

Title of Report:	Period 8 ES Management Accounts and Financial Positions 2025/26
Committee Report Submitted To:	Environmental Services Committee
Date of Meeting:	13th January 2026
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 8.

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 2025/26 is **£32,689,479.07**. This is based on expenditure budget of **£39,511,868.06** and income budget of **£6,822,388.99**.

The Environmental Services position at Period 8 shows a **£122,937.89 adverse variance** (P7 was a £173k adverse variance).

The main costs and income attributing to the ES P8 position are summarised as follows as variances against budget.

Head of Service	Actual Net Expenditure	Budgeted Net Expenditure	Net Expenditure Variance	Net Expenditure Variance PP	Movement in NE Variance from PP	Annual Budgeted Net Expenditure	Remaining Net Expenditure
Estates	5,600,365.10	5,096,321.44	(504,043.66)	(415,965.21)	(88,078.45)	7,651,860.02	2,051,494.92
Health and Built Environment	1,771,521.14	1,746,446.68	(25,074.46)	(22,711.05)	(2,363.41)	2,672,847.00	901,325.86
Infrastructure	(713,100.54)	(314,773.05)	398,327.49	404,518.94	(6,191.45)	(66,593.79)	646,506.75
Operations	14,524,149.33	14,584,773.45	60,624.12	(88,564.64)	149,188.76	21,544,580.48	7,020,431.15
ES Business Support	522,468.28	488,114.85	(34,353.43)	(33,886.27)	(467.16)	733,302.20	210,833.92
Environmental Services Centrally Managed	110,810.05	92,392.10	(18,417.95)	(16,706.82)	(1,711.13)	153,483.16	42,673.11
	21,816,213.36	21,693,275.47	(122,937.89)	(173,315.05)	50,377.16	32,689,479.07	10,873,265.71

Estates

P8 Actual Expenditure	P8 Budget Expenditure	P8 Actual Income	P8 Budget Income	Net Expenditure Variance
5,995,592.68	5,282,112.46	395,227.58	185,791.02	(504,043.66)

£504k (period 7 - £535k) adverse.

Expenses are adverse by £713k, of which £170k relates to labour costs. Primarily due to overtime costs at events, it is offset by Overhead Recovery income of £161k. Supplies and Services are adverse by £545k, of which £205k relates to equipment repairs. Some works carried out by Estates are capital works and purchases such as play equipment. This is currently being quantified. These have been coded to revenue but need to be capitalised and removed from the management accounts for Estates. A grant to offset the works caused by Storm Amy has not been received yet. Premises costs are adverse by £71k, with

significant adverse movements in building repairs (£23k), estates materials (£29k) and planned maintenance (£25k). Transport costs are favourable by £77k.

Income is £209k favourable, primarily due to overhead recovery income from Events (£161k). Cemetery income is adverse by £11k.

Health and Built Environment

P8 Actual Expenditure	P8 Budget Expenditure	P8 Actual Income	P8 Budget Income	Net Expenditure Variance
2,929,755.83	3,055,323.05	1,158,234.69	1,308,876.37	(25,074.46)

£25k adverse (period 7 - £23k) positive.

Expenses are favourable by £126k. Labour costs are favourable by £201k, of which £84k is in Building Control, £84k is in Public Health & Housing and the remainder in various areas. Transport costs are £47k adverse. Supplies and Services are adverse by £12k. Support Services costs are adverse by £23k. Third party payments are favourable by £5k.

Income is adverse by £151k. Building Control income is adverse by £214k due to over estimation of income. HBE Gen Mgt is favourable by £15k. Food Safety is favourable by £14k, due to a Non-Govt Revenue Grant. Licensing and Emergency Planning is favourable by £3k. Environmental Protection is favourable by £7k.

Infrastructure

P8 Actual Expenditure	P8 Budget Expenditure	P8 Actual Income	P8 Budget Income	Net Expenditure Variance
1,188,920.69	1,394,718.10	1,902,021.23	1,709,491.15	398,327.49

£398k (period 7 - £405k) positive.

Expenses are £206k favourable. Labour costs are favourable by £173k, of which £156k relates to Harbours & Marinas. Non-labour costs are £33k favourable. Supplies and Services are favourable by £18k. Premises costs are favourable by £11k.

Income is favourable by £193k. Car Parks are favourable by £121k. Car park income lost due to the Open has been transferred back into the infrastructure budget. Marinas are favourable by £71k.

Operations

P8 Actual Expenditure	P8 Budget Expenditure	P8 Actual Income	P8 Budget Income	Net Expenditure Variance
15,238,605.51	15,135,518.37	714,456.18	550,744.92	60,624.12

£61k favourable variance at the end of Period 8 (Period 7 - £89k adverse).

Expenses are adverse by £103k. Employee costs are adverse by £251k as a result of events, seasonal profiling and an underestimation of the pay award. Premises costs are favourable by £196k. Transport costs are favourable by £98k. Supplies and Services are adverse by £125k.

Income is favourable by £164k, especially scrap metal sales (£44k) and recoupment of costings (£40k).

Function	Variance	Comments
Waste Collection & Street Cleansing	£48k favourable	Income over plan by £42k, mainly due to Trade Waste (£30k). Employee costs adverse by £57k.
Landfill & Compost Site	£30k adverse	Labour expenses are £88k adverse while non-labour expenses are favourable by £58k.
HRCs & Civic Amenities	£61k adverse	Income favourable by £39k. £50k over budget on labour costs. Non-labour expenses are adverse by £49k.
Waste Disposal Contracts	£27k favourable <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Black Bin Contract – £129k favourable Blue Bin Contract - £28k favourable Brown Bin Contract - £130k adverse Other Waste Contracts - £39k favourable 	Brown bin contract is £130k adverse at end of P8. This is primarily down to the increased tonnage going through the contract. This tonnage has started to decrease considerably as we move into the autumn and winter months.
Transfer Stations & Depots	£119k favourable	Non-labour expenses are favourable by £107k. Labour costs are £6k adverse. Income is favourable by £19k.
Public Conveniences	£37k adverse	£18k adverse on employee costs and £19k favourable on non-labour expenses.
Garages	£14k favourable	£43k under on labour costs. £28k over on other costs.
Ops Management	£62k adverse	£66k adverse on labour. £4k favourable on other costs.

ES Business Support

£34k adverse (period 7 - £34k adverse)

ES Centrally Managed

£18k adverse (period 7 - £17k adverse)

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 to get back on budget. At the end of Period 8, ES financial position has an adverse variance of **£122,937.89**.

4.0 Capital Expenditure

The table below sets out the capital expenditure that has been approved through Council thus far for the 2025/26 Financial Year:

Environmental Services

Month/Year	Agenda Item No.	Fleet/Project	Amount
April 2025	19	Repair Works to Portstewart Harbour Breakwater	c. £35,838
May 2025	6	Operations and Estates fleet, plant and renewal programme for 2025-26.	£2,174,000
June 2025	16	Generator for Emergency Control Centre	c. £23,811
June 2025	17	Festive Light Upgrades and Repairs 2025	c. £92,222.24
August	11.1	Ballycastle and Portrush Dredging	£1,347,266
September 2025	26	Portrush Harbour Footbridge Repairs	£274,468.50
Total			£3,947,605.74

5.0 Recommendation

Members are requested to note the paper.