



Title of Report:	Period 9 ES Management Accounts and Financial Positions 2025/26
Committee Report Submitted To:	Environmental Services Committee
Date of Meeting:	10th February 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 9.

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 9 shows a **£1,585,266.99 favourable variance** (P8 was a £123k adverse variance).

Note: £1,412,273.41 of the positive variance is from EPR grant payment in month. If moved to reserves as proposed, this will mean a net P9 favourable position of **£172,993.58**.

The main costs and income attributing to the ES P9 position are summarised as follows as variances against budget.

FullDescription	Actual Net Expenditure	Budgeted Net Expenditure	Net Expenditure Variance	Annual Budgeted Net Expenditure	Remaining Net Expenditure
Estates	6,316,095.06	5,741,091.90	(575,003.16)	7,651,860.02	1,335,764.96
Health and Built Environment	2,054,690.74	1,983,112.93	(71,577.81)	2,672,847.00	618,156.26
Infrastructure	(944,153.46)	(377,163.99)	566,989.47	(66,593.79)	877,559.67
Operations	13,974,756.84	15,697,723.60	1,722,966.76	21,544,580.48	7,569,823.64
ES Business Support	586,432.31	549,563.93	(36,868.38)	733,302.20	146,869.89
Environmental Services Centrally Managed	128,904.99	107,665.10	(21,239.89)	153,483.16	24,578.17
	22,116,726.48	23,701,993.47	1,585,266.99	32,689,479.07	10,572,752.59

Estates.

P9 Actual Expenditure	P9 Budget Expenditure	P9 Actual Income	P9 Budget Income	Net Expenditure Variance
6,720,058.32	5,953,934.52	-403,963.26	-212,842.62	-575,003.16

£575k (period 8 - £504k) adverse.

Expenses are adverse by £766k, of which £134k relates to labour costs. Supplies and Services are adverse by £579k, of which £415k relates to equipment. Premises costs are adverse by £127k, particularly in electrical and plumbing repairs (£109k). Transport costs are favourable by £79k.

Income is £191k favourable, primarily due to overhead recovery income from Events (£161k). Cemetery income is adverse by £10k.

Health and Built Environment.

P9 Actual Expenditure	P9 Budget Expenditure	P9 Actual Income	P9 Budget Income	Net Expenditure Variance
3,295,225.25	3,483,196.86	-1,240,534.51	-1,500,083.93	-71,577.81

£72k adverse (period 8 - £25k) positive.

Expenses are favourable by £188k. Labour costs are favourable by £247k, of which £109k is in Building Control, £97k is in Public Health & Housing and the remainder in various areas. Transport costs are £52k adverse. Supplies and Services are favourable by £3k. Support Services costs are adverse by £18k. Third party payments are favourable by £7k.

Income is adverse by £260k. Building Control income is adverse by £283k 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.

Infrastructure.

P9 Actual Expenditure	P9 Budget Expenditure	P9 Actual Income	P9 Budget Income	Net Expenditure Variance
1,303,183.36	1,660,692.37	-2,247,336.82	-2,037,856.36	566,989.47

£567k (period 8 - £398k) positive.

Expenses are £364k favourable. Labour costs are favourable by £191k, of which £177k relates to Harbours & Marinas. Non-labour costs are £166k favourable especially in Premises (£63k, including £50k savings on Building Repairs), Supplies & Services (£54k) and Support Services (£30k).

Income is favourable by £151k. Car Parks are favourable by £110k. Car park income lost due to the Open has been transferred back into the infrastructure budget. Harbour and Marina income is favourable by £100k.

Operations.

P9 Actual Expenditure	P9 Budget Expenditure	P9 Actual Income	P9 Budget Income	Net Expenditure Variance
17,124,009.71	17,264,056.44	-3,149,252.87	-1,566,332.84	1,722,966.76

£1,723k favourable variance at the end of Period 9 (Period 8 - £61k adverse).,

Expenses are adverse by £140k. Employee costs are adverse by £243k due to work for the Events team, seasonal profiling and an underestimation of the pay

award. Premises costs are favourable by £363k. Transport costs are favourable by £124k. Supplies and Services are adverse by £93k.

Income is favourable by £1583k. £1412k of this positive variance is as a result of the EPR funding received in month. The CFO will be seeking permission at Finance Committee to create a "Waste Management Reserve" and to transfer the surplus EPR funding into that reserve, as well as, any future surplus EPR funding of this will be transferred to a reserve fund. Of the remaining £171k, the bulk is due to scrap metal sales (£54k), recoupment of costings (£40k) and Trade Waste (£29k).

Function	Variance	Comments
Waste Collection & Street Cleansing	£113k favourable	Income over plan by £42k, mainly due to Trade Waste (£42k). Employee costs adverse by £57k.
Landfill & Compost Site	£1k adverse	Labour expenses are £95k adverse while non-labour expenses are favourable by £94k.
HRCs & Civic Amenities	£21k adverse	Income favourable by £43k. £39k over budget on labour costs. Non-labour expenses are adverse by £25k.
Waste Disposal Contracts	£1k adverse <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Black Bin Contract – £84k favourable ○ Blue Bin Contract - £21k favourable ○ Brown Bin Contract - £106k adverse ○ Other Waste Contracts - £1475k favourable 	Brown bin contract is £106k adverse at end of P9. This tonnage has started to decrease considerably as we move into the autumn and winter months. The large sum in Other Waste Contracts relates to the EPR grant.
Transfer Stations & Depots	£142k favourable	Non-labour expenses are favourable by £145k. Labour costs are £2k adverse. Income is favourable by £20k.
Public Conveniences	£48k favourable	£21k adverse on employee costs and £68k favourable on non-labour expenses especially Premises (£62k).
Garages	£17k favourable	£46k under on labour costs. £29k over on other costs.
Ops Management	£53k adverse	£67k adverse on labour. £14k favourable on other costs.

ES Business Support.

£37k adverse (period 8 - £34k adverse)

ES Centrally Managed.

£21k adverse (period 8 - £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 9, ES financial position has a favourable variance of **£1,585,266.99**.

Note: £1,412,273.41 of the positive variance is from EPR grant payment in month. If moved to reserves as proposed, this will mean a net P9 favourable position of **£172,993.58**.

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	22	Ballintoy Harbour Dredging	£140,019 plus VAT
January 2026	23	Portballintrae Harbour Slipway works	£124,711
Total			£4,212,335.74

5.0 Recommendation

Members are requested to note the paper.