

## Monitoring Budget Reductions - 2025/26 Quarter 2 Update

| Service                                   | Description/Proposal  | 2025/26 Budget Reduction/ (increase) | Quarter 2 Forecast | Variance (shortfall) | Comment   |
|---|---|--------------------------------------|--------------------|----------------------|---|
| <b>Leisure</b>                            |   |                                      |                    |                      |   |
| Culture & Leisure                         | Close Northbrook Pool   | 286,000                              | 145,840            | (140,160)            | Close down bought forward to end of September   |
| Culture & Leisure                         | Exeter Arena - seek an asset transfer opportunity   | 300,000                              | 0                  | (300,000)            | Arena continues to operate as normal; budget to be returned in 2026/27  |
| Culture & Leisure                         | Increase Marketing income   | 20,000                               | 20,000             | 0                    | Income target forecast to be achieved; however, bad debt may decrease the overall amount received if it cannot be reversed  |
| Culture & Leisure                         | Decrease Tourism costs  | 29,000                               | 7,250              | (21,750)             | Completion not expected until end of Dec 2025 therefore only one quarter saving forecast  |
| <b>Car Parks</b>                          |   |                                      |                    |                      |   |
| Commercial Assets                         | RingGo transaction charge passed to customer  | 80,000                               | 40,000             | (40,000)             | Estimated savings calculated based on changes being implemented in November 2025  |
| Commercial Assets                         | Explore commercial activity in car parks using managing agents  | 50,000                               | 0                  | (50,000)             | Saving not being achieved however development of the initiative is well under way.  |
| Commercial Assets                         | Above inflation increase - 3% built in - extra 4% (so 7%) - takes into account no increase in 2024/25 | 88,000                               | 77,000             | (11,000)             | Estimated savings calculated based on changes being implemented in November 2025  |
| Commercial Assets                         | Howell Road & Triangle car parks - move to central zone   | 370,000                              | 323,000            | (47,000)             | Estimated savings calculated based on changes being implemented in November 2025  |
| Commercial Assets                         | Cashless (Service Review Option)  | 40,000                               | 40,000             | 0                    | Saving not being achieved however cost offset by underspend on staffing in other Car Parks areas.   |
| Commercial Assets                         | Increase income budget - Matford Centre   | 28,000                               | 110,000            | 82,000               | Expected to exceed reduction due to continued overperformance of auctioneer income against budget   |
| <b>Operations</b>                         |   |                                      |                    |                      |   |
| Operations                                | No longer clean private landowner areas without contribution  | 33,080                               | 33,080             | 0                    | No overspend forecast so savings achieved   |
| Operations                                | Dedicate some Engineers to capital projects only  | 70,700                               | 70,700             | 0                    | No overspend forecast against budget lines so savings achieved  |
| <b>General Fund Housing</b>               |   |                                      |                    |                      |   |
| General Fund Housing                      | Additional HMO income   | 20,000                               | 20,000             | 0                    | At quarter 2 the additional licence income for HMOs has been achieved   |
| General Fund Housing                      | Reduce the number of Extralet properties and replace with more cost effective properties              | 21,500                               | 21,500             | 0                    | Savings on Extralet costs are on track to be delivered as at quarter 2  |
| <b>Other</b>                              |   |                                      |                    |                      |   |
| City Centre & Net Zero                    | Carbon Literacy Training - sell training sessions to local organisations                              | 20,000                               | 0                  | (20,000)             | Staffing issues have led this training programme to be delayed until 26/27  |
| Commercial Assets                         | Cease accepting cash and cheques at ECC sites   | 88,070                               | 48,070             | (40,000)             | Saving not being achieved due to delay in delivery however partially offset by underspend on staffing in other Car Parks areas.   |
| <b>SUBTOTAL SERVICE REVIEW REDUCTIONS</b> |   | <b>1,544,350</b>                     | <b>956,440</b>     | <b>(587,910)</b>     |   |
| Culture & Leisure                         | Remove duplication in Culture Service   | 200,000                              | 50,000             | (150,000)            | Completion not expected until end of Dec 2025 therefore only one quarter saving forecast  |
| Miscellaneous                             | Stop budgeting for Pension Contributions where individual is not in Pension Scheme                    | 98,310                               | 83,590             | (14,720)             | Small variance expected at quarter 2  |
| Miscellaneous                             | Implement digitalisation to improve efficiency - up to £1.2m over 3 years (£0.3m in year 1)           | 300,000                              | 0                  | (300,000)            | The Rapid Impact Project has identified potential digitalisation savings and efficiencies in relation to Parks and Open Spaces and Waste service areas. A report is pending review by the Strategic Management Board and whilst savings are expected to be delivered, they may not be delivered in this financial year. |
| <b>SUBTOTAL OTHER PROPOSALS</b>           |   | <b>598,310</b>                       | <b>133,590</b>     | <b>(464,720)</b>     |   |
| <b>TOTAL</b>                              |   | <b>2,142,660</b>                     | <b>1,090,030</b>   | <b>(1,052,630)</b>   |   |