



Planning and Licensing Committee

Quarterly Finance Report

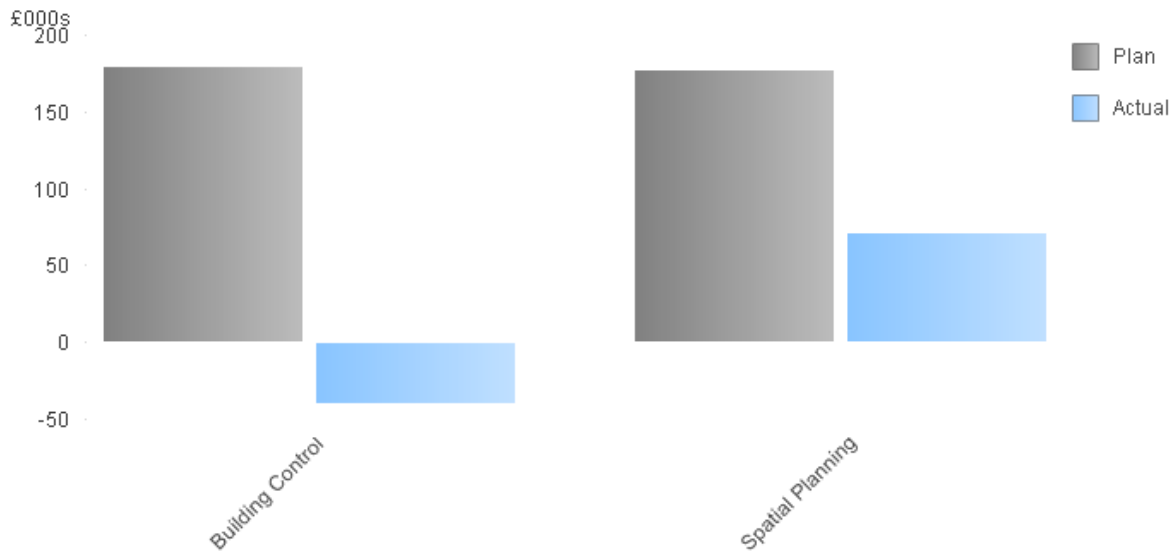
Report Period: Quarter 1, 2016/17

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Committee	YTD	YTD Var £000s	Var %	Forecast	Forecast Var £000s	Var %	3,4
Building Control		(217)	(121.5)%		(180)	(25.7)%	
Spatial Planning		(106)	(80.2)%		(300)	(36.3)%	
Total		(323)	(91.0)%		(480)	(31.4)%	

Committee Net Revenue Expenditure: Year to Date Position



Planning and Licensing Committees overall position at the end of Quarter 1 is an under spend of £323,307.

The main reasons for this under spend are:

The Belfast Planning Service operates on annual estimated expenditure of £2.6m which is offset by estimated annual fee income of £1.8m.

Planning fees are paid in full on application and apportioned as income at various stages of completion, the allocation being calculated by a facility within the portal.

At the end of Quarter 1 the actual expenditure of £633k was £24k below the budgeted amount of £657k although this relates to an underspend in hired services but funds will be required later in the year.

In addition the estimated fee income of £480k for Quarter 1 was understated by £82K as the total amount allocated for work completed in the first quarter was £562K

The underspend in hired services and additional income gives a net underspend in Planning of £106,447 for Quarter 1

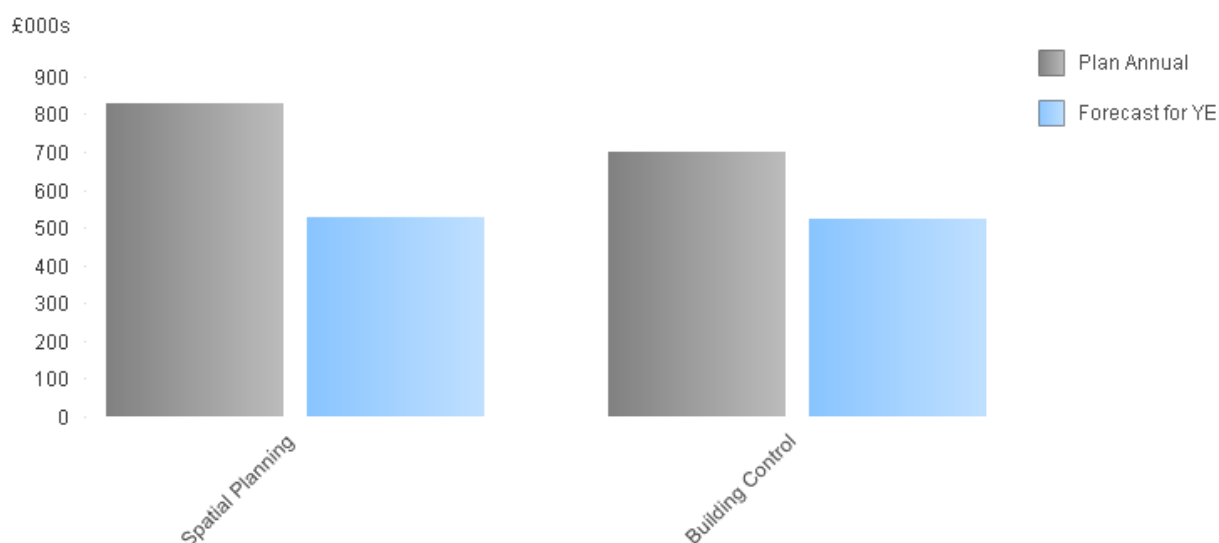
The Building Control Service operates on annual estimated expenditure of £3.9m which is offset by estimated annual fee income of £3.2m.

At the end of Quarter 1 the actual expenditure of £1,107k was £110k overspent which was due mainly to additional grant funding.

However, the estimated fee income of £818k for Quarter 1 was understated by £326K as additional income across all streams including £94k plan fees and £139k grant recoup.

The overspend in supplies and services has been offset by the additional income giving a net underspend in Building Control of £216,860 for Quarter 1.

Committee Net Revenue Expenditure: Forecast for Year End



The **Planning and Licensing Committees** overall forecast position for the year end is an under spend of £480k

The main reasons for this under spend are:

Belfast Planning Service

Income trends are difficult to assess but it is likely to be in the region of £2.1m which is £300k above the budgeted target.

It is assumed that the full amount of £350k will be used for advertising unless a review of our policy agreed by Committee.

Building Control

The Services expects to receive additional income from fees and grants of approximately £680k however it is unknown how the current economic environment may impact on fee income (in particular plan fees and inspections) and this will not be known until later in the financial year. Secondly, funds will be required for additional staff to generate these fees and will therefore reduce the net surplus to £180k

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Section Expenditure Budgetary Analysis & Forecast

	Plan YTD £000s	Actuals YTD £000s	Variance YTD £000s	% Variance	Annual Plan 2016/2017 £000s	Forecast for Y/E at P3 £000s	Forecast Variance £000s	% Variance
Building Control	179	(38)	(217)	(121.5)%	701	521	(180)	(25.7)%
Spatial Planning	177	70	(106)	(60.2)%	827	527	(300)	(36.3)%
Planning Committee	355	32	(323)	(91.0)%	1,528	1,048	(480)	(31.4)%