

RIBBLE VALLEY BOROUGH COUNCIL REPORT TO ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

meeting date: 5 SEPTEMBER 2024
 title: REVENUE MONITORING 2024/25
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1 PURPOSE

1.1 To let you know the position for the period April to July 2024 on this year's revenue budget as far as this committee is concerned.

1.2 Relevance to the Council's ambitions and priorities:

Community Objectives – none identified.

Corporate Priorities - to continue to be a well managed Council providing efficient services based on identified customer need. To meet the objective within this priority, of maintaining critical financial management controls, ensuring the authority provides council tax payers with value for money.

Other Considerations – none identified.

2 FINANCIAL INFORMATION

2.1 Shown below, by cost centre, is a comparison between actual expenditure and the revised estimate for the period to the end of August. You will see an overall overspend of £52,293 on the net cost of services. Please note that underspends/overachievement on income are denoted by figures with a minus symbol.

Cost Centre	Cost Centre Name	Net Budget for the full year	Net Budget to the end of the period	Actual including commitments to the end of the period	Variance	
ALBNM	Albion Mill	3,610	-3,170	50,500	53,670	R
CFDFE	Clitheroe Food Festival 2024	26,090	14,887	10,628	-4,259	R
INDDV	Economic Development	162,570	174	1,775	1,601	G
TURSM	Tourism and Events	140,370	10,402	11,683	1,281	G
	Sum:	332,640	22,293	74,586	52,293	

2.2 The variations between budget and actuals have been split into groups of red, amber and green variance. The red variances highlight specific areas of high concern, for which budget holders are required to have an action plan. Amber variances are potential areas of high concern and green variances are areas, which currently do not present any significant concern.

Key to Variance shading	
Variance of more than £5,000 (Red)	R
Variance between £2,000 and £4,999 (Amber)	A
Variance less than £2,000 (Green)	G

2.3 We have extracted the main variations for the items which fall within the red variance category in the period April to July 2024. These are shown with the budget holders' comments and agreed action plan in Annex 1.

2.4 There are no Amber variances for the period being reported on.

3 CONCLUSION

3.1 The comparison between actual and budgeted expenditure shows an overall overspend of £52,293 for the first four months of the financial year 2024/25.

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DIRECTOR OF RESOURCES AND
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ED7-24/LO/AC
23 August 2024

Original Estimates approved by Committee on 25 January 2024
For further information please ask for Lawson Oddie

Economic Development Committee Budget Monitoring – Red Variances

Ledger Code	Ledger Code Name	Budget for the Full Year	Budget to the end of the period	Actual including commitments to the end of the period	Variance	Reason for Variance	Action Plan as agreed between the Budget Holder and Accountant
ALBNM/2451	Albion Mill/National Non-Domestic Rates	0	0	7,204	7,204	<p>Due to units 2-3 at Albion Mill being vacant since 1 May 2023, the NNDR liability falls on the Council. A 6-month exemption from NNDR was applied in 2023/24 but expired in November 2023. Since then, the Council has been charged for the NNDR.</p> <p>The charge shown here represents a full year charge for 2024/25. Should a tenant be found in the coming months, this charge will then be apportioned, and a refund issued to the council.</p>	<p>The lease position for units 2-3 and the consequential NNDR liability will be reviewed when setting the Revised Estimate.</p>

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ALBNM/8805I	Albion Mill/ Land Rents	-39,360	-19,680	26,294	45,974	<p>This income stream represents the lease income from the tenants of the units, which is in turn collected by Robert Pinkus Property Management and passed to the council.</p> <p>Through Robert Pinkus Property Management, the council is aware of an arrears position and have not been notified of the income due to the council for some time.</p> <p>Estimated income due but not received in respect of 2023/24 is £26,294 and is the reason for the +£26,294 position shown as an actual. Added to this is the income budgeted for and not received for 2024/25 to the end of July of £19,680, resulting in the total variance shown of £45,974.</p>	Discussions will take place to establish the position with the tenants, the arrears, and any payments awaiting invoicing to Robert Pinkus Property Management.

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CFDFE/8827n	Clitheroe Food Festival 2024/Food Festival stalls (VATable)	-17,080	-17,080	-24,225	-7,145	The stall income budget for the 2024 food festival was set on a prudent basis and was set below the income attained in 2023 (£20K). Therefore, part of the variance is due to the prudent nature of the budget, part due to marginal increases to the number of stalls, and also due to the increases applied to the stallholder fees for 2024.	The budget will be updated at the Revised Estimate.
CFDFE/8828n	Clitheroe Food Festival 2024/Food Festival Sponsorship	0	0	-5,500	-5,500	No sponsorship income was allowed for within the original estimate for the food festival. However, sponsorship income of £5,500 has been achieved to the end of July.	The budget will be updated at the Revised Estimate.