

Finance Monitoring Report – August 2025-26

To: Communities, Social Mobility and Inclusion Committee

Meeting Date: 16 October 2025

From: Executive Director of Strategy and Partnerships

Electoral division(s): All

Key decision: No

Executive Summary: This report presents financial information setting out the financial position to the end of August 2025 of the services within the remit of this Committee. The report covers revenue and capital budgets.

Recommendation: The Committee is asked to:

Note the content of the report.

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1. Creating a greener, fairer and more caring Cambridgeshire

- 1.1 This regular financial monitoring report provides the management accounts of the services within the remit of this Committee, enabling members to be aware of, and to scrutinise, the delivery of the business plan for 2025-26.

2. Background

- 2.1 Finance Monitoring Reports (FMRs) 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.
- 2.2 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.
- 2.3 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, Libraries and Skills services are within Strategy and Partnerships.
- 2.4 Rather than presenting two separate full 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, the Environment and Green Investment Committee, and the Strategy, Resources and Performance Committee respectively and will also be published on the [Finance Monitoring Reports page](#) of the Council's website.

3. Main Issues - Revenue

- 3.1 At the end of August 2025, the revenue budgets within the remit of this Committee forecast an underspend of £434k. This level of underspend has been achieved as a direct response to the Council-wide in-year financial challenges, such as the demand for placements for children in care, the increased demand for SEND services and Home to School transport. In response to these pressures services that report to this committee have been working to control expenditure where they can. Addressing these pressures in-year is vital to ensure the sustainability of the Council and to mitigate increases in the budget gap for the Council in future years. A fuller report on the Council's overall financial position, and actions being taken to address this, will be reported to the Strategy, Resources and Performance Committee at its meeting on 23 October 2025.
- 3.2 The Communities service is reporting an underspend position of £355k. This is due to additional Homes for Ukraine funding above the budgeted level.
- 3.3 Detailed service by service financial information can be found below.

4. Main Issues – Capital

- 4.1 Details of the capital programmes within the remit of this Committee can be found in section 5.1 below.
- 4.2 At the end of August 2025, no capital programmes within the remit of the Committee had a significant variance (>£250k) to report. Details can be found in section 5.2 below.

Forecast Outturn Variance (Previous) £000	Committee	Note	Budget Line	Gross Budget £000	Income Budget £000	Net Budget £000	Actual £000	Forecast Outturn Variance £000	Outturn Variance %
Place & Sustainability: Regulatory Services									
0	CSMI		Registration & Citizenship Services	1,320	-2,086	-766	-348	0	0%
0	CSMI		Coroners	3,483	-1,187	2,296	971	-39	-2%
0	CSMI		Trading Standards	801	-45	757	188	0	0%
0			Regulatory Services Total	5,604	-3,318	2,286	810	-39	-2%
Strategy & Partnerships: Communities, Libraries & Skills									
0	CSMI		Strategic Management - C,L&S	-834	0	-834	80	0	0%
0	CSMI		Public Library Services	5,265	-562	4,703	2,013	-40	-1%
0	CSMI		Cambridgeshire Skills	2,400	-2,400	0	545	-0	0%
0	CSMI		Archives	480	-51	429	206	0	0%
0	CSMI		Cultural Services	367	-231	135	48	0	0%
0	CSMI		Communities Service	1,445	-142	1,303	-156	-355	-27%
0	CSMI		Changing Futures	889	-821	68	-733	-0	0%
0	CSMI		Domestic Abuse and Sexual Violence Service	2,709	-538	2,171	990	-0	0%
0	CSMI		Anti-Poverty	6,612	-6,312	300	1,433	0	0%
0			Communities, Libraries & Skills Total	19,333	-11,058	8,275	4,427	-395	-5%
0			Overall CSMI Committee Total	24,937	-14,376	10,561	5,237	-434	-4%

5. Capital

5.1 The capital budget for 2025/26 was £1.988m, with expenditure to the end of August 2025 totalling £0.59m.

Original 2025-26 Budget as per Business Plan £000	Committee	Scheme Category	Total Scheme Revised Budget £000	Total Scheme Variance £000	Budget Carried-forward 2025-26 £000	Budget Re-phasing 2025-26 £000	Additional / Reduction in Funding 2025-26 £000	Revised Budget for 2025-26 £000	Actual Spend (August) £000	Forecast Outturn Variance (August) £000
740	CSMI	Community Fund	5,071	0	129	0	0	869	233	0
42	CSMI	Library Minor Works	81	0	15	-15	0	42	13	-20
0	CSMI	EverySpace - Library Improvement Fund	618	0	91	0	229	320	299	30
207	CSMI	Darwin Green Library	208	0	1	-208	0	0	0	0
27	CSMI	Cherry Hinton Library	102	0	2	-2	0	27	0	0
181	CSMI	Sackville House Library	582	0	367	-88	0	460	23	-50
0	CSMI	Archives - Camera replacement	45	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
75	CSMI	Huntingdon Library Redesign	161	0	0	-75	7	7	1	0
350	CSMI	Mobile Library Replacement	369	0	0	-345	0	5	0	-5
200	CSMI	Replacement of 32 ageing self-service machines reaching end of life	200	0	0	0	0	200	0	0
8	CSMI	Whittlesey Library Refurbishment	166	0	0	0	0	8	0	-8
0	CSMI	March BMX Pump Track	107	0	50	0	0	50	30	0
1,830		Total	7,710	0	655	-733	236	1,988	599	-53

5.2 There are no current schemes with significant variances to list as at the end of August 2025.

6. Significant Implications

6.1 Finance Implications

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

6.2 Legal Implications

There are no significant implications within this category.

6.3 Risk Implications

There are no significant implications within this category.

6.4 Equality and Diversity Implications

There are no significant implications within this category.

6.5 Climate Change and Environment Implications (Key decisions only)

There are no significant implications within this category.

7. Source Documents

7.1 [Finance Monitoring Reports](#)