

Renewal, Recreation & Housing Budget Monitoring Summary

2021/22 Actuals £'000	Division Service Areas	2022/23 Original Budget £'000	2022/23 Latest Approved £'000	2022/23 Projected Outturn £'000	Variation £'000	Notes	Variation Last Reported £'000	Full Year Effect £'000
	PLACE DEPARTMENT							
	Planning							
99	Building Control	90	90	334	244	1	0	0
Cr 128	Land Charges	Cr 126	Cr 126	Cr 126	0		0	0
1,707	Planning	1,493	1,703	1,703	0		0	0
1,678		1,457	1,667	1,911	244		0	0
	Culture & Regeneration							
908	Culture	830	1,017	1,017	0		0	0
4,649	Libraries	4,873	4,927	4,927	0		0	0
23	Economic Development	80	189	189	0		0	0
5,580		5,783	6,133	6,133	0		0	0
	Operational Housing							
877	Supporting People	1,070	1,070	926	Cr 144	2	0	Cr 94
6,406	Allocations and Accommodation	4,295	4,295	4,740	445	3	0	Cr 214
Cr 175	Housing Improvement	Cr 30	Cr 30	Cr 47	Cr 17	4	0	0
1,488	Housing Options and Support	2,006	2,006	1,983	Cr 23	5	0	0
1,314	Housing Strategy, Advice and Enabling	1,460	1,460	1,548	88	6	0	0
Cr 1,089	Housing Benefits	Cr 1,539	Cr 1,539	Cr 1,539	0		0	0
8,821		7,262	7,262	7,611	349		0	Cr 308
8,821	Total Controllable	14,502	15,062	15,655	593		0	Cr 308
2,141	TOTAL NON CONTROLLABLE	Cr 883	Cr 883	Cr 883	0		0	0
5,555	TOTAL EXCLUDED RECHARGES	5,627	5,627	5,627	0		0	0
16,517	TOTAL RR & H PORTFOLIO TOTAL	19,246	19,806	20,399	593		0	Cr 308

Reconciliation of Latest Approved Budget

£'000

Original budget 2022/23

19,246

Carry Forward Requests approved from 2021/22

Rough Sleepers Initiative Grant expenditure		228
Rough Sleepers Initiative Grant income	Cr	228
Homelessness Reduction Grant		89
Homelessness Reduction Grant	Cr	89
New Burdens Funding Grant expenditure		124
New Burdens Funding Grant income	Cr	124
Local Plan Implementation		120

Central Contingency Adjustments

Accommodation for Ex-Offenders expenditure		70
Accommodation for Ex-Offenders income	Cr	70
Rough Sleepers Initiative Grant expenditure		455
Rough Sleepers Initiative Grant income	Cr	455
Norman Park grant		151
Libraries contract inflation		54
Resources to address Planning minor applications backlog		90
Funding of Economic Development posts		109
Local London membership subscription		36

Other

Local Plan Review funded from Growth Fund		
- expenditure		600
- income	Cr	600

Latest Approved Budget for 2022/23

19,806

REASONS FOR VARIATIONS

1. Building Control Dr £244k

For the chargeable service, an income deficit of £270k is projected based on actual income so far this year. The Head of Building Control is undertaking a review of fees and charges to ensure the service complies with Building Account Regulations, which requires that the service operates on a full cost recovery basis (i.e. does not make a surplus or is subsidised on an ongoing basis). Revised charges are expected to be introduced later in the year and, assuming they come into force from October, should generate additional income of, say, £26k in the remainder of the year, reducing the projected income deficit for the year to £244k. In accordance with the Regulations, any surplus or deficit in year is charged to or funded from the Building Control Charging Account earmarked reserve, and would leave a total deficit balance of £266k to recover from income in future years.

2. Supporting People Cr £144k

A £144k underspend is currently forecast in the Supporting People area mainly as a result of procurement exercises during 2021/22 and 2022/23 containing costs within inflation that had accumulated in the budget whilst the previous contracts had been fixed for a number of years.

3. Allocations and Accommodation Dr £445k

There is currently a forecast overspend of £1,708k in the Temporary Accommodation before projected savings from increasing the supply of affordable housing. For this round of budget monitoring the number of Households in Temporary Accommodation was 1,073. It is currently expected that this will increase to 1,203 by the end of the financial year, at an average cost of around £6,323 per household per annum.

These figures exclude other schemes like More Homes Bromley, Orchard & Shipman, ex-residential care homes, and the Bromley Private Sector Leasing Scheme. Once these client numbers have been included there are currently over 1,400 households in Temporary Accommodation.

Transformation savings totalling £1,286k have been identified for 2022-23 with the following schemes planned to be completed to provide a longer term alternative to expensive nightly paid accommodation. Meadowship Homes £1,043k, Burnt Ash Lane £91k, Bushell Way £109k and Anerley Town Hall car park £43k. The Full Year Effect of these savings is estimated at around £2.1m.

There is also currently a forecast overspend on salaries of £23k. This is due mainly to the cost of funding two short term posts to meet the additional work load created by the new schemes. There are some vacancies within the service which are partly offsetting this additional cost.

	£'000
Summary of overall variations within Allocations and Accommodation:	
Temporary Accommodation	1,708
Transformation Savings	Cr 1,286
Salaries	23
Total variation for Allocations and Accommodation	<u>445</u>

4. Housing Improvement Cr £17k

In year vacancies during a period of recruitment are expected to result in an underspend of £17k.

5. Housing Options and Support Cr £23k

There are a number of vacancies within the service and some posts are difficult to fill. Temporary posts have been created to try and address this. The current projected underspend is £23k.

The Travellers budget has been realigned during the 2022-23 budget setting process and this should reduce some of the previous variances including the running costs and fee income. The Traveller Site Manager post continues to be difficult to fill and may result in an in-year underspend on salaries.

6. Housing Strategy, Advice and Enabling Dr £88k

There are three posts within the service which are unfunded. Options to address this are being reviewed.

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, no virements have been actioned.