This month we’d like to give you an update on the performance of the service against our latest forecast. We are pleased to report that total income is £3.61m compared to a forecast of £3.30m and last year’s £3.29m – an 11.8% improvement year on year. A fantastic start to the year!

In more detail:

• SPA - £795k; in line with plan, membership income on target.
• Security - £147k; £4k worse than forecast, but this is a timing variance.

The three refurbished lecture theatres will encourage collaboration and interactivity through group ‘pod’ furniture and cutting-edge technology to enhance the student experience. Feedback has been very positive so far and the phone has not stopped ringing with other universities very keen to come and have a look!

The project has been a great example of a real team effort with colleagues across the FD contributing to its success, as well as other services including the Staff and Departmental Development Unit, who have provided teaching staff with full training so they can make best use of the new facilities. We will be fully evaluating this project in the coming year with recommendations contributing towards future facilities and opportunities that we can offer our students. Visit campusdevelopments.leeds.ac.uk to see some great photos and videos and just let me know if you would like a guided tour!

Congratulations everyone for all your fundraising efforts over the past year. You have done a great job and contributed to £11,000 raised for our Facilities Directorate Charities: Yorkshire Air Ambulance and Cancer Research UK.

This money has been raised by numerous events and activities including the Rock the Refectory Gig which raised £2,274 and was a brilliant night for music enthusiasts. Around 170 people attended the event.

Jacquie Beaumont from the Cleaning Services team entered the Preston Pretty Muddy 5k and managed to raise a huge £350 all by herself.

There has also been lots of other great charity work going on with Sally Popplewell going dry during November to raise money for the DR Hadwin Trust and Swimming Instructor Jake Harrison going Sober for October to raise a huge £750 for Macmillan Cancer Support. Lots of staff have also supported Children in Need by doing abseils down buildings, bake sales and lots more.

Cumulative sales are £30k better than plan and net profit for the previous two months was up 168%.

With new festive and graduation menus launched this month it’s likely to remain busy for the teams in the run up to Christmas. Congratulations to all involved!
Congratulations to members of the Cleaning Team who have achieved 100% attendance at work for the year from 1 August 2015 to 31 July 2016. The achievement is one to be proud of along with their continued hard work!

A popular and well-known figure around campus, PC Matthew Guy is leaving his role here at the University as our Police Higher Education Liaison Officer – he will return to the Police Service in a role within Safer Leeds within the City. We wish him a fond farewell after nearly four successful years and thank him for helping us to keep campus safe!

As Christmas fast approaches, teams within CCSS are finalising their plans for the annual Fairtrade Christmas Fair at Parkinson Court (Tuesday 6th December 2016, 11:00 – 15:30).

There will be a selection of stallholders attending the Fair including Great Food at Leeds who will be there offering raffle tickets, delicious Mulled Wine and festive cakes made by our expert chefs, as well as showcasing the work we do to contribute to Fairtrade and our commitment to ethically sourced ingredients.

There will also be a guest appearance by the Staff Choir to sing carols and get everybody into the Christmas spirit.

With over 25 stalls offering Fairtrade goods, jewellery, art & crafts and much more, it’s a perfect chance to get some Christmas gifts!

The Security Services team delivered a very successful Operation Walksafe in September. The team gave advice to students regarding personal safety, home security and marking equipment. 380 mobile phones were marked, 6 tablets, and 26 laptops.

Crime prevention advice was given to 3865 non-international students and to 235 international students. 2988 students added Find My Phone and 3483 Security Service emergency cards were handed out. Job well done!

The Sport & Physical Activity team is working hard to encourage more staff and students to become physically active through a number of social sport initiatives.

We’ve had a terrific start to this academic year with many social leagues already running at capacity. The Get Out, Get Active programme has also had a positive start to the year, delivering a large number of campus walks on behalf of the University, with the programme already overachieving on participant numbers.

In addition to this we have been awarded an FA Partnership and have received £5k to focus on the development of women’s football.

We’d like to know what you think about FD Matters newsletter. Not to be confused with this newsletter, FD Matters is sent out every four months to all staff in the Facilities Directorate. It’s a newsletter purely for staff and we’d like your thoughts on how we can improve it.

Tell us what you think at https://goo.gl/scVWXD

Our Service Away Day will take place on Wednesday 4 January, 10-4pm. It will be another day packed full of celebrations, fun and plenty of delicious food and drink.

You will all have received your personal invite to the event and we’d like as many people as possible to join in on the day, just speak to your manager about attending.

The achievement is one to be proud of along with their continued hard work!