

Bath & North East Somerset Council

MEETING:	Corporate Policy Development & Scrutiny Panel
MEETING:	23rd July 2024
TITLE:	Revenue and Capital Budget Monitoring, Cash Limits and Virements – April 2024 to June 2024
WARD:	All
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List of attachments to this report: Appendix 1 - Revenue & Capital Budget Monitoring, Cash Limits and Virements – April 2024 to June 2024 Cabinet Report Annex 1: Revenue Dashboard Annex 2: Capital Dashboard	

1 THE ISSUE

1.1 The report was considered by the Cabinet at their 11th July 2024 meeting. It presents the April 2024 to June 2024 revenue and capital budget monitoring for 2024/25.

2 RECOMMENDATION

The Panel is asked to;

2.1 Note and discuss the Revenue & Capital Budget Monitoring Report.

3 THE REPORT

3.1 The Revenue & Capital Budget Monitoring report and supporting main detailed appendices are included as the appendices to this report and for Panel consideration.

3.2 The summarised Council budget monitoring position is as follows, full details are included in the main report (Appendix 1):

The net revenue forecast position for 2024/25 is £3.95m over budget.

Main pressures at portfolio level arose in:

- Children Services £2.47m (Children Social Care demand pressures)
- Economic and Cultural Sustainable Development £1.54m (Corporate Estate running costs for surplus assets and loss of income from unlet buildings, and

similarly the Regeneration service has rental income below target and unmet savings targets)

- Neighbourhood Services £1.10m (High staffing costs and the dual running of waste depots)

Main favourable areas at portfolio level:

- Highways £0.62m (Parking income has exceeded budget)
- Resources £0.52m (mainly due to additional investment income from higher interest rates and reduced Minimum Revenue Provision (MRP – capital borrowing principal repayment)

In light of the forecast over budget position, Directors are actively developing mitigation plans for the service areas identified above to manage this position in year and bring the Council back into a balanced position. An update will be provided in the Quarter 2 monitoring report.

Capital spend is forecast to be £11.8m (15%) below the current approved budget of £76.6m, mainly reflecting reprofiled spend into future years. A significant part of the variance is related to the revised profile of forecast future loan drawdowns by the Council's housing company with £8.9m moving to 2025/26 and future years.

4 STATUTORY CONSIDERATIONS

- 4.1 The annual medium-term financial planning process allocates resources across services with alignment of these resources towards the Council's corporate priorities. This report monitors how the Council is performing against the financial targets set in February 2024 through the Budget setting process.

5 RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS (FINANCE, PROPERTY, PEOPLE)

- 5.1 These are contained throughout the attached report and appendices.

6 RISK MANAGEMENT

- 6.1 The substance of this report is part of the Council's risk management process. The key risks in the Council's budget are assessed annually by each Director, with these risks re-assessed regularly as part of the budget monitoring process.

7 CLIMATE CHANGE

- 7.1 The Medium Term Financial Strategy and budget process aligns resources towards the corporate priorities and objectives set out in the Corporate Strategy, which includes tackling the climate emergency. This report monitors the Council's financial performance against those budgets, and therefore does not include any decisions that have a direct impact on Climate Change.

8 OTHER OPTIONS CONSIDERED

- 8.1 None

9 CONSULTATION

9.1 Consultation on the Cabinet Report was carried out with the Cabinet Member for Resources, Directors, Section 151 Finance Officer, Chief Executive and Monitoring Officer.

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Background papers	2024/25 Revenue and Capital Budget Setting reports
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