

REPORT TO PENNINE LANCASHIRE BUILDING CONTROL JOINT COMMITTEE



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Pennine Lancs. BC – Fee Income Monitoring 2016/17

PURPOSE

1. To provide the Joint Committee with Pennine Lancs. Building Control 2016/17 fee income monitoring information for the financial period April – December 2016.

RECOMMENDATION

2. That the Joint Committee notes the Pennine Lancs. Building Control 2016/17 fee income monitoring information for the financial period April - December 2016.

REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATION

3. To ensure the Joint Committee is kept fully informed of Pennine Lancashire Building Control's budget position, income targets and performance.

SUMMARY OF KEY POINTS

4. Appendix A – Q3 Actual 2016/17 financial period fee income monitoring finished with a final figure of £103k, which included varying returns for the respective months – a strong October of £49k was followed by a weaker November return of £28k concluding with a reasonable December return of £26k when comparing this month against previous years' like-for-like returns.
This has resulted in the Actual 2016/17 Q3 return being £4k lower than the Original Budget 2016/17 Q3 figure of £107k and also marginally lower than the previous year by £2k (£105k Actual 2015/16).
Consequently, a down-turn is also apparent when examining the combined Q1 – Q3 April – December periods, Actual 2016/17 figure of £291k is evidenced as being £24k lower than the previous year's Actual 2015/16 figure of £315k and also some £30k below the Original Budget 2016/17 figure (£321k).

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS AND BUDGET PROVISION

5. As a result of the down-turn in fee earning income activity, the 2016/17 income forecast is again revised back to £385k, a reduction of £35k from the Original Budget 2016/17 income forecast of £420k.

Any income shortfall, as previously reported, will be met mainly from salary savings arising from the delayed recruitment to the Principal Building Surveyor, Senior Building Control Surveyor and Building Control Surveyor posts with any remaining shortfall being met from the PLBC reserve.

Again, continued monitoring over the forthcoming final Q4 period will hopefully see better income figures arising following the introduction of the approved increase in Building Regulation charges which took effect from the 1st January 2017.

POLICY IMPLICATIONS

6. None.

DETAILS OF CONSULTATION

7. Simon Ross, Finance Unit - Blackburn with Darwen Borough Council
Stevan Snaith, Finance Unit - Burnley Borough Council
Paul Gatrell – Head of Housing and Development - Burnley Borough Council
Brian Bailey - Director of Planning and Prosperity - Blackburn with Darwen Borough Council;
David Proctor – Head of Service for Planning and Transport (Planning and Prosperity Department) – Blackburn with Darwen Borough Council;

BACKGROUND PAPERS

8. None.

FURTHER INFORMATION

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ALSO: