

**Appendix A2
– Public Health & Communities
Committee – Growth and
Regeneration**

**2024/25– P02 Budget Monitor
Report**

Section A: Revenue Budget Monitor

	Revised Budget	Forecast Outturn	Outturn Variance
P02	£14.4m	£14.4m	£0.0m overspend

May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb
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Position by Division

Table 1 Growth and Regeneration Summary Position

Quarter 1/ Period 2 Budget Monitoring - Summary	Approved Budget	Revised Budget	Forecast	Revised Budget vs Forecast Variance	% Revised Budget vs Forecast Variance
	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	%

Public Health and Communities					
332 - Libraries	4,883	4,883	4,883	0	0.0%
335 - Parks and Green Spaces	2,081	2,147	2,147	0	0.0%
333 - Regulatory Services	925	925	925	0	0.0%
Public Health and Communities	7,889	7,955	7,995	0	0.0%

Growth and Regeneration

The Growth and Regeneration portion of the Public Health and Communities Committee budget includes:

- The maintenance, restocking and operation of the 27 libraries in Bristol.
- The maintenance and operation of the parks and green spaces around the city.
- The development and operation of licensing, Trading Standards and events and festivals in the city.

Table 2 below shows the net costs of the Libraries and Regulatory Services teams. These lines do include the collection of income but that has not been broken out in this version of the report.

Table 2 Libraries and Regulatory Services General Fund

Service	Cost Line	Budget (£ms)	Comments
Libraries	Libraries Customer Service	4	Staff costs related to the libraries.
	Libraries Building and Infrastructure	0.4	Building maintenance.
	Libraries Materials Fund	0.5	Annual cost of library stock.
Regulatory Services	Trading Standards	0.7	Net cost of delivering standards.
	Events and Festivals	0.3	Net costs of overseeing events.
	Licensing (Taxis, Premises, Gambling and Street Trading)	-0.1	Net cost to the Council of licensing.
TOTAL		5.8	

The Parks and Green Spaces service includes significant income so the annex includes the costs, income and net costs separately.

Savings Delivery

The table below shows progress on the savings which are within the remit of the Public Health and Communities Committee. The savings categorised in red include:

- £50k from maximising commercial opportunities for catering outlets within Parks which we are struggling to deliver due to existing challenges in meeting Parks catering targets.
- £55k associated with standardising all allotment fees.

Table 3 Growth and Regeneration Savings

Public Health and Communities					
BRAG	No. of Items	Plan £'000	Forecast £'000	Of Which Verified £'000	Variance £'000
Blue	-	-	-	-	-
Green	3	108	108	-	-
Amber	-	-	-	-	-
Red	2	105	-	-	(105)
Total	5	213	108	-	(105)

Risks and Opportunities

Table 3 Growth and Regeneration Risks and Opportunities

Division	Service	Risk or Opportunity	Description of Impact	Risk / Opportunity £'000
Management of Place	Parks & Green Spaces	Risk	This is the additional income target for Cemeteries and Crematoria agreed in the Cabinet Report in December 2023 following a Ernst and Young report.	213
Management of Place	Regulatory Services	Risk	Events income shortfall.	91
Management of Place	Parks & Green Spaces	Risk	Ongoing deficit in Parks income.	50
Management of Place	Parks & Green Spaces	Risk	This is the additional income target for Parks agreed in the Cabinet Report in December 2023 following an Ernst and Young report.	47
Management of Place	Parks & Green Spaces	Risk	Ongoing deficit in Cemeteries and Crematoria income.	177
Management of Place	Regulatory Services	Risk	Licensing income shortfall.	118
Management of Place	Regulatory Services	Opportunity	Trading Standards vacancy savings.	(96)

Capital

Approved Budget	Revised Budget	Expenditure to Date	Forecast Outturn	Outturn Variance
£9.8m	£9.8m	£0.3m 3% of Budget	£9.3m 94% of Budget	(£0.5m)

The table below shows progress on the capital projects within the remit of the Public Health and Communities Committee. The significant variances include:

- Investment in parks and green spaces where we currently forecasting a £288k underspend to allow time for consultations with the public, with this to be spent in early next financial year. This includes wall rebuilding and restoration programme, grounds maintenance operational equipment, parks play area improvements and the Managing For Nature capital programme.
- Invest in parks sports outdoor equipment and facility improvements where we are currently forecasting a £210k underspend to allow time for designs to be completed, with this to be spent

early next financial year. This includes the Hengrove Play Park project, Oldbury Court play area and Victoria Park infrastructure works.

- Libraries for the future where we are currently forecasting a £30k underspend. We expect to close this project in 2024/25.

Table 4 Public Health and Communities Capital

Period 2 Gross Expenditure (all figures £ms)						Performance to budget	
Ref	Scheme	Budget	Expenditure to Date	Forecast	Variance	Expenditure to date	Forecast
GR07A	Strategic CIL Capital Funds - Transport & Parks & Green Spaces	300	0	300	0	0%	100%
NH01	Libraries for the Future	30	0	0	(30)	0%	0%
NH02	Investment in parks & green spaces	2,508	258	2,220	(288)	10%	89%
NH02A	Invest in Parks Sports Outdoor Equipment & Facility Improvements	2,010	0	1,800	(210)	0%	90%
NH03	Cemeteries & Crematoria Investment	944	27	944	0	3%	100%
NH05	Leisure Centres Operational Contract - Capital Investment	4,030	0	4,030	0	0%	100%
TOTAL		9,822	285	9,294	(528)	3%	94%

Annex - Parks and Green Spaces Costs, Income and Net Costs

All lines are as budgeted on 1 April 2024 and do not include forecast income or costs for 2024/25.

Parks and Green Spaces	Cost	Income	Net Cost	Comments
10147 - Allotments	273,881	(262,517)	11,364	Management and maintenance of the Allotment service, including staff costs, repairs & maintenance, utility costs etc.
10276 - Canford Crematorium	512,739	(1,403,640)	(890,901)	Management and maintenance of the Crematorium, including staff costs, repairs & maintenance, utility costs etc.
10282 - Cemeteries	952,569	(1,071,130)	(118,561)	Management and maintenance of cemeteries, including staff costs, repairs & maintenance, plant and machinery utility costs etc.
10283 - Grounds Maintenance	6,415,663	(3,640,729)	2,774,934	Management and maintenance of parks and green spaces, housing land, highway verges and other Council green assets, including staff costs, repairs & maintenance, plant & machinery etc.
10359 - Downs	393,040	(360,400)	32,640	Management and maintenance of the Downs, including staff costs, repairs & maintenance, plant & machinery, events etc.
10399 - Golf	89,449	(148,400)	(58,952)	Provision of Golf, Disc Golf and Footgolf commercial activity at Ashton Court Estate.
10408 - Catering - Café & Kiosks	1,516,186	(1,703,828)	(187,642)	Provision of the parks commercial catering service across various sites, include Ashton Court Estate, Blaise, Canford Park etc.
10493 - Tree Planting	81,875	0	81,875	Grant funding costs or draw down from Section 106 towards tree planting and ongoing tree maintenance.
10584 - Landscapes & Projects	351,433	(135,520)	215,913	Delivery of the park's capital programme, for equipped play, parks improvements, infrastructure works etc.
10746 - Blaise Nursery	981,237	(1,073,310)	(92,073)	Commercial plant nursery, serving internal and external wholesale clients as well as operating a retail shop at Blaise Plant Nursery.
10967 - South Bristol Crematorium	647,794	(1,754,970)	(1,107,176)	Management and maintenance of the Crematorium, including staff costs, repairs & maintenance, utility costs etc.

11051 - Tree Management	646,287	(200,910)	445,377	Management of the Council's trees across parks, highways, housing, and other BCC sites.
14633 - Small Projects	12,038	0	12,038	Salary costs for project management which relates to Avonmouth Tree Planting project which is funded through Section 106 (Hinkley Point).
14897 - Childrens Play Budget	552,395	(21,040)	531,355	Day to day management of children's play across the city, including repairs and maintenance and safety inspections.
15612 - Parks Commercialisation	269,999	(254,350)	15,649	Management and delivery of parks commercial services concessions covering; commercial concessions, sponsorship etc. As well as staffing costs for the commercial development team.
15613 - Parks & Green Spaces Management	960,978	0	960,978	Management of the parks and green spaces service, including asset management, repairs and maintenance, policy, and strategy etc.
15614 - Horticulture Externally Funded Projects	104,106	(88,940)	15,166	Salary costs and material costs related to Parks Volunteering programme.
15615 - Ashton Court Estate	75,800	(570,800)	(495,000)	Management costs and income for Ashton Court Estate.
TOTAL	14,837,468	(12,690,484)	2,146,984	