

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	None
Ward	All

RECOMMENDATION

That the Health and Social Care Select Committee notes the 2025/26 Month 7 budget monitoring position.

HEADLINES

This report provides an update on the 2025/26 Month 7 budget monitoring position relevant to the Select Committee. The Corporate Director, supported by their Finance Business Partners, will attend the meeting to provide further details and clarifications.

2025/26 MONTH 7 BUDGET MONITORING POSITION

At Month 7 service operating budgets within the Committee's remit are forecasting a net overspend of £4.7m against budget. This is a favourable movement of £0.2m from the restated Month 6 position.

The forecast overspend of £4.7m, is the result of adult social care placements forecasting a pressure of £7.2m offset by a £1.6m underspend against SEND Transport and further mitigations of £0.9m through reductions in staff forecasts and holding vacant posts. This position is driven by the ongoing and unrelenting growth in demand for the service since the pandemic, with all client groups reporting ongoing exceptional demand in 2025/26. To date, client numbers continue to grow above the budgeted position, particularly in Learning Disabilities and Mental Health services. The underspend in SEND Transport is driven by a more economical procurement of personal assistants and maximising efficiencies through the mix of delivery options. The movement against the prior month's forecast is primarily driven by improvements within the SEND Transport forecast.

Table 1 provides an overview of the Committee's Month 7 budget monitoring position. It includes adjustments for Earmarked Reserves, Provisions and Transformation Capitalisation.

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

2025/26 SAVINGS

For the services within the remit of this Committee, the savings requirement for 2025/26 is £8.3m.

At Month 7, £3.8mm (46%) of the savings and interventions are being recorded as banked or on track for delivery, with a further £0.7m (9%) being at initial stages of delivery. £3.8m (45%) of the

savings are reported at risk in 2025/26, including £1.7m expected to slip into 2026/27.

Table 3 provides a detailed breakdown of the 2025/26 Month 7 savings position.

PERFORMANCE DATA

N/A

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 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

Appendix A – Tables 1-3

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Table 1: 2025/26 Month 7 Budget Monitoring

		Approved Budget	Underlying Forecast	Earmarked Reserves	Provisions	Transformation Capitalisation	Forecast Outturn	Final Forecast Variance	Forecast Variance Month 6	Change in Variance
R3: Executive Director Adult Services and Health	A1: Staffing Costs	24,650	22,649	0	0	(80)	22,569	(2,080)	(1,627)	(453)
	A2: NonStaffing Costs	160,529	169,279	0	0	0	169,279	8,749	8,737	12
	A3: Grants Fees & Other Income	(84,287)	(84,952)	(1,253)	0	0	(86,205)	(1,920)	(2,141)	221
	Total Service Operating Budgets	100,892	106,976	(1,253)	0	(80)	105,643	4,749	4,969	(220)

Table 2: 2025/26 Month 7 Budget Monitoring by Service Area

		Approved Budget	Underlying Forecast	Earmarked Reserves	Provisions	Transformation Capitalisation	Forecast Outturn	Final Forecast Variance	Forecast Variance Month 6	Change in Variance
R31: OT Minor Adaptations and Community Equipment	A1: Staffing Costs	0	224	0	0	0	224	224	0	224
	A2: NonStaffing Costs	474	451	0	0	0	451	(23)	(23)	0
	A3: Grants Fees & Other Income	(332)	(286)	0	0	0	(286)	45	(79)	124
	Sub-Total	142	389	0	0	0	389	246	(102)	348
R32: Head of Direct Care Provision HSC	A1: Staffing Costs	7,980	7,527	0	0	0	7,527	(453)	(407)	(46)
	A2: NonStaffing Costs	1,517	1,681	0	0	0	1,681	163	111	52
	A3: Grants Fees & Other Income	(625)	(732)	0	0	0	(732)	(107)	(90)	(17)
	Sub-Total	8,872	8,476	0	0	0	8,476	(397)	(386)	(11)
R33: Head of Child & Family Development CFE	A1: Staffing Costs	138	607	0	0	0	607	469	477	(8)
	A2: NonStaffing Costs	5,018	5,329	0	0	0	5,329	311	328	(17)
	A3: Grants Fees & Other Income	(93)	(430)	(600)	0	0	(1,030)	(937)	(999)	62
	Sub-Total	5,063	5,506	(600)	0	0	4,906	(157)	(194)	37
R34: Head of Learning Disability and Mental Health Services	A1: Staffing Costs	0	35	0	0	0	35	35	37	(2)
	A2: NonStaffing Costs	336	452	0	0	0	452	116	108	8
	A3: Grants Fees & Other Income	0	0	0	0	0	-	0	0	0
	Sub-Total	336	487	0	0	0	487	151	145	6
R35: Head of Hospital and Localities Services	A1: Staffing Costs	325	0	0	0	0	-	(325)	(179)	(146)
	A2: NonStaffing Costs	860	935	0	0	0	935	75	75	0
	A3: Grants Fees & Other Income	0	(47)	0	0	0	(47)	(47)	0	(47)
	Sub-Total	1,185	888	0	0	0	888	(297)	(104)	(193)
R36: Director of Health and Public Health	A1: Staffing Costs	709	869	0	0	0	869	160	196	(36)
	A2: NonStaffing Costs	10,289	10,739	0	0	0	10,739	450	366	84
	A3: Grants Fees & Other Income	(22,437)	(22,394)	(653)	0	0	(23,047)	(610)	(562)	(48)
	Sub-Total	(11,439)	(10,786)	(653)	0	0	(11,439)	0	0	0
R37: Director Adult Services and Health	A1: Staffing Costs	41	140	0	0	(80)	60	20	31	(11)
	A2: NonStaffing Costs	1,129	1,624	0	0	0	1,624	494	495	(1)
	A3: Grants Fees & Other Income	(22,518)	(22,521)	0	0	0	(22,521)	(4)	(4)	0
	Sub-Total	(21,348)	(20,757)	0	0	(80)	(20,837)	510	522	(12)
R38: Head of Safeguarding Adults	A1: Staffing Costs	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	59	(59)
	A2: NonStaffing Costs	691	700	0	0	0	700	9	5	4
	A3: Grants Fees & Other Income	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Sub-Total	691	700	0	0	0	700	9	64	(55)
R39: ASC Placements	A1: Staffing Costs	45	44	0	0	0	44	(1)	(1)	0
	A2: NonStaffing Costs	126,224	133,697	0	0	0	133,697	7,473	7,294	179
	A3: Grants Fees & Other Income	(35,315)	(35,540)	0	0	0	(35,540)	(225)	(12)	(213)
	Sub-Total	90,954	98,201	0	0	0	98,201	7,247	7,281	(34)
R3A: A Head of Direct Care Provision CFE	A1: Staffing Costs	4,948	4,048	0	0	0	4,048	(900)	(755)	(145)
	A2: NonStaffing Costs	10,806	10,112	0	0	0	10,112	(693)	(396)	(297)
	A3: Grants Fees & Other Income	(320)	(370)	0	0	0	(370)	(50)	(46)	(4)
	Sub-Total	15,434	13,790	0	0	0	13,790	(1,643)	(1,197)	(446)
R3B: Immediate Response Service	A1: Staffing Costs	4,543	4,101	0	0	0	4,101	(442)	(398)	(44)
	A2: NonStaffing Costs	2,427	2,762	0	0	0	2,762	335	335	0
	A3: Grants Fees & Other Income	(2,400)	(2,624)	0	0	0	(2,624)	(224)	(349)	125
	Sub-Total	4,570	4,239	0	0	0	4,239	(331)	(412)	81
R3C: Sustained Support Service	A1: Staffing Costs	5,921	5,045	0	0	0	5,045	(876)	(692)	(184)
	A2: NonStaffing Costs	758	797	0	0	0	797	39	39	0
	A3: Grants Fees & Other Income	(247)	(8)	0	0	0	(8)	239	0	239
	Sub-Total	6,432	5,834	0	0	0	5,834	(598)	(653)	55
R30: Closed Codes Corporate Director Social Care	A1: Staffing Costs	0	9	0	0	0	9	9	5	4
	A2: NonStaffing Costs	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	A3: Grants Fees & Other Income	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Sub-Total	0	9	0	0	0	9	9	5	4
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Table 3: 2025/26 Month 7 Savings

Description	Total	RAG Rating 2025/26 & B/fwd savings						Total 2025/26
		B	G	A1	A2	R	W/O	
	£'000	£'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)	(2,031)	(1,739)	(8,316)