

## Finance Monitoring Report – January 2024

To: Communities, Social Mobility & Inclusion Committee

Meeting Date: 21 March 2024

From: Executive Director of Strategy and Partnerships  
Service Director of Finance and Procurement

Electoral division(s): All

Key decision: No

Forward Plan ref: N/A

Outcome: To provide the Committee with the January 2024 financial position for the services within the remit of the Committee.

The report is presented to provide the Committee with the opportunity to comment on the financial position as at the end of January 2024.

Recommendation: The Committee is recommended to:

Review and comment on the report.

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## 1. Background

- 1.1 Finance Monitoring Reports (FMR) are produced monthly, except for April, by all services. They report on a range of financial information to enable a view of each service's financial position to be taken.
- 1.2 Budgets for services are agreed by Full Council in the business plan in February of each year and can be amended in-year by budget virements. In particular, the FMR provides a revenue budget forecast showing the current projection of whether services expect to be over or underspent at the end of the current financial year against those budgets.
- 1.3 The services within the remit of this Committee span two separate service areas within the Council; Regulatory Services (Registration, Coroners and Trading Standards) sit within Place and Sustainability, whilst Communities, Employment and Skills services (including Libraries) and the Local Assistance Scheme are within Strategy and Partnerships.
- 1.4 Rather than presenting two separate FMRs to this Committee, the relevant revenue and capital lines from both the Place and Sustainability and the Strategy and Partnerships FMR's are summarised below. The full reports for Place and Sustainability and Strategy and Partnerships, which contain additional technical appendices, will be presented to the Highways and Transport Committee, and the Strategy, Resources and Performance Committee respectively and will also be published online (see paragraph 6.2).
- 1.5 Please note the budgets are now being shown gross and net, to provide details of any income or grant funding associated with each policy line, and to align with the presentation within in the business plan.

## 2. Main Issues - Revenue

- 2.1 At the end of January 2024, the revenue budgets within the remit of the Communities, Social Mobility and Inclusion Committee are currently forecasting an outturn underspend position of -£30k. There are no significant issues to report (adverse/positive variance greater than 2% of annual budget or £100,000 whichever is greater).
- 2.2 Detailed service by service financial information can be found below.

Forecast Outturn Variance (Previous) £000	Committee		Gross Budget £000	Income Budget £000	Net Budget £000	Actual £000	Forecast Outturn Variance £000	Forecast Outturn Variance %
		<b>Place &amp; Sustainability: Community Safety &amp; Regulatory Service</b>						
66	CSMI	Registration & Citizenship Services	1,185	-1,955	-769	-771	194	25%
0	CSMI	Coroners	3,390	-1,236	2,154	1,428	-46	-2%
-125	CSMI	Trading Standards	739	-24	715	355	-165	-23%
<b>-59</b>		<b>Community Safety and Regulatory Service Total</b>	<b>5,315</b>	<b>-3,215</b>	<b>2,100</b>	<b>1,012</b>	<b>-18</b>	<b>-1%</b>
		<b>Strategy &amp; Partnerships: Communities, Libraries &amp; Skills</b>						
0	CSMI	Strategic Management – C, L&S	160	-106	54	-8,091	0	0%
0	CSMI	Public Library Services	4,947	-816	4,131	3,336	0	0%
-7	CSMI	Cambridgeshire Skills	2,300	-2,300	0	-20,349	0	0%
5	CSMI	Archives	451	-31	421	334	0	0%
0	CSMI	Cultural Services	359	-233	126	66	-12	-10%
0	CSMI	Communities Service	1,323	-55	1,268	955	0	0%
0	CSMI	Changing Futures	1,091	-1,023	68	-544	0	0%
0	CSMI	Domestic Abuse and Sexual Violence Service	3,262	-1,228	2,034	1,193	0	0%
<b>-2</b>		<b>Communities, Libraries &amp; Skills Total</b>	<b>13,894</b>	<b>-5,792</b>	<b>8,101</b>	<b>-23,100</b>	<b>-12</b>	<b>0%</b>
		<b>Strategy &amp; Partnerships: Other</b>						
0	CSMI	Local Assistance Scheme	300	0	300	221	0	0%
<b>99</b>		<b>CSMI Committee Services Total</b>	<b>19,509</b>	<b>-9,007</b>	<b>10,501</b>	<b>-21,897</b>	<b>-30</b>	<b>-1%</b>

### 3. Main Issues - Capital

3.1 At the end of January 2024, the capital programmes within the remit of the Communities, Social Mobility and Inclusion Committee have no significant variances to report.

3.2 The revised capital budget for 2023/24 is £3.170m, with total expenditure to the end of January totalling £139k.

Scheme	Total Scheme Revised Budget	Total Scheme Forecast Variance	Revised Budget for 2023-24	Actual Spend (January)	Forecast Outturn Variance (January)
	£000	£000	£000	£000	£000
<b>Strategy &amp; Partnerships – CSMI Committee</b>					
Community Fund	5,000	-500	1,641	0	-500
Histon Library Rebuild	97		5	5	
Libraries - Open access & touchdown facilities	1,172	-819	875	56	-819
Library Minor Works	85		71	8	-62
EverySpace - Library Improvement Fund	389		310	9	-164
Darwin Green Library	152		152	0	-100
Cherry Hinton Library	55		55	3	-45
Sackville House Library	582		61	7	
Sawston Comm Hub	0		0	51	51
<b>CSMI Total</b>	<b>7,532</b>	<b>-1,319</b>	<b>3,170</b>	<b>139</b>	<b>-1,639</b>

3.3 The schemes with significant variances (>£250k) either due to changes in phasing or changes in overall scheme costs can be found below:

Ref	Directorate / Committee	Commentary vs previous month	Scheme	Scheme Budget £m	Budget for 2023-24 £m	Forecast Outturn Variance £m	Cause	Commentary
6a	S&P CSMI	Previous month	Community Fund	5,000	1,641	-0.500	Underspend	The library initiative (£500k) will be delivered by another funding source, Just Transition Fund, as agreed in business planning for 2024/25.
1a	S&P CSMI	Previous month	Libraries: Open Access & Touchdown	1,172	0.875	-0.819	Phasing	This capital project is being replaced by the Libraries Plus just transition fund investment as agreed through the 2024/25 Business

## 4. Alignment with ambitions

- 4.1 Net zero carbon emissions for Cambridgeshire by 2045, and our communities and natural environment are supported to adapt and thrive as the climate changes  
There are no significant implications for this priority.
- 4.2 Travel across the county is safer and more environmentally sustainable  
There are no significant implications for this priority.
- 4.3 Health inequalities are reduced  
There are no significant implications for this priority.
- 4.4 People enjoy healthy, safe, and independent lives through timely support that is most suited to their needs  
There are no significant implications for this priority.
- 4.5 Helping people out of poverty and income inequality  
There are no significant implications for this priority.
- 4.6 Places and communities prosper because they have a resilient and inclusive economy, access to good quality public services and social justice is prioritised  
There are no significant implications for this priority.
- 4.7 Children and young people have opportunities to thrive  
There are no significant implications for this priority.

## 5. Significant Implications

### 5.1 Resource Implications

This report sets out details of the overall financial position of the services within the remit of the Committee.

### 5.2 Procurement/Contractual/Council Contract Procedure Rules Implications

There are no significant implications within this category.

### 5.3 Statutory, Legal and Risk Implications

There are no significant implications within this category.

### 5.4 Equality and Diversity Implications

There are no significant implications within this category.

### 5.5 Engagement and Communications Implications

There are no significant implications within this category.

### 5.6 Localism and Local Member Involvement

There are no significant implications within this category.

### 5.7 Public Health Implications

There are no significant implications within this category.

### 5.8 Environment and Climate Change Implications on Priority Areas:

There are no significant implications within this category.

## 6. Source Documents

- 6.1 As well as presentation of the FMR to Committees, reports are made available online each month - [Finance monitoring reports - Cambridgeshire County Council](#)