

CABINET	AGENDA ITEM No.
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BUDGET CONTROL REPORT JUNE 2024 - QUARTER 1
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RECOMMENDATIONS	
FROM: Executive Director of Corporate Services and S151 Officer	Deadline date: N/A
It is recommended that the Cabinet notes the Councils financial performance and forecast for 2024/25 as at 30 June 2024 (Quater 1).	

1. ORIGIN OF REPORT

1.1 This report is submitted to Cabinet to provide an update on the Councils forecast Outturn Position for 2024/25, following review and consideration from the Corporate Leadership Team.

2. PURPOSE AND REASON FOR REPORT

- 2.1 The purpose of this report is to provide Cabinet with an overview of the Councils forecast outturn for 2024/25, as at 30 June 2024.
- 2.2 This report is for Cabinet to consider under its Terms of Reference No. 3.2.12, *‘To be responsible for the Council’s overall budget and determine action required to ensure that the overall budget remains within the total cash limit’.*

3. TIMESCALES

Is this a Major Policy Item/Statutory Plan?	NO	If yes, date for Cabinet meeting	N/A
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4. BACKGROUND AND KEY ISSUES

4.1 Revenue Summary

At the end of quarter 1, the forecast outturn position for 2024/25 is showing a projected overspend of £10.3m (4.7%), against the £220m net revenue budget. This is largely driven by a handful of factors including:

- Interest rates remaining high, impacting on the cost of borrowing,
- A rise in the number of Children's Social Care Placements
- Demand for Adult Social Care packages
- A rise in homelessness presentations, driving up the cost of temporary accommodation and use of Bed and Breakfast.

The Dedicated Schools Grant (DSG) is also forecast to overspend by £6.1m, mainly due to the rise in expenditure within the high needs block, which is an issue effecting over 80% of Local Authorities with responsibility for education services. This will be partly offset by the remaining DSG Reserve, resulting in a £3.9m Deficit being held.

This position leaves the Councils reserves balances in fragile position, taking them down to £9m (£12.9m excluding the £3.9m DSG Deficit), of which £4.3m is ringfenced for specific use. **This is below the level which would be deemed adequate and if the position continues on this trajectory reserves balances will not be sufficient to cover any budget gap in the next financial year.**

In addition to the pressures set out within this report further risk remains. Section 4.4 sets out these risks, which if remain unmitigated could further impact the position. The Corporate Leadership Team and Officers are working on plans to mitigate these as far as possible. Budget challenge sessions have been held on 8 key areas to gain assurance around the deliverability of these. It should also be noted that due to these factors the level of risk around the Council's Financial Resilience and Sustainability has been rated high on the strategic risk register.

Management actions have been put in place to reduce the overspend as far as possible before the end of the financial year.

- In direct response to the higher-than-expected cost of borrowing a capital moratorium has already been put in place, in order to reduce new borrowing until interest rates fall to a more appropriate level.
- Promoting good financial management across the whole organisation making sure its everyone's business. This has included increased staff communication to ensure there is wider awareness of the Councils financial position and ensuring accountability for budget management is clear.
- Recruitment Freeze has been put in place, with a primary focus on reducing the use of Agency workers and promoting a sustainable workforce.
- Short term freeze on new procurement activity to put in place some improvements within the service.
- Budget Setting and MTFS Process progressing- with a focus being placed on efficiencies and reductions which could be delivered immediately to generate short term savings. With the longer-term sustainable plans being developed through the portfolio boards.
- High risk rates savings have been subject to additional scrutiny by the Chief Executive and the Section 151 Officer.

In recent years the Council has responded well to this challenge and turned the position around, however this is becoming more challenging as demand for services increases faster than our core funding does.

4.2 DIRECTORATE SUMMARY

The following table summarises the forecast outturn position by directorate:

Table 1: 2024/25 Forecast Position- Directorate Analysis

Directorate	Budget £000	Forecast £000	Projected Variance £000	Overall Status
Place & Economy	19,571	21,956	2,385	Overspend
Children and Young People	55,229	58,555	3,327	Overspend
Adult Social Care	75,180	76,457	1,278	Overspend
Public Health	(316)	(316)	-	On Budget
Corporate Services	36,548	36,368	(180)	Underspend
Capital Financing	34,100	37,565	3,465	Overspend
Total Expenditure	220,310	230,585	10,275	Overspend
Financing	(220,310)	(220,310)	-	On Budget
Net	-	10,275	10,275	Overspend

The following section summarises the key variances (see Appendix A for a further breakdown):

Adult Social Care

Pressures:

- Adults Commissioning has a forecast gross overspend of £4.8m, due to a rise in demand for care packages. Mitigating plans are in progress to reduce this to £0.8m by managing demand, improved market oversight and utilisation of new grant funding.
- There is a forecast overspend of £0.4m for Integrated Community Equipment Store and £0.1m for the lifeline contract as these are now being funded via revenue as a result of the Capital Moratorium.

Children and Young People

Adverse:

- Children's Social Care placements costs are forecast £2.5m over budget. The Placements budget was built on an assumption there would be 423 Looked After Children (LAC). At the end of June LAC numbers were 437. Residential placements have risen from 29 to 42 which is driving this pressure, due to the higher associated costs. There are also pressures arising from securing partnership funding and meeting the full £1.6m transformation savings targets included in the Medium-Term Financial Plan.
- There is a £0.2m pressure relating to home and community one to one support within short breaks, for children with complex needs. There are several high-cost packages which are driving the forecast.
- Transport for Children Looked After £0.2m.

Favourable:

- £0.4m favourable position for the PFI contract which relates to an overprovision of utilities inflation.

Dedicated Schools Grant (DSG)

- The High Needs Block is forecast to overspend by £5.4m due to additional spend in relation to Special Schools, Post 16 and Maintained School top-up funding.

- Schools Block is forecast to overspend by £0.7m due to an increase in years 7 & 8 places required and accelerated opening of classes at newly opened schools.
- The remaining balance of the DSG reserve (£2.2m) will be used to part mitigate this overspend, which will then result in a £3.9m DSG Deficit being held in reserves to cover the remaining balance.

Corporate Services

Corporate Services is currently forecasting a -£0.2m underspend position with offsetting positive and adverse variances contributing to the overall position. However, the directorate does have some challenging savings targets and associated risks at this early stage in the year, and these will be closely monitored and reported if any risks materialise due to planned mitigating action not being delivered.

Capital Financing

Adverse:

- Bank of England interest rates have remained high, therefore as existing borrowing ends, the Council is refinancing at higher rates. This has created a £2m pressure on interest payable on existing loans.
- There is also a £0.5m pressure on new borrowing, as this will be at higher rates than anticipated. This is being managed through a capital moratorium until interest rates reduce.
- Minimum Revenue Provision (MRP) which is an amount set aside to repay the initial loan, is forecast to overspend by £1m. MRP was restructured last year to ensure it is managed in the most effective way, therefore opportunities to mitigate this are minimal.

Place & Economy

Adverse:

- £0.8m pressure on Housing Needs due to cost pressures from temporary accommodation, during the first quarter the number of households placed in Bed and Breakfast peaked at 115. The overall position is likely to worsen given the significant risk of continued pressure.
- Highways and Transport are forecasting a £0.1m pressure due to the end of Highways contract savings and reduced bus departure fees
- Culture & Leisure £1.5m pressure due to a cost neutral leisure service not having been achieved. Options are being developed for alternative solutions.

Public Health

The Public Health Directorate is forecasting a balanced budgetary position. There is currently a contribution to the Public Health reserve of £0.1m due to small, forecasted underspends on a number of contracts and use of reserve funding to substitute costs.

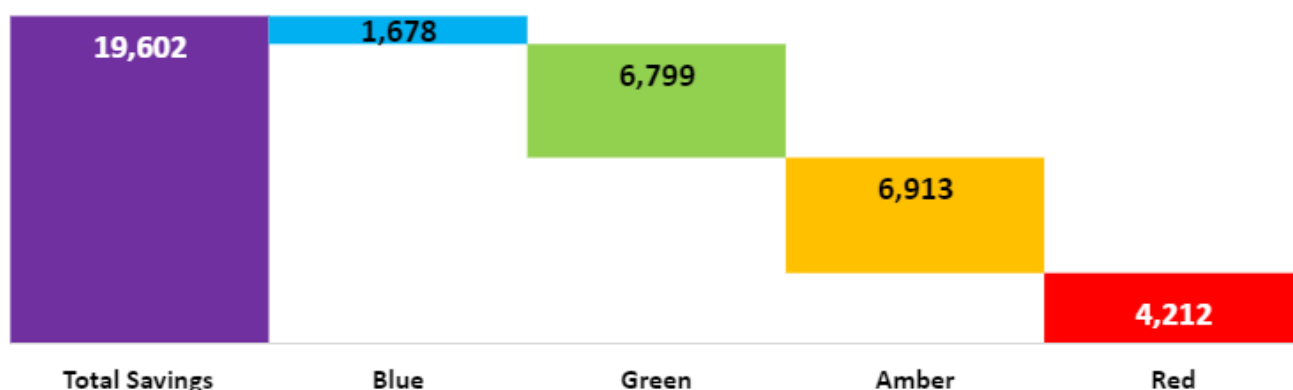
4.3 SAVINGS PROGRAMME

The savings programme is being monitored by the Capital and Invest to Save Board to review, challenge and provide support to each directorate, to ensure the Council's £19.1m savings plan is being delivered.

The following chart summarises the current RAG status of the 2024/25 Savings Plans, outlining:

- 43% are categorised as blue (realised) and green (low risk to achievability in year)
- 35% as amber (moderate risk to achievability in year)
- 21% as red (high risk to achievability in year)

Forecast Savings Delivery 2024/25 by Risk Rating (£000)



Due to some of the 2023/24 savings plans being delivered by alternative solutions and mitigations, the savings which are still to be delivered in line with plan have been added into the tracker to ensure they continue to be monitored and actioned.

At the end of June there is a moderate risk to the delivery of the programme with over 50% being rated as Red or Amber. The RAG rating will be used to identify where additional oversight and support needs to be focussed. The board is looking at options for mitigation and will keep monitoring this to ensure the savings are delivered in full.

There are 9 **Red** ragged savings totalling £4.2m, below is a list of the top 5 red items:

- **Housing Temporary Accommodation / service transformation – (£0.961m)** – Demand and complexity continues to increase over and above previous years, outstripping supply and resulting in suppressing the effect of action plans. The directorate is actively looking into measures to address structural overspends and move forward with transformation to realise efficiencies.
- **Culture & Leisure – Delivery of savings on services – (£1.431m)** – The original plan to award contracts to Peterborough Limited's subsidiary, PCHLL, cannot be achieved without a substantial subsidy meaning the impact of any savings would at best be neutral. Consequently, we are exploring other options in order to achieve efficiencies and to make these services affordable. Meanwhile, a variance of £1.5m is therefore reported to account for YTD unrealised NNDR / VAT benefits, with the assumption that options will start to be implemented from quarter 3.
- **Aragon Direct Services efficiencies – (£0.7m)** – Recommendations for significant structural and service change will be presented to Cabinet in August - it is hoped these will achieve the savings target.
- **Waste - Recycling saving as a result of the Education & Communication function – (£0.3m)** – A range of educational activity is taking place, and the council has received funding to roll out food waste collections to flats which will further support an increase in recycling. Next steps include recruitment for additional posts and discussions with Aragon to discuss curbside rejections.
- **Housing Related Support – (£0.3m)** - Delay in procurement timeline due to complexities.

4.4 KEY RISKS

Table 2 outlines the Council's currently known red rag rated budgetary risks. These have not been fully incorporated within the forecast outturn position as the anticipated pressure has not yet materialised. The strategic direction and approach to mitigating these risks are considered and implemented.

Table 2: Budgetary Risks

Key Risk	Value	Risk Description	Mitigating Action
Culture & Heritage	£0.5m	Risk that the current service provision cannot be contained within the available budget, including the saving target introduced in prior years for full delivery to be in place by 2024/25. £1.5m of the original £2m risk is now reported on bud control as a pressure	The loss of the regional pool has meant that contracts cannot be awarded without further subsidy. As a consequence, to continue would mean savings benefits would be significantly impacted and not fully realised. To mitigate this, proposals will be taken to July Cabinet to consider alternative models aimed at reducing this risk. This includes a proposal to provide the council the control of culture and heritage services to achieve efficiency targets, and revisiting outsource options for leisure to negate the impact of the loss of the pool.
Housing	£1m	Pressure in Housing Needs Budget related to Bed and Breakfast (B&B) Spot Purchased Accommodation. Over 100 households are currently in B&B accommodation. The risk is over and above the £0.8m pressure already reported.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Weekly review of B&B cases in the service to manage bookings. • Every opportunity taken to take advantage of less costly spot purchased accommodations. • There are 33 units of Private Sector Leased accommodation which were not realised in 23/24 to come online in 24/25 including 4 acquisitions. • 14 units of costly void accommodation have been brought back online. • Further invest to save opportunities - Developing Supported Exempt Temporary Accommodation model and training flats for care leavers. • The Economy and Inclusive Growth Portfolio Board has agreed that housing and homelessness should be one of its core transformation programmes going forwards. • A programme transformation board is being formed, chaired by the SD, which will report into the portfolio board.
Peterborough Ltd (Aragon Direct Services)	£1m	Risk that the £1m cumulative saving target will be delayed or unattainable.	Recommendations for significant structural and service change will be presented to Cabinet in July. If approved, the work to quantify the financial outcomes as a result of those recommendations will take

			place over the summer before final recommendations are presented.
Children's Social Care High-Cost Placements	£290k-annual cost of 1 residential placement	No provision for further CSC Placements if LAC numbers rise as anticipated. The 24-25 budget was based on 423 LAC and as at June we are at 437. We budgeted for 29 budgeted Residential placements and the current number is 42.	Service Director is now to approve all children entering care. Service Director will approve all requests for residential to ensure that all options are considered.
Children's Social Care Placements - Health Funding		Securing financial contributions from Partners for very complex need children. The MTFS included £1m contribution for complex children which is yet to be secured.	A consultancy has been commissioned and are currently working on a project to review processes and cases.
Dedicated Schools Grant- High Needs Block		The number of children with EHC Plans is increasing and there is an increasing number of children with complex needs. This may result in costs exceeding those already included in the forecast. This will increase the likely DSG deficit position. Statutory override in place until 31 March 2026, which means Local Authorities are to hold a negative DSG reserve, where there is a deficit position. There is no guidance around what happens beyond this.	Meetings with the DfE and EEFSAs have already started to discuss the Councils forecast deficit position and develop a DSG management plan. Early indication is no additional funding will be available. SEND capital grant received- options to create more provision are being reviewed. SEND Strategy being developed to affirm Peterborough approach to supporting children without the need for an Education, Health and Care Plan, what support is available in mainstream schools, and what support is available in special schools.
Education Home to School transport		Education transport - Multiple routes to be re-tendered for Academic Year 24/25. Availability of School places (mainstream and SEND) is resulting in increased eligibility for transport. It is anticipated that there will be 15 new Out of City SEND placements from September 24 and a further 15 from January 25. These placements will result in additional Transport costs. Children Looked After Transport - increasing	Only children who meet the criteria for School Transport under the Council's policies will be provided with transport. Where financially advantageous, Parental Mileage or Personal Transport budgets will be provided. Task and finish group established to focus work on cost avoidance and savings, including reviewing contracts and routes. Updated charges as agreed at Full Council in Feb 2024 are being implemented from start of school year, as agreed. Regular reviews of Children Looked After Transport are being

		number of children placed out of city resulting in high-cost taxi routes, unable to recruit additional volunteer drivers. One driver is long term sick resulting in increased use of taxi provision.	undertaken with Social Care Managers to ensure Eligibility.
Sand Martin House additional rental income - Renting out office accommodation to private sector	£0.226m	The Engine Shed at Sand Martin House is to be retained internally (rather than leased to new tenants) which means we are not able to achieve the income target for this year	The property service has a number of income/ savings targets to achieve during 24/25. While no mitigation is currently identified, the service will review all operational areas to see if this risk can be mitigated via alternative solutions, this will include reviewing costs and a commercial rent review.
Legal Services - restructure and external fees saving target	£0.382m	Funding the restructure of the legal services team, plus £0.1m saving target placed on the external legal fees (instructing external legal advice) during the 24/25 MTFS process.	Following a consultation exercise, the structure of the legal services team is currently being reviewed by the recently appointed monitoring officer, in collaboration with finance and CLT. This needs to take account of budget affordability but should help to reduce reliance on external legal instruction. Legal services have overspent in recent years due to the increasing demand on the service and the need to use external advice and cover vacancies. A recent change in approach to centralise budgets has meant that legal activity should now all be via the legal team to provide better oversight of legal activity across the Council. Despite this, and even if savings can be delivered, it is still possible that the service will be reporting a pressure by year-end. We are currently carrying out a review of the predicted spending on external lawyers and locums to improve the accuracy of forecasting in this business area.
NNDR	Impact from 2025/26	This risk relates to an anticipated reduction in income from NNDR. This is due to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Rise in properties receiving empty property relief, including avoidance schemes. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Forecasts are being reviewed in more detail with the growth team and R&B- meetings established quarterly. New software from Destin to support more accurate growth forecasts Tackling avoidance schemes

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Valuation Appeals relating to the 2017 list. • Delays from VOA in adding properties to the ratings list • Slower growth than anticipated 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Seeking professional valuation on appeals • Drive to get empty properties back in use.
Savings Delivery	£10.9m	£10.9m of savings plans are rag rated as amber or red as per section 4.3.	Officers and members are committed to the delivery of the savings. Where there are delays in delivery against the plans mitigating savings are being put in place. This is being monitored in a monthly Capital and Savings board attended by the Executive Leadership Team.

4.5 RESERVES

The Councils reserves balances are fragile, with balances forecast to reduce to just £8.9m (including £4.3m of ringfenced balances) at the end of this financial year, from £70m at the end of 2022/23, an 87% reduction. In light of the current year £10.3m forecast overspend the reserves balances leave the Council with incredibly low resilience, hampering the ability to respond to an emergency effectively or invest in service transformation. **If left unresolved, together with the projected budget gap in following year it's highly likely expenditure would exceed all available resources.** Focus is firmly on reducing the current year overspend, managing risk and ensuring a robust, balanced budget is set for the next financial year, to avoid such a situation.

The following section and table summarise the current forecast reserves position:

- **General Fund** is forecast to reduce to £0.467m, as it is assumed this will be used to fund the £10.3m in year overspend to ensure there is a balanced position.
- **The Dedicated Schools Grant (DSG)** is forecast to be in a deficit position, which is held as a negative reserve. The table only takes account of the 2024/25 overspend, but if the current trajectory continues its likely the deficit will increase in 2025/26.
- **Local Tax Income Reserve** is being used to mitigate the pressure from the Business Rates volatility. It's expected this will be fully used in 2025/26 due to an expected collection fund deficit.
- **Departmental & Grant related reserves** are usually grant funds which have been received in advance for specific projects covering multiple years.
- **Ring-Fenced Reserves** are held for a specific purpose. These include Insurance, Schools Capital Expenditure, Parish Council Burial Ground, Hackney Carriage and Public Health reserves.
- **Inflation Reserve** was established to provide a safety blanket to mitigate the immediate financial impact of any inflation pressures. During 2024/25 its intended use includes mitigating the expected energy income (ERF) shortfall, as energy prices have fallen below forecasts due to a rise in solar PV across the UK.
- **Innovation Fund** - This reserve is held to fund one-off type expenditure, such as service transformation, which will improve the longer-term financial position of the Council as contained in the MTFs. As per the Councils reserves policy these are being considered for approval by the officer led Capital and Invest to Save Board.

Table 3: Reserves Position

	Est Bal at 31.03.24	Est Bal at 31.03.25	Est Bal at 31.03.26
	£000	£000	£000
General Fund	10,342	467	1,217
Departmental & Grant Related Reserve	4,569	2,957	2,404
Innovation Fund Reserve	15,114	2,911	2,413
Local Taxation Risk Reserve	4,187	819	719
Inflation Risk Reserve	3,797	1,197	1,197
Ring-Fenced Reserves	4,922	4,317	4,210
Total Earmarked and General Fund Balance (Exc DSG)	42,931	12,668	12,160
Dedicated School Grant*	2,163	(3,702)	(3,702)

Total Earmarked and General Fund Balance	45,093	8,966	8,458
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*assumes no further DSG overspend beyond 2024/25.

4.6 CAPITAL PROGRAMME

Overview

The Council's Capital Programme is set at £140.9m, as set out in Table 4:

Table 4: Capital Programme Actual Performance	£m
Capital Programme agreed at Council on 21 February 2024	120.4
Slippage from 2023/24	28.4
Moratorium Paused Schemes	(7.9)
Total Capital Programme	140.9

Due to Interest rates remaining higher than predicted and rates not expected to reduce until September, the cost of borrowing is putting significant (£3.5m) strain on the Councils Revenue budget. To put this into context where existing loans are maturing at lower rates, refinancing options are at rates of c5.4%, during 2024/25 there are c£70m of loans due to mature. In response to this the Capital and Invest to Save Board has agreed to introduce a **Capital Moratorium with immediate effect** until Bank of England (BoE) base interest rates reduce to an acceptable level. This moratorium applies to all capital schemes apart from those that are:

- externally funded (i.e. by grant),
- absolutely required for Health and Safety, or
- Invest to Save (cashable revenue savings above the cost of borrowing).

This has therefore had some impact on the forecast, as schemes falling outside of the above criteria have been paused. As at the end of quarter 1 the Council is forecasting to spend £111.4m, 79% of the total programme. At this only point £13.6m (10%) has been spent or committed, as summarised in Table 5.

Table 5: Capital Programme Spend and forecast by directorate.

Directorate	Budget £000	Actual Spend & Commitments £000	%	Forecast Spend £000	Projected Variance £000
Corporate Services	36,271	725	2%	30,401	(5,871)
Children and Young People	29,818	(269)	-1%	17,366	(12,451)
Adult Social Care	4,826	436	9%	3,582	(1,244)
Place & Economy	69,994	12,684	18%	60,060	(9,935)
Total	140,909	13,577	10%	111,409	(29,500)

The following section provides further information on the scheme progress:

Place & Economy

The Housing capital budget for 24/25 is £13m, of which up to £4.5m may be delayed until borrowing costs reduce. The remaining £8.5m includes spend to date, and the remainder is committed as match funding for grant schemes in connection with the Local Authority Housing

Fund, and Single Homelessness Accommodation programme, and purchases of properties for Temporary Accommodation.

The Towns fund programme shows a budget of £9.9m in this financial year and £12m in future years. As works continue on these schemes £9.1m is now forecast to be spent by March 2025 with £10.6m in 25/26 and £2.4m extending to 26/27.

Milestone Infrastructure, our highways partner, are expected to carry out grant funded works over the next 12 months totalling £6.8 million. This includes the enhancement of roads, bridges and street lighting as well as pothole repairs.

Milestone are also set to deliver three significant projects for a combined £6.5 million this financial year - Cygnet Bridge (within the Towns Fund Programme, and completing in 2025/26), city centre hostile mitigation and extreme weather highways improvements which are required to proceed for reasons of Health & Safety.

Corporate Services

The Corporate Services capital programme includes slippage in respect of redevelopment schemes for both Westcombe Square (-£2.4m) and 4 & 5 Royce Road (£2.15m). Both schemes are forecast to incur £100k in design fees during 24/25, but the significant construction activity will be during 25/26. There is also slippage for the Cremator relining works (£50k), as well as a small forecast slippage on the Strategic Property Portfolio Asset Management Plan of £800k (6% of budget).

Adult Social Care

The Adults capital programme includes £3m for Disabled Facilities Grant (DFG) projects, all fully grant funded and expected to be spent during 24/25.

Children and Young People

The Childrens and Young People capital programme includes £7.6m in 24/25 for the building of a new primary school in the Great Haddon area. The project is currently at the feasibility stage with a proposal for a partial opening of the school in Sep-25. The programme includes a high needs grant of £12m which is profiled over the next two years. Part of this grant is being used to convert the former St Georges Hydro Pool into teaching space for children at Heltwate school and there is on-going work on proposals for use of the remaining grant to provide additional SEND pupil places in Peterborough. The programme also has £3m of schools' condition grant which is being used to improve the condition of maintained schools and any health and safety works required. Survey have been carried out at the schools and works have been identified to be carried out over the summer holidays. Works include re-roofing and remediation works.

Appendix B providing the performance at directorate and scheme level.

Funding

The Council aims to fund the Capital Programme from grants, third-party contributions or capital receipts, with new borrowing only being incurred only when absolutely necessary. Due to the position on the Capital financing programme the Council will be closely reviewing grants to ensure claims are submitted at the earlier possible point, with the property team also reviewing the disposal programme to look at options to bring timelines forward or consider additional assets for sale.

Within the first two weeks of the 2024/25, four rural sales completed totalling £6.2m. Further projected asset sales planned in 2024/25 total £17.1m, of these £6.7m is currently RAG rated as amber and £10.9m as green. This will be achieved via disposal of the rural estate, locality asset review and surplus commercial assets.

5. CORPORATE PRIORITIES

- 5.1 Monitoring the Councils in year forecast outturn is a key part of the Council's performance and improvement framework and aims to demonstrate how the Council manages its finances and expenditure throughout the year. This therefore supports all the council's priorities, but it is strongly geared towards enabling the Council to deliver on the following priority:

Supported by a Sustainable Future City Council - adjust how we work, serve and enable, informed by strong data and insight capability and led by a culture of strong leadership.

6. CONSULTATION

- 6.1 Not Applicable - Performance report, item for information

7. ANTICIPATED OUTCOMES OR IMPACT

- 7.1 For Cabinet to review and note the Councils current year forecast Outturn Position for 2024/25.

8. REASON FOR THE RECOMMENDATION

- 8.1 To ensure members of the Cabinet are abreast of the Councils current year forecast Outturn Position for 2024/25.

9. ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED

- 9.1 Not Applicable - Performance report, item for information.

10. IMPLICATIONS

Financial Implications

10. Not Applicable - Performance report, item for information.

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Legal Implications

10. There are no legal implications in respect of what is proposed in the report which is a performance report.

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Equalities Implications

10. Not Applicable - Performance report, item for information

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11. BACKGROUND DOCUMENTS

12. APPENDICES

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 - Appendix B – Capital Scheme Variance Analysis
 - Appendix C – Council Tax, Business Rates and Debt Performance

Appendix A – Departmental Variances

Budget Group	Budget £000	Forecast Spend £000	Projected Variance £000	Overall Status
Director Place & Economy	20	19	-	On Budget
Infrastructure & Environment - Highways & Transport	5,456	5,569	113	Overspend
Growth & Regeneration - Planning & Building Control	1,602	1,583	(19)	Underspend
Infrastructure & Environment - Environment & Climate Change	8,890	8,890	-	On Budget
Infrastructure & Environment - Westcombe Engineering	34	34	-	On Budget
Housing & Communities - Domestic Abuse Partnership	109	109	-	On Budget
Growth & Regeneration - Growth & Economic Development	69	69	-	On Budget
Housing & Communities - Stronger Communities	3,690	5,971	2,281	Overspend
Housing & Communities - Safer Communities	(1,627)	(1,616)	11	Overspend
Infrastructure & Environment - Regulatory Services	1,189	1,189	-	On Budget
Housing & Communities - Emergency Planning	139	139	-	On Budget
Total Place & Economy	19,571	21,956	2,385	Overspend
Adults - Commissioning	64,203	65,573	1,371	Overspend
Adults and Safeguarding	9,356	9,184	(172)	Underspend
Executive Director Adult Social Care	1,184	1,289	105	Overspend
Performance & Strategic Development	214	200	(13)	Underspend
Principal Social Worker	224	211	(13)	Underspend
Total Adult Social Care	75,180	76,457	1,278	Overspend
Executive Director of Children's Services	957	1,007	50	Overspend
Education	11,443	11,289	(154)	Underspend
Children's - Operations	17,666	18,389	724	Overspend
Children's Commissioning	24,445	27,164	2,720	Overspend
Commercial Operations	719	706	(13)	Underspend
DSG-carry forward (reserve)	-	(6,111)	(6,111)	Underspend
DSG-Central School Services Block	-	38	38	Overspend
DSG-Early Years Block	-	-	-	On Budget
DSG-High Needs Block	-	5,387	5,387	Overspend
DSG-Schools Block	-	686	686	Overspend
Total Childrens and Young People	55,229	58,555	3,327	Overspend
Children 0-5 Health Visitors	3,736	3,736	-	On Budget
Children 5-19 Health Programmes	1,001	1,001	-	On Budget
Sexual Health	2,095	2,007	(88)	Underspend
Substance Misuse	2,407	2,407	-	On Budget
Substance Misuse Grants Expenditure	2,622	2,622	-	On Budget
Smoking and Tobacco	268	262	(6)	Underspend
DPH Office & Intelligence Team and Projects	1,734	1,835	102	Overspend
Health Check Services	155	155	-	On Budget

Budget Group	Budget £000	Forecast Spend £000	Projected Variance £000	Overall Status
Healthy Lifestyles & Publicity	274	274	-	On Budget
Weight Management and Obesity	296	289	(8)	Underspend
Substance Misuse Grants	(2,622)	(2,622)	-	On Budget
Public Health Grant	(12,282)	(12,282)	-	On Budget
Total Public Health	(316)	(316)	-	On Budget
Director of Corporate Services	320	313	(6)	Underspend
HR & Workforce Development	2,902	3,001	99	Overspend
Financial Services	2,349	2,349	-	On Budget
Corporate Items	11,401	11,436	35	Overspend
Operational Services	5,690	5,690	-	On Budget
Digital, Data & Technology Services	7,049	7,049	(1)	Underspend
Cemeteries, Cremation & Registrars	(1,895)	(2,182)	(286)	Underspend
Corporate Property	1,521	1,519	(2)	Underspend
Marketing & Communications	540	548	8	Overspend
Internal Audit and Insurance	1,850	1,843	(7)	Underspend
Chief Executive	330	337	6	Overspend
Director of Legal & Governance	207	231	24	Overspend
Legal Services	2,000	1,937	(63)	Underspend
Information Governance	220	224	4	Overspend
Constitutional Services	2,065	2,075	10	Overspend
Total Corporate Services	36,548	36,368	(180)	Underspend
Capital Financing - MRP	17,954	18,954	1,000	Overspend
Capital Financing - Interest Payable	17,800	20,237	2,436	Overspend
Capital Financing - Interest Receivable	(1,705)	(1,705)	-	On Budget
Capital Financing - Other	51	80	29	Overspend
Total Capital Financing	34,100	37,565	3,465	Overspend
Total Expenditure	220,310	230,585	10,275	Overspend
Funding	(220,310)	(220,310)	-	On Budget
Net	-	10,275	10,275	Overspend

Appendix B – Capital Scheme Variance Analysis

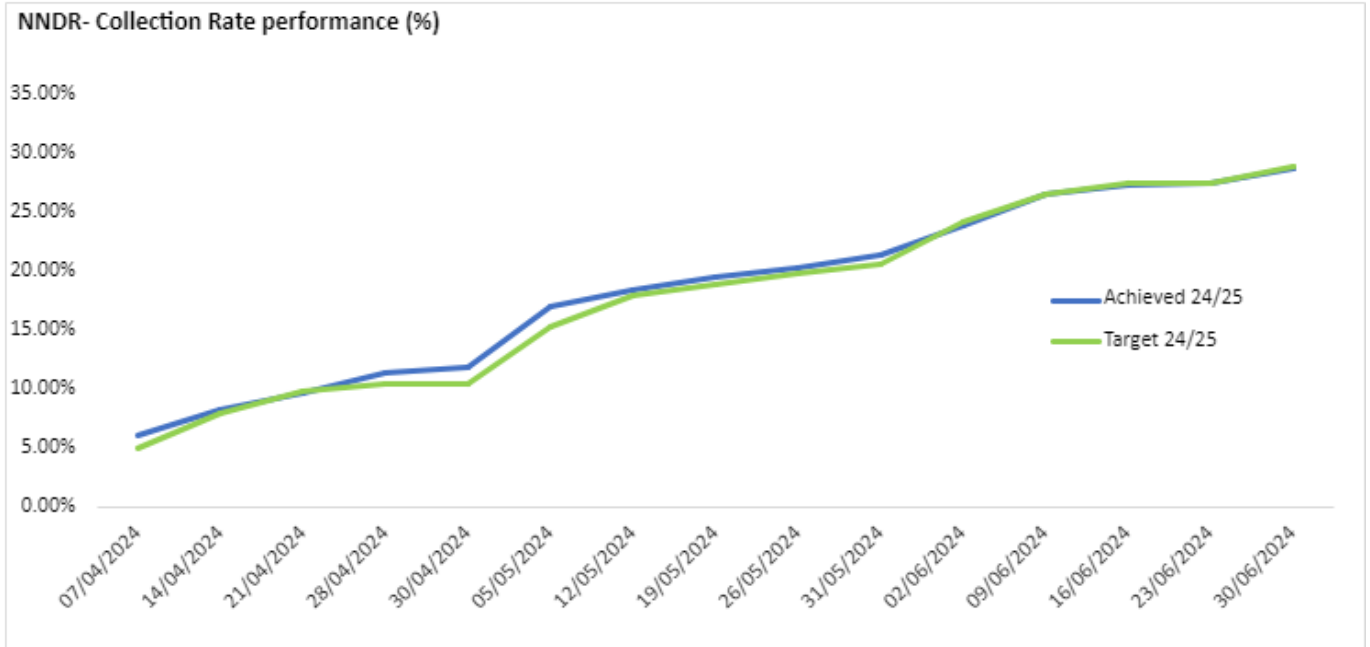
Schemes	Budget £000	Forecast Spend £000	Projected Variance £000
Corporate Services			
Strategic Property Portfolio Asset Management Plan	13,179	12,379	(800)
Leisure Trust - Property	571	571	-
Hilton Hotel Loan	10,120	10,120	-
Cremator Relines	50	50	-
ICT Projects	4,523	4,527	5
Crematoria/Cemeteries Development	1,078	553	(525)
Installing Solar Photovoltaic Capability on Council Buildings	95	95	-
Property Acquisitions	375	375	-
Investment Properties	6,280	1,730	(4,550)
Place & Economy			
Play Area Improvement Programme	487	487	0
LTP - Integrated Transport Improvements	1,326	1,327	1
Highways and Transport minor schemes	-	-	-
Westcombe	139	139	-
A1260 Nene Parkway Improvements	1,605	1,616	11
Eastern Industries Access	2,250	1,709	(541)
A16 Norwood Dualling	916	576	(340)
Peterborough University Access	202	62	(139)
Extreme Weather Network Improvements	1,000	1,000	-
Safety Fencing Network	-	5	5
Allotments & Neighbourhood Parks (Phase 1)	31	31	-
Renewable Energy Projects (PCC)	634	634	-
Green Wheel Improvements	167	121	(46)
Towns Fund - Accelerated Fund	218	218	(0)
Towns Fund	9,753	6,867	(2,885)
Regeneration Masterplan	532	532	-
Aragon Fleet Replacement Programme	4,133	4,133	-
Emergency Active Travel (Grant)	687	167	(520)
Parking	105	105	0
A14 Cambridge to Huntingdon Improvement Scheme	60	60	-
Local Authority Treescape Fund - Forestry Commission	163	163	-
Waste Management Strategy	78	78	-
LUF - University	4,437	4,437	-
City Centre Counter Terrorism Improvement Works	1,176	1,176	-
The Boardwalks Local Nature Reserve Enhancements	120	120	-
LTP - Highway Improvements	584	634	50
LTP - Pothole Prevention Improvements	3,839	2,950	(889)
LTP - Street Lighting Improvements	814	814	-
LTP - Bridges & Structures Improvements	1,267	1,267	-
Housing	12,980	8,480	(4,500)

Schemes	Budget £000	Forecast Spend £000	Projected Variance £000
Communities - Other Infrastructure	269	261	(8)
CCTV	101	-	(101)
LUF - Station Quarter	13,203	13,203	-
Active Travel Funding 4	2,717	2,684	(33)
Growth & Regeneration - Other Infrastructure	4,000	4,000	-
Adult Social Care			
Aids And Adaptations	825	10	(815)
Disables Facilities Grant	2,906	3,306	400
Repair Assistance	69	(9)	(78)
Housing for Vulnerable People	750	-	(750)
Children and Young People			
Capital Maintenance On Schools	3,107	2,969	(138)
Mobiles Purchase/Lease	1,350	1,012	(338)
Heltwate School	500	376	(123)
Other Schools	1,084	712	(371)
PFI Condition Works	3,875	1,262	(2,613)
Manor Drive Schools	-	(421)	(421)
New School Places	7,876	2,300	(5,576)
Eye Primary Expansion	4,000	3,400	(600)
Second extension to Heltwate Special School	4,340	4,340	-
Family Hubs	171	-	(171)
Early Years Expansion	415	415	-
Contact Centre	500	-	(500)
Housing-Children's	2,600	1,000	(1,600)
	140,909	111,409	(29,500)

Appendix C – Council Tax and Business Rates Performance

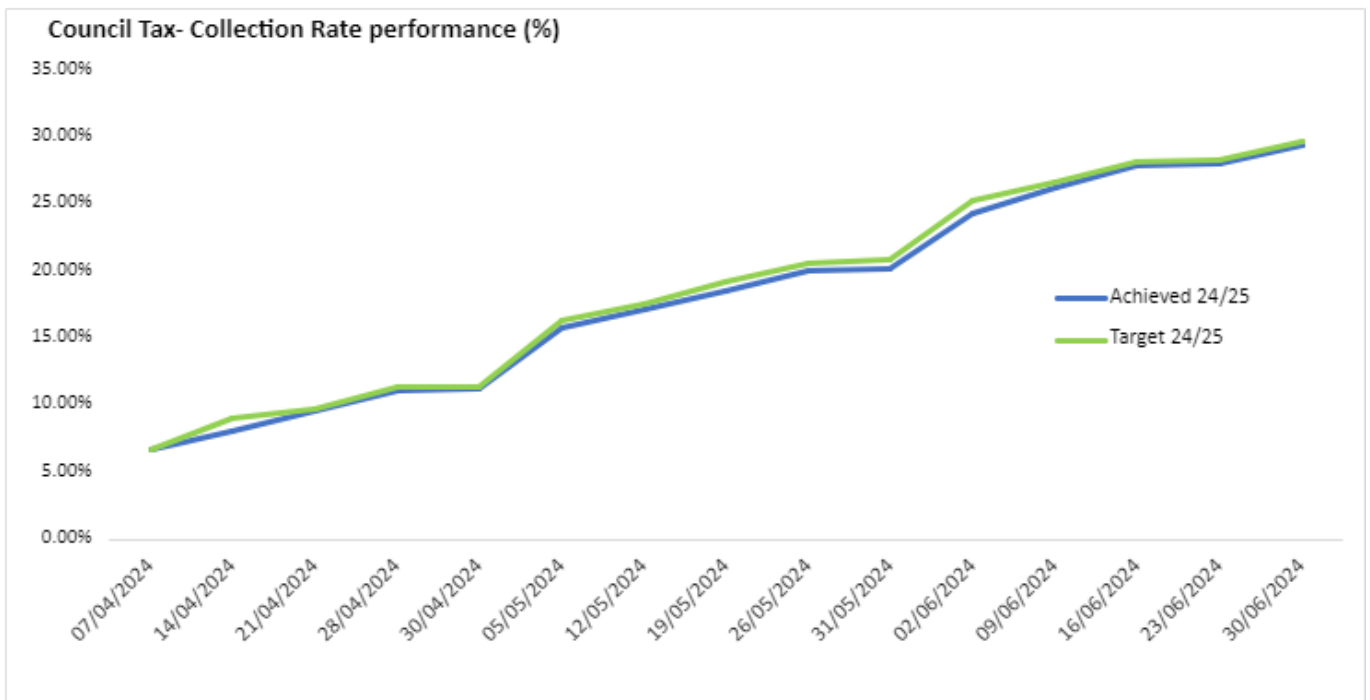
Business Rates

The Council’s collection rate for Business Rates income is 0.05% behind target for 2024/25



Council Tax

Collection rate for Council Tax income collection is 0.38% behind target. This performance will remain under close observation throughout 2024/25 especially in light of the current economic climate.



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