

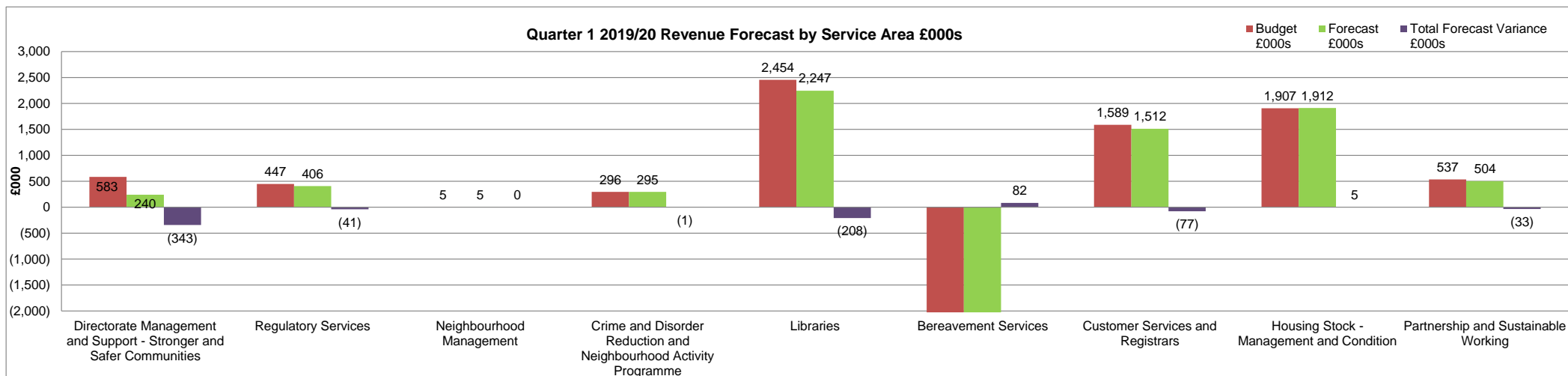
## Safer & Stronger Communities Quarter 3 2020/21 Financial Position

### 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 an adverse variance of £1.713million due to the impact of Covid-19 and £919,000 attributable to other factors which is offset by use of reserves (£919,000).

#### 1. 2020/21 Revenue Position

Current Forecast - £616,000 Favourable Variance



#### 2. Explanations for significant Revenue Variances

Service Area	Budget £000s	Forecast £000s	COVID Forecast Variance £000	Non-COVID Forecast Variance £000	Total Forecast Variance £000s	Comments
Directorate Management and Support - Stronger and Safer Communities	583	240	17	(360)	(343)	Covid-19 pressure due to support provided to Solihull BID. Non-covid variance from early delivery of savings reinvested in the Directorate as part of Medium Term Financial Strategy and use of reserves to balance the overall Directorate position.
Regulatory Services	447	406	96	(137)	(41)	Covid-19 pressure from reduced Licensing income partly offset by funding from the income recovery scheme. Non-covid variance is mainly due to a number of vacancies during the year which are in the process of being recruited to.
Neighbourhood Management	5	5	0	0	0	
Crime and Disorder Reduction and Neighbourhood Activity Programme	296	295	0	(1)	(1)	Minor contract spend variation.
Libraries	2,454	2,247	6	(214)	(208)	Covid-19 pressure due to loss of income during Libraries closures net of running costs savings and funding from the income recovery scheme. Non-covid variance due to staff vacancies held pending review of operating model.
Bereavement Services	(2,142)	(2,059)	(151)	234	82	Covid-19 variance due to additional net income from April to June. Non-covid variance due to £60k undelivered savings target and historic budget pressure.
Customer Services and Registrars	1,589	1,512	82	(159)	(77)	Covid-19 pressure due to reduced income for Registration Service, partly offset by funding from the income recovery scheme. Non-covid variance due to vacancies held during pilot of reduced opening hours which has now been agreed as a revised operating model.
Housing Stock - Management and Condition	1,907	1,912	0	5	5	Minor contract spend variation.
Partnership and Sustainable Working	537	504	0	(33)	(33)	Variance on Kingshurst Youth centre running costs and remaining commissioning budget not yet committed.
<b>Total</b>	<b>5,676</b>	<b>5,060</b>	<b>50</b>	<b>(666)</b>	<b>(616)</b>	

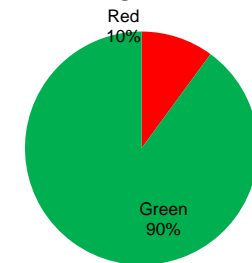
### 3. 2020/21 Capital Position

Schemes	Budget £000s	Forecast £000s	Variance £000s	Comments
LIBRARIES DIGITAL INCLUSION	18	18	0	Budget for trial of wi-fi printing.
LIBRARIES - MINOR WORKS	30	30	0	Budget for works to libraries to enable colocation opportunities.
LIBRARY MANAGEMENT SYSTEM IMPLEMENTATION	26	26	0	Library Management System was implemented at the end of 2019/20 with final work to fully integrate with existing systems being completed this financial year.
RENOVATION GRANTS	50	50	0	Remaining grant funding for renovation of homes. A policy on how this will be allocated is being developed.
MINOR WORKS ASSISTANCE	216	130	(86)	Budget available for minor works carried out in private sector homes to assist vulnerable occupiers. Slippage has been reported due to Covid-19.
REGIONAL HOUSING GRANT	15	15	0	Remaining grant funding for renovation of homes. A policy on how this will be allocated is being developed.
<b>Total</b>	<b>355</b>	<b>269</b>	<b>(86)</b>	

### 4. 3 Year Savings Targets £000s

Description of Target	2020/21 £000s	2021/22 £000s	2022/23 £000s	Comments
Reduction in staff mileage expenditure	(9)			Cross directorate target which has been delivered.
Review of Council budgets to remove small value budget lines	(16)			Cross cutting Council target which has been delivered.
Review of the Stronger Communities Directorate		(100)		Review of the Stronger Communities Directorate was carried out in March 2020.
Review of back office functions across the directorate			(14)	Proportion of cross directorate savings target attributable to this portfolio.
<b>Total</b>	<b>(25)</b>	<b>(100)</b>	<b>(14)</b>	

Savings Targets - RAG Rating



### 5. Reserves

	Balance as at 31st March 2020 £000's	Planned / Forecast (contribution)/use			Forecast Balance at the end of 2022/23 £000's	Forecast (contribution) /use £000's	Proposed as part of 2021/22 MTFS £000's	Forecast Remaining Balance £000's
		2020/21 £000's	2021/22 £000's	2022/23 £000's				
Reserve Balance	(1,229)	211	(7)	333	(691)	691	0	(0)