

Title of Report:	Planning Department Finance Report Period 1-9 Update.
Committee Report Submitted To:	Planning Committee
Date of Meeting:	28 February 2024
For Decision or For Information	For Information
To be discussed In Committee YES/NO	No

Linkage to Council Strategy (2021-25)	
Strategic Theme	Improvement and Innovation
Outcome	Council maintains its performance as the most efficient of NI's local authorities
Lead Officer	Head of Planning

Budgetary Considerations	
Cost of Proposal	Remains within budget
Included in Current Year Estimates	YES
Capital/Revenue	both
Code	5301
Staffing Costs	included

Legal Considerations	
Input of Legal Services Required	NO
Legal Opinion Obtained	NO

Screening Requirements	Required for new or revised Policies, Plans, Strategies or Service Delivery Proposals.		
Section 75 Screening	Screening Completed:	N/A	Date:
	EQIA Required and Completed:	N/A	Date:
Rural Needs Assessment (RNA)	Screening Completed	N/A	Date:
	RNA Required and Completed:	N/A	Date:
Data Protection Impact Assessment (DPIA)	Screening Completed:	N/A	Date:
	DPIA Required and Completed:	N/A	Date:

FOR INFORMATION

1.0 Purpose

1.1 This Report is to provide Members with an update on the financial position of the Planning Department as of end Period 9 of the 2023/24 business year.

2.0 Details

2.1 Planning is showing a variance of over £54k favourable position at end of Period 9 based on draft Management Accounts.

2.2 The favourable position at the end of Period 9 is due to increased income from planning applications and property certificates resulting in an increase in income of over £112k from that predicted for this period (Budget £990,000 v Actual £1,102,791).

2.3 In terms of expenditure, Salaries and Wages (including Agency staff) are showing an overspend of just under £102k largely due to payment of the backpay.

2.4 The increase in income continues to offset the deficit in salaries and wages. The favourable position in other expenditure codes will be reduced throughout the year as some payments are made on an annual basis and legal challenges to planning decisions continue.

3.0 Recommendation

3.1 **It is recommended** that the Planning Committee considers the content of this report for the Period 1-9 of 2023/24 financial year.