

GENERAL FUND - PROVISIONAL OUTTURN FOR 2022/23

Portfolio	2022/23	Budget	2022/23		2022/23	Variation	Variation
	Original	Variations	2022/23	Latest	Projected		
	Budget	allocated in	Approved Budget	Budget	Outturn	Cr	Exec
	£'000	year #	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000
Adult Care & Health	79,216	Cr 32		79,184	79,131	Cr 53	594
Children, Education & Families (incl. Schools' Budget)	49,594	922		50,516	58,821	Cr 8,305	5,294
Environment & Community	34,294	1,544		35,838	35,716	Cr 122	1,035
Public Protection & Enforcement	2,645	Cr 16		2,629	2,725	Cr 96	20
Renewal, Recreation & Housing	14,502	1,117		15,619	16,381	Cr 762	593
Resources, Commissioning & Contracts Management	43,841	2,275		46,116	46,696	Cr 580	500
Total Controllable Budgets	224,092	5,810		229,902	239,470	Cr 9,568	8,036
Capital, Insurance & Pensions Costs (see note 2)	11,399	0		11,399	11,399	0	0
Non General Fund Recharges	Cr 1,461	0	Cr 1,461	Cr 1,461	Cr 1,461	0	0
Total Portfolios (see note 1)	234,030	5,810		239,840	249,408	Cr 9,568	8,036
Central Items:							
Income from Investment Properties	Cr 9,166	500	Cr 8,666	Cr 8,481	Cr 8,481	Cr 185	185
Interest on General Fund Balances	Cr 2,841	0	Cr 2,841	Cr 5,841	Cr 3,000	Cr 3,000	Cr 1,000
Total Investment Income	Cr 12,007	500	Cr 11,507	Cr 14,322	Cr 2,815	Cr 2,815	Cr 815
Contingency Provision (see Appendix 4)	18,208	Cr 7,808	10,400	4,660	Cr 5,740	Cr 5,740	5,509
Other central items							
Reversal of net Capital Charges (see note 2)	Cr 9,878	0	Cr 9,878	Cr 9,878	0	0	0
New Homes Bonus Support for Revenue	253	0	253	253	0	0	0
Contribution to social care staffing reserve	0	1,700	1,700	1,700	0	0	0
Contribution to IT procurement reserve	0	336	336	336	0	0	0
Levies	1,272	0	1,272	1,272	0	0	0
Total other central items	Cr 8,353	2,036	Cr 6,317	Cr 6,317	0	0	0
Prior Year Adjustments							
None	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total Prior Year Adjustments	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total all central items	Cr 2,152	Cr 5,272	Cr 7,424	Cr 15,979	Cr 8,555	Cr 8,555	Cr 6,324
Bromley's Requirement before balances	231,878	538	232,416	233,429	1,013	1,712	1,712
Carry Forwards from 2021/22 (see note 3)	0	Cr 465	Cr 465	0	465	465	465
Adjustment to Balances	0	0	0	Cr 1,478	Cr 1,478	Cr 2,177	2,177
	231,878	73	231,951	231,951	0	0	0
Business Rates Retention Scheme (Retained Income, Top-up and S31 Grants)	Cr 42,828	0	Cr 42,828	Cr 42,828	0	0	0
New Homes Bonus	Cr 253	0	Cr 253	Cr 253	0	0	0
New Homes Bonus Topslice	0	Cr 73	Cr 73	Cr 73	0	0	0
One off 2022/23 Services Grant	Cr 2,652	0	Cr 2,652	Cr 2,652	0	0	0
Council Tax Support - Collection Fund surplus	Cr 2,662	0	Cr 2,662	Cr 2,662	0	0	0
Funding COVID cost pressures from Earmarked Reserve	Cr 548	0	Cr 548	Cr 548	0	0	0
Collection Fund Surplus	Cr 4,100	0	Cr 4,100	Cr 4,100	0	0	0
Bromley's Requirement	178,835	0	178,835	178,835	0	0	0
GLA Precept	52,751	0	52,751	52,751	0	0	0
Council Tax Requirement	231,586	0	231,586	231,586	0	0	0

# Budget Variations allocated to portfolios in year consists of:	£'000	
1) Carry forwards from 2021/22	465	(see note 3)
2) Allocations from the central contingency provision	5,345	(see Appendix 4)
	<u>5,810</u>	

1) **NOTES**

Portfolio Final Approved Budgets analysed over Departments as follows:

	2022/23	Budget	2022/23	2022/23	Variation	Variation
	Original	Variations	2022/23	Latest	Projected	previously
	Budget	allocated in	Approved Budget	Budget	Outturn	reported
	£'000	year #	£'000	£'000	£'000	Exec
					£'000	£'000
People Department	144,600	975	145,575	153,858	8,283	5,888
Place Department	68,356	3,873	72,229	72,985	756	1,648
Chief Executive's Department	21,074	962	22,036	22,565	529	500
	234,030	5,810	239,840	249,408	9,568	8,036

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 2021/22**

Carry forwards from 2021/22 into 2022/23 totalling £465k were approved by Council and the Executive. Full details were reported to the June meeting of the Executive in the "Provisional Final Accounts 2021/22" report.

Comments from the Executive Director of Environment and Community Services

None

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

None

Comments from the Director of Adult Social Care

The service has continued to maintain performance on the discharge of patients from hospital although we are seeing a demand for higher costs of placements both due to the acuity of patients and potentially in response to the recently completed cost of care exercise. Whilst we have seen an increase in numbers of people being discharged compared to pre-pandemic, more importantly the needs of individuals needing support has remained high.

We have robust plans in place to respond to the impact of Winter, these have been developed across the whole social care and health system and are based on our previous experiences of what is most effective.

The work to respond to the cost of care exercise was completed on time and we await formal confirmation of the timing of any reforms from central government once the returns have been evaluated at a national level. The work to prepare for the changes in policy are progressing, with an emphasis on mitigating any risk, but this is expected to be a feature in future years as more people fall into government funding.

Work has almost reached completion on proposals for further transformation savings, in order to assist the Council with balancing its books for next year and onwards. These will be presented in detail at the next meeting as part of the budget setting process.

I am pleased with the current reported budget position as this reflects the robust and challenging response from all services to manage a challenging financial position and would like to express my thanks to all managers within the service for their work to deliver this whilst maintaining good services to the Bromley population.

Comments from the Director of Housing, Planning and Regeneration

£1,116k of growth was included in the housing budget for 2022/23 to reflect the continuing pressures in relation to homelessness and the provision of temporary accommodation. A total of £1,785k savings was also included to mitigate these pressures.

Whilst approaches remain high, the ongoing supply of acquired properties and prevention work has continued to slow the rate of growth in nightly paid accommodation placements. However the number of approaches are starting to rise alongside increased pressure on nightly paid accommodation rates across London and the South East. This results in a £639k overspend on temporary accommodation, with a £493k overspend on housing overall. As has been reported work is ongoing to increase the supply of affordable housing to continue to mitigate and reduce the current pressures relating to temporary accommodation particularly in relation to the increased ability to secure leased accommodation within temporary accommodation subsidy rates.

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 consultant's 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 particularly relating to the increased demand for placements across London
- ii) Increased rent arrears arising from inflation and increased costs of utilities and so forth
- iii) Reduced vacant housing association properties coming forward for letting
- iv) Increased maintenance and repairs costs in relation to the travellers site required to maintain health and safety standards
- v) Increase in planning applications and need to ensure application processing is sufficiently resourced
- vi) Increases being seen in construction and maintenance costs

Finally, the ongoing impacts of the Covid-19 pandemic on budgets are now becoming apparent. Significant losses in income, in particular from commercial rents, are expected as town centres have been severely affected during lockdown restrictions. There is also likely to be an increase in homeless presentations and families requiring temporary accommodation as the current moratorium on evictions is eased later in the year.

Comments from the Director of Childrens Services

The Children, Education and Families Portfolio has an overspend of £8,305,000 for the year.

The Education Division has an overspend of £180k. The overspend is mainly to do with SEN transport.

Initial analysis indicates that there are a number of causal factors resulting in the forecast overspend position on transport:

An increase in number and complexity of Special Educational Needs and Disabilities - The national increase in EHCPs is widely acknowledged as unsustainable and the rate of increase is accelerating across the country. In Bromley, despite gatekeeping measures, the increase in EHCPs has now reached 17%, (higher than the projected increase of 14% used to produce Growth funding assumptions).

The complexity of children and young people's needs continues to be at a higher level than prior to the Covid pandemic. These high levels of demand have continued for the past 18 months. A number of the Covid-related cases have acute social, emotional and mental health needs, which require specialist provision which is typically costly independent provision outside of Bromley. Transport is often required and although officers seek to minimise costs, transport is often required to meet children's needs.

Transport provider pressures arising from the Covid-19 pandemic - The number of children requiring transport has increased by circa 17%, but this only accounts for part of the increase in costs. The reduced availability of drivers has resulted in more expensive providers having to be used from the call off framework.

Immediate management action was taken on the notification of the forecast budget overspend position. A specialist external transport adviser has undertaken a review of SEN transport arrangements, including benchmarking analysis and a full review of processes and eligibility criteria to identify potential savings. This has enabled significant mitigation proposals to be identified as part of the MTFs process, which would offset the forecast pressures on SEN Transport. In addition work has been undertaken by our AD Strategic Performance resulting in predictive work for the next few years. This work has been incorporated into subsequent budget challenge discussions.

There is a current projected overspend in DSG of £4,016k together with a DSG adjustment of £178k. This will be added to the £7,142k carried forward from 2021/22. This gives us an estimated DSG deficit balance of £11,336k into the new financial year.

We have recently met with representatives from the DfE to set out our deficit recovery plan which they have approved.

The impact of additional legal duties from the SEND Reforms, has led to unsustainable financial pressures on High Needs costs within the DSG. An increase in Government funding (>£5m in 2021/22) is not sufficient to meet the increased costs. We are aware that Bromley is one of the last London Boroughs to incur a deficit in the DSG, with some local authorities having deficits in excess of £20m. The legal framework is heavily weighted in favour of parental preference, which is often for independent day and residential provision. We continue to assess all cases carefully and with a view to carefully balancing the education needs of young people and ensuring the best value for money from specialist education placements. Where it is appropriate to do so we continue to defend our decisions at Tribunal.

In the 2021 calendar year, 476 new EHCPs were issued, up from 274 in 2018 and 352 in 2019. In the first 9 months of 2022 we have issued 214 new EHCP's. We have sought to commission additional local specialist provision, including a new special free school due to open in 2023, but the needs and tribunal challenges are such that we have no choice but to continue placing children in more costly provision to ensure we are not in default of our legal statutory duties.

A review of High Needs Funding Bands has commenced, with oversight from the SEND Governance Board and CEF PDS. This will consider how the funding bands can be simplified and to identify where any savings can be made. We continue to work on increases to local specialist provision, including the special free school and increases in Additionally Resourced Provisions, which are specialist classes within mainstream schools.

In Children's Social Care the overspend is £8,125k.

The ongoing impact of C19 on Children Services continues especially in respect of contacts into our MASH – these continue to remain consistently around 1,100 contacts per month with little sign of a reduction. This compares to around 600 in April 2020 and it is the complexity of need from the families and children that have an added dimension.

There continues to be a high level of demand for support particularly in CWD which has meant a rise in demand for our short break provision. In response we have sought to increase the number of nights available for the number of families requiring this. Whilst These continued pressures have meant an increase in our looked after population in CWD despite the innovative and expensive care packages put in to support with health provision short breaks. The resilience for some families is now being significantly tested following two years of Covid challenges. This is primarily seen in families for children with profound and complex health and challenging sometimes aggressive behaviour.

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

Recruitment and retention of permanent staff/ ability to recruit skilled staff for the posts vacant and competitive salaries being paid at this time

Limited supply and increasing costs of residential placements – including the specialist placements for very complex young people. The cost of such placements is high and then with the delay to final hearing families are being retained in these placements beyond the assessment.

Increased complexity of children (SEND).

Shortage of local school places (particularly for Specialist schools).

Increasing High Needs Block expenditure not matched by a commensurate increase in Government Grant.

Adult Care and Health Portfolio 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
	PEOPLE DEPARTMENT							
	Adult Social Care							
25,374	Assessment and Care Management	24,473	23,365	23,315	Cr 50	1	328	613
117	Direct Services	86	85	85	0		0	0
1,779	Quality Assurance & Safeguarding	1,930	2,503	2,411	Cr 92	2	0	0
39,170	Learning Disabilities	42,009	42,248	42,316	68	3	97	1,391
8,380	Mental Health	8,198	8,483	8,504	21	4	169	Cr 80
885	Placement and Brokerage	914	910	910	0		0	0
Cr 312	Better Care Fund - Protection of Social Care	0	0	0	0		0	0
Cr 920	CCG Support for Social Care	0	0	0	0		0	0
Cr 1,650	COVID grant to support impact of COVID on service areas	0	0	0	0		0	0
72,823		77,610	77,594	77,541	Cr 53		594	1,924
	Integrated Commissioning Service							
1,222	Integrated Commissioning Service	1,336	1,326	1,326	0		0	0
1,101	Information & Early Intervention							
	- Net Expenditure	1,205	1,205	1,205	0		0	0
Cr 1,101	- Recharge to Better Care Fund	Cr 1,205	Cr 1,205	Cr 1,205	0		0	0
	Better Care Fund							
24,175	- Expenditure	25,117	25,602	25,602	0	5	0	0
Cr 24,201	- Income	Cr 25,137	Cr 25,622	Cr 25,622	0		0	0
	Improved Better Care Fund							
10,050	- Expenditure	7,503	10,327	10,327	0	6	0	0
Cr 10,050	- Income	Cr 7,503	Cr 10,327	Cr 10,327	0		0	0
1,196		1,316	1,306	1,306	0		0	0
	Public Health							
15,197	Public Health	15,475	18,124	18,124	0		0	0
Cr 15,325	Public Health - Grant Income	Cr 15,185	Cr 17,840	Cr 17,840	0		0	0
Cr 128		290	284	284	0		0	0
73,891	TOTAL CONTROLLABLE ADULT CARE & HEALTH	79,216	79,184	79,131	Cr 53		594	1,924
2,602	TOTAL NON CONTROLLABLE	434	525	525	0		0	0
5,249	TOTAL EXCLUDED RECHARGES	5,063	5,063	5,063	0		0	0
81,742	TOTAL ADULT CARE & HEALTH PORTFOLIO	84,713	84,772	84,719	Cr 53		594	1,924

Reconciliation of Latest Approved Budget

£'000

2022/23 Original Budget

84,713

Carry forwards requests

Improved Better Care Fund

- expenditure

2,597

- income

Cr 2,597

Better Care Fund

- expenditure

83

- income

Cr 83

Public Health Grant

- expenditure

1,964

- income

Cr 1,964

Winter Resilience Funding

- expenditure

400

- income

Cr 400

Shared Lives Transformation Posts

100

Other:

Better Care Fund

- expenditure

402

- income

Cr 402

Improved Better Care Fund

- expenditure

227

- income

Cr 227

Public Health Grant

- expenditure

427

- income

Cr 427

ICB funding:

- Hospital Discharges

3,308

- expenditure

- income	Cr	3,308
- LD/Autism		
- expenditure		247
- income	Cr	247
- Discharge Transformation Funds		
- expenditure		361
- income	Cr	361
- Winter Pressures Funding		
- expenditure		612
- income	Cr	612
King's funding for SPA		
- expenditure		500
- income	Cr	500
Market Sustainability and Fair Cost of Care Fund		
- expenditure		804
- income	Cr	804
Charging Reform Implementation Support Grant		
- expenditure		104
- income	Cr	104
Supplementary Substance Misuse Treatment & Recovery Grant		
- expenditure		264
- income	Cr	264
Repairs and Maintenance		91
Provision for agency workers contract savings	Cr	72
Adj to NI budget following reversal of 2022-23 increase in November	Cr	60
Latest Approved Budget for 2022/23		<u>84,772</u>

1. Assessment and Care Management - Cr £50k

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

		<u>Current</u> <u>Variation</u> £'000
<u>Physical Support / Sensory Support / Memory & Cognition</u>		
Services for 65 +		
- Placements	Cr	458
- Placements (discharge packages)		2,025
- Domiciliary Care / Direct Payments	Cr	36
- Domiciliary Care (discharge packages)		1,987
- CCG funding for discharge packages	Cr	3,308
		<u>210</u>
Services for 18-64		
- Placements		257
- Domiciliary Care / Direct Payments		54
		<u>311</u>
Other		
- Extra Care Housing	Cr	176
- Day Care	Cr	136
- Adult Transport	Cr	259
	Cr	<u>571</u>
	Cr	<u>50</u>

The 2022/23 budget includes funding for the full year effect of the September 2021 overspend as reported to Members in the September Budget Monitoring report.

Services for 65+ - Dr £210k

Numbers in residential and nursing care (excluding those on the hospital discharge pathway) are below budget, currently by 24 placements. There has been an increase in the number of emergency and residential placements of 7, and an overall underspend of £416k is projected for the year.

There is a underspend projected on respite care of £42k based on the first 6 months use of the service.

The overall position on the domiciliary care and direct payments budgets is a projected underspend of £36k. Domiciliary care is projected to underspend by £74k and direct payments to overspend by £38k.

Due to Covid-19, discharges from hospital continue to follow a revised pathway in unison with health. Based on current levels of activity, the cost of the short term care home placements following discharge is estimated at £2,025k, and domiciliary care packages at £2,457k. South East London Integrated Care Board (ICB) have provided £3,308k of one-off funding for hospital discharge packages in 2022/23 following the cessation of central funding from NHS England which will offset a large percentage of these costs, with £470k funded from the existing D2A budget. This leaves an overspend of £704k.

As part of the 2022/23 budget setting, savings of £229k were included in the division and at this stage £72k has been achieved, with the balance expected to be achieved by the year end.

Services for 18-64+ - Dr £311k

Placements for the 18-64 age group are projected to overspend by £264k an increase of £139k since at time. Service user numbers, which are currently 5 above budgeted levels, reduced by 4 from the last reported position, however this reduction is offset by an increase in temporary and emergency placements, resulting in the increased overspend.

There is a minor underspend projected on respite care of £7k based on the first 6 months use of the service.

The overall position on the domiciliary care and direct payments budgets is a projected overspend of £54k. Domiciliary care is currently projected to underspend by £81k and direct payments projected to overspend by £135k.

Extra Care Housing - Cr £176k

The hours being delivered in the Extra Care Housing units have continued to remain at the minimum level all year, resulting in a projected underspend of £171k. The level of voids has also reduced in recent months, leading to a reduction in the void payments the council is having to make to the housing provider.

Day Care Services - Cr £136k

Day care services for older people at centres continue to remain at the lower levels seen post covid. During that time there was an increase in the take up of the Respite at Home service.

Transport - Cr £259k

The reduced use of Day Care services has impacted on the service provided by the external transport providers as most trips relate to attendance at day centres, therefore at this stage of the year a projected underspend of £259k is expected on the budget.

2. Quality Assurance & Safeguarding - Cr £92k

Community Deprivation of Liberty Safeguards (CDoLS) - Cr £292k

There has been minor spend on the CDoS budget so far this year, resulting in an underspend to date of £292k.

Deprivation of Liberty Safeguards (DoLS) - Dr £200k

The DoLS budget is currently projected to overspend by £200k. Since face to face assessments have returned post Covid (previously remote assessments were being undertaken), the expenditure on those not undertaken by the inhouse staff has increased.

3. Learning Disabilities - Dr £68k

The 2022/23 Learning Disabilities (LD) budget includes funding for anticipated 2022/23 demand-related pressures (£974k) and the full year effect (FYE) of the 2021/22 overspend (£1,991k) but also reductions relating to planned savings (£377k).

The actual FYE of the 21/22 overspends at year end was considerably higher than the growth figure included in the budget, which was based on the September 2021 budget monitoring position; however this has been partly offset by an increase in the number of full cost contributions as well as underspends on Domiciliary Care and Direct Payments budget.

An overall net overspend of £68k is currently anticipated, a small reduction from the £96k reported for the first quarter. The main reasons for this are the underachievement of planned savings (£394k), the majority of which relates to increasing uptake in Shared Lives. As has been previously reported this project was delayed due to extenuating circumstances, however additional staff have now been recruited, funded from the carry forward previously agreed, and additional carers are currently being assessed. The resulting overspend is partly being offset by projected underspends on day and respite services (£200k), transport (£68k) and care package projections (£58k).

Given the stage in the financial year a significant element of projected spend is still based on assumptions, for example future services for young people transitioning to adult social care services and increased client needs during the year. As a result, this position is likely to change as the year progresses.

4. Mental Health - Dr £21k

The 2022/23 budget includes funding for the full year effect of the September 2021 overspend as reported to Members as part of the September Budget Monitoring report.

Placements for 65+ age group are projected to overspend by £232k this year based on current service user numbers of 42, an increase of 3 since last time. This is an increase in the overspend of £119k, and includes additional health funding for placements of £182k this quarter.

The overall position on the domiciliary care and direct payments budgets is a projected overspend of £15k, an increase of £13k since last time. Domiciliary care is currently projected to overspend by £92k and direct payments remains the same with an underspend of £77k.

Placements for the 18-64 age group are projected to now underspend by £171k, moving from an overspend of £106k last time, based on current service user numbers of 105, an increase of 2. This projection includes additional health income of £217k this quarter.

The overall position on the domiciliary care and direct payments budgets is a projected underspend of £55k, a slight improvement of last times figure of £52k, with Domiciliary care currently projected to underspend by £105k and direct payments to overspend by £50k.

Savings of £306k were included in the 2022/23 budget for Mental Health, £111k of this has been achieved to date, and the projections assume the remainder will be achieved by the end of the year.

5. 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 South East London ICB.

The final 2022/23 allocation was published in May at a 5.66% increase above 2021/22 levels, which equates to a £402k increase above the 4% assumed in the budget. It is proposed that this allocation is set aside for hospital discharge care packages.

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

The total amount of funding available in 2022/23 is:

	£'000
2021/22 IBCF allocation - recurrent	4,636
2021/22 IBCF allocation - non-recurrent (extended for 5th year)	1,677
2021/22 Winter Pressures Grant	1,190
Carry forward from previous years	2,597
	<u>10,050</u>

The non-recurrent IBCF funding of £1,677k has been extended for a sixth year and, for the third year running, this will fund a contribution to a 'whole system' reserve that can be called upon in relation to any crisis in the joint health and social care systems.

£1,400k of the carry forward from previous years has been allocated to help mitigate growth pressures in the 2022/23 budget, with a further £400k assumed for the 2023/24 budget.

For the first time in recent years, the IBCF allocation had an inflationary increase for 2022/23 of 3% which equates to £227k. It is proposed that this is allocated to help offset cost pressures in the portfolio, and has been assumed in the figures above.

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, 18 waivers for Adult placements have been agreed for between £50k and £100k and 8 for more than £100k.

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. There have been no virements since the last report to Executive.

Children, Education and Families Portfolio Budget Monitoring Summary

2021/22 Actuals £'000	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
	EDUCATION CARE & HEALTH SERVICES DEPARTMENT							
	Education Division							
-461	Adult Education Centres	Cr 438	Cr 432	Cr 404	28	1	13	0
694	Schools and Early Years Commissioning & QA	747	747	697	Cr 50	2	Cr 156	0
2,612	SEN and Inclusion	2,365	2,366	2,385	19	3	128	0
99	Strategic Place Planning	43	43	43	0		0	0
49	Workforce Development & Governor Services	Cr 24	Cr 24	Cr 23	1		0	0
6,975	Access & Inclusion	6,781	6,795	7,977	1,182	4	590	1,851
0	Management Action - draw down from reserves	0	0	Cr 1,000	Cr 1,000		Cr 531	Cr 1,000
-1,446	Schools Budgets	Cr 1,493	Cr 1,493	Cr 1,493	0	5	Cr 1	0
25	Other Strategic Functions	318	293	293	0		0	0
-10	Central School Costs	Cr 36	Cr 36	Cr 36	0		0	0
8,537		8,263	8,259	8,439	180		43	851
	Children's Social Care							
1,774	Bromley Youth Support Programme	1,732	1,737	1,805	68		105	0
676	Early Intervention and Family Support	1,342	1,429	1,545	116		Cr 3	0
8,150	CLA and Care Leavers	8,280	8,280	9,805	1,525		Cr 675	1,654
17,854	Fostering, Adoption and Resources	18,720	18,725	21,928	3,203		3,129	4,918
3,552	0-25 Children Service (Disability Services)	3,716	3,716	5,499	1,783	6	0	0
4,358	Referral and Assessment Service	4,092	4,226	4,896	670		472	0
3,908	Safeguarding and Care Planning East	3,012	3,717	4,242	525		1,247	0
2,779	Safeguarding and Care Planning West	2,389	2,749	2,647	Cr 102		521	0
Cr 980	Safeguarding and Quality Improvement	Cr 1,952	Cr 2,322	Cr 1,985	337		455	0
42,071		41,331	42,257	50,382	8,125		5,251	6,572
50,608	TOTAL CONTROLLABLE FOR EDUCATION, CHILDREN & FAMILIES	49,594	50,516	58,821	8,305		5,294	7,423
	Total Non-Controllable	1,594	1,590	1,590	0		0	0
	Total Excluded Recharges	8,761	8,761	8,761	0		0	0
50,608	TOTAL EDUCATION, CHILDREN & FAMILIES PORTFOLIO	59,949	60,867	69,172	8,305		5,294	7,423
	Memorandum Item							
	Sold Services							
	Education Psychology Service (RSG Funded)	Cr 94	Cr 94	601	695		280	0
	Education Welfare Service (RSG Funded)		Cr 18	23	41		39	0
	Workforce Development (DSG/RSG Funded)	Cr 30	Cr 30	Cr 29	1	7	0	0
	Community Vision Nursery (RSG Funded)	64	64	Cr 50	Cr 114		Cr 134	0
	Blenheim Nursery (RSG Funded)	98	98	187	89		11	0
0	Total Sold Services	38	20	732	712		196	0
	Reconciliation of Latest Approved Budget							
				£'000				
	Original Budget 2022/23			59,949				
	Contingency:							
	Additional social workers re caseloads			700				
	Temporary increase in CIN social workers			250				
	Carry forwards:							
	Broadband at Poverest			6				
	Wellbeing for Education			6				
	Deed Settlement for Hawes Down Site							
	- expenditure			12				
	- income			-12				
	Virtual School CIN Grant							
	- expenditure			63				
	- income			-63				
	Virtual School PLAC Grant							
	- expenditure			93				
	- income			-93				
	Tackling Troubled Families Grant							
	- expenditure			334				
	- income			-334				
	EIFS waiting list and volumes			90				
	MOPAC Choices grant			75				
	Other:							
	Draw Down from Health Reserve							
	- expenditure			314				
	- income		Cr	314				
	Tackling Troubled Families Grant							
	- expenditure			490				
	- income		Cr	490				
	Homes for Ukraine - DfE Grant							
	- expenditure			350				
	- income		Cr	350				
	Repairs and Maintenance							
	- expenditure		Cr	4				
	Provision for agency workers contract savings		Cr	121				
	Adj to NI budget following reversal of 2022-23 increase in November		Cr	84				
	Latest Approved Budget for 2022/23			60,867				

REASONS FOR VARIATIONS

1. Adult Education - Dr £28k

The Adult Education service is currently projecting to overspend by £28k. This is due to an overspend on Staffing of £21k and an under collection of income of £14k. This is offset by an underspend on running costs of £7k.

2. Schools and Early Years Commissioning & QA - Cr £50k

The in-house nurseries are currently having issues with staffing that has resulted in one of them temporary closing. This has resulted in a staffing underspend across the two nurseries of £193k, an under collection of income of £155k and an overspend of £13k on running costs. Once these figures are netted off, it leaves a net underspend of £25k.

Across the rest of the service there is a £25k underspend mostly related to staffing.

3. SEN and Inclusion - Dr £19k

The staffing in this area is currently forecasting an underspend of £153k. This is due to a number of posts that are currently vacant and are currently expected to be filled during the year. There is also an overspend of £13k related to running costs.

The Education Psychologists are currently in the process of recruiting to the vacant posts in their team. This is causing the statutory service they are required to provide to be underspent by £226k and the Trading Service they offer to the Schools to be overspent by £385k due to the use of expensive agency staff (352k) and a new contract to help reduce the backlog within the service (£33k). This is a net overspend of £159k.

Please note that as from the start of the year, the SEN Transport Service has moved from the SEN Division to the Access & Inclusion Division

4. Access & Inclusion - Dr £182k (After drawdown from Contingency)

The Education Welfare Service Trading Account is currently expected to under collect on its income by £39k due to the loss of a number of school contracts and £2k overspend on staffing. The provision of the service will need to be reviewed.

In the area they are predicting to underspend on staffing by £18k and over spend on running costs / under collection of income of £20k.

SEN Transport is currently forecast to overspend by £1,139k. This is due to additional costs of £1,311k related to the cost of providing the service and £15k for other running costs. This is then offset by forecasted underspends on staffing (£173k) and collection of additional income of £14k. These figures are then reduced further by the assumed drawdown from the reserves of £1,000k.

5. 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.

There is a current projected overspend in the DSG of £4,016k. This will be added to the £7,142k carried forward in the reserves from 2021/22. The prior year Early Year adjustment has reduced our 2021/22 DSG allocation by £178k causing an additional pressure on the DSG. This gives us an estimated DSG reserve of £11,336k at the end of the financial year.

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

There is an underspend of £75k in the Primary Support Team area. This is due to underspends in the staffing budgets.

The Home and Hospital service currently has a pressure of £247k due to the use of agency tutors to support the higher number of students the service is supporting (£207k). There are also overspend on other running costs of £64k and under collection of income of £68k. There is then an underspend on staff of £92k that offset the use of agency to support the students.

There is £1,778k from the High Needs Supplementary Grant that can be used to offset the increase in costs of the SEN Placement budgets. The part of the grant that is shown as spent has been allocated to the Special/AP Schools in Bromley to support them with the additional costs they currently have.

The Inclusion and Behaviour service has underspends of £22k on staffing and £4k on running costs that are offsetting the under collection of £50k on the income budgets.

The Admissions Service is expected to overspend of £34k on staffing and under collection of income by £5k. This is offset by £20k on running costs.

The Council has incurred some additional support to schools costs of £15k this year funded from the DSG.

SEN placements are projected to overspend by a total of £5,509k. The overspend is being caused by the Maintained Day (£697k), Independent Day (£3,214k), Alternative Programmes (£649k), Independent Boarding Schools (£246k), Maintained Boarding Schools (£69k), Direct Payment (£134k) and Matrix funding (£579k). We are receiving additional grant income of £79k to help offset some of these costs.

SEN Support for clients in Further Education Colleges is currently expected to overspend by £221k this year. This is due to the cost of placing clients with Independent providers.

The Complex Needs team, Darrick Wood Hearing Unit and other staffing budgets in SEN are all currently projected to underspend. Most of the underspend relates to lower than expected staffing costs. These are then being offset by an overspend in the High Needs Pre-school Service and Early Support Programme costs to give a net underspend of £162k.

There is also a total small balance of underspends of £4k.

	Variations £'000	High Needs £'000	Schools £'000	Early Years £'000	Central £'000
Primary Support Team	-75	0	0	0	-75
Home & Hospital	247	247	0	0	0
Used of Additional Money	-1,778	-1,778	0	0	0
Inclusion and Behaviour	24	24	0	0	0
Admissions	19	0	0	0	19
Additional Support for Schools	15	0	0	0	15
Other Small Balances	6	-3	0	7	2
SEN:					
- Placements	5,509	5,509	0	0	0
- Support in FE colleges	221	221	0	0	0
- Darrick Wood Hearing Unit	-78	-78	0	0	0
- Complex Needs Team	-49	-49	0	0	0
- High Needs Pre-school Service	25	25	0	0	0
- Early Support Programme	34	34	0	0	0
- SEN Staff	-94	-94	0	0	0
- Other Small SEN Balances	-10	-10	0	0	0
Total	4,016	4,048	0	7	-39

8. Children's Social Care - Dr £8,125k

The current budget variation for the Children's Social Care Division is projected to be an overspend of £8,125k, Despite additional funding being secured in the 2022/23 budget, continued increases in the number of children being looked after together with the cost of placements has continued to put considerable strain on the budget.

Bromley Youth Support Programme - Dr £68k

The BYSP budget is projected to overspend by £67k this year. This is due to an overspend of £80k in staffing and an under collection of income of £1k. These are then offset by an underspend on running costs of £13k.

Early Intervention and Family Support - Dr £116k

This budget is projected to underspend by £87k this year. This is due to an under collection of income of £177k that is then being offset by an underspend on staffing of £5k running costs of £56k.

CLA and Care Leavers - Dr £1,525k

The service is currently expected to overspend by £1,525k. This is due to an overspend in staffing of £75k, an under collection of income of £33k and £107k overspend on running costs. There is currently forecast to be an additional overspend on placement costs in this service of £1.310k.

Fostering, Adoption and Resources - £3,203k

The budget for children's placements is currently projected to overspend by £3,061k this year. This amount is analysed by placement type below.

- Community Home's / Community Home's with Education - Dr £1,326k (D £1.592k)
- Boarding Schools - Dr £1k (Dr £18k)
- Secure Placement - Dr £135k (Dr £0k)
- Fostering services (IFA's) - Dr £871k (Dr £1,147k)
- Fostering services (In-house, including SGO's and Kinship) - Dr £4k (Dr £232k)
- Adoption placements - Cr £35k (Cr £36k)
- Outreach Services - Dr £821k (Dr £198k)
- Transport Costs - Cr £62k (Cr 116k)

Additionally there are overspends on staffing of £3k and running cost of £166k in this area, along with extra income of £27k

0-25 Children Service (Disability Services) - Dr £1,783k

Services for Children with Disabilities is projected to overspend by £1,783k this year. This is made up of an overspend on placement / outreach services of £1,534k, staffing of £89k and other running costs of £160k.

Referral and Assessment Service - Dr £670k

The main projected variance relates to services is a projected overspend on staffing of £354k and running costs of £70k. The remaining £246k in running costs relates to No Recourse to Public Funds (NRPF) clients.

Safeguarding and Care Planning East - Dr £525k

The budget in this area is currently projected to overspend by £525k, and is due to staffing underspends of £25k and additional income of £7k, that is then offset by overspends on PLO cases overspending by £501k and general running costs of £56k.

Safeguarding and Care Planning West- Cr £102k

This area is underspent by £102k and is due to a staffing underspend of £152k and is offset by an overspend of running costs of £50k.

Safeguarding and Quality Improvement - Dr £337k

The projected overspend of £337k in this area mainly relates to staffing (£300k), and this includes the costs of recruiting and retaining social workers across the whole of Children's Social Care. There is additionally a £37k overspend in running costs.

7. 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

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, there has been in Children's Social Care there were 2 waivers agreed for placements of between £50k and £100k, 2 between £100k and £150k and 2 for a value of over £200k.

Virements Approved to date under Director's Delegated Powers

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Environment & Community Portfolio Budget Monitoring Summary

2021/22 Actuals £'000	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
	ENVIRONMENT & COMMUNITY PORTFOLIO							
	Street Scene & Green Spaces							
1082	Arboriculture Management	757	771	771	0		0	0
Cr 164	Business Support and Markets	Cr 64	Cr 64	42	106	1	106	0
6,039	Parks and Green Spaces	6,073	6,214	6,214	0		0	0
200	Street Regulation and Enforcement	1,573	1,573	1,573	0		0	0
18,582	Waste Services	19,654	20,423	19,635	-788	2	-800	-800
5,789	Street Environment	5,992	6,112	6,112	0		0	0
1417	Management and Contract Support	231	231	231	0		0	0
32,945		34,216	35,260	34,578	-682		-694	-800
	Transport Operations and Depot							
504	Transport Operations and Depot Management	594	594	594	0		0	0
504		594	594	594	0		0	0
	Traffic, Parking and Highways							
248	Traffic & Road Safety	133	133	46	-87	3	229	0
Cr 6,967	Parking	Cr 9,462	Cr 8,962	Cr 8,315	647	4-9	1500	1,000
6,072	Highways (including London Permit Scheme)	8,813	8,813	8,813	0		0	0
-647		-516	-16	544	560		1,729	1,000
32,802	TOTAL CONTROLLABLE	34,294	35,838	35,716	-122		1,035	200
2,630	TOTAL NON-CONTROLLABLE	6,689	6,712	6,712	0		0	0
2,449	TOTAL EXCLUDED RECHARGES	2,336	2,336	2,336	0		0	0
37,881	PORTFOLIO TOTAL	43,319	44,886	44,764	-122		1,035	200

Reconciliation of Latest Approved Budget

£'000

Original Budget 2022/23

43,319

Carry Forward Requests approved from 2021/22

Central Contingency Adjustments

Contract Inflation

Waste Collection & Disposal

810

Street Environment

120

Parks Management & Grounds Maintenance

140

Arboricultural Services

14

1,084

Parking income

500

Other

Repairs and Maintenance

23

Provision for agency workers contract savings

-23

Adj to NI budget following reversal of 2022-23 increase in November

-17

Latest Approved Budget for 2022/23

44,886

REASONS FOR VARIATIONS

1. Business Support & Markets Dr £106k

There has been no change in the projected position for this service since Q1.

Street trading income remains affected by the continuation, under the Business and Planning Act 2020 (Pavement Licences) (Coronavirus) (Amendment) Regulations 2021, of pavement licences. This was a temporary measure, originally introduced during the Covid pandemic but now extended into 2023 with a view to being made permanent, which allows businesses to apply for a pavement licence for a £100 administration fee with no ongoing charges. This is a significant reduction compared to the permanent street trading licence scheme where the fees charged are significantly higher and are subject to periodic renewal. The estimated net impact on the Council this year remains a net loss of c£50k.

Market income is also still anticipated to be under budget by c£56k this year. This continues the trend over the last two years which has seen a decline in the number of market traders following the initial impact of the Covid pandemic.

2. Waste Services Cr £788k

In setting the budget for 2022/23, account was taken of the significant increase in waste volumes collected from residential properties that had occurred since 2020. This was explained mainly as more people working from home following Covid restrictions, as well as an increase in the amount of waste generated from more home deliveries. As 2021 progressed, it appeared that this would be a long term and permanent change in domestic habits with a corresponding long term increase in recycling processing and waste handling costs, and the 2022/23 budget therefore was increased by £800k.

However, as previously reported, it became apparent in the final quarter of 2021/22 and into the first quarter of 2022/23 that waste volumes had moderated and even declined and the increased budget provision of £800k was not required. This trend has been sustained into the second quarter of this financial year with waste officers confirming that waste volumes have continued to be at pre-Covid levels.

However, the recent review of property numbers from which waste is collected has identified an overall increase which will result in an increase in the LOT 2 core invoice for waste collection services. The value of this increase between October and the end of the financial year is £12k (i.e. £2k per month) with a full year cost of c£24k which will need to be reflected in next year's financial forecast.

3. Traffic & Road Safety Cr £87k

Previous monitoring reports had been highlighting the uncertainty regarding TfL funding of the Council's LIP capital programme and consequently funding of the cost of staff engaged to deliver those schemes. As a result, the first quarter report projected a budget pressure of £229k this year to the end of August when further clarity from TfL was expected. TfL have since announced the funding settlement for London for this year which has been set out in a separate report to the ECS PDS Committee.

As a result, the Assistant Director for Traffic and Parking now anticipates that all staffing costs this year can be fully funded and managed within the service's budget and from the announced LIP grant funding and no variation in this respect is now being projected.

However, advertising income from JD Decaux is predicted to overachieve the budget by £62k, assuming current trends continue to the end of the financial year. Similarly for Road Closure Charges (Temporary Traffic Orders), if income levels are maintained as in the previous two financial years, the budget target of £282k will overachieve by £25k.

Parking

4. Income from Bus Lane Contraventions Dr £180k

As has been reported previously, traffic levels have been down compared to pre-Covid levels and this income budget underachieved by £224k in 2021/22. This trend has continued in the first two quarters of 2022/23, and projected to be c£180k under budget again this year, although this is a slight improvement on the £200k shortfall projected at Q1.

5. Off/On Street Car Parking Cr £300k

Since April 2020, use of on and off street car parking spaces has been severely affected by the impact of the Covid pandemic on town centre activity and changes in commuting habits. These changes have persisted into this financial year with the wider economic uncertainty seemingly contributing to ongoing difficult trading conditions for town centres.

Although the overall budget target has been reduced by £1m since 2020, income from parking is now projected to underachieve by a further £500k in 2022/23. This is, however, an improvement on the position reported at Q1 when the overall shortfall was estimated at £750k. Income from off street and multi-storey parking continuing to be most affected.

As previously reported, in setting the budget for 2022/23, the Executive took into account the risk of possible continuing losses and set aside a further provision of £500k in the Central Contingency budget. As agreed by the Executive's in October, this has amount has now been drawn down to the Parking income budget. As a result, no overall deficit is now projected although the situation remains under constant review.

In addition, the amount that the Council receives from RingGo fees continues to be buoyant into the second half of the financial year, as the increased use of this payment method to pay for parking fees appears to be sustained and an overachievement of £300k is still projected.

	Total £'000
Summary of variations within Off/On Street Car Parking	
Off/On Street Car Parking income	500
Central Contingency budget adjustment	<i>Cr</i> 500
Revised Off/On Street Car Parking income	0
Less additional RingGo fees	<i>Cr</i> 300
Total variations within Off/On Street Parking	<u>Cr 300</u>

6. Permit Parking Cr £320k

A surplus is now anticipated for permit parking with strong activity in the second quarter. If this trend continues throughout the remainder of the financial year, a surplus of £320k is projected.

7. Car Parking Enforcement Dr £1,387k

Since the introduction of enforcement of moving traffic contraventions in October 2021, the actual number of tickets issued has been significantly lower than anticipated. Officers believe that this has been the result of a lower volume of traffic compared to the pre-Covid survey numbers, as well as potential issues with the efficacy of the new cameras. This issue was investigated by officers and have since engaged with the contractor resulting in some improvement in camera performance.

As previously reported, the actual number of PCN's issued in 2022/23 - although higher than in 2021/22 - has remained lower than original expectations which officers believe is due mainly to a reduction in traffic congestion meaning fewer vehicles are contravening yellow box junctions. The projected shortfall for the year remains unchanged from Q1 at £1,650k.

Based on activity levels in the year to date, particularly in the second quarter to September, there is now a projected income overachievement of £280k from PCN's issued by enforcement officers.

However, there is now a projected shortfall of income of £17k from PCNs issued from CCTV cameras at schools.

8. Parking Shared Service Cr £250k

The position remains unchanged and there remains is a net projected underspend of £250k for the Parking Shared Service mainly due to underspends on staffing as a result of vacancies across both boroughs as well as a reduction in the number of agency staff employed.

9. Traffic Committee for London fees Cr £50k

There was an underspend of £57k on this budget in 2021/22 and a similar variation continues to be anticipated this year.

Summary of overall variations within Parking:	£'000
Bus Routes Enforcement	180
On/Off Street Car Parking (net of Contingency budget adjustment)	<i>Cr</i> 300
Permit Parking	<i>Cr</i> 320
Car Parking Enforcement	1,387
Parking Shared Services	<i>Cr</i> 250
Traffic Committee for London fees	<i>Cr</i> 50
Total variation for Parking	<u>647</u>

Waiver of Financial Regulations:

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Virements Approved to date under Director's Delegated Powers

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Public Protection & Enforcement Budget Monitoring Summary

2021/22 Actuals £'000	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
	Public Protection							
371	Community Safety	427	427	445	18	1	0	0
161	Emergency Planning	146	146	159	13	2	10	0
548	Mortuary & Coroners Service	603	603	699	96	3	20	0
1,466	Public Protection	1,469	1,453	1,422	-31	4	-10	0
2,546	TOTAL CONTROLLABLE	2,645	2,629	2,725	96		20	0
617	TOTAL NON CONTROLLABLE	6	6	6	0		0	0
836	TOTAL EXCLUDED RECHARGES	811	811	811	0		0	0
3,999	PORTFOLIO TOTAL	3,462	3,446	3,542	96		20	0

Reconciliation of Latest Approved Budget

£'000

Original Budget 2022/23

3,462

Carry Forward Requests approved from 2021/22

Other

Provision for agency workers contract savings

-8

Adj to NI budget following reversal of 2022-23 increase in November

-8

Latest Approved Budget for 2022/23

3,446

REASONS FOR VARIATIONS

1. Community Safety Dr £18k

There is a projected overspend of £23k in the costs of the Community Safety & Management Team, partially offset by a small underspend on the Nuisance & ASB Team.

2. Emergency Planning Dr £13k

This projected overspend relates to the anticipated additional cost of emergency response standby allowances for the year.

3. Mortuary & Coroners Service Dr £96k

Major renovations to the mortuary facilities at the Princess Royal University Hospital have just started and phase 1 will not be completed until December, meaning that post-mortems will instead be conducted in Denmark Hill. With finite facilities at this alternative site, a backlog is anticipated. As bodies will remain in storage for longer, the Council will inevitably incur additional costs.

4. Public Protection Cr £31k

Staffing costs are anticipated to be £61k under budget, with the main variation in respect of Trading Standards, Environmental Protection, Food Safety & Food Standards.

Income from licencing of Houses in Multiple Occupation is projected to overachieve this year by £83k.

Officers have commenced an exercise to upgrade the Department's line of business system from Uniform to Idox Cloud. A contract has been awarded recently which will require one-off implementation costs of £122k to be funded. This will be met from the revenue budget underspends already identified this year.

Waiver of Financial Regulations:

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Virements Approved to date under Director's Delegated Powers

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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	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
1,678		1,457	1,641	1,885	244		244	0
	Culture & Regeneration							
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
5,580		5,783	6,735	6,760	25		0	0
#####	Operational Housing							
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
8,821		7,262	7,243	7,736	493		349	Cr 178
16,079	Total Controllable	14,502	15,619	16,381	762		593	Cr 178
2,141	TOTAL NON CONTROLLABLE	Cr 883	Cr 990	Cr 990	0		0	0
5,555	TOTAL EXCLUDED RECHARGES	5,627	5,627	5,627	0		0	0
23,775	TOTAL RR & H PORTFOLIO TOTAL	19,246	20,256	21,018	762		593	Cr 178

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.

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

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.

Resources, Commissioning & Contracts Management Portfolio Budget Monitoring Summary

2021/22 Actuals £'000		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
	CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S DEPARTMENT							
	FINANCIAL SERVICES DIVISION							
248	Director of Finance & Other	251	251	251	0		0	0
7,349	Exchequer - Revenue & Benefits	6,109	6,044	6,044	0		0	0
477	Exchequer - Payments & Income	2,163	2,163	2,163	0		0	0
1,678	Financial Accounting	657	657	657	0		0	0
799	Management Accounting	1,760	1,760	1,760	0		0	0
	Audit	831	865	865	0		0	0
10,551	Total Financial Services Division	11,771	11,740	11,740	0		0	0
	CORPORATE SERVICES DIVISION							
5,818	Information Systems & Telephony	6,017	6,750	6,750	0		0	0
	Legal Services & Democracy							
407	Electoral	1,079	1,126	1,126	0		0	0
1,339	Democratic Services	1,514	1,548	1,548	0		0	0
167	Mayoral	173	173	173	0		0	0
2,917	Legal Services	2,209	2,379	2,879	500	1	500	0
569	Procurement and Data Management	545	545	545	0		0	0
184	Management and Other (Corporate Services)	220	220	220	0		0	0
11,401	Total Corporate Services Division	11,757	12,741	13,241	500		500	0
	HR AND CUSTOMER SERVICES DIVISION							
1,899	Human Resources	2,210	2,210	2,210	0		0	0
317	Learning and Development	147	147	176	29	2	0	0
	Customer Services							
1,134	Contact Centre	1,172	1,172	1,172	0		0	0
Cr 139	Registration of Births, Deaths & Marriages	Cr 120	Cr 120	Cr 120	0		0	0
225	CE - Consultation & Communication	305	317	317	0		0	0
3,436	Total HR & Customer Services Division	3,714	3,726	3,755	29		0	0
	CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S DIVISION							
796	Management and Other (C. Exec)	903	903	903	0		0	0
796	Total Chief Executive's Division	903	903	903	0		0	0
	CENTRAL ITEMS							
1,179	CDC & Non Distributed Costs (Past Deficit etc.)	1,284	1,284	1,284	0		0	0
9,475	Concessionary Fares	5,972	5,972	5,972	0		0	0
36,838	TOTAL CONTROLLABLE CE DEPT	35,401	36,366	36,895	529		500	0
675	TOTAL NON CONTROLLABLE	3,242	3,239	3,239	0		0	0
Cr 17,324	TOTAL EXCLUDED RECHARGES	Cr 17,569	Cr 17,569	Cr 17,569	0		0	0
20,189	TOTAL CE DEPARTMENT	21,074	22,036	22,565	529		500	0
	CHILDREN, EDUCATION AND FAMILIES DEPARTMENT							
	Strategy and Corporate Projects							
229	Commissioning	232	232	178	Cr 54	3	0	0
2,126	Strategy, Performance and Engagement	1,831	1,829	1,914	85	4	0	0
2,355	TOTAL CONTROLLABLE CEF DEPT	2,063	2,061	2,092	31		0	0
300	TOTAL NON CONTROLLABLE	4	4	4	0		0	0
Cr 2,956	TOTAL EXCLUDED RECHARGES	Cr 2,129	Cr 2,129	Cr 2,129	0		0	0
Cr 301	TOTAL CEF DEPARTMENT	Cr 62	Cr 64	Cr 33	31		0	0
	ENVIRONMENT & COMMUNITY SERVICES DEPARTMENT							
	Total Facilities Management							
1,949	Admin Buildings & Facilities Support	1,678	2,990	3,010	20	5	0	0
280	Investment & Non-Operational Property	311	311	311	0		0	0
364	Strategic & Operational Property Services	962	962	962	0		0	0
1,510	TFM Client Monitoring Team	1,694	1,694	1,694	0		0	0
Cr 1,350	Other Rental Income - Other Portfolios	Cr 1,582	Cr 1,582	Cr 1,582	0		0	0
4,006	Repairs & Maintenance (All LBB)	3,314	3,314	3,314	0		0	0
6,759	TOTAL CONTROLLABLE ECS DEPT	6,377	7,689	7,709	20		0	0
84	TOTAL NON CONTROLLABLE	359	359	359	0		0	0
Cr 4,438	TOTAL EXCLUDED RECHARGES	Cr 4,361	Cr 4,361	Cr 4,361	0		0	0
Cr 1,869	Less: R&M allocated across other Portfolios	Cr 1,628	Cr 1,628	Cr 1,628	0		0	0
1,350	Less: Rent allocated across other Portfolios	1,582	1,582	1,582	0		0	0
1,886	TOTAL ECS DEPARTMENT	2,329	3,641	3,661	20		0	0
21,774	TOTAL RCCM PORTFOLIO	23,341	25,613	26,193	549		500	0

Reconciliation of Latest Approved Budget		£'000
Original budget 2022/23		23,341
Carry Forward Requests approved from 2021/22		
Local Digital Cyber Fund expenditure	100	
Local Digital Cyber Fund income	-100	
Audit Support	34	
Members IT	<u>34</u>	68
Central Contingency Adjustments		
Energy contract (part year)	1,312	
Local election May 2022	47	
Legal Support – children’s and adults social care	170	
Inflation	12	
IT contract procurement	653	
Resources to support GDPR compliance	80	
Other Budget Movements		
Repairs and Maintenance	Cr 3	
Provision for agency workers contract savings	Cr 22	
Adj to NI budget following reversal of 2022-23 increase in November	Cr 45	
Latest Approved Budget for 2022/23		<u><u>25,613</u></u>

REASONS FOR VARIATIONS

1. Legal Services Dr £500k

The overspend of £500k remains unchanged from Q1, with the increase in demand for use of counsel similar to the previous financial year, particularly in respect of childcare cases. The Assistant Director for Legal Services has provided the following narrative:

Legal services is a demand led service and in recent years there has been an upward trend in childcare cases issued by the local authority, and the courts are listing more hearings per case. This has therefore increased spend on counsel, however, the legal budget for counsel has not increased to accommodate for this upward cost pressure. Although the in-house team carry out advocacy to mitigate spend on counsel, they are required to focus on case work.

The court bundle lists indicate that in year 2019-20 there were circa 380 hearings. In 2020/21, there was an increase to circa 510 hearings which, whilst not unprecedented, is a significant rise on the previous year. In 2021/22, the figure was circa 420. Between April 2021 and April 2022, to counter external spend, the team has carried out circa 116 hearings in-house, and the team continues to face complex and lengthy cases (for example, an ongoing case ran for 14 days in court and on another case, the Local Authority were requested by the Judge to appoint a senior counsel). The team has also had to deal with an increasing number of DOLS (Deprivation of Liberty) cases. As an example, there have been 15 hearings on one young person's matter. The court identified an issue with cases having a large number of CMH (Case Management hearings). In May 2021, 30 LBB cases were so flagged with one case having had 17 hearings at that point and another 14.

The Planning Litigation and Licensing Legal team has also overspent on the budget for counsel's fees. These cases involve planning inquiries before an Inspector, advice concerning planning enforcement action, civil litigation including judicial and statutory review in the Administrative and Planning Court, an application to the Court of Appeal and criminal litigation including attendance at the Crown Court. Some of these cases are complex necessitating the instruction of senior Counsel to ensure the best outcome. In particular, an application for an injunction (and subsequent committal proceedings) in respect of breaches of planning control for land at the junction of Sevenoaks Road and Wheatsheaf Hill, Halstead has attracted a high profile where the service had to instruct a junior and senior counsel to represent the Council in court. It should be noted that the in-house team do not have right of audience at High Court, Court of Appeal and Crown Courts and therefore need to instruct counsel.

Due to the increased instructions to legal services on contracts, contract disputes, housing, regeneration, education capital projects and commercial property-related matters arising, the Legal commercial team has had to engage locum lawyers in order to meet the increased demand, thereby putting pressure on the staffing budget.

The Director of Corporate Services and Governance has issued a new procedure for instructing counsel for service directors to agree. This includes putting in measures to control expenditure on counsel and giving service departments more ownership of expenditure relating to their cases. The Director of Corporate Services and Governance will also oversee a review of Legal services to look at the work of the service, budget and resourcing requirements.

2. Learning & Development Dr £29k

The overspend in this area is caused by staffing variance of £17k and an under collection on income of £34k. This is being offset by an underspend of £22k on running costs

3. Commissioning Cr £54k

The underspend in this area is mainly being caused by lower than expected staffing costs

4. Strategy, Performance and Engagement Dr £85k

The overspend in this area is caused by staffing variance of £54k and an under collection on income of £80k. This is being offset by an underspend of £49k on running costs

5. Admin Buildings & Facilities Support Dr £20k

Additional temporary cleaning measures have been reinstated through to March 2023 in order to prevent the spread of Covid this winter. This is expected cost an additional £20k above budget in this financial year.

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, no virements have been actioned.

Allocation of Contingency Provision for 2022/23

Item	Original Contingency Provision	Allocations				Total Allocations/Projected for Year		Variation to Original Contingency Provision
		Previously Approved Items	New Items Requested this Cycle	Items Projected for Remainder of Year				
	£	£	£	£	£		£	
General								
Provision for Unallocated Inflation	3,977,000	2,462,000	270,000	0	2,732,000	(1 & 3)	Cr 1,245,000	
Increase in Cost of Homelessness/Impact of Welfare Reforms	1,825,000			500,000	500,000		Cr 1,325,000	
Provision for increase in employer national insurance-outsourced services	910,000			0	0		Cr 910,000	
General Provision for Risk/Uncertainty	3,500,000			1,000,000	1,000,000		Cr 2,500,000	
Provision for Risk/Uncertainty Relating to Volume & Cost Pressures	2,871,000			0	0		Cr 2,871,000	
Growth for Waste Services	187,000			0	0		Cr 187,000	
Universal Credit roll out - Claimant Fault Overpayment Recoveries	750,000			0	0		Cr 750,000	
Deprivation of Liberty	118,000			0	0		Cr 118,000	
Building Infrastructure Fund	2,000,000			2,000,000	2,000,000		0	
Provision for potential loss of car park income	500,000	500,000		0	500,000	(1)	0	
Property income recovery/rent variations	500,000	500,000		0	500,000	(1)	0	
Legal support - children and adults social care	170,000	170,000		0	170,000	(1)	0	
Provision of agency workers contract saving	Cr 260,000		Cr 260,000	0	Cr 260,000	(3)	0	
Planning Application backlog	0	90,000		0	90,000	(1)	90,000	
Economic Development posts	0	109,000		0	109,000	(1)	109,000	
Norman Park	0	151,000		0	151,000	(1)	151,000	
Local London Membership	0	36,000	14,000	0	50,000	(1)	50,000	
Local election	0	47,000		0	47,000	(1)	47,000	
IT contract procurement	0	989,000		0	989,000	(1)	989,000	
SARS	0	80,000		0	80,000	(1)	80,000	
Additional social workers re caseloads (£2m to a reserve)	0	2,400,000		0	2,400,000	(1)	2,400,000	
Temporary increase in CIN social workers (COVID related)	0	250,000		0	250,000	(1)	250,000	
Adult Care & Health Portfolio								
Better Care Fund								
Grant Related Expenditure		402,000		0	402,000	(1)	Cr 402,000	
Grant Related Income		Cr 402,000		0	Cr 402,000		Cr 402,000	
Improved Better Care Fund								
Grant Related Expenditure		227,000		0	227,000	(1)	Cr 227,000	
Grant Related Income		Cr 227,000		0	Cr 227,000		Cr 227,000	
Public Health Grant								
Grant Related Expenditure		427,000		0	427,000	(1)	Cr 427,000	
Grant Related Income		Cr 427,000		0	Cr 427,000		Cr 427,000	
ICS funding								
Grant Related Expenditure		3,916,000	612,000		4,528,000	(1)	Cr 4,528,000	
Grant Related Income		Cr 3,916,000	Cr 612,000		Cr 4,528,000		Cr 4,528,000	
King's funding for SPA								
Grant Related Expenditure		500,000		0	500,000	(1)	Cr 500,000	
Grant Related Income		Cr 500,000		0	Cr 500,000		Cr 500,000	
Market Sustainability and Fair Cost of Care Fund								
Grant Related Expenditure		804,000		0	804,000	(1)	Cr 804,000	
Grant Related Income		Cr 804,000		0	Cr 804,000		Cr 804,000	
Charging Reform Implementation Support Grant								
Grant Related Expenditure		104,000		0	104,000	(1)	Cr 104,000	
Grant Related Income		Cr 104,000		0	Cr 104,000		Cr 104,000	
Supplementary Substance Misuse Treatment & Recovery Grant								
Grant Related Expenditure		264,343		0	264,343	(2)	Cr 264,343	
Grant Related Income		Cr 264,343		0	Cr 264,343		Cr 264,343	
Children, Education and Families								
SEND Transport Growth	1,000,000			1,000,000	1,000,000		0	
Homes for Ukraine - DfE Grant								
Grant Related Expenditure		350,000		807,383	1,157,383	(2)	Cr 1,157,383	
Grant Related Income		Cr 350,000		Cr 807,383	Cr 1,157,383		Cr 1,157,383	
Renewal, Recreation & Housing								
Property Valuation	100,000			100,000	100,000		0	
Planning Appeals - change in legislation	60,000			60,000	60,000		0	
Accommodation for Ex-Offenders								
Grant Related Expenditure		69,500			69,500	(1)	Cr 69,500	
Grant Related Income		Cr 69,500			Cr 69,500		Cr 69,500	
New Homes Bonus - Regeneration								
Grant Related Expenditure			72,521		72,521	(3)	Cr 72,521	
Grant Related Income			Cr 72,521		Cr 72,521		Cr 72,521	
Homes for Ukraine - General Grant								
Grant Related Expenditure		821,000		4,366,000	5,187,000	(2)	Cr 5,187,000	
Grant Related Income		Cr 821,000		Cr 4,366,000	Cr 5,187,000		Cr 5,187,000	
Homes for Ukraine - Thank you payments								

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Grant Related Expenditure		294,000			294,000		294,000
Grant Related Income		Cr 294,000			Cr 294,000	(2)	Cr 294,000
	18,208,000	7,784,000	24,000	4,660,000	12,468,000		Cr 5,740,000
Grants included within Central Contingency Sum							
Rough Sleeping Initiative							
Grant Related Expenditure	104,000	455,000			455,000	(1)	351,000
Grant Related Income	Cr 104,000	Cr 455,000			Cr 455,000		Cr 351,000
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		490,000	138,000	628,000	(3)	0
Grant related Income	Cr 628,000		Cr 490,000	Cr 138,000	Cr 628,000		0
TOTAL CARRIED FORWARD	18,208,000	7,784,000	24,000	4,660,000	12,468,000		Cr 5,740,000

Notes:

- (1) Executive, 6th October 2022
- (2) Executive, 29th June 2022
- (3) Executive, 30th November 2022

Allocation of Contingency Provision for 2022/23 (continued)

Item	Carried Forward from 2021/22	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	18,208,000	7,784,000	24,000	4,660,000	12,468,000	Cr 5,740,000
Items Carried Forward from 2021/22						
Adult Care & Health Portfolio						
Social Care Funding via the CCG under S75 Agreements						
Improved Better Care Fund						
- Expenditure	2,597,185	2,597,185			2,597,185	(2) 0
- Income	Cr 2,597,185	Cr 2,597,185			Cr 2,597,185	0
Better Care Fund 2021/22						
- Expenditure	82,975	82,975			82,975	(2) 0
- Income	Cr 82,975	Cr 82,975			Cr 82,975	0
Public Health						
- Expenditure	1,964,209	1,964,209			1,964,209	(2) 0
- Income	Cr 1,964,209	Cr 1,964,209			Cr 1,964,209	0
Winter Resilience Funding						
- Expenditure	400,000	400,000			400,000	(1) 0
- Income	Cr 400,000	Cr 400,000			Cr 400,000	0
Renewal, Recreation & Housing Portfolio						
Rough Sleepers Initiative						
- Expenditure	227,635	227,635			227,635	(2) 0
- Income	Cr 227,635	Cr 227,635			Cr 227,635	0
New Burdens Funding Grant						
- Expenditure	123,919	123,919			123,919	(2) 0
- Income	Cr 123,919	Cr 123,919			Cr 123,919	0
Homelessness Reduction Grant						
- Expenditure	89,000	89,000			89,000	(2) 0
- Income	Cr 89,000	Cr 89,000			Cr 89,000	0
Children, Education and Families Portfolio						
Virtual School CIN Grant						
- Expenditure	62,806	62,806			62,806	(2) 0
- Income	Cr 62,806	Cr 62,806			Cr 62,806	0
Virtual School PLAC Grant						
- Expenditure	92,669	92,669			92,669	(2) 0
- Income	Cr 92,669	Cr 92,669			Cr 92,669	0
Tackling Troubled Families Grant						
- Expenditure	334,051	334,051			334,051	(2) 0
- Income	Cr 334,051	Cr 334,051			Cr 334,051	0
Deed Settlement for Hawes Down Site						
- Expenditure	12,119	12,119			12,119	(2) 0
- Income	Cr 12,119	Cr 12,119			Cr 12,119	0
Resources, Commissioning and Contracts Portfolio						
Local Digital Cyber Fund						
- Expenditure	100,000	100,000			100,000	(2) 0
- Income	Cr 100,000	Cr 100,000			Cr 100,000	0
General						
Shared Lives Transformation posts	100,000	100,000			100,000	(1) 0
Members IT	34,000	34,000			34,000	(2) 0
Local Plan Implementation	120,000	120,000			120,000	(2) 0
Audit Support	34,000	34,000			34,000	(2) 0
Broadband at Poverest	6,103	6,103			6,103	(2) 0
EIFS waiting list and volumes	90,000	90,000			90,000	(2) 0
MOPAC Choices grant	75,000	75,000			75,000	(2) 0
Wellbeing for Education	5,821	5,821			5,821	(2) 0
Total Carried Forward from 2020/21	464,924	464,924	0	0	464,924	0
GRAND TOTAL	18,672,924	8,248,924	24,000	4,660,000	12,932,924	Cr 5,740,000

Notes:

(1) Portfolio Holder for Adult Care and Health, 22nd March 2022

Description	2022/23 Latest Approved Budget £'000	Variation To 2022/23 Budget £'000	Potential Impact in 2023/24
Housing Needs - Temporary Accommodation	5,990	Cr 84	The full year effect of Temporary Accommodation is currently estimated to be £2,143k. This will be reduced by planned transformation savings totalling £2,227k which have been identified for 2023-24 to provide a longer term alternative to expensive nightly paid accommodation. 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	28,203	521	The full year impact of the current overspend is estimated at £613k. Of this amount £419k relates to residential and nursing home placements for 65+ and £194k for 18-64's. Domiciliary care & direct payments for both age groups is broadly on budget overall with a projected fye underspend of £21k. This is based on service user numbers as at the end of September.
Learning Disabilities - including Care Placements, Transport and Care Management	42,248	68	The full year effect (FYE) is estimated at a net overspend of £1,391k. This figure is higher than the in-year overspend as demand-related growth pressures, for example transition and increased client needs, have only a part year impact in 2022/23 but a greater financial impact in a full year. Given the stage in the financial year and the uncertainties that remain in relation to the delivery of savings and the transition cohort, the FYE is likely to change as the year progresses.
Mental Health - Care Placements	6,550	Cr 90	A full year underspend of £80k is anticipated on Mental Health care packages, with residential, nursing and supported living placements £107k underspent and domiciliary care and direct payments £27k overspent.
Supporting People	1,070	Cr 94	The full year effect of Supporting People is currently estimated to be a credit of £94k. This is a result of the estimated savings from retendering of the contracts that has taken place.
Children's Social Care	42,257	8,125	The overall full year effect of the Children's Social Care overspend is a net £6,572k, analysed as Residential Care, Fostering and Adoption of £4,918k and on Leaving Care costs of £1,654k.
SEN Transport	6,480	1,139	The current full year effect for SEN Transport - based on the current routes - is £851k. This includes the draw down of £1m
Waste Services	20,463	Cr 800	The previously approved budget increase in respect of increased waste volumes is no longer required resulting in a full year budget reduction of £800k.
Moving Traffic Contraventions	Cr 8,962	1,650	The actual number of PCN's issued in 2022/23 has remained lower than original expectations, which officers believe is due mainly to a reduction in traffic congestion meaning fewer vehicles are contravening yellow box junctions. The full year reduction in income is estimated at c£1m.

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 2022 £000	Service	Income £000	Expenditure £000	Transfers to/(from) Capital £000	Projection as at 31st March 2023 £000
<u>Revenue</u>					
233	Highway Improvement Works	120			353
30	Road Safety Schemes				30
8	Local Economy & Town Centres	-			8
70	Parking	10			80
0	Education	43			43
1,445	Healthcare Services	107			1,552
10	Community Facilities	-			10
443	Other	436			879
2,239		716	0	-	2,955
<u>Capital</u>					
5,078	Education				5,078
20	Highways				20
2,452	Housing				2,452
686	Local Economy & Town Centres				686
0	Other				-
8,236		0	0	-	8,236
10,475		716	0	0	11,191