

Major Variance Details

Variances greater than + or - £5,000

Service Area	Budget	Projected Outturn	Variance	Reason for Variance
Budget Holder: Tara Williams				
Parks and Open Spaces Staffing Account – Salaries	773,120	764,518	8,502 Underspend	There is a projected underspend of £2,000 on the additional hours budget based on modelling using data from previous years. In addition, a member of staff has opted out of the Councils pension scheme which has resulted in a saving on the Employers pension contribution amount.
Nursery – Materials	11,120	26,120	15,000 Overspend	Additional materials are required to provide the hanging baskets as per the line below.
Nursery – Sales	4,000	20,995	24,995 Underspend	Additional income has been generated because of winning a tender to supply hanging baskets for the BID. This additional income will be offset by an increase in the materials expenditure (above) which gives a net surplus of £10,000.
Budget Holder: Tony Hurley				
Deckchair Operations – Fees and Charges	90,000	75,000	15,000 Overspend	Based on comparing the income for the current year against the income received at the same point last year it is anticipated that income will be underachieved by £15,000. This income stream will be constantly monitored and is dependent on the weather and visitor numbers. Local research has determined that other businesses are seeing less income being received when compared to 2022.
Resort Management – Town Mural Reserve	13,000 (Currently)	29,750	16,750 overspend	See line below. Net cost of both lines is zero.

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Resort Management – Fees and Charges	5,000	21,750	16,750 Underspend	Additional income has been received from the Weymouth BID to help fund mural project. This is match funding to be offset against the final cost of the scheme and hence the net cost to the council will be zero (see also the budget line for costs coded against the Mural Reserve budget line).
Resort Management – Rents and Licences	260,510	240,510	20,000 Overspend	No income is anticipated during 2022/23 in respect of the promotional caravan. However, officers are looking at alternative income streams such as street food stalls to help offset this loss of income.
Events – Staffing Costs	74,870	51,610	23,260 Underspend	The events team are currently holding a vacancy. All staffing will be reviewed by the HR Committee as part of the continual staffing review and budget process.
Events – Hire of Land	12,000	18,600	6,600 Overspend	Dorset Council has increased its fees from £120 to £300 for the 2022/23 financial year. Therefore, for 62 days hire the costs have increased from £7,440 (62 x £120) to £18,600 (62 x £300).
Community Development – Staffing Costs	28,790	7,198	21,593 Underspend	The community development team are currently holding a vacancy. All staffing will be reviewed by the HR Committee as part of the continual staffing review and budget process. It has been assumed for budget monitoring purposes that an appointment will be made in the final quarter of the year but this will be subject to change as a result of any review process.

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Public Conveniences – Staffing Costs (including casual staff)	136,110	165,780	29,670 Overspend	The core (permanent) workforce will always need to be supplement by casual staff throughout the year, particularly during the summer season when the council’s toilets are open later in the evenings. In addition, the new toilets at the King’s Statue require a greater level of staffing to ensure that they are kept clean when experiencing high levels of use. The current staffing budget is, therefore, proving to be inadequate. It is proposed that the overall Public Conveniences budget is reviewed prior to budget setting for 2023-24 along with a reconsideration of toilet opening hours.
Public Conveniences – Rent	20,000	10,000	10,000 Underspend	It is projected that the cost for the hire of temporary toilet facilities will be less than the budgeted amount.
Budget Holder: Charmaine Denny				
Catering Kiosks – Staffing Cost	107,790	78,138	29,652 Underspend	Staffing costs/hours have been reduced to reflect the loss in income. There is also a saving as the Catering Supervisor post is now vacant, and there is no plans to recruit to this in the short/medium term.
Catering Kiosks - Sales	264,300	237,707	26,593 Overspend	Year to date the catering kiosks have seen a drop in income compared to budget; it is felt that this is due to the weather, visitors having lack of disposable income due to the increase in living costs and also more people holidaying overseas due to not being able to over the last couple of years.

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Budget Holder: Clive Tuck				
Tumbledown – Staffing Costs	68,640	60,229	8,411 Underspend	The Tumbledown Site Manager started in post after the beginning of the new year and hence a saving was made. In addition, the Learning Mentor post that was employed on an agency basis left the role at the beginning of June and there has been a gap in recruiting to a new post. This has impacted in the anticipated income we are due to receive.
Tumbledown – Fees and Charges	33,280	24,960	8,320 Overspend	Because the Learning Mentor left their position at the beginning of June, income has not been generated. A process is currently being undertaken to recruit to this role and a review is being undertaken to ensure that income can be maximised.
Budget Holder: Jane Biscombe				
Central Operating Costs – Grants	50,000	40,000	10,000 Underspend	The take up on the grants remains slow. The Council will continue to promote the grants scheme via its social media channels and groups may become more active in applying for grants as we move to a post COVID era. The Council has also recently approved a small grants scheme for requests of £250 or less.
Central Operating Costs – CSAS	30,000	25,000	5,000 Underspend	Council agreed to fund an additional £5,000 if Portland Town Council contributed £5,000. This has not been forthcoming and so the additional £5,000 has not been transferred to DC.

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Central Operating Costs – Investment Interest	1,500	9,000	7,500 Underspend	Increased interest rates along with officers being proactive in moving surplus funds to interest earning accounts has resulted in greater returns on investments being achieved. Interest rates will be continually monitored, and caution should be exercised when looking at future income budgets as interest rates may go back down depending on the economic environment.

Virement Details

Virement From: Decrease Budget	Virement To: Increase Budget	Amount	Reason
Resort Management – Agency Staff		26,750	The council agreed to cease the use of agency staff and employ staff direct on flexible hour contracts. For the first quarter of 2022/23 this has generated a saving of circa £7k.
Deckchair Operations – Agency Staff		19,000	
Events – Agency Staff		14,000	
	Resort Management – Casual Staff	59,750	
Resort Management – Repairs		2,000	Transfer of sums to ensure funds available for a slight predicted overspend on original budget.
	Resort Management – Maintenance	2,000	
Resort Management – Ad-hoc Income		20,000	The council received a grant from Dorset Council in respect of extra security on the seafront to deal with increase demand. This grant is to be used for additional security patrols and to assist in the late night locking up of the public conveniences.
	Resort Management – Security	13,000	
	Public Conveniences – Agency Staff	7,000	
Public Conveniences – Fuel		1,500	As the public conveniences vehicle is electric this budget is not required so transferred to resort management where fuel is needed for hire vehicles.
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Public Conveniences – Transport		3,000	The cost of hire vehicles for the resort is higher than expected so this virement helps reduce the overspend.
	Resort Management - Transport	3,000	
Commercial Road – Cleaning		5,000	Contribution to the casual staff budget to recognise the cleansing staff clean the New Town Hall.
	Public Conveniences – Casual Staff	5,000	
Public Conveniences – Rent		10,000	Anticipated underspend in the rental costs of the temporary toilet block vired to assist in the late night locking up of the public conveniences.
	Public Conveniences – Agency Staff	10,000	

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Public Conveniences – Consumables		3,000	Planned underspend in consumables to be vired to assist in the late night locking up of the public conveniences.
	Public Conveniences – Agency Staff	3,000	
Central Operating Costs – HR Advice		5,000	Transfer of funds as agreed at HR Committee as support is now employed direct on a flexible hour contract basis.
	Central Operating Costs – Staffing	5,000	