

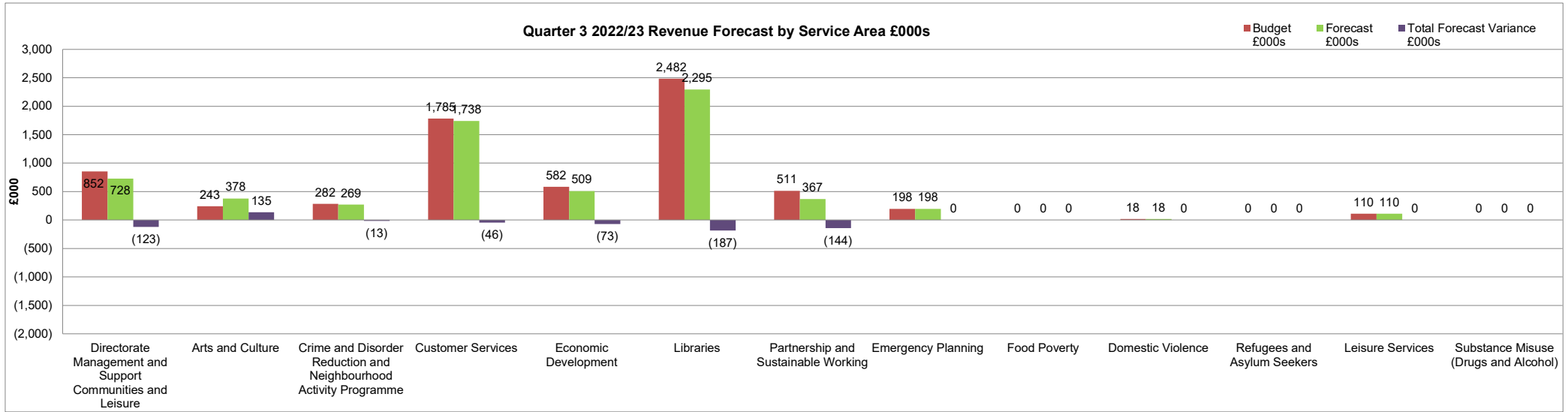
Communities and Leisure Quarter 3 2022/23 Financial Position

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 £265,000 from the Economy and Infrastructure General Contingency reserve.

1. 2022/23 Revenue Position

Current Forecast - £451,000 Favourable Variance



2. Explanations for significant Revenue Variances

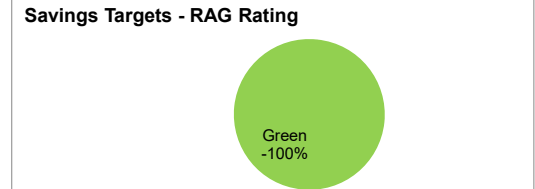
Service Area	Budget £000s	Forecast £000s	Total Forecast Variance £000s	Comments
Directorate Management and Support Communities and Leisure	852	728	(123)	Portion of Economy and Infrastructure Directorate Management variance relating to this portfolio. The favourable variance is mainly due to contribution from reserves to balance the overall directorate position, and a saving on salary costs due to a secondment.
Arts and Culture	243	378	135	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	282	269	(13)	Favourable variance mainly due to receiving a grant to fund the antisocial behaviour contract.
Customer Services	1,785	1,738	(46)	Favourable variance due to additional income for new areas of work including energy rebate scheme.
Economic Development	582	509	(73)	Favourable salary variance due to vacancies in the process of being filled following a restructure of the Sustainable Growth service.
Libraries	2,482	2,295	(187)	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	511	367	(144)	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	198	198	0	Additional salary costs of £29,000 to be met from Emergency Planning reserves.
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	Budget is net of £709,000 grant funding.
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	110	110	0	Forecast pressure of £370,000 in relation to leisure Centres, mainly due to utility price increases. Talks are continuing with the provider, Everyone Active, with a view to agreeing a new financial model from April 2023. (£75,000) surplus on Commonwealth Games due to delayed Activities, to be made available in 2023/24 (subject to approval). Net surplus of (£85,000) across other Solihull Active service including savings due to temporary vacancies. £210,000 net additional use of leisure reserves.
Substance Misuse (Drugs and Alcohol)	0	0	0	Budget is net of £2.580m grant funding.
Total	7,061	6,610	(451)	

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).
TG PITCH REPLACEMENT	595	867	272	There is an additional cost of £272,000 above budget due mainly to issues identified with the quality and suitability of the subbase identified after work commenced, requiring a new drainage system and stone base. Additional cost is being met £16,000 by Leisure and balance from Property Services from annual management contributions.
Total	602	874	272	

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.
Total	(18)	0	0	



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	(5,088)	1,736	1,683	380	(1,288)	(25)	385	(1,313)