Leisure & Recreation Committee

Report: Budget Update
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1. Purpose of Report

To provide Members with an update on the Leisure and Recreation revenue budgets and income received to the end of Month 5, including the coding adjustments identified during the budget review.

2. Expenditure Position

Code	Budget heading	Annual budget	Ledger expenditure	Adjustment	Corrected expenditure	Remaining
200/5060	Sports Equipment	£1,000.00	£407.70	—	—	**£592.30**
200/5500	Maintenance – General (Pitches)	£30,000.00	£23,852.30	—	—	**£6,147.70**
200/5526	Sports Line Marking	£5,000.00	£1,731.80	—	—	**£3,268.20**

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200/5530	Additional Grounds Maintenance	£8,000.00	£7,618.34	Less £1,454.00	£6,164.34	**£1,835.66**
200/5760	Tree Works	£12,000.00	£11,509.75	Less £2,506.42	£9,003.33	**£2,996.67**
200/5533	Parkside Hub Café Operations	£10,000.00	£8,804.96	Under review	£8,804.96	**£1,195.04**
Total		**£66,000.00**	**£53,924.85**	**Less £3,960.42**	**£49,964.43**	**£16,035.57**

The Sports Line Marking budget is funded from associated income.

3. Income Position

Code	Income heading	Annual income budget	Income to Month 5	Remaining income target	Budget achieved
200/1200	Pitch Fees	£24,800.00	£1,499.00	£23,301.00	6.0%
200/1205	Pitch Income – Other	£23,400.00	£10,022.44	£13,377.56	42.8%
Total		**£48,200.00**	**£11,521.44**	**£36,678.56**	**23.9%**

The income position should be considered in the context of the seasonal nature of football activity. The majority of the financial year covered by this report has fallen outside the main football season.

The 2026/27 football season is due to commence in September 2026 and run through to April 2027. Pitch fee income is therefore expected to increase significantly during the remaining months of the financial year. The position will continue to be monitored against the annual income target.

4. Coding Adjustments

Account	Required adjustment
122/5500 – Maintenance General (Pitches)	Remove items totalling £4,473.70. This reduces expenditure from £10,902.10 to £6,428.40.
350/5535	Add £528.00 to the expenditure total.
200/5530 – Additional Grounds Maintenance	Remove £926.00 and recode it to the E&P budget. Remove a further £528.00 and recode it to the Allotments budget. Corrected expenditure is £6,164.34.
200/5760 – Tree Works	Remove items totalling £2,506.42 and charge them to EMR326 – Tree Works. Corrected revenue expenditure is £9,003.33.

5. Parkside Hub Café Operations

Expenditure of £8,804.96 has been recorded against 200/5533, leaving £1,195.04 of the £10,000 budget available.

The ledger includes £7,327.86 of youth worker hours, together with other expenditure relating to football sessions, Parkside Hub sessions and café provisions.

This will be reviewed with the Youth Team to establish whether the youth worker and associated staffing costs should have been charged to a different budget.

The current balance should therefore be treated as provisional until this review has been completed.

6. Recommendation

The Committee is asked to:

1. Note the expenditure and income positions to the end of Month 5;
2. Note the seasonal nature of pitch income and that income is expected to increase from September 2026;
3. Note the coding adjustments detailed in section 4;
4. Request that officers review expenditure charged to 200/5533 and ensure youth staffing costs are allocated to the appropriate staffing budget; and
5. Receive a further updated position at a future meeting.