

22 March 2017

COMMUNITY SERVICES AND LICENSING COMMITTEE

A meeting of the Community Services and Licensing Committee will be held on **THURSDAY 30 MARCH 2017** in the Council Chamber, Ebley Mill, Ebley Wharf, Stroud at **7.00 pm.**



David Hagg
Chief Executive

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AGENDA

1. **APOLOGIES**
To receive apologies for absence.
2. **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**
To receive declarations of interest.
3. **MINUTES**
To approve the Minutes of the meeting held on 2 February 2017.
4. **PUBLIC QUESTION TIME**
The Chair of the Committee will answer any questions from members of the public, submitted in accordance with the Council's procedures.
DEADLINE FOR RECEIPT OF QUESTIONS
Noon on MONDAY 27 MARCH 2017.
Questions must be submitted in writing to the Chief Executive, Democratic Services, Ebley Mill, Ebley Wharf, Stroud, and sent by post or by Email: democratic.services@stroud.gov.uk.
5. **UPDATE ON HEALTH AND WELLBEING PLAN**
To receive a verbal update.

6. **WORK PROGRAMME**
To consider the work programme.
7. **BUDGET MONITORING REPORT 2016/17 – REPORT 3**
To present a forecast of the outturn position against the revenue budget and capital programme for 2016/17.
8. **STROUD DISTRICT COMMUNITY SAFETY PARTNERSHIP STRATEGY 2017-2021**
To consider the draft Strategy for adoption.
9. **UPDATE ON YOUTH SERVICES**
To receive a verbal update.
10. **UPDATE ON OUTSIDE BODIES TASK AND FINISH GROUP**
To receive a verbal update on the work of the Task and Finish Group.
11. **MEMBER QUESTIONS**
See Agenda Item 4 for deadline for submission.

Members of Community Services and Licensing Committee

Councillor Steve Robinson (Chair)
Councillor Jonathan Edmunds (Vice-Chair)
Councillor George Butcher
Councillor Gordon Craig
Councillor Alison Hayward
Councillor John Jones

Councillor John Marjoram
Councillor Karen McKeown
Councillor Gill Oxley
Councillor Liz Peters
Councillor Nigel Prenter
Councillor Penny Wride

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2 February 2017

7.00 pm – 9.12 pm

Council Chamber, Ebley Mill, Stroud

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Minutes

Membership

Councillor Steve Robinson (Chair)	P	Councillor John Marjoram	P
Councillor Jonathan Edmunds (Vice-Chair)	P	Councillor Karen McKeown	P
Councillor George Butcher	P	Councillor Gill Oxley	P
Councillor Gordon Craig	P	Councillor Liz Peters	P
Councillor Alison Hayward	P	Councillor Nigel Prenter	A
Councillor John Jones	P	Councillor Penny Wride	P

P = Present A = Absent

Other Councillors Present

Councillor Norman Kay

Officers Present

Strategic Head of Customer Services
 Community & Facilities Manager

Health and Wellbeing Co-ordinator
 Democratic Services Officer

CSLC.032

APOLOGIES

None received.

CSLC.033

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None received.

CSLC.034

MINUTES

Following discussion, the previous minutes should note:

- The Community Safety Strategy will be discussed at a future meeting. The Chair confirmed this was in the work programme.

RESOLVED

That the Minutes of the Meeting held on 8 December 2016 are confirmed and signed as a correct record.

CSLC.035 **PUBLIC QUESTION TIME**

None received.

CSLC.036 **WORK PROGRAMME 2016/17**

Following discussion on the work programme the following issues were highlighted.

- Director of Public Health to be invited to attend the meeting on 30 March 2017.
- Verbal report on the Youth Services.
- Tourism Update – Councillor Gordon Craig will make a contribution to the Member Information Sheet due in March 2017.

CSLC.037 **UPDATE ON THE SUBSCRIPTION ROOMS**

Councillor Simon Pickering gave a verbal update on the progress of the Task and Finish Group. The group had met six times and with the support of officers were looking at the valuation and state of the building, recommending to Strategy and Resources Committee on 26 January 2017, to start the process of expressions of interest from the community.

During questions from Members there was a proposal put forward by Councillor John Marjoram and seconded by Councillor Karen McKeown to produce an Arts and Cultural Strategy. Following discussion the proposal was changed to establish a Task and Finish Group to draft an Arts and Cultural Strategy for the district to be completed by 1 September 2017. The Councillors would be John Marjoram (Chair), Alison Hayward, John Jones, George Butcher, Gordon Craig and Jonathan Edmunds.

Councillor Simon Pickering confirmed that he would be stepping down as chair of the Sub Rooms Task and Finish Group, Councillor Doina Cornell would be taking over as Chair and Councillor Jonathan Edmunds would be taking Councillor Simon Pickering's place on the group.

CSLC.038 **OLDER PERSON'S HEALTH AND HOUSING PLAN**

The Health and Wellbeing Co-ordinator presented the report and explained that the plan had been developed at the request of a number of Councillors. It was pulling together existing work which was already planned.

During questions from Members the following issues were discussed:

- Dementia support
- Social Isolation
- Active lifestyles
- Reviewing village agents involvement in social prescribing

RESOLVED **The Committee RESOLVES to adopt the Older Person's Health and Housing Plan.**

CSLC.039**UPDATE ON COUNTY HEALTH AND OVERVIEW SCRUTINY COMMITTEE**

Councillor Doina Cornell gave a verbal update on the work of the Committee highlighting the following issues:

- Re-organisation of ambulances
- The rise in demand in A&E
- Sustainability and transformation plan for Gloucestershire
- Access to health and social care services.
- Mental Health - access to services for children and young people
- Health Checks
- Non emergency transport service

The following questions were raised which Councillor Doina Cornell noted and would respond to a future meeting.

- Rates of self harm and suicide in the transgender community.
- Ambulance response times
- Mental Health issues, particularly within the female age group of 14-25 and between the criminal and health system.
- Facilities for medical support when new houses are built

The Committee asked that a further update be given in September.

CSLC.040**PERFORMANCE MONITORING**

Councillors John Jones and Karen McKeown had provided a written report and gave an update at the meeting, highlighting the following issues:

- Housing Benefit
- Anti-social behaviour
- Direct Debit payments relating to Council Tax and Business Rates
- The Pulse fees and charges

CSLC.041**MEMBERS' QUESTIONS**

A question had been received from Councillor Norman Kay and was answered by the Chair, Councillor Steve Robinson, following a supplementary question it was agreed that a further member review of DHP policy would be undertaken by Councillor Jonathan Edmunds and Councillor Penny Wride.

At the end of the meeting Councillor Penny Wride wanted thanks to be recorded to the Senior Emergency Planning Officer and the Community and Facilities Manager relating to the fire in Berkeley Vale Caravan Park.

The meeting closed at 9.12 pm.

Chair

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1. This meeting is the last for the Committee within the civic year 2016/17. Consequently the Committee may wish to consider in anticipation of its next meeting within civic year 2017/18 (anticipated to be 15 June 2017) matters for inclusion in next year's work programme.
2. In accordance with the Council's resolved Guide to Committees (2015), the committee should discuss and resolve its work programme for the year. Although the programme needs to include matters which have to be considered as a matter of law, the content of the programme should be driven by members of the committee. The items listed below, in Table 1, are simply those which the lead officer for the committee considers, or are otherwise anticipated as matters that, will in any event need to be addressed.
3. For the avoidance of doubt the second table below records the committee's Information Sheets which have been circulated to all Members, or as at the date of publication of this report are outstanding.

Table 1 – Preliminary work programme for 2017/18

Date of meeting	Matter to be considered (ie insert report/project title)	Notes (eg lead member & officer)
15.6.17 To be confirmed	Work Programme – 2017/18	Chair/Strategic Head Customer Services
	Director of Public Health – Annual Report	Lead: Sarah Scott
	Appointment of Performance Monitoring Representatives	Chair
	Outside Bodies	Chair
7.9.17 To be confirmed	Work Programme – 2017/18	Chair/Strategic Head Customer Services
	Police and Crime Commissioner Annual Report	PCC/Community and Facilities Manager
	Budget Monitoring	Accountancy Manager
	Performance Monitoring	Lead Member
7.12.17 To be confirmed	Work Programme – 2017/18	Chair/Strategic Head Customer Services
	2017/18 Revised Budget and 2018/19 Original Budget	Accountancy Manager
	Performance Monitoring	Lead Member
1.2.18 To be confirmed	Work Programme – 2017/18	Chair/Strategic Head Customer Services
	Performance Monitoring	Lead Member
29.3.18 To be confirmed	Work Programme – 2018/19	Chair/Strategic Head Customer Services
	Budget Monitoring	Accountancy Manager
	Performance Monitoring	Lead Member

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Table 2: Information sheets

Date sent (& reference no)	Topic	Notes (eg responsible officer)
20 May 2016 C-2016/17-001	Community Services and Customer Services Information Sheet	Strategic Head Customer Services
7 June 2016 C-2016/17-002	Community Services and Licensing Committee	Strategic Head Customer Services
29 June 2016 C-2016/17-003	Discretionary Housing Payments (DHP)	Revenue and Benefits Manager
20 July 2016 C-2016/17-004	Gloshomeseeker to Homeseekerplus	Housing Advice Manager
15 November 2016 C-2016/17-005	Benefit Cap	Revenue and Benefits Manager
16 January 2017 C-2016/17-006	Domestic Abuse and Sexual Violence (DASV) Briefing Paper January 2017	Community and Facilities Manager and Senior Housing Strategy Officer
23 January 2017 C-2016/17-007	Tree Policy	Public Space Officer
21 March 2017 C-2016/17-008	Tourism Update	Regeneration Officer (Tourism)

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AGENDA
ITEM NO

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30 MARCH 2017

Report Title	BUDGET MONITORING REPORT 2016/17 – REPORT 3
Purpose of Report	To present to the Committee a forecast of the outturn position against the revenue budget and capital programme for 2016/17.
Decision(s)	<p>The Committee RESOLVES:</p> <p>a) to note the outturn forecast for the General Fund Revenue budget and the Capital programme for this Committee</p> <p>b) RECOMMENDS: to Strategy & Resources that the provisional carry forward as set out in paragraph 12 are approved (subject to the outturn position)</p>
Consultation and Feedback	Budget holders have been consulted about the budget issues in their service areas. The feedback has been incorporated in the report to explain differences between budgets and actual income and expenditure.
Financial Implications and Risk Assessment	<p>The outturn forecast for the Committee’s budget shows a net underspend of £330k. This will be included in the overall General Fund outturn forecast reported to Strategy and Resources committee in April 2017.</p> <p>The committee’s Capital budgets are likely to spend as per budget apart from capital slippage likely on the LA Social Housing</p> <p>David Stanley – Accountancy Manager Tel: 01453 754100 Email: david.stanley@stroud.gov.uk.</p>
Legal Implications	<p>The report is for information and does not therefore raise any legal implications</p> <p>Alan Carr, Solicitor Tel: 01453 754357 Email: alan.carr@stroud.gov.uk</p>
Report Author	<p>Adele Rudkin, Accountant Tel: 01453 754109 Email: adele.rudkin@stroud.gov.uk</p>
Options	None

Performance Management Follow Up	Budgets will continue to be monitored on a regular basis by budget holders supported by Finance. The outturn position will be reported to Strategy and Resources Committee in June 2017
Background Papers/ Appendices	None

Background

1. This report provides the third financial report to the committee for the financial year 2016/17. The purpose of this report is to notify members of any known significant variations to budgets for the current financial year, highlight any key issues, and to inform members of any action to be taken if required.
2. **Due to the volume of information contained in the report, it would be helpful where members have questions on matters of detail if they could be referred to the report author or the appropriate service manager before the meeting.**

Revenue Budget position

3. The original net General Fund Revenue budget for 2016/17 was £16.103m as approved by Council at their meeting on 28 January 2016. This has now been revised to £16.350m.

The latest budget for Community Services and Licensing Committee is £5.758m as approved by Council in February 2017.

4. The monitoring position for the service at 31 January 2017 shows a projected net underspend of (£330k) against the latest budget, as summarised in Table 2. The overall position on the General Fund will be considered by Strategy and Resources Committee at their meeting on 13 April 2017.
5. The outturn position is mainly attributable to the major items outlined in Table 2 with an explanation of the significant variances that have arisen. (A significant variation is defined as being +/- £20k on each reporting line). Appendix A provides a more detailed breakdown on the committee's budgets.

Summary of Report Headlines

- **Major Variations**

The report sets out the forecast outturn position on the committee's budgets, with Appendix A providing more detailed explanations on the major variances. Whilst the overall position on the CS&L budget is positive, concern remains on the financial performance of the Subscription Rooms. Revenue and Benefits outturn position is showing as a favorable significant variance, this projection was based on known factors at the end of January 2017. Whilst there is every confidence this will remain constant, there is still risk that this variance may fluctuate due to unknown factors over the next few months.

- **Salaries - Underspend**

Budget holders and Finance worked together to review the establishment and associated staffing budgets for 2016/17, and budgets were set in accordance with the agreed establishment. The current forecast has identified a number of savings within the following services, Community Safety, Arts & Culture (Subscription Rooms) Sports Centres (The Pulse – Dursley) and Revenue and Benefits. An assessment of these savings has identified some in year savings due to staff turnover. A number of these workforce planning savings were reviewed and actioned as part of the Budget setting process for 2017/18.

- **Additional Expenditure**

Expenditure forecast due to predicted pressures within Arts and Culture (Subscription Rooms), Sports Centres (The Pulse - Dursley) and Public Spaces – (Ground Maintenance Scheme).

6. Areas of Risk and Uncertainty

The forecast outturn variance of a net (£330k) underspend highlighted in paragraph 4 of this report is based on known and estimated outcomes. There are a number of different outcomes that may occur and it is difficult to predict with a degree of certainty which outcome is more likely, Seasonal factors affecting income from events and activities in specific budget areas (e.g. Subscription Rooms, Dursley Pool and Sports Centre), or the overall position of the local economy and the effect on income generation.

Listed below are the main area of risk and uncertainty associated with outturn forecast.

- **‘The Pulse’ Dursley**

Dursley Pool has undergone a major transformation over the past 12 months and has now been re-branded as the ‘The Pulse’ Dursley. It opened to the public on the 9th July 2016, after a £1.7m investment from SDC.

On the weekend of opening the centre achieved 800 members which has now grown to 1370.

The Pulse now comprises of a state of the art gym, indoor cycling and fitness studio, dedicated changing and shower facilities along with the 25 metre pool and adapted change facility.

As with any new venture there is some risk and uncertainty

- **Public Spaces - – Grounds Maintenance service**

Members will recall Stroud’s new Multi Service Contract with Ubico commenced on the 02 July 2016 and the introduction of the new waste service in November which saw weekly food waste collections introduced and wheeled bins replacing black sacks for residual waste collections. The Grounds Maintenance service is part of this new contract. Historically budgets have been split between Community Services & Licensing and Environment Committee. The allocation of budgets within the service was evaluated at budget setting time to reflect the current distribution of costs across the whole of the Multi Service Contract.

- **Revenues & Benefits**

Forecast is based on actual caseload and Housing Benefit data to the 31st January 2017 with a projection for the following two months. As with all estimates this forecast will be subject to change. Even small changes on these assumptions can have a great impact on the overall forecast position. Furthermore, the projection includes a pre-empted view on benefit recovery, which can be difficult to project through the year.

Carry Forwards- Provisional

Carry forwards of budgets may be approved if there are valid reasons why the underspend has happened and there is supporting evidence behind the request. Such requests include where we have had external funding for a particular scheme that has a revised schedule into the next financial Year.

Health and Wellbeing – (£25k) – funding for various schemes that have been re-profiled into 2017/18, where we have generally had external funding.

7. Capital Programme

The Community Services and Licensing Capital Programme of £0.73m was approved by Council in January 2016. This has subsequently been revised to £1.5m following the approval of the carry forwards/slippage and profiling changes by Strategy and Resources Committee at their meetings in July 2016 and January 2017.

Table 1 below shows the Capital Outturn Forecast for 2016/17 with a projected outturn variance of (£100k).

Community Services Capital Schemes	2016/17 Original Budget (£'000)	2016/17 Revised Budget (£'000)	2016/17 Spend to date (£'000)	2016/17 Projected Outturn (£'000)	2016/17 Outturn Variance (£'000)
LA Social Housing	167	100	0	0	(100)
Private Sector Housing Strategy	350	350	335	350	0
Dursley Pool Fitness Extension	150	900	875	900	0
Stratford Park Sensory Garden	0	8	0	8	0
Walled Garden Project (MITP)	36	25	22	25	0
CCG Health through Warmth Grants	0	200	55	200	0
TOTAL Capital	703	1,583	1,287	1,483	(100)

8. The variation on capital schemes is attributable to the provision of Social Housing
 - The LA Social Housing capital budget, which supports the delivery of new affordable homes in the district, is forecast to underspend in the current financial year. Commitments of £100k have been made, with further expenditure wholly dependent on the timing of development on strategic sites that can support delivery of affordable housing. It is likely that some capital slippage will occur in 2016/17, as it is not always possible to predict when housing development will start.

Table2 – Revenue budget outturn forecast

Community Services Committee	Para Refs	2016/17 Revised Budget (£'000)	2016/17 Spend to date (£'000)	2016/17 Forecast Outturn (£'000)	2016/17 Outturn Variance (£'000)	Salary Variations (£'000)	Expenditure Variations (£'000)	Income Variations (£'000)
Community Safety	9	729	521	703	(27)	(35)	25	(17)
Youth Services		102	57	103	1	0	1	0
Grants to Voluntary Organisations	10	340	302	313	(27)	0	(27)	0
Licensing		(18)	(52)	(33)	(15)	0	(1)	(14)
Strategic Head (Customer Services)		201	146	201	0	0	0	0
Customer Services		505	453	519	14	1	10	3
Cultural Svcs - Arts and Culture	11	981	740	985	4	(38)	70	(27)
Cultural Svcs - Sport & Health Dev.	12	204	146	170	(34)	2	(37)	1
Cultural Svcs - Sports Centres	13	536	399	508	(28)	(90)	28	33
Public Spaces	14	1,527	1,071	1,556	29	6	22	1
Revenues and Benefits	15	652	(9,375)	403	(248)	(41)	(318)	111
Community Services TOTAL		5,758	(5,592)	5,427	(330)	(194)	(227)	91
Transfer to/from Reserves								
Carry Forwards					25			
Underlying Variation					(305)			

(table may contain roundings)

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9. Community Safety – (27k) underspend

Mike Hammond xtn 4447, mike.hammond@stroud.gov.uk

This variation is an in year salary saving. Civil Enforcement Officers posts have been vacant since November, three of these posts have now been filled and recruitment is underway for the remaining position. The Wardens posts that were vacant at the beginning of the year have also been recruited to.

10. Grants to Voluntary Organisations – (27k) Saving/Underspend

(Joanne Jordan xtn 4005, joanne.jordan@stroud.gov.uk)

As previously reported in Q1 budget monitoring report, the Community Investment Grant (CIG) scheme helps to support voluntary and community sector organisations with their core costs e.g. salaries, volunteer costs, rent, utilities etc. The underspend relates to funding previously set aside for 'Volunteer and Community Action – Stroud District' which has subsequently gone into liquidation and will cease to exist.

11. Cultural Svcs – Arts and Culture – £4k Overspend

(Joanne Jordan xtn 4005, joanne.jordan@stroud.gov.uk)

Whilst the overall variance is insignificant, there two larger offsetting variances within this area.

Subscription Rooms - £27k Overspend

There is a combined salary saving of (£22k) following a member of contracted staff leaving post in January 2016 and not being replaced. Further to this, a second member of staff left on a STR5 salary at the end of April and was replaced at the beginning of June with a part time STR3 role. An income shortfall of £44k has been forecast, this is due to a decline in the number of bookings taken for room hire, and consequently this has had a knock on effect on bar takings as events have not taken place. A £7k overspend has also been identified, this will be offset against the salary saving above, as it concerns freelance staff being brought in to help develop the marketing role which was not replaced in January 2016.

Phase 2 of the Subscription Rooms review is currently underway which will explore options as set out in the report to Strategy and Resources on the 26 January 2017.

Tourism/Tourist Information Centre - (£25k) underspend

This variation is due to a salary saving for a TIC & Box Office assistant post that was filled part way through the year and (£12k) underspend across the service.

12. Cultural Svcs - Sport & Health Dev – (£34k) underspend

Jane Bullows xtn 01453 757322, jane.bullows@stroud.gov.uk

There are a number of small variances that make up this underspend, mostly external funds that will support on-going projects in 2017/18. (£25k) of this underspend is proposed to be carried forward.

(£8.5k) of external funding for the 'On Target' weight management that ended in August 2016. Since then there has been a change in county-wide weight management services/strategy creation and in readiness to commit to/consider the way forward for Stroud district project options 17/18 and beyond it is requested to carry this over to 2017/18.

(£5.5k) external funding is requested to be carried forward. There has been a slow take up to the start to the Cycling4Health scheme mainly due to a delayed implementation date and seasonal variations in the weather. For 2017/18 a marketing campaign including 'e' marketing and the creation of our own webpage will target a wider audience and re-launch the project in the new year.

(£2.4k) of external funding from Badminton England. This is funding for Stroud Community Badminton Development Plan.

(£2.3k) of external Funding from Street Games for delivery of inclusive sessions in 2017/18

(£4.5k) of External funding from GCC for Health Inequalities Project towards a grants scheme for local health & wellbeing projects and the Active for life project which runs until August 2017

(£2.2k) to support Healthy Lifestyles projects across the district and Kapers Summer Play-Scheme to enable more opportunities for participants.

The remaining variance of (£8.5k) is due to collective small underspends across the service.

13. Cultural Services – Sports Centres – (£28k) underspend

(Angela Gillingham xtn 01453 540995, angela.gillingham@stroud.gov.uk)

The overall overspend is made up of several variances as detailed below.

The Pulse – Dursley

The material variances are listed below. The forecast has been based on historical data (previous 3 years performance) membership targets outlined in the original business plan and predicted increase in prices.

Salary saving (£73k) – (£15k) of the saving is due to Sports centre staff no longer contracted from July 2016, the Sports Centre opening hours have been reduced to reflect the current programme. The remaining (£58k) has been identified at 'The Pulse' where a number of vacancies have not been filled while considering the options to evaluate what staff are needed once the centre has been up and running for 6 months. Vacancies are currently being filled by casual members on an adhoc basis.

An overspend of £20k has been forecast across the service and is largely attributable to the following: Rateable value of the centre has increased by £14k. Additional IT upgrading, networking, IT licences, data line and telecommunications.

A **£25k** Income shortfall has also been identified due to the fitness centre being operational for 9 months of this financial year

14. Public Spaces - £29k overspend

(Carlos Novoth xtn 4406, carlos.novoth@stroud.gov.uk)

This overspend directly relates to the new Grounds Maintenance Contract with Ubico. Whilst the council has signed off Ubico's budgeted proposal, there has been a minor redistribution of costs across services. This has resulted whilst the grounds maintenance service is showing an overspend, the street cleansing service (Environment Committee) is showing a projected underspend this year. These budgets were reviewed as part of the budget review process last year.

15. Revenues and Benefits – (£248k) estimated underspend

(Simon Killen xtn 4013, simon.killen@stroud.gov.uk)

A projected salary underspend of **(£41k)** is due to a number of vacancies arising within the team through retirement and general staff turnover. Salary budgets were reviewed as part of the budget setting process and savings identified from 2017/18 onwards. It may be more relevant to project the Revenue and Benefits outturn across a range (£250k -£300k) given the risks/uncertainties referred to earlier in the report. However for the purposes of reconciliation, an outturn forecast of £248k has been used within this report.

The revised forecast was derived from the estimated caseload up to end of Jan. This has consequently been used as a basis for the rest of the Financial year, which may fluctuate depending on any external factors.

The continued use of 'Civica on Demand' is allowing the service to continue managing fluctuations and operating effectively without replacing these posts. Funding has been awarded from the FERIS project, which has been used to cover costs associated with the use of 'Civica on Demand'. Additional grant monies from DWP (Fraud and Error Reduction Incentive Scheme) and DCLG (New Burdens for Welfare Reform and Real Time Information) and lower than anticipated spend have collectively made up the additional underspend.

Community Services Committee	Para Refs	2016/17 Original Budget (£'000)	2016/17 Revised Budget (£'000)	2016/17 Spend to date (£'000)	2016/17 Forecast Outturn (£'000)	2016/17 Outturn Variance (£'000)
Community Safety		265	326	237	316	(10)
Abandoned Vehicles		32	43	39	50	8
Careline Services		(9)	(17)	(26)	(18)	(1)
Neighbourhood Wardens		220	221	168	211	(10)
Car Parks Enforcement		111	113	82	97	(16)
Stroud and Dursley CCTV		43	43	21	46	3
Community Services	9	662	729	521	703	(27)
Hear by Right / Youth Services		89	102	57	103	1
Grants to Voluntary Organisations	10	340	340	302	313	(27)
Licensing		(30)	(18)	(52)	(33)	(15)
Strategic Head (Customer Services)		195	201	146	201	0
Customer Service Centre		504	505	453	519	14
Museum in the Park		484	501	403	503	2
Subscription Rooms		296	298	228	325	27
Tourism		186	182	108	157	(25)
Cultural Services - Arts and Culture	11	966	981	740	985	4
Health and Wellbeing		33	38	28	34	(5)
Sport and Health Development		149	165	118	136	(29)
Cultural Services - Sports and Leisure	12	182	204	146	170	(34)
The Pulse Dursley		257	245	157	218	(28)
Joint Use Sports Centres		124	125	107	118	(7)
Stratford Park Leisure Centre		162	166	135	173	7
Cultural Services - Sports Centres	13	542	536	399	508	(28)

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Public Space Service		537	540	494	557	17
Cemeteries		133	146	71	147	1
Amenity Areas		170	158	99	171	13
Commons and Woodlands		14	14	9	14	0
Stratford Park Grounds Maintenance		223	246	202	264	18
Grassed Areas Contribution to HRA		171	171	1	171	0
Public Conveniences		273	252	196	233	(19)
Public Spaces	14	1,520	1,527	1,071	1,556	29
Business Rate Collection		(78)	(85)	80	(73)	12
Council Tax Collection		518	431	510	467	35
Council Tax Support Admin		74	62	0	34	(29)
Rent Allowances and Rebates		(73)	(74)	(10,373)	(274)	(200)
Housing Benefit Administration		380	317	408	250	(67)
Revenues and Benefits	15	821	652	(9,375)	403	(248)
Community Services TOTAL		5,791	5,758	(5,592)	5,427	(330)

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Report Title	STROUD DISTRICT COMMUNITY SAFETY PARTNERSHIP STRATEGY 2017-2021
Purpose of Report	To consider the draft Community Safety Partnership Strategy for adoption.
Decision(s)	The Committee RESOLVES to adopt the Community Safety Partnership Strategy for 2017-2021.
Consultation and Feedback	Partner agencies within the community safety partnership have been consulted on the strategy. Stroud District Council members have also been consulted.
Financial Implications and Risk Assessment	There are no financial implications arising from this report. Adele Rudkin – Accountant Tel: 01453 754109 Email: adele.rudkin@stroud.gov.uk There is little risk to the Community Safety Partnership in delivering its statutory requirement
Legal Implications	The District Council has a shared responsibility with its other statutory partners to produce and adopt an appropriate strategy pursuant to section 5 of the 1998 Act. The purpose of this report is to fulfil that duty for the period up to 2021. Alan Carr, Solicitor Tel: 01453 754357 Email: alan.carr@stroud.gov.uk
Report Author	Mike Hammond, Community & Facilities Manager Tel: 01453 754447 Email: mike.hammond@stroud.gov.uk
Options	None
Performance Management Follow Up	The strategy will be reviewed quarterly at the Community Safety Partnership meetings with the outcomes being measured. An annual information sheet will also be produced for members
Background Papers/ Appendices	Draft Community Safety Partnership Strategy

1. INTRODUCTION / BACKGROUND

- 1.1** This report provides the Community Services and Licensing Committee with an update on the review and refresh of the Stroud Community Safety Partnership strategy.

- 1.2 The Stroud District Community Safety Partnership is a statutory Community Safety Partnership set up under Section 5-7 of the Crime and Disorder Act 1998. Partners are required to work together to protect their communities from crime and help people feel safer. They formulate a plan on how to deal with the local issues such as anti-social behaviour, reoffending, drug and alcohol misuse. The group assesses local crime priorities, consulting with partners and the local community about how to deal with them.
- 1.3 Sections 5, 6 and 7 of the act stipulate that the responsible authorities for a local government area must formulate a strategy for the reduction of crime and disorder in the area and must carry out an annual review of the levels and patterns of crime and disorder.
- 1.4 The new strategy for 2017-2021 (see Appendix A) is aligned to the Police and Crime Commissioner's Plan (PCC), but also incorporates specific issues that cause concern to Stroud District residents. The PCC's office has contributed to Stroud District Community Safety Partnership which delivers local initiatives, reflecting the objectives of the Commissioners plan.
- 1.5 Stroud District Community Safety Partnership Strategy has direct links to the Health and Wellbeing Group, Safer Estates Group, Domestic Abuse & Sexual Violence and the Parish Cluster Groups.
- 1.6 There are a number of cross cutting objectives that span these groups and focus on the specific aims for each. These include supporting older people, children and young people and social prescribing agenda.

2. ISSUES FOR CONSIDERATION

- 2.1 The strategy has been developed incorporating as many elements of services currently delivered and those that are planned across all of the agencies involved in the Stroud District Community Safety Partnership.

The priorities have also been referenced against the Police and Crime Commissioners (PCC) priorities to ensure that our local approach links into the Gloucestershire Police and Crime plan.

The overall responsibility for the strategy sits with the Stroud District Community Safety Partnership. The Community & Facilities Team oversees the delivery of the priorities, working with partners and the operational delivery groups across the Partnership.

3. CONCLUSION / RECOMMENDATION

- 3.1 The Stroud District Community Safety Partnership Strategy provides the framework to not only identify the areas of focus for the Partnership priorities but to also identify the direction of travel in the Partnership's performance and delivery. The Stroud District Community Safety Partnership Strategy therefore provides the mechanism to hold partners to account on the commitment to collectively work together to reduce crime and disorder. The Stroud District Community Safety Partnership Strategy demonstrates how we make a difference to residents and communities of the district.

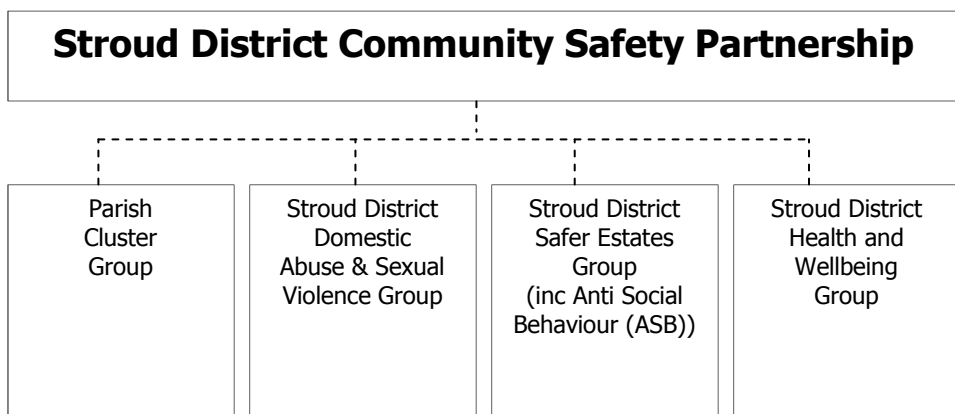
3.2 The Stroud District Community Safety Partnership, in line with the Strategy, will set operational objectives with the outcomes being reviewed and measured. These objectives will be localised issues unique to Stroud District but will also include national messages, again given a localised perspective. The objectives will come from across the spectrum of the PCC's priorities and will include issues around night time economy (licensing), young drivers, anti-social behaviour, graffiti etc.

STROUD DISTRICT COMMUNITY SAFETY PARTNERSHIP STRATEGY 2017-2021

- SOME USEFUL TELEPHONE NUMBERS**
- Police, Fire or Ambulance - Emergencies only: **999**
 - Stroud District Council - Community Safety Service: **01453 754276**
Email: community.safety@stroud.gov.uk
 - For all non-emergency Police calls: **101**
Email: 101@gloucestershire.police.uk
 - Street Lighting: **08000 514 514**
 - Victim Support: **08 08 16 89 111**
 - Gloucestershire Domestic Abuse Support Service (GDASS): **0845 602 9035**
 - Gloucestershire Rape and Sexual Abuse Centre: **01452 526770**
Email: info@gloucsasac.org.uk
 - For consumer advice and to inform Trading Standards: **03454 04 05 06**
 - Free Home Fire Safety Check: **0800 180 41 40**

STROUD DISTRICT COMMUNITY SAFETY PARTNERSHIP STRATEGY 2017-2021

PCC Objectives



In 1998 the Crime and Disorder Act placed a legal obligation on the District Council, the Police, the Health Authority and the County Council to work together in reducing crime and disorder, and the fear of crime.

The Partnership's first strategy was written in 1999 and has been reviewed on a regular basis since that time.

The new strategy for 2017-2021 is aligned to the Police and Crime Commissioner's Plan (PCC), but also incorporates specific issues that cause concern to Stroud District residents. The PCC's office has contributed to Stroud District Community Safety Partnership which delivers local initiatives, reflecting the objectives of the Commissioners plan. These are summarised overleaf.

Stroud District Community Safety Partnership Strategy has direct links to the Health and Wellbeing Group, Safer Estates Group, Domestic Abuse & Sexual Violence and the Parish Cluster Groups.

There are a number of cross cutting objectives that span these groups and focus on the specific aims for each. These include supporting older people, children and young people and social prescribing agenda.

Many partners have contributed to the formulation of the PCC objectives that are outlined opposite:

1 Accessibility and Accountability

To get the right resources to the right situation or problem first time, every time, on time and dealing with the matter appropriately and effectively. To realise the ideal of the local officer working in and with the communities of Stroud District.

4 Safe Days and Nights For All

To better manage the Stroud District night-time economy, with alcohol related crime and disorder being reduced. That everyone should be able to go out to our parks, pubs and streets without fear.

2 Older But Not Overlooked

That older people need to feel and remain an active part of our communities whether they live in their own homes or are in residential care. That these members of our community should be part of the police beat with the local officer being visible and proactive with all vulnerable groups.

5 Safe and Social Driving

That people should be able to move around our communities in safety and with as much ease and convenience as possible. That the police will enforce the law when necessary, but we will all work to reduce offending and anti-social driving.

3 Young People Becoming Adults

To deliver sensitive, relevant and effective policing ensuring our young people become law-abiding, productive members of society. To ensure that the 'system' must work for them, not against them.

6 Safer Cyber

To ensure Stroud District is safer as people, commerce and other organisations increasingly live, trade and work on-line. It underpins personal safety, economic growth and prosperity, in urban and rural environments, by supporting people of all ages, organisations and businesses.

Ultimately our objectives are aimed at reducing crime and the fear of crime throughout Stroud District. In the last 5 years (up to 2016), there have been 33% less recorded crimes than in the previous 5 years

STROUD DISTRICT COMMUNITY SAFETY PARTNERSHIP STRATEGY

Community Safety Events

Coordinated by Neighbourhood Wardens, with support from Police Community Support Officers, the events target current crime and ASB within our communities. They include community clear up days and information events to assist with crime reduction.



Our **Neighbourhood Wardens**, work across the Stroud District. Acting as the eyes and ears of the community, our Wardens provide a highly visible presence. ASB, Abandoned Vehicles, Bogus callers, Home security and crime prevention, Hate Crimes and Bullying, litter, Fly tipping and Fly posting are just a taster of the services which support communities and partner services.

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Stroud Safe run an Exclusion Scheme where members can issue 'Yellow Card' warnings to persons who misbehave in or near their premises. The scheme covers both day and night time economies, working to reduce shoplifting, theft, anti-social behaviour, alcohol related disorder, street drinking and begging; all of which affect businesses throughout the Stroud District.

Police Community Support Officers provide a visual street presence reducing the fear of crime within the community, responding to disorder, illegal parking and providing crime prevention advice.



The **Valleys and Vale Neighbourhood Watch Association** gives any Community in the Stroud District the opportunity to start a Neighbourhood Watch Scheme.



Paws on Patrol.

Dog walkers spend a lot of time out and about in their community and are likely to notice when something out of the ordinary is happening. By joining Paws on Patrol, members are encouraged to record and report suspicious activity. This helps to reduce crime and tackle 'quality of life' issues such as fly-tipping, street lighting and litter.



Smart Water continues to be available from police stations around the district for residents to mark their property. The Police and Neighbourhood Wardens are working to introduce Smart Water in targeted areas.

Volunteers such as Special Constables and Street Pastors assist in a number of ways including in making people feel safe whilst enjoying the night time economy and helping to reduce the fear of crime and preventing Child Sexual Exploitation. Police Cadets play an active role in supporting community events through out the district.



The police and Neighbourhood Warden teams undertake targeted patrols when they become aware of ASB or crime hotspots. Often they will work together to maximise resources

In order to make the district a better place to live, work and visit for everyone the Council will continue to issue **Fixed Penalty Notices** (FPN) to people who carry out offences under the Clean Neighbourhoods and Environment Act 2005. This includes Dog Fouling, Littering and Fly Tipping.

Stroud District Council is part of the **Crimestoppers Ambassadors Programme**. The Ambassadors Programme is designed to increase awareness of Crimestoppers via organisations and companies with staff and volunteers who are in day-to-day contact with those who are victims of crime, have committed crimes, are vulnerable individuals or simply have information on crime.



Abandoned Vehicles.

The Council has a duty to remove identified abandoned vehicles. Where these are found to be untaxed they are also reported to the DVLA

Young Driver's Experience allows young people of Stroud a chance to drive a car and learn about road safety and car maintenance.



Fly posting on traffic/road signs

We remove signs that obstruct cause distraction along the highway.



Active for Life project aims to increase the physical activity level of older adults (over 50), across the Stroud District and beyond. The project does this by providing boccia, new age bowls and table tennis sessions in sheltered schemes and lunch clubs around the district. It also aims to identify and up skill older adults to become activators within their local communities. This project is working in partnership with PCC, Active Gloucestershire and Gloucestershire Clinical Commissioning Group. For more information contact hwb@stroud.gov.uk



Significant recent development stems from SDC's youth work strategy that emerged in 2012 which has since evolved into further commitment to at least 2020. Benefits to young people, their communities and organisations include having a mechanism to voice their opinions and convey their ideas to influence changes; subsequently they are less likely to turn to anti-social behaviour or even violence, to express how they feel.



Empowerment is a cornerstone of youth work practice and through this particular type of work young people are trained and supported to become positive active citizens bringing about the aforementioned changes in the services young people receive. The training programme for this unique approach has been supported by the partnership for a number of years.

Sexting. Stroud Neighbourhood Policing Team, on behalf of the Stroud Partnership, are leading on a crime prevention training programme for year 8 pupils dealing with sexting, indecent images and sex offenders. The presentation explores possible scenarios and the consequences of sending such images, identifying who may be exploited by such images and the implications of those photographs being on the Web. Students are given wrist bands with the message: **'ONCE U PRESS SEND, WHERE WILL IT END?'**

Hate Crime/Modern Slavery a series of planned road shows spreading awareness around the issues of Hate Crime and Modern Slavery and how it impacts the residents of Stroud.

Training will be given to all front line Stroud District Council staff to help them recognise the potential signs of people trapped in slavery and understand the mechanisms to report cases. This training will also be offered to all partnership agencies.



Gloucestershire hate crime & incident strategic group

All of our Wardens, PCSO's and Special Constables are trained to carry out free **Home Security checks**. Where appropriate we are able to provide crime prevention products to help prevent crime and reduce the fear of crime.



Careline supports 2100 customers throughout the District. It consists of a small pendant connected wirelessly to the Careline Unit which is connected to a 24hr Control Room.



We distribute a **Message in a Bottle** to vulnerable people. It is a scheme which enables them to put their essential information in a special bottle. This gives them peace of mind that it will be available to the emergency services in case of an accident or sudden illness. **Emergency Personal Information Card** is a credit card size card holding information on an individual that is accessible to emergency services in the event of an emergency - a mini version of Message in a Bottle.

Need to add in plus towns from other maps

NHW areas
PCSO areas
GFRS stations
Ebley Mill