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# Monthly Budget Planner

*Keeping spending inside the plan: budget by category, actual spend, variance, and notes, reviewed monthly.*

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| **Document** | Monthly Budget Planner |
| **Prepared by** | **[Name and role]** |
| **Owner** | **[Name and role]** |
| **Version** | 2.0 |
| **Date** | **[DD Month YYYY]** |
| **Review date** | **[DD Month YYYY]** |

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| **Department / project** | **[Department / project]** |
| **Budget owner** | **[Budget owner]** |
| **Budget month** | **[Budget month]** |
| **Total monthly budget** | **[Total monthly budget]** |

## Budget by category

| Category | Budgeted | Notes |
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## Actual spend

| Category | Actual spend | Committed (ordered, not yet paid) |
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## Variance

| Category | Budgeted | Actual + committed | Variance | Variance % |
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## Notes and explanations

| Category | Explanation for the variance |
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| Category | Explanation for the variance |
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| Total budget | Total actual + committed | Overall variance |
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| [Amount] | [Amount] | [Amount] |

## Next month adjustments

| Category | Next month budget | Change and reason |
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| **Prepared by** | |
| **Reviewed by** | [Finance contact] |

## Sign-off

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| **Budget owner sign-off and date** | |

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### Checklist

| Done | Check |
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| | Every category shows budgeted, actual, committed, and variance. |
| | Variances are explained, not just reported as numbers. |
| | Next month's budget is adjusted and signed by the budget owner. |