

Appendix 5 – Corporate Budget Forecasts.

- 1.1. The table below provides the full year forecast across the Corporate budgets followed by more detailed explanations for any under or overspends that are forecast for the year.

Management Area	Revised 2025/26 Budget	Total Full Year Forecast	Base Budget (over/under-spend)	Non Delivery of Savings	Q2 Total Variance	Q1 Total Variance	Movem ent Q1 to Q2
	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000
Corporate Budgets – Non Service	47,503	49,857	(2,835)	5,189	2,354	4,034	(1,680)
Capital Financing Charges including MRP)	22,293	20,259	(2,034)	0	(2,034)	0	(2,034)
Contingency	9,285	14,473	(1)	5,189	5,188	5,189	(1)
Treasury Management Charges (borrowing costs and investment income)	17,350	13,900	(3,450)	0	(3,450)	0	(3,450)
Other Corporate Budgets	35,595	34,345	(1,251)	0	(1,251)	(1,155)	(96)
Bad Debt Provision	0	3,900	3,900	0	3,900	0	3,900
Exceptional Finance Support	(37,020)	(37,020)	0	0	0	0	0

- 1.2. At Quarter 2, the Corporate budgets are reporting a projected overspend of £2.4m
- 1.3. This mainly consists of forecast underspends on Capital Financing and Treasury management but is offset by the bad debt provision of £3.9m and forecast of non-delivery of 3 council-wide savings totalling £5.19m which include £3.2m procurement and commissioning savings, £900,000 of enabling savings and £1.29m related to income generation.

2025/26 Savings

- 1.4. Against a full year savings target of £5.7m, the forecast delivery on savings is 10%, the table below sets out the full details of the savings and delivery forecast.
- 1.5. The agreed savings target per programme are set out below:
- Enabling Services £1.0m Target

- Contract and Procurement £3.25m Target
- Commercial income £1.29m.

Cabinet Decision Date	Saving proposal	2025/26 £'000s	2025/26 Projected Full Year Savings £'000s	2025/26 Savings (surplus)/ shortfall £'000s	RAG Status (Delivery of 2025/26 Saving)	Comment on Delivery RAG Status
Feb-25	Enabling Services Review	-1,000	-100	-900	Red	Work has commenced on this programme (and specifically just in one area/function which is 'Project Management', which is not a single function but includes teams/capacity distributed across the council. A plan for further enabling services to be reviewed has been developed and subject to approval by the Enabling Services Board at its next meeting.
Feb-25	Commissioning, Procurement and Contract Management	-3,000	0	-3,000	Red	Task and finish groups are in place and opportunities being investigated - cashable savings are in the process of being identified. In addition, a project to fully review commissioning activity and approach to commissioning has commenced and is expected to enable the delivery of the £9m savings over the next three years.
Feb-25	Residual reduction in General Fund staffing budgets by 5% in 2025/26 (-100	(100)	0	Green	This is the residual 5% savings that are held corporately and have not been allocated to Directorates. With the exception of Children's Services, all Directorates are reporting as on track to deliver their 5% savings - however there remains risk in some of these areas and some mitigations will be required.
Feb-25	Income Generation	-500	0	-500	Red	There are 4 projects currently in this programme. All in early discovery phases so not able to give reliable income forecasts. Lack of dedicated resources is holding up the pace of this work and Business cases required for investment will be prepared.

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Feb-24	Previously agreed commercial income savings	-789	0	-789	Red	This saving is now being delivered through the wider income generation programme referenced above and update will be provided at Quarter 2.
Feb-24	Digital Together - Corporate Programme	-360	-360	0	Amber	This saving is to be either allocated across services or mitigations found from corporate budgets
Total		-5,749	-560	-5,189		

1.6. Work is underway and part savings have been identified for the three cross cutting savings. These are currently held corporately pending confirmation of which service budgets will be impacted.

Capital Forecasts

SCHEME REF	SCHEME NAME	2025/26 Revised Budget @ QTR. 1 (£'000)	2025/26 QTR. 2 Adjustments (£'000)	2025/26 QTR. 2 Revised Budget (£'000)	2025/26 QTR.2 Full year Forecast Outturn (£'000)	Budget Variance (£'000)	RAG Status on: Budget	RAG Status on: Time	RAG Status on: Scope	Variance Btw. Qtr. 2 & Qtr. 1 Forecast (£'000)	Scheme Progress Comments
697	Exceptional Financial Support	37,000	0	37,000	37,000	0	Green	Green	Green	0	It is anticipated that the full allocation of EFS will be used in 2025/26.
699	P6 - Approved Capital Programme Contingency	10,256	0	10,256	10,256	(0)	Green	Green	Green	0	For monitoring purposes, it has been assumed that there will be full spend of the capital contingency
Corporate Items		47,256	0	47,256	47,256	(0)				0	

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SCHEME REF	SCHEME NAME	2025/26 Revised Budget (after Virement) (£'000)	2026/27 Budget (£'000)	2027/28 Budget (£'000)	2028/29 Budget (£'000)	2029/30 Budget (£'000)	2025/26 - 29/30 Total (£'000)
697	Exceptional Financial Support	37,000	0	0	0	0	37,000
699	P6 - Approved Capital Programme Contingency	10,256	5,000	0	0	0	15,256
Corporate Items		47,256	5,000	0	0	0	52,256