

## Renewal, Recreation &amp; 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
	<b>PLACE DEPARTMENT</b>							
	<b>Planning</b>							
99	Building Control	90	90	334	244	1	244	0
Cr 128	Land Charges	Cr 126	Cr 126	Cr 126	0		0	0
1,707	Planning	1,493	1,677	1,677	0		0	0
<b>1,678</b>		<b>1,457</b>	<b>1,641</b>	<b>1,885</b>	<b>244</b>		<b>244</b>	<b>0</b>
	<b>Culture &amp; Regeneration</b>							
908	Culture	830	1,031	1,056	25	2	0	0
4,649	Libraries	4,873	5,442	5,442	0		0	0
23	Economic Development	80	262	262	0		0	0
<b>5,580</b>		<b>5,783</b>	<b>6,735</b>	<b>6,760</b>	<b>25</b>		<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
	<b>Operational Housing</b>							
877	Supporting People	1,070	1,044	926	Cr 118	2	Cr 144	Cr 94
6,406	Allocations and Accommodation	4,295	4,291	4,946	655	3	445	Cr 84
Cr 175	Housing Improvement	Cr 30	Cr 31	Cr 64	Cr 33	4	Cr 17	0
1,488	Housing Options and Support	2,006	2,001	1,939	Cr 62	5	Cr 23	0
1,314	Housing Strategy, Advice and Enabling	1,460	1,477	1,528	51	6	88	0
Cr 1,089	Housing Benefits	Cr 1,539	Cr 1,539	Cr 1,539	0		0	0
<b>8,821</b>		<b>7,262</b>	<b>7,243</b>	<b>7,736</b>	<b>493</b>		<b>349</b>	<b>Cr 178</b>
<b>16,079</b>	<b>Total Controllable</b>	<b>14,502</b>	<b>15,619</b>	<b>16,381</b>	<b>762</b>		<b>593</b>	<b>Cr 178</b>
2,141	<b>TOTAL NON CONTROLLABLE</b>	Cr 883	Cr 990	Cr 990	0		0	0
5,555	<b>TOTAL EXCLUDED RECHARGES</b>	5,627	5,627	5,627	0		0	0
<b>23,775</b>	<b>TOTAL RR &amp; H PORTFOLIO TOTAL</b>	<b>19,246</b>	<b>20,256</b>	<b>21,018</b>	<b>762</b>		<b>593</b>	<b>Cr 178</b>

## 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
New Homes Bonus - Regeneration		73

## 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		50
Libraries refresh		515
Provision for agency workers contract savings	Cr	14
Homes for Ukraine expenditure		821
Homes for Ukraine grant	Cr	821

## Other

Local Plan Review funded from Growth Fund		
- expenditure		600
- income	Cr	600
R&M Planned Maintenance adjustment	Cr	107
Adj to NI budget following reversal of 2022-23 increase in November	Cr	31

## Latest Approved Budget for 2022/23

20,256

## **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. A review of fees and charges was carried out in Q2 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 were implemented on 1 October and assuming workload is similar to last year, 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. Culture Dr £25k**

Following the death of HM Queen the borough's Operation London Bridge plan was enacted. This generated costs that had not been budgeted for at the start of the year in relation to the ceremonies the borough was required to deliver, the screening of the funeral, and the production of a memorial quilt which is ongoing.

### **2. Supporting People Cr £118k**

A £118k 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. There has been a virement of £26k from this budget to the HOPE contract in the Housing Strategy, Advice and Enabling service area to fund in-year one off additional costs.

### **3. Allocations and Accommodation Dr £655k**

There is currently a forecast overspend of £1,893k 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 1,064. It is currently expected that this will increase to 1,203 by the end of the financial year, at an average cost of around £6,624 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 1,578 households in Temporary Accommodation.

Transformation savings totalling £1,254k 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 £39k, Bushell Way £82k and Anerley Town Hall car park £33k. Early Meadowship Homes Phase 2 savings of £57k have also been identified. The Full Year Effect of these savings is estimated at around £2.2m.

There is also currently a forecast overspend on salaries of £16k. 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.

	<b>£'000</b>
<b>Summary of overall variations within Allocations and Accommodation:</b>	
Temporary Accommodation	1,893
Transformation Savings	Cr 1,254
Salaries	16
<b>Total variation for Allocations and Accommodation</b>	<b><u>655</u></b>

### **4. Housing Improvement Cr £33k**

In year vacancies during a period of recruitment are expected to result in an underspend of £33k.

### **5. Housing Options and Support Cr £62k**

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 £62k.

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 will result in an in-year underspend on salaries.

### **6. Housing Strategy, Advice and Enabling Dr £51k**

There are three posts within the service which are unfunded. Options to address this are being reviewed and some short term funding identified to ease some of the pressures on this service area.

**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 Subcommittee 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, one virement has been actioned. to implement contract upgrades for the HOPE contract. £26k has been vired from the underspend in Supporting People to the Housing Strategy and Enabling service area. This is one off virement for 2022-23 only.