



Title of Report:	Period 5 ES Management Accounts and Financial Positions 2024/25
Committee Report Submitted To:	Environmental Services Committee
Date of Meeting:	8th October 2024
For Decision or For Information	For Information
To be discussed In Committee YES/NO	NO

Linkage to Council Strategy (2021-25)	
Strategic Theme	Leader and Champion
Outcome	Provide Civic Leadership
Lead Officer	Director of Environmental Services

Budgetary Considerations	
Cost of Proposal	N/A
Included in Current Year Estimates	YES/NO
Capital/Revenue	Revenue
Code	
Staffing Costs	

Legal Considerations	
Input of Legal Services Required	YES/NO
Legal Opinion Obtained	YES/NO

Screening Requirements	Required for new or revised Policies, Plans, Strategies or Service Delivery Proposals.		
Section 75 Screening	Screening Completed:	Yes/No	Date:
	EQIA Required and Completed:	Yes/No	Date:
Rural Needs Assessment (RNA)	Screening Completed	Yes/No	Date:
	RNA Required and Completed:	Yes/No	Date:
Data Protection Impact Assessment (DPIA)	Screening Completed:	Yes/No	Date:
	DPIA Required and Completed:	Yes/No	Date:

1.0 Purpose of Report

The purpose of this report to provide Members with information on the current financial position of Environmental Services Directorate at the end of Period 5.

2.0 Background

Council has approved the annual budget for Environmental Service and delegated authority to officers to utilise this budget in the provision of services to the rate payers. ES budget for 2024/25 is **£ 30,851,687.59**. This is based on expenditure budget of **£36,559,317.45** and income budget of **£5,707,629.86**

The Environmental Services position at Period 5 shows a **£59,333.19 (P4 - £259,828.94) adverse variance**. This includes predicted increases in employee costs based on the proposed National Pay Award.

The main costs and income attributing to the ES P5 position are summarised as follows as variances against budget.

- Employee costs are £127k positive
- Premises costs are £122k adverse
- Transport Costs are £102k adverse
- Supplies and Services are £3k adverse
- Contract Payments are £145k positive
- Income is £92k adverse – Car Parks (-£151k), Landfill (-£265k), Building Control (£177k)

Head of Service Description	Actual Net Spend 2025	2025 Budget YTD	2025 Budget Variance	Sum of Annual Budget 2025
Estates	2,832,887.27	2,714,174.76	(118,712.51)	6,380,661.18
HBE	860,831.57	1,102,247.65	241,416.08	2,755,046.60
Infrastructure	(226,171.22)	(304,619.97)	(78,448.75)	(224,227.65)
Operations	8,640,264.53	8,529,030.62	(111,233.91)	21,021,064.62
ES Business Support	313,991.53	319,146.64	5,155.11	766,866.40
Env. Services CM	57,163.74	59,654.53	2,490.79	152,276.44
Total ES Position			(59,333.19)	30,851,687.59

Estates.

P5 Actual Expenditure	P5 Budget Expenditure	P5 Actual Income	P5 Budget Income	Net Expenditure Variance
2,921,306.28	2,827,058.98	(88,419.01)	(112,884.22)	(118,712.51)

£119k adverse mainly due to Employee costs and Income is adverse by £24k.

Health and Built Environment.

P5 Actual Expenditure	P5 Budget Expenditure	P5 Actual Income	P5 Budget Income	Net Expenditure Variance
1,782,354.01	1,776,167.59	(921,522.44)	(673,919.94)	241,416.08

£241k positive. Employee costs are £101k positive. Fee Income is favourable by £248k including £177k from Building Control.

Infrastructure.

P5 Actual Expenditure	P5 Budget Expenditure	P5 Actual Income	P5 Budget Income	Net Expenditure Variance
883,173.01	923,950.52	(1,109,344.23)	(1,228,570.49)	(78,448.75)

£78k adverse mainly due to income loss of car park income of £151k. Employee costs are £29k favourable.

Operations.

P5 Actual Expenditure	P5 Budget Expenditure	P5 Actual Income	P5 Budget Income	Net Expenditure Variance
9,302,761.27	9,387,924.47	(662,496.74)	(858,893.85)	(111,233.91)

£111k adverse variance in Period 5. Employee costs are positive £85k. A breakdown of the Variances are as follows

Function	Variance	Comments
Waste Collection & Street Cleansing	£50k Adverse	Employee cost increase.
Landfill & Compost Site	£219k Adverse	Due to reduction in 3 rd party income
HRC's	£68k Adverse	Employee cost increase.
Waste Disposal Contracts	£304k Favourable <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Black Bin Contract - £281k (fav) ○ Blue Bin Contract - £114k (fav) ○ Brown Bin Contract £49k (adv) ○ Other Waste Contracts - £42k (adv) 	Variations on predicted tonnages and lower price for the recycling (blue bin) contract
Transfer Stations & Depots	£9k Favourable	On target

Public Conveniences	£1k Favourable	On target
Ops Management	£18k Adverse	On target

ES Business Support.
£5k positive - on target

ES Centrally Managed.
£2.5k positive variance – on target

3.0 In-year Savings

Officers have and will continue to manage and scrutinise the budget to identify opportunities for reducing expenditure and increasing income in order to get back on budget. However at Period 5, due to loss of income from car parks and 3rd party waste, but offset by increased income from Building Control, ES financial position has an adverse variance of **£59,333.19**.

4.0 Summary of Capital Expenditure – P5 (April – June 2024)

Month/Year	Agenda Item No.	Fleet/Project	Amount
April 2024	6	Operations Fleet, Plant and Equipment Renewal 2024-25	c.£1,555,750
April 2024	17	Harbours & Marinas Capital Infrastructure works to “Old Slipway, Portrush Harbour” Consideration to Progression to Stage 3 – Construction Phase	Option 1, “the required works”:- <i>Most Economically advageous tenderer:-</i> £68, 700.00 + VAT <i>Contingency Sum of 15%,</i> <i>(£10, 305.00) being applied, with a resultant capital project delivery sum of</i> £79, 005.00
April 2024	19	(To note) Cost of Purchasing Pay & Display Machines	£79,500.00
May 2024	7	Purchase of Operations Replacement Vehicle	£19,275

June 2024	21	Estates Fleet Renewal 2024/2025	£ 447,300
September 2024	23	Festive Lights Upgrades & Repairs	£60,081.20
Total			£2,240,911.20

5.0 Recommendation

Members are requested to note the paper.