

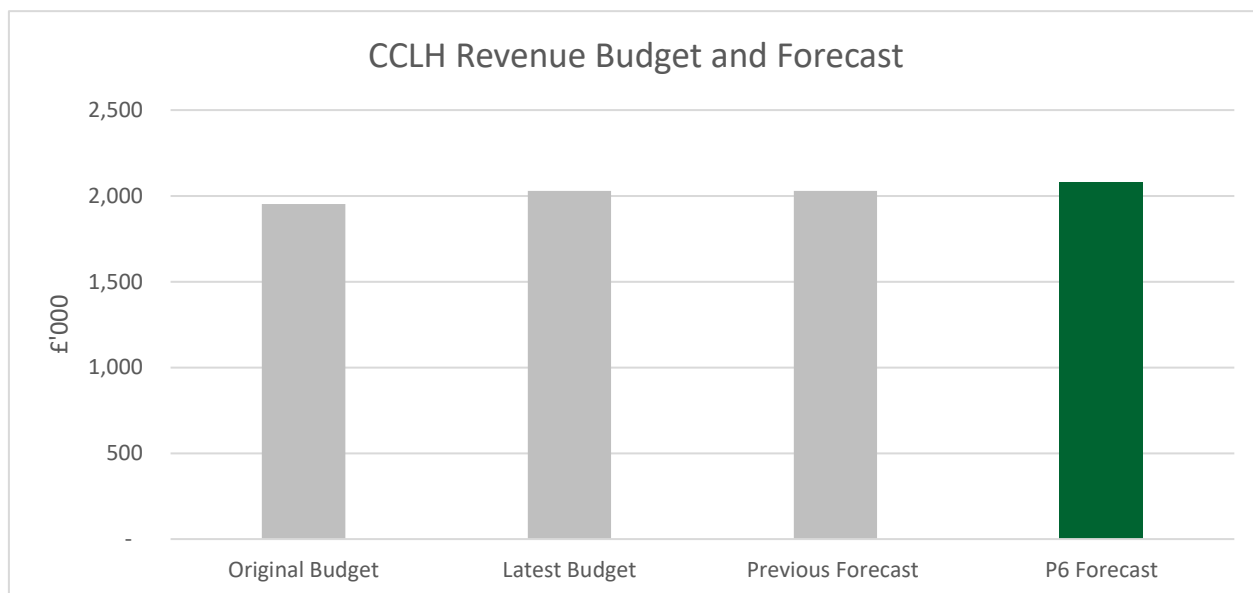
Climate change, Leisure and Housing Committee Detailed Monitoring Report

Overview

1. This appendix sets out the detailed financial monitoring position for budgets within the scope of the Climate Change, Leisure and Housing (CCLH) Committee. The forecast is based on the position as at Period 6 which covers the period from 1 July 2024 to 30 September 2024.

Revenue

2. The latest forecast is net expenditure of £2.080m against the latest budget of £2.030m. This is an unfavourable variance of £0.050m. The detailed revenue budgets and MTFP forecast is set out in Annex A.



Service Area	Original Budget £000	Original Budget Plus 2023/24 Carry Forwards		Latest Budget £000	Previous Forecast £000	Latest Forecast £000	Variation to Previous Forecast £000	Variation to Latest Budget £000
		£000	£000					
Housing	423	423	423	423	423	430	7	7
Leisure	1,220	1,220	1,220	1,217	1,217	1,261	43	43
Sustainability and Climate	309	389	389	389	389	389	0	0
Total	1,952	2,033	2,030	2,030	2,030	2,080	50	50

3. Annex B sets out the main variations to budget.

Capital Investment Programme

4. The latest capital investment programme for 2023/24 is £3.678m. A variation of £NIL is reported as budget virements net to zero.
5. Detailed Capital budgets and explanation of key variations are set out in Annex C and Annex D respectively.

Staff Vacancy Monitoring

6. A major risk of non-delivery of service is where key staff leave the Council's employ and there is a delay or difficulty in recruiting suitable candidates to fill the vacant post.
7. The following table sets out the vacancies as at 30 September 2024.

Department	Job Title	Comments	Total
Housing	Private Rented Sector Co-ordinator	Recently advertised	1.00
Total Climate Change, Leisure & Housing			1.00

Annex A
CCLH Committee Medium Term Revenue Budget Service

Climate Change, Leisure and Housing										
Housing, Public Health and Wellbeing	Original Budget 2024/25	Original Budget Plus 2023/24 Carry Forwards	Latest Budget 2024/25	Previous Forecast 2024/25	Spend to Date	Latest Forecast 2024/25	Variance @ P6	Forecast 2025/26	Forecast 2026/27	Officer Comments
	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	
Housing Services Needs	523,344	523,344	523,344	523,344	349,725	524,624	1,280	538,566	561,951	Budget required for Lone Worker Devices
Rent Deposit Guarantee Scheme	5,110	5,110	5,110	5,110	0	5,110	0	5,110	5,110	Demand led service
Homelessness General Fund	(177,620)	(177,620)	(177,620)	(177,620)	(572,349)	(172,620)	5,000	(157,620)	(157,620)	Income and Expenditure budgets of £3,200 required for Ringfenced Ukrainian Homelessness Support grant and transfer of £5,000 Household Support Fund budget from Community Development
Housing Associations	(5,000)	(5,000)	(5,000)	(5,000)	(2,500)	(5,000)	0	(5,000)	(5,000)	Income will be received by year end
Refugees	0	0	0	0	(41,330)	0	0	0	0	Transfer to/from reserves at year end
Env Health - Residential Team	77,427	77,427	77,427	77,427	10,960	77,662	235	77,662	77,662	Income and Expenditure budgets of £17,000 required for Ringfenced Asylum Dispersal grant. Budget required of £235 for Lone Worker Devices
Public Health	0	0	0	0	(10,197)	0	0	0	0	Income and Expenditure budgets of £44,250 required for Ringfenced HCC Public Health Grant
Total	423,261	423,261	423,261	423,261	(265,692)	429,776	6,515	458,718	482,103	
Leisure	Original Budget 2024/25	Original Budget Plus 2023/24 Carry Forwards	Latest Budget 2024/25	Previous Forecast 2024/25	Spend to Date	Latest Forecast 2024/25	Variance @ P6	Forecast 2025/26	Forecast 2026/27	Officer Comments
	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	
Leavesden Country Park	0	0	0	0	90,540	0	0	0	0	Income and Expenditure budgets to spend \$106 for works to Silver Birch Cottage of £45,000, Contribution of £20,000 towards the YMCA Café, ongoing tree works across Leavesden Country Park of £25,000, Conservation grazing on The Horses Field of £13,000 and Play equipment maintenance at The Horses Field of £10,000
Community Arts	11,400	11,400	11,400	11,400	39	0	(11,400)	0	0	Due to realignment of Leisure budgets, all budgets have been transferred to a new cost centre Leisure Activities
Watersmeet	26,393	26,393	26,393	26,393	(99,277)	28,770	2,377	29,816	30,879	Increase in NNDR of £2,142 and Budget required of £235 for Lone Worker Devices
Leavesden Ymca	(35,000)	(35,000)	(35,000)	(35,000)	(28,658)	(35,000)	0	(35,000)	(35,000)	Income is received quarterly.
Oxhey Hall	(3,000)	(3,000)	(3,000)	(3,000)	(3,512)	(3,000)	0	(3,000)	(3,000)	Income is received quarterly.
Museum	(700)	(700)	(700)	(700)	(700)	(700)	0	(700)	(700)	Budget met
Playing Fields & Open Spaces	93,981	93,981	93,981	93,981	10,038	127,875	33,894	127,875	127,875	Income budget reduced for Football Vatable of £26,544 as Pitch Hire has not recovered post covid and impacts of flooding at Scotsbridge and Rent - Land of £7,340 as Income has not returned to pre covid levels and is now not expected to
Play Rangers	56,484	56,484	56,484	56,484	41,012	0	(56,484)	0	0	Due to realignment of Leisure budgets, all employee budgets have been transferred to Leisure Development and all other budgets to a new cost centre Leisure Activities
Comm Parks & Sust Project	24,200	24,200	24,200	24,200	11,392	0	(24,200)	0	0	Due to realignment of Leisure budgets, all budgets have been transferred to a new cost centre Leisure Activities
Aquadrome	39,615	39,615	39,615	39,615	(432,016)	46,115	6,500	39,615	39,615	Increase in Repairs & Maintenance budget of £6,500 required due to urgent repairs to sewage pumps at Bury Lake Young Mariners and the Water ski Club. Income and Expenditure budgets required for Ringfenced grants of £61,226 from the National Lottery Heritage Fund funding for the Natural Heritage Networks Project
The Bury Green Space	0	0	0	0	(108,720)	0	0	0	0	Income and Expenditure budgets required for Ringfenced grants of £108,720 from Affinity Water and Groundworks
Leisure Venues	(509,893)	(509,893)	(509,893)	(509,893)	(388,570)	(509,893)	0	(509,893)	(509,893)	Budget will be spent
Leisure Activities	0	0	0	0	0	120,532	120,532	120,532	120,532	Due to realignment of Leisure budgets, this cost centre has been created and budgets transferred.
Leisure Development	557,807	557,807	554,807	554,807	278,907	645,889	91,082	648,317	649,501	Budget required for Lone Worker Devices of £465. Due to realignment of Leisure budgets, some budgets have been transferred to Leisure Development and the remaining to a new cost centre Leisure Venues
Play Development - Play schemes	34,843	34,843	34,843	34,843	48,647	0	(34,843)	0	0	Due to realignment of Leisure budgets, all budgets have been transferred to a new cost centre Leisure Activities
Sports Devel-Sports Projects	48,135	48,135	48,135	48,135	(16,416)	0	(48,135)	0	0	Due to realignment of Leisure budgets, all budgets have been transferred to a new cost centre Leisure Activities
Leisure & Community Services	36,087	36,087	36,087	36,087	280	0	(36,087)	0	0	Due to realignment of Leisure budgets, most employee budgets have been transferred to Leisure Development and all other budgets to a new cost centre Leisure Activities
Grounds Maintenance	840,028	840,028	840,028	840,028	380,749	840,028	0	840,028	840,028	Budget will be spent
Total	1,220,380	1,220,380	1,217,380	1,217,380	(216,264)	1,260,616	43,236	1,257,590	1,259,837	

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Sustainability and Climate	Original Budget 2024/25	Original Budget Plus 2023/24 Carry Forwards	Latest Budget 2024/25	Previous Forecast 2024/25	Spend to Date	Latest Forecast 2024/25	Variance @ P6	Forecast 2025/26	Forecast 2026/27	Officer Comments
	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	
Energy Efficiency	9,500	23,900	23,900	23,900	0	23,900	0	9,500	9,500	Budget will be spent
Sustainability Projects	78,000	78,000	78,000	78,000	34,578	0	(78,000)	0	0	All budgets transferred to Climate change due to amalgamation of the 2 cost centres to create one cost centre named Climate Change & Sustainability Projects
Climate Change & Sustainability Projects	102,262	149,471	149,471	149,471	(530,011)	227,471	78,000	205,262	230,262	All budgets transferred from Sustainability Projects to Climate Change due to amalgamation of the 2 cost centres to create one cost centre named Climate Change & Sustainability Projects
Innovate UK	0	0	0	0	11,018	0	0	0	0	Innovate UK Grant claimed retrospectively as per grant conditions
Pest Control	12,755	12,755	12,755	12,755	1,785	12,755	0	12,755	12,755	Budget will be spent
Environmental Maintenance	25,970	25,970	25,970	25,970	4,682	25,970	0	25,970	25,970	Budget will be spent
Animal Control	64,490	64,490	64,490	64,490	33,028	64,490	0	64,490	64,490	Budget will be spent
Cemeteries	(228,193)	(228,193)	(228,193)	(228,193)	(150,969)	(228,193)	0	(228,193)	(228,193)	Budget will be spent
Trees And Landscapes	243,760	262,914	262,914	262,914	120,566	262,914	0	243,760	243,760	Budget transfer of £16,000 between Tree Works and Oak Process Moth and Tree Health
Total	308,544	389,307	389,307	389,307	(475,323)	389,307	0	333,544	358,544	
Total Climate Change, Leisure and Housing	1,952,185	2,032,948	2,029,948	2,029,948	(957,278)	2,079,699	49,751	2,049,852	2,100,484	

Annex B

CCLH Committee Explanations of revenue supplementary estimates, variances to be managed and virements reported this Period

Supplementary estimates

Climate Change, Leisure and Housing					
Description	Main Group Heading	Details of Outturn Variances to Latest Approved Budget	2024/25 £	2025/26 £	2026/27 £
Watersmeet	Premises	Increase in NNDR	2,142	2,142	2,142
Total Leisure			2,142	2,142	2,142
Total Climate Change, Leisure and Housing			2,142	2,142	2,142

Variances to be managed

Climate Change, Leisure and Housing					
Description	Main Group Heading	Details of Outturn Variances to Latest Approved Budget	2024/25 £	2025/26 £	2026/27 £
Housing Service Needs	Supplies and services	Budget required for Lone Worker Devices	1,280	1,280	1,280
Env Health - Residential Team	Supplies and services	Budget required for Lone Worker Devices	235	235	235
Total Housing, Public Health and Wellbeing			1,515	1,515	1,515
Description	Main Group Heading	Details of Outturn Variances to Latest Approved Budget	2024/25 £	2025/26 £	2026/27 £
Watersmeet	Supplies and services	Budget required for Lone Worker Devices	235	235	235
Playing Fields & Open Spaces	Income	Income budget reduced for Football Vatable of £26,544 as Pitch Hire has not recovered post covid and impacts of flooding at Scotsbridge and Rent - Land of £7,340 as Income has not returned to pre covid levels and is now not expected to	33,894	33,894	33,894
Aquadrome	Premises	Increase in Repairs & Maintenance budget required due to urgent repairs to sewage pumps at Bury Lake Young Mariners and the Water ski Club	6,500	0	0
Leisure Development	Supplies and services	Budget required for Lone Worker Devices	465	465	465
Total Leisure			41,094	34,594	34,594
Total Climate Change, Leisure and Housing			42,609	36,109	36,109

Virements

Climate Change, Leisure and Housing			2024/25	2025/26	2026/27
Description	Main Group Heading	Details of Outturn Variances to Latest Approved Budget	£	£	£
Homelessness General Fund	Supplies and Services	To spend ringfenced Ukrainian Homelessness Support grant	3,200	-	-
	Income	Receipt of ringfenced Ukrainian Homelessness Support grant	(3,200)	-	-
	Supplies and Services	Transfer of £5,000 of Household Support Fund budget from Community Development	5,000	-	-
Env Health - Residential Team	Supplies and Services	To spend ringfenced Asylum Dispersal grant	17,000	-	-
	Income	Receipt of ringfenced Asylum Dispersal grant	(17,000)	-	-
Public Health	Supplies and Services	To spend HCC Public Health Grant	44,250	-	-
	Income	Receipt of HCC Public Health Grant	(44,250)	-	-
Total Housing Public Health and Wellbeing			5,000	0	0
Description	Main Group Heading	Details of Outturn Variances to Latest Approved Budget	2024/25	2025/26	2026/27
			£	£	£
Abbots Langley Project	Supplies and services	To spend S106 for works to Silver Birch Cottage of £45,000, Contribution of £20,000 towards the YMCA Café, ongoing tree works across Leavesden Country Park of £25,000, Conservation grazing on The Horses Field of £13,000 and Play equipment maintenance at The Horses Field of £10,000	113,000	-	-
	Income	Receipt of S106 for works to Silver Birch Cottage of £45,000, Contribution of £20,000 towards the YMCA Café, ongoing tree works across Leavesden Country Park of £25,000, Conservation grazing on The Horses Field of £13,000 and Play equipment maintenance at The Horses Field of £10,000	(113,000)	-	-
The Bury Green Space	Supplies and services	To spend Ringfenced grant funding from Affinity Water and Groundworks	108,720	-	-
	Income	Receipt of ringfenced grant funding from Affinity Water and Groundworks	(108,720)	-	-
Aquadrome	Supplies and services	To spend ringfenced grant funding from the National Lottery Heritage Fund	61,226	-	-
	Income	Receipt of ringfenced grant funding from the National Lottery Heritage Fund	(61,226)	-	-
Community Arts	Employees	Due to realignment of Leisure budgets, all budgets have been transferred to a new cost centre Leisure Activities	(8,800)	(8,800)	(8,800)
	Supplies and Services		(4,420)	(4,420)	(4,420)
	Income		1,820	1,820	1,820
Play Rangers	Employees	Due to realignment of Leisure budgets, all employee budgets have been transferred to Leisure Development and all other budgets to a new cost centre Leisure Activities	(70,612)	(70,612)	(70,612)
	Supplies and Services		(1,040)	(1,040)	(1,040)
	Income		15,168	15,168	15,168
Play Development - Playschemes	Employees	Due to realignment of Leisure budgets, all budgets have been transferred to a new cost centre Leisure Activities	(58,188)	(58,188)	(58,188)
	Supplies and Services		(21,796)	(21,796)	(21,796)
	Income		45,141	45,141	45,141
Sports Devel-Sports Projects	Employees	Due to realignment of Leisure budgets, all budgets have been transferred to a new cost centre Leisure Activities	(33,435)	(33,435)	(33,435)
	Supplies and Services		(17,940)	(17,940)	(17,940)
	Income		3,240	3,240	3,240
Comm Parks & Sust Projects	Employees	Due to realignment of Leisure budgets, all budgets have been transferred to a new cost centre Leisure Activities	(14,000)	(14,000)	(14,000)
	Supplies and Services		(10,200)	(10,200)	(10,200)
	Income				
Leisure & Community Services	Employees	Due to realignment of Leisure budgets, most employee budgets have been transferred to Leisure Development and all other budgets to a new cost centre Leisure Activities	(27,947)	(27,947)	(27,947)
	Supplies and Services		(8,140)	(8,140)	(8,140)
	Income				
Leisure Activities	Employees	Due to realignment of Leisure budgets, this cost centre has been created and budgets transferred.	126,095	126,095	126,095
	Supplies and Services		59,806	59,806	59,806
	Income		(65,369)	(65,369)	(65,369)
Leisure Development	Employees	Due to realignment of Leisure budgets, some budgets have been transferred to Leisure Development and the remaining to a new cost centre Leisure Venues	86,887	86,887	86,887
	Supplies and Services		3,730	3,730	3,730
Total Leisure			0	0	0
Description	Main Group Heading	Details of Outturn Variances to Latest Approved Budget	2024/25	2025/26	2026/27
			£	£	£
Sustainability Projects	Supplies and Services	All budgets transferred to Climate change due to amalgamation of the 2 cost centres to create one cost centre named Climate Change & Sustainability Projects	(78,000)	(103,000)	(128,000)
Climate Change & Sustainability Projects	Supplies and services	All budgets transferred from Sustainability Projects to Climate Change due to amalgamation of the 2 cost centres to create one cost centre named Climate Change & Sustainability Projects	78,000	103,000	128,000
Trees & Landscapes	Premises	Budget transferred to Tree Works and moved from Oak Process Moth and Tree Health	(16,000)	(16,000)	(16,000)
	Premises	Budget transferred from Oak Process Moth and Tree Health and moved to Tree Works	16,000	16,000	16,000
Total Sustainability and Climate			0	0	0
Total Climate Change, Leisure and Housing			5,000	0	0

Annex C

CCLH Medium term capital investment programme

Climate Change, Leisure & Housing													
Housing, Public Health & Wellbeing	Original Budget 2024/25 £	Original Budgets Plus 2023/24 Rephasing £	Latest Budget 2024/25 £	P6 Spend To Date £	Forecast Outturn 2024/25 £	Variance £	Latest Budget 2025/26 £	Proposed 2025/26 £	Variance £	Latest Budget 2026/27 £	Proposed 2026/27 £	Variance £	Comments
Disabled Facilities Grant	586,000	790,474	790,474	322,407	790,474	0	586,000	586,000	0	586,000	586,000	0	Budget will be spent
Home Repairs Assistance	2,000	2,000	2,000	0	2,000	0	2,000	2,000	0	2,000	2,000	0	Budget will be spent
Sub-total Housing, Public Health & Wellbeing	588,000	792,474	792,474	322,407	792,474	0	588,000	588,000	0	588,000	588,000	0	
Leisure	Original Budget 2024/25 £	Original Budgets Plus 2023/24 Rephasing £	Latest Budget 2024/25 £	P6 Spend To Date £	Forecast Outturn 2024/25 £	Variance £	Latest Budget 2025/26 £	Proposed 2025/26 £	Variance £	Latest Budget 2026/27 £	Proposed 2026/27 £	Variance £	Comments
Aquadrome Bridge Replacement	320,524	320,524	1,137,755	313	1,137,755	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	Budget will be spent
Leavesden Country Park Gate	0	164,889	164,889	106,773	164,889	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	Budget will be spent
Watersmeet Electrical	144,100	144,100	144,100	750	144,100	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	Budget will be spent
Scotsbridge-Chess Habitat	8,190	8,190	8,190	0	8,190	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	Budget will be spent
Open Space Access Improvements	60,000	95,946	95,946	20,719	95,946	0	60,000	60,000	0	60,000	60,000	0	Budget will be spent
Improve Play Area-Future Schemes	120,000	132,650	132,650	6,819	197,800	65,150	120,000	120,000	0	120,000	120,000	0	Budgets transferred from Fearney Mead and Lincoln Drive Play areas as projects are complete
Aquadrome-Whole Life Costing	11,000	15,020	15,020	0	15,020	0	11,000	11,000	0	11,000	11,000	0	Budget will be spent
Replacement Ground Maintenance Vehicles	804,000	804,000	830,318	458,735	830,318	0	540,000	540,000	0	540,000	540,000	0	Budget will be spent
Watersmeet-Whole Life Costing	20,000	20,000	20,000	1,171	20,000	0	20,000	20,000	0	20,000	20,000	0	Budget will be spent
Pavilions-Whole Life Costing	11,000	16,668	16,668	10,245	16,668	0	11,000	11,000	0	11,000	11,000	0	Budget will be spent
Fearney Mead Play Area	0	50,000	50,000	0	17,245	(32,755)	0	0	0	0	0	0	Project complete, remaining budget to be transferred to Improve Play Areas - Future Schemes
Lincoln Drive Play Area	0	50,000	50,000	17,245	17,605	(32,395)	0	0	0	0	0	0	Project complete, remaining budget to be transferred to Improve Play Areas - Future Schemes
Sub-total Leisure	1,498,814	1,821,987	2,665,536	622,770	2,665,536	0	762,000	762,000	0	762,000	762,000	0	
Sustainability & Climate	Original Budget 2024/25 £	Original Budgets Plus 2023/24 Rephasing £	Latest Budget 2024/25 £	P6 Spend To Date £	Forecast Outturn 2024/25 £	Variance £	Latest Budget 2025/26 £	Proposed 2025/26 £	Variance £	Latest Budget 2026/27 £	Proposed 2026/27 £	Variance £	Comments
Cemetery-Whole Life Costing	5,000	9,830	9,830	0	9,830	0	5,000	5,000	0	5,000	5,000	0	Budget will be spent
UK Shared Prosperity	0	0	210,852	0	210,852	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	Budget will be spent
Sub-total Sustainability & Climate	5,000	9,830	220,682	0	220,682	0	5,000	5,000	0	5,000	5,000	0	
Total Climate Change, Leisure & Housing	2,091,814	2,624,291	3,678,692	945,177	3,678,692	0	1,355,000	1,355,000	0	1,355,000	1,355,000	0	

Annex D

CCLH Explanations of capital variances reported this Period

Description	Details of Outturn Variances to Latest Approved Budget	2024/25 £	2025/26 £	2026/27 £
Climate Change, Leisure & Housing				
Fearney Mead Play Area	Project complete, remaining budget to be transferred to Improve Play Area - Future Schemes	(32,755)	0	0
Lincoln Drive Play Area	Project complete, remaining budget to be transferred to Improve Play Area - Future Schemes	(32,395)	0	0
Improve Play Area-Future Schemes	Budgets transferred from Fearney Mead and Lincoln Drive Play areas as projects are complete	65,150	0	0
Total Climate Change, Leisure & Housing		0	0	0