

Appendix I – Other Service Areas (including Collection Fund)

Corporate Management

Lead Member for Corporate Management: Cllr Liz Leyshon

Interim Chief Finance Officer (Section 151 Officer): Maria G. Christofi

Chart 1: Budget versus forecast outturn graph

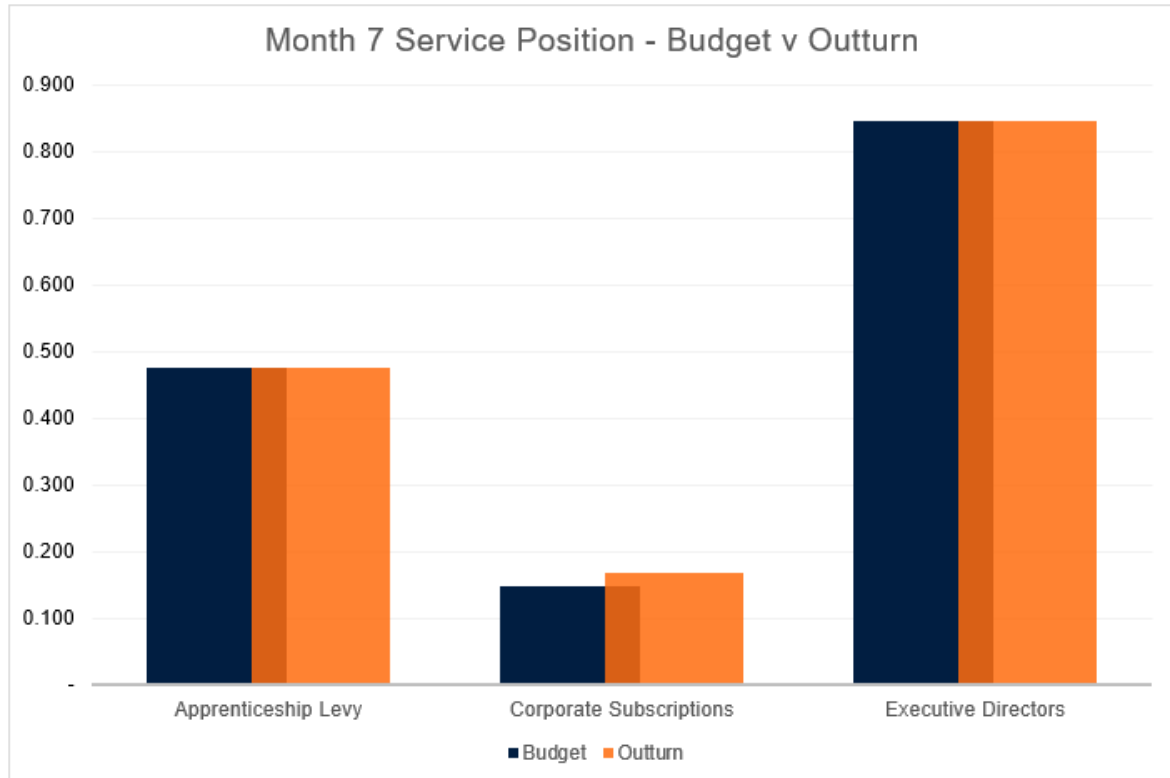


Table 1: 2024/25 Corporate Management as at the end of October 2024 (Month 7)

- 2024/25 net budget £1.472m, forecasting an overspend of £0.019m, no change from Quarter 2
- 2023/24 net budget £0.8m, outturn overspend £0.8m

Service Area	Current Expenditure Budget £m	Current Income Budget £m	Current Net Budget £m	Full Year Projection £m	Month 7 Variance £m	Overspend / (Underspend)	RAG Status	Ongoing Pressure £m	One-off Pressures £m	Movement From Month 6 £m
Apprenticeship Levy	0.477	-	0.477	0.477	-	On-budget	Green	-	-	-
Central Redundancies	-	-	-	-	-	On-budget	Green	-	-	-
Corporate Subscriptions	0.149	-	0.149	0.168	0.019	Overspend	Red	-	0.019	-
Executive Directors	0.949	(0.103)	0.846	0.846	-	On-budget	Green	-	-	-
Corporate Management Total	1.575	(0.103)	1.472	1.491	0.019	Overspend	Amber	-	0.019	-

Corporate Management - Key explanations of variances

The Corporate Subscriptions budget is forecasting an overspend of £0.019m due to inflationary increases on combined subscriptions costs for Somerset Council.

Corporate Management – Actions and mitigations

Table 2: Mitigating Actions Identified, not yet included in the forecast outturn

In-Year Mitigation Proposed	Quarter 2	Month 7	Movement	One-Off Mitigation	Ongoing Mitigation	Comments
	£m	£m	£m	£m	£m	
To be Mitigated	0.019	0.019	0.000			Overspend in Corporate Subscriptions
Non-Service	(0.019)	(0.019)	-	(0.019)		
Total Mitigations Identified to be Actioned	(0.019)	(0.019)	-	(0.019)	-	
Still to be Mitigated	-	-	-			

Non-Service

Lead Member for Non-Service: Cllr Liz Leyshon

Interim Chief Finance Officer (Section 151 Officer): Maria G. Christofi

Chart 2: Budget versus forecast outturn graph

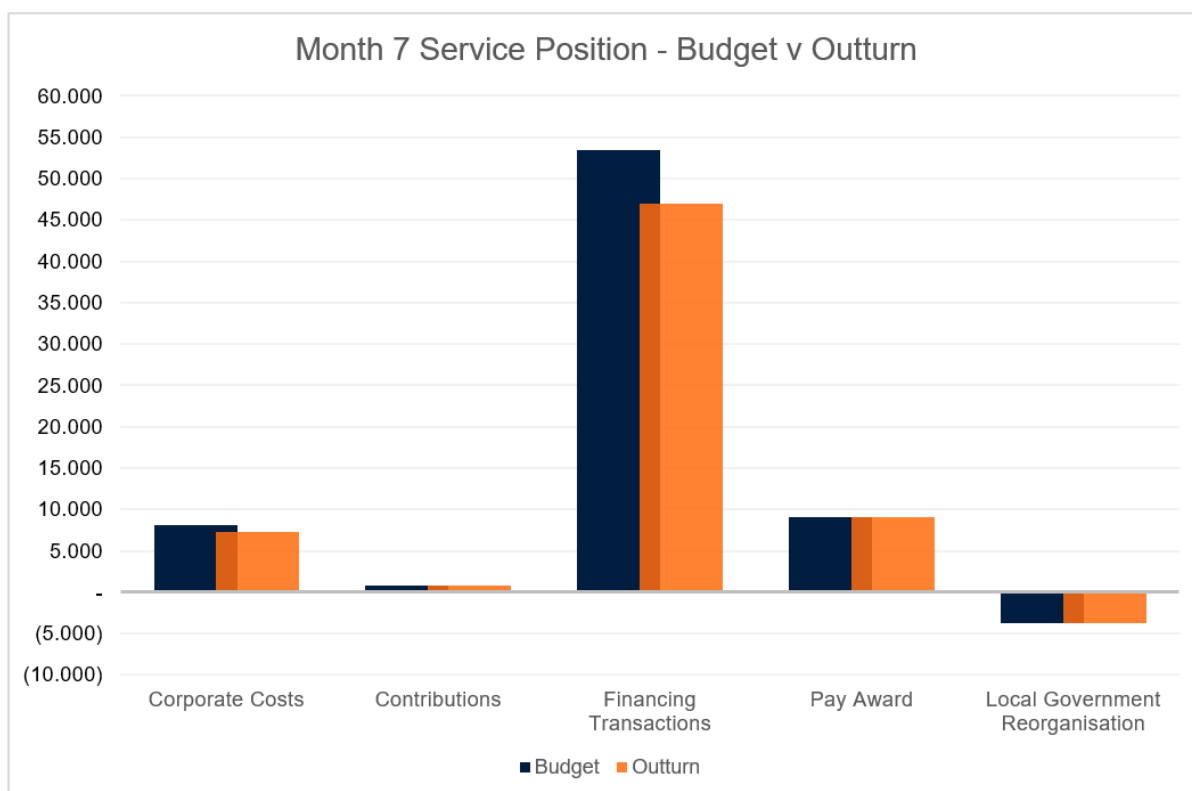


Table 3: 2024/25 Non-Service as at the end of October 2024 (Month 7)

- 2024/25 net budget £67.672m, forecasting an underspend of £7.323m, an increase of £0.500m from Quarter 2
- 2023/24 net budget £55.3m, outturn underspend £10.1m

Service Area	Original Budget	Current Expenditure Budget	Current Income Budget	Current Net Budget	Full Year Projection	Month 7 Variance	Overspend / (Underspend)	RAG Status	Ongoing Pressure	One-off Pressures	Movement From Month 6
	£m	£m	£m	£m	£m	£m			£m	£m	£m
Corporate Costs	7.091	8.281	(0.172)	8.109	7.298	(0.811)	Underspend	Green	-	-	(0.513)
Contributions	0.768	0.902	(0.134)	0.768	0.768	-	On-budget	Green	-	-	-
Financing Transactions	53.621	59.695	(6.251)	53.444	46.932	(6.512)	Underspend	Green	0.125	-	0.013
Pay Award	10.323	9.060	-	9.060	9.060	-	On-budget	Green	-	-	-
Local Government Reorganisation	(4.355)	0.646	(4.355)	(3.709)	(3.709)	-	On-budget	Green	-	-	-
Non-Service Total	67.448	78.584	(10.912)	67.672	60.349	(7.323)	Underspend	Green	0.125	-	(0.500)

Non-Service - Key explanations of variances

Financing Transactions

Financing Transactions are forecasting an underspend of £6.512m a decrease of £0.013m from Quarter 2. The underspend is due to the council's debt charges which are forecast to be lower than anticipated at budget setting, whilst investment income is expected to be higher by the end of the financial year. As interest rates are volatile, there is a risk that investment income could fall later in the year. A review of leased buildings has been completed and the figures confirmed for 2024/25 which has led to an underspend of £0.609m. This is offset by a £0.075m overspend for interest received on service loans.

Corporate Costs

Corporate Costs is forecasting an underspend of £0.811m, an increase of £0.513m from Quarter 2. This is due to the general fund proportion of the Pension Deficit charge being lower than anticipated at budget setting, leading to a £1.016m underspend. This underspend is partly offset by an overspend of £0.205m within the Discontinued Services budget, due to increased costs arising from a variation in the number of individuals for whom the SCC Pension Fund charges SCC for compensation for loss of office.

Traded Services

Lead Member for Traded Services: Cllr Heather Shearer
Executive Director: Claire Winter

Table 4: 2024/25 Traded Services as at the end of October 2024 (Month 7)

- Traded Services are required to set a net nil budget with full costs offset by income generated.

Service Area	Current Expenditure Budget £m	Current Income Budget £m	Current Net Budget £m	Full Year Projection £m	Month 7 Variance £m	Overspend / (Underspend)	RAG Status	Ongoing Pressure £m	One-off Pressures £m	Movement From Month 6 £m
Dillington	-	-	-	-	-	On-budget	Green	-	-	-
Traded Services Total	-	-	-	-	-	On-budget	Green	-	-	-

Traded Services - Key explanations of variances

The Traded Services budget is forecasting a balanced position at outturn.

Contingencies

Lead Member for Contingencies: Cllr Liz Leyshon
Interim Chief Finance Officer (Section 151 Officer): Maria G. Christofi

Table 5: 2024/25 Contingencies as at the end of October 2024 (Month 7)

- 2024/25 net budget £6.000m, forecasting an underspend of £6.000m, no change from Quarter 2
- 2023/24 net budget £6.000m, outturn underspend £0.600m

Service Area	Current Expenditure Budget £m	Current Income Budget £m	Current Net Budget £m	Full Year Projection £m	Month 7 Variance £m	Overspend / (Underspend)	RAG Status	Ongoing Pressure £m	One-off Pressures £m	Movement From Month 6 £m
Corporate Contingency	6.000	-	6.000	-	(6.000)	Underspend	Green	-	-	-
Contingencies Total	6.000	-	6.000	-	(6.000)	Underspend	Green	-	-	-

Contingencies - Key explanations of variances

The contingency budget is unutilised at month 7.

Core Revenue Funding

Lead Member for Core Revenue Funding: Cllr Liz Leyshon
Interim Chief Finance Officer (Section 151 Officer): Maria G. Christofi

Table 6: 2024/25 Core Revenue Funding as at the end of October 2024 (Month 7)

- 2024/25 net budget (£639.611m), forecasting a reduced draw on reserves of £8.782m, an increased draw of £0.303m from Quarter 2
- 2023/24 net budget (£651.300m), outturn overachievement of £0.500m

Service Area	Current Expenditure Budget £m	Current Income Budget £m	Current Net Budget £m	Full Year Projection £m	Month 7 Variance £m	Reduction / Increase in Funding	RAG Status	Ongoing Pressure £m	One-off Pressures £m	Movement From Month 6 £m
Use of Reserves	(39.499)	-	(39.499)	(30.717)	8.782	Reduced draw	Red	-	8.782	0.303
Council Tax	- (361.071)		(361.071)	(361.071)	-	On-budget	Green	-	-	-
Business Rates	- (128.447)		(128.447)	(128.447)	-	On-budget	Green	-	-	-
Grants	- (65.997)		(65.997)	(66.057)	(0.060)	Increase	Green	-	0.001	-
Collection Fund (Surplus)/Deficit	- (7.713)		(7.713)	(7.713)	-	On-budget	Green	-	-	-
Capitilisation Direction	- (36.884)		(36.884)	(36.884)	-	On-budget	Green	-	-	-
Core Revenue Funding Total	(39.499)	(600.112)	(639.611)	(630.889)	8.722	Reduced draw	Red	-	8.783	0.303

Core Revenue Funding - Key explanations of variances

Grants

The overachievement of £0.060m forecast for grants is due to receiving confirmation that the 2024/25 Services grant will be more than budgeted as the grant confirmation was received after the budget setting process.

At 2024/25 budget setting, a planned one-off use of Earmarked Reserves of £36.800m was included to support the budget. This planned use of reserves is forecast to reduce by £8.782m to £30.717m, due to the forecast underspend within service budget lines.