

Report to the Council

Committee: Cabinet

Date 1 November 2016

Subject: Governance and Development Management

Portfolio Holder: Councillor R Bassett

Recommending:

That the report of the Governance and Development Management Portfolio Holder be noted.

1. Development Management

Building Control

Building Control 2016/17 budget is £425,000 with year to date income of £274,952 (2015/16 £240,258).

Income is currently £57,342 ahead of budget which is a positive indicator considering at the halfway point through the year income equates to 65% of the annual budget.

This suggests that likely income will be at least £482,000 for the year.

Development Control

The current income of £520,289 compares favourably with the overall budget of £800,000 and shows DC income is £120,289 ahead of budget for the first six months of this financial year.

Actual income for the first six months of this year equates to 65% of the annual budget.

This indicates that DC should turnover at least £953,289 for the 2016/17 year.

General

Both DC and BC income are reflections of the current strong market conditions,

Costs are being carefully controlled and while it is clearly necessary to resource the services for which people are paying a fee, the trend for increased income in both areas is still continuing.

Ongoing work on reducing the use of paper and electronic working improving month by month is a key factor in reducing costs for DC & BC both in the short and longer term.

2. Electoral Services

Elections Canvass

Electoral Staff continue to make good progress with the Registration Canvass due to be published in December. It is very pleasing to note the efforts of our residents in adopting new technology by using automated means of replying to their Household registration forms.

Using such response methods means savings in postage and officer time (previously these forms were scanned into the system).

To date Elections have had 32,062 automated household responses. The breakdown of these is as follows: 16,682 by internet, 8,497 by phone and 6,883 by text. This represents 58.9% of all our properties that have used the automated service.