

Title of Report:	Period 4 Draft ES Management Accounts and Financial Positions 2026/27
Committee Report Submitted To:	Environmental Services Committee
Date of Meeting:	8th September 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 4.

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 4 shows a **£490,696.43 positive variance** (Period 3 - £138,968.38). 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 **£218,981.40**, the table below has been updated to reflect the reserves movements.

Directorate-wide costs and income attributing to the ES P4 position are summarised as follows as variances against budget.

- Employee costs are £370k positive (not adjusted for pay award)
- Premises costs are £292k adverse
- Transport Costs are £9k positive
- Supplies and Services are £75k adverse
- Third Party Payments are £25k positive
- Income is £470k positive (including the grant funding surplus)

FullDescription	Actual Net Expenditure	Budgeted Net Expenditure	Net Expenditure Variance	Annual Budgeted Net Expenditure	Remaining Net Expenditure
▣ Estates	3,130,528.10	2,736,558.41	(393,969.69)	8,210,337.14	5,079,809.04
▣ Health and Built Environment	759,938.98	1,028,808.00	268,869.02	3,142,391.21	2,382,452.23
▣ Infrastructure	(360,492.41)	(309,311.46)	51,180.95	(200,231.19)	160,261.22
▣ Operations	6,177,827.92	6,717,135.39	539,307.47	22,507,912.44	16,330,084.52
▣ ES Business Support	249,117.15	256,544.23	7,427.08	768,323.86	519,206.71
▣ Environmental Services Centrally	45,474.83	63,356.43	17,881.60	196,421.41	150,946.58
	10,002,394.57	10,493,091.00	490,696.43	34,625,154.87	24,622,760.30

Estates.

P4 Actual Expenditure	P4 Budget Expenditure	P4 Actual Income	P4 Budget Income	Net Expenditure Variance
3,265,176.46	2,831,181.40	(134,648.36)	(94,622.99)	(393,969.69)

£394k 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.

P4 Actual Expenditure	P4 Budget Expenditure	P4 Actual Income	P4 Budget Income	Net Expenditure Variance
1,370,614.66	1,585,706.37	(610,675.68)	(556,898.37)	268,869.02

£269k positive. Employee costs are £181k positive (pending pay award). Fee Income is favourable by £54k.

Infrastructure.

P4 Actual Expenditure	P4 Budget Expenditure	P4 Actual Income	P4 Budget Income	Net Expenditure Variance
951,929.71	929,360.50	(1,312,422.12)	(1,238,671.96)	51,180.95

£51k favourable. Income is £74k positive. Employee costs are £42k favourable. Premises costs are £66k adverse, mostly rates bills for additional charged car parks which were not included in the rates estimates.

Operations.

P4 Actual Expenditure	P4 Budget Expenditure	P4 Actual Income	P4 Budget Income	Net Expenditure Variance
8,002,159.26	8,239,220.66	(1,824,331.34)	(1,522,085.27)	539,307.47

£539k favourable variance in Period 4. Employee costs are £111k favourable. A breakdown of the variances is as follows:

Function	Variance	Comments
Waste Collection & Street Cleansing	£138k favourable	
Landfill & Compost Site	£76k favourable	
HRCs (Letterloan)	£6k favourable	
Waste Disposal Contracts	£288k favourable ○ Black Bin Contract - £63k (fav) ○ Blue Bin Contract - £18k (fav) ○ Brown Bin Contract £83k (adv) ○ Other Waste Contracts - £289k (fav)	Includes waste management grant funding (£271k)
Transfer Stations & Depots	£63k Favourable	

Public Conveniences	£26k Adverse	
Garages	£16k Adverse	
Ops Management	£13k Adverse	

ES Business Support.
£7k favourable

ES Centrally Managed.
£18k positive variance

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 in order to manage the budget effectively. At end of Period 4, ES financial position has a positive variance of **£490,696.43**

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.