

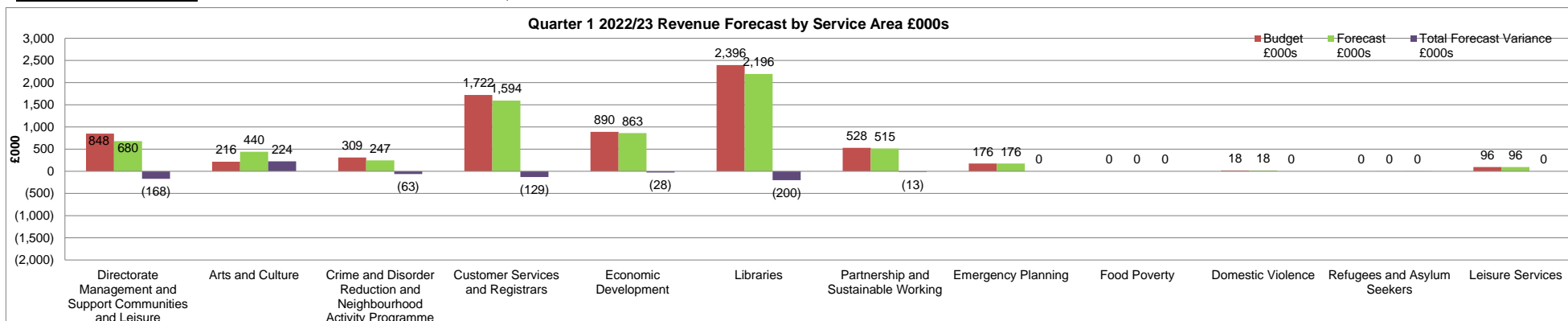
## Communities and Leisure Quarter 1 2022/23 Financial Position

### Economy and Infrastructure Directorate Position

The context of this Cabinet portfolio position is taken into account with the whole of the Economy and Infrastructure Directorate which is currently forecasting a balanced position after the use of £1.667million Covid Emergency Grant and £474,000 from the Economy and Infrastructure General Contingency reserve.

#### 1. 2022/23 Revenue Position

**Current Forecast - £377,000 Favourable Variance**



#### 2. Explanations for significant Revenue Variances

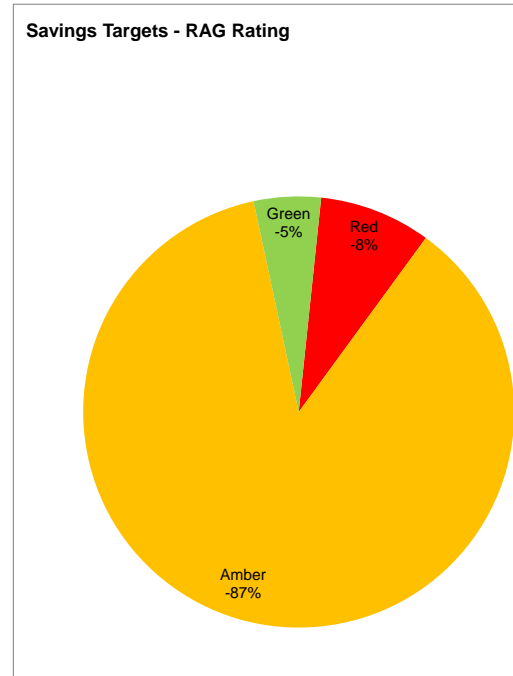
Service Area	Budget £000s	Forecast £000s	Total Forecast Variance £000s	Comments
Directorate Management and Support Communities and Leisure	848	680	(168)	Portion of Economy and Infrastructure Directorate Management variance relating to this portfolio. The favourable variance is mainly due to contribution from reserves to balance the overall directorate position, and a saving on salary costs due to a secondment.
Arts and Culture	216	440	224	Adverse variance due to the continued effects of the Covid-19 pandemic on income from the Core theatre and café with reduced visitor numbers. The service is also experiencing a significant impact from rising costs in relation to food and beverage supplies.
Crime and Disorder Reduction and Neighbourhood Activity Programme	309	247	(63)	Favourable variance mainly due to additional income from additional grant income to be allocated fund an additional post.
Customer Services and Registrars	1,722	1,594	(129)	Favourable variance due to additional income for new areas of work including energy rebate scheme and registration work for Birmingham City Council, and vacancies in the process of being filled.
Economic Development	890	863	(28)	Favourable salary variance due to vacancies in the process of being filled following a restructure of the Sustainable Growth service.
Libraries	2,396	2,196	(200)	Favourable salary variance mainly due to a high level of vacancies following the re-opening of the service after the Covid-19 pandemic.
Partnership and Sustainable Working	528	515	(13)	Favourable variance from additional income from staff time chargeable to grant programmes with a timing delay to recruit additional staff to deliver this activity.
Emergency Planning	176	176	0	Grant funded expenditure.
Food Poverty	0	0	0	This includes the Holiday Activity and Food Programme and the Household Support Fund which are both fully grant funded.
Domestic Violence	18	18	0	Nil variance to report.
Refugees and Asylum Seekers	0	0	0	This includes support to refugees from Syria, Afghanistan, Hong Kong and Ukraine which are all fully grant funded.
Leisure Services	96	96	0	There is a forecast pressure of £269,000 in relation to leisure Centres, mainly due to utility price increases, which will be offset in year by use of additional leisure reserves. In July 2022, the Council's Leisure Service exercised its option under the Deed of Variation to the contract to request a new financial model be provided by Everyone Active. The new financial model must be agreed within 12 months. However, subject to agreement of the model, both parties are working towards implementation from April 2023.
<b>Total</b>	<b>7,201</b>	<b>6,825</b>	<b>(377)</b>	

### 3. 2022/23 Capital Position

Schemes	Budget £000s	Forecast £000s	Variance £000s	Comments
LIBRARY MANAGEMENT SYSTEM IMPLEMENTATION	7	7	0	Remaining costs of LMS implementation (CIVICA, SPYDUS and an estimate for the integration of the CARM system).
RENOVATION GRANTS	100	100	0	£100,000 is to be used for Green Homes related work in 22/23.
MINOR WORKS ASSISTANCE	0	136	136	Funding of £216,000 is available from a residual housing grant, and will be used to increase this budget
REGIONAL HOUSING GRANT	15	15	0	Remainder of grant funding from a larger programme.
TG PITCH REPLACEMENT	595	595	0	Forecast in line with budget
<b>Total</b>	<b>717</b>	<b>853</b>	<b>136</b>	

### 4. 3 Year Savings Targets £000s

Description of Target	2022/23 £000s	2023/24 £000s	2024/25 £000s	Comments
Review of back office functions across the directorate	(18)			2022/23 funding is built in to permanently offset this saving.
Chelmunds Cross Enterprise Centre	(50)			Chelmunds Cross Enterprise Centre is forecasting a balanced position in the current financial year.
Impact of business plan for Core theatre and café	(30)	(45)	(45)	This service is still recovering from Covid and forecasting reduced income in 2022/23 as a result of this.
Customer Services - consider collaborative working options with SCH to streamline services, further development of digital channels and a wider review of first point of contact		(100)	(100)	Work is in progress to understand opportunities for digital innovation to deliver these savings.
Digitisation of Registry office archive		(20)		Work is in progress on this business case.
Domestic Abuse grant maximisation	(249)	54	195	New grant funding has been received for Domestic Abuse additional duties from 2021/22. As a significant amount of the new burden activity was already being delivered by the authority from Public Health grant, this enabled a reduction in the use of Public Health grant.
Covid-19 - mitigation from Leisure core budget	(100)	100		The Budget Strategy update of the MTFS included the forecast loss of the leisure centre concession fee of £571,000 for 2022/23. (£471,000) of the loss was agreed to be funded from reserves, with the balance of (£100,000) been met from unallocated revenue budget.
<b>Total</b>	<b>(447)</b>	<b>(11)</b>	<b>50</b>	



### 5. Reserves

	Balance as at 31st March 2022 £000's	Planned / Forecast (contribution)/use			Forecast Balance at the end of 2024/25 £000's	Forecast (contribution) /use beyond 2024/25 £000's	Proposed as part of 2025/26 MTFS £000's	Forecast Remaining Balance £000's
		2022/23 £000's	2023/24 £000's	2024/25 £000's				
Reserve Balance	(4,795)	1,702	1,118	159	(1,817)	769	0	(1,048)