

## **Appendix B 2018/19 OUTTURN**

### **Inflation**

Each year a global sum is set aside within the budget for inflation increases and for 2018/19 this was set at £210,000. Throughout the year, as and when annual increases in contracts/annual payments were determined, virements were actioned to the appropriate budget headings from the set aside sum. The amount required for 18/19 was £86,390.

### **Salary Savings**

The 2018/19 salary savings budget was £125,000 and as at the probable outturn stage (2018/19 budget book) £435,350 had been achieved. A further £57,000 occurred in the latter part of the year.

## **MANAGING DIRECTOR**

### **Modernising Local Government and Consultancy**

The full budget for modernising local government, consultancy and training was not required during 2018/19, as costs were managed by other funds. This resulted in a reduced spend of £32,000,

## **EXTERNAL SERVICES**

### **Temporary Housing Accommodation**

The year-end outturn is a £108,000 underspend compared to that projected earlier in the year. There continues to be a shift from more expensive nightly paid accommodation to less costly DPLS. Nightly paid accommodation was lower by £149,000 but DPLS was £42,000 over estimate.

### **Car Parking**

Expenditure budgets were underspent by £23,000 against projection, Fees and charges continued to perform well with £47,000 more than projected. The number of fines issued has been increasing since 2016/17 and this has resulted in additional income and a higher debtor provision for unpaid fines, £109,000 above projection.

### **Development Control**

Total net income was £135,000 lower than projected. This was mainly made up of two parts. The projected outturn included an error of around £50,000 in the salary projection as not all approved temporary staffing was included in the final calculation. Actual planning income relating to actual applications and advice was £87,000 lower than the previous estimate. However it is worth noting that the service achieved income of £273,000 over the budget.

## **Waste Management**

Overall the service was close to projection. Domestic refuse collection exceeded the projection by £22,000. Underachievement of income against the projection was the main variance, although fees and charges achieved an additional £4,000, the income from eurobins was £27,000 down on the projection. The cost of providing/delivery of eurobins increased significantly but this was not met by additional income as there was an increasing need to replace lost bins free of charge. The final costs for other areas of the service were lower than projected.

## **INTERNAL SERVICES**

### **Benefits Payments**

The surplus on this budget was higher by £43,000 compared to the projected outturn. The external audit of the 2017/18 claim concluded without any adjustments so a local authority error provision in the original estimate was unnecessary.

### **Benefits Shared Services**

After considering the favourable benefits payment position it was determined unnecessary to draw down as much grant income from reserve as previously forecast. Therefore, the outturn in this area was £37,000 more than had been projected.

### **Eltham Crematorium**

The 2018/19 payment of £167,000 from Greenwich Council did not meet their projection of £197,000. The projection was also a significant decrease on the budget of £225,000. The number of cremations was less than estimated, additionally utility bills had not been correctly charged to the crematorium account from an earlier year and this was subsequently corrected in 2018/19

### **Investment Income**

The Council has achieved investment income of £2.47m which significantly larger than the probable outturn reported in February as £1.5m, which did not include undeclared dividend distributions from, pooled funds. The funds have performed well during the year resulting in large dividend payments, but there is no guarantee that future performance or income distribution will follow this trend.