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Communications Portfolio								
ICT - Development (CP)	DL	Payment for officer relocation, recruitment & honouraria	0	7,800	7,800	9,200	11,700	
ICT - Development (CP)	DL	No budget set for benchmarking exercise as part of our membership of SOICTM	0	5,350	5,350	5,350	5,350	
ICT - Development (CP)	DL	General overspend on printing and postage	236,710	60,970	56,820	57,650	61,000	Problem generated by a flat rate contract. Manager is taking steps to revisit the service contract in order to correct this overspend for future years
ICT - Development (CP)	DL	Saving on stationery budget	10,000	(2,000)	(5,000)	(3,800)	(3,800)	
Committee Administration (DV)	DL	Saving due to maternity absence and reduced hours	198,300	(13,500)	(14,000)	(18,600)	(24,000)	
Committee Administration (DV)	DL	Printing underspend due to careful monitoring	62,110	(14,100)	(18,800)	(20,500)	(21,000)	Using less coloured copies
Members Allowances (DV)	DL	Overspend on members travelling allowances	27,560	0	0	4,600	8,000	
Licencing Section (JT)	DL	Underspend on salaries	159,350	(13,910)	(14,000)	(30,500)	(38,000)	Fewer temps required to introduce new liquor licencing legislation
Licencing Section (JT)	DL	Income from fees higher than estimated	(152,140)	(12,000)	(13,000)	(23,500)	(29,000)	
Crisis Information Service (SC)	DL	System no longer required as Home Safeguard are now performing the role	3,400	(3,400)	(3,400)	(3,400)	(3,400)	
Human Resources (KJ)	DL	Independent consultant fees to cover dispute	0	4,000	4,000	4,000	4,000	
Payroll (KJ)	DL	Due to vacancies within the section advertising and agency staff costs will be incurred	0	10,800	10,800	7,060	7,060	Reduced requirement for period of agency cover
Elections (MW)	MW	By-Election costs for District Elections	0	3,420	3,420	3,420	3,420	Some of these costs are recoverable
Total over/(under) spend for Communications Portfolio					19,990	(18,670)		

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Communities Portfolio								
Homelessness (FB)	PJ	Level of payments lower than expected	440,870	(111,690)	(100,000)	(96,070)	(85,000)	Revised saving based on current spend
Home Safeguard (CM)	PJ	Overspend on employee costs	181,130	19,510	20,000	26,540	30,000	Original budget did not include amounts for night rates and out of hours payments
Home Safeguard (CM)	PJ	Additional revenue from new business	(179,290)	(4,720)	(10,000)	530	0	Revised income projection
Home Safeguard (CM)	PJ	Property contractor costs exceeding budget	97,980	16,420	15,000	0	0	Have received insurance pay out relating to July storm damage
Environmental Health (PM)	PJ	Increased revenue from EPA licences	(16,080)	(2,940)	(3,000)	(2,980)	(3,000)	
Environmental Health (PM)	PJ	Butcher's Licence Income	(5,360)	3,920	5,500	4,250	5,500	This licence has been repealed by statutory instrument. Therefore, no income will be rec'd this year or after
Total over/(under) spend for Communities Portfolio					(72,500)		(52,500)	
Economy Portfolio								
Car Parks (AJ)	DP	Income from permits is down - however, this is being compensated by additional revenue from ticket sales	(2,250,000)	0	0	0	0	Increased revenue from ticket sales has offset the 17% reduction in permit sales
Hackney Carriage Licencing (JT)	DL	Income form licences higher than anticipated	(54,300)	0	0	(14,000)	(14,800)	
Rail & Bus Concessionary Fares	DP	Year end payments are predicted to be slightly below the annual estimate and also received a refund (£26k) from 2004/05	302,390	(30,800)	(33,700)	(31,620)	(33,700)	
Tourism Promotion (IP)	DP	Underspend on advertising as town councils have now delivered part of the programme directly	30,000	0	0	(25,000)	(25,000)	
Accountancy and Income & Payments (AJ)	DP	Requirement of agency staff due to a staff vacancy and introduction of new finance system	0	22,500	25,000	23,500	25,000	Agency staff were required to help with final accounts and invoice processing
Property & Economic Development (IP)	DP	2 staff vacancies within this section which have remained unfilled for most of financial year (econ. development/tourism)	441,580	(33,000)	(45,000)	(38,000)	(45,000)	
Total over/(under) spend by Economy Portfolio					(53,700)		(93,500)	

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Environment Portfolio								
Grounds Maintenance (SR)	KH	Increased costs of hiring skips	21,390	18,100	24,000	17,910	24,000	
Grounds Maintenance (SR)	KH	Repairs and reglazing of Connaught Gardens Greenhouse	0	14,250	15,000	15,000	15,000	
Grounds Maintenance (SR)	KH	Loss of Ground Maintenance contract with Seaton Town Council	(63,100)	510	19,000	2,500	19,000	
Security Lighting (SR)	KH	Overspend on inspections and maintenance of lighting	24,120	7,930	8,000	2,780	8,000	Only basic inspections now being undertaken
Street Scene Management (MR)	KH	Legal fees for out of court settlement made to ex-employee	0	21,500	21,500	21,500	21,500	
Flood Prevention (MR)	KH	General underspend due to dry weather	68,180	0	0	(17,610)	(10,000)	
Public Conveniences (MR)	KH	Four public toilets have been removed from business rating	63,500	0	(25,810)	0	(25,810)	
Public Conveniences (MR)	KH	Additional income received from Town/Parish Councils	797,910	0	(32,500)	0	(32,500)	Revised income now expected from towns/parishes
Public Conveniences (MR)	KH	Painting programme required prior to new season	51,000	0	0	(11,770)	20,000	
Local Land Charges (NW)	KH	Income from Land Charges is falling significantly due to stagnation of house sales and increased private competition	(475,000)	18,640	80,000	33,510	50,000	Revised deficit predicted
Local Land Charges (NW)	KH	Payment to DCC based on number of searches	72,000	(21,640)	(10,000)	(21,640)	(10,000)	
Development Control (KL)	KH	Provision has been made for a significant compensation sum	0	91,000	130,000	91,000	130,000	
Development Control (KL)	KH	Planning Delivery Grant higher than estimated	(147,910)	(96,260)	(96,260)	(96,260)	(96,260)	
Development Control (KL)	KH	Planning deposit fees exceeding budget due to significant increase in the charges structure agreed nationally	(637,650)	(141,580)	(200,000)	(132,000)	(150,000)	Income from fees has fallen slightly in recent months
Building Control (AT)	KH	Staff vacancies have resulted in an underspend which has been partially offset by agency staff payments	412,300	0	0	(18,950)	(15,000)	
Building Control (AT)	KH	Overspend on service advertising due to commitments made by previous manager	510	6,080	10,000	10,430	10,000	
Total over/(under) spend by Environment Portfolio					(57,070)	(42,070)		
Leisure Portfolio								
Folk Festival (DP)	PJ	No budget provision made for the Festival in 2005/06	0	4,600	4,600	4,600	4,600	Costs of security guards
Water Safety (AP)	KH	Jet ski marker posts were positioned without any budget	0	6,120	6,120	6,120	6,120	
Total over/(under) spend by Leisure Portfolio					10,720	10,720		

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Resources Portfolio								
Council Tax (JC)	DP	Overspend on Overtime, Agency Staff and Girobank Payments	0	8,810	8,810	8,810	8,810	See comment below
Revenues & Benefits (JC)	DP	Saving on staff related costs due to vacant posts	1,143,270	(37,500)	(50,000)	(37,500)	(50,000)	These savings will be used to offset the overtime, agency payments and contractor payments relating to the office moves mentioned below
Housing Benefits (JC)	DP	Staff Overtime Payments & Agency Staff Payments	0	41,270	41,270	41,270	41,270	See comment above
Council Tax (JC)	DP	Pension Fund Strain	0	7,100	7,100	7,100	7,100	No budget was provided as this was to be paid in 2006/07 as post - holder left early than anticipated
Housing Benefits (JC)	DP	Staff Relocation Costs	0	12,000	12,000	12,000	12,000	For new joint Revenue & Benefits Manager and Fraud Officer
New CT & HB Service (JC)	DP	Contractor payments incurred for office moves	0	24,000	24,000	24,000	24,000	Moves resulting from restructuring of Housing Benefits and Council Tax Sections
Housing Benefits (JC)	DP	Additional HB Administration Subsidy	0	(30,000)	(30,000)	(30,000)	(30,000)	
Total over/(under) spend by Resources Portfolio					13,180	13,180	13,180	13,180
Miscellaneous								
Second Homes Contribution	DP	Additional sum required to match Devon County Council's contribution to affordable housing in the East Devon area	24,180	0	27,000	0	27,000	
Investment Interest	DP	The need for internal borrowing has been far lower than anticipated.	(950,000)	(225,000)	(225,000)	(225,000)	(225,000)	Due to the under performance of the external fund and the increasing need for borrowing in the last 2 years a very prudent estimate was set.
Transfer required from balances	DP	Figure required to balance the 2005/06 budget position	116,830	0	(116,830)	0	(116,830)	
Total over/(under) spend for Miscellaneous Items					(314,830)	(314,830)	(314,830)	(314,830)
Forecast variation from approved budget for 2005/06 on the General Fund			-	(357,440)	(454,210)	(454,070)	(497,670)	

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Stock Option Appraisal (JG)	PJ	Payment of additional consultant fees	67,850	42,200	42,200	46,600	58,400	It is anticipated that these costs are likely to increase further as the process is taking longer than anticipated	Worsened
Play Areas (AG)	PJ	To December costs were £18,100 over budget due to the Littleham Play Area.	32,390	18,100	40,000	14,600	40,000	Final costs of Littleham play area are estimated at £40,000	No change
Wardens (CM)	PJ	Net costs to December were £104,600 above budget. However, some "supporting people" contributions are outstanding.	59,900	98,800	30,000	104,600	30,000	There is a downward trend in supporting people funding	No change
Responsive Maintenance (AG)	PJ	Current spend is below budget but it is estimated that more schemes will be progressed in the latter part of 2005/06	886,900	(81,600)	(50,000)	(65,300)	(40,000)		Worsened
Programmed Maintenance (AG)	PJ	Gas appliance servicing has exceeded budget by £31,900. However, dampness eradication and path repairs are £33,200 and £32,400 below budget respectively. Spend to budget for 2005/06 is still estimated.	252,000	(27,300)	0	(33,700)	0		No change
Major Repairs (AG)	PJ	Costs to January were £128,000 over budget, mainly due to expenditure early in the year on contracts for modernisation, central heating and re-roofing. Electrical updating work is £114,000 below budget. An overall overspend is not anticipated.	2,361,230	39,000	0	14,000	0		No change
Special Works (AG)	PJ	Costs were £214,000 below budget. Work on the insulation programme to bring homes into line with the decent Homes Standard has not yet started. The fencing, wall renewal and floor replacement programmes have incurred little expenditure yet.	556,000	(218,000)	0	(214,000)	0		No change
Forecast variation from approved budget for 2005/06					62,200		88,400		Worsened

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