

Overview of Mid-Year Performance

ACHIEVING THE COUNCIL'S FIVE OUTCOMES

Cheshire East Council provides more than 500 services, supporting over 370,000 residents, and over 17,500 businesses.

1 ~ Our local communities are strong and supportive

- Over 90% of users for the Disability Intervention Bureau reported they had more choice and control in response to advice provided.
- 4,000 Community Assets have now been uploaded to the Geographical Information System supporting residents to access community activities and assistance.
- A successful Crime Reduction Plan bid with other public bodies.
- Over 1,000,000 hits have been received at www.cheshireeast.gov.uk

2 ~ Cheshire East has a strong and resilient economy

- A long term plan for economic growth projects and promoting Cheshire East to investors has been developed.
- Additional funding has been secured for highway schemes, and performance in maintaining roads has now exceeded the target to fill 50,000 pot holes.

3 ~ People have the life skills & education they need in order to thrive

- Key Stage 2 performance has exceeded national averages.
- Expression of interest for the University Technical College submitted to Government.
- Improving recruitment and retention of social workers.

4 ~ Cheshire East is a green and sustainable place

- On track to achieve a 25% reduction in carbon emissions.
- Successful retention of 5 Green Flag awards by Streetscape service.
- Moving forward with the Major Change Project for Waste.

5 ~ People live well and for longer

- Proactive activity has reduced homelessness.

- Challenge fund established to deliver more affordable housing.
- Increased participation in sport with over 1,000,000 visits this year.

FINANCIAL STABILITY

Cheshire East Council has set an annual budget in excess of £750m.

- The Council is among the top third of Unitary Councils in terms of **Council Tax collection**. Over 99% of Council Tax and Business Rates are collected within three years.
- **Investment income** is £33,000 higher than budget. Average interest rate earned on investments (0.4%) is in line with the London Inter Bank 7 day rate
- **Service revenue budget** is forecast to overspend by 1.2% (£3.3m).
- **Central Budgets** – a £0.2m overspend is forecast from the nationally negotiated Pay Award and planned repayment of relocation costs, partly offset by increased grants.
- **Net Revenue Outturn** is projected to be £3.5m more than the Revised Net Budget of £260.3m. **This is an improvement of £0.2m from Quarter 1.**
- **General Reserves** would be expected to decrease this financial year by £4.0m to £15.0m without further mitigation. This is still more than the revised net budget due to the impact of the improved 2012/2013 outturn.
- The revised **capital budget** of £90.3m for 2013/2014 is forecast to underspend by £7m.
- Total outstanding **Debt** (excluding local taxation) is £7m. £2.8m of debt is over 6 months old, but a bad debt provision of £2.9m is available to meet potential write-offs.