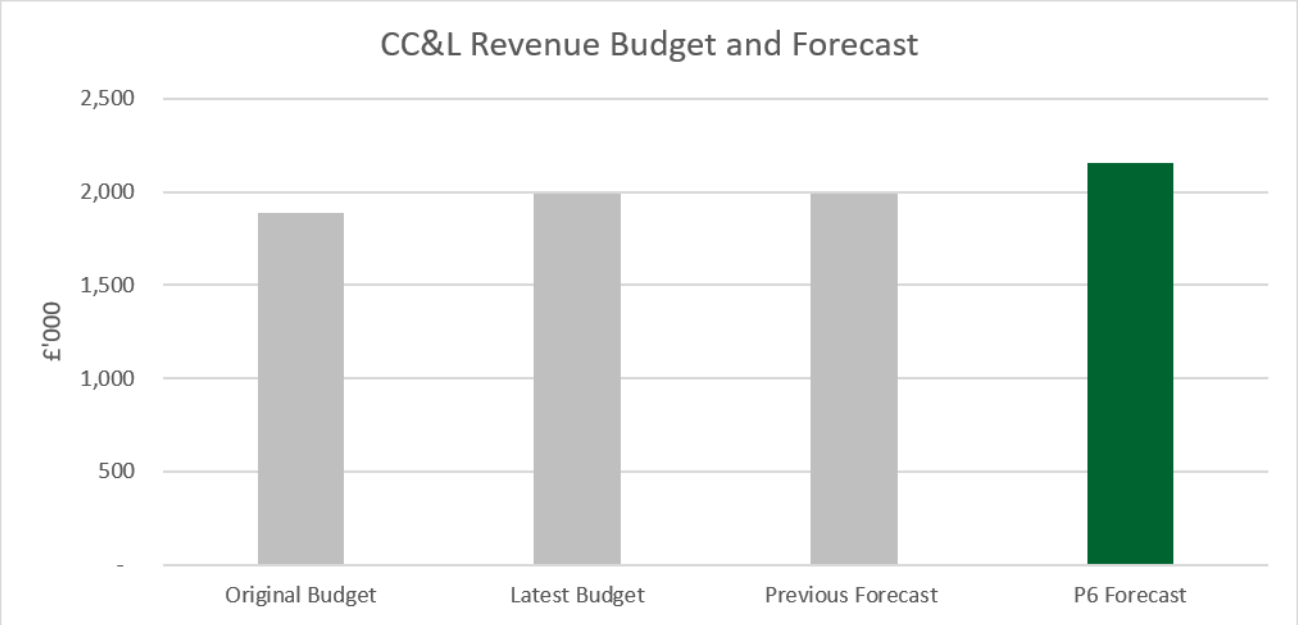
Climate Change and Leisure Committee Detailed Monitoring Report

Overview

1. This appendix sets out the detailed financial monitoring position for budgets within the scope of the Climate Change and Leisure (CC&L) Committee for the 2026/27 financial year. The forecast is based on the position as at Period 6 which covers the period from 1 July 2026 to 30 September 2026.

Revenue

2. The latest forecast is net expenditure of £2.153m against the latest budget of £1.992m. This is an unfavourable variance of £0.160m. The detailed revenue budgets and MTFP forecast is set out in Annex A.



Service Area	Original Budget £000	Original Budget Plus 2025/26 Carry Forwards £000	Latest Budget £000	Previous Forecast £000	Latest Forecast £000	Variation to Previous Forecast £000	Variation to Latest Budget £000
Leisure	1,375	1,403	1,408	1,408	1,561	153	153
Sustainability and Climate	513	584	584	584	591	7	7
Total	**1,888**	**1,987**	**1,992**	**1,992**	**2,153**	**160**	**160**

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

Capital Investment Programme

4. The latest capital investment programme for 2026/27 is £3.237m. A £0.137m variation is reported.

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 2026.

Department	Job Title	Comments	Total
Grounds Maintenance	Grounds Maintenance Operative	Recently advertised	1.00
Total Climate Change & Leisure			**1.00**

Annex A
CC&L Committee Medium Term Revenue Budget Service

Climate Change and Leisure										
Leisure	**Original Budget 2026/27**	**Original Budget Plus 2025/26 Carry Forwards**	**Latest Budget 2026/27**	**Previous Forecast 2026/27**	**Spend to Date**	**Latest Forecast 2026/27**	**Variance @ P6**	**Forecast 2027/28**	**Forecast 2028/29**	**Officer Comments**
	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	
Leavesden Country Park	0	0	0	0	20,978	0	0	0	0	S106 funded expenditure will be transferred at year end
Watersmeet	55,108	69,108	74,388	74,388	(168,605)	79,472	5,084	69,166	70,115	2026/27 Pay Award applied. Reduction in NNDR of £2.718 due to revaluation and Increase in refuse collection budget of £1,112 due to increased costs
Leavesden Ymca	(35,000)	(35,000)	(35,000)	(35,000)	(28,658)	(38,210)	(3,210)	(38,210)	(38,210)	Increase in income following rent review
Oxhey Hall	(3,000)	(3,000)	(3,000)	(3,000)	(2,064)	(4,129)	(1,129)	(4,129)	(4,129)	Increase in income following rent review
Museum	(700)	(700)	(700)	(700)	(700)	(700)	0	(700)	(700)	Budget met
Playing Fields & Open Spaces	151,135	151,135	151,135	151,135	50,143	151,135	0	151,135	151,135	Budget currently forecast to be spent
Heritage & Parks Enhancement Programme	100,000	100,000	100,000	100,000	2,000	100,000	0	50,000	0	Budget currently forecast to be spent
Maple Lodge BNG	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Scotsbridge River Chess Project	0	0	0	0	(1,852)	0	0	0	0	
Aquadrome Project	0	0	0	0	296,493	0	0	0	0	Transfer from reserves will take place at year end
Aquadrome	64,615	78,931	78,931	78,931	38,768	105,931	27,000	64,615	64,615	Increase in Water Rates budget of £7,000 due to supplier increase in costs and additional usage due to unusually hot weather. Increase in Repairs Alterations Maintenance but of £10,000 for servicing of sewage pumps and Maintenance of Building budget of £10,000 as increased use of the site has resulted in additional maintenance requirements
The Bury Green Space	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Leisure Venues	(746,212)	(746,212)	(746,212)	(746,212)	(327,586)	(669,598)	76,614	(701,941)	(701,941)	Increase in utilities benchmarking costs due to 2025/26 backdated payment and an increase in Real Living Wage requirements, offset by an inflationary increase on the Leisure Management contract
Leisure Activities	103,497	103,497	103,497	103,497	58,126	103,497	0	103,497	103,497	Budget currently forecast to be spent
Leisure Development	725,114	725,114	725,114	725,114	383,024	747,096	21,982	750,017	750,017	2026/27 Pay Award applied
Grounds Maintenance	960,287	960,287	960,287	960,287	446,802	986,809	26,522	997,605	1,007,292	2026/27 Pay Award applied
Total	**1,374,844**	**1,403,160**	**1,408,440**	**1,408,440**	**766,868**	**1,561,303**	**152,863**	**1,441,055**	**1,401,691**	

Sustainability and Climate	**Original Budget 2026/27**	**Original Budget Plus 2025/26 Carry Forwards**	**Latest Budget 2026/27**	**Previous Forecast 2026/27**	**Spend to Date**	**Latest Forecast 2026/27**	**Variance @ P6**	**Forecast 2027/28**	**Forecast 2028/29**	**Officer Comments**
	£	£	£		£	£	£	£	£	
Energy Efficiency	9,500	27,900	27,900	27,900	9,095	27,900	0	9,500	9,500	Budget currently forecast to be spent
Climate Change & Sustainability Projects	305,743	358,234	358,234	358,234	93,654	362,681	4,447	312,785	312,785	2026/27 Pay Award applied
Pest Control	12,755	12,755	12,755	12,755	3,829	12,755	0	12,755	12,755	Budget currently forecast to be spent
Environmental Maintenance	18,680	18,680	18,680	18,680	663	18,680	0	18,680	18,680	Budget currently forecast to be spent
Animal Control	67,889	67,889	67,889	67,889	37,085	69,805	1,916	69,805	69,805	2026/27 Pay Award applied
Cemeteries	(234,873)	(234,873)	(234,873)	(234,873)	(154,882)	(233,941)	932	(233,941)	(233,941)	Increase in NNDR due to revaluation
Trees And Landscapes	333,345	333,345	333,345	333,345	228,268	333,345	0	333,345	243,345	Budget currently forecast to be spent
Total	**513,039**	**583,930**	**583,930**	**583,930**	**217,712**	**591,225**	**7,295**	**522,929**	**432,929**	

Total Climate Change and Leisure	**1,887,883**	**1,987,090**	**1,992,370**	**1,992,370**	**984,580**	**2,152,528**	**160,158**	**1,963,984**	**1,834,620**	

Annex B
CC&L Committee Explanations of revenue supplementary estimates, variances to be managed and virements reported this Period

Supplementary Estimates

Climate Change and Leisure					
Leisure	**Main Group Heading**	**Details of Outturn Variances to Latest Approved Budget**	**2026/27 £**	**2027/28 £**	**2028/29 £**
Watersmeet	Employees	2026/27 Pay Award applied	6,690	6,723	6,751
	Premises	Reduction in NNDR due to revaluation	(2,718)	0	0
Leisure Venuies	Third Party Payments	Increase in utilities benchmarking costs due to 2025/26 backdated payment, and an increase in Real Living Wage requirements	85,755	53,412	53,412
	Income	Inflationary increase on Leisure Management contract	(9,141)	(9,141)	(9,141)
Leisure Development	Employees	2026/27 Pay Award applied	21,982	22,075	22,075
Grounds Maintenance	Employees	2026/27 Pay Award applied	26,522	26,866	27,175
Total			**129,090**	**99,935**	**100,272**
Sustainability and Climate	**Main Group Heading**	**Details of Outturn Variances to Latest Approved Budget**	**2026/27 £**	**2027/28 £**	**2028/29 £**
Climate Change and Sustainability Projects	Employees	2026/27 Pay Award applied	4,447	4,530	4,530
Animal Control	Employees	2026/27 Pay Award applied	1,916	1,916	1,916
Cemeteries	Premises	Increase in NNDR due to revaluation	932	932	932
Total			**7,295**	**7,378**	**7,378**
Total Climate Change and Leisure			**136,385**	**107,313**	**107,650**

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Appendix 2

Variances to be managed

Climate Change and Leisure					
Leisure	**Main Group Heading**	**Details of Outturn Variances to Latest Approved Budget**	**2026/27 £**	**2027/28 £**	**2028/29 £**
Watersmeet	Premises	Increase in refuse collection budget due to increased costs	1,112	1,112	1,112
Leavesden YMCA	Income	Increase in income following rent review	(3,210)	(3,210)	(3,210)
Oxhey Hall	Income	Increase in income following rent review	(1,129)	(1,129)	(1,129)
Aquadrome	Premises	Increase in Water Rates budget of £7,000 due to supplier increase in costs and additional usage due to unusually hot weather. Increase in Repairs Alterations Maintenance but of £10,000 for servicing of sewage pumps and Maintenance of Building budget of £10,000 as increased use of the site has resulted in additional maintenance requirements	27,000	0	0
Total			**23,773**	**(3,227)**	**(3,227)**
Total Climate Change and Leisure			**23,773**	**(3,227)**	**(3,227)**

Annex C
CC&L Medium term capital investment programme

Climate Change and Leisure													
Leisure	**Original Budget 2026/27**	**Original Budgets Plus 2025/26 Rephasing**	**Latest Budget 2026/27**	**P6 Spend to Date**	**Forecast Outturn 2026/27**	**Variance**	**Latest Budget 2027/28**	**Proposed 2027/28**	**Variance**	**Latest Budget 2028/29**	**Proposed 2028/29**	**Variance**	**Comments**
	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	
Aquadrome Bridge Replacement	0	21,975	281,975	201,273	281,975	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	Budget is currently forecast to be spent
Watersmeet Electrical	59,000	138,443	138,443	105,364	138,443	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	Budget is currently forecast to be spent
Watersmeet Fire Doors	8,000	75,400	75,400	68,121	75,400	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	Budget is currently forecast to be spent - Works almost complete just snagging
Scotsbridge-Chess Habitat	8,190	8,190	8,190	0	8,190	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	Budget is currently forecast to be spent
Open Space Access Improvements	60,000	160,448	160,448	2,855	167,448	7,000	60,000	60,000	0	60,000	60,000	0	Budget Virement of £7,000 from Capital Grants and Loans for improvements on Scotsbridge Multi-Use Games Area
Improve Play Area-Future Schemes	120,000	176,792	176,792	3,935	196,624	19,832	120,000	120,000	0	120,000	120,000	0	Use of S106 funding towards Hayling Road Play Area project
Aquadrome-Whole Life Costing	11,000	11,000	11,000	0	121,011	110,011	11,000	11,000	0	11,000	11,000	0	Budget for fencing at the Aquadrome approved 24/7/26 by urgent decision
Replacement Ground Maintenance Vehicles	540,000	1,236,800	1,196,140	0	1,196,140	0	540,000	540,000	0	540,000	540,000	0	Budget is currently forecast to be spent
Watersmeet-Whole Life Costing	20,000	29,438	29,438	0	29,438	0	20,000	20,000	0	20,000	20,000	0	Budget is currently forecast to be spent
Pavilions-Whole Life Costing	23,504	23,504	23,504	0	23,504	0	11,000	11,000	0	11,000	11,000	0	Budget is currently forecast to be spent
Heritage & Parks Enhancement Programme	150,000	150,000	150,000	0	150,000	0	150,000	150,000	0	0	0	0	Budget is currently forecast to be spent
Sub-total Leisure	**999,694**	**2,031,990**	**2,251,330**	**381,548**	**2,388,173**	**136,843**	**912,000**	**912,000**	**0**	**762,000**	**762,000**	**0**	
Sustainability and Climate	**Original Budget 2026/27**	**Original Budgets Plus 2025/26 Rephasing**	**Latest Budget 2026/27**	**P6 Spend to Date**	**Forecast Outturn 2026/27**	**Variance**	**Latest Budget 2027/28**	**Proposed 2027/28**	**Variance**	**Latest Budget 2028/29**	**Proposed 2028/29**	**Variance**	**Comments**
	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	
Sustainability Schemes	500,000	796,059	796,059	0	796,059	0	500,000	500,000	0	500,000	500,000	0	Projects are currently being researched
Cemetery-Whole Life Costing	5,000	52,385	52,385	43,225	52,385	0	5,000	5,000	0	5,000	5,000	0	Budget is currently forecast to be spent. Works to toilets and waiting room instructed
Sub-total Sustainability and Climate	**505,000**	**848,444**	**848,444**	**43,225**	**848,444**	**0**	**505,000**	**505,000**	**0**	**505,000**	**505,000**	**0**	
Total Climate Change and Leisure	**1,504,694**	**2,880,434**	**3,099,774**	**424,773**	**3,236,617**	**136,843**	**1,417,000**	**1,417,000**	**0**	**1,267,000**	**1,267,000**	**0**	

Annex D

CC&L Explanations of capital variances reported this Period

Description	Details of Outturn Variances to Latest Approved Budget	2026/27 £	2027/28 £	2028/29 £
Climate Change and Leisure				
Aquadrome-Whole Life Costing	Budget for fencing at the Aquadrome approved 24/7/26 by urgent decision	110,011	0	0
Open Space Access Improvements	Budget Virement from Capital Grants and Loans for improvements on Scotsbridge Multi-Use Games Area	7,000		
Improve Play Areas - Future Schemes	Use of S106 funding towards Hayling Road Play Area project	19,832	0	0
Total Climate Change and Leisure		**136,843**	**0**	**0**