Causeway Coast & Glens Borough Council

Title of Report:	**Corporate Services Management Accounts – Period 6**
Committee Report Submitted To:	**Corporate Policy and Resources**
Date of Meeting:	**24 November 2026**
For Decision or For Information	**For Decision**
To be discussed In Committee	**No**

Linkage to Council Plan (2026-31)		
Strategic Theme	Governance, Quality & Continuous Improvement	
Outcome	Value for money, with a Council that maintains financial sustainability and achieves efficiency improvements	
Lead Officer	Director of Corporate Services	
Estimated Timescale for Completion		
Date to be Completed		N/A – Monthly update
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:

1.0 Purpose of Report

The purpose of this report to provide Members with information on the current financial position of Corporate Services Directorate at the end of Period 6.

2.0 Background

Council has approved the annual budget for Corporate Services and delegated authority to officers to utilise this budget in the provision of services to the rate payers. Corporate Services budget for 2026/27 is **£7,477,085.**

3.0 Detailed Analysis

The Corporate Services position at Month 6 shows a **£214k** positive variance, as a result of **£211k** under budget in expenditure and **£3k** over budget in income**.**

Table 1 Analysis of Expenditure – Corporate Services Months 1 – 6

Head of Service Description	Actual Net Spend 2026	2026 Budget YTD	2026 Budget Variance	Sum of Annual Budget 2026	% Budget Variance
Democratic Services	948,260.13	903,620.68	(44,639.45)	1,910,471.64	-4.71
Land and Property	207,832.59	210,844.94	3,012.35	404,613.47	1.45
Human Resources	689,996.15	743,943.11	53,946.96	1,598,388.56	7.82
ICT and Business Continuity	994,660.60	1,029,852.50	35,211.90	2,186,653.43	3.54
Contributions to Other Bodies	79,084.00	82,625.47	3,541.47	160,764.00	4.48
Internal Audit	69,953.86	116,300.56	46,346.70	278,096.24	66.25
Centrally Managed	103,263.32	153,291.14	50,027.82	333,248.69	48.45
Policy & Community Planning	222,050.33	288,924.36	68,874.03	604,849.17	30.12
	3,315,080.98	3,529,402.76	214,321.78	7,477,085.20	6.47

3.1 Democratic Services (DS)

£45k adverse at period 6.

Adverse variances of £77k for Armed Forces Day (this is to be recouped from reserves) offset by favourable variances of £25k in Members allowances and £10k in Registration services.

3.2 Land and Property

Land and Property is £3k favourable at Period 6.

This includes an £11k favourable variance on salary costs and a £6k adverse variance on valuation and review costs, reflecting increased valuation activity to support the progression of Council's asset realisation and disposal programme.

3.3 Human Resources

£53k favourable in Period 6.

£7k favourable in salary costs and £5k favourable on recruitment costs. £13k favourable on Occupational Health and £9k favourable on Staff training. variances.

3.4 ICT

£35k favourable overall in Period 6.

£27k favourable on salaries, £7k on photocopying leases, £13k on photocopying charges, offset by an adverse variance of £23k on security and £9k on ICT Strategy.

3.5 Contributions to other bodies

£4k favourable at period 6, due to release of accrual re NILGA 25-26 invoice.

3.6 Internal Audit.

£46k favourable as at Period 6.

Favourable variances of £25k on salary Costs, £16k on Internal Audit Services and £5k on other Professional costs.

3.7 Centrally Managed

£50k favourable as at period 6.

Favourable variances of £22k on salary costs, £15k on telephones, £3k on Legal Services and £3k on other Professional costs.

3.8 Policy & Community Planning

£69k favourable as at period 6.

Favourable variances of £64k on salary costs (due to a number of vacant posts) and £5k on Programme Management Costs.

4.0 Recommendation

It is recommended that the Management Accounts for Period 6 - Corporate Services - and the associated narrative contained within the Report are accepted.