

BUDGET & SPENDING REPORT - SELECT COMMITTEE MONITORING

Committee name	Health and Social Care Select Committee
Corporate Director(s) responsible	Sandra Taylor Corporate Director Adult Social Care & Health
Papers with report	Appendix 1 – GL Use of Resources 2024-25 Appendix 2 – ASC Placement Trends
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RECOMMENDATIONS

That the Health and Social Care Select Committee notes the:

1. 2025/26 Month 6 budget monitoring position;
2. information on value for money benchmarking from the 2024/25 Use of Resources return; and
3. information on financial modelling for ASC placements.

HEADLINES

This report provides an update on the 2025/26 Month 6 budget monitoring position relevant to the Select Committee.

It also provides information as requested by the Committee on value for money benchmarking and forecasting., as well as a review of growth over the last 3 years in the high cost/high demand areas of ASC.

Corporate Directors, supported by their Finance Business Partners, will attend the meeting to provide further details and clarifications.

2025/26 MONTH 6 BUDGET MONITORING POSITION

At Month 6 service operating budgets within the Committee's remit are forecasting a net overspend of £9.8m against budget.

Table 1 below provides an overview of the Committee's Month 6 budget monitoring position. It includes adjustments for Earmarked Reserves, Provisions and Transformation Capitalisation.

Table 1: 2025/26 Month 6 Budget Monitoring

Directorate		Approved Budget	Underlying Forecast	Earmarked Reserves	Provisions	Transformation Capitalisation	Forecast Outturn	Variance	Month 5	Movement
		£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000
Adults & Health	Expenditure	185,409	192,799	0	0	(80)	192,719	7,310	11,443	(4,133)
	Income	(84,206)	(85,161)	(1,286)	0	0	(86,447)	(2,241)	(1,462)	(779)
		101,203	107,638	(1,286)	0	(80)	106,272	5,069	9,981	(4,912)
Total Service Operating Budgets		101,203	107,638	(1,286)	0	(80)	106,272	5,069	9,981	(4,912)

Table 2 below provides a detailed breakdown of the Committee's outturn by service area.

Table 2: 2025/26 Month 6 Budget Monitoring by Service Area

		Approved Budget	Contingency Released	Revised Budget	Underlying Forecast	Earmarked Reserves	Provisions	Transformation Capitalisation	Forecast Outturn	Final Forecast Variance	Forecast Variance Prior Month	Change in Variance
R31: OT Minor Adaptations and Community Equipment	A1: Staffing Costs	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	224	(224)
	A2: NonStaffing Costs	474	0	474	451	0	0	0	451	(23)	(23)	0
	A3: Grants Fees & Other Income	(332)	0	(332)	(411)	0	0	0	(411)	(79)	7	(86)
	Sub-Total	142	0	142	40	0	0	0	40	(102)	208	(310)
R32: Head of Direct Care Provision HSC	A1: Staffing Costs	8,210	0	8,210	7,803	0	0	0	7,803	(407)	(392)	(15)
	A2: NonStaffing Costs	1,517	0	1,517	1,628	0	0	0	1,628	111	162	(51)
	A3: Grants Fees & Other Income	(637)	0	(637)	(727)	0	0	0	(727)	(90)	(90)	0
	Sub-Total	9,090	0	9,090	8,704	0	0	0	8,704	(386)	(320)	(66)
R33: Head of Child & Family Development CFE	A1: Staffing Costs	138	0	138	615	0	0	0	615	477	136	341
	A2: NonStaffing Costs	5,018	0	5,018	5,346	0	0	0	5,346	328	(212)	540
	A3: Grants Fees & Other Income	0	0	0	(399)	(600)	0	0	(999)	(999)	(467)	(532)
	Sub-Total	5,156	0	5,156	5,562	(600)	0	0	4,962	(194)	(543)	349
R34: Head of Learning Disability and Mental Health Services	A1: Staffing Costs	0	0	0	37	0	0	0	37	37	40	(3)
	A2: NonStaffing Costs	336	0	336	444	0	0	0	444	108	102	6
	A3: Grants Fees & Other Income	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Sub-Total	336	0	336	481	0	0	0	481	145	142	3
R35: Head of Hospital and Localities Services	A1: Staffing Costs	325	0	325	146	0	0	0	146	(179)	77	(256)
	A2: NonStaffing Costs	860	0	860	935	0	0	0	935	75	57	18
	A3: Grants Fees & Other Income	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Sub-Total	1,185	0	1,185	1,081	0	0	0	1,081	(104)	134	(238)
R36: Director of Health and Public Health	A1: Staffing Costs	709	0	709	905	0	0	0	905	196	193	3
	A2: NonStaffing Costs	10,289	0	10,289	10,655	0	0	0	10,655	366	262	104
	A3: Grants Fees & Other Income	(22,437)	0	(22,437)	(22,213)	(686)	0	0	(22,899)	(462)	(455)	(7)
	Sub-Total	(11,439)	0	(11,439)	(10,653)	(686)	0	0	(11,339)	100	0	100
R37: Director Adult Services and Health	A1: Staffing Costs	41	0	41	152	0	0	(80)	72	31	(647)	678
	A2: NonStaffing Costs	(4,490)	5,619	1,129	1,624	0	0	0	1,624	495	5,855	(5,360)
	A3: Grants Fees & Other Income	(22,518)	0	(22,518)	(22,522)	0	0	0	(22,522)	(4)	(3)	(1)
	Sub-Total	(26,967)	5,619	(21,348)	(20,746)	0	0	(80)	(20,826)	522	5,205	(4,683)
R38: Head of Safeguarding Adults	A1: Staffing Costs	0	0	0	59	0	0	0	59	59	52	7
	A2: NonStaffing Costs	691	0	691	696	0	0	0	696	5	2	3
	A3: Grants Fees & Other Income	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Sub-Total	691	0	691	755	0	0	0	755	64	54	10
R39: ASC Placements	A1: Staffing Costs	45	0	45	44	0	0	0	44	(1)	(1)	0
	A2: NonStaffing Costs	126,224	0	126,224	133,518	0	0	0	133,518	7,294	6,753	541
	A3: Grants Fees & Other Income	(35,315)	0	(35,315)	(35,327)	0	0	0	(35,327)	(12)	(2)	(10)
	Sub-Total	90,954	0	90,954	98,235	0	0	0	98,235	7,281	6,750	531
R3A: A Head of Direct Care Provision CFE	A1: Staffing Costs	4,948	0	4,948	4,193	0	0	0	4,193	(755)	(427)	(328)
	A2: NonStaffing Costs	10,806	0	10,806	10,410	0	0	0	10,410	(396)	72	(468)
	A3: Grants Fees & Other Income	(320)	0	(320)	(366)	0	0	0	(366)	(46)	(103)	57
	Sub-Total	15,434	0	15,434	14,237	0	0	0	14,237	(1,197)	(458)	(739)
R3B: Immediate Response Service	A1: Staffing Costs	4,543	0	4,543	4,145	0	0	0	4,145	(398)	(543)	145
	A2: NonStaffing Costs	2,427	0	2,427	2,762	0	0	0	2,762	335	335	0
	A3: Grants Fees & Other Income	(2,400)	0	(2,400)	(2,749)	0	0	0	(2,749)	(349)	(349)	0
	Sub-Total	4,570	0	4,570	4,158	0	0	0	4,158	(412)	(557)	145
R3C: Sustained Support Service	A1: Staffing Costs	5,921	0	5,921	5,229	0	0	0	5,229	(692)	(673)	(19)
	A2: NonStaffing Costs	758	0	758	797	0	0	0	797	39	39	0
	A3: Grants Fees & Other Income	(247)	0	(247)	(247)	0	0	0	(247)	0	0	0
	Sub-Total	6,432	0	6,432	5,779	0	0	0	5,779	(653)	(634)	(19)
R3: Executive Director Adult Services and Health	A1: Staffing Costs	24,880	0	24,880	23,333	0	0	(80)	23,253	(1,627)	(1,961)	334
	A2: NonStaffing Costs	154,910	5,619	160,529	169,266	0	0	0	169,266	8,737	13,404	(4,667)
	A3: Grants Fees & Other Income	(84,206)	0	(84,206)	(84,961)	(1,286)	0	0	(86,247)	(2,041)	(1,462)	(579)
	Sub-Total	95,584	5,619	101,203	107,638	(1,286)	0	(80)	106,272	5,069	9,981	(4,912)

Budget of £5.6m has been vired from corporate contingencies to address an underlying shortfall in the ASC placements budget brought forward from 2024/25. An overspend of £5.1m is forecast at Month 6, with ASC placements reporting a pressure of £7.3m, offset by a £1.2m underspend in SEND Transport and further mitigations of £1.3m through reductions in staff forecasts and holding vacant posts. The underspend in SEND Transport is driven by more economical procurement of personal assistants and maximising efficiencies in the mix of delivery options.

The savings requirement for 2025/26 is £8.3m. This is shown in table 3 below.

Table 3: 2025/26 Month 6 Savings

Description	Total £'000	RAG Rating 2025/26 & B/fwd savings						Total 2025/26 £'000
		B	G	A1	A2	R	W/O	
		£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000
Mortuary - Provision of External Training	(10)	(10)						(10)
Review of Early Years Operating Model	(130)	(130)						(130)
Acquisition of Care home	(550)		(550)					(550)
AI Digitisation of Operational Social Work Practices	(548)	(548)						(548)
Care Diagnostic Equipment	(150)	(150)						(150)
Child and Family Support Service Staffing Review	(182)	(182)						(182)
Creation of a care company for temporary staff via an SPV	(277)			(277)				(277)
Implementation of Ask SARA	(150)		(150)					(150)
Increase MVF by 1%	(146)	(146)						(146)
Lease Income for Sexual Health Clinics	(250)			(250)				(250)
Post 16 Transport	(624)	(624)						(624)
Proposal to decant Lowdell Close Registered Care home due to safety concerns	(200)	(200)						(200)
Re-negotiation of Social Care contracts	(1,739)					(1,739)		(1,739)
Review and change in the catering services offer for Extra Care, Day Resources & Ea	(217)	(118)		(99)				(217)
Review of Early Years Operating Model (Additional) - Lease Income	(93)				(93)			(93)
Review of Early Years Operating Model (Additional) - Residual EY Budget	(94)	(94)						(94)
Review of third sector Carers contract value in Social Care	(172)	(172)						(172)
Review of third sector Information, Advice and Guidance contract value in Social Ca	(170)	(170)						(170)
Section 117 Funding split with ICB	(2,031)					(2,031)		(2,031)
Use of Disabled Facilities Grant	(300)	(300)						(300)
Vacant Post Review	(283)	(283)						(283)
	(8,316)	(3,127)	(700)	(626)	(93)	(3,770)	0	(8,316)

PERFORMANCE DATA

Please see attached appendix on recently published ASC Use of Resources report for 24/25.

RESIDENT BENEFIT

Regular monitoring of financial performance ensures that spending and savings targets are met, which supports the efficient delivery of services to residents. By closely tracking expenditure and identifying variances, the council can take timely corrective actions to address overspending and mitigate risks. This also enhances public transparency and accountability, providing residents with confidence that their Council is managing finances prudently and prioritising their needs. Overall, regular monitoring supports safeguarding the Council's finances and the delivery of quality services to residents.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

This is primarily a finance report, and the implications are set out in the main body of the report above.

LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

There are no direct legal implications arising from regular monitoring of the council's finances by select committees.

Democratic Services advise that effective overview and scrutiny arrangements require access to Health and Social Care Select Committee – 3 December 2025
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the information under the committee's purview and, in accordance with the 2024 Statutory Scrutiny Guidance, such information includes finance and risk information from the Council, and its partners where relevant.

BACKGROUND PAPERS

NIL

APPENDICES

1. Use of resources report 2024/25.
2. Growth modelling in high cost/high demand areas.