Directorates Variances Summary

Variances and movements greater than £50,000

Directorate		Period 8 Variance £	Period 9 Variance £	Movement	Main Variances Explanation
Finance & Resources					
	Assets and Property	(619,993)	(609,814)	10,179	The favourable forecast position is mainly related to staff vacancies in the Corporate Property team in addition to increased income from favourable rent reviews in Industrial Estates. This has been partially offset by rental income budgets that have been overstated and units in Old Millmead are expected to remain vacant.
	Commercial Services	(209,059)	(266,461)	(57,401)	The favourable forecast pposition and movment is mainly related to a reduction in utility costs
	Finance	190,619	49,079	(141,539)	
		(638,434)	**(827,195)**	**(188,762)**	
Economy, Planning and Place					
	Communication & Customer Services	(1,761)	304,739	306,500	The adverse position and movement relates to vacant positions that have been recruited to earlier than anticipated as well as insufficient budgets within ICT. This is being reviewed urgently to minimise the impact this year.
	Planning & Development	(85,984)	26,604	112,588	The current forecasted overspend mainly relates to a reduction in Planning fees and Land charges.
	Regeneration & Planning Policy	(81,531)	(119,099)	(37,568)	The forecasted favourable position mainly relates to vacant positions.
	Regulatory Services	(29,877)	(33,468)	(3,591)	
		(199,152)	**178,776**	**377,928**	
Housing, Communities & Environment					
	Community Services	20,843	24,631	3,788	
	Environmental Services	158,362	139,937	(18,425)	This relates to a forecasted overspend from refuse freighter hire which is due to the Authrority's aged fleet.
	Housing Services	(125,956)	(136,246)	(10,289)	The favourable forecast and movement is attributed to Housing repairs that are expected to be charged to the HRA.
		53,249	**28,323**	**(24,926)**	
Legal & Democratic Services		**(87,980)**	**(72,998)**	**14,982**	
Strategy & Corporate Services		**(54,942)**	**(132,290)**	**(77,348)**	
Directorates Total		**(927,260)**	**(825,385)**	**101,874**	
Housing Revenue Account		**606,107**	**474,032**	**(132,075)**	There has been a forecasted increase due to actuals and commitments for Asset Maintenance costs. Additionally there are increased Agency costs for the vacant posts. Recruitment of permanent staff is continuing to be a challenge. This adverse position has been partially offset by higher rental income across the Dwelling Rents, Garages and Equity Share Rents that were under budgeted at the start of the year.