



<b>Title of Report:</b>	<b>Planning Department Finance Report Period 1-12 Update.</b>
<b>Committee Report Submitted To:</b>	<b>Planning Committee</b>
<b>Date of Meeting:</b>	<b>26 June 2024</b>
<b>For Decision or For Information</b>	<b>For Information</b>
<b>To be discussed In Committee YES/NO</b>	<b>No</b>

<b>Linkage to Council Strategy (2021-25)</b>	
Strategic Theme	Improvement and Innovation
Outcome	Council maintains its performance as the most efficient of NI's local authorities
Lead Officer	Head of Planning

<b>Budgetary Considerations</b>	
Cost of Proposal	23/24 budget
Included in Current Year Estimates	<b>N/A</b>
Capital/Revenue	both
Code	5301
Staffing Costs	included

<b>Legal Considerations</b>	
Input of Legal Services Required	<b>NO</b>
Legal Opinion Obtained	<b>NO</b>

<b>Screening Requirements</b>	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 2023/24 business year.

### 2.0 Details

2.1 Planning is showing a variance of over £114k adverse position at end of Period 12 based on draft Management Accounts.

2.2 The adverse position at the end of Period 12 is due to adjustment of deferred income that had not been adjusted since the implementation of the new regional Planning Portal. This resulted in a deficit of income of under £59k over this business year. In additions the impact of the backpay on salaries and wages resulted in an overall deficit of under £128k.

2.3 This adverse position was reduced through savings in other expenditure areas including legal services, procurement of services including those relating to the local development plan and other professional costs.

2.4 Going forward the deferred income can be adjusted on a monthly basis to carefully monitor.

### 3.0 Recommendation

3.1 **It is recommended** that the Planning Committee considers the content of this report for the Period 1-12 of 2023/24 financial year.