i>	0
<u>Business, Safety & Regulation Portfolio</u>	£000
Planning Services	
Development Control	
- Unbudgeted income from S106 admin charges. No income was budgeted following a court ruling that these charges could be deemed illegal. However some monies were received at the implementation stage of planning permissions granted prior to the ruling.	(57)
- Increase in planning application fee income following an upturn in the second half of the year.	(15)
Building Control	
- Increase in Building Control fee income.	(10)

<u>Business, Safety & Regulation Portfolio (cont)</u>	£000
- Anticipated cost recovery from Hart DC following the launch this year of a shared Building Control service. This is offset in part by a £22k adverse variance in salaries in Building Control as a result of the new arrangements.	(55)
Other variances within the portfolio, individually below £10k	(29)
Total Business, Safety & Regulation Portfolio variances	(166)
<u>Leisure and Youth Portfolio</u>	£000
Community Services	
Parks and Recreation Grounds	(16)
- Net savings across a range of premises and supplies and services areas, including tree survey works and maintenance, playground apparatus and utilities.	(34)
- Additional developer income for Southwood Woodlands SANG. The SANG receipts will be transferred to the SANG Earmarked Reserve from the General Fund.	
Leisure Facilities	
- Reduction in spend on the contractual energy payment at various leisure facilities, including Aldershot Indoor Pool, the Lido, the All Weather Pitches, and Farnborough Leisure Centre.	(15)
- Additional spend relating to RBC's share of the lido season loss.	14
Princes Hall	
- Additional sales income from the pantomime and other shows.	(86)
- Increase in sales income from the £1 increase on ticket prices for the professional shows (not including the pantomime) as part of the 8 point plan actions.	(20)
- Increase in income from refreshments.	(10)
- Reduction in spend on utilities.	(17)

<u>Leisure and Youth Portfolio (cont)</u>	£000
Special Events - Increase in expenditure due to cancellation costs for the firework event.	11
Other variances within the portfolio, individually below £10k	(4)
Total Leisure and Youth Portfolio variances	(177)
Total Non-Salary Portfolio Variances	(218)
Transfers to/from Earmarked Reserves	88
Total Reported Variances	(130)