

Bath & North East Somerset Council

MEETING:	Corporate Policy Development & Scrutiny Panel
MEETING:	19th November 2024
TITLE:	Revenue and Capital Budget Monitoring, Cash Limits and Virements – April 2024 to September 2024
WARD:	All
AN OPEN PUBLIC ITEM	
List of attachments to this report: Appendix 1 - Revenue & Capital Budget Monitoring, Cash Limits and Virements – April 2024 to September 2024 Cabinet Report Annex 1: Revenue Dashboard Annex 2: Capital Dashboard Annex 3: Revenue Savings Monitor	

1 THE ISSUE

- 1.1 The report was considered by the Cabinet at their 14th November 2024 meeting. It presents the April 2024 to September 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 £5.54m over budget prior to further management action plans.

Main pressures at portfolio level arose in:

- Children Services £5.51m (Children Social Care demand & Home to School Transport pressures)

- Economic and Cultural Sustainable Development £1.51m (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 £0.94m (High staffing costs and the dual running of waste depots, and lower than budgeted income impacting Licensing, Pest Control and Bereavement Services)

Main favourable areas at portfolio level:

- Resources £1.62m (mainly due to additional investment income from higher interest rates, reduced Minimum Revenue Provision (MRP – capital borrowing principal repayment) and lower Corporately Supported Borrowing costs associated with provisional capital schemes that have not progressed to fully approved in year)
- Highways £0.65m (Parking income has exceeded budget)

Having developed urgent management action plans, £3.72m of mitigations have been identified reducing the forecast over budget position to £1.82m. The plans are detailed in paragraph 3.6 of the main report.

The 2024/25 revenue budget approved savings of £16.42m with £12.81m forecast as achieved at the end of September, representing 78% delivery. Of the £3.61m not currently achieved, £2.65m are being mitigated through underspends, contingency or income elsewhere in the respective service, while £0.96m of savings are delayed, resulting in unavoidable in year pressures.

Capital spend is forecast to be £23.2m (23%) below the current approved budget of £100.7m, mainly reflecting reprofiled spend into 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 climates 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, Executive Director-Resources (S151 Officer), Chief Executive and Monitoring Officer.

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Background papers	2024/25 Revenue and Capital Budget Setting reports Revenue and Capital Budget Monitoring, Cash Limits and Virements – April 2024 to June 2024 Report – September Cabinet Meeting
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