

<b>Title of Report:</b>	<b>Period 11 ES Management Accounts and Financial Positions 2024/25</b>
<b>Committee Report Submitted To:</b>	<b>Environmental Services Committee</b>
<b>Date of Meeting:</b>	<b>8<sup>th</sup> April 2025</b>
<b>For Decision or For Information</b>	<b>For Information</b>
<b>To be discussed In Committee YES/NO</b>	<b>NO</b>

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

<b>Estimated Timescale for Completion</b>	
Date to be Completed	

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

<b>Legal Considerations</b>	
Input of Legal Services Required	<b>YES/NO</b>
Legal Opinion Obtained	<b>YES/NO</b>

<b>Screening Requirements</b>	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 10.

## 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 11 shows a **£225,049.87 positive variance** (P10 was £556,051.37 positive variance).

The main costs and income attributing to the ES P11 position are summarised as follows as variances against budget.

- Employee costs are £345k positive
- Premises costs are £232k adverse
- Transport Costs are £233k adverse
- Supplies and Services are £66k adverse
- Third Party Payments are £107k positive
- Income is £225k positive

Head of Service	Actual Net Expenditure	Budgeted Net Expenditure	Net Expenditure Variance	Annual Budgeted Net Expenditure
Estates	6,785,549.40	6,558,674.01	(226,875.39)	7,217,151.98
Health and Built Environment	2,012,393.18	2,500,280.12	487,886.94	2,755,046.60
Infrastructure	(795,063.16)	(783,940.47)	11,122.69	(281,927.65)
Operations	18,476,301.90	18,407,814.11	(68,487.79)	20,845,469.62
ES Business Support	660,430.84	702,104.84	41,674.00	766,866.40
Environmental Services Centrally Managed	121,185.53	131,096.00	9,910.47	152,276.44
	27,260,797.69	27,516,028.61	255,230.92	31,454,883.39

### Estates.

P11 Actual Expenditure	P11 Budget Expenditure	P11 Actual Income	P11 Budget Income	Net Expenditure Variance
7,056,365.42	6,808,989.96	(270,816.02)	(250,315.95)	<b>(226,875.39)</b>

£227k adverse. Employee costs are positive by £263k. Income is on target at £21k. Estates maintenance has a adverse variance of £140k.

### Health and Built Environment.

P11 Actual Expenditure	P11 Budget Expenditure	P11 Actual Income	P11 Budget Income	Net Expenditure Variance
3,779,579.72	3,823,418.37	(1,767,186.54)	(1,323,138.25)	<b>487,886.94</b>

£488k positive. Employee costs are £325k positive due to agreed structure not being populated. This is currently underway. Fee Income is favourable by £444k including £285k from Building Control.

### Infrastructure.

P11 Actual Expenditure	P11 Budget Expenditure	P11 Actual Income	P11 Budget Income	Net Expenditure Variance
1,471,918.61	1,691,194.19	(2,266,981.77)	(2,475,134.66)	<b>11,122.69</b>

£11k positive. Total income is £209k adverse. Car park income £298k adverse. Harbour Income is positive by £83k. Employee costs are £183k favourable.

### Operations.

P11 Actual Expenditure	P11 Budget Expenditure	P11 Actual Income	P11 Budget Income	Net Expenditure Variance
19,622,254.75	19,626,020.78	(1,145,952.85)	(1,218,206.67)	<b>(68,487.79)</b>

£68k adverse variance in Period 11. Employee costs are £431k adverse. A breakdown of the Variances are as follows

Function	Variance	Comments
Waste Collection & Street Cleansing	£163k Adverse	Employee cost increase.
Landfill & Compost Site	£334k Adverse	Due to reduction in 3 <sup>rd</sup> party income
HRC's	£144k Adverse	Employee cost increase.
Waste Disposal Contracts	£885k Favourable <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Black Bin Contract - £643k (fav)</li> <li>Blue Bin Contract - £220k (fav)</li> <li>Brown Bin Contract £52k (adv)</li> <li>Other Waste Contracts - £74k (fav)</li> </ul>	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	£59k Adverse	On target

Public Conveniences	£74k Adverse	Employee cost increase.
Garages	£137k Adverse	Increase in servicing, parts and insurance
Ops Management	£41k Adverse	NWRWMG underprovided for tender consultant costs

ES Business Support.  
£42k positive - on target

ES Centrally Managed.  
£10k 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 3<sup>rd</sup> party waste, but offset by extending the opening of landfill, increased income from Building Control, ES financial position has a positive variance of **£225,049.87**.

### 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	<b>Option 1, “the required works”:-</b>  <i>Most Economically advantageous tenderer:- £68, 700.00 + VAT</i>  <i>Contingency Sum of 15%,</i>  <i>(£10, 305.00) being applied, with a resultant</i>

			<i>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
March 2025	20	Purchase of replacement HRC Compactors and containers	£134,200
<b>Total</b>			<b>£3,269,067</b>

## **5.0 Recommendation**

Members are requested to note the paper.