



Title of Report:	Planning Department Finance Report Period 1-7 Update.		
Committee Report Submitted To:	Planning Committee		
Date of Meeting:	22 January 2025		
For Decision or For Information	For Information		
To be discussed In Committee YES/NO	No		
Linkage to Council Strategy (2021-25)			
Strategic Theme	Improvement and Innovation		
Outcome	Council maintains its performance as the most efficient of NI's local authorities		
Lead Officer	Head of Planning		
Estimated Timescale for Completion			
Date to be Completed	N/A		
Budgetary Considerations			
Cost of Proposal	24/25 budget		
Included in Current Year Estimates	N/A		
Capital/Revenue	revenue		
Code	5301		
Staffing Costs	included		
Legal Considerations			
Input of Legal Services Required	NO		
Legal Opinion Obtained	NO		
Screening Requirements	Required for new or revised Policies, Plans, Strategies or Service Delivery Proposals.		
Section 75 Screening	Screening Completed:	N/A	Date:
	EQIA Required and Completed:	N/A	Date:
Rural Needs Assessment (RNA)	Screening Completed	N/A	Date:
	RNA Required and Completed:	N/A	Date:
Data Protection Impact Assessment (DPIA)	Screening Completed:	N/A	Date:
	DPIA Required and Completed:	N/A	Date:

FOR INFORMATION

1.0 Purpose

1.1 This Report is to provide Members with an update on the financial position of the Planning Department for the Period 1-7 of 2024/25 business year.

2.0 Details

2.1 Planning is showing a variance of just under £113k favourable position at end of Period 7 based on draft Management Accounts.

2.2 The favourable position at the end of Period 7 is due to favourable position in relation to wages and salaries expenditure of over £140k whilst pre-employment procedures continue to fill vacant posts, monitoring of vacant 1.6FTE Business Support Assistant posts, and prior to issuing of pay rise and backpay. This favourable position in relation to wages and salaries is reduced by a deficit in income of over £27k, an improvement from £42k deficit in Period 1-6 and assisted by the increase in income from Property Certificates.

2.3 Although the number of planning applications received over this period has increased when compared to the same period last year, they are of a lesser fee category resulting in a decreased income when compared to the same period last year of over £106k.

2.4 There are no other areas of concern at this time in relation to other expenditure codes.

3.0 Recommendation

3.1 **It is recommended** that the Planning Committee considers the content of this report for the Period 1-7 of 2024/25 financial year.