

General Fund

Service Area Summaries P6 2020-21

Legal & Democratic Svs

	Full Year Budget £	YTD Budget £	YTD Actuals £	YTD Variance £	Commitments £	Remaining Budget £	Explanation for Major Variances
Benefits Administration							
Gross Direct Costs	930,319	481,539	511,497	29,958	3,294	415,528	£20,350 overtime, predominantly funded from Covid grant. Turnover savings not made. £7,713 Covid related software costs funded from Covid grant allocation.
Gross Direct Income	(346,963)	(1,770)	(28,139)	(26,369)	0	(318,824)	Miscellaneous Grants from Department for Works and Pensions (DWP).
Support Service Charges	488,240	244,128	244,128	0	0	244,112	No Major Variances.
	1,071,596	723,897	727,486	3,589	3,294	340,816	
Members Services							
Gross Direct Costs	507,462	251,770	229,738	(22,032)	3,981	273,743	See Note A below.
Gross Direct Income	(400)	(198)	0	198	0	(400)	No Major Variances.
Support Service Charges	58,410	29,220	29,220	0	0	29,190	No Major Variances.
	565,472	280,792	258,958	(21,834)	3,981	302,533	
Note A: (£4,808) - General Training (Members) - This budget is underspent this year due to the pandemic. Training was put on hold initially and is now restarting on a remote basis. (£6,459) - Travelling allowances - general - Members are not travelling to the office to attend meetings currently so are not claiming travel expenses at the usual level. (£7,134) - Chairman's' Civic Expenditure. (£2,080) - Telephone reimbursements. £2,794 - Members Allowances - due to a change in the SRA payments to the Chair of Standards and the Leader of the Opposition – following the recommendations of the Independent Remuneration Panel (approved by Council in Feb 2020). All of this will lead to a full year saving of £16,000.							
Legal Services							
Gross Direct Costs	646,462	325,281	336,297	11,016	6,173	303,991	£9,970 - Salaries and oncosts. (£4,087) - Client disbursements. £3,500 - Purchase of legal books. Any overspend will be funded from the legal reserve.
Gross Direct Income	(329,946)	(77,568)	(65,868)	11,700	0	(264,078)	£14,537 - Income from legal fees. No variance is anticipated because any balance will be transferred to the Legal reserve. (£2,842) - Other recoverable charges.
Support Service Charges	(316,516)	(158,274)	(158,274)	0	0	(158,242)	No Major Variances.
	0	89,439	112,156	22,717	6,173	(118,329)	
Total Legal & Democratic Svs	1,637,068	1,094,128	1,098,600	4,472	13,449	525,020	