



Title of Report:	Period 4 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 4.

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 4 shows a **£259,828.94 (P3 - £339,321.00) negative variance**. This includes assumed increases in employee costs based on the proposed National Pay Award which is equivalent to the predicted budget increase.

The main costs and income attributing to the ES P4 position are summarised as follows as variances against budget.

- Employee costs are £225k favourable
- Premises costs are £93k adverse
- Transport Costs are £72k adverse
- Supplies and Services are £243k favourable
- Contract Payments are £483k favourable
- Income is £251k adverse – Car Parks (-£199k), Landfill (-£172k)

⊕ Estates	2,238,667.61	2,182,779.62	(55,887.99)	6,380,661.18	4,141,993.57
⊕ Health and Built Environment	718,707.31	895,865.16	177,157.85	2,755,046.60	2,036,339.29
⊕ Infrastructure	(70,141.00)	(202,161.18)	(132,020.18)	(224,227.65)	(154,086.65)
⊕ Operations	7,019,774.86	6,762,642.20	(257,132.66)	21,021,064.62	14,001,289.76
⊕ ES Business Support	250,867.98	255,431.58	4,563.60	766,866.40	515,998.42
⊕ Environmental Services Centre	44,766.51	48,256.95	3,490.44	152,276.44	107,509.93
	10,202,643.27	9,942,814.33	(259,828.94)	30,851,687.59	20,649,044.32

Estates.

P4 Actual Expenditure	P4 Budget Expenditure	P4 Actual Income	P4 Budget Income	Net Expenditure Variance
2,305,011.94	2,273,859.78	(66,344.33)	(91,080.16)	(55,887.99)

£56k adverse mainly due to Premises costs and Income is adverse by £35k.

Health and Built Environment.

P4 Actual Expenditure	P4 Budget Expenditure	P4 Actual Income	P4 Budget Income	Net Expenditure Variance
1,410,525.93	1,411,506.57	(691,818.62)	(515,641.41)	177,157.85

£177k positive. Employee costs are £98k positive. Fee Income is favourable by £123k including £106k from Building Control.

Infrastructure.

P4 Actual Expenditure	P4 Budget Expenditure	P4 Actual Income	P4 Budget Income	Net Expenditure Variance
771,685.07	794,728.01	(841,826.07)	(996,889.19)	(132,020.18)

£132k adverse mainly due to income loss of car park income of £243k. Employee costs are £17k favourable.

Operations.

P4 Actual Expenditure	P4 Budget Expenditure	P4 Actual Income	P4 Budget Income	Net Expenditure Variance
7,584,646.95	7,574,686.25	(564,872.09)	(812,044.05)	(257,132.66)

£257k adverse variance in Period 4. Employee costs are adverse £111k. A breakdown of the Variances are as follows

Function	Variance	Comments
Waste Collection & Street Cleansing	£62k Adverse	Employee cost increase.
Landfill & Compost Site	£656k Adverse	Due to reduction in 3 rd party income
HRC's	£68k Adverse	On target
Waste Disposal Contracts	£503k Favourable <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Black Bin Contract - £327k (fav) ○ Blue Bin Contract - £105k (fav) ○ Brown Bin Contract £24k (adv) ○ Other Waste Contracts - £94k (fav) 	Variations on predicted tonnages and lower price for the recycling (blue bin) contract
Public Conveniences	£1k Favourable	On target
Ops Management	£7k Adverse	On target

ES Business Support.

£4.5k positive - on target

ES Centrally Managed.

£3.5k positive variance – on target

3.2 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 3, mainly due to loss of income from car parks and 3rd party waste, ES financial position has an adverse variance of **£259,828.94**.