



Hinckley & Bosworth Borough Council

Forward timetable of consultation and decision making

Finance & Performance Scrutiny 15 September 2025

Wards affected: All

FINANCIAL OUTTURN- JUNE 2025

Report of Section 151 Officer

1. Purpose of report

1.1 Present the financial outturn position as at June 2025

2. Recommendation

2.1 The report is noted.

3. Background to the report

3.1 The financial reports attached to this report are based on the original budget taken to Council in February 2025 and allow for budget movements for the first three months.

3.2 Attached to this report are the monthly outturn reports including the following information for the period ending June 2025:

- General Fund budget monitoring summary
- General Fund detailed variance analysis
- Capital Programme outturn by scheme.

General Fund

3.3 Based on the approved budget (Council February 2025) it was anticipated that £314,921 would be transferred f balances and a net £483,292 transferred from earmarked reserves. Since that date, the budget has been decreased by a £87,755 representing supplementary budgets changes that have been approved in line with financial procedures rules. As at the end of June 2025,

the forecast is for the General Fund cost to decrease by £94,000. This means an estimated £ 308,676 will be taken to balances compared against the budgeted position of £314,921 being transferred to balances.

- 3.4 This performance for 2025/26 is being achieved with £391,000 being used from the Economic Priorities Reserve to support the general fund position. This is an improvement from the 2024/25 year when £1,193,400 was used for reserves to support the general fund. The improvement is due to £1,063,000 of additional Extended Producer Responsibility (EPR) income for packaging waste collection. It is unclear if this income will be treated as additional income or subsumed in the settlement funding in 2026/27.

Table 1	Budgeted	Forecast	Movement
Contribution (from)/to General Fund Balances (£000)	314	308	(6)

- 3.5 The table below shows summarises the movements between Original Budget and the estimated outturn position as at the end of September 2024.

Table 2	Outturn variances £000	Explanation
Additional budgets	(88)	Mainly Rephasing of UKSPF funding.
Forecast Outturn Movement	94	Estimated forecast variance from services (see general fund attachments)
Change in Outturn	6	Contribution (from)/to General Fund Balances (£000)

- 3.6 Explanations for variances against both profiled budget and estimated outturn have been detailed in the monthly outturn reports appended. The major service variations in excess of £50,000 are summarised below:

Table 3	Outturn variances £0	Explanation
Homelessness	(295)	Additional net Homelessness cost due to increased demand
Development Control	200	Additional net income from planning applications
Development Control	(90)	Agency staff overspend
I.T. Support	160	Additional income from partnership delay in changed structure.
Corporate, Support & Street Scenes Services	(160)	Directorate salary overspends

Table 3	Outturn variances £0	Explanation
Other net movement	91	Other small variances
	(94)	Total

3.6 As at the end of June 2025 there are no changes to the budgeted sue of reserves.

Capital

3.7 £2,717,761 has been spent on capital schemes to the end of June 2025 against a budget for that period of £4,915,133. It is envisaged that most of the schemes will still be completed by year-end at this stage. However, there is included within the general fund schemes a budget for £10,000,000 under the Acquisition & Development Scheme £4,00,000 for the crematorium, and £1,000,000 for Solar Panel retro fit schemes which have no current expected timing of spend.

Description	Latest Budget £	Budget to Date £	Actual £	Variance to date £
General Fund				
Community Services & Development Services	16,508,278	600,745	480,356	120,389
Corporate, Support & Street Scenes Services	2,449,973	362,776	156,782	205,994
General Fund Total	18,958,251	963,521	637,137	326,384
HRA	13,972,210	3,951,612	2,080,623	1,870,989
Grande Total	32,930,461	4,915,133	2,717,761	2,197,372

Housing Revenue Account

3.8 As at June 2025 it is anticipated that the HRA outturn will be in a deficit of £84,179 compared against a budgeted surplus of £83,821. Major variances are explained below-

Table 5	Outturn variances. £000 Under/(Over) Spend	Explanation
Employee Costs	(84)	Overspend due to overtime and salary due to vacancy factor.

Premises related costs	(43)	Overspend on gas and electricity
Rental Income	32	Additional rent from dwellings - offset by a small shortfall in garage rents
Sheltered Schemes	(36)	Shortfall in Sheltered Scheme Service charges
Other	(37)	Other minor variations
Total	(168)	

3.9 The Housing Repairs Account is currently forecasted to make a surplus of £23,521, which is an overspend of £9,000 compared to the budgeted surplus of £32,521. This is due to an estimated overspend in employee costs due to increased pay award being slightly higher than expected.

4. Exemptions in accordance with the Access to Information procedure rules

4.1 Report taken in open session.

5. Financial implications [IB]

5.1 Contained in the body of the report.

6. Legal implications [ST]

6.1 None

7. Corporate Plan implications

7.1 The Budget and outturn contributes to the achievement of all Corporate Plan Priorities.

8. Consultation

8.1 None

9. Risk implications

9.1 It is the council's policy to proactively identify and manage significant risks which may prevent delivery of business objectives.

9.2 It is not possible to eliminate or manage all risks all of the time and risks will remain which have not been identified. However, it is the officer's opinion based on the information available, that the significant risks associated with this decision / project have been identified, assessed and that controls are in place to manage them effectively.

- 9.3 The following significant risks associated with this report / decisions were identified from this assessment:

Management of significant (Net Red) risks		
Risk description	Mitigating actions	Owner
That the Council has insufficient resources to meet its aspirations and cannot set a balanced budget	A budget strategy is produced to ensure that the objectives of the budget exercise are known throughout the organisation. The budget is scrutinised on an ongoing basis to ensure that assumptions are robust and reflective of financial performance. Sufficient levels of reserves and balances are maintained to ensure financial resilience	A Wilson

10. Knowing your community – equality and rural implications

- 10.1 There are no direct implications arising from this report.

11. Climate implications

- 11.1 There are no direct implications arising from this report. Budget holders ensure any implications are assessed as part of their service delivery.

12. Corporate implications

- 12.1 By submitting this report, the report author has taken the following into account:

- Community Safety implications
- Environmental implications
- ICT implications
- Asset Management implications
- Procurement implications
- Human Resources implications
- Planning implications
- Data Protection implications
- Voluntary Sector

Background papers: Civica Reports
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