

## July report from District Councillors to Parish Councils

Not much significant business was transacted this month.

At Operational Services Committee these issues or actions arose:

- There was a small annual overspend
- There was a large underspend on capital, due to purchases held in abeyance
- The reformation and streamlining of the planning pre-application process to make it more realistic and efficient
- To note that the performance of ECSS in collecting waste and street cleansing had improved
- To note the interim report of the working group on waste management and to anticipate the completion of the report for the next committee meeting

At Finance & Assets Committee these issues or actions arose:

- The considerable reserves that the Council has and the current high interest rate has generated a significant capital gain of almost £1.3m
- There was an underspend of almost £0.7m on other budget lines, mostly because the spending was deferred or not used (e.g. Strategic Housing)
- That there is a significant capital underspend, some of it due to slippage of expenditure.
- The Climate and Nature Strategy 2024-28 and Climate and Nature Monitoring Report and Action Plan 2024 was presented, and accepted although there were significant adverse comments made.
- The report from the Bus, Cycling and Walking working group was presented; this contained proposals for cycle ways that could be created were there funds for doing so.

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