



<b>Subject:</b>	Financial Reporting – Quarter 2 2015-2016
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<b>Is this report restricted?</b>	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<b>Is the decision eligible for Call-in?</b>	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>

<b>1.0</b>	<b>Purpose of Report or Summary of main Issues</b>
1.1	This report presents the quarter 2 financial position for the City Growth Regeneration Committee including a forecast of the year end outturn. It includes a reporting pack which contains a summary of the financial indicators and an executive summary (Appendix 1). It also provides a more detailed explanation of each of the relevant indicators and the forecast outturn for the year.
<b>2.0</b>	<b>Recommendations</b>
2.1	Members are asked to; <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Note the report and the associated financial reporting pack and also</li><li>• Note that no re-allocations are considered as the overall corporate position will be discussed at the November SP&amp;R Committee.</li></ul>
<b>3.0</b>	<b>Main report</b>
	<b>Current and Forecast Financial Position 2015-2016</b>
3.1	The Quarter 2 position for the Committee is an overspend of £8k (0.1%), with the forecast year end position being an overspend of £144k (0.97%).
3.2	The Committee current and forecast overspend positions are due to three specific service areas:-

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• City Events and Venues and</li> <li>• The Zoo</li> <li>• Parks Estates</li> </ul>
3.3	<p>The City Events and Venues Service reported a Quarter 1 overspend of £93k and a forecast year end overspend of £260k. The key drivers to this position were the loss of income above that which was planned for as a result of construction and the failure to reduce expenditure impacted by the loss of income. An action plan was submitted to the Committee in September 2015 that reduced the forecast year end overspend to £43k.</p>
3.4	<p>The Zoo had a net overspend of £206k at the end of Quarter 1, with a forecast year end overspend of £200k. The forecast position was due to anticipated loss of income of £100k and additional expenditure, including employee costs. An improvement plan was submitted to the Committee in September 2015 that reduced the forecast year end overspend to £100k as many of the improvement actions involve consultation and engagement with staff, customers and suppliers that will take time to impact.</p>
3.5	<p>Parks Estates (Belfast Castle, Malone House and The Stables) has a net overspend of £39k(29%)at the end of Quarter 2, with a forecast year end overspend of £75k (21%). The forecast position is due to the review of the current catering franchise agreement.</p>
3.6	<p>The overall Quarter 2 position for the Council is an underspend of £1,628,000 which is 2.5% of the Councils net budget. This compares to a forecast outturn at the year end of £308,000 from departmental balances plus a further £332,000 from rate income balances. The use of these balances will be discussed at the SP&amp;R committee in November.</p>
<b>4.0</b>	<b>Appendices – Documents Attached</b>
4.1	<b>Appendix 1 - Quarter 2 Performance Report</b>