

BUDGET MONITORING 2025/26 – Month 4

Joint Report of Chief Officer and Treasurer

Recommendations:

That members:

1. Note the projected outturn
2. Note the projected general reserve balance

Budget Monitoring Month 4

In December 2024, the authority agreed to the use of reserves of £118,042 to balance the budget for 2025/26. The approved budget was prepared on the basis the authority would not receive any additional grant funding for the year.

At month 4, there is currently a projected transfer from general reserve of £66,342, rather than the original budgeted £118,042. This is mainly due to receiving one off additional grant income of £50,000 from DEFRA.

There is an expected underspend in supplies and services, due to a saving in advertising costs, partially offset by an overspend in enforcement.

	2025/26 Base Budget £	Projected Outturn £	Variance £
Employees	780,300	780,900	600
Premises	40,800	40,800	0
Transport	14,200	14,200	0
Supplies and services	69,800	66,900	(2,900)
Boat costs	34,900	35,500	600
Environmental Research	12,500	12,500	0
Support Services	46,700	46,700	0
Income Fees & Charges	(43,100)	(43,100)	0
	956,100	954,400	(1,700)
DEFRA One Off Grant Funding	0	(50,000)	(50,000)
	956,100	904,400	(51,700)
Transfer to/(from) General Reserve	(118,042)	(66,342)	51,700
Total Funding from Levies	838,058	838,058	0

Variances (items over £1,000):

Supplies and Services

- Advertising £ (6,000) – No byelaws advertised this year;
- Enforcement £ 2,000 - Data storage due to stop at the end of 2024/25, but continued for 3 months of 2025/26;

DEFRA One Off Grant Funding

- Grant Funding £ (50,000) – Additional grant funding received;

General Reserve

- Transfer from General Reserve £ (66,342);

		2025/26 Projection £
General Reserve Balance 1st April 2025		618,850
Budgeted Transfer from General Reserve	(118,042)	
In year variance on General Reserve Transfer	51,700	
Net transfer to/(from) General Reserve		(66,342)
Projected Balance 31st March 2026		552,508

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