

APPENDIX 2

Directorates Variances Summary				
				Variances and movements greater than £50,000
Directorate	Period 5 Variance £	Period 6 Variance £	Movement	Main Variances Explanation
<u>Finance & Resources</u>				
Assets and Property	86,456	86,550	95	The adverse movement and variance mainly relate to a reduction in income from a tenant entering administration as well as unbudgeted higher Business Rates. The latter will be amended for next year.
Commercial Services	426,212	134,212	(292,000)	Within Off-Street parking there is a forecasted reduction in parking income. This is being reviewed to ascertain the best way to mitigate the issue. The favourable movement from Period 5 relates to the regular and ongoing review of car parking income and fees.
Finance	299,024	(971)	(299,996)	The favourable movement is due to vacant posts within the finance teams. Additionally, due in part to a recharge of our Contracts Management Team with Waverley BC.
	811,692	219,791	(591,901)	
<u>Economy, Planning and Place</u>				
Communication & Customer Services	(17,693)	0	17,693	
Planning	(111,722)	(198,806)	(87,084)	The favourable position for period 6 relates to staffing vacancies within Development Management and Planning Policy. Both services are in the process of recruiting to these roles.
Regeneration & Economic Development	(85,000)	93,907	178,907	An adverse movement of £308k A has arisen due to a reduction in costs rechargeable to capital based on payroll cost calculations to date. This has been partially offset by £154k F relating to prior year UKSPF funding that was not accrued and is now being recognised in the current financial year.
Regulatory Services	(102,706)	(102,706)	0	Underspend mainly relate to staffing vacancies.
	(317,121)	(207,606)	109,515	
<u>Housing, Communities & Environment</u>				
Community Services	12,367	36,389	24,022	
Environmental Services	(342,554)	(178,012)	164,542	The adverse movement is due to a budget alignment, relating to the central recharge that is linked to SEP under the Recycling team being overstated.
Housing Services	43,417	71,674	28,256	
	(286,769)	(69,949)	216,820	
<u>Democracy, Law & People</u>				
Legal Services & Information Governance	29,233	(0)	(29,234)	
Democratic Services & Elections	11,093	11,093	0	
HR Services	(822)	(822)	0	
	39,504	10,271	(29,234)	
<u>Strategy & Corporate Services</u>	(163,361)	(163,361)	0	The consultancy budget is not expected to be used in full this year resulting in a saving of £71k. In addition, there is a favourable variance movement of 84.6k due to the estimated start dates for various roles.
Directorates Total	83,944	(210,855)	(294,799)	
<u>Housing Revenue Account</u>	1,990,127	1,903,795	(86,332)	The adverse variance and movement is mainly following a review of vacant posts and the need for increasing agency staff. In addition, the asset maintenance costs budget has been based on previous year spend. For 2025-26, the repairs forecast is based on the current run rate at 965k A. This adverse variance will increase as additional costs are charged. Work is ongoing to assess the overall yearly impact of these increases.