

**Key Financial Health Indicators to 31st March 2011****Revenue**

Financial Monitoring	Current Budget	Outturn	Variance
	£m	£m	£m
Service Departments	171.8	171.5	(0.3)
Other Services	(17.00)	(19.50)	(2.5)
<b>Outturn Deficit/(Surplus)</b>	<b>154.8</b>	<b>152.0</b>	<b>(2.8)</b>

**Narrative:**

The Council's outturn was a £2.8m surplus resulting in a general fund balance at 31 March 2011 of £10.8m (against a target of £10m).

Income Collection	Target Collection Rate	Cash Equivalent	Actual Collection Rate	Cash Equivalent	Variance to Target Rate	Cash Equivalent	Next Quarter Target
		£m		£m		£m	
Council Tax	94.50%	48,365	92.88%	47,535	-1.62%	-0.830	TBA
NNDR	97.00%	50,575	94.82%	49,438	-2.18%	-1.137	TBA
Ctax Arrears - prior years	12.50%	1,592	10.39%	1,325	-2.11%	-2.917	TBA
Rent Collection	97.00%	87,454	96.75%	87,231	-0.25%	-0.175	TBA

**Narrative:**

Final outturn on Council Tax is down by 0.05% on 2009/10, cash collected increased by 450k  
 Final outturn on NNDR is down by 0.76% on 2009/10, cash collected increased by 1.277m  
 Council Tax Arrears Collection (Based on Gross Opening Balance) is down by 0.27% on 2009/10, cash collected increased by 120k (Based on like with like measure)  
 Rent Collection increased by 0.79% compared to 2009/10

The structure and content of this report will be reviewed prior to the end of Qtr 1 of 2011/12 to ensure that targets are in line with those agreed between LBBB & Elevate

**Key Financial Health Indicators to 31st March 2011****Investments**

	Average Investment Balances	Benchmark Return	Average Return to 31st Mar 2011	Variance against Benchmark	Total Interest Earned
	£m		%		£m
Council in House team	38.8	1.50%	1.65%	0.15%	0.824
External Fund Manager (1)	28.3	1.50%	1.18%	-0.32%	0.332
External Fund Manager (2)	11.4	1.50%	1.19%	-0.31%	0.171
External Fund Manager (3)	15.0	1.50%	0.72%	-0.78%	0.107

**Narrative:**

The Council has invested its surplus cash in four tranches as set out above. The internally managed funds have been able to take advantage of short term interest rates to exceed the benchmark return by 0.015%. Externally managed funds have not exceeded their benchmark returns due to the continuing market conditions and historically low interest rates set by the Bank of England.

**Capital**

Capital Programme	Original Budget	Appraised Working Budget	Projected Spend	Variance to Working Budget	
	£m	£m	£m	%	£m
Capital Spend	160	116	106	-8.25%	10

**Narrative:**

The capital programme shows an underspend of £9.5m due to delays in obtaining approvals for project to commence and timing delays. Appendices D & E detail budgets that are being rolled over or brought forward from 2011/12 due to projects progressing faster than anticipated.

**Key Financial Health Indicators to 31st March 2011****Capital**

Prudential Indicators	Original Indicators @ 1/4/10			Revised Indicators @31/03/11		
	2010/11	2011/12	2012/13	2010/11	2011/12	2012/13
<b>Indicators</b>						
<b>Capital</b>						
Capital Expenditure (£'000)	£160,032	£103,182	£117,528	£106,097	£143,802	£31,614
Financing Costs						
- Ratio of HRA Financing costs to Net Revenue Stream	15.06%	15.06%	15.06%	1.29%	3.68%	3.35%
- Ratio of General Fund Financing Net Revenue Stream	4.53%	5.72%	6.66%	6.71%	7.82%	8.90%
Impact on Band 'D' Council Tax	£135.73	£171.37	£199.65			
Impact on Average Housing Rent	£0	£0	£0	£0	£0	£0
Capital Financing Requirement	£105,221	£126,721	£135,221	£151,407	£195,050	£199,136
<b>Treasury Management</b>						
Operational Limit on Borrowing	£90m	£115m	£120m	£115m	£257m	£231m
Authorised Limit	£200m	£200m	£200m	£200m	£257m	£281m