



Title of Report:	Corporate Services Management Accounts – Period 12		
Committee Report Submitted To:	Corporate Policy and Resources		
Date of Meeting:	23 June 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 12.

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 2025/26 is **£7,167,859** and the Planning Budget is **£1,956,420**.

3.0 Detailed Analysis

The Corporate Services position at Month 12 shows a **£1,179k** positive variance, as a result of **£1,107k** under budget in expenditure and **£72k** over budget in income.

Table 1 Analysis of Expenditure – Corporate Services Months 1 – 12

Head of Service Description	Actual Net Spend 2026	2026 Budget YTD	2026 Budget Variance	Sum of Annual Budget 2026	% Budget Variance
Democratic Services	1,591,536.74	2,137,608.07	546,071.33	2,137,608.07	34.31
Land and Property	394,753.28	318,729.08	(76,024.20)	318,729.08	-19.26
Human Resources	1,351,627.93	1,528,177.20	176,549.27	1,528,177.20	13.06
ICT and Business Continuity	1,606,618.93	1,889,199.05	282,580.12	1,889,199.05	17.59
Contributions to Other Bodies	136,924.67	170,703.00	33,778.33	170,703.00	24.67
Internal Audit	170,521.32	290,399.68	119,878.36	290,399.68	70.30
Centrally Managed	207,309.57	282,028.84	74,719.27	282,028.84	36.04
Policy & Community Planning	529,637.74	551,014.44	21,376.70	551,014.44	4.04
	5,988,649.18	7,167,859.36	1,179,210.18	7,167,859.36	19.69
Planning	1,470,355.09	1,956,420.48	486,065.39	1,956,420.48	33.06

3.1 Democratic Services (DS)

£546k favourable due to various elements of expenditure being less than budget in Period 12 including the following: Members allowances £228k, PR Salaries £43k, Corporate & Democratic salary Costs £77k, and Registration services £96k.

3.2 Land and Property

£76k adverse at Period 12, £21k favourable on salary costs, £4k favourable on Valuation costs and £3k adverse on Legal Costs and £108k adverse on Property Management Costs.

3.3 Human Resources

£177k favourable in Period 12.

£26k favourable in salary costs, £55k favourable on staff training, £19k favourable on employee relations, £16k favourable on subscriptions, £21k favourable on employee allowances and £16k favourable on Legal Services.

3.4 ICT

£283k favourable overall in Period 12, favourable variances on salaries £44k, computer licences £92k and financial consultancy £30k, offset by adverse variances on security £38k and photocopying leases £27k. There is also a prior year credit of £147k re BT telephones and capital purchases.

3.5 Contributions to other bodies

£34k favourable at period 12, due to favourable variances of £16k on subscriptions and £17k on NI Ombudsman Costs.

3.6 Internal Audit.

£118k favourable as at Period 12, £88k favourable on salary Costs and £30k favourable on other Professional costs.

3.7 Centrally Managed

Overall, £75K favourable position at the end of Period 12, due to underspends of £31k in telephones , £14k on Legal Services and £20k on other Professional costs.

3.8 Policy & Community Planning

Overall, £21k favourable variance at the end of Period 12, due to overspend on salary costs of £4k, and other Professional Costs £7k and underspends in Programme Management Costs of £40k.

3.9 Planning

£486k favourable at end of Period 12, largely due to improvement in income from planning applications and property certificates, £266k favourable and maintaining staff costs and wages within budget, £9k favourable. Other

favourable variances include Programme Management Costs £40k, Development Plan £46k, Other professional costs £16k and advertising £12k.

4.0 Recommendation

It is recommended that the Management Accounts for Period 12 - Corporate Services and Planning - and the associated narrative contained within the report are accepted.