

**Communities Scrutiny Committee –
22nd January 2025**

Budget Monitoring - Month 7 (October) 2024/25



**Somerset
Council**

Communities Services Month 7 (October) 2024/25

Net budget of £34.412m

Underspend of £1.466m (4.3%) a decrease of £0.106 since month 6.

- Housing currently forecasted on budget
- Customer Services forecasted on budget
- Cultural Services forecasted underspend £1.186m mainly due to the underspend in Leisure
- Regulatory & Operational Services forecasting an underspend of £0.280

2024/25 Community Services as at the end of October 2024 (Month 7)

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 Pressures £m	One-off Pressures £m	Movement From Month 6 £m
Housing										
Service Director - Housing	0.146	-	0.146	0.115	(0.031)	Underspend	Green	-	-	0.001
Housing Strategy	0.407	(0.285)	0.122	0.242	0.120	Overspend	Red	-	0.120	(0.000)
Housing Options	10.828	(5.545)	5.283	5.693	0.410	Overspend	Red	-	0.410	0.014
Housing Enabling	0.682	(0.143)	0.539	0.438	(0.101)	Underspend	Green	-	-	(0.000)
Private Sector Support/ DFG's (SIP)	1.353	(0.823)	0.530	0.132	(0.398)	Underspend	Green	-	-	(0.037)
Displaced Person Service	1.069	(1.069)	-	-	-	On-budget	Green	-	-	-
sub total	14.485	(7.865)	6.620	6.620	-	On-budget	Green	-	0.530	(0.022)
Customer Services										
Customer Services	6.619	(0.721)	5.898	5.898	-	On-budget	Green	-	-	-
Somerset Lifeline	2.237	(2.600)	(0.363)	(0.363)	-	On-budget	Green	-	-	-
sub total	8.856	(3.321)	5.535	5.535	-	On-budget	Green	-	-	-
Cultural Services										
Service Director - Cultural Services	0.146	-	0.146	0.146	-	On-budget	Green	-	-	-
Library Service	4.954	(0.738)	4.216	4.216	-	On-budget	Green	-	-	-
Heritage Service	1.749	-	1.749	1.749	-	On-budget	Green	-	-	-
Leisure - Sports Centre	2.864	(0.494)	2.370	1.170	(1.200)	Underspend	Green	-	-	-
Museums	0.044	(0.003)	0.041	0.012	(0.029)	Underspend	Green	-	-	0.008
Theatres	2.587	(1.975)	0.612	0.612	-	On-budget	Green	-	-	-
Visitor Centres	0.262	(0.404)	(0.142)	(0.022)	0.120	Underachievement	Red	-	0.120	0.120
Tourism	0.111	(0.010)	0.101	0.024	(0.077)	Underspend	Green	-	-	-
(wellbeing) Community Grants	0.021	(0.001)	0.020	0.020	-	On-budget	Green	-	-	-
sub total	12.738	(3.625)	9.113	7.927	(1.186)	Underspend	Green	-	0.120	0.128
Regulatory & Operational Services										
Registration	1.985	(2.047)	(0.062)	(0.062)	(0.000)	Overachievement	Green	-	-	-
Environmental Health	4.516	(0.328)	4.188	3.955	(0.233)	Underspend	Green	-	-	-
Bereavement Services	1.035	(2.444)	(1.409)	(1.401)	0.008	Underachievement	Amber	-	0.008	-
Harbours	0.066	(0.028)	0.038	0.037	(0.001)	Underspend	Green	-	-	-
Ports	0.230	(0.148)	0.082	0.022	(0.060)	Underspend	Green	-	-	-
Street Cleansing	5.766	(0.872)	4.894	4.534	(0.360)	Underspend	Green	-	-	-
Open Spaces	5.879	(2.542)	3.337	3.557	0.220	Overspend	Red	-	0.220	-
Public Conveniences	0.558	(0.474)	0.084	0.092	0.008	Overspend	Red	-	0.008	-
(wellbeing) Community Safety	0.012	-	0.012	0.005	(0.007)	Underspend	Green	-	-	-
CCTV	0.841	(0.594)	0.247	0.288	0.041	Overspend	Red	-	0.041	-
Licensing	0.759	(1.058)	(0.299)	(0.367)	(0.068)	Overachievement	Green	-	-	-
Resorts	0.388	(0.204)	0.184	0.240	0.056	Overspend	Red	-	0.056	-
Coroners	1.344	-	1.344	1.464	0.120	Overspend	Red	-	0.120	-
Operational Support	0.689	(0.103)	0.586	0.586	-	On-budget	Green	-	-	-
Scientific Services	0.437	(0.414)	0.023	0.024	0.001	Overspend	Amber	-	0.001	-
Markets	0.230	(0.335)	(0.105)	(0.110)	(0.005)	Overachievement	Green	-	-	0.000
sub total	24.735	(11.591)	13.144	12.864	(0.280)	Underspend	Green	-	0.454	0.000
Community Services Total	60.814	(26.402)	34.412	32.946	(1.466)	Underspend	Green	-	1.104	0.106

Communities Services MTFP – Month 7 2024/25

Performance of agreed savings proposals - October 2024 (Month 7)

Service Area	Savings Rolled Forward from 2023/24	Savings for 2024/25	Total Savings to be Delivered	Achieved	On-track	At Risk	Unachievable
	£m	£m	£m	£m	£m	£m	£m
Community Services	-	(2.866)	(2.866)	(0.115)	(2.412)	(0.225)	(0.114)
Total	-	(2.866)	(2.866)	(0.115)	(2.412)	(0.225)	(0.114)

Percentages - Month 7	100%	4%	84%	8%	4%
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Number of Savings		4	26	5	1
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Appendix A to the report shows a list of all agreed savings for 2024/25

Unachievable and at-risk savings

Unachievable Savings – Total £0.114m

- Funding for the Taunton Visitor centre already existed within Communities Budget, the saving is a duplicate saving and therefore unachievable

At Risk Savings – Total £0.225m

- Lifeline Services – £0.106m
 - An updated MTFP saving was proposed but the original was not reversed therefore duplicated, work continues around income projections to see if this can be mitigated.
- Regulatory and Ops - £0.119m
 - contract savings - £0.100m - no consideration regarding contractual inflation was factored in and therefore puts this saving at risk, likely to be unachievable but service will look at mitigating actions to achieve this.
 - Increase in fees at Berrow and Brean beaches - £0.019m – Income has been affected by the weather and therefore the anticipated increase in income has not yet been achieved.