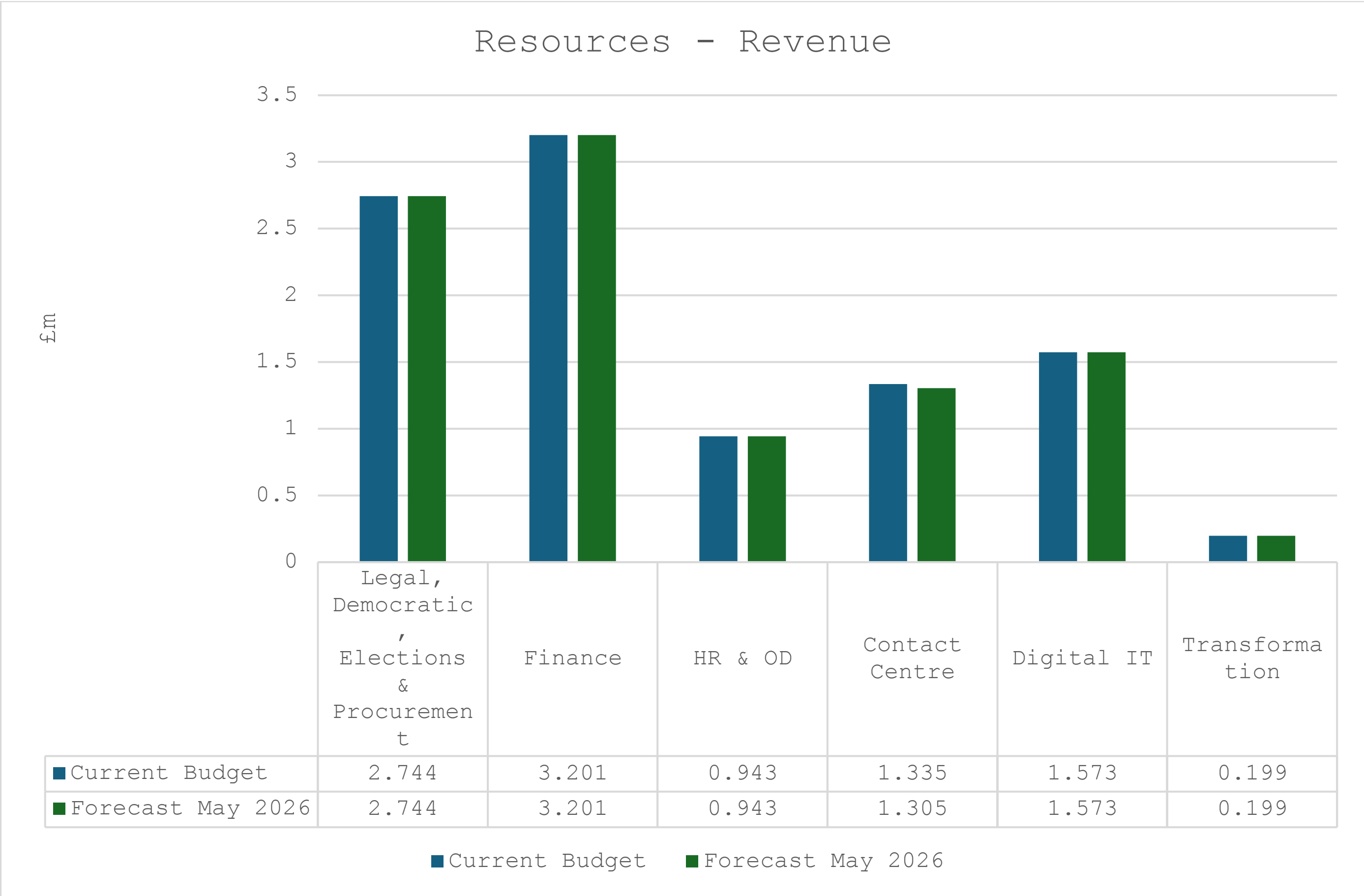
Appendix 1 – Detailed Narrative on Forecast May 2026

Resources

Revenue:

Resources are forecasting a (£0.030m) underspend against a budget of £9.995m (2.2%). Overall, a positive start to the year, also noting the work in Customer Services on holding vacancies as part of the early Customer Front Door works.



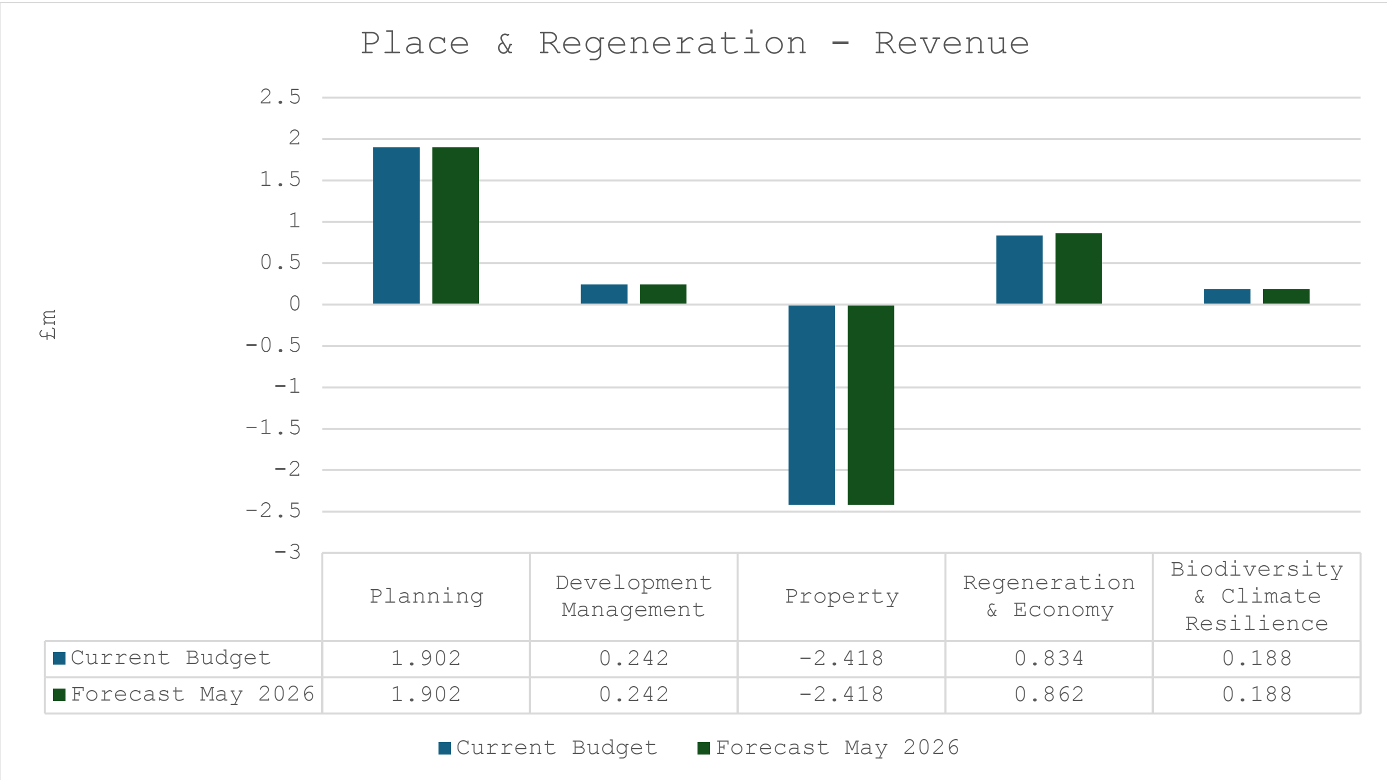
Legal, Democratic, Elections & Procurement Variation £0.000m	Currently forecasting on budget.
Finance Variation £0.000m	Currently forecasting on budget.
HR & OD Variation £0.000m	Currently forecasting on budget.

Contact Centre Variation (£0.030m) Underspend	Customer Services is showing an underspend due to vacant hours on the establishment. Land Charges is showing a small overspend due to a forecasted under recovery of £0.010m.
Digital IT Variation £0.000m	Currently forecasting on budget.
Transformation Variation £0.000m	Currently forecasting on budget.

Place & Regeneration

Revenue:

Place & Regeneration are forecasting £0.028m overspend against a budget of £0.748m (3.4%). The directorate is managing minor pressures and overspends within its overall budget at this time. Close attention will be paid to income over the coming months alongside pressures arising.



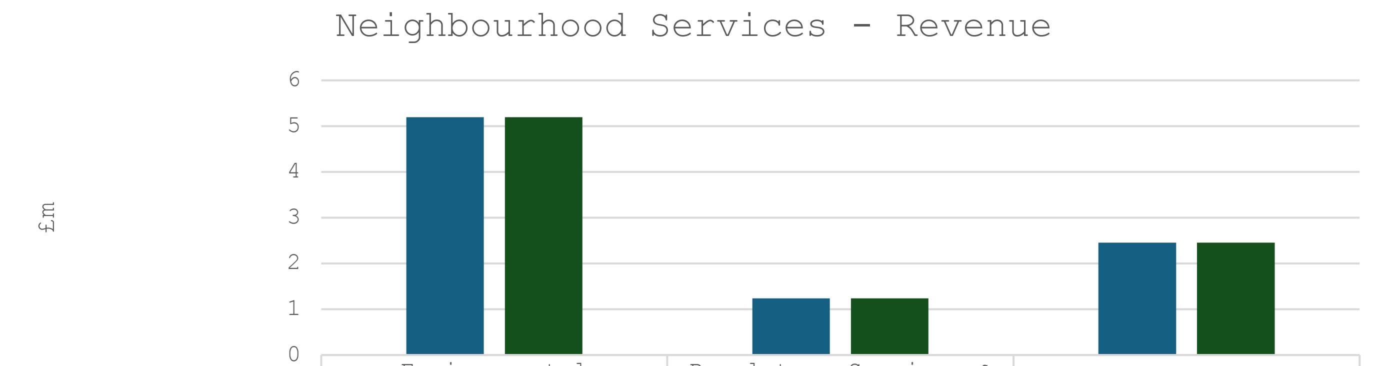
Planning & Variation £0.000m	The Planning Policy, Conservation & Design and the Building Control services are presently reported as being on budget for 2026/27.

Development Management Variation £0.000m	Development Management is presently forecasting to come in on budget for 2026/27 by balancing the level of agency support with planning fee receipts and Planning Performance Agreement income.
Property Variation £0.000m	Property is reporting on budget for 2026/27.
Regeneration & Economy Variation £0.028m Overspend	There is a small overspend reported for May. This is primarily due to costs associated with devolution and costs associated with staffing changes within the service.
Biodiversity & Climate Resilience Variation £0.000m	Biodiversity & Climate Resilience is reporting on budget for 2026/27.

Neighbourhood Services

Revenue:

Neighbourhood Services are forecasting on target against a budget of £8.889m (0.0%). The directorate is currently forecasting a balanced outturn for the year. However, there are a number of strong headwinds arising primarily from the Iran war, and the rise in energy and fuel costs as a result, that may adversely affect the budget as the year progresses. We will ensure that these risk factors are monitored, and that appropriate mitigation measures are proposed to the Executive should the war continue to increase costs



	Environmental Services	Regulatory Services & Community Safety	Wellbeing & Housing
Current Budget	5.193	1.238	2.458
Forecast May 2026	5.193	1.238	2.458

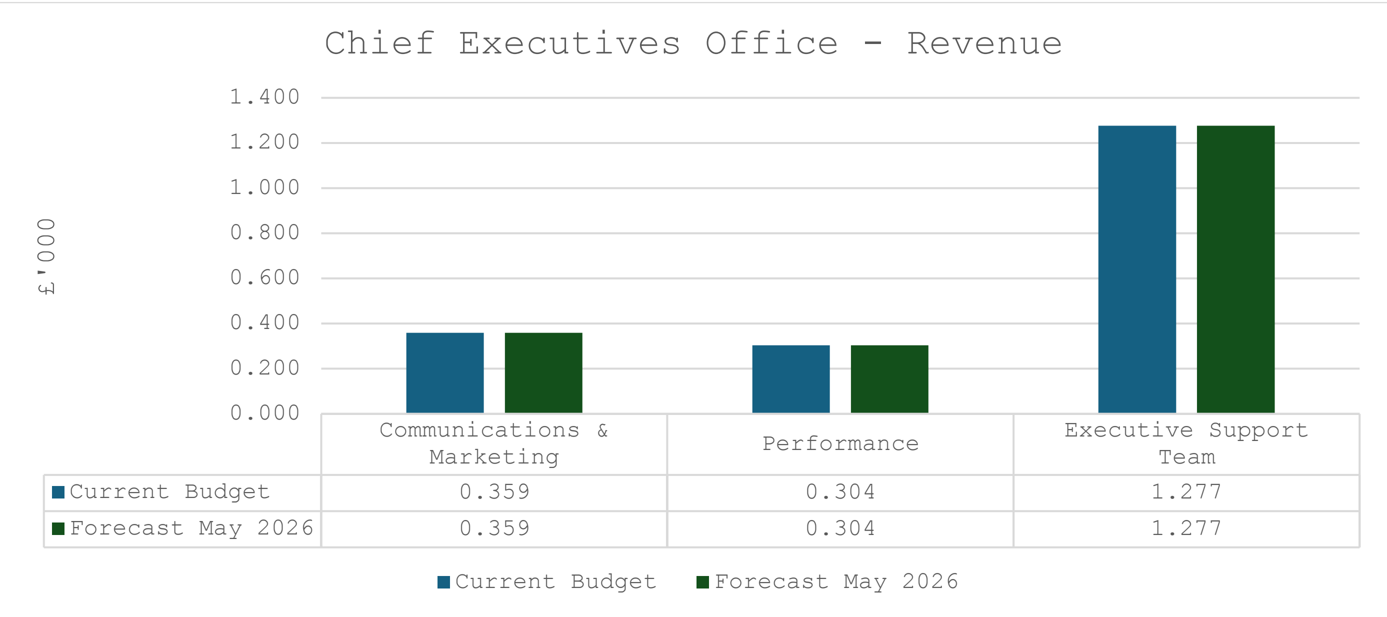
Current Budget Forecast May 2026

Environmental Services Variation £0.000m	Environmental Services is forecasting a balanced outturn at present but there are numerous factors that can potentially impact the budget as the year progresses. The main risk to the budget is the fluctuation of the price of oil due to the Iran war. This makes it difficult to forecast spend at this time, but costings have been carried out for various scenarios that support the current forecast. This risk is being closely monitored.
Regulatory Services & Community Safety Variation £0.000m	Regulatory Services and Community Safety are forecasting a balanced outturn.
Wellbeing & Housing Variation £0.000m	The Agency Model is still not in operation but once implemented, the income should negate the pressure caused by the delay as the expectation is the total recovered will be greater than budgeted.

Chief Executives Office

Revenue:

Chief Executives Office are forecasting on target against a budget of £1.940m (0.0%).



Communications & Marketing Variation £0.000m	Currently forecasting on budget.
Performance Variation £0.000m	Currently forecasting on budget.
Executive Support Team Variation £0.000m	Currently forecasting on budget.

Executive Matters

Revenue:

Executive Matters are forecasting on target against a budget of £7.954m (0.0%).

Executive Matters Variation £0.000m	Treasury is currently forecasting on target, however, is likely to overachieve, given the early stage of the year and anticipated in-year risks, it is considered prudent to retain this headroom at this time rather than commit it to reserves. The position will be kept under review as the year progresses.

Policy Contingency

Revenue:

Policy Contingency are forecasting on target against a budget of £2.741m (0.0%).

Policy Contingency Variation £0.000	Currently forecasting on target.