

Title of Report:	Period 5 Draft ES Management Accounts and Financial Positions 2026/27
Committee Report Submitted To:	Environmental Services Committee
Date of Meeting:	13th October 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 draft financial position of Environmental Services Directorate at the end of Period 5.

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 2026/27 is **£34,625,154.87**. This is based on expenditure budget of **£41,262,701.10** and income budget of **£6,637,546.23**.

The Environmental Services position at Period 5 shows a **£430,078.78 positive variance** (Period 4 - £490,696.43), although as stated above it should be noted that this includes a £271k favourable variance relating to the waste related grant funding which will be moved to the Waste Management Reserve, the operational variance is therefore **£158,363.75**, the table below has been updated to reflect the reserves movements.

Directorate-wide costs and income attributing to the ES P5 position are summarised as follows as variances against budget.

- Employee costs are £341k positive (not adjusted for pay award)
- Premises costs are £363k adverse
- Transport Costs are £6k positive
- Supplies and Services are £217k adverse
- Third Party Payments are £25k positive
- Income is £664k positive (including the pEPR grant funding surplus)

Head of Service	Actual Net Expenditure	Budgeted Net Expenditure	Net Expenditure Variance	Transfer to/from other Reserves	Operational Annual Budgeted Variance	Net Expenditure	Remaining Net Expenditure
Estates	3,846,580.25	3,406,381.18	(440,199.07)		(440,199.07)	8,210,337.14	4,363,756.89
Health and Built Environment	936,734.78	1,251,332.84	314,598.06		314,598.06	3,142,391.21	2,205,656.43
Infrastructure	(501,385.70)	(423,151.20)	78,234.50		78,234.50	(200,231.19)	301,154.51
Operations	8,240,483.63	8,690,195.28	449,711.65	(271,715.03)	177,996.62	22,507,912.44	14,267,428.81
ES Business Support	314,737.37	320,294.83	5,557.46		5,557.46	768,323.86	453,586.49
Environmental Services Centrally Managed	56,762.90	78,939.08	22,176.18		22,176.18	196,421.41	139,658.51
	12,893,913.23	13,323,992.01	430,078.78	(271,715.03)	158,363.75	34,625,154.87	21,731,241.64

Estates.

P5 Actual Expenditure	P5 Budget Expenditure	P5 Actual Income	P5 Budget Income	Net Expenditure Variance
4,092,553.55	3,523,926.95	(245,973.30)	(117,545.77)	(440,199.07)

£441k adverse. Non-labour costs are over by £434k, particularly in grounds and building maintenance, while employee costs are favourable by £15k (albeit this has not been adjusted with regards the impending pay award). Income is over target at £40k favourable.

Health and Built Environment.

P5 Actual Expenditure	P5 Budget Expenditure	P5 Actual Income	P5 Budget Income	Net Expenditure Variance
1,726,120.34	1,952,412.09	(789,385.56)	(701,079.25)	314,598.06

£315k positive. Employee costs are £206k positive (pending pay award). Fee Income is favourable by £54k.

Infrastructure.

P5 Actual Expenditure	P5 Budget Expenditure	P5 Actual Income	P5 Budget Income	Net Expenditure Variance
1,059,437.31	1,039,769.10	(1,560,823.01)	(1,462,920.30)	78,234.50

£78k favourable. Income is £78k positive. Employee costs are £45k favourable. Premises costs are £66k adverse, mostly rates bills for additional charged carparks which were not included in the rates estimates.

Operations.

P5 Actual Expenditure	P5 Budget Expenditure	P5 Actual Income	P5 Budget Income	Net Expenditure Variance
10,127,754.85	10,228,525.55	(1,887,271.22)	(1,538,330.27)	449,711.65

£450k favourable variance in Period 5. Employee costs are £80k favourable. A breakdown of the variances is as follows:

Function	Variance	Comments
Waste Collection & Street Cleansing	£155k favourable	
Landfill & Compost Site	£61k favourable	
HRCs (Letterloan)	On budget	
Waste Disposal Contracts	£224k favourable - Black Bin Contract - £77k (fav) - Blue Bin Contract - £15k (fav) - Brown Bin Contract £165k (adv) - Other Waste Contracts - £296k (fav)	Includes waste management grant funding (£271k)
Transfer Stations & Depots	£46k Favourable	
Public Conveniences	£31k Adverse	
Garages	£20k Adverse	

Ops Management	£16k Adverse	
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ES Business Support.
£6k favourable

ES Centrally Managed.
£22k positive variance

3.0 Summary

Officers have and will continue to manage and scrutinise the budget to identify opportunities for reducing expenditure and increasing income in order to manage the budget effectively. At end of Period 5, ES financial position has a positive operational variance of **£158,363.75**.

4.0 Capital Expenditure

The table below sets out the capital expenditure that has been approved through Council thus far for the 2026/27 Financial Year:

Environmental Services

Month/Year	Agenda Item No.	Fleet/Project	Amount
April 2026	24	Rathlin Island Changing Places Compartment	£84,441
May 2026	6	Festive Trees and Lights -Town Category – No Change - Village Category – Metal Trees & Motifs - Hamlet Category (250-999) - Metal Trees - Hamlet Category (100-249) – TBC (Implemented 2027)	£0 £63,600 £81,600
June 2026	17	Portstewart Cemetery Extension	£93,282.20
Total			£322,923.20

5.0 Recommendation

Members are requested to note the paper.