S151 Officer Key Messages Month 6





Revenue Monitoring

The forecast outturn at Month 6 is a favourable variance of £13.18M underspent. This is made up of a favourable Directorate variances of £6.05M, £7.07M for centrally held budgets and £0.05M in centrally held funding. This is a £4.39M improvement on the Month 5 position which forecast a £8.79M favourable variance. £3.75M of budgets for sustainable 2024/25 savings was transferred from Directorates to centrally held budgets in Month 6 (approved by Cabinet and pending ratification by full Council).

The main favourable variances are in the following areas:

- Children & Learning (£2.21M favourable) with the main positive variance being in children looked after (CLA) of £1.66M. This is
 after £1.06M of sustainable savings have been taken centrally.
- Community Wellbeing (£1.60M favourable) with the main positive variances being for release of Adult Social Care budget due
 to lower levels of activity compared to the budget (£0.75M) and savings from the Phase 2a restructure (£0.40M). This is after
 £3.75M of sustainable savings have been taken centrally (subject to full Council approval).
- Enabling Services (£0.54M favourable) from a range of savings (£0.30M), additional income (£0.13M) and staffing vacancies (£0.11M).
- Growth and Prosperity (£1.51M favourable) relating to further School Travel Service transformation savings (£0.73M), capitalisation of highways costs (£0.45M) and £0.74M of other favourable variances reduced by £0.41M adverse variances in other areas, This is after £1.05M of sustainable savings have been taken centrally.
- Resident Services (£0.02M favourable), after £0.27M of sustainable savings have been taken centrally. Deficit Recovery Plans
 have been agreed whereby pressures in the service have been covered by forecast favourable positions elsewhere within the
 Directorate.
- Centrally held budgets (£7.07M favourable) comprising £6.13M of sustainable savings transferred from directorates and a £0.94M favourable variance for Capital Asset Management.

The overall favourable variance of £13.18M reported this month includes forecast Transformation Savings of £7.27M and these are detailed later in the report.

There are no directorates reporting an overall adverse variance.

Exceptional Financial Support (EFS)

All services should continue to aim to under-spend in 2024/25 to minimise the reliance on Exceptional Financial Support (EFS). The annual revenue cost of using borrowing to fund the 2024/25 budget shortfall of £39.28M (via the EFS facility) is £3.6M. If the favourable forecast variance of £13.18M is sustained, the borrowing costs will be £1.2M per annum lower at £2.4M.

Budget Adjustments

As set out in the Business Planning and Budgeting Framework sustained favourable budget variances will be transferred from service budgets to contingency. £3.75M of sustained Directorate favourable variances reported at Month 5 were transferred to contingency in Month 6 (subject to full Council approval). This is in addition to the £2.38M previously transferred, bringing the total to £6.13M. A further £2.16M of 2024/25 sustainable variances to be transferred to contingency in Month 7, as detailed in this report.

Savings Delivery

The savings targets built into 2024/25 budgets is £24.64M. £21.26M of the savings are reported as "delivered" and a further £2.38M are "expected to be delivered". £0.84M of low risk savings are being closely monitored. £0.20M of at risk savings within City Services are being covered by the Resident Services Deficit Recovery Plans, which is covering these at risk savings from other favourable variances in the Directorate.

Deficit Recovery Plans

Deficit Reovery Plans have now been implemented within Resident Services whereby pressures in the service have been covered by forecast favourable positions elsewhere within the Directorate. Budget has been transferred to cover previous adverse variances of £0.44M on Bereavement Services, £0.37M on District Operating Teams and £0.21M on Landscapes from Parking and Itchen Bridge income (£0.63M) and Port Health income (£0.25M) which had favourable variances.

All Deficit Recovery Plans from previous months have also been implemented and there are no new plans required this month.

Dedicated Schools Grant (DSG) and School Balances

The DSG deficit reduced by £3.99M to £7.11M in 2023/24 and a further reduction of £1.20M is currently forecast for 2024/25. Schools budget data for 2024/25 indicates there are 13 schools with a deficit balance and where necessary deficit recovery plans are being prepared.

Reserve

The General Fund reserve is forecast to be £12.00M at year end 2024/25, and Earmarked Reserves (excluding schools' balances) at £35.22M.

Housing Revenue Account (HRA)

The HRA is forecasting a balanced position at Month 5, with a reduction in depreciation being balanced by an increase in direct revenue financing of the capital programme. The Landlord Controlled Heating Account carried a £2.35M deficit into 2024/25, and this is now expected to reduce to £1.74M by year end.

Capital Programme

The General Fund capital programme is reporting a forecast underspend of £16.63M. The major project variances are:

- Slippage is reported in Children's Residential Home (£1.95M), Valentine School (£1.85M), Cycling Infrastructure (£1.13M), Future Transport Zone (£1.97M) and Itchen Bridge (£3.78M)
- . Underspends are reported in Care Director (£0.68M) and Belgrave Industrial Estate Roof (£0.27M)

The HRA capital programme is reporting a forecast underspend of £1.06M. The major project variances are:

- . Slippage is reported in Townhill Park Regeneration (£1.01M), Fire Safety (£0.55M) and New Homes (£1.10M).
- · Underspends are reported in Roofing (£0.40M)
- Overspends are reported in Sprinkler works (£0.64M), Wyndham Court Refurbishment (£0.60M) and Structural Inspections (£0.60M)



General Fund Position Month 6





	Working Budget 2024/25 £M	Forecast Outturn Month 6 £M	Forecast Variance Month 6 £M	
ectorates:				
Children & Learning	61.31	59.10	(2.21)	F
Community Wellbeing	95.11	93.51	(1.60)	F
Enabling Services	26.13	25.59	(0.54)	F
Growth & Prosperity	37.67	36,16	(1.51)	F
Resident Services	26.32	26.30	(0.02)	F
Strategy & Performance	4.94	4.79	(0.16)	F
al Directorates	251.48	245.43	(6.05)	F
Levies & Contributions	0.10	0.10	0.00	
Contribution to General Fund Balance	1.93	1.93	0.00	
Capital Asset Management	12.86	11.92	(0.94)	F
Other Expenditure & Income	12.22	6.09	(6.13)	F
t Council Expenditure before EFS	278.60	265.47	(13.13)	F
anced by:				
Council Tax	(120.44)	(120.44)	0.00	
Business Rates	(54.45)	(54.45)	0.00	
Non-Specific Government Grants & Other Funding	(64.43)	(64.48)	(0.05)	F
al Funding	(239.32)	(239.37)	(0.05)	F
t Over/(Underspend) before EFS	39.28	26.10	(13.18)	F
Exceptional Financial Support (EFS)	(39.28)	(26.10)		
et Over/(Underspend)	0.00	0.00		

General Fund Month 6 Commentary

Overall forecast position is £13.18M underspent, a favourable movement of £4.39M from Month 5

Children & Learning: a forecast underspend of £2.21M.

The overall £2.21M favourable variance is mainly due to favourable variances of £1.66M for Children Looked After for care package costs, £0.26M additional Supporting Families grant, £0.16M for lower Care Leavers client numbers, £0.15M for agency staffing reductions and £0.15M for Legal costs. There are some pressures and adverse variances within the Directorate that reduce the favourable variance, including £0.31M on no recourse to public fund expenditure.

Community Wellbeing: a forecast underspend of £1.60M.

The overall £1.60M favourable variance is largely due to £0.35M in Living and Ageing Well, £0.4M in Learning Disabilities, a saving of £0.40M following the Phase 2a restructure in ASC and favourable variances of £0.26M in ICU-System Redesign and £0.23M in ICU-Provider Relationships. There is an adverse variance in ASC due to overtime and agency staffing.

Enabling Services: a forecast underspend of £0.54M.

The £0.54M favourable variance is mainly due to £0.16M of savings from AVCs take up, £0.14M of Data & Digital transformation savings, £0.13M additional income for Supplier Management and Finance, and £0.11M for staffing vacancies.

Growth & Prosperity: a forecast underspend of £1.51M.

The favourable variance of £1.51M is mainly due to £0.73M of further transformation savings for the School Travel Service, £0.26M increase in traffic management income, £0.45M capitalisation of highways costs and £0.35M favourable variance for Corporate Landlord energy and staffing costs. There are adverse variances of £0.31M on investment property based on projected income.

Resident Services: a forecast underspend of £0.02M.

The £0.02M favourable variance is after the implementation of the Deficit Recovery Plan whereby pressures in the service have been covered by forecast favourable positions elsewhere within the Directorate. Budget has been transferred to cover previous adverse variances of £0.44M on Bereavement Services, £0.37M on District Operating Teams and £0.21M on Landscapes from Parking and Itchen Bridge income (£0.63M) and Port Health income (£0.25M) which had favourable variances.

Strategy & Performance: a forecast underspend of £0.16M.

The £0.16M favourable variance is mainly due to staffing vacancies.



Month 5 Adjusted Variance Vs Month 6





	Forecast Variance Month 5 £M		Sustainable Savings Removed £M	Adjusted Variance Month 5 £M		Forecast Variance Month 6 £M		Movement Adjusted Month 5 to Month 6 £M		
Directorates:										
Children & Learning	(1.10)	F	0.00	(1.10)	F	(2.21)	F	(1.12)	F	1
Community Wellbeing	(4.07)	F	3.75	(0.31)	F	(1.60)	F	(1.29)	F	1
Enabling Services	(0.19)	F	0.00	(0.19)	F	(0.54)	F	(0.35)	F	1
Growth & Prosperity	(0.09)	F	0.00	(0.09)	F	(1.51)	F	(1.43)	F	1
Resident Services	0.19	Α	0.00	0.19	Α	(0.02)	F	(0.21)	F	1
Strategy & Performance	(0.16)	F	0.00	(0.16)	F	(0.16)	F	0.00		
Total Directorates	(5.42)	F	3.75	(1.66)	F	(6.05)	F	(4.39)	F	个
Levies & Contributions	0.00		0.00	0.00		0.00		0.00		
Contribution to General Fund Balance	0.00		0.00	0.00		0.00		0.00		
Capital Asset Management	(0.94)	F	0.00	(0.94)	F	(0.94)	F	0.00		
Other Expenditure & Income	(2.38)	F	(3.75)	(6.13)	F	(6.13)	F	0.00		
Net Council Expenditure before EFS	(8.74)	F	0.00	(8.74)	F	(13.13)	F	(4.39)	F	1
Financed by:	l									
Council Tax	0.00		0.00	0.00		0.00		0.00		
Business Rates	0.00		0.00	0.00		0.00		0.00		
Non-Specific Government Grants & Other Funding	(0.05)	F	0.00	(0.05)	F	(0.05)	F	0.00		
Total Funding	(0.05)	F	0.00	(0.05)	E	(0.05)	F	0.00		
Net Over/(Underspend) before EFS	(8.79)	F	0.00	(8.79)	Ē	(13.18)	F	(4.39)	F	1

Children & Learning:

There is a favourable movement of £1.12M from Month 5, mainly due to a £0.86M variance movement for Children Looked After from the release of £0.40M of a budget pressure for the two new childrens homes, £0.35M use of grant funding and £0.11M favourable movement relating to care packages. There is also a £0.15M favourable movement relating to agency spend.

Community & Wellbeing:

£3.75M of sustainable savings have been taken centrally in Month 6 (approved by Cabinet and pending ratification by full Council) and there are a further £1.29M of favourable movements from Month 5, mainly due to to £0.35M in Living and Ageing Well and £0.40M in LD Whole Life Pathways, £0.40M from the Phase 2a restructure and £0.20M for respite redesign.

Enabling Services:

There is a favourable movement of £0.35M from Month 5 due to transformation savings and AVCs take up plus additional income, reduced by a staffing pressure for interim cover.

Growth & Prosperity:

There is a favourable movement of £1.43M from Month 5 due to £0.73M of further transformation savings for the School Travel Service, £0.26M increase in traffic management income and £0.45M capitalisation of highways costs.

Resident Services:

There is a favourable movement of £0.21M from Month 5, predominantly due to an increase in Itchen Bridge forecast income based on receipts to date.

Strategy & Performance:

There is no movement from Month 5.







Executive Director	Description of saving	Savings £M
Children & Learning	Service Redesign (Rapid Service Redesign)	0.50
Community Wellbeing	Care package costs, including lower demand plus savings from Phase 2a restructure	0.58
Enabling Services	Data & Digital - System Rationalisation	0.14
Capital Asset Management	Reduced capital financing costs and higher investment returns	0.94
Total	110 S 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1	2.16

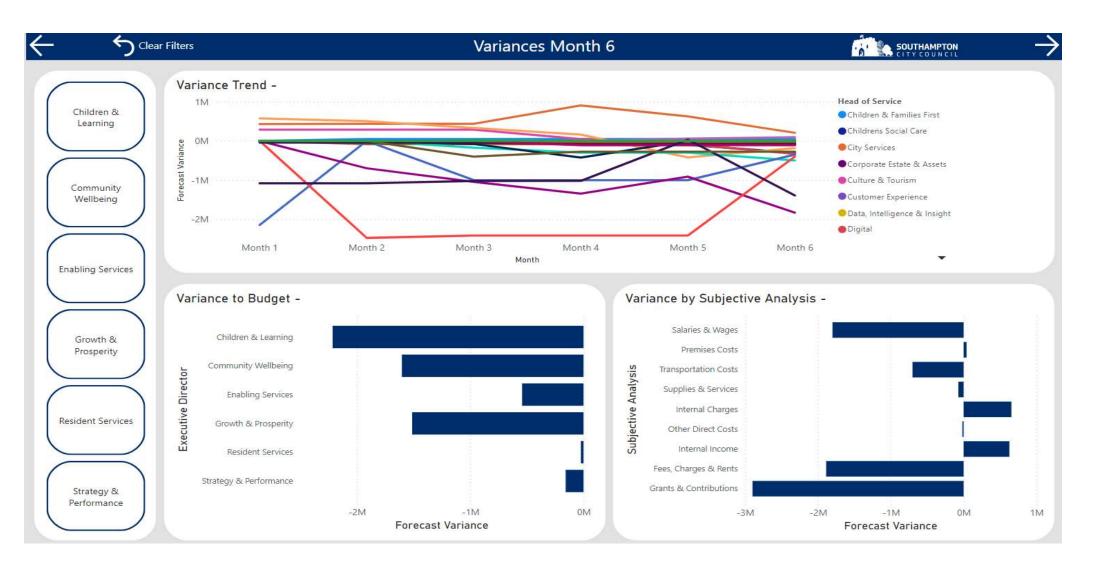
£3.75M of the sustainable savings previously reported have been transferred from Directorate budgets to contingency in Month 6 (approved by Cabinet and pending ratification by full Council), bringing the total transferred to £6.13M. A further £2.16M of sustainable savings have been identified in Month 6.

Transformation Savings



Executive Director	Month 6 Variance	Sustainable Savings Removed	Total Directorate Variance	Transformation Savings	Other Directorate Variances
•	£M	£M	£M	£M	£M
Children & Learning	(2.21)	(1.06)	(3.27)	(1.21)	(2.06)
Community Wellbeing	(1.60)	(3.75)	(5.36)	(2.90)	(2.46)
Enabling Services	(0.54)	0.00	(0.54)	(0.14)	(0.40)
Growth & Prosperity	(1.51)	(1.05)	(2.57)	(2.48)	(0.08)
Resident Services	(0.02)	(0.27)	(0.29)	(0.30)	0.00
Strategy & Performance	(0.16)	0.00	(0.16)	0.00	(0.16)
Capital Asset Management	(0.94)	0.00	(0.94)	(0.25)	(0.69)
Total	(6.99)	(6.13)	(13.13)	(7.27)	(5.85)

Executive Director	Description of transformation saving	Savings £M
Children & Learning	Managing Demand	(0.15)
Children & Learning	Right Child / Right Home	(1.06)
Community Wellbeing	Commissioning	(0.50)
Community Wellbeing	Living & Ageing Well	(1.50)
Community Wellbeing	Phase 2A restructure	(0.40)
Community Wellbeing	Whole Life Pathways - LD	(0.50)
Enabling Services	Data & Digital - System Rationalisation	(0.14)
Growth & Prosperity	Parking and Traffic Mangement	(0.26)
Growth & Prosperity	School Travel Service	(1.48)
Growth & Prosperity	Service Redesign	(0.75)
Resident Services	Service Centre	(0.30)
Capital Asset Management	Treasury Management (Reshaping Financial Management)	(0.25)
Total		(7.27)

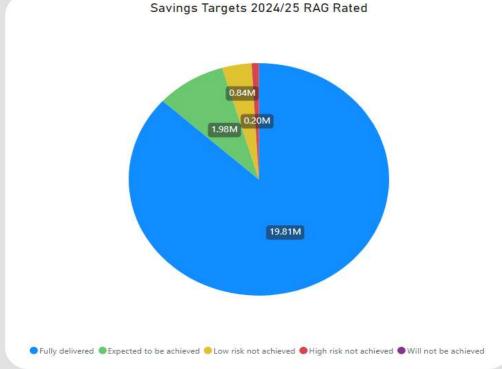




Savings not achieved









Key Issues

The current rate of non-achievement of savings is 1% or £0.20M forecast not to be achieved (Red & Purple). A Deficit Recovery Plan has been implemented in Resident Services to mitigate the impact of non-achievement of savings.





Summary of variations to Budget (£M)

Executive Director	Client Packages and Placement costs	Coroner costs	Employee and Agency Costs	Energy	Fuel	Income	Non Achievement of savings	Other	Property Investment	Service Review of ICU	Transformation Savings held in directorate	Total
Children & Learning	(1.21)	0.00	(0.26)	0.00	0.00	(0.03)	0.00	(0.56)	0.00	0.00	(0.15)	(2.21)
Community Wellbeing	0.00	0.00	0.13	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	(0.08)	0.00	(0.35)	(1.30)	(1.60)
Enabling Services	0.00	0.00	(0.10)	0.00	0.00	(0.13)	0.00	(0.17)	0.00	0.00	(0.14)	(0.54)
Growth & Prosperity	0.00	0.00	(0.14)	(0.20)	0.00	0.03	0.01	(0.09)	0.31	0.00	(1.43)	(1.51)
Resident Services	0.00	0.28	0.71	0.00	0.12	(1.27)	0.20	(0.02)	0.00	0.00	(0.03)	(0.02)
Strategy & Performance	0.00	0.00	(0.09)	0.00	0.00	(0.04)	0.00	(0.03)	0.00	0.00	0.00	(0.16)
Total	(1.21)	0.28	0.25	(0.20)	0.12	(1.44)	0.21	(0.96)	0.31	(0.35)	(3.05)	(6.05)

Within directorates there are favourable variances of £3.05M for Transformation Savings (excluding those transferred to contingency), £1.21M for client packages and placements, £1.44M for increased income and £1.51M for other factors. The main adverse variances are for property investment income shortfalls £0.31M and Coroner costs £0.28M, with £0.57M for other factors. The £6.05M net favourable variance is after £6.13M of sustainable savings have been taken centrally, of which £3.98M relates to Transformation Savings.





Children & Learning Month 6



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	Working Budget 2024/25 £M	Forecast Outturn Month 6 £M	Forecast Variance Month 6 £M			Movement Month 5 to Month 6 £M		
Children & Families First	3.68	3.73	0.05	Δ		0.00		
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Childrens Social Care	3.10	2.80		A		(0.20)	F	小
Divisional Management	2.18	2.03	(0.15)	100		(0.15)	F	1
ICU - Children's Services	0.38	0.38	0.00		0	0.00		
Legal (Children's)	0.54	0.39	(0.15)	F	Ŏ		F	1
Education	4.08	4.10	0.01			0.00		
DSG Central School Services Block	(0.06)	(0.06)	0.00			0.00		
DSG Early Years Block	0.00	0.00	0.00			0.00		
DSG High Needs Block Education	2.50	2.50	0.00			0.00		
DSG Schools Block	0.00	0.00	0.00			0.00		
Education - Asset Management	0.84	0.84	0.00			0.00		
Education & Learning	0.81	0.82	0.01	Α		0.00		
Quality Assurance	2.65	2.61	(0.04)	F		0.00		
Quality Assurance Business Unit	2.65	2.61	(0.04)	F		0.00		
SEND	(1.45)	(1.50)	(0.05)	F	•	0.00		
DSG High Needs Block SEND	(2.50)	(2.50)	0.00			0.00		
Education - High Needs	1.04	0.99	(0.05)	F		0.00		
Pathways Through Care	34.15	32.33	(1.83)	F	•	(0.92)	F	1
Care Leavers	1.07	0.91	(0.16)	F		(0.05)	F	1
Children Looked After	33.08	31.41	(1.67)	F		(0.87)	F	1
Resources	11.85	11.80	(0.06)	F		0.00		
Jigsaw	5.45	5.46	0.00			0.00		
Safeguarding	6.40	6.34	(0.06)	F		0.00		
Young Peoples Service	3.24	3.24	0.00			0.00		7
Young Peoples Service	2.35	2.35	0.00			0.00		
Youth Offending	0.89	0.89	0.00			0.00		
Total Children & Learning	61.31	59.10	(2.21)	F	0	(1.12)	F	1

Children & Learning: a forecast underspend of £2.21M.

There is a £1.12M favourable movement from Month 5. This is after £1.06M of sustainable savings were taken centrally in Month 5 thus reducing the C&L budget by this amount.

The favourable variance of £2.21M at Month 6 is due primarily to a favourable variance of £1.66M for Children Looked After as package costs remain less than budgeted, together with favourable variances of £0.16M for Care Leavers as client numbers are less than budgeted, £0.15M for Divisional Management due to agency staffing projections, £0.06M in Safeguarding due to a forecast reduction in supplies and services spend, £0.15M for Legal costs being less than budgeted, and £0.04M for Quality Assurance relating to staffing. However, these favourable variances are partially offset by a £0.05M adverse variance in Children & Families First due to a £0.31M adverse forecast on No Recourse to Public Funds accommodation expenditure, and a favourable variance relating to an additional £0.26M of Supporting Families grant funding above budget, due in part to increased expected payment by results totals for the year. There is also a £0.05M favourable variance in Education High Needs due to the net impact of staffing vacancies and partial offset of pay award pressures. There are also £0.01M of adverse smaller variances in Jigsaw and Education & Learning.

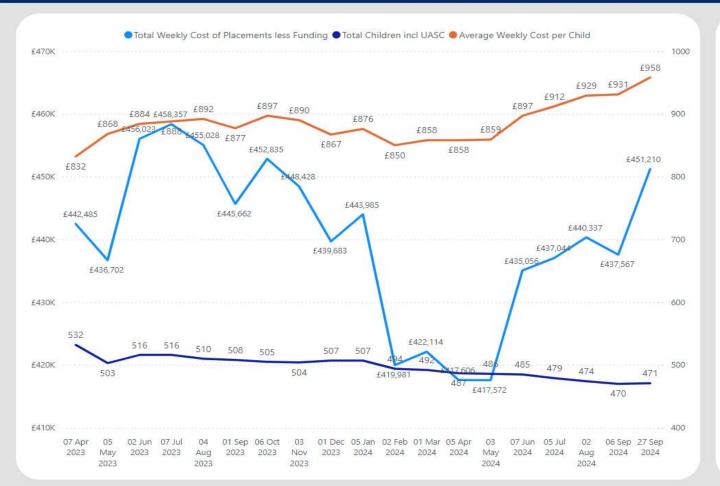
The £1.12M favourable movement since Month 5 is mainly due to a £0.86M variance movement for Children Looked After - of this, £0.4M is due to the release of part of a budget pressure which was put in place to cover the risk of the two new childrens homes being staffed, without full occupancy, whilst the homes are filled. Release of pressure due to opening being delayed to later in the financial year for one, whilst the other is due to open in 2025/26. The remaining element within Children Looked After, £0.35M due to grant funding being used to offset existing forecast spend, and a £0.11M favourable movement relating to care packages. There is also a £0.15M favourable movement due to a review of current agency spend and projections for the remainder of the financial year, and £0.05M favourable movements each on Care Leavers and Legal spend projections.



Children Looked After Numbers







Total weekly cost of placements less funding

Over the past 18 months the weekly cost reduced up to the end of May by around 6%, but has subsequently increased and started to plateau. Some of this relates to cost uplifts, however some of this relates to a recent increase in high needs/cost clients.

The graph shows a temporary increase in the latest week's figures which is mainly due to a short-term high cost client.

Numbers of Children

Over the past 18 months the numbers of children in care have reduced by over 10%.

Average cost per child

The average cost per child did reduce in the final quarter of the last financial year, but as per the total weekly costs this has started to increase and is linked to the same reasons as the total weekly costs.

The increase in this figure is again due to a short-term high cost client.



Community Wellbeing Month 6





Community Wellbeing: a forecast underspend of £1.60M.

£3.75M of sustainable savings have been taken centrally in Month 6 (approved by Cabinet and pending full Council approval), which results in the adverse movement of £2.46M shown. After adjusting for the savings removed there is a favourable movement of £1.29M from Month 5.

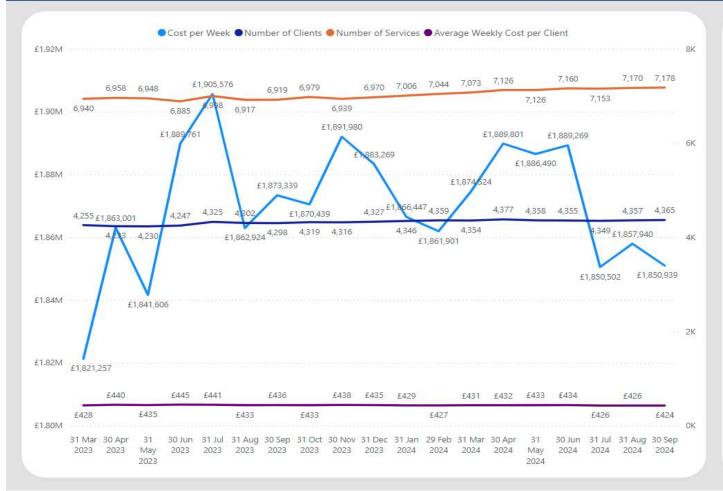
The overall £1.60M favourable variance is largely due to a favourable variance of £0.4M on Whole Life Pathways - LD arising from work undertaken by the team and a £0.35M favourable movement on Ageing & Living Well due to lower levels of activity compared to budget. The phase 2A restucture in ASC has resulted in a a saving of £0.4M and there are other favourable variances in the ICU. In terms of transformation, savings of £2.9M are forecast.



Adult Client Package Numbers







Number of Clients

The total number of Adults placements has increased by around 100 placements since the end of the 2022-23 financial year, an increase of around 2.25%. However, numbers have been relatively stable since January 2024, holding at around 4,350 clients with current authorised services.

Average Weekly Cost per Client

Average weekly costs per client have generally been between £425 per week and £450 per week for that time period, but we have seen a general downward trend in the total weekly cost for current authorised services since July 2023. This is due to ongoing work undertaken by the service, including resolution of legacy issues arising from the Discharge to Assess process.

N.B.

Figures are subject to change once the position has been finalised



Enabling Services Month 6



	Working Budget 2024/25 £M	Forecast Outturn Month 6 £M	Forecast Variance Month 6 £M		Movement Month 5 to Month 6 £M		
Digital	11.30	10.97	(0.33)	F 🚳	(0.25)	F	1
Digital Services	11.30	10.97	(0.33)	F 🔘	(0.25)	F	1
Enabling Services	1.31	1.31	0.00		0.00		2
Corporate Management	1.07	1.07	0.00		0.00		
Internal Audit	0.24	0.24	0.00		0.00		
Finance	(3.05)	(2.95)	0.09	Α 🛑	0.04	Α	1
Centrally Apportionable Overheads	(7.67)	(7.67)	0.00		0.00		
Corporate Finance	2.28	2.33	0.06	A 🔵	0.04	A	1
Net Housing Benefit Payments	0.00	0.00	0.00		0.00		
Pension & Redundancy Costs	2.34	2.38	0.04	A C	0.00		
Human Resources & Organisational Development	3.33	3.23	(0.10)	F 🕡	(0.10)	F	1
HR Services	3.33	3.23	(0.10)	F 💮	(0.10)	F	1
ncome & Expenditure	6.03	5.94	(0.09)	F 📵	(0.04)	F	1
Accounts Payable	0.70	0.78	0.08	A 🔘	0.04	Α	1
Accounts Receivable	2.50	2.46	(0.04)	F 🔘	(0.01)	F	1
Local Taxation & Benefits Services	2.84	2.70	(0.14)	F 🌑	(0.07)	F	1
egal & Governance	4.31	4.31	0.00		0.00		
Democratic Representation & Managemen	2.30	2.26	(0.05)	F 🔘	(0.05)	F	1
Registration of Electors and Elections Costs	0.53	0.57	0.04	A 🔵	0.04	Α	1
Risk Management	1.48	1.48	0.00		0.00		
egal Partnership	1.45	1.45	0.00		0.00	L	
Land Charges	(0.14)	(0.14)	0.00		0.00		
Legal Services & Customer Relations	1.59	1.59	0.00		0.00		
Supplier Management	1.44	1.33	(0.11)	F 🚭	0.00	_	
Supplier Management Services	1.44	1.33	(0.11)	F 🔵	0.00		
Total Enabling Services	26.13	25.59	(0.54)	F 🔴	(0.35)	F	1

Enabling Services: a forecast underspend of £0.54M.

There is a favourable movement of £0.35M from Month 5. The overall variance comprises of underspends of £0.11M due to vacancies; £0.13M of additional income for Supplier Management and Finance; £0.04M due to Care Director maintenance budget surplus; £0.14M of Data & Digital Transformation savings and £0.16M of saving from AVCs take up. There is a pressure of £0.04M for a pension adjustment correction. The favourable movement relates to the savings for transformation and AVCs plus additional grant income, reduced by a pressure in salaries due to interim cover.



Growth & Prosperity Month 6



	Working Budget 2024/25 £M	Forecast Outturn Month 6 £M	Forecast Variance Month 6 £M		Movement Month 5 to Month 6 £M		
Corporate Estate & Assets	5.15	5.11	(0.04)	F @	0.01	A	\downarrow
Central Repairs & Maintenance	3.01	3.01	0.00		0.00		
Energy Team	0.13	0.13	0.00		0.00		
Property Portfolio Management	(6.97)	(6.66)	0.31	A	0.01	A	1
Property Services	8.11	7.76	(0.35)	F (0.00		
Facilities	0.87	0.87	0.00		0.00		
Culture & Tourism	3.66	3.63	(0.03)	F 6	(0.01)	F	1
Cultural Services	1.72	1.72	0.00		(0.01)	F	1
Libraries	1.93	1.91	(0.03)	F (0.00		
Economic Development & Regeneration	1.35	1.30	(0.05)	F 6	0.00		
City Development	0.76	0.71	(0.05)	F (0.00		
Economic Development	0.20	0.20	0.00		0.00		
Skills & Employment Support	0.39	0.39	0.00		0.00		
Growth & Prosperity	0.22	0.22	0.00		0.00		
Directorate Management	0.22	0.22	0.00		0.00		
Transport & Planning	27.28	25.89	(1.39)	F ((1.43)	F	1
Flood Risk Management	0.15	0.15	0.00		0.00		
Highways Contracts	10.05	9.36	(0.69)	F ((0.69)	F	1
Home To School Transport	10.74	10.01	(0.73)	F ((0.73)	F	1
Planning	0.77	0.87	0.10	A (0.00		
Transportation	5.57	5.50	(0.07)	F	(0.01)	F	1
Total Growth & Prosperity	37.67	36.16	(1.51)	F 🕔	(1.43)	F	1

Growth & Prosperity: a forecast underspend of £1.51M.

There is a favourable movement of £1.43M from Month 5. This is predominantly due to an increase in traffic management income of £0.26M and the capitalisation of highway costs of £0.45M from revenue to capital. There also has been a favourable variance of £0.73M from the School Travel Service as a result of further transformation savings being delivered through optimisation of routes to schools and the introduction of a dynamic purchasing system.





Resident Services Month 6





	Working Budget 2024/25 £M	Forecast Outturn Month 6 £M	Forecast Variance Month 6 £M			Movement Month 5 to Month 6 £M		
ty Services	22.07	22.28	0.21	Α		(0.42)	F	1
City Services - Commercial Services	0.87	0,92	0.04			0.00		
City Services - District Operating Areas	5.27	5,27	0.00			(0.37)	F	1
City Services - Management & Compliance	0.54	0.54	(0.01)	F		0.01	А	1
City Services - Waste Operations	16.23	16.19	(0.05)	F		0.01	А	1
Fleet Trading Area	(0.93)	(0.85)	0.08	A		0.00		10.50
Landscape Trading Area	0.09	0.22	0.14	Α	<u>a</u>	(0.07)	F	1
ustomer Experience	0.49	0.47	(0.02)	F		0.00		
Customer Experience	0.49	0.47	(0.02)	F		0.00		
mergency Preparedness, Planning & Response	0.13	0.13	0.00			0.00		
Emergency Planning	0.13	0.13	0.00			0.00		
nvironment	(7.91)	(8.10)	(0.19)	F	0	0.23	A	
CPRES - Bereavement Services	0.59	0.59	0.00			(0.44)	F	1
CPRES - Environmental Health & Scientific Services	1.64	1.48	(0.16)	F		0.00		
CPRES - Licensing	(0.06)	(0.05)	0.01	А		0.00		
CPRES - Parking & Itchen Bridge	(10.43)	(10.43)	0.00			0.47	Α	1
CPRES - Port Health	(0.78)	(0.78)	0.00			0.25	А	1
CPRES - Private Sector Housing	0.41	0.42	0.01	Α		0.00		
CPRES - Registration Services	(0.19)	(0.19)	0.00		0	(0.01)	F	1
Green Cities	0.63	0.58	(0.05)	F		(0.02)	F	1
Health & Safety	0.29	0.30	0.01	A		(0.02)	F	1
ousing	5.31	5.31	0.00		0	0.00		
DFG Support	(0.01)	(0.01)	0.00			0.00		
Housing Needs	5.17	5.17	0.00			0.00		
Social Fund & Property	0.18	0.18	0.00			0.00		
Travellers Sites	(0.04)	(0.04)	0.00			0.00		
esident Services	2.80	2.80	0.00		0	0.00		
Leisure Contracts	2.69	2.69	0.00			0.00		
Leisure Strategy	0.11	0.11	0.00			0.00		
ervice Centre	3.43	3.40	(0.03)	F		(0.02)	F	1
Customer Services	3.43	3.40	(0.03)	F		(0.02)	F	1
otal Resident Services	26.32	26.30	(0.02)	F	0	(0.21)	F	1

Resident Services: a forecast underspend of £0.02M.

There is a favourable movement of £0.21M from Month 5. This is predominatly due to an increase in Itchen Bridge forecast income based on recepits to date. The Defict Recovery Plan for resident services has been agreed and has enabled pressures in the service to be covered by forecast favourable positions. Adverse variances of £0.44M on Bereavement Services, £0.37M on District Operating Teams and £0.21M on Landscapes have been covered by favourable variances on Parking and Itchen Bridge income of £0.63M and Port Health income of £0.25M. Budgets have been updated in Month 6 to reflect the changes.



Strategy & Performance Month 6



	Working Budget 2024/25 £M	Forecast Outturn Month 6 £M	Forecast Variance Month 6 £M		Movement Month 5 to Month 6 £M
Data, Intelligence & Insight	1.18	1.12	(0.06)	F 6	0.00
Data & Intelligence	1.18	1.12	(0.06)	F C	0.00
Marketing & Communications	0.99	0.92	(0.07)	F 🧶	0.00
Corporate Communications	0.99	0.92	(0.07)	F (0.00
Projects & Change	1.42	1.42	0.00		0.00
Projects, Policy & Performance	1.42	1.42	0.00		0.00
Strategy & Performance	1.34	1.32	(0.03)	F C	0.00
Strategic Management of the Council	1.34	1,32	(0.03)	F C	0.00
Total Strategy & Performance	4.94	4.79	(0.16)	F @	0.00

Strategy & Performance: a forecast underspend of £0.16M.

There is a nil movement from Month 5. The overall favourable variance comprises of £0.12M linked to salary underspends due to vacancies in the Data team, Chief Executive's team and Communications. Plus £0.04M of additional income in Communications and Data & Digital.





Capital Month 6





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	GF £M ▼	HRA £M	Total £M
riance Analysis:	-		
Slippage for Ren tention Payments			
Rephasing of Works	0.60	0.00	0.60
Deficit Budget	0.44	2.26	2.70
Funding No Longer Available	0.00	0.00	0.00
Surplus Budget	(1.84)	(0.55)	(2.39)
Slippage of Works	(15.83)	(2.76)	(18.59)
tal Variance	(16.63)	(1.06)	(17.69)

Council Resources - DRF

MRA

Total Financing

General Fund

The General Fund capital programme is reporting a favourable variance of $\pm 16.63M$. The major project variances are:

Slippage:

- · 3rd Childrens Residential Home £1.80M
- · Great Oaks (Green Lane Site) £0.50M
- Client Case Management System £0.50M
- Cycling £1.13M
- Public Transport £0.64M
- · Local Electric Vehicle Infrastructure (LEVI) £0.80M
- · Hoglands Skate Park £0.27M
- · Play Areas £0,44M
- · SANGS Improvements Works £0.30M

Underspends:

- · CareDirector £0.68M
- Belgrave Industrial Estate Roof £0.27M
- · Valentine School (non essential works) £0.39M

HRA

The HRA capital programme is reporting a favourable variance of £1.06M.

The major project variances are:

Slippage:

- Townhill Park Regeneration £1.01M
- Fire Safety £0.55M
- New Homes £1.10M

Under/Overspends:

- · Roofing £0.40M Underspend
- · Lift Refurbishment £0.41M Overspend
- · Sprinkler Work £0.64M Overspend
- · Wyndham Court Refurbishment £0.60M Overspend
- Structural Inspections £0.60M Overspend





General Fund Earmarked Reserves (excluding Schools Balances)





	Balance As At 01/04/2024 £M	Forecast Balance As At 31/03/2025 £M	Movement 2024/25 £M			Forecast Balance As At 31/03/2026 £M	Movement 2025/26 £M		
Medium Term Financial Risk Reserve	9.72	8.91	(0.81)	٨	مالم	10.47	1.56	F	4
Organisational Redesign Reserve	2.50	2.95			4	2.95	0.00	F	- 1
Transformation & Improvement Reserve	4.66	6.05	1.39	F		5.96	(0.10)	Α	1
Revenue Contributions to Capital	1.00	0.92		A	1	0.92	0.00		~
Social Care Demand Risk Reserve	2,00	2,20	0.20	F	1	2.20	0.00		
Revenue Grants Reserve	4.21	0.00	(4.21)	Α	•	0.00	0.00		
Investment Risk Reserve	0.80	1.20	0.40	F	1	1.60	0.40	F	1
Directorate Carry Forwards	0.00	0.00	0.00			0.00	0.00		_
PFI Sinking Fund	4.35	4.11	(0.24)	Α	1	3.67	(0.43)	Α	1
Insurance Reserve	2.20	1.50	(0.70)	Α	1	1.50	0.00		
On Street Parking	2.48	0.54	(1.94)	A	1	0.02	(0.52)	Α	4
DSG Reserve	3.99	5.19	1.20	F	1	6.44	1.25	F	1
Other Reserves	2.69	1.65	(1.03)	A	1	1.42	(0.23)	Α	1
Total Earmarked Reserves	40.58	35.22	(5.36)	A	Ψ	37.15	1.92	F	1
General Fund Balance	10.07	12.00	1.93	F	1	12.00	0.00		
Total GF Reserves (excl. Schools)	50.65	47.22	(3.43)	Α	Ψ	49.15	1.92	F	1

There is a forecast balance of £8.91M on the Medium Term Financial Risk (MTFR) Reserve at the end of 2024/25, assuming the forecast in-year surplus is used to reduce the Exceptional Financial Support requirement and not added to the reserve. An increase in the General Fund Balance to £12.0M was included in the 2024/25 budget.



Collection Fund 2024/25 Forecast Outturn





	Council Tax £M	Business Rates £M	Total £M
Distribution of previous year's estimated surplus/(contribution towards estimated deficit)	(1.18)	6.61	5.43
Net income and expenditure for 2024/25	0.48	(2.74)	(2.26)
(Surplus)/Deficit for the year	(0.70)	3.86	3.17
(Surplus)/Deficit brought forward from 2023/24	1.24	(8.42)	(7.19)
Overall (Surplus)/Deficit Carried Forward	0.54	(4.56)	(4.02)
SCC Share of (Surplus)/Deficit	0.45	(2.23)	(1.78)

For the Collection Fund as a whole there is a forecast cumulative surplus of £4.02M to be carried forward into 2025/26, from an improvement of £1.76M in the 2023/24 outturn position and a £2.26M forecast net surplus for 2024/25.

The £2.26M forecast net surplus for 2024/25 comprises a £2.74M surplus for business rates offset by a £0.48M deficit for council tax. The business rates surplus is due to an increase in rateable values and a reduction in business rates reliefs and the estimate for non collection. The forecast deficit for council tax relates to an increase in the estimate for non-collection, offset by a reduction in local council tax support costs.

SCC's share of the forecast cumulative surplus is £1.78M. In addition to this there is a £0.08M adverse variance on estimated government grant income for business rates reliefs, due to a reduction in funded reliefs, which sits outside of the Collection Fund.



Housing Revenue Account Month 6





	Working Budget 2024/25 £M	Forecast Outturn Month 6 £M	Forecast Variance Month 6 £M		Movement Month 5 to Month 6 £M	
xpenditure						
Responsive Repairs	18.10	18.10	0.00		0.00	
Cyclical Maintenance	6.99	6.99	0.00		0.00	
Rents Payable	0.45	0.45	0.00		0.00	
Debt Management	0.09	0.09	0.00		0.00	12
Supervision & Management	29.80	30.02	0.23	Α	(0.36)	F 1
Interest & Principal Repayments	6.46	6.46	0.00		0.00	
Depreciation	22.35	18.12	(4.23)	F	0.00	
Direct Revenue Financing of Capital	0.54	4.77	4.23	Α	0.37	A 🖠
ross Expenditure	84.78	85.00	0.22	Α	0.00	
ncome						
Dwelling Rents	(80.29)	(80.22)	0.07	A	0.00	
Other Rents	(1.21)	(1.21)	0.00		0.00	
Service Charge Income	(2.53)	(2.53)	0.00		0.00	
Leaseholder Service Charges	(1.14)	(1.39)	(0.25)	F	0.00	
Interest Received	(0.11)	(0.15)	(0.04)	F	0.00	
otal Income	(85.27)	(85.49)	(0.22)	F	0.00	
alances						
Working Balance B/Fwd	(2.59)	(2.59)				
Surplus)/deficit for year	(0.50)	(0.50)	0.00		0.00	
Working Balance C/Fwd	(3.09)	(3.09)				

	2023/24 Outturn £M	Month 6 Forecast £M	
Balance B/fwd	3.58	2.35	
Costs incurred Jan-Mar 23	2.02	0.00	
Less accruals 22/23	(2.81)	0.00	
Rent collected ytd	(7.57)	(7.90)	
Leaseholder contribution	(0.47)	(0.51)	
Contribution to bad debt provision	0.20	(0.20)	
Costs incurred YTD	7.39	8.00	
Balanca C/fuid	2.25	174	

HRA POSITION: a balanced position is forecast.

The overall forecast is in line with the business plan position. There is a favourable position forecast on depreciation based on the reduced asset values recognised in the 2023/24 accounts. There is an off-setting increase in direct revenue financing to ensure the captial programme is not underfunded as a result. Additional insurance premium costs of £0.25M are covered by increased service charges to leaseholders. Adverse forecast on rents, Estate Regeneration and bad debt are covered by favourable forecasts on staffing.

The landlord-controlled heating account deficit brought forward from 2023/24 is $\pounds 2.35M$, and, based on anticipated cost for 2024/25 and additional income from charge increases, is expected to reduce to £1.74M. Modelling will take place to assess the impact on planned future price setting.



Dedicated Schools Grant Month 6





Dedicated Schools Grant	Working Budget 2024-25 £M	Forecast Outturn Month 6 £M	Forecast Variance Month 6 £M		Movement Month 5 to Month 6 £M	•	
Schools High Needs				A 8	0.00	Α	J
Early Years				A O	0.00		
Central Services				A 🔵	0.00		
In Year Balance					1.20	Α	ϕ
Balance B/Fwd held in DSG adjustment reserve				A 🔵	(11.09)	F	1
Balance B/Fwd held in DSG usable reserve				A 🔵	3.99	A	1
Net DSG deficit B/Fwd					(7.11)	F	1
Total DSG Balance					(5.91)	F	1

Schools Balances	Budget 2024/25 Deficit	Budget 2024/25 Surplus	Budget 2024/25 Total	
Primary				
Net Budget	£2.91M	(£2.06M)	£0.85M	
No. of Schools	11	20	31	
% of Schools	35%	65%	100%	
Secondary				
Net Budget	£0.00M	(£4.86M)	(£4.86M)	
No. of Schools	0	6	6	
% of Schools	0%	100%	100%	
Special				
Net Budget	£1,43M	(£0.27M)	£1.16M	
No. of Schools	2	3	5	
% of Schools	40%	60%	100%	
Total				
Net Budget	£4.34M	(£7.20M)	(£2.85M)	
No. of Schools	13	29	42	
% of Schools	31%	69%	100%	

The DSG deficit reduced by £3.99M to £7.11M in 2023/24 and a further reduction of £1.20M is currently forecast for 2024/25. Schools budget data for 2024/25 indicates there are 13 schools with a deficit balance and where necessary deficit recovery plans are being prepared.



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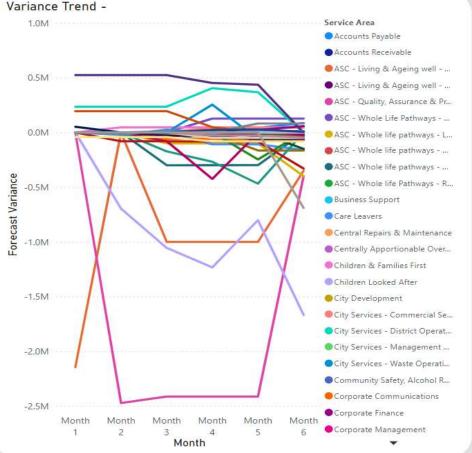
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SOUTHAMPTON CITY COUNCIL

Month 6



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Children & Learning

Compliance & Leisure

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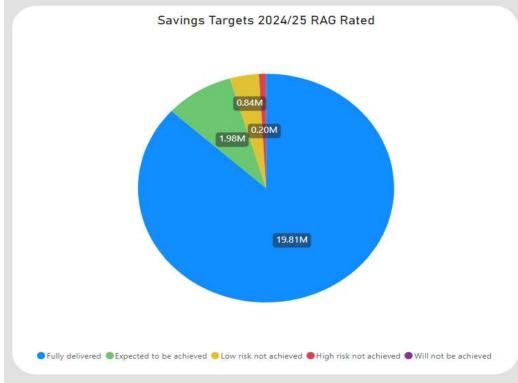
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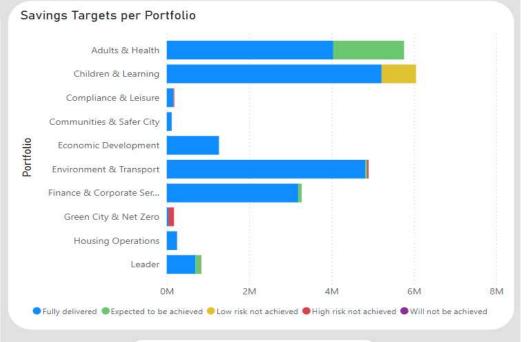
Portfolio	Working Budget 2024/25 £'000	Forecast Outturn Month 6 £'000	Forecast Variance Month 6 £'000	Movement Month 5 to Month 6 £'000
⊞ Adults & Health	93,472	91,952	(1,520)	2,463
□ Children & Learning	71,160	68,218	(2,942)	(1,844)
□ Compliance & Leisure	4,425	4,276	(149)	(215)
☐ Communities & Safer City	2,704	2,621	(82)	0
⊞ Economic Development	7,498	7,507	9	10
□ Environment & Transport	22,147	21,595	(552)	(280)
⊞ Finance & Corporate Services	32,651	32,002	(649)	(371)
☐ Green City & Net Zero	5,900	5,850	(49)	(390)
⊞ Housing Operations	5,531	5,540	10	0
□ Leader	5,997	5,870	(127)	(8)
■ Central Expenditure Items	27,111	20,037	(7,074)	(3,753)
□ General Funding	(239,319)	(239,370)	(52)	0
⊞ Exceptional Financial Support (EFS)	(39,276)	(26,098)	13,178	4,389
Total	1	0	(1)	0











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Key Issues

The current rate of non-achievement of savings is 1% or £0.20M forecast not to be achieved (Red & Purple). A Deficit Recovery Plan has been implemented in Resident Services to mitigate the impact of non-achievement of savings.