

Corporate and Communities Overview and Scrutiny Panel

Wednesday, 21 September 2022, 10.00 am, County Hall

Worcester

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Forecast Outturn 2022/23 as at Period 4

P4 Forecast Financial Position – COACH & CEU

COACH & CEU	2022-23 Gross Budget P4	2022-23 Net Budget P4	2022-23 Forecast Outturn P4	2022-23 Actual Variance P4
	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000
COACH - Management	619	261	261	0
Legal and Democratic Services	8,267	5,250	5,305	55
Commercial Management	2,926	711	711	0
Property Services	8,367	89	34	-55
Digital, IT and Customer Services	9,838	952	952	0
Transformation & Change Team	1,863	-7	-7	0
TOTAL COMMERCIAL & CHANGE	31,880	7,256	7,256	0
Engagement & Communications	1,199	365	365	0
Health & Safety	366	24	24	0
HR-Core	4,954	658	658	0
Financial Services	7,173	1,483	1,483	0
Chief Executive	387	387	384	-3
TOTAL CHIEF EXECUTIVE UNIT	14,079	2,917	2,914	-3

Key Headlines COACH & CEU

The P4 forecast position for COACH is a broadly break even position

The most significant variances from budget are :

- A forecast £600k overspend in Legal and Democratic Services due to a significant increase in child-care cases which require pre-proceedings and court support. The overspend is planned to be offset in year by the use of the COVID grant reserve
- £200k forecast inflationary pressures within Property Services which has been offset by a decrease in forecast costs expected within the reactive maintenance budget

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COACH have contributed £430k towards the £5.1m target for corporate savings

CEU is also reporting to deliver in line with its cash limit after identifying c£150k of savings within HR and c£185k within Finance to contribute to the corporate savings target.

P4 Forecast Financial Position – Communities

Communities Revenue Forecast	2022-23 Gross Budget P4	2022-23 Net Budget P4	2022-23 Forecast Outturn P4	2022-23 Actual Variance P4
	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000
Strategic Libraries	12,392	4,362	4,482	120
Museum Services	776	658	653	-5
Archives & Archaeology	3,656	1,573	1,573	0
Greenspace & Gypsy Services	2,159	196	197	1
Community Services Leadership Team	351	326	210	-116
Registration & Coroner	2,245	765	765	0
Public Analyst	69	2	2	0
Trading Standards	879	122	122	0
Communities and Partnerships	14,016	2,638	2,638	0
TOTAL COMMUNITIES	36,543	10,642	10,642	0

Key Headlines Communities

As at P4, the year end forecast for Communities is a broadly break-even position after delivery of £25k towards the corporate savings target

This includes the following managed risks, which have been managed by vacancy control and increased income in Registration Services:

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- An increase in the vacant space within county libraires, which is resulting in a reduction of income,
- An increase in utility costs and
- An increase in the Hive PFI RPI rate higher than initially budgeted

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