

People and Places	Budget to Date £'000	Forecast Outturn £'000	Actual to end of July 24 £'000	Variance to date £'000	Total Annual Forecast Variance £'000	Explanation for year end variances greater than £10k
Domestic Abuse Duty	15	15	-30	-45	0	Home Office funding received in advance to support post salary and project budget. Post recently became vacant, but has since been recruited to. Part of this funding will support increased temporary accommodation as a result of domestic abuse.
Leisure Contract	-137	-261	-146	-9	-124	White Oak Leisure Centre contract has an end of year favourable forecast relates to an adjustment for Interest and MRP on borrowing.
Leisure Contract - Interim	123	343	279	156	220	Impact of the interim leisure contract (quarterly management fee and utilities) to be funded from current Reserve agreement.
Police & Crime Commissioners (PCCs)	0	0	-17	-17	0	PCC funding received in advance to support community safety projects - funding to be awarded in due course.
Tourism	8	8	-164	-172	0	Grant received in advance of spend.
Youth	15	15	25	10	0	Current spend on youth projects ahead of profiled spend
Future Issues/Risk Areas						Impact of the interim leisure contract as part of an open book facility with Everyone Active continues to be monitored. A budget of £1.83m was agreed by Council in April 2023 for a 2 year period, which will need to be repaid. Circa £1.1m was spent in Year 1, which was slightly under forecast.
						Budget impact on the new leisure contract currently being procured is yet to materialise.
						Impact of Kent County Council's budget savings (discretionary youth services, community wardens, community services, commissioned services) creates additional customer demand on SDC services.

Development and Conservation	Budget to Date £'000	Forecast Outturn	Actual to end of July 24 £'000	Variance to date £'000	Total Annual Forecast Variance £'000	Explanation for year end variances greater than £10k
Building Control Non Fee	25	37	0	-25	12	Income levels below budget and consultants being used to cover vacancies
Building Control Fee	-80	-10	0	80	70	Building Control Fee Income behind budget profile and additional staffing costs, contractors covering vacant posts.
Planning - Development Management	-47	120	0	47	167	Planning fee income behind budget profile.
Planning - Enforcement	128	128	0	-128	0	Underspend on salaries to be offset against additional spend elsewhere.
Administrative Expenses - Planning Services	22	40	0	-22	18	Career Grade Training to further service resilience, and HSE required Safety Equipment (Personal Alarms).
Future Issues/Risk Areas						There remains the risk that planning decisions and enforcement action will be challenged, either at appeal or through the Courts. Recruiting to vacant posts continues to be difficult. External market forces are resulting in significantly reduced income in Building Control and Development Management.

Finance and Investment	Budget to Date £'000	Forecast Outturn	Actual to end of July 24 £'000	Variance to date £'000	Total Annual Forecast Variance £'000	Explanation for year end variances greater than £10k
Dartford Rev&Ben Partnership Hub (SDC costs)	852	852	921	69	0	Software costs to be covered by reserve. Cost split with Dartford BC.
Dartford Audit Partnership Hub (SDC Costs)	84	84	56	-28	0	Underspend on salaries due to staff vacancies. Aiming to use internal or external resources to complete the audit plan.
Local Tax	74	166	0	-73	92	Court Costs recovered ahead of budget profile. Annual Liability Orders are below annual budgeted income level.
Support - Exchequer and Procurement	83	66	71	-12	-17	Underspend on salaries due to phased retirement.
Support - Legal Function	98	73	82	-15	-25	Underspend due to provision of career grade
Future Issues/Risk Areas						Direct services are currently being review to identify a waste management strategy

Finance and Investments	Budget to Date £'000	Forecast Outturn	Actual to end of July 24 £'000	Variance to date £'000	Total Annual Forecast Variance £'000	Explanation for year end variances greater than £10k
Asset Maintenance Argyle Road	28	28	0	-28	0	Planned spend in future months.
Asset Maintenance Other Corporate Properties	12	12	33	21	0	Adverse variance due to works on 18 Cedar Drive.
Asset Maintenance Leisure	67	67	87	20	0	Spend ahead of budget on repairs and maintenance to leisure centres.
Car Parks	-523	-489	-510	13	34	Utility invoices and Business Rates are higher than budget. This is due to the Ratable Value being re-valued. Car park day tickets income is exceeding budget but season tickets are below budget.
CCTV	135	159	159	24	24	Transmission cost savings not yet implemented causing an adverse forecast. The service is obtaining quotes as the system will need upgrading to IP before the transmission saving can be implemented.
Car Parking - On Street	-183	-183	-212	-29	0	On Street day tickets, waivers and bay suspension are exceeding budget.
Refuse Collection - Operational	265	344	307	42	79	High quantities of waste and recycling still continue. Agency costs are high due to staff vacancies and absences, as posts are filled these costs should reduce.
Trade Waste	-93	48	35	128	141	Income forecast lower than budget. The team are finding it difficult to compete with Biffa who are aggressively under cutting everyone at the moment to win business.
Green Waste	-103	-143	-103	-0	-40	Underspend on vacant posts due to be filled, offset by agency costs.
Transport Workshop	-2	-17	-8	-5	-15	Underspend on equipment.
Environmental Enforcement	50	61	52	2	11	Overspend forecast due to fixed transports costs from a vehicle transferred from pest control which ceased at the end of 2023/24. A review will be carried out to see if the team need to use the vehicle or to continue to share a vehicle as they did previously.
Estates Management - Buildings	31	48	31	-0	17	Business rates higher than budget due to the ratable value being re-valued.
Housing Other Income	-4	-4	-22	-18	0	Rental income received will be offset by expenditure on property.
Licensing Partnership Hub (Trading)	14	14	1	-13	0	Expenditure currently behind budgeted profile
Asset Maintenance Operatives	-7	3	5	12	10	Forecast an overspend as recharges to other service currently not being received, offset by underspends on staff vacancies.
Markets	-90	148	-102	-12	-12	Forecast adverse variance due to Business Rates relating to 2017 - date.
Off-Street Enforcement	-3	-85	-30	-26	-82	Penalty Notice income exceeding budget.
Parks - Rural	80	79	94	15	-1	Adverse variance in relation to surveys Otford Chalk Pit.
Refuse Collection	892	957	916	24	65	Overspend forecast due to the requirement to provide clear recycling sacks until Bags for Life are in place.
Support - Central Offices	378	391	384	6	13	Overspend forecast due to business rates being higher than budget. This is due to the Ratable Value being re-valued.
Support - Central Offices - Facilities	74	74	75	1	0	Overspend forecast due to business rates being higher than budget. This is due to the Ratable Value being re-valued.
Support - General Admin (Post/Scanning)	63	53	57	-7	-10	Underspends on salaries
Future Issues/Risk Areas						Customer solutions - Current staffing position under review in light of customer demand

Housing and Health	Budget to Date £'000	Forecast Outturn £'000	Actual to end of July 24 £'000	Variance to date £'000	Total Annual Forecast Variance £'000	Explanation for year end variances greater than £10k
Homeless	169	169	298	129	0	Increased demand on temporary accommodation, with c.30% Housing Benefit able to be claimed.
Housing Energy Retraining Options (HERO)	21	21	-8	-30	0	Salary underspend due to vacant posts - HERO Housing Team Leader current vacant, but an interim appointment from existing staff will cover this post.
Homes for the Ukrainians	31	31	-496	-527	0	Funding received in advance from Kent County Council with property checks, housing and staffing resource in place.
KCC- Household Support Fund	0	0	272	272	0	KCC allocated funding. Phase 4 of the Household Support Fund to be drawn down - allocated to low-income households/pensioners to support the cost of living. Phase 5 allocated and to be paid.
Private Sector Housing	97	97	51	-47	0	Home Upgrade Grant 1 and 2 admin costs received in advance from DESNZ.
Rough Sleepers Initiative 2022-25	31	31	-37	-69	0	Rough Sleepers Initiative 5 funding - received in advance. On track to spend in full.
Rough Sleepers Programme	0	0	38	38	0	DLUHC funding - invoices in respect of supported housing contract with Look Ahead for Vine Court Road property.
One You - Kent Public Health	8	8	-11	-19	0	Funding received from Dartford, Gravesham & Swanley Health and Care Partnership to support a recently recruited community and health projects officer. Post now recruited to.
Homelessness Funding	-383	-383	-666	-283	0	Homelessness Prevention Grant uplift received of £288k from DLUHC and allocated for the year with posts recruited to.
Future Issues/Risk Areas						New placements into Temporary and Emergency Accommodation remain high as a result of the cost of living pressures, increased Domestic Abuse approaches and increasing rents in the private rented sector and landlords leaving the market.
						An ongoing pressure on homelessness and temporary accommodation is being seen as host placements end as part Govt's Homes for Ukraine Scheme. Alongside pressures from other resettlement schemes, including the Afghan Resettlement Scheme is only serving to increase the pressure on homelessness and budget resources. The Council has received funding to support some costs associated with Homes for Ukraine, but this support ends on 31 March 2025.
						As a result of closure order on the Hever Road Gypsy and Traveller site due to criminal damage, rents and HB reclaims has reduced due to x7 tenancy evictions. 3 of the most damaged pitches and utility blocks were brought back into use, with works being completed in November 2023 and the pitches allocated, whilst work to a further 3 pitches is underway.
						The rising cost of living is impacting households in the district and we are starting to see homeless presentations from working households, who are unable to afford rising rental costs, utility and food costs.
						Numbers on the Housing Register remain high as more people want to access social housing for their housing needs. The district's largest Registered Provider, West Kent Housing Association, has only delivered 27 units of social housing since 2020/21, which does not meet customer demand.
						Impact of Kent County Council's budget savings (discretionary youth services, community wardens, community services, commissioned services) creates additional customer demand on SDC services.
						Post General Election. Prison releases. Tranche 1 on 10 September from prisons into each probation delivery unit. There will then be a second tranche in October. As at August 2024, Sevenoaks District has identified one person. This will likely impact our emergency accommodation.

Improvement and Innovation	Budget to Date £'000	Forecast Outturn £'000	Actual to July 24 £'000	Variance to date £'000	Total Annual Forecast Variance £'000	Explanation for year end variances greater than £10k
Asset Maintenance IT	81	81	44	-37	0	As per long term asset maintenance plan.
Corporate - Other	75	75	0	-75	0	Contributions from vacant posts
Democratic Services	72	56	61	-11	-16	Underspend due to provision of career grade
Economic Development	25	25	12	-13	0	Spend currently behind profile.
Swanley Meeting Point	9	99	64	55	90	Adverse variance due to income received lower than budget and business rates which are to be reviewed.
Members	166	188	165	-1	22	Unfavourable forecast due to new members allowance scheme that was approved earlier this year.
Register of Electors	72	64	58	-14	-8	New Burdens funding for Elections Act 2022 received ahead of spend
Support - Contact Centre	222	192	192	-30	-30	Current staffing position under review in light of customer demand
Support - General Admin (Print Shop)	23	13	17	-6	-10	Underspends on salaries
Support - IT	645	634	616	-29	-11	Forecast variance due to staffing movements and outstanding invoices
Support - Human Resources	212	212	176	-36	0	Current variance due to staffing movements and outstanding invoices
Future Issues/Risk Areas						Customer solutions - Current staffing position under review in light of customer demand