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Detailed Analysis of Budgets for Leader of Council									
P04	Leader of Council	1112	Housing Delivery Vehicle	(1,000)	(1,000)	0	0	No variance reported	Not applicable
P04	Leader of Council	1119	Emergency Planning	698	660	(34)	(38)	Favourable movement due to slippage on the new CCTV maintenance contract.	Not applicable
P04	Leader of Council	1136	External Affairs & Partnerships	0	0	0	0	No variance reported	Not applicable
P04	Leader of Council			(302)	(340)	(34)	(38)		
Detailed Analysis of Budgets for Climate Emergency and Sustainable Travel									
P27	Climate Emergency and Sustainable Travel	1127	Environmental Monitoring (Air Pollution)	202	160	(3)	(42)	Favourable staffing variance due to vacancies and recovery of staff time charged to projects	Not applicable
P27	Climate Emergency and Sustainable Travel	1135	Transport Planning, Policy and Sustainable Transport	449	518	69	69	The majority of this net adverse position relates to reduced staff recharges to project work.	Historic staff income/recharge targets continue to be rolled forward, meaning that the current position of staff vacancies, and other priorities diverting staff away from revenue generating projects, mean these targets cannot be met. Mitigation plan is to use grants to their full extent, and prioritise recharge generating work as far as possible
P27	Climate Emergency and Sustainable Travel	1137	Green Transformation	669	574	(90)	(95)	The favourable variance is due to staff vacancies; work underway to secure alternative delivery of outcomes, not yet added to forecast until confirmed.	Not applicable
P27	Climate Emergency and Sustainable Travel Total			1,320	1,252	(24)	(68)		
Detailed Analysis of Budgets for Council Priorities and Delivery									
P32	Council Priorities and Delivery	1047	Human Resources & Organisational Development	887	842	(26)	(46)	A small staffing underspend as a result of a vacancy within the Health, Safety and Well-being team	Not applicable
P32	Council Priorities and Delivery	1132	Business Change	760	760	0	0	No variance reported	Not applicable
P32	Council Priorities and Delivery	1143	Corporate Office	1,999	2,001	19	2	No material variance reported	Not applicable
P32	Council Priorities and Delivery Total			3,646	3,603	(7)	(44)		
Detailed Analysis of Budgets for Resources									
P19	Resources	1032	Information Technology	7,448	7,448	0	0	No material variance reported	Not applicable
P19	Resources	1040	Finance	2,498	2,489	(10)	(10)	No material variance reported	Not applicable
P19	Resources	1041	Revenues & Benefits	2,049	2,120	40	71	Staffing pressures within the service area, including filling some existing vacancies with agency	Reduction in reliance on agency staff by recruiting staff to permanent positions. Review of staffing structure to ensure posts are relevant to workload, alongside the introduction of new technologies.
P19	Resources	1042	Risk & Assurance Services	1,519	1,525	7	7	No material variance reported	Not applicable
P19	Resources	1053	Council Solicitor & Democratic Services	2,790	2,886	(10)	96	A legacy savings target remains undelivered.	Whilst the savings target will not be achieved, vacancy management and discretionary spend will be monitored closely to assess mitigation opportunities.
P19	Resources	1054	Hsg / Council Tax Benefits Subsidy	405	405	(101)	0	No variance reported	Not applicable
P19	Resources	1055	Capital Financing / Interest	4,906	3,856	(500)	(1,050)	There is an £800k underspend against the budget for MRP (Minimum Revenue Provision), following the final calculation of the 2024/25 charge. In addition, income from investment interest is currently forecast to be £250k greater than budgeted levels. This is mainly due to the Bank of England continuing to maintain the higher Base Rate for longer than was anticipated at the time the budget was set, resulting in the achievement of higher rates of return on investments.	Not applicable
P19	Resources	1056	Unfunded Pensions	1,388	1,388	0	0	No variance reported	Not applicable
P19	Resources	1057	Corporate Budgets including Capital, Audit and Bank Charges	(959)	(1,853)	(797)	(894)	Corporately Supported Borrowing costs associated with provisional capital schemes that have not progressed to fully approved in year are estimated to come in £800k under budget. Furthermore, an unbudgeted grant relating to business rates was received in-year.	Not applicable
P19	Resources	1058	Magistrates	12	12	0	0	No variance reported	Not applicable
P19	Resources	1059	Coroners	550	550	0	0	No variance reported	Not applicable
P19	Resources	1060	Environment Agency	262	262	0	0	No variance reported	Not applicable
P19	Resources	1061	West of England Combined Authority Levy	5,194	5,194	0	0	No variance reported	Not applicable
P19	Resources	1081	Commercial Estate	(12,717)	(12,438)	279	279	Lower rental income than budgeted, some due to slower void refurbishment	Increased focus on returning void properties to market to both mitigate in-year pressures and ensure rental income shortfalls are not on-going.
P19	Resources	1118	Procurement & Commissioning	322	206	(14)	(116)	An underspend on staffing costs is forecast as a result of unfilled vacancies	Not applicable
P19	Resources Total			15,667	14,050	(1,105)	(1,617)		

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Detailed Analysis of Budgets for Economic And Cultural Sustainable Development									
P33	Economic And Cultural Sustainable Development	1018	Heritage Services	(12,227)	(12,227)	0	0	There is a reduced income forecast, reflecting the lower level of visitors. This has been offset by some key income mitigations and reductions in pay spend (as a result of vacancies) and non-pay spend through some reduction in planned activity and some significant energy savings.	The shape of the forecast has changed, but the overall outturn remains unchanged.
P33	Economic And Cultural Sustainable Development	1037	Property Services	0	0	27	0	The Property Services cash limit has now been merged with the Corporate Estate (1038) cash limit to bring together property related budgets in one place.	Not applicable
P33	Economic And Cultural Sustainable Development	1038	Corporate Estate Including R&M	5,566	6,080	(444)	514	Savings around the Corporate Landlord Model / rationalisation of estate have not materialised yet but have been partially offset by staff savings.	Additional resource is now in place to accelerate the implementation of a Corporate Landlord Model, which will allow for quicker and targeted decision making on where expenditure can be stopped or reduced, both in the short and longer term, as well as speed up rationalising the estate.
P33	Economic And Cultural Sustainable Development	1039	Traded Services	0	0	0	0	No variance reported	Not applicable
P33	Economic And Cultural Sustainable Development	1052	Regeneration	(679)	223	339	903	The large adverse position is primarily relating to the delay in income for No.1 Bath Quays South along with a predicted underachievement of income relating to staff recharges.	The income shortfall will not be mitigated in year, however staff time is being targeted at project work to increase the amount of cost that can be recovered and ease the pressure on the staffing budgets.
P33	Economic And Cultural Sustainable Development	1109	World Heritage	122	120	2	(2)	No material variance reported	Not applicable
P33	Economic And Cultural Sustainable Development	1121	Events and Active Lifestyles	378	486	60	108	Pressures on income largely due to schedule changes for a couple of large scale events this year (£80k), in addition we have a small pressure due to the delayed delivery of savings, and pressures on staff recharges.	The Events team are working hard to achieve additional income. Limited scope to find savings within the service. Expenditure being closely monitored and any savings opportunities will be realised.
P33	Economic And Cultural Sustainable Development	1126	Visit Bath	76	76	0	0	No variance reported	Not applicable
P33	Economic And Cultural Sustainable Development	1128	Business & Skills	388	372	(11)	(16)	No material variance reported	Not applicable
P33	Economic And Cultural Sustainable Development Total			(6,376)	(4,869)	(26)	1,506		
Detailed Analysis of Budgets for Adult Services									
P20	Adult Services	1019	Leisure	289	318	19	29	Slippage in timetable on introduction of new contracts with Excel Tennis (RVP site) and GLL (Leisure centres) has reduced income forecast for 24-25.	The Excel Tennis contract has now been completed and work is progressing on securing GLL contact variation before end of the year. The new contracts will deliver savings in 25-26 and future years. Product development works at Bath Leisure complex will be complete by early 2025 and this should help to improve footfall and income.
P20	Adult Services	1036	Adults Substance Misuse (DAT)	70	70	0	0	No variance reported	Not applicable
P20	Adult Services	1073	Adults & Older People-Mental Health Commissioning	8,483	8,456	306	(27)	The current monthly variance is a positive, as a result of improved client contributions, reduction in the average home care packages and good case management.	Not applicable
P20	Adult Services	1086	Adult Care Commissioning	657	586	(60)	(71)	Contract restructuring and one off savings resulting from staff vacancies.	Not applicable
P20	Adult Services	1088	Older People & Physically Disabled Purchasing	12,758	13,472	136	714	Demand pressures in supporting hospital discharge and independence in community. The number of home care hours commissioned and people supported in care home placements are significantly higher in Sept 24 than in Sept 23.	Social work forums are now in place to carefully review care and ensure it represents best outcomes for a user needs in an affordable way. Commissioners and brokers are also engaging with market and community partners to ensure best prices and VFM are achieved.
P20	Adult Services	1091	Learning Disabilities Commissioning	16,468	16,468	(0)	(0)	No variance reported	Not applicable
P20	Adult Services	1093	Physical Disability, Hearing & Vision	3,661	3,661	(12)	(0)	No variance reported	Not applicable
P20	Adult Services	1094	Public Health	0	0	0	0	No variance reported	Not applicable
P20	Adult Services	1110	Better Care Fund	(2,492)	(2,492)	0	0	No variance reported	Not applicable
P20	Adult Services	1113	CCG B&NES CHC and FNC Payments	0	0	0	0	No variance reported	Not applicable
P20	Adult Services	1114	Community Equipment	244	244	0	0	Demand pressures have been met from discharge grant.	Not applicable
P20	Adult Services	1123	Safeguarding Adults	1,483	1,462	(58)	(21)	Favourable variance comprised of numerous small underspends across the service area.	Not applicable
P20	Adult Services	1124	Community Resource Centres & Extra Care Income	8,303	7,708	(313)	(595)	Robust management controls on backfilling vacancies and use of agency staff, along with strong fee income has resulted in a favourable forecast budget variance. There is a targeted recruitment campaign for permanent staff at Cleeve Court (CRC) with the aim to return safely to full bed utilisation once permanent staffing in place.	Not applicable
P20	Adult Services	1141	Social Care	9,893	9,893	0	0	No variance reported	Not applicable
P20	Adult Services Total			59,817	59,846	19	29		

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P21	Children's Services	1076	Children, Young People & Families	18,822	22,170	1,166	3,348	£2.7m pressure across all demand led budget areas. This pressure occurs as follows; Residential Care £3.5m, Disabled Children Care (DCC) £0.5m, spend to support those not in care £0.3m, Unaccompanied Asylum Seeker Children Care (UASC) £0.2m. These overspends are offset by under budget positions from other areas such as Independent Foster Care (£0.3m), In House Foster Care (£0.7m) and reduced spend versus our contingent budget for costs of the Joint Agency Pool (JAP) (£0.9m). It should be noted that the reduced spend in JAP has a strong correlation with increased spend in DCC, as this is where support and care for our most complex children will be funded from, if not in JAP. There is also £0.6m staffing pressures as a result of the need to cover vacancies with more expensive agency workers. These pressures are net of £0.6m in-year mitigations, and include the full delivery of £0.96m budgeted transformation savings across the demand led budget areas. £2.6m demand led budget pressures continued from 23/24, due to ongoing increased demand and complexity of supporting our children and young people.	Continued monitoring and scrutiny of high risk areas, predominantly demand led budgets, savings targets and agency spend. £0.6m in-year recovery forecast in addition to £0.96m base budgeted transformation savings.
P21	Children's Services	1077	Inclusion & Prevention	2,449	2,440	(9)	(9)	No material variance reported	Not applicable
P21	Children's Services	1078	Education Transformation	4,441	4,645	47	204	£0.12m pressure from Teachers Pensions continuing from 23/24. Balance of pressure relates to staffing, where agency usage is needed to cover vacancies and respond to demand.	Staffing costs will continue to be closely monitored and any savings opportunities will be realised.
P21	Children's Services	1079	Schools Budgets	(1,501)	(1,501)	0	0	The Q2 forecast for the DSG is currently predicted to be overspent by £12.067m The significant element of this position is the High Needs Block which supports pupils with SEND which is forecast to be overspent by £11.5m. The council resubmitted its Safety Valve plan to the DFE during September which predicted a year end position of £12.28m	The DFE have yet to comment on our resubmission but it is hoped that this will allow the DFE to reinstate the Safety Valve payments. The anticipated safety valve payment is £1.65m
P21	Children's Services	1116	Integrated Commissioning - CYP	2,461	2,460	(36)	(1)	No material variance reported	Not applicable
P21	Children's Services	1117	Safeguarding - CYP	90	90	0	0	No variance reported	Not applicable
P21	Children's Services	1142	Home to School Transport	9,322	11,291	1,873	1,969	Forecast based on April's data but modelled on the anticipated increased demand of Home to School Transport required from September to fulfil our statutory duties this financial year. Further pressures due to late requests are increasing our costs on some routes.	Home to school transport processes are being reviewed end to end to ensure the most efficient and effective delivery of our statutory responsibility in a challenging market place
P21	Children's Services Total			36,084	41,596	3,042	5,512		
Detailed Analysis of Budgets for Highways									
P34	Highways	1103	Transport & Parking Services - Parking	(8,875)	(9,436)	58	(561)	Income has remained above budgeted levels, but we are seeing some pressures in some off street locations. The additional income budgeted for the HGV charging scheme will not materialise due to the scheme not going ahead, but the financial impact is reduced by savings on staffing and expenditure.	Not applicable
P34	Highways	1129	Clean Air Zone	0	0	0	0	Income levels continue to show indications of anticipated downturn due to improvements in vehicle compliance as expected with the scheme, however still just exceeding budget levels due to continuing higher levels of penalty charge income and debt recovery.	Not applicable
P34	Highways	1133	Network & Traffic Management	680	701	21	21	Pressures on signals maintenance and staff recharges, which has largely been offset by vacancy management and increased income.	Not applicable
P34	Highways	1134	Highway Maintenance	6,864	6,751	(113)	(113)	Favourable movement due to reduced energy costs on Street lighting, this has been reduced due to pressures on staff recharges and service supported borrowing charges.	Not applicable
P34	Highways	1144	Park and Ride	(473)	(473)	0	0	No variance reported	Not applicable
P34	Highways Total			(1,804)	(2,457)	(34)	(653)		

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Detailed Analysis of Budgets for Neighbourhood Services									
P05	Neighbourhood Services	1089	Community Safety	213	212	2	(1) No material variance reported	Not applicable	
P05	Neighbourhood Services	1101	Neighbourhoods & Environment - Waste & Fleet Services	19,867	20,300	(523)	432	Pressures on staffing costs and retaining depots has created an adverse position, this has been reduced due to increased recycles income and a reduction in some maintenance costs. This combined with introducing a range of mitigations to reduce pressures on the staffing budgets across the service.	Regularly reviewing opportunities to reduce pressures within the service, costs will be closely monitored and any savings opportunities will be realised.
P05	Neighbourhood Services	1102	Neighbourhoods & Environment - Parks & Bereavement Services	1,923	2,109	135	186	Parks have a small pressure from the delayed delivery of savings. Pressure of £165k due to the closure of the valley chapel for remedial works from previous capital project, and a slow down in the death rate since the early part of 2024.	Staffing costs will be closely monitored and any savings opportunities will be realised.
P05	Neighbourhood Services	1115	Registrars Service	(118)	(95)	6	23	A small forecast staffing pressure within the service	Continued promotion of service offer to generate additional income
P05	Neighbourhood Services	1122	Customer Services (Including Libraries)	2,716	2,832	68	116	A £100k savings target to reduce costs of customer services across the organisation through digitalisation is forecast as partially achieved at this stage in the year. Staffing pressures make up the remainder of the forecast overspend.	Initiatives are underway to assess the potential for digitalisation and process redesign across the organisation which will drive out further savings opportunities.
P05	Neighbourhood Services	1139	Public Protection	1,220	1,407	155	187	Pressures on licensing (£136k) and pest control income (£45k) reduced by further savings across the service	Limited scope to find savings within the service to offset income shortfall. Expenditure being closely monitored and any savings opportunities will be realised.
P05	Neighbourhood Services Total			25,821	26,763	(157)	942		
Detailed Analysis of Budgets for Built Environment and Sustainable Development									
P35	Built Environment and Sustainable Development	1029	Housing	1,498	1,281	(205)	(217)	A delay in implementing the Council Housing Delivery Programme has resulted in lower than budgeted staffing costs, along with reduced spend on consultancy has generated a favourable outturn forecast variance.	Not applicable
P35	Built Environment and Sustainable Development	1106	Development Management	1,306	1,355	57	49	Predicted underachievement of income driven by market conditions, partially mitigated by favourable staffing movements	Limited scope to find savings within the service to offset income shortfall. Expenditure being closely monitored and any savings opportunities will be realised.
P35	Built Environment and Sustainable Development	1138	Building Control	(119)	21	66	140	Predicted underachievement of income (particularly Land Charges), partially offset by favourable staffing movements.	Limited scope to find savings within the service to offset income shortfall. Expenditure being closely monitored and any savings opportunities will be realised.
P35	Built Environment and Sustainable Development Total			2,685	2,657	(82)	(28)		
Council Total				136,561	142,101	1,590	5,541		