

Decision Maker: ENVIRONMENT & COMMUNITY SERVICES PORTFOLIO
HOLDERS

For Pre-Decision Scrutiny by the Environment & Community Services
PDS Committee on:

Date: 6th September 2022

Decision Type: Non-Urgent Executive Non-Key

Title: BUDGET MONITORING 2022/23

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Ward: (All Wards);

1. Reason for report

This report provides the first revenue budget monitoring position for 2022/23 for the Environment & Community Services Portfolio based on expenditure and activity levels for the first quarter of the financial year.

2. **RECOMMENDATION(S)**

The Portfolio Holders are requested to:

- 2.1 Endorse the 2022/23 revenue budget monitoring for the Environment & Community Services Portfolio.

Impact on Vulnerable Adults and Children

1. Summary of Impact: None directly from this report.
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Corporate Policy

1. Policy Status: Sound financial management
 2. BBB Priority: Excellent Council Quality Environment
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Financial

1. Cost of proposal: Not Applicable
 2. Ongoing costs: Recurring Cost
 3. Budget head/performance centre: All Environment & Community Services Portfolio Budgets
 4. Total current budget for this head: £35.9m
 5. Source of funding: Controllable revenue budgets 2022/23
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Personnel

1. Number of staff (current and additional): 145.6fte
 2. If from existing staff resources, number of staff hours: N/A
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Legal

1. Legal Requirement: Statutory Requirement: The statutory duties relating to financial reporting are covered within the Local Government Act 1972; the Local Government Finance Act 1998; the Accounts and Audit Regulations 1996; the Local Government Act 2000 and the Local Government Act 2002
 2. Call-in: Applicable
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Procurement

1. Summary of Procurement Implications: N/A
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Customer Impact

1. Estimated number of users/beneficiaries (current and projected): The services covered in this report affect all Council Taxpayers, Business Ratepayers, those who owe general income to the Council, all staff, Members and Pensioners.
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Ward Councillor Views

1. Have Ward Councillors been asked for comments? Not Applicable
2. Summary of Ward Councillors comments:

3. COMMENTARY

- 3.1 This report sets out the results of the first quarterly revenue budget monitoring exercise for the 2022/23 financial year for the Environment and Community Services Portfolio.
- 3.2 The position for quarter one for the Portfolio was a projected overall overspend of £1,035k based on financial information available at that time.
- 3.3 The projected outturn is detailed in Appendix 1A, which shows the forecast spend for each division within the Portfolio compared to the latest approved budget.
- 3.4 Appendix 1B provides further detail and commentary on each of the projected variations within each service.

4. POLICY IMPLICATIONS

- 4.1 To meet the ambitions for residents, the Council must use available resources deploy its workforce wisely. This is reflected in the “Making Bromley Even Better” ambition of Service Efficiency - ‘To manage our resources well, providing value for money, and efficient and effective services for Bromley’s residents’.
- 4.2 The “2022/23 Council Tax” report highlighted the financial pressures facing the Council. It remains imperative that strict budgetary control continues to be exercised to minimise the risk of compounding financial pressures in future years.
- 4.3 Chief Officers and Heads of Finance are continuing to place emphasis on the need for strict compliance with the Council’s budgetary control and monitoring arrangements.

5. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

- 5.1 A detailed breakdown of the projected outturn by service area is shown in Appendix 1A with explanatory notes in Appendix 1B.
- 5.2 Overall, an overspending of £1,035k is projected to the year-end based on the information available for the first quarter of the year.

Non-Applicable Sections:	Legal, Personnel & Procurement Implications
Background Documents: (Access via Contact Officer)	2022/23 budget monitoring files within E&CS Finance section