

**Community Services Scrutiny  
Committee – 12<sup>th</sup> March 2025**

**Budget Monitoring - Quarter 3(December)  
2024/25**



**Somerset  
Council**

# Communities Services Quarter 3 (December) 2024/25

**Net budget of £33.242m**

**Underspend of £1.314m (3.95%) a decrease of £0.152m since month 7.**

- 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 £0.128m

Service Area	Current Expenditure Budget £m	Current Income Budget £m	Current Net Budget £m	Full Year Projection £m	Quarter 3 Variance £m	Overspend / (Underspend)	RAG Status	Ongoing Pressure £m	One-off Pressures £m	Movement From Month 7 £m
<b>Housing</b>										
Service Director - Housing	0.146	-	0.146	0.115	(0.031)	Underspend	Green	-	-	0.000
Housing Strategy	0.331	(0.285)	0.046	0.216	0.170	Overspend	Red	-	0.170	0.050
Housing Options	10.640	(5.545)	5.095	5.569	0.474	Overspend	Red	-	0.474	0.064
Housing Enabling	0.617	(0.143)	0.474	0.376	(0.098)	Underspend	Green	-	-	0.003
Private Sector Support/ DFG's (SIP)	1.353	(0.823)	0.530	0.015	(0.515)	Underspend	Green	-	-	(0.117)
Displaced Person Service	1.069	(1.069)	-	-	-	On-budget	Green	-	-	-
<b>sub total</b>	<b>14.156</b>	<b>(7.865)</b>	<b>6.291</b>	<b>6.291</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>On-budget</b>	<b>Green</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>0.644</b>	<b>(0.000)</b>
<b>Customer Services</b>										
Customer Services	6.466	(0.721)	5.745	5.745	-	On-budget	Green	-	-	-
Somerset Lifeline	2.235	(2.600)	(0.365)	(0.365)	-	On-budget	Green	-	-	-
<b>sub total</b>	<b>8.701</b>	<b>(3.321)</b>	<b>5.380</b>	<b>5.380</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>On-budget</b>	<b>Green</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Cultural Services</b>										
Service Director - Cultural Services	0.146	-	0.146	0.146	-	On-budget	Green	-	-	-
Library Service	5.204	(1.034)	4.170	4.170	-	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	-	-	-
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	-
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	-	-	-
<b>sub total</b>	<b>12.988</b>	<b>(3.921)</b>	<b>9.067</b>	<b>7.881</b>	<b>(1.186)</b>	<b>Underspend</b>	<b>Green</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>0.120</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Regulatory &amp; Operational Services</b>										
Registration	1.985	(2.047)	(0.062)	(0.065)	(0.003)	Overachievement	Green	-	-	(0.003)
Environmental Health	4.355	(0.328)	4.027	3.793	(0.234)	Underspend	Green	-	-	(0.001)
Bereavement Services	1.007	(2.444)	(1.437)	(1.321)	0.116	Underachievement	Red	-	0.116	0.108
Harbours	0.066	(0.028)	0.038	0.038	-	On-budget	Green	-	-	0.001
Ports	0.230	(0.148)	0.082	0.022	(0.060)	Underspend	Green	-	-	-
Street Cleansing	5.618	(0.872)	4.746	4.446	(0.300)	Underspend	Green	-	-	0.060
Open Spaces	5.711	(2.542)	3.169	3.456	0.287	Overspend	Red	-	0.287	0.067
Public Conveniences	0.558	(0.474)	0.084	0.022	(0.062)	Underspend	Green	-	-	(0.070)
(wellbeing) Community Safety	0.012	-	0.012	0.004	(0.008)	Underspend	Green	-	-	(0.001)
CCTV	0.797	(0.594)	0.203	0.200	(0.003)	Underspend	Green	-	-	(0.044)
Licensing	0.668	(1.058)	(0.390)	(0.456)	(0.066)	Overachievement	Green	-	-	0.002
Resorts	0.388	(0.204)	0.184	0.239	0.055	Overspend	Red	-	0.055	(0.001)
Coroners	1.344	-	1.344	1.510	0.166	Overspend	Red	-	0.166	0.046
Operational Support	0.689	(0.103)	0.586	0.586	-	On-budget	Green	-	-	-
Scientific Services	0.437	(0.414)	0.023	(0.009)	(0.032)	Underspend	Green	-	-	(0.033)
Markets	0.230	(0.335)	(0.105)	(0.089)	0.016	Underachievement	Red	-	0.016	0.021
<b>sub total</b>	<b>24.095</b>	<b>(11.591)</b>	<b>12.504</b>	<b>12.376</b>	<b>(0.128)</b>	<b>Underspend</b>	<b>Green</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>0.640</b>	<b>0.152</b>
<b>Community Services Total</b>	<b>59.940</b>	<b>(26.698)</b>	<b>33.242</b>	<b>31.928</b>	<b>(1.314)</b>	<b>Underspend</b>	<b>Green</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>1.404</b>	<b>0.152</b>

# Communities Services MTFP savings tracker 2024/25

- Total 24/25 savings £2.866m
- Savings 'Achieved' 72.7% - £2.084m
- Savings 'On track' 15.5% - £0.443m
- Savings 'At Risk' 3.7% - £0.106m
- Savings 'Unachievable' 8.1% - £0.233m

Where savings are 'At risk' or 'Unachievable', Savings have been offset by underspends elsewhere within Community Services.

Community Services	Saving 2024/25	At Risk £m	Unachievable £m
Customer Services	Lifeline Services - alignment of fees and charges for new customers from April 2023	(0.106)	-
Cultural Services	Funding for Taunton Visitor Information centre		(0.114)
Regulatory & Operational Services	Contract rationalisation for grounds maintenance contracts		(0.050)
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Regulatory & Operational Services	Increased Berrow & Brean Beach Parking fees		(0.012)
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Total		(0.106)	(0.233)