



Committee Report

PURPOSE: Final Decision Report

KEY OR NON-KEY DECISION: Non-key decision

COMMITTEE: Transport and Connectivity Committee

DATE: 11 July 2024

TITLE: 2024/25 P2 Finance Forecast Report – Transport and Connectivity Committee

Ward(s): City Wide

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Job title: Director Economy of Place

Committee Chair: Cllr Ed Plowden

Executive Director lead: John Smith: Executive Director for Growth & Regeneration

Proposal origin: BCC Staff

Purpose of Report:

1. The Council Revenue and Capital budget for 2024/25 was agreed by Full Council on 21 February 2023. This report presents to the Transport and Connectivity Committee the transport financial forecast at period 2 / quarter 1 against the budget as at the end of May 2024.

Evidence Base:

2. The Transport function is divided between Highways and Traffic within the Management of Place division, City Transport within Economy of Place. City Transport includes both Strategic City Transport and Local and Sustainable Transport.

3. General Fund

Revenue Budget Monitor

	Revised Budget	Forecast Outturn	Outturn Variance
P02	(£14.9m)	(£14.9m)	£0.0m

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

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	%
Transport and Connectivity					
46 - Economy of Place	100	(20)	(20)	0	0.0%
47 - Management of Place	(12,783)	(15,035)	(15,035)	(0)	0.0%
4B - Property, Assets and Infrastructure	120	120	120	0	0.0%
Total Transport and Connectivity	(12,563)	(14,935)	(14,935)	(0)	0.0%

Position by Service

Period 2/ Quarter 1 Budget Monitoring - Summary	Approved Budget	Revised Budget	Forecast	Revised Budget vs Forecast Variance	% Revised Budget vs Forecast Variance
	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	%
Transport and Connectivity					
433 - Strategic City Transport	1,773	1,773	1,773	0	0.0%
434 – Local & Sustainable Transport	(1,673)	(1,794)	(1,794)	0	0.0%
432 – Highways and Traffic Maintenance	(12,783)	(15,035)	(15,035)	0	0.0%
444 – Major Projects	120	120	120	0	0.0%
Total Transport and Connectivity	(12,563)	(14,935)	(14,935)	(0)	0.0%

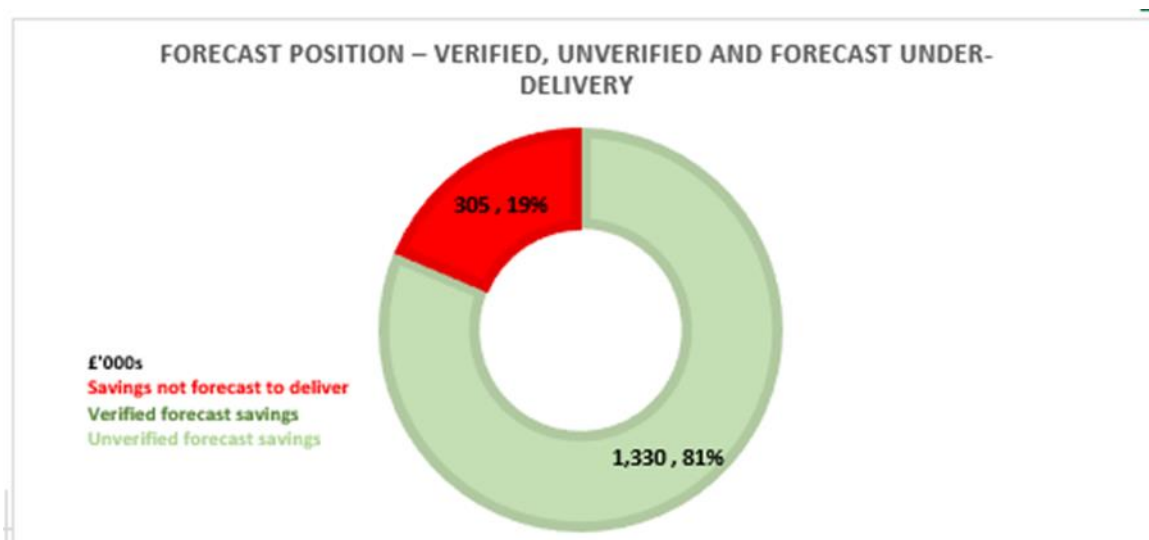
3.1. For revenue, the Transport and Connectivity committee is reporting a breakeven position against a revised budget of (£14.9) million. The tables above show those budgets by Directorate and Service.

3.2. At P2 there is a forecast £3.8 million overspend for Growth and Regeneration driven by the costs of providing accommodation to those experiencing homelessness. Both Strategic Transport and Highways and Traffic Maintenance have contributed opportunities to offset risk within the wider directorate and hold the overspend to that level and will be required to deliver more in order to achieve a balanced budget across the directorate cash limit.

3.3. The table below shows latest delivery against savings within this Committee.

Savings Delivery

Transport and Connectivity					
BRAG	No. of Items	Plan £'000	Forecast £'000	Of Which Verified £'000	Variance £'000
Blue	-	-	-	-	-
Green	1	-	500	-	500
Amber	-	-	-	-	-
Red	6	1,635	830	-	(805)
Total	7	1,635	1,330	-	(305)



3.4. The largest revenue challenge within these two areas is delivering increasing income targets. The Council Revenue and Capital budget for 2024/25 included policy that income targets would, in general, be increased by 6.7% (representing the 2023/24 rate of inflation). For parking incomes this equated to an increase of just over £1 million, which is particularly challenging given there was a deficit against previous income targets in 2023/24. Proposals are being developed to increase parking income through adjusting multi-story and residential parking scheme tariffs.

3.5. In terms of opportunities, as in 2023/24, the Clean Air Zone funding is planned to apply to appropriate costs within Traffic and Highways Maintenance and City Transport. The amount drawn down is dependent on the actual cost at year end and, based on 2023/24, this is likely to be in the region of £5 million. There is also an underspend of c. £1 million on the street lighting budget created by reductions in demand as the switch to LED lights has progressed. This underspend was intended to cover the first loan repayment due on the capital cost of delivering the LED light project, however for this year on a one-off basis, this is being managed through unspent capital maintenance funding.

Capital Budget Monitor

Approved Budget	Revised Budget	Expenditure to Date	Forecast Outturn	Outturn Variance
£58.4m	£58.4m	£1.9m 3% of Budget	£53.3m 91% of Budget	(£0.5m)

Gross Expenditure by Programme		Current Year (FY2024) - Period 2				Performance to budget	
Ref	Scheme	Budget	Expenditure to Date	Forecast	Variance	Expenditure to date	Forecast
GR09	Clean Air Zone Programme	8,329	26	4,714	(3,616)	0%	57%
GR14	Public Transport	7,562	422	7,744	183	6%	102%
GR15	Active Transport	6,707	560	7,948	1,241	8%	119%
GR17	Local Transport Schemes	1,549	66	1,608	60	4%	104%
GR18	Strategic Transport Projects	7,860	229	5,669	(2,191)	3%	72%
PL01	Metrobus	1,652	(576)	1,417	(235)	(35) %	86%
PL06	Portway Park & Ride Investment	64	0	0	(64)	0%	0%
PL09	Highways Infrastructure - bridge Investment	430	78	430	0	18%	100%
PL09A	Highways Infrastructure - Cumberland Road Stabilisation Scheme	47	0	47	0	0%	100%
PL10	Highways & Traffic Infrastructure - General	19,134	1,052	18,706	(428)	5%	98%
PL10B	Highways & Traffic - Street Lighting (ITS)	3,359	95	3,359	0	3%	100%
PL27	Vehicle Fleet Replacement Programme	1,714	(17)	1,711	(3)	(1) %	100%
Total		58,407	1,935	53,353	(5,053)	3%	91%

3.6. The tables above show the latest capital forecast against Transport and Connectivity projects. The table below shows those projects with a variance of more than £100 thousand at the end May.

Project	Budget £'000	Forecast £'000	Variance £'000	Variance to Forecast
Casualty Reduction	187	628	441	Project carrying forward schemes from last year, budget to be reviewed alongside other Integrated Travel Block allocations.
Bristol Family Cycling Centre – Relocation	(2)	675	677	Now awaiting additional funding to deliver the Bristol Family Cycling Centre following approval of Full Business Case.
East Bristol Liveable Neighbourhoods (Green Gage)	(116)	-	116	This relates to a recharge we are giving to UKRI for our engagement efforts which we expected to receive before the end of 2024/25.
YTL Arena Bristol – Travel Mitigations	(5)	(1,542)	(1,538)	The YTL Arena has been delayed so we have not been able to collect the CIL which this budget line refers to.
YTL Arena - Walking & Cycling - Charlton Road	(4)	(690)	(686)	Consultation on this work has taken place but work has been delayed due to other priorities.
A432 Fishponds Road – Local Safety Improvements	375	-	(375)	Design development has been delayed due to capacity issues in Bristol and South Gloucestershire. We expect to delay completion from 2025 to 2026.
Sustainable Transport	766	(609)	(1,375)	
Safety Camera Reactivation	(83)	90	173	This is an income budget relating to speed cameras for which we now need to find a source of funding.
PL06 - Portway P&R Rail Platform	196	-	(196)	This presents an underspend as work is now complete with WECA and Network Rail claims to be finished.
Bedminster Green – River Malago Restoration Project	110	-	(110)	Delays due to issues securing planning permission.
Park Row - Active Travel Fund	485	250	(235)	This budget is the total amount provided for this project from Integrated Transport Block. The remainder of this funding will be utilised in future years with a reprofile required.
Strategic City Transport	832	334	(497)	

4. There are also a series of projects shown in the table below which have been impacted by delays in the Metrobus project.

Project	Budget	Forecast	Variance
Ashton Vale To Temple Meads - General	(678)	-	678
Ashton Vale to Temple Meads - Contract 1	459	-	(459)
North Fringe Hengrove - Communication Expenses	515	-	(515)
South Bristol Link - General	(300)	-	300
Cap Prog 22-23 - PL01A - Metrobus Transport £5m - Pending Approvals	871	-	(871)
Transport Major Projects	867	-	(867)

Transport Total	1,735	-	(1,735)
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Officer Recommendations

5. That the Committee notes:

- The contents of report, on the P2 forecast for Transport and Connectivity.

Corporate Strategy alignment:

1. The Corporate Strategy underpins the council’s budget

City Benefits:

1. Cross priority report that covers whole of council’s business

Consultation Details:

1. N/A

Background Documents:

[Budget Report 2024/25](#)

APPENDICES

Appendix A – Further essential background information and detail

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