



<b>Title of Report:</b>	<b>Period 11 ES Management Accounts and Financial Positions 2025/26</b>
<b>Committee Report Submitted To:</b>	<b>Environmental Services Committee</b>
<b>Date of Meeting:</b>	<b>14<sup>th</sup> April 2026</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 11.

## 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 11 shows a **£541,653.02 favourable variance** (P10 was a £1953k favourable variance). The large swing is due to the transfer of £1412k of the EPR grant to reserves

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

FullDescription	Actual Net Expenditure	Budgeted Net Expenditure	Net Expenditure Variance	Annual Budgeted Net Expenditure	Remaining Net Expenditure
Estates	7,401,757.79	6,952,466.62	(449,291.17)	7,651,860.02	250,102.23
Health and Built Environment	2,439,747.71	2,350,468.70	(89,279.01)	2,672,847.00	233,099.29
Infrastructure	(500,614.84)	(121,819.16)	378,795.68	(66,593.79)	434,021.05
Operations	18,528,627.42	19,287,614.01	758,986.59	21,544,580.48	3,015,953.06
ES Business Support	709,897.54	667,345.33	(42,552.21)	733,302.20	23,404.66
Environmental Services Centrally	153,215.66	138,208.80	(15,006.86)	153,483.16	267.50
	<b>28,732,631.28</b>	<b>29,274,284.30</b>	<b>541,653.02</b>	<b>32,689,479.07</b>	<b>3,956,847.79</b>

### Estates.

P11 Actual Expenditure	P11 Budget Expenditure	P11 Actual Income	P11 Budget Income	Net Expenditure Variance
7,891,904.14	7,209,205.18	490,146.35	256,738.56	(449,291.17)

£449k (period 10 - £480k) adverse.

Expenses are adverse by £683k, of which £21k relates to labour costs. Supplies and Services are adverse by £627k, of which £445k relates to equipment. Premises costs are adverse by £147k, particularly in electrical and plumbing repairs (£138k). Transport costs are favourable by £121k.

Income is £233k favourable, primarily due to overhead recovery income from Events (£161k). Cemetery income is favourable by £20k.

Health and Built Environment.

P11 Actual Expenditure	P11 Budget Expenditure	P11 Actual Income	P11 Budget Income	Net Expenditure Variance
3,955,235.11	4,213,517.04	1,515,487.40	1,863,048.34	(89,279.01)

£89k adverse (period 10 - £108k).

Expenses are favourable by £258k. Labour costs are favourable by £332k, of which £164k is in Building Control, £121k is in Public Health & Housing and £66k in Environmental Protection. Other areas have adverse variances, such as Food Safety, which is £49k adverse, and Health and Safety at Work, which is £38k adverse. Transport costs are £58k adverse. Supplies and Services are on budget. Support Services costs are adverse by £25k, mainly due to a £19k adverse variance in legal costs in Enforcement. Third party payments are favourable by £6k as a result of underspends on private contractors in Environmental Protection.

Income is adverse by £348k. Building Control income is adverse by £354k due to over estimation of income in prior-year budgeting. Consumer Protection is adverse by £28k. HBE Gen Mgt is favourable by £15k. Environmental Protection is favourable by £20k, primarily due to recoupment of wage costings. Food Safety is favourable by £14k, due to a Non-Govt Revenue Grant.

Infrastructure.

P11 Actual Expenditure	P11 Budget Expenditure	P11 Actual Income	P11 Budget Income	Net Expenditure Variance
2,005,407.17	2,232,235.99	2,506,022.01	2,354,055.15	378,795.68

£378k (period 10 - £678k) favourable.

Expenses are £227k favourable. Labour costs are favourable by £221k, of which £195k relates to Harbours & Marinas. Premises costs are adverse by £318k following a capital write-off charge of £488k. Supplies & Services are favourable by £124k. Support Services are favourable by £108k and Third Party Payments are favourable by £92k.

Income is favourable by £152k. Car Parks are favourable by £106k. Harbours & Marinas are favourable by £42k.

## Operations.

P11 Actual Expenditure	P11 Budget Expenditure	P11 Actual Income	P11 Budget Income	Net Expenditure Variance
20,490,079.68	21,091,386.39	1,961,452.26	1,803,772.38	758,986.59

£758k favourable variance at the end of Period 10 (Period 10 - £1928k favourable).

Expenses are adverse by £601k. Employee costs are adverse by £141k. Directly employed staff costs are favourable by £226k and agency costs are adverse by £367k. Premises costs are favourable by £466k, with savings of £207k on electricity. Transport costs are favourable by £158k. Supplies and Services are favourable by £136k.

Income is favourable by £158k. The majority is due to scrap metal sales (£61k), and Trade Waste (£27k)

Function	Variance	Comments
Waste Collection & Street Cleansing	£201k favourable	Income over plan by £44k, mainly due to Trade Waste (£27k). Expenses favourable by £157k. including £25k labour savings.
Landfill & Recycling Centre	£122k favourable	Labour expenses are £95k adverse while non-labour expenses are favourable by £253k. Income is favourable by £37k.
HRCs & Civic Amenities	£85k favourable	Income favourable by £43k, mostly due to scrap metal. £16k over budget on labour costs. Non-labour expenses are adverse by £113k, of which 42k is due to Monitoring & Testing expenditure.
Waste Disposal Contracts	£214k favourable <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Black Bin Contract – £354k favourable</li> <li>○ Blue Bin Contract - £39k favourable</li> <li>○ Brown Bin Contract - £212k adverse</li> </ul>	Brown bin contract is a further £47k adverse due to a lack of seasonality in the timing of the budget.
Transfer Stations & Depots	£233k favourable	Income is favourable by £37k, mainly due to

		Overhead Recovery Income (£19k). Labour costs are £11k adverse. Non-labour expenses are favourable by £207k.
Public Conveniences	£53k favourable	£4k favourable on income. Employee costs are £23k adverse. Non-labour expenses are £72k favourable.
Garages	£23k favourable	£59k under on labour costs. £37k over on other costs.
Ops Management	£39k adverse	£75k adverse on labour. £36k favourable on other costs.

ES Business Support.

£43k adverse (period 10 - £46k adverse)

ES Centrally Managed.

£15k adverse (period 10 - £18k 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 11, ES financial position has a favourable variance of **£541,653.02**.

### 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
January 2026		Ballintoy Harbour Dredging	£140,019 plus VAT
January 2026		Portballintrae Harbour Slipway works	£124,711
March 2026	5	Fleet, Plant and Equipment Renewal 2026-27 (Operations & Estates)	£2,185,000
<b>Total</b>			<b>£6,397,335.74</b>

## **5.0 Recommendation**

Members are requested to note the paper.