

Title of Report:	Period 9 ES Management Accounts and Financial Positions 2024/25
Committee Report Submitted To:	Environmental Services Committee
Date of Meeting:	11th February 2025
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

Estimated Timescale for Completion	
Date to be Completed	

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 9.

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 **£31,454,883.39**. This is based on expenditure budget of **£37,162,513.25** and income budget of **£5,707,629.86**.

The Environmental Services position at Period 9 shows a **£397,193.48 positive variance (P9 was £523,475.34 positive variance)**.

The main costs and income attributing to the ES P9 position are summarised as follows as variances against budget.

- Employee costs are £282k positive
- Premises costs are £73k adverse
- Transport Costs are £180k adverse
- Supplies and Services are £391k positive
- Third Party Payments are £85k positive
- Grant Income is £106k positive
- Revenue Income is £229k adverse

Head of Service	Actual Net Expenditure	Budgeted Net Expenditure	Net Expenditure Variance	Annual Budgeted Net Expenditure
Estates	5,669,887.66	5,552,954.00	(116,933.66)	7,217,151.98
Health and Built Environment	1,590,355.13	2,067,755.66	477,400.53	2,755,046.60
Infrastructure	(644,726.88)	(712,165.47)	(67,438.59)	(281,927.65)
Operations	15,247,419.27	15,312,015.08	64,595.81	20,845,469.62
ES Business Support	544,686.58	574,833.00	30,146.42	766,866.40
Environmental Services Centrally Managed	98,489.54	107,912.51	9,422.97	152,276.44
	22,506,111.30	22,903,304.78	397,193.48	31,454,883.39

Estates.

P9 Actual Expenditure	P9 Budget Expenditure	P9 Actual Income	P9 Budget Income	Net Expenditure Variance
5,877,518.85	5,762,132.79	(207,631.19)	(209,178.79)	(116,933.66)

£117k adverse. Material costs have exceeded estimated budget.

Health and Built Environment.

P9 Actual Expenditure	P9 Budget Expenditure	P9 Actual Income	P9 Budget Income	Net Expenditure Variance
3,080,956.18	3,160,143.55	(1,490,601.05)	(1,092,387.89)	477,400.53

£477k positive. Employee costs are £253k positive due to agreed structure not being populated. This is currently underway. Fee Income is favourable by £265k including £255k from Building Control.

Infrastructure.

P9 Actual Expenditure	P9 Budget Expenditure	P9 Actual Income	P9 Budget Income	Net Expenditure Variance
1,298,572.84	1,414,685.12	(1,943,299.72)	(2,126,850.59)	(67,438.59)

£67k adverse. Car park income £241k adverse. Employee costs are £155k favourable.

Operations.

P9 Actual Expenditure	P9 Budget Expenditure	P9 Actual Income	P9 Budget Income	Net Expenditure Variance
16,044,291.34	16,443,676.77	(796,872.07)	(1,131,661.69)	64,595.81

£65k favourable variance in Period 9. Employee costs are £363k adverse. A breakdown of the Variances are as follows

Function	Variance	Comments
Waste Collection & Street Cleansing	£71k Adverse	Employee cost increase.
Landfill & Compost Site	£507k Adverse	Due to reduction in 3 rd party income
HRC's	£103k Adverse	Employee cost increase.
Waste Disposal Contracts	£1,010k Favourable <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Black Bin Contract - £807k (fav) ○ Blue Bin Contract - £201k (fav) ○ Brown Bin Contract £50k (adv) ○ Other Waste Contracts - £55k (fav) 	Variations on predicted tonnages due to extended opening of Craigahulliar for Council waste only and lower price for the recycling (blue bin) contract
Transfer Stations & Depots	£54k Adverse	On target
Public Conveniences	£59k Adverse	Employee cost increase.

Garages	£118k Adverse	Increase in servicing, parts and insurance
Ops Management	£34k Adverse	NWRWVG underprovided for tender consultant costs

ES Business Support.
£30k positive - on target

ES Centrally Managed.
£9k 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. At Period 9, due to loss of income from car parks and 3rd party waste, but offset by extending the opening of landfill, increased income from Building Control, ES financial position has a positive variance of **£397,193.48**.

4.0 Capital Expenditure

The tables below set out the capital expenditure that has been approved through Council thus far for the 2024/25 Financial Year:

Environmental Services

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 £79, 005.00</i>

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	£124,040
November 2024	20	Air Quality Monitoring Equipment	£42,735
November 2024	22	Limavady Council Offices Fire Alarm	£76,017
November 2024	23	Castlerock Footbridge	£678,996
December 2024	13	Additional cost for telehandler previously approved	£9,950
December 2024	14	Ballintoy Variable Message Signage	£22,299
Total			£3,134,867

5.0 Recommendation

Members are requested to note the paper.