

GENERAL FUND - PROVISIONAL OUTTURN FOR 2020/21

Portfolio	2020/21 Original Budget £'000	Budget Variations allocated in year # £'000	2020/21 Latest Approved Budget £'000	2020/21 Projected Outturn £'000	Variation	Variation previously reported	Exec
Adult Care & Health	69,416	0	69,416	70,095	679		828
Children, Education & Families (incl. Schools' Budget)	42,207	467	42,674	44,466	1,792		1,302
Environment & Community	31,136	227	31,363	30,881	Cr 482	Cr	286
Public Protection & Enforcement	2,434	0	2,434	2,434	0		0
Renewal, Recreation & Housing	14,889	244	15,133	15,099	Cr 34	Cr	42
Resources, Commissioning & Contracts Management	46,015	962	46,977	46,560	Cr 417	Cr	387
Total Controllable Budgets	206,097	1,900	207,997	209,535	1,538		1,415
Capital, Insurance & Pensions Costs (see note 2)	9,340	0	9,340	9,340	0		0
Non General Fund Recharges	Cr 853	0	Cr 853	Cr 853	0		0
Total Portfolios (see note 1)	214,584	1,900	216,484	218,022	1,538		1,415
Central Items:							
Income from Investment Properties	Cr 9,720	0	Cr 9,720	Cr 9,720	0		0
Interest on General Fund Balances	Cr 3,591	0	Cr 3,591	Cr 4,341	Cr 750		0
Total Investment Income	Cr 13,311	0	Cr 13,311	Cr 14,061	Cr 750		0
Contingency Provision (see Appendix 4)	11,799	Cr 768	11,031	9,186	Cr 1,845		80
Other central items							
Reversal of net Capital Charges (see note 2)	Cr 7,794	0	Cr 7,794	Cr 7,794	0		0
Utilisation/Set Aside of Prior Year Collection Fund Surplus	5,873	0	5,873	5,873	0		0
New Homes Bonus Support for Revenue	1,612	0	1,612	1,612	0		0
Contribution to Carbon Neutral Initiatives Fund	875	0	875	875	0		0
Contribution to the Walnuts Development reserve	0	80	80	80	0		0
Levies	1,256	0	1,256	1,256	0		0
Total other central items	1,822	80	1,902	1,902	0		0
Prior Year Adjustments							
None	0	0	0	0	0		0
Total Prior Year Adjustments	0	0	0	0	0		0
Total all central items	310	Cr 688	Cr 378	Cr 2,973	Cr 2,595		80
Bromley's Requirement before balances	214,894	1,212	216,106	215,049	Cr 1,057		1,495
Carry Forwards from 2019/20 (see note 3)	0	Cr 1,140	Cr 1,140	0	1,140		1,140
Adjustment to Balances	0	0	0	Cr 83	Cr 83	Cr	2,635
Business Rates Retention Scheme (Retained Income, Top-up and S31 Grants)	214,894	72	214,966	214,966	0		0
Cr 40,426	0	0	Cr 40,426	Cr 40,426	0		0
Business Rate Levy	0	0	0	0	0		0
New Homes Bonus	Cr 1,612	0	Cr 1,612	Cr 1,612	0		0
New Homes Bonus Topslice	0	Cr 72	Cr 72	Cr 72	0		0
Collection Fund Surplus	Cr 5,873	0	Cr 5,873	Cr 5,873	0		0
Bromley's Requirement	166,983	0	166,983	166,983	0		0
GLA Precept	43,842	0	43,842	43,842	0		0
Council Tax Requirement	210,825	0	210,825	210,825	0		0

# Budget Variations allocated to portfolios in year consists of:	£'000
1) Carry forwards from 2019/20	1,140 (see note 3)
2) Allocations from the central contingency provision	760 (see Appendix 4)
	<u>1,900</u>

1) **NOTES**

Portfolio Final Approved Budgets analysed over Departments as follows:

	2020/21 Original Budget £'000	Budget Variations allocated in year # £'000	2020/21 Latest Approved Budget £'000	2020/21 Projected Outturn £'000	Variation	Variation previously reported	Exec
People Department	127,811	528	128,339	130,478	2,139		2,043
Place Department	64,298	775	65,073	64,542	Cr 531	Cr	349
Chief Executive's Department	22,475	597	23,072	23,002	Cr 70	Cr	279
	214,584	1,900	216,484	218,022	1,538		1,415

2) **Reversal of net Capital Charges**

This is to reflect the technical accounting requirements contained in CIPFA's Code of Practice for Local Authority Accounting and has no impact on the Council's General Fund.

3) **Carry Forwards from 2019/20**

Carry forwards from 2019/20 into 2020/21 totalling £1,140k were approved by Council and the Executive. Full details were reported to the June meeting of the Executive in the "Provisional Final Accounts 2019/20" report.

Comments from the Executive Director of Environment and Community Services

(Environment & Community Portfolio)

Like the rest of the Council, the Covid-19 pandemic and resultant restrictions have impacted on economic activity and are having a significant impact on many of the Environment and Community Services Portfolio's services. As a result, the Portfolio is projecting a significant overspend which is reported separately. Excluding the impact of Covid-19, the Portfolio is projecting an underlying underspending of £482k.

In respect of Covid-19, the main service areas impacted are as follows:

- Parking services were most severely affected during the initial lockdown restrictions, with a 95% reduction in parking use and a corresponding decrease in the level of enforcement. There has been some level of recovery since July, however current activity remains significantly lower than would be expected when the budget for the year was set. The impact on trading and workplaces of any further increase in restrictions is unknown but will inevitably result in a further downturn in income.
- Waste services were disrupted in the early weeks of the financial year, with some services suspended although these soon returned to normal. However, the effect of more people being at home has significantly increased volumes of residual waste to be disposed, and trade waste income has also been severely affected.
- Revenue from fees and charges is particularly severely affected across all services with marked reductions in income from market rents, street traders licences and streetworks.
- The cessation by TfL of LIP grant this year has resulted in a budget shortfall in the funding of traffic and transport services.

(Public Protection and Enforcement Portfolio)

The Public Protection and Enforcement Portfolio has had to meet the significant unbudgeted costs of the Council's contribution to London-wide emergency mortuary provision. There has been a further impact on the Council's own services due to the impact of an increased number of Covid-19 deaths on the costs of the Coroner's and mortuary services, together with expected reduction in income from public protection services. However, excluding the impact of Covid-19, there are no underlying variations currently projected.

Analysis of Risks

– Environment & Community Portfolio

Although Covid-19 restrictions were eased in the summer, the latest rise in cases and the recent increase in restrictions has again added to the uncertainty of not knowing for how long restrictions will be in place. Nor it is yet clear what the longer term wider economic impacts will be and how this will affect services later in the year and beyond.

In respect of waste, the new contracts have been in place since April 2019. Contract costs are subject to volatility as any growth in the number of properties and tonnages collected will incur additional expenditure, due to the extra collections that would be required and the additional waste that is generated. Any fluctuations on the market prices will affect the income from sales of recyclates income. Another potential risk area is recycling paper income. Wet weather affects the quality of the paper collected and therefore may lead to issues arising with the processing of it as 'paper' and a loss of income. Furthermore, latest monitoring has demonstrated the effect of changing economic and working patterns and it is not possible to predict the extent to which some of these trends will become embedded.

Over and above the current impact of Covid-19, there continues to be the risk in Parking from fluctuations in both income from On and Off Street Parking as usage varies, as well as changes in enforcement income. Income levels are difficult to predict as accurately as levels of parking are dependent on a wide variety of factors of which some are beyond the Council's control.

Many of the Portfolio's services can be affected by severe weather events which cannot be predicted. In particular, the highways winter service, grounds maintenance and trees.

– Public Protection & Enforcement Portfolio

Any high profile inquests or significant increase in volume of cases could increase the cost of the Coroner's service.

The provision of a sustainable mortuary service at an affordable cost in the long term is problematic due to variables in demand and a very limited market with little competition.

Resources, Commissioning & Contract Management Portfolio

Comments from the Director of Corporate Services (Resources, Commissioning & Contract Management Portfolio) including Risk Areas

Overall the variance for the Corporate Services Division is projected to be £63k overspent. However, within this Legal Services is expected to have a net overspend of £332k due to additional counsel fees, court costs and increased levels of staffing relating to caseloads, mainly within children's services.

Analysis of Risks

The variance for legal is an overspend of £332k. The majority of the overspend is due to additional counsel fees and court costs relating to caseloads within children's services, but also due to increased numbers of commercial cases.

Caseloads in children's services continue at a higher level than has previously. Historically caseloads had been c48 new cases per annum. In 2017/18 74 sets of proceedings were issued, which was a downward trend from 2016/17 when there were 98 sets of new childcare cases. In 2019/20, there were approximately 70 cases and a similar number is expected this year. A minimum court fee of £2,025 is payable on each case which means even with an additional 22 cases this will still represent a substantial sum. The only way to avoid this would be not to issue proceedings, which is not a realistic option. In addition there are fees for instructions of experts (£150 per application) and for placement orders where the care plan is adoption (£455 per family). There has also been a growth of cases where translation services are required (currently representing c20% of cases) and costs are being incurred for translation of documents and additional hearings.

Childcare cases typically take between 3-9 months to conclude therefore there is an ongoing cost pressure from cases which were issued in previous years which were not concluded in year which has been exacerbated by the continuing high level of new instructions. There has been a high turnover of staff in the team in recent years which has had a major impact on using in-house staff for advocacy, to gradually reduce spend on Counsel.

Comments from the Director of Adult Social Care

The first six months of the financial year have continued to be challenging for adult social care as we continue to deal with the Coronavirus pandemic. Staff have continued to largely work remotely, and we have seen continued increases in demand to discharge patients from acute settings, increased requests for support from providers of care as their costs increase and a number of services have remained closed due to safety issues.

Relationships with partners have continued to be strong and we have taken the learning from the first three months of the pandemic and embedded this in our practice. Health have continued to fund discharge arrangements for the first six weeks post discharge, and indications are that this will continue to the end of the financial year. However we continue to see an increase in the numbers of people who were previously unknown to the council prior to admission and who need ongoing support post their period of recovery.

All statutory duties have continued to be delivered and staff have found alternative ways of supporting individuals where they have been unable to access their normal services.

The Department has facilitated the transfer of all available Government Grants to providers and keeps in regular contact with providers to monitor the impact of the pandemic on their staffing and financial levels. This will continue as we enter into the busy winter months.

Where appropriate additional spend will continue to be reported against the Covid-19 expenditure line to minimise the impact on mainstream budgets.

Work continues to deliver savings identified through the Transformation programme and progress is monitored on a monthly basis.

Comments from the Director of Housing, Planning and Regeneration

£465k of growth was included in the housing budget for 2020/21 to reflect the continuing pressures in relation to homelessness and the provision of temporary accommodation. A total of £1,342k savings have also been included to mitigate these pressures.

Whilst approaches remain high, this ongoing supply of acquired properties and prevention work has continued to slow the rate of growth in nightly paid accommodation placements reducing the average increase from 15 per to 10 per month. This however relies on the supply of acquired properties continuing to come through. This results in a projected £257k overspend on temporary accommodation with a £163k overspend on housing overall.

A substantial part of Planning Services' work attracts a fee income for the Council, for example the planning application fees. The fee income and volume of work reflects the wider economic circumstances affecting development pressures in the Borough. There is a risk of income variation beyond the Council's immediate control; however trends are regularly monitored in order that appropriate action can be taken.

Action has successfully been taken to negate the risk of Government Designation for Special Measures due to Planning performance for the current year. However this is based on the actions identified being implemented to reduce the risk of Government Designation in future years.

There is a risk of substantial planning appeal costs being awarded against the Council by the Planning Inspectorate, if the Council is found to have acted unreasonably.

For major appeals, which can arise unpredictably, there is often a need for specialist external consultants advice which creates additional costs.

The key risks in the Renewal, Recreation and Housing Portfolio continue to be:-

- i) Increased homelessness and the associated costs
- ii) Introduction of the Homeless Reduction Act
- iii) Increased rent arrears arising from roll out of Welfare reform
- iv) Reduced vacant housing association properties coming forward for letting
- v) Increased maintenance and repairs costs in relation to the travellers site required to maintain health and safety standards.

Finally, the immediate and ongoing impacts of the Covid-19 pandemic on budgets are only now becoming apparent. Significant losses in income, in particular from commercial rents, are expected as town centres have been severely affected during lockdown restrictions. The full impact in 2020/21 and future years is difficult to assess at this stage and will be largely dependent on the easing of restrictions and recovery of the wider economy.

Comments from the Director of Childrens Services

The Children, Education and Families Portfolio has an overspend of £1,792,000 for the year.

The Education Division has an underspend of £209k. This is mainly to do with staffing costs in SEN and Inclusion.

The DSG is projected to overspend by £3,241k. This will be taken from the £1,733k carried forward from 2019/20. There is also an adjustment of £301k of additional income to the carry forward figure for Early Years Prior Year Adjustment. It was agreed to use £252k of the brought forward balance to support the services in-year. It was agreed that £1,100k of this years DSG allocation would be set aside to fund 2021/22 future pressures. However as these pressures have emerged more rapidly the funding will be used to support additional expenditure in year. Additionally this year we have identified £162k worth of spend within the DSG that is being incurred due to COVID-19 and will be funded from other sources. This gives an estimated DSG deficit balance to be carried forward of £197k into the new financial year. It should be noted that the DSG can fluctuate due to pupils requiring additional services or being placed in expensive placements.

In Children's Social Care the overspend is £1,583k.

The ongoing impact of C19 on Children Services and the ongoing work has had a significant impact not only in safeguarding families but the additional cost to support them. We have concentrated on ensuring that children continue to be safeguarded throughout the current crisis. We are visiting families both physically and virtually. Staff have had to adapt to new ways of working and using skills to assess families virtually through remote working and making judgements. Cases progressing through courts have been delayed due to the court closing which has created a backlog delaying some cases being finalised. This has caused courts to be cautious around final decisions leaving the LA (and children) in challenging situations and delaying permanency moves thus increasing the cost of placements.

There has been increased requests for support particularly in CWD and caution in relation to closing cases and where children in ordinary circumstances may have been removed from plans but where multi agency professionals and families have a heightened anxiety requesting the LA to remain involved. With the second wave this is likely to continue.

We have 3 very high cost placements where young people are at significant risk and have to have increased staff to support them. We are monitoring these closely to ensure that they are meeting needs of the young people concerned.

The risks in the Education, Children & Families Portfolio are:-

- i) Recruitment and retention of permanent staff/ ability to recruit skilled staff for the posts vacant.
- ii) Limited supply and increasing costs of residential placements – including the specialist placements for very complex young people.
- iii) Increase in the Looked After Population due to C19 and families being unable to cope.
- iv) Increased complexity of children (SEND).
- v) Impact of Social Work Act 2017 implementation.
- vi) Income from partners reducing.
- vii) Shortage of local school places.
- viii) Increasing High Needs Block expenditure not matched by a commensurate increase in Government Grant
- ix) Continuing impact of 2014 Children and Families Act extending the age range to 25 for Education, Health and Care Plans.

Adult Care and Health Portfolio Budget Monitoring Summary

2019/20 Actuals £'000	Division Service Areas	2020/21 Original Budget £'000	2020/21 Latest Approved £'000	2020/21 Projected Outturn £'000	Variation £'000	Notes	Variation Last Reported £'000	Full Year Effect £'000
	PEOPLE DEPARTMENT							
	Adult Social Care							
23,910	Assessment and Care Management	22,253	22,253	21,870	Cr 383	1	213	1,339
Cr 850	- Better Care Funding - Discharge to Assess	0	0	0	0		0	0
120	Direct Services	149	149	125	Cr 24	2	0	0
323	Quality Assurance & Safeguarding	1,533	1,533	1,533	0		0	0
36,120	Learning Disabilities	36,506	36,506	36,898	392	3	202	2,191
7,051	Mental Health	7,211	7,211	7,918	707	4	413	832
Cr 770	Better Care Funding - Protection of Social Care	0	0	Cr 10	Cr 10		0	0
Cr 900	Better Care Funding - Additional Pressures	0	0	0	0		0	0
65,004		67,652	67,652	68,334	682		828	4,362
	Programmes							
2,354	Programmes Team	2,141	2,141	2,138	Cr 3	5	0	0
1,049	Information & Early Intervention	1,158	1,158	1,148	Cr 10		0	0
Cr 1,049	- Net Expenditure	Cr 1,158	Cr 1,158	Cr 1,148	10		0	0
	- Recharge to Better Care Fund (Prot of Soc Care)							
	Better Care Fund							
23,764	- Expenditure	22,876	22,946	22,946	0	6	0	0
Cr 23,823	- Income	Cr 22,902	Cr 22,972	Cr 22,972	0		0	0
	Improved Better Care Fund							
11,471	- Expenditure	8,794	10,060	10,060	0	7	0	0
Cr 11,471	- Income	Cr 9,004	Cr 10,270	Cr 10,270	0		0	0
	Health Support for Social Care							
3,593	- Expenditure	0	0	0	0		0	0
Cr 3,593	- Income	0	0	0	0		0	0
2,295		1,905	1,905	1,902	Cr 3		0	0
	Public Health							
14,181	Public Health	14,629	14,830	14,830	0		0	0
Cr 14,320	Public Health - Grant Income	Cr 14,770	Cr 14,971	Cr 14,971	0		0	0
Cr 139		Cr 141	Cr 141	Cr 141	0		0	0
67,160	TOTAL CONTROLLABLE ADULT CARE & HEALTH	69,416	69,416	70,095	679		828	4,362
Cr 1,121	TOTAL NON CONTROLLABLE	302	331	405	74	8	74	0
4,865	TOTAL EXCLUDED RECHARGES	5,390	5,390	5,390	0		0	0
70,904	TOTAL ADULT CARE & HEALTH PORTFOLIO	75,108	75,137	75,890	753		902	4,362

Reconciliation of Latest Approved Budget

£'000

2020/21 Original Budget

75,108

Carry forwards

Better Care Fund

- expenditure

70

- income

Cr 70

Improved Better Care Fund

- expenditure

2,766

- income

Cr 2,766

Public Health Grant

- expenditure

1,534

- income

Cr 1,534

Repairs & Maintenance

29

Grants included within Central Contingency

PrEP grant (Public Health)

- expenditure

52

- income

Cr 52

Latest Approved Budget for 2020/21

75,137

REASONS FOR VARIATIONS

1. Assessment and Care Management - Cr £383k Net of Savings to be delivered

The overspend in Assessment and Care Management can be analysed as follows:

	<u>Current</u>	<u>Variation</u>
	<u>£'000</u>	
<u>Physical Support / Sensory Support / Memory & Cognition</u>		
Services for 65 +		
Placements		65
- <i>Savings to be delivered</i>	Cr	155
Respite Care	Cr	20
Domiciliary Care / Direct Payments		351
- <i>Savings to be delivered</i>	Cr	246
	Cr	<u>5</u>
Services for 18 - 64		
Placements		378
Respite Care	Cr	5
Domiciliary Care / Direct Payments		144
		<u>517</u>
Other		
- Staffing		11
- Day Care	Cr	184
- Transport	Cr	127
- Extra Care Housing	Cr	180
- Community DoLS	Cr	251
- Discharge to Assess (D2A)	Cr	164
	Cr	<u>895</u>
	Cr	<u>383</u>

The 2020/21 budget includes funding for the 2019/20 budget overspend calculated at the July interim budget monitoring, less savings and mitigation agreed to reduce this overspend.

Services for 65+ - Cr £5k

Although numbers in residential and nursing care are currently projected to be below the budget by 17 placements, there is an overspend of £279k projected, an increase of £108k from the May position. There has been a much higher than usual attrition in April, likely linked to Covid-19, resulting in these reduced numbers, but this has been offset by increased costs of placements having to be made above the council's guide rates. Part of the 2020/21 budget savings relate to reducing these additional placement costs where possible. The main pressure area in relation to these additional costs relates to clients with a primary support reason (PSR) of memory and cognition.

The projected underspend on Emergency and temporary placements has increased from £27k to £214k as less placements are being made at the moment.

Respite care is currently showing a projected underspend of £20k as less service users are using this service currently.

The projected position on the domiciliary care and direct payments budgets is an overspend of £351k. Domiciliary care is projected to overspend by £176k which is a reduction of £171k from the May position, as the number of hours has fallen. Direct payments is projected to overspend by £175k which is an increase of £42k from the May position. Part of the 2020/21 budget savings relate to reviewing packages of care to ensure they meet the needs of the service user.

Offsetting the above are savings still to be delivered of £401k. Due to the current Covid-19 pandemic, it has not been possible to progress the delivery of savings as expected, so included in this amount is £134k which is being offset against the Covid-19 funding. This therefore leaves £267k still to be delivered by the department.

Services for 18-64+ - Dr £517k

Placements for 18-64 age group are projected to overspend by £535k this year based on current service user numbers, with numbers being 6 above the budget provision. This is an increase of £79k from May. As with the 65+ age group, the unit cost of placements is higher than the budgeted unit cost, adding further to the overspend.

The projected underspend on Emergency and temporary placements has increased from £50k to £157k as less placements are being made at the moment.

Respite care is currently showing a projected underspend of £5k as less service users are using this service currently.

The overall position on the domiciliary care and direct payments budgets is a projected overspend of £144k, a reduction of £18k from the overspend in May. Domiciliary care is currently projected to overspend by £41k, moving from an underspend of £71k in May. Direct payments is projected to overspend by £103k, reducing from an overspend of £238k in May.

Staffing - Dr £11k

Staffing in the care management teams is expected to overspend by £11k based on current staffing levels. This is due to a combination of the use of agency staff and the vacancy factor of 3% that was factored into the 2020/21 budget not being fully achieved.

Day Care Services & Transport Services - Cr £311k

Day Care and related transport services are currently suspended due to Covid-19, resulting in a current underspend of £184k and £127k respectively. This relates to the period April to September, there may be a further underspend if centres remain closed after that period.

Extra Care Housing - Cr £180k

The hours being delivered in ECH units continue to be at the minimum level, resulting in a projected underspend of £180k, after allowing for possible void payments.

Community Deprivation of Liberty Service (CDOLS) - Cr £251k

As reported in the 2019/20 budget monitoring and outturn reports, there was a large underspend on the Community DoLS budget. This underspend is expected to continue into the current financial year.

D2A - Cr £164k

Due to Covid-19, discharges from hospital are following a revised pathway in unison with health. This means that the budget allocation for the discharge to assess service is only minimally being utilised, so an underspend is being reported for the period to the end of September.

2. Direct Services - Cr £24k

Reablement - Cr £24k

Staffing within the reablement service is expected to underspend due to the retirement of a member of staff.

3. Learning Disabilities (LD) - Dr £392k

The 2020/21 LD budget includes funding for anticipated 2020/21 demand-related pressures, a contribution to the full year effect of the 2019/20 overspend but also reductions relating to planned savings.

An overspend of £392k is currently anticipated and this is due to a combination of the impact in 2020/21 of the high full year effect of 2019/20 spending (in excess of the amount funded in the 2020/21 budget), a shortfall in savings and new and increased care packages. This is partly offset by the impact of Covid and the associated significant reduced take up of services.

The forecast continues to include assumptions on packages expected to start in the remainder of the financial year, for example, young people transitioning from children's services and packages that have been agreed but not yet started. This position may change significantly as the year progresses and, to avoid overstating projections, a 'probability factor' has been applied to future assumptions to reflect experience in previous years. This is on the basis that there tends to be slippage on planned start dates or clients aren't placed as originally expected, however there is a risk attached to this in that the majority of placements may go ahead as planned.

The 2020/21 LD budget includes savings totalling £896k. For this set of projections, it is estimated there will be a shortfall of £480k in the current year, however a proportion of this (£300k) is because of delays due to the impact of Covid-19 which will therefore be attributed to Covid Grant funding. The remainder of the shortfall relates to the target for increased uptake of the Shared Lives service. Progress is being made in relation to reviewing packages and this will continue to be monitored closely.

Similar to Assessment and Care Management above, there have been reduced costs in the first half of the financial year that are likely to be Covid-related: temporary cessation of day services and associated reduced cost of transport, reduced numbers of domiciliary care packages (client preference), some clients returning home from their residential placements and, sadly, a higher than average number of deaths. There continues to be considerable uncertainty regarding the future impact of this.

The full year effect overspend of £2,191k is much higher than the in-year overspend of £392k. The reduced costs that have been experienced in the first part of 2020/21 due to the impact of Covid are largely non-recurrent and it has been assumed that services resume to normal levels in 2021/22. This may not be the case and the situation will be kept under review.

4. Mental Health (MH) - Dr £707k

Similar to Learning Disabilities above, the 2020/21 Mental Health budget includes part-funding for the full year effect of the 2019/20 overspend.

An overspend of £707k is currently anticipated which is an increase of £294k compared to the position reported in Q1. Part of the overspend (£400k) is the result of the full year effect of 2019/20 spending exceeding the amount funded in the 2020/21 budget. The remainder of the increased pressure (£307k) can largely be attributed to a net increase in placements and care packages, with new and increased packages exceeding those ending or reducing. Some of these have been agreed on an emergency basis and it may be possible to reduce the costs going forward. The position will be closely monitored throughout the year with a view to reducing this pressure through effective management action.

5. Programmes Division - Cr £3k net

There is a number of minor compensating variations on Programmes Team budgets (staffing, running expenses) with a net effect of Cr £3k. It is currently anticipated that, across the division as a whole, the vacancy rate saving will be achieved but this will be kept under review.

The underspend of £10k on the Information and Early Intervention (I&EI) Service comprises Cr £13k from inflationary efficiencies on contracts offset in part by a small shortfall of £3k on the Local Reform and Community Voices Grant. The whole I&EI net budget is funded from the element of the Better Care Fund set aside to protect social care services. This £10k underspend has therefore been used to offset other budget pressures within social care in line with the intentions of the funding.

6. Better Care Fund (BCF) - Nil variation

Other than variations on the protection of social care element, any underspends on Better Care Fund budgets will be carried forward for spending in future years under the pooled budget arrangement with Bromley CCG.

7. Improved Better Care Fund (IBCF) - Nil Variation

The total amount of funding available in 2020/21 is as follows:

	£'000
2020/21 IBCF allocation - recurrent	4,636
2020/21 IBCF allocation - non-recurrent (extended for 4th year)	1,677
2020/21 Winter Pressures Grant	1,191
Carry forward from previous years	2,766
	<u>10,270</u>

Of the above, a budget of £210k (expenditure) is held within the Council's central contingency. The carry forward of £2,766k includes £1,500k to fund adult social care growth pressures in 2020/21.

The non-recurrent IBCF funding of £1,677k has been extended for a fourth year and it was agreed as part of setting the 2020/21 budget that this would fund a contribution to a new, 'whole system' reserve that can be called upon in relation to any crisis in the joint health and social care systems.

8. Non-Controllable - Rent - Dr £74k

The closure of the Bertha James day centre has reduced income against budget by £74k.

Waiver of Financial Regulations

The Council's Contract Procedure Rules state that where the value of a contract exceeds £50k and is to be exempt from the normal requirement to obtain competitive quotations the Chief Officer has to obtain the agreement of the Director of Corporate Services, the Director of Finance and the Director of Commissioning and (where over £100,000) approval of the Portfolio Holder and report use of this exemption to Audit Sub-Committee bi-annually. The Director of Adult Social Care has additional authority in respect of placements.

Since the last report to the Executive, 21 waivers for Adult placements have been agreed for between £50k and £100k and 7 for more than £100k, all of which were agreed by the Director of Adult Social Care.

Virements Approved to date under Director's Delegated Powers

Details of virements actioned by Chief Officers under delegated authority under the Financial Regulations "Scheme of Virement" will be included in financial monitoring reports to the Portfolio Holder. Since the last report to Executive, there have been no virements.

Children, Education and Families Portfolio Budget Monitoring Summary

2019/20 Actuals	Service Areas	2020/21 Original Budget £'000	2020/21 Latest Approved £'000	2020/21 Projected Outturn £'000	Variation £'000	Notes	Variation Last Reported £'000	Full Year Effect £'000
£'000		£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000		£'000	£'000
EDUCATION CARE & HEALTH SERVICES DEPARTMENT								
Education Division								
Cr 350	Adult Education Centres	Cr 401	Cr 376	Cr 472	Cr 96	1	0	0
543	Schools and Early Years Commissioning & QA	715	715	608	Cr 107	2	Cr 93	0
8,206	SEN and Inclusion	6,597	6,948	7,276	328	3	257	0
74	Strategic Place Planning	103	103	103	0		0	0
8	Workforce Development & Governor Services	Cr 29	Cr 29	Cr 30	Cr 1		Cr 1	0
356	Access & Inclusion	156	156	168	12		Cr 3	0
Cr 1,243	Schools Budgets	Cr 1,528	Cr 1,528	Cr 1,528	0	4	0	0
10	Other Strategic Functions	717	717	790	73	5	100	0
	Management Action	0	0	0	0		Cr 100	0
7,604		6,330	6,706	6,915	209		160	0
Children's Social Care								
1,427	Bromley Youth Support Programme	1,526	1,526	1,526	0	6	0	0
920	Early Intervention and Family Support	1,178	1,178	1,116	Cr 62		0	0
6,580	CLA and Care Leavers	6,252	6,371	7,217	846		348	637
16,846	Fostering, Adoption and Resources	16,808	16,808	17,802	994		1,345	1,077
	Management Action		0	Cr 459	Cr 459		Cr 844	Cr 459
3,581	Referral and Assessment Service	3,410	3,494	3,500	6		156	0
2,943	Safeguarding and Care Planning East	2,768	2,764	2,873	109		35	0
5,163	Safeguarding and Care Planning West	5,389	5,355	5,410	55		15	0
1,071	Safeguarding and Quality Improvement	Cr 1,454	Cr 1,528	Cr 1,374	154	7	242	0
	Management Action		0	Cr 60	Cr 60		Cr 155	0
38,531		35,877	35,968	37,551	1,583		1,142	1,255
46,135	TOTAL CONTROLLABLE FOR EDUCATION, CHILDREN & FAMILIES	42,207	42,674	44,466	1,792		1,302	1,255
8,817	Total Non-Controllable	1,812	1,834	1,834	0		0	0
8,541	Total Excluded Recharges	8,693	8,693	8,693	0		0	0
63,493	TOTAL EDUCATION, CHILDREN & FAMILIES PORTFOLIO	52,712	53,201	54,993	1,792		1,302	1,255
Memorandum Item								
Sold Services								
37	Education Psychology Service (RSG Funded)	Cr 115	Cr 115	69	184	7	108	0
43	Education Welfare Service (RSG Funded)	Cr 24	Cr 24	13	11		52	0
8	Workforce Development (DSG/RSG Funded)	Cr 31	Cr 31	31	0		0	0
27	Community Vision Nursery (RSG Funded)	61	61	Cr 23	Cr 84		Cr 42	0
47	Blenheim Nursery (RSG Funded)	94	94	4	Cr 90		Cr 15	0
162	Total Sold Services	Cr 15	Cr 15	6	21		103	0

Reconciliation of Latest Approved Budget

£'000

Original Budget 2020/21

52,712

Contingency:

Tackling Troubled Families
- expenditure
- income

348
Cr 348

Carry forwards:

Delivery Support Fund
- expenditure
- income
Investing in Practise Grant
- expenditure
- income
Extension of Virtual Heads
- expenditure
- income
Reducing Parental Conflict
- expenditure
- income
Tackling Troubled Families
- expenditure
- income
Adult Education Match Funding
Expenditure on North Lodge

18
Cr 18
104
Cr 104
34
Cr 34
40
Cr 40
543
Cr 543
25
79

Other:

SEN Transport
R&M Planned - Blenheim Family Centre

363
22

Latest Approved Budget for 2020/21

53,201

REASONS FOR VARIATIONS

1. Adult Education - Cr £96k

The underspend in Adult Education this is due to reduced activity that includes a reduction in the exam expenditure for the year.

Due to the COVID-19 lockdown all of the training courses in the summer term were delivered online. Since the start of the new academic year most of the training courses have returned to the classroom with smaller class sizes. The small number of remaining courses are either delivered as blended or online courses.

2. Schools and Early Years Commissioning & QA - Cr £107k

The Nurseries are currently forecast to underspend by £64k. This is due to staff vacancies as these are currently on hold due to the COVID-19 lockdown. This is then partially offset by the loss of income.

Early Years has a forecast underspend of £26k that is due to staff underspends.

The remaining underspend relates to running costs of £20k offset by a small staffing overspend in other cost centres of £3k.

3. SEN and Inclusion - Dr £328k

The SEN Transport is currently forecast to be underspent by £3k. This is following the extra £363k added to the budget to support the anticipated extra costs of renewing the transport contracts from the start of the new academic year.

A new Passenger Transport Services contract commenced on 1/9/2020 and the projections are based on the initial route allocations as at the start of a new academic year. EHC planning continues throughout the academic year resulting in fluid transport projections.

The Education Psychologists are currently in the process of recruiting to the vacant posts in their team. This has caused the statutory service they are required to provide to be underspending by £45k and the Trading Service they offer to the Schools is projected to overspend by £184k. This is due to the using agency staff to provide the service. This is a net overspend of £139k.

The costs for running the SEN service (included working on the EHCP's) has caused an overspend of £192k due to staffing.

3. Schools Budgets (no impact on General Fund)

Expenditure on Schools is funded through the Dedicated Schools Grant (DSG) provided by the Department for Education (DfE). DSG is ring fenced and can only be applied to meet expenditure properly included in the Schools Budget. Any overspend or underspend must be carried forward to the following years Schools Budget.

The DSG projected to overspend by £3,241k. This will be taken from the £1,733k carried forward from 2019/20. There is also an adjustment of £301k of additional income to the carry forward figure for Early Years Prior Year Adjustment. It was agreed to use £252k of the brought forward balance to support the services in-year. It was agreed that £1,100k of this years DSG allocation would be set aside to fund 2021/22 future pressures. However as these pressures have emerged more rapidly the funding will be used to support additional expenditure in year. Additionally this year we have identified £162k worth of spend within the DSG that is being incurred due to COVID-19 and will be funded from other sources. This gives an estimated DSG deficit balance to be carry forward of £197k into the new financial year. It should be noted that the DSG can fluctuate due to pupils requiring additional services or being placed in expensive placements.

The in-year overspend is broken down as follows:-

There is an estimated overspend of £164k on modular classroom rentals during the year.

The is currently projected to be an underspend of £69k in the Primary Support Team which is mainly due to staffing

The Home and Hospital service has a projected overspend of £272k and this is mainly due to the need to use agency staff to support the number of children being directly looked after by the team. Due to the increase in the number of pupils being supported by the wider service since the COVID-19 lockdown there is also an increase in use of Alternative Programmes and Vocational Courses and has caused an additional £151k overspend.

The Education Welfare service has overspend of £78k in staffing costs and loss of income. These include £49k worth of extra costs and £29k loss of income relating to COVID-19.

SEN placements are projected to overspend by a total of £2,269k. These overspends are split as follows:-

Residential Placements - £1,135k

Matrix Funding - £855k

Alternative Provisions - £279k

The Post 16 placements are this forecasted to overspend by £340k.

The DSG funded element of SEN Transport has overspent by £257k due to new routes that were established that can be charged to the DSG. Due to the current funding regulations LBB are not permitted to increase this budget from the previous year.

The High Needs Pre-school Service is currently forecasting to underspend by £52k for the year which relates mostly to staffing.

The SENIF, Sensory Support and the Outreach & Inclusion Service are all currently projected to underspend. Most of the underspend relates to lower than expected staffing costs, but there is also a small amount that relates to running costs that are not expected to be incurred during the year. These are then offset by overspends at the Darrick Wood Hearing Unit and other areas across within SEN. The net effect of these cost centres is a £160k underspend.

There is also a total small balance of underspends of £9k in total.

	Variations £'000	High Needs £'000	Schools £'000	Early Years £'000	Central £'000
Classroom Hire	164	0	164	0	0
Primary Support Team	-69	0	0	0	-69
Home & Hospital	272	272	0	0	0
Behaviour Support	151	151	0	0	0
Education Welfare Officers	78	0	0	0	78
Other Small Balances	-7	-8	0	-3	4
SEN:					
- Placements & Alternative Programmes	1,414	1,414	0	0	0
- Matrix Funding	855	855	0	0	0
- Support in FE colleges	340	340	0	0	0
- Transport	257	257	0	0	0
- High Needs Pre-school Service	-52	-52	0	0	0
- Sensory Support	-70	-70	0	0	0
- SEN Inclusion Fund (SENIF)	-29	0	0	-29	0
- Darrick Wood Hearing Unit	17	17	0	0	0
- Complex Needs Team	0	0	0	0	0
- Outreach & Inclusion Service	-95	-95	0	0	0
- SEN Staff	17	17	0	0	0
- Other Small SEN Balances	-2	-2	0	0	0
Total	3,241	3,096	164	-32	13

There will continue to be pressures in the DSG from 2020/21 onwards, especially in the High Needs Block. More children are coming through the system which will put additional pressure on DSG resources.

5. Other Strategic Functions - Dr £73k

As part of this years budget there is a £100k saving relating to the vacancy factor that is currently not forecast to be achieved. This is being off set by additional income.

6. Children's Social Care - Dr £1,583k

The current budget variation for the Children and Families Division is projected to be an overspend of £1,583k. This is an increase of £441k in the overspend reported previously which was £1,142k. Despite additional funding being secured in the 2020/21 budget, increases in the number of children being looked after together with the high cost of some placements has continued to put considerable strain on the budget.

Early Intervention and Family Support - Cr £62k

The projected underspend in this area relates entirely to staffing

CLA and Care Leavers - Dr £846k

The projected variation in this area relates to overspends on accommodation costs in relation to the Children Looked After placement support costs of £636k, accommodation costs of £66k and staying Put of £100k. There is an additional £44k overspend on staffing.

Fostering, Adoption and Resources - Dr £535k (net of management action)

The current expected forecast for this area is an overspend of £535k. This is due to a net overspend of £994k across all of the various Residential, Fostering and Adoption Placements before management action of £459k is taken into account.

There is an overspend of £17k relating to staffing costs

The budget for children's placements (Residential, Fostering and Adoption Placements) is projected to overspend this year, The analysis of this over the various placement types is shown below.

- Community Home's / Community Home's with Education - Cr £835k (Cr £174k)
- Boarding Schools - Dr £30k (Dr £82k)
- Fostering services (IFA's) - Dr £1,887k (Dr £1,649k)
- Fostering services (In-house, including SGO's and Kinship) - Cr £66k (Cr £173k)
- Adoption placements - Cr £45k (Cr £46k)
- Transport - Dr £7k (Dr £7k)

Referral and Assessment Service - Dr £6k

The projected overspend of £45k in this area all relates to staffing costs.

This is being offset by an underspend of £39k on the subsistence and accommodation of NRPF

Safeguarding and Care Planning East - Dr £109k

The projected overspend in this area relates to staffing costs which is £17k overspent as a result of the use of agency staff. There is also a £92k overspend on PLO's.

Safeguarding and Care Planning West- Dr £55k

The projected overspend in this area of £55k that relates fully to staffing costs.

Safeguarding and Quality Improvement - Dr £94k (net of management action)

The projected overspend in this area of £154k and this relates to staffing costs. This is offset by management action of £60k resulting in an overall projected overspend of £94k

6. Sold Services (net budgets)

Services sold to schools are separately identified in this report to provide clarity in terms of what is being provided. These accounts are shown as memorandum items as the figures are included in the appropriate Service Area in the main report.

Waiver of Financial Regulations

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Virements Approved to date under Director's Delegated Powers

Details of virements actioned by Chief Officers under delegated authority under the Financial Regulations "Scheme of Virement" will be included in financial monitoring reports to the Portfolio Holder. Since the last report to Executive, there have been no virements.

Environment & Community Portfolio Budget Monitoring Summary

2019/20 Actuals £'000	Service Areas	2020/21 Original Budget £'000	2020/21 Latest Approved £'000	2020/21 Projected Outturn £'000	Variation £'000	Notes	Variation Last Reported £'000	Full Year Effect £'000
	ENVIRONMENT & COMMUNITY PORTFOLIO							
	Street Scene & Green Spaces							
5,782	Parks and Green Spaces	5,716	5,726	5,726	0		0	0
Cr 119	Business Support and Markets	Cr 83	Cr 83	Cr 105	Cr 22	1	0	0
17,715	Waste Services	17,776	17,896	17,988	92	2	0	0
5,469	Street Environment	5,678	5,678	5,678	0		0	0
196	Street Regulation	223	223	223	0		0	0
1,307	Management and Contract Support	1,204	1,275	1,310	35	3	0	0
739	Arboriculture Management	724	754	918	164	4		
31,089		31,238	31,469	31,738	269		0	0
	Transport Operations and Depot							
513	Transport Operations and Depot Management	731	731	697	Cr 34	5	Cr 60	0
513		731	731	697	Cr 34		Cr 60	0
	Traffic, Parking and Highways							
192	Traffic & Road Safety	280	240	71	Cr 169	6	0	0
Cr 7,875	Parking	Cr 7,505	Cr 7,505	Cr 7,903	Cr 398	7-10	Cr 226	0
6,719	Highways (including London Permit Scheme)	6,392	6,428	6,278	Cr 150	11	0	0
Cr 964		Cr 833	Cr 837	Cr 1,554	Cr 717		Cr 226	0
30,638	TOTAL CONTROLLABLE	31,136	31,363	30,881	Cr 482		Cr 286	0
4,960	TOTAL NON-CONTROLLABLE	6,182	6,243	6,243	0		0	0
2,480	TOTAL EXCLUDED RECHARGES	2,399	2,399	2,399	0		0	0
38,078	PORTFOLIO TOTAL	39,717	40,005	39,523	Cr 482		Cr 286	0

Reconciliation of Latest Approved Budget

£'000

Original Budget 2020/21

39,717

Carry Forward Requests approved from 2019/20

Green Garden waste DD system	120
Lych Gate Footbridge Repairs	48
Procurement of a Sonic Tomograph	30
Millwood Rd Allotments Water Supply	30

Central Contingency Adjustments

Other

R&M - Norman Park Pavilion No.4 (non controllable)	42
R&M Depot Electrical Remedial Works & Roof survey work (non controllable)	18

Latest Approved Budget for 2020/21

40,005

REASONS FOR VARIATIONS

The Covid-19 restrictions that were introduced on 23rd March have had a significant impact on many of the Portfolio's services. Although restrictions were subsequently eased, they have again been raised recently and it is not known how long these will remain or even be increased in the coming weeks. Nor it is clear what the longer term wider economic impacts will be and how this will affect services later in the year and beyond. Therefore, projections will continue to be refined and updated as the financial year progresses.

1. Business Support and Markets Cr £22k

There is an underspend of £22k projected across the service which is made up of a number of minor variations including staff vacancies and agency cover costs for the market supervisor.

2. Waste Services Dr £92k

Recycling income is projected to overachieve by £66k due to the recent high volume of recyclable items although the sharp drop in paper prices has meant the projected income achieved through this stream this financial year has not been as much as previously anticipated. The relatively dry summer has meant that there have been minimal issues with wet paper loads being rejected but this could change as wetter weather sets in.

The way in which residual waste is disposed of has resulted in the contractor exceeding their targets this financial year and therefore landfill tax is due to underspend by £45k.

Costs relating to 2019/20 that had been in dispute and not settled until this financial year have impacted budget by £255k. This is partly offset by a number of other minor variations within waste services resulting in a projected underspend of £52k.

3. Management and Contract Support Dr£35k

This budget is forecast to overspend by £35k this financial year mainly due to the need for the fix my street officer to remain in post longer than originally intended.

4. Arboriculture Management Dr £164k

Staff vacancies in previous years have contributed towards a backlog of high priority works that now need to be undertaken. As a result, this service is forecast to overspend by £164k this financial year due to the volume of statutory tree surveys and associated remedial works required within the Borough, although service managers will investigate mitigation options to reduce the overall overspend.

5. Transport Operations and Depot Management Cr£34k

Salaries are projected to underspend by £25k due to staff vacancies. Other minor variations within the division result in a further £9k underspend.

6. Traffic & Road Safety Cr£169k

There are projected underspends against LBB funded staffing budgets of £69k mainly due to vacancies including an MG6 post and part-time staff working in fully budgeted posts. However, until the situation regarding TfL LIP funding of staff costs this year is confirmed, the underspend of £69k is not included as a variation at this stage.

Income for road closure charges is projecting a surplus of £169k, which wasn't reported in Q1 monitoring. Despite the current situation with Covid-19, utility companies continue to apply for road closures to undertake works at the level seen in previous years.

Parking Cr£398k

7. Off/On Street Car Parking Cr £75k

There is an anticipated underspend against Credit Card Commission costs of £59k as a result of lower activity.

There are defaults against the contract of Cr £16k against Off Street parking for Quarters 1 and 2.

8. Car Parking Enforcement Cr £53k

There is a projected underspend on Credit Card Commission costs of £53k as a result of lower activity.

9. Parking Shared Service Cr £177k

There is a net projected underspend of Cr £177k for the Parking Shared Service mainly due to underspends on staffing as a result of vacancies across both boroughs and a reduction in the number of agency staff employed. The Head of Parking has now been permanently appointed and has advised they will be undertaking a full review of the Shared Service.

10. Parking Expenditure Variations Cr £93k

There are other variations across the service totalling a potential underspend of Cr £93k mainly due to business rates payments being less than budgeted, savings against Traffic Committee Fees for London and a projected underspend on Third Party Payments. These variations are summarised as follows:

Summary of other Variations within Parking	£'000
Premises	Cr 38
Supplies & Services	Cr 23
Third Party Payments	Cr 32
Total Variations for Parking Expenditure	<u>Cr 93</u>

11. Highways - Including London Permit Scheme Cr £150k

Street Lighting electricity costs are forecast to underspend by £150k this financial year as the new, low energy, lamp post upgrades continue to be rolled out across the Borough. It is anticipated that, subject to a business case and subsequent approval, underspends on this budget in future years will be used to invest in completing the replacement programme across the Borough, therefore releasing greater savings in the longer term.

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1) a 1 year extension to the Confirm OnDemand Enterprise License use by Highways from 1st July 2020 to 30th June 2021 costing £75k, cumulative contract value of £226k. This software supports customer enquiries, works orders and invoicing.

2) a 1 year extension to the MarketForce Services Ltd Contract for the market stall assembly from 1st January 2021 to 31st December 2021. Annual value of approximately £77k and a cumulative contract value of £296k.

Virements Approved to date under Director's Delegated Powers

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Public Protection & Enforcement Budget Monitoring Summary

2019/20 Actuals £'000	Service Areas	2020/21 Original Budget £'000	2020/21 Latest Approved £'000	2020/21 Projected Outturn £'000	Variation £'000	Notes	Variation Last Reported £'000	Full Year Effect £'000
	Public Protection							
253	Community Safety	170	482	415	Cr 67	1	0	0
133	Emergency Planning	134	134	145	11	2	0	0
670	Mortuary & Coroners Service	574	574	574	0		0	0
1,676	Public Protection	1,556	1,244	1,300	56	3	0	0
2,732	TOTAL CONTROLLABLE	2,434	2,434	2,434	0		0	0
318	TOTAL NON CONTROLLABLE	7	7	7	0		0	0
941	TOTAL EXCLUDED RECHARGES	973	973	973	0		0	0
3,991	PORTFOLIO TOTAL	3,414	3,414	3,414	0		0	0

Reconciliation of Latest Approved Budget **£'000**

Original Budget 2020/21 **3,414**

Carry Forward Requests approved from 2019/20

Asset Recovery Incentivisation Scheme	48
Asset Recovery Incentivisation Scheme	Cr 48

Other

Latest Approved Budget for 2020/21 **3,414**

REASONS FOR VARIATIONS

The Covid-19 restrictions that were introduced on 23rd March have had a significant impact on many of the Portfolio's services. Although restrictions were subsequently eased, they have again been raised recently and it is not known how long these will remain or even be increased in the coming weeks. Nor it is clear what the longer term wider economic impacts will be and how this will affect services later in the year and beyond. Therefore, projections will continue to be refined and updated as the financial year progresses.

1. Community Safety Cr£67k

This service is forecast to underspend by £67k due to in year staffing vacancies. All posts are currently being recruited to.

2. Emergency Planning Dr£11k

There are also some additional staffing costs forecast of £11k this financial year relating to overtime and on call costs.

3. Public Protection Dr £56k

Staffing is forecast to underspend by £40k due to in year vacancies. All posts are currently being recruited to. CCTV camera upgrades will be undertaken this financial year which will cost approximately £96k. A number of obsolete and old cameras need replacing and the intention is to replace 16 this year.

Waiver of Financial Regulations:

The Council's Contract Procedure Rules state that where the value of a contract exceeds £50k and is to be exempt from the normal requirement to obtain competitive quotations the Chief Officer has to obtain the agreement of the Director of Corporate Services, the Director of Finance and the Director of Commissioning and (where over £100,000) approval of the Portfolio Holder and report use of this exemption to Audit Sub committee bi-annually. Since the last report to the Executive, no waivers over £50k have been actioned.

1) a 1 year extension of the Stray Dog service and Pest Control contract with SDK from 1st February 2021 to 31st January 2022. The annual contract value is £94k resulting in cumulative spend with SDK of £879k

Virements Approved to date under Director's Delegated Powers

Details of virements actioned by Chief Officers under delegated authority under the Financial Regulations "Scheme of Virement" will be included in financial monitoring reports to the Portfolio Holder. Since the last report to Executive, no virements have been actioned.

Renewal, Recreation & Housing Budget Monitoring Summary

2019/20 Actuals £'000	Division Service Areas	2020/21 Original Budget £'000	2020/21 Latest Approved £'000	2020/21 Projected Outturn £'000	Variation £'000	Notes	Variation Last Reported £'000	Full Year Effect £'000
	PLACE DEPARTMENT							
	Planning							
Cr 19	Building Control	75	75	12	Cr 63	1	Cr 100	0
Cr 135	Land Charges	Cr 129	Cr 129	Cr 164	Cr 35	2	0	0
1,231	Planning	1,658	1,785	1,638	Cr 147	3	Cr 100	0
1,077		1,604	1,731	1,486	Cr 245		Cr 200	0
	Recreation							
865	Culture	763	890	920	30	4	0	0
4,853	Libraries	4,794	4,784	4,823	39	5	0	0
110	Town Centre Management & Business Support	78	78	73	Cr 5	6	0	0
5,828		5,635	5,752	5,816	64		0	0
	Operational Housing							
888	Supporting People	1,019	1,019	1,019	0		0	0
8,870	Housing Needs	8,366	8,366	8,503	137	7	163	803
0	Enabling Activities	Cr 1	Cr 1	0	1	8	0	0
Cr 1,981	Housing Benefits	Cr 1,941	Cr 1,941	Cr 1,941	0		0	0
179	Housing Improvement	207	207	216	9	9	Cr 5	0
7,956		7,650	7,650	7,797	147		158	803
14,861	Total Controllable	14,889	15,133	15,099	Cr 34		Cr 42	803
12,732	TOTAL NON CONTROLLABLE	Cr 1,212	Cr 1,200	Cr 1,200	0		0	0
6,242	TOTAL EXCLUDED RECHARGES	5,904	5,904	5,904	0		0	0
33,835	TOTAL RR & H PORTFOLIO TOTAL	19,581	19,837	19,803	Cr 34		Cr 42	803

Reconciliation of Latest Approved Budget £'000

Original budget 2020/21 19,581

Carry Forward Requests approved from 2019/20

Asset Recovery Incentivisation Scheme	85
Asset Recovery Incentivisation Scheme	Cr 85
IDOX System Implementation	22
Project X and IT Support Staff	105
Custom Build Grant	75
Custom Build Grant	Cr 75
Beckenham Library & Public Hall Feasibility Study	44
New Homes Bonus - Regeneration	73
Historic England - Crystal Palace Park Dinosaur Conservation	26
Historic England - Crystal Palace Park Dinosaur Conservation	Cr 26
Rough Sleepers Initiative Grant	5
Rough Sleepers Initiative Grant	Cr 5
Homelessness Reduction Grant	89
Homelessness Reduction Grant	Cr 89

Central Contingency Adjustments

Rough Sleepers Initiative Grant	104
Rough Sleepers Initiative Grant	Cr 104

Other

R&M WW Leisure Centre (non controllable)	12
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Latest Approved Budget for 2020/21 19,837

REASONS FOR VARIATIONS

The Covid-19 restrictions that were introduced on 23rd March have had a significant impact on many of the Portfolio's services. Although restrictions were subsequently eased, they have again been raised recently and it is not known how long these will remain or even be increased in the coming weeks. Nor it is clear what the longer term wider economic impacts will be and how this will affect services later in the year and beyond. Therefore, projections will continue to be refined and updated as the financial year progresses.

1. Building Control Cr £63k

The service is currently holding some vacant posts and these will be kept vacant in order to partly offset the reduction in income. Staffing is forecast at £63k under budget. In accordance with Building Account Regulations and as in previous years, it is envisaged that the net deficit of £176k will still need to be drawn down from the earmarked reserve for the Building Control Charging Account, which would leave a deficit balance of £128k to be recovered in future years.

2. Local Land Charges Cr £35k

The service is currently holding some vacant posts and these will be kept vacant in order to partly offset the reduction in income. Staffing is forecast at £30k under budget, with other small variations resulting in a further £5k underspend. In accordance with regulations and as in previous years, the net deficit of £90k will be drawn down from the Land Charges reserve, increasing the deficit to £113k to be recovered in future years.

3. Planning Cr £147k

The service are currently holding some vacant posts and these will be kept vacant in order to partly offset the reduction in income. Staffing is forecast at £137k under budget. There are also some further, minor, variations within supplies and services forecast at an additional £10k under budget.

4. Culture Dr £30k

Within the Culture Division there is a £21k overspend forecast against salaries which mainly relates to maternity pay and the salary vacancy factor not being achieved this financial year. Other minor variations within the division result in a further £9k of forecast overspend this financial year.

5. Libraries Dr £39k

The Libraries contract is forecast to overspend by £50k this financial year due to additional pension costs for the staff that transferred at the commencement of the contract. Staffing is forecast to underspend by £6k and there is a further underspend of £5k from the Penge library rents.

6. Town Centre Management & Business Support Cr £5k

Minor variations in staffing and supplies and services result in a £5k underspend this financial year.

7. Housing Needs Dr £137k

Temporary accommodation budgets are currently projected to overspend by £246k. The projection is based on the number of current clients as at the end of Sept 2020, and an assumed increase of 10 clients each month for the next 6 months. This increased assumption (from the 5 per month assumed in the growth allocation in the 2020/21 budget) reflects an expectation of higher numbers of evictions later in the year.

At the start of the year the number of households in Nightly Paid Accommodation was 915. At the end of Sept 2020, the number had risen to 1,035 - an increase of 120. It is currently expected that numbers will increase to around 1,095 by the end of the financial year, at an average cost of around £6,240 per property per annum.

These numbers exclude other schemes like More Homes Bromley, Orchard & Shipman, ex-residential care homes, and the Bromley Private Sector Leasing Scheme. Once these have been included there are currently around 1,730 clients in temporary accommodation.

Housing Needs staffing budgets are currently forecast to underspend by £177k due to a number of vacancies.

The Travellers Site service is expected to overspend by £68k compare to budget mainly due to forecast overspend of £55k on the grounds maintenance and utilities budgets and forecast shortfall of £37k on site fees due to voids. These forecast overspend are partly offset by a forecast underspend of £16k on other running expenses budgets and underspend of £8k on the salaries budget.

Summary of overall variations within Housing Needs:

	£'000
Temporary Accommodation	246
Staff Cost	Cr 177
Travellers Sites	68

8. Enabling Activities Dr £1k

The last remaining mortgage balances have now been cleared so the budgeted interest income will not be achieved, resulting in an overspend of £1k.

9. Housing Improvement Dr £9k

The Housing Improvement budget is currently forecast to overspend by £9k mainly due to a projected overspend of £4k on staffing costs and forecast overspend £5k on Software Licences.

Waiver of Financial Regulations:

The Council's Contract Procedure Rules state that where the value of a contract exceeds £50k and is to be exempt from the normal requirement to obtain competitive quotations the Chief Officer has to obtain the agreement of the Director of Corporate Services, the Director of Finance and the Director of Commissioning and (where over £100,000) approval of the Portfolio Holder and report use of this exemption to Audit Sub committee bi-annually. Since the last report to the Executive, no waivers have been actioned.

Virements Approved to date under Director's Delegated Powers

Details of virements actioned by Chief Officers under delegated authority under the Financial Regulations "Scheme of Virement" will be included in financial monitoring reports to the Portfolio Holder. Since the last report to Executive, there has been a budget virement of £21k to fund an increase in staff salaries following job re-evaluations in Housing Needs.

Resources, Commissioning & Contracts Management Portfolio Budget Monitoring Summary

2019/20 Actuals		2020/21 Original Budget £'000	2020/21 Latest Approved £'000	2020/21 Projected Outturn £'000	Variation £'000	Notes	Variation Last Reported £'000	Full Year Effect £'000
£'000		£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000		£'000	£'000
	CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S DEPARTMENT							
	FINANCIAL SERVICES DIVISION							
242	Director of Finance & Other	238	238	238	0		0	0
8,517	Exchequer - Revenue & Benefits and Payments & Income	7,998	7,997	7,917	Cr 80	1	Cr 106	0
393	Financial Accounting	582	582	587	5		Cr 42	0
1,359	Management Accounting	1,678	1,673	1,636	Cr 37	2	Cr 77	0
734	Audit	785	784	784	0		0	0
11,245	Total Financial Services Division	11,281	11,274	11,162	Cr 112		Cr 225	0
	CORPORATE SERVICES DIVISION							
5,407	Information Systems & Telephony	5,518	5,880	5,630	Cr 250	3	Cr 250	0
	Legal Services & Democracy							
381	Electoral	364	364	379	15	4	0	0
1,359	Democratic Services	1,463	1,443	1,393	Cr 50	5	Cr 37	0
2,326	Legal Services	1,921	1,921	2,253	332	6	220	0
494	Procurement and Data Management	523	523	534	11	7	0	0
157	Management and Other (Corporate Services)	141	161	166	5		18	0
10,124	Total Corporate Services Division	9,930	10,292	10,355	63		Cr 49	0
	HR AND CUSTOMER SERVICES DIVISION							
1,839	Human Resources	1,835	2,077	2,072	Cr 5		0	0
	Customer Services							
981	Contact Centre	1,092	1,092	1,100	8		0	0
Cr 192	Registration of Births, Deaths & Marriages	Cr 114	Cr 114	Cr 114	0		0	0
2,628	Total HR & Customer Services Division	2,813	3,055	3,058	3		0	0
	CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S DIVISION							
194	CE - Consultation & Communication	196	196	199	3		0	0
755	Management and Other (C. Exec)	791	791	787	Cr 4		0	0
144	Mayoral	165	165	147	Cr 18	8	0	0
1,093	Total Chief Executive's Division	1,152	1,152	1,133	Cr 19		0	0
	CENTRAL ITEMS							
3,081	CDC & Non Distributed Costs (Past Deficit etc.)	1,870	1,870	1,870	0		0	0
11,319	Concessionary Fares	11,416	11,416	11,411	Cr 5		Cr 5	0
39,490	TOTAL CONTROLLABLE CE DEPT	38,462	39,059	38,989	Cr 70		Cr 279	0
5,720	TOTAL NON CONTROLLABLE	1,850	1,850	1,850	0		0	0
Cr 18,300	TOTAL EXCLUDED RECHARGES	Cr 17,837	Cr 17,837	Cr 17,837	0		0	0
26,910	TOTAL CE DEPARTMENT	22,475	23,072	23,002	Cr 70		Cr 279	0
	PEOPLE DEPARTMENT							
	Strategy and Corporate Projects							
267	Commissioning	271	271	193	Cr 78		0	0
288	Learning and Development	417	427	238	Cr 189		Cr 74	0
1,832	Strategy, Performance and Engagement	2,044	2,044	1,905	Cr 139		Cr 87	0
2,387	TOTAL CONTROLLABLE PEOPLE DEPT	2,732	2,742	2,336	Cr 406	9	Cr 161	0
209	TOTAL NON CONTROLLABLE	5	5	5	0		0	0
Cr 1,667	TOTAL EXCLUDED RECHARGES	Cr 2,746	Cr 2,746	Cr 2,746	0		0	0
929	TOTAL PEOPLE DEPARTMENT	Cr 9	1	Cr 405	Cr 406		Cr 161	0
	PLACE DEPARTMENT							
	Total Facilities Management							
2,433	Admin Buildings & Facilities Support	2,459	2,459	2,452	Cr 7		Cr 8	0
373	Investment & Non-Operational Property	198	198	203	5		0	0
1,101	Strategic & Operational Property Services	1,162	1,162	1,162	0		0	0
358	TFM Client Monitoring Team	406	531	518	Cr 13		Cr 13	0
Cr 1,522	Other Rental Income - Other Portfolios	Cr 1,571	Cr 1,571	Cr 1,497	74	10	74	0
1,905	Repairs & Maintenance (All LBB)	2,167	2,397	2,397	0	11	0	0
4,648	TOTAL CONTROLLABLE PLACE DEPT	4,821	5,176	5,235	59		53	0
10,206	TOTAL NON CONTROLLABLE	374	374	374	0		0	0
Cr 3,869	TOTAL EXCLUDED RECHARGES	Cr 3,629	Cr 3,629	Cr 3,629	0		0	0
Cr 1,214	Less: R&M allocated across other Portfolios	Cr 1,551	Cr 1,675	Cr 1,675	0		0	0
1,522	Less: Rent allocated across other Portfolios	1,571	1,571	1,497	Cr 74		Cr 74	0
11,293	TOTAL PLACE DEPARTMENT	1,586	1,817	1,802	Cr 15		Cr 21	0
39,132	TOTAL RESOURCES PORTFOLIO	24,052	24,890	24,399	Cr 491		Cr 461	0

Reconciliation of Latest Approved Budget	£'000
Original budget 2020/21	24,052
Carry Forward Requests approved from 2019/20	
Repairs & Maintenance (All LBB)	106
IS&T GDPR Staffing and Systems	132
IS&T COVID related increased contract costs	231
HR Training	21
HR Redecoration	13
L & D Funding to fund training for Adult Social Care (ASC) staff	10
Central Contingency Adjustments	
DCLG Business Support Grants Income	Cr 52,482
DCLG Business Support Grants Expenditure	52,482
Drawdown of Merit Awards	200
Head of Estates and Assets post in TFM	35
Property Programme Management post in TFM	50
Disposals Surveyor in TFM	40
Other Budget Movements	
Latest Approved Budget for 2020/21	24,890

REASONS FOR VARIATIONS

FINANCIAL SERVICES DIVISION

1. Exchequer – Revenue & Benefits and Payments & Income Cr £80k

Based on current staffing levels it is expected that there will be an underspend against staffing of £44k as a result of vacant posts which have not been recruited to due to the impact and time pressures caused by the ongoing COVID 19 situation. However, a Contract Monitoring Support Assistant post is expected to be filled in Q3.

Expenditure in other areas is running below budget by around £36k in total, with the main area of underspend against the business software budget.

2. Management Accounting Cr £37k

There is a £30k underspend projected on staffing budgets although a post has now been filled and the new starter is due in Q3. There are minor underspends across Supplies and Services totalling £7k.

CORPORATE SERVICES DIVISION

3. Information Systems & Telephony Cr £250k

As a result of additional demand for IT support and solutions to enable all staff to work from home during the Covid-19 lockdown, the service has incurred significant additional contract costs estimated to be between £200k and £250k. However, this was anticipated at outturn for 2019/20 and a carry forward budget of £221k was requested to address this spending pressure in this financial year. It is currently anticipated that the ongoing pressures can be managed within the existing budget assuming circumstances remain as they are for the next 6 months. This will be monitored closely over the remainder of the financial year.

4. Electoral Services Dr £15k

Government funding for the service has reduced by almost £60k on last year while the statutory duty to undertake an annual canvass of all properties in the Borough is still required by 1 December. The Cabinet Office has reformed the processes regarding this requirement with the intention to allow greater flexibility, however it is believed that any significant savings around the reformed canvass process in Bromley are unlikely. An overspend of around £15k for the service is currently anticipated.

5. Democratic Services Cr £50k

Staff costs within Democratic Services is anticipated to underspend by £50k due to a vacant post.

6. Legal Services Dr £332k

It is currently estimated that there will be an overspend of around £102k on Counsel fees and court costs in the Children's services team. There is also an overspend of £305k anticipated on staffing for the year to cover continuing high levels of caseloads, of which £179k relates to Children's Services. There are anticipated to be a further £24k of minor variations across the service as a whole.

Income received within the Planning team is currently up against budget and anticipated to be £51k overachieved for the full year.

Legal Variances	Staffing	Other	Income	Counsel & Court Costs	Total
Core Service Budgets	305				305
Demand-Led Budgets					
- Children's Services				102	102
- Commercial & Property		-22			-22
- Planning		-2	-51		-53
Total Variation	305	-24	-51	102	332

7. Procurement & Data Management Dr £11k

The team is currently fully staffed with no turnover currently anticipated, resulting in overspend of £11k on staffing budgets for the full year.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S DIVISION

8. Mayoral and Civic Hospitality - £18k Cr

It is anticipated there will be £18k underspend within Mayoral Services of which £12k relates to Staffing, including casual mayoral attendants, and £6k within supplies and services of minor variations. Due to current Covid-19 situation, the Annual Council Event in May took place virtually, and neither the Mayoral Civic Service in June or the Volunteer Reception Event in July were able to take place.

PEOPLE DEPARTMENT

STRATEGY AND CORPORATE PROJECTS

9. Strategy and Corporate Projects Cr £406k

There is currently a forecast underspend of £406k for Strategy and Corporate Projects Division. This has arisen from staffing vacancies (£232K) that have been delayed in recruitment following the lockdown, training courses that the service has not been able to deliver due to COVID-19 (£133k). There are also small underspends in running costs and income totalling £41k.

PLACE DEPARTMENT

TOTAL FACILITIES MANAGEMENT DIVISION

10. TFM Client Monitoring Team Cr £13k

Staff budgets are expected to underspend by £13k due to current salaries not being at the top of the budgeted allocations.

11. Other Rental Income - Other Portfolios Dr £74k

The closure of the Bertha James has reduced income by £74k.

Waiver of Financial Regulations:

The Council's Contract Procedure Rules state that where the value of a contract exceeds £50k and is to be exempt from the normal requirement to obtain competitive quotations the Chief Officer has to obtain the agreement of the Director of Corporate Services, the Director of Finance and the Director of Commissioning and (where over £100,000) approval of the Portfolio Holder and report use of this exemption to Audit Sub committee bi-annually. There have been no waivers exceeding £50k in value actioned since the last report to the Executive.

Virements Approved to date under Director's Delegated Powers

Details of virements actioned by Chief Officers under delegated authority under the Financial Regulations "Scheme of Virement" will be included in financial monitoring reports to the Portfolio Holder. Since the last report to Executive the following virement has been actioned.

- 1) £20,000 budget virement from Democratic Services Supplies & Services to fund Staffing costs within Management & Other in Corporate Services.

Allocation of Contingency Provision for 2020/21

Item	Original Contingency Provision	Allocations					Variation to Original Contingency Provision
		Previously Approved Items	New Items Requested this Cycle	Items Projected for Remainder of Year	Total Allocations/ Projected for Year		
	£	£	£	£	£		£
General							
Provision for Unallocated Inflation	3,636,000		200,000	2,386,000	2,586,000	Cr	1,050,000
Increase in Cost of Homelessness/Impact of Welfare Reforms	1,825,000			1,825,000	1,825,000		0
General Provision for Risk/Uncertainty	2,431,000			1,431,000	1,431,000	Cr	1,000,000
Provision for Risk/Uncertainty Relating to Volume & Cost Pressures	2,182,000	363,000		1,819,000	2,182,000	(1)	0
Growth for Waste Services	587,000			587,000	587,000		0
Universal Credit roll out - Claimant Fault Overpayment Recoveries	750,000			750,000	750,000		0
Deprivation of Liberty	118,000			118,000	118,000		0
Planning Appeals - change in legislation	60,000			60,000	60,000		0
Contribution to the Walnuts Development legal cost reserve	0	80,000		0	80,000	(2)	80,000
TFM posts in RCCM	0	0	125,000	0	125,000		125,000
	11,589,000	443,000	325,000	8,976,000	9,744,000	Cr	1,845,000
Grants included within Central Contingency Sum							
Adult Social Care							
Grant Related Expenditure	210,000			210,000	210,000		0
Rough Sleeping Initiative							
Grant Related Expenditure	104,000	104,000			104,000	(2)	0
Grant Related Income	Cr 104,000	Cr 104,000			Cr 104,000		0
Homeless Prevention Initiatives							
Grant Related Expenditure	424,000			424,000	424,000		0
Grant related Income	Cr 424,000			Cr 424,000	Cr 424,000		0
Tackling Troubled Families							
Grant Related Expenditure	628,000	348,202		279,798	628,000	(1)	0
Grant related Income	Cr 628,000	Cr 348,202		Cr 279,798	Cr 628,000		0
PrEP grant (Public Health)							
Grant Related Expenditure			52,330		52,330		52,330
Grant related Income			Cr 52,330		Cr 52,330	Cr	52,330
TOTAL CARRIED FORWARD	11,799,000	443,000	325,000	9,186,000	9,954,000	Cr	1,845,000

Notes:

- (1) Leader April 2020
(2) Leader July 2020

Allocation of Contingency Provision for 2020/21 (continued)

Item	Carried Forward from 2019/20	Allocations					Variation to Original Contingency Provision
		Previously Approved Items	New Items Requested this Cycle	Items Projected for Remainder of Year	Total Allocations/Projected for Year		
	£	£	£	£	£		£
TOTAL BROUGHT FORWARD	11,799,000	443,000	325,000	9,186,000	9,954,000		Cr 1,845,000
Items Carried Forward from 2019/20							
Adult Care & Health Portfolio							
Social Care Funding via the CCG under S75 Agreements							
Improved Better Care Fund							
- Expenditure	2,765,753	2,765,753			2,765,753		0
- Income	Cr 2,765,753	Cr 2,765,753			Cr 2,765,753	(2)	0
Better Care Fund 2019/20							
- Expenditure	70,328	70,328			70,328		0
- Income	Cr 70,328	Cr 70,328			Cr 70,328	(2)	0
Public Health							
- Expenditure	1,534,074	1,534,074			1,534,074		0
- Income	Cr 1,534,074	Cr 1,534,074			Cr 1,534,074	(2)	0
Public Protection & Enforcement Portfolio							
Asset Recovery Incentivisation Scheme (ARIS)							
- Expenditure	132,763	132,763			132,763		0
- Income	Cr 132,763	Cr 132,763			Cr 132,763	(2)	0
Renewal, Recreation & Housing Portfolio							
Rough Sleepers Initiative							
- Expenditure	5,187	5,187			5,187		0
- Income	Cr 5,187	Cr 5,187			Cr 5,187	(2)	0
Homelessness Reduction Grant							
- Expenditure	89,000	89,000			89,000		0
- Income	Cr 89,000	Cr 89,000			Cr 89,000	(2)	0
Planning Strategy & Projects - Custom Build Grant							
- Expenditure	75,000	75,000			75,000		0
- Income	Cr 75,000	Cr 75,000			Cr 75,000	(2)	0
Historic England - Crystal Palace Park Dinosaur Conservation							
- Expenditure	25,763	25,763			25,763		0
- Income	Cr 25,763	Cr 25,763			Cr 25,763	(2)	0
New Homes Bonus - Regeneration							
- Expenditure	72,521	72,521			72,521		0
- Income	Cr 72,521	Cr 72,521			Cr 72,521	(2)	0
Children, Education and Families Portfolio							
Delivery Support Fund							
- Expenditure	18,074	18,074			18,074		0
- Income	Cr 18,074	Cr 18,074			Cr 18,074	(2)	0
Investing in Practise Grant							
- Expenditure	104,300	104,300			104,300		0
- Income	Cr 104,300	Cr 104,300			Cr 104,300	(2)	0
Extension of Virtual Heads							
- Expenditure	34,365	34,365			34,365		0
- Income	Cr 34,365	Cr 34,365			Cr 34,365	(2)	0
Reducing Parental Conflict							
- Expenditure	40,100	40,100			40,100		0
- Income	Cr 40,100	Cr 40,100			Cr 40,100	(2)	0
Tackling Troubled Families							
- Expenditure	542,798	542,798			542,798		0
- Income	Cr 542,798	Cr 542,798			Cr 542,798	(1) (2)	0
Resources							
Repairs and Maintenance (All Departments)							
- Expenditure	230,000	230,000			230,000	(2)	0
General							
L & D Funding to fund training for Adult Social Care (ASC) staff	10,000	10,000			10,000	(2)	0
Information Systems & Telephony - GDPR	132,000	132,000			132,000	(2)	0
Information Systems & Telephony	231,000	231,000			231,000	(2)	0
Human Resources - Redecoration	12,511	12,511			12,511	(2)	0
Human Resources - Training	21,000	21,000			21,000	(2)	0
Green Garden Waste - Debt Management System	120,000	120,000			120,000	(2)	0
Highways Projects - Lych Gate Road Footbridge	48,000	48,000			48,000	(2)	0
Arboriculture Management - Procurement of a Sonic Tomograph	30,000	30,000			30,000	(2)	0
Grounds Maintenance - Millwood Road Allotments Water Supply	30,000	30,000			30,000	(2)	0
Regeneration - Beckenham Library & Public Hall Feasibility Studies	44,460	44,460			44,460	(2)	0
Planning - Mobile Working through the IDOX System	22,000	22,000			22,000	(2)	0
Planning - Project X and IT Support Staff	105,000	105,000			105,000	(2)	0
North Lodge	79,000	79,000			79,000	(2)	0

Item	Carried Forward from 2019/20	Allocations					Variation to Original Contingency Provision
		Previously Approved Items	New Items Requested this Cycle	Items Projected for Remainder of Year	Total Allocations/ Projected for Year		
Adult Education Match Funding	£ 25,000	£ 25,000	£	£	£ 25,000	(2)	£ 0
Total Carried Forward from 2019/20	1,139,971	1,139,971	0	0	1,139,971		0
GRAND TOTAL	12,938,971	1,582,971	325,000	9,186,000	11,093,971		Cr 1,845,000

Notes:

(1) Leader April 2020

Description	2020/21 Latest Approved Budget £'000	Variation To 2020/21 Budget £'000	Potential Impact in 2021/220
Housing Needs - Temporary Accommodation	8,366	137	The full year effect of Temporary Accommodation is currently estimated to be £803k. This estimate only takes into account the projected activity to the end of this financial year and not any projected growth in client numbers beyond that point.
Assessment and Care Management - Care Placements	25,113	512	The full year impact of the current overspend is estimated at Dr £1,339k . Of this amount £748k relates to residential and nursing home placements and £591k to domiciliary care / direct payments . This is based on service user numbers as at the end of September, so is likely to change as the year progresses.
Learning Disabilities - including Care Placements, Transport and Care Management	36,506	392	<p>The full year effect (FYE) is estimated at a net overspend of £2,191k which is considerably higher than the in-year overspend and this is broadly a result of two main factors:</p> <p>1) The reduced costs that have been experienced in the first part of 2020/21 due to the impact of Covid are largely short term and non-recurrent and it has been assumed that services resume to normal levels in 2021/22. There continues to be a considerable degree of uncertainty and this may not be the case. The situation will be kept under review.</p> <p>2) The impact of growth pressures from transition and increased / new care packages has only a part-year impact in 2020/21 with a far greater impact in a full year.</p> <p>In addition, an element of the forecast continues to be based on assumptions for packages that have not yet started and the full year effect position will vary between now and the end of the year as things become clearer.</p>
Mental Health - Care Placements	7,211	707	Based on current placements and assumptions there is a full year overspend of £832k anticipated on Mental Health care packages. This is partly due to a recent net increase in placements and care packages. The FYE assumes no further growth in costs or packages during the remainder of the year so the pressure may increase as the year progresses. The position will be closely monitored throughout the year with a view to reducing this pressure through effective management action.
Children's Social Care	35,969	1,583	The overall full year effect of the Children's Social Care overspend is a net £1,255k, analysed as Residential Care, Fostering and Adoption Dr £618k and Leaving Care costs of £637k.
Legal Services - Legal / Counsel Fees and Co	363	102	<p>The expected overspend on counsel fees and court costs in 2019/20 was due to the continuing trend of high volume in child care cases. Case numbers had reduced in recent years but 2019/20 saw a significant increase with 70 sets of care proceedings being issued. If cases continue at that level the budget for 2020/21 will be inadequate and unsustainable in future years.</p> <p>Going forward specific funding bids may be made for major litigation or projects where internal resource will be insufficient, as was achieved for a complex childcare case for which £100k was secured to cover costs across 2019/20 & 2020/21.</p> <p>If volumes of child care cases reduce and there are good levels of staff retention that figure will start to reduce in 2021/22. However unlike most of London which is seeing a decrease in cases , case numbers in Bromley have risen It is difficult to predict what pressures will arise around litigation claims and similar which often arise at short notice or as a response to events which are unforeseen at this point in time.</p> <p>A review will be undertaken of the business an funding models for legal services to explore options to restore financial sustainability.</p>

SECTION 106 RECEIPTS

Section 106 receipts are monies paid to the Council by developers as a result of the grant of planning permission where works are required to be carried out or new facilities provided as a result of that permission (e.g. provision of affordable housing, healthcare facilities & secondary school places). The sums are restricted to being spent only in accordance with the agreement concluded with the developer.

The major balances of Section 106 receipts held by the Council are as follows:

31st March 2020 £000	Service	Income £000	Expenditure £000	Transfers to/(from) Capital £000	Actual as at 30th Sept 2020 £000
<u>Revenue</u>					<u>Revenue</u>
175	Highway Improvement Works	20		-	195
0	Road Safety Schemes			-	-
8	Local Economy & Town Centres			-	8
70	Parking			-	70
2,151	Healthcare Services	49		16	2,216
43	Community Facilities			-	43
0	Education			89	89
272	Other	25		10	307
2,719		94	0	115	2,928
<u>Capital</u>					<u>Capital</u>
4,038	Education			-	4,038
3,408	Housing			-	3,408
932	Local Economy & Town Centres			-	932
4	Other			-	4
8,382		0	0	-	8,382
11,101		94	0	115	11,310