

CLERK'S REPORT TO: PARISH COUNCIL MEETING – 15 SEPTEMBER 2014
SUBJECT: BUDGET MONITORING (POSITION AT 30 JUNE 2014)

1 INTRODUCTION

This report shows the financial position at 30 June 2014 and also gives an indication of the expected out-turn on 31 March 2015.

The following documents are enclosed:

- Receipts and Payments Statement for the period to 30 June 2014 (first quarter)
- Budget monitoring statement with estimates to the end of the financial year
- Explanation of variances. This schedule compares spend in the previous financial year (2013-2014) with spend in the current year.

2 VARIANCES

The variances schedule shows that the expenditure in 2014-2015 is expected to be £8,095 more than spend in 2013-2014. When comparing spend with budget, there is an expected under-spend of £16,421. Although, year-on-year, the Parish Council's spending is broadly at the same level, it continues to hold large reserves at the end of each financial year and this will need to be explained to the auditor. The balance on 1 April 2015 is expected to be £48,427 and this is 38% higher than the precept for the year (£35,000).

3 REASONS

The budget for 2014-2015 was agreed on the following basis:

| | £ | £ |
|---|----------------------|--------|
| • Budget proposals 2014-2015 | 55,215 | |
| • ADD: Reserves (working balance) | 4,000 | 59,215 |
| • LESS: Expected balance on 1 April 2014 | (22,000) | 34,215 |
| • Precept required: | <u>35,000</u> | |

The actual bring-forward on 1 April 2014 was **45,470** representing an additional **£23,470** over what was anticipated.

The main reason for the bring-forward figure was significant under-spends on the following budget-heads; this, in turn, was offset by over-spends in other areas. A full analysis will be provided when the end-of-year accounts are presented.

| | Budget 2013-2014 £ | Under-spend £ |
|---|--------------------------|----------------------|
| Community hall – various items | 23,300 | 16,300 |
| Technical review of transport data (Expenditure re. Muller Homes Inquiry was part-funded from this source) | 7,000 | 2,340 |
| Purchase of additional speed watch equipment | 4,500 | 4,500 |
| Grants | 1,000 | 1,000 |
| | <u>35,800</u> | <u>24,140</u> |