

Agenda Item No 7

Executive Board

17 July 2024

Report of the Chief Executive

Environmental Crime Delegations

1 Summary

- 1.1 The purpose of this report is to delegate power to staff within the Environmental Health team with regard to the enforcement of environmental crimes.

Recommendation to the Council

That the Environmental Health Manager, the Senior Pollution Control Officer and the Environmental Crime Officer be given the delegated powers set out in the report to act in accordance with the Environmental Protection Act 1990.

2 Report

- 2.1 Members will recall that at its last meeting, the Executive Board approved certain details with regard to a new role named Environmental Crime Officer. This role was created in order to increase the capacity the Council has for such crimes, for example fly tipping and littering. This post is now out to advert and the Council hopes to make an appointment shortly.
- 2.2 The Council has delegated a number of powers to Environmental Health staff however as this role is new and for the avoidance of doubt, it is suggested that the Board recommends to Council that the constitution be amended to give specific powers to the Environmental Crime Officer, the Environmental Health Manager and Senior Pollution Control Officer to issue fixed penalty notices in respect of offences relating to littering (section 88 of the Environmental Protection Act 1990) and fly tipping (sections 33ZA and 34ZA of the Environmental Protection Act 1990).

3 Report Implications

- 3.1 The detection of environmental crimes is an important part of the Council's overall strategic policies, in particular the 'Safe, Liveable, Locally Focussed Communities' aim.

The Contact Officer for this report is Steve Maxey (719438).

Agenda Item 8

Executive Board

16 September 2024

Report of the
Interim Corporate Director -
Resources (Section 151 Officer)

Budgetary Control Report 2024/25
Period Ended 31 August 2024

1 **Summary**

The report covers revenue expenditure and income for the period from 1 April 2024 to 31 August 2024. The 2024/25 approved budget and the actual position for the period are given, together with an estimate of the outturn position for services reporting to this Board.

Recommendation to Council

To consider if any further information is required.

2 **Introduction**

2.1 Under the Service Reporting Code of Practice (SeRCOP), services should be charged with the total cost of providing the service, which not only includes costs and income directly incurred, but also support costs relating to such areas as finance, office accommodation, telephone costs and IT services. The figures contained within this report are calculated on this basis.

2.2 In April 2024 a new Financial Management System (Unit 4) was implemented which will significantly change how budget monitoring and budget preparation is delivered in the future making it more efficient and timely automating as much as possible directing resources an interpreting the figures and presenting forecasts to give a clear indication of the outturn position and impact on balances which then feeds into the Medium-Term Financial Strategy. This report is the first budget monitor using forecasting rather than profiling, this will be more informative as the year progresses.

3 **Estimated Outturn**

... 3.1 The figures presented in Appendix A & B are based on the actual spend for April to August. The report provides details on the likely out-turn position for each of the services reporting to this Board. The forecast (anticipated out-turn) for this Board for 2024/25 is £568,620 which shows no anticipated movement from the approved budget at this stage of the year.

3.2 Where possible, the budget to date figure has been calculated with some allowance for seasonal variations, to enable a better comparison with actual figures.

4 Risks to the Budget

4.1 The key risks to the budgetary position of the Council from services under the control of this Board are:-

	Likelihood	Potential impact on Budget
The Local Plan requires regular analysis and updating in line with changing circumstances and changes in national guidance.	High	Medium
The Emergency Planning budget may be insufficient to cover the costs of any major local emergency.	Low	High

5 Estimated Out-turn

5.1 Members have requested that Budgetary Control Reports provide details on the likely out-turn position for each of the services reporting to this Board. The anticipated out-turn for this Board for 2024/25 is £568,620. The same as the Original Budget.

5.2 The figures provided above are based on information available at this time of the year and are the best available estimates for this Board and may change as the financial year progresses. Members will be updated in future reports of any changes to the forecast out turn.

6 Report Implications

6.1 Finance and Value for Money Implications

6.1.1 Income and Expenditure will continue to be closely managed and any issues that arise will be reported to this Board for comment at future meetings.

6.2 Environment and Sustainability Implications

6.2.1 The Council must ensure that it adopts and implements robust and comprehensive budgetary monitoring and control, to ensure not only the availability of services within the current financial year, but in future years.

The Contact Officer for this report is Nigel Lane (719371).

Background Papers

Local Government Act 1972 Section 100D, as substituted by the Local Government Act, 2000 Section 97

Background Paper No	Author	Nature of Background Paper	Date

		Budget	Actuals	Forecast	Variance
NW2000	Housing Strategic Service Review	£39,090	£39,090	£39,090	£0
NW2002	Corporate Communications	£65,480	£64,955	£65,480	£0
NW2003	Community Strategy	£66,260	£80,710	£66,260	£0
NW2007	Emergency Planning	£27,730	£21,410	£27,730	£0
NW2009	North Warwickshire Development Plan	£366,450	£250,442	£366,450	£0
NW5050	Support To Parishes	£3,610	£3,610	£3,610	£0
	Executive Board Total	£568,620	£460,218	£568,620	£0

NOTE: The variance is between the budget and forecast

	Budget	Actuals	Forecast	Variance
Premises-Related Expenditure	£450	£0	£450	£0
Supplies & Services	£133,190	£4,383	£133,190	£0
Income	£0	£40	£0	£0
Balance Sheet	-£21,370	£0	-£21,370	£0
Central Support Charges	£456,350	£455,795	£456,350	£0
Grand Total	£568,620	£460,218	£568,620	£0