

GENERAL FUND - PROVISIONAL OUTTURN FOR 2022/23

Portfolio	2022/23 Original Budget	Budget Variations allocated in year #	2022/23 Latest Approved Budget	2022/23 Provisional Outturn	Variation	Variation previously reported
	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000
Adult Care & Health	80,790	50	80,840	80,684	Cr 156	Cr 57
Children, Education & Families (incl. Schools' Budget)	47,565	2,053	49,618	58,365	8,747	8,933
Environment & Community	34,294	1,243	35,537	35,337	Cr 200	Cr 549
Public Protection & Enforcement	2,645	56	2,701	2,709	8	208
Renewal, Recreation & Housing	14,555	1,731	16,286	17,610	1,324	805
Resources, Commissioning & Contracts Management	43,791	1,167	44,958	44,778	Cr 180	343
Total Controllable Budgets	223,640	6,300	229,940	239,483	9,543	9,683
Capital, Insurance & Pensions Costs (see note 2)	11,506	Cr 9,779	1,727	1,727	0	0
Non General Fund Recharges	Cr 1,006	Cr 65	Cr 1,071	Cr 1,071	0	0
Total Portfolios (see note 1)	234,140	Cr 3,544	230,596	240,139	9,543	9,683
Adjustment for Carry forwards from 2022/23 to 2023/24	0	0	0	644	644	0
Reversal of net Capital Charges (see note 2)	Cr 9,878	9,844	Cr 34	0	34	0
	224,262	6,300	230,562	240,783	10,221	9,683
Central Items:						
Income from Investment Properties	Cr 9,276	500	Cr 8,776	Cr 8,709	67	185
Interest on General Fund Balances	Cr 2,841	0	Cr 2,841	Cr 7,520	Cr 4,679	Cr 4,000
Total Investment Income	Cr 12,117	500	Cr 11,617	Cr 16,229	Cr 4,612	Cr 3,815
Contingency Provision (see Appendix 4)	18,208	Cr 11,862	6,346	0	Cr 6,346	Cr 6,946
Other central items						
Utilisation/Set Aside of Prior Year Collection Fund Surplus	0	0	0	0	0	0
New Homes Bonus Support for Revenue	253	0	253	253	0	0
Establishment of social care staffing reserve (Exec 6/10/22)	0	1,700	1,700	1,700	0	0
Establishment of IT procurement reserve (Exec 6/10/22)	0	336	336	336	0	0
Establishment of Legal Reserve (Exec 29/3/23)	0	635	635	635	0	0
Establishment of Education Reserve (Exec 29/3/23)	0	630	630	630	0	0
Establishment of Loneliness Strategy Reserve (Exec 5/7/23)	0	149	149	149	0	0
Establishment of Building Infrastructure Reserve (Exec 5/7/23)	0	2,000	2,000	2,000	0	0
Contribution to Capital Fund Reserve (Exec 5/7/23)	0	0	0	982	982	0
Establishment of Arboriculture Backlog Fund Reserve (Exec 5/7/23)	0	400	400	400	0	0
LRB receipts	0	0	0	Cr 23	Cr 23	0
Levies	1,272	0	1,272	1,272	0	0
Total other central items	1,525	5,850	7,375	8,334	959	0
Carry Forwards from 2022/23 to 2023/24	0	0	0	Cr 644	Cr 644	0
Prior Year Adjustments						
Adult Social Care placements	0	0	0	Cr 145	Cr 145	0
PPE Excess Deaths from Covid 19	0	0	0	Cr 56	Cr 56	0
Central Library NNDR review	0	0	0	145	145	0
Rent Roll bad debt provision	0	0	0	Cr 1,033	Cr 1,033	0
Total Prior Year Adjustments	0	0	0	Cr 1,089	Cr 1,089	0
Total all central items	7,616	Cr 5,512	2,104	Cr 9,628	Cr 11,732	Cr 10,761
Bromley's Requirement before balances	231,878	788	232,666	231,155	Cr 1,511	Cr 1,078
Carry Forwards from 2021/22 (see note 3)	0	Cr 465	Cr 465	0	465	465
Adjustment to Balances	0	0	0	0	0	65
	231,878	323	232,201	231,155	Cr 1,046	Cr 548
Business Rates Retention Scheme (Retained Income, Top-up and S31 Grants)	Cr 42,828	0	Cr 42,828	Cr 42,330	498	0
Business Rate Surplus Levy	0	Cr 323	Cr 323	Cr 323	0	0
New Homes Bonus	Cr 253	0	Cr 253	Cr 253	0	0
One off 2022/23 Services Grant	Cr 2,652	0	Cr 2,652	Cr 2,652	0	0
Council Tax Support - Collection Fund surplus	Cr 2,662	0	Cr 2,662	Cr 2,662	0	0
Funding COVID cost pressures from Earmarked Reserve	Cr 548	0	Cr 548	0	548	548
Collection Fund Surplus	Cr 4,100	0	Cr 4,100	Cr 4,100	0	0
Bromley's Requirement	178,835	0	178,835	178,835	0	0
GLA Precept	52,751	0	52,751	52,751	0	0
Council Tax Requirement	231,586	0	231,586	231,586	0	0

Budget Variations allocated to portfolios in year consists of:

1) Carry forwards from 2021/22	£'000	465	(see note 3)
2) Capital, Insurance and Pension Accounting requirements	Cr	9,844	(see note 2)
3) Allocations from the central contingency provision		5,835	(see Appendix 4)
	Cr	3,544	

1) **NOTES**

Portfolio Final Approved Budgets analysed over Departments as follows:

2022/23 Original Budget	Budget Variations allocated in year #	2022/23 Latest Approved Budget	2022/23 Projected Outturn	Variation	Variation previously reported
£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000

APPENDIX 1

People Department	144,600	1,624	146,224	154,638	8,414	8,728
Place Department	68,466	1,813	70,279	71,169	890	484
Chief Executive's Department	21,074	Cr 6,981	14,093	14,332	239	471
	<u>234,140</u>	<u>Cr 3,544</u>	<u>230,596</u>	<u>240,139</u>	<u>9,543</u>	<u>9,683</u>

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 Director of Adult Social Care

The service has continued to maintain performance on the discharge of patients from hospital although we continue to see a demand for higher costs of placements both due to the acuity of patients and in response to the 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.

The plans put in place to respond to the impact of Winter, have delivered well and have been able to flex to respond to pressure points in the system.

As reported elsewhere in the meeting, we are reaching conclusion on the work to develop the Market Sustainability Plan, This will be discussed with providers over the coming weeks in order that they can fully understand the proposals and the impact on the fees Bromley will be paying in the coming year. Work has begun on the delivery plans for the further transformation savings, in order to assist the Council with balancing its books for next year and onwards.

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. The increase in underspend allows some one off spend within the financial year to address specific pressure points in the adult social care system and will be reflected in the next budget report. I 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 £747k overspend on temporary accommodation, with a £413k 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 however this is becoming increasingly challenging due to the current inflation rises in relation to accommodation costs.

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) Fluctuations 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. The impact of increased utility and maintenance costs is also impacting on tenants of commercial properties and their ability to maintain rental payments.

Comments from the Director of Childrens Services

The Children, Education and Families Portfolio has an overspend of £8,761,000 for the year.

The Education Division has an underspend of £29k.

Transport continues to be a risk area. There are a number of causal factors affecting the position on transport:

An increase in number and complexity of Special Educational Needs and Disabilities as highlighted in this paper

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 3 years. 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 and inflationary market pressures - The reduced availability of drivers and vehicles has resulted in more expensive providers having to be used from the call off framework.

Immediate management action was taken last financial year on the notification of the forecast budget overspend position. The service has implemented the recommendations from the review of SEN transport arrangements undertaken working with a specialist external transport adviser. The service continues to implement the significant mitigation proposals identified as part of the MTFs process, which seek to offset the forecast pressures on SEN Transport. This work is on track, however it will continue to be monitored throughout the year, noting the volatility in the transport market. The predictive work undertaken by our AD Strategic Performance on demand management will continue to inform our budget planning subsequent budget challenge discussions.

There is a current projected overspend in DSG of £5,563k in year. This will be added to the £7,142k carried forward from 2021/22. This gives us an estimated DSG deficit balance of £12,705k into the new financial year. We have met with the DfE and discussed our DSG Deficit Recovery Management Plan. We will be meeting again with representatives from the DfE in the summer to discuss next steps and ways forward

The impact of additional legal duties from the SEND Reforms, has led to unsustainable financial pressures on High Needs costs within the DSG. The recent increases in Government funding are not sufficient to meet the increased costs. We are aware that Bromley was 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 2022 calendar year, 413 new EHCPs were issued, up from 274 in 2018, however less than 476 in 2021. We have sought to commission additional local specialist provision, including a new special free school due to open in 2024, but need still outstrips the capacity of specialist provision and the legal framework and tribunal challenges are such that we often have no choice but to continue funding costly independent provision to ensure we meet our statutory duties.

A range of transformation work is underway to address the pressures currently faced by the Bromley SEND system, including the introduction of new EHC Needs Assessment Guidance, publication of a Ordinarily Available Provision expected to be in place within every school and setting and a transformation of services to focus on earlier intervention. An example of this is the introduction of Funded Improvement Plans, which provide a mechanism to provide access to time-limited support for children with SEN, without the need for an EHCP. There are early signs that the growth in requests for statutory assessment, seen over recent years, has been reversed in 2023. The position will be closely monitored over the remainder of the year.

A review of High Needs Funding and SEN Estates is nearing conclusion, with oversight from the SEND Governance Board and CEF PDS. This is considering the opportunities for creating additional local provision, how the funding bands can be simplified and identifying 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 £8,790k.

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.

E&C CO Comments

Over the year we have seen the vast majority of services return to what we would describe as pre Covid levels with perhaps exceptions in areas such as Parking, where the volume of parking continues to be a challenge and in areas such as street trading. It may well be the case that these service areas off the back of Covid are now affected by the wider economic challenges affecting the UK and therefore recovery in these areas will be slower than originally anticipated.

The weather over the last year impacted heavily on service delivery with the hottest summer on record impacting on a range of front-line operations and then, albeit a short but very cold winter spell that again disrupted front line operations.

- Although Parking enforcement activity had largely returned to pre-Covid levels, staffing issues had an
- Income from other fees and charges is also affected across all services to some degree with marked
- The trend in the reduction in waste volumes has continued with waste officers confirming that waste

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

There is still some uncertainty with regard to TFL funding. Limited short-term grant was allocated during 2021/22 which resulted in some unfunded staffing costs as well as impacting on projects that could be delivered. Whilst some limited funding has been provided for 2023/24, the longer-term funding of either staff costs or projects remains challenging.

PPE CO Comments

The Public Protection and Enforcement service maintained a stable position throughout 2022-23, the key pressure being the Mortuary and Coroners service, which will be reporting a £220k overspend for the year.

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

Growth has been secured for this service for the forthcoming year however, any high-profile inquests or significant increase in volume of cases could increase the cost of the coroner's service. There is also still some uncertainty regarding the coroner's core costs in future years.

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	23,195	23,554	359	1	174	3,102
117	Direct Services	86	87	118	31	2	0	0
1,779	Quality Assurance & Safeguarding	1,930	2,509	2,334	Cr 175	3	Cr 239	0
39,170	Learning Disabilities	43,583	43,831	43,807	Cr 24	4	57	1,313
8,380	Mental Health	8,198	8,704	8,650	Cr 54	5	Cr 25	242
885	Placement and Brokerage	914	918	907	Cr 11	6	0	0
Cr 312	Better Care Fund - Protection of Social Care	0	0	Cr 255	Cr 255		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		79,184	79,244	79,115	Cr 129		Cr 33	4,657
Integrated Commissioning Service								
1,222	Integrated Commissioning Service	1,336	1,326	1,299	Cr 27	7	Cr 24	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	8	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	9	0	0
Cr 10,050	- Income	Cr 7,503	Cr 10,327	Cr 10,327	0		0	0
1,196		1,316	1,306	1,279	Cr 27		Cr 24	0
Public Health								
15,197	Public Health	15,475	16,166	16,166	0		0	0
Cr 15,325	Public Health - Grant Income	Cr 15,185	Cr 15,876	Cr 15,876	0		0	0
Cr 128		290	290	290	0		0	0
73,891	TOTAL CONTROLLABLE ADULT CARE & HEALTH	80,790	80,840	80,684	Cr 156		Cr 57	4,657
2,602	TOTAL NON CONTROLLABLE	434	421	421	0		0	0
5,249	TOTAL EXCLUDED RECHARGES	3,489	4,092	4,092	0		0	0
81,742	TOTAL ADULT CARE & HEALTH PORTFOLIO	84,713	85,353	85,197	Cr 156		Cr 57	4,657

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
Additional Winter Pressures Funding		
- expenditure		2,314
- income	Cr	2,314
Grant to Streamline Local Authority Adult Social Care Assessments		
- expenditure		130
- income	Cr	130
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
Merit Awards		82
Memorandum Items:		
Capital Charges	Cr	201
Insurance		71
Repairs & Maintenance	Cr	22
IAS19 (FRS17)		
Rent income		48
Excluded Recharges		603
Latest Approved Budget for 2022/23		<u>85,353</u>

1. Assessment and Care Management - Dr £359k

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	969
- Placements (discharge packages)	1,332
- Domiciliary Care / Direct Payments	1,115
- Domiciliary Care (discharge packages)	1,814
- CCG funding for discharge packages	Cr 3,308
- Additional CCG Funding (Winter Funds)	Cr 975
- Discharge Fund	Cr 681
Increase in Credit Loss Allowance Provision	87
	<u>353</u>
Services for 18-64	
- Placements	712
- Domiciliary Care / Direct Payments	460
	<u>1,172</u>
Other	
- Staffing	121
- Extra Care Housing	Cr 410
- Day Care	Cr 153
- Adult Transport	Cr 306
- D2A	Cr 470
- Other	52
	<u>Cr 1,166</u>
	<u><u>359</u></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 £353k

Numbers in residential and nursing care (excluding those on the hospital discharge pathway) have been below budget during the year. There is however an overspend of £662k on this budget at year end mainly due to additional 1:1 packages needed for some service users and placements having to be made to some homes that were above the council's guide rates.

The number of emergency and temporary placements was above the budget provision, resulting in an overspend of £367k for the year. Respite care underspent by £60k.

The overall position on the domiciliary care and direct payments budgets is a final overspend of £1,115k. Domiciliary care overspent by £897k and direct payments overspent by £218k.

Discharges from hospital are now following a revised pathway in unison with health. The cost of the short term care home placements following discharge was £1,332k, and domiciliary care packages at £1,814k. 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. Further funding from SELICB was also recently agreed from Winter Funds of £975k.

The Government also recently announced additional funding for the discharge of patients from acute beds to improve patient care and systems flow. Of the amount allocated to Bromley, £681k was utilised further offsetting the costs.

The provision for potential bad debts has been reviewed at year end, resulting in an increase required to the reserve of £87k, which is met from the revenue budget.

As part of the 2022/23 budget setting, savings of £229k were included in the division and at year end this had been fully achieved.

Services for 18-64+ - Dr £1,172k

Placements for the 18-64 age group overspent by £712k. Regular placements overspent by £460k, whilst emergency placements overspent by £261k.

There was a minor underspend on respite care of £9k.

The overall position on the domiciliary care and direct payments budgets is an overspend of £460k. Domiciliary care overspent by £157k and direct payments by £303k.

Staffing - £121k

Analysis of the staffing budget for Assessment & Care Management shows a final overspend of £121k on non-externally funded posts.

Extra Care Housing - Cr £410k

The hours being delivered in the Extra Care Housing units have continued to remain at the minimum level all year, resulting in an underspend. 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, leading to an increase in the underspend during the year.

Day Care Services - Cr £153k

Day care services for older people at centres continue to remain at the lower levels seen post covid. Conversely there has been a greater take up of the Respite at Home service.

Transport - Cr £306k

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 a final underspend of £306k is reported on the budget.

Discharge to Assess - Cr £470k

The budget for packages under the D2A service is currently not being utilised due to the other funding streams the council is receiving for these services as mentioned above. An underspend is therefore reported here based on the budget for discharge packages within this service.

Other - £52k

Minor under and overspends across assessment and care management during the year has resulted in a £52k overspend at year end.

2. Direct Services - Dr £31k

Carelink - Dr £31k

Income to the Carelink service underachieved by £90k during the year. This was offset by an underspend on staffing of £14k and an underspend on supplies and services of £45k.

3. Quality Assurance & Safeguarding - Cr £175k

Community / Deprivation of Liberty Safeguards (CDoLS / DoLS) - Cr £238k

The combined budget for DoLS assessments has ended the year with an underspend of £238k.

Staffing - Dr £63k

Staffing across the teams within the service has overspent by £63k.

4. Learning Disabilities - Cr £24k

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.

The final outturn was an underspend of £24k; a relatively small reduction from the £57k overspend reported for the third quarter budget monitoring. The main reasons for this are the underachievement of planned savings (£271k), the majority of which relates to increasing uptake in Shared Lives, and an overspend on care packages (£360k), mainly Direct Payments and emergency placements. As has been previously reported, the Shared Lives project was delayed due to extenuating circumstances, however additional staff have now been recruited, and additional carers are currently being assessed.

The overspends above were offset by underspends on day and respite services (£485k), staffing (£129k), equipment (£24k) and transport (£13k).

5. Mental Health - Cr £54k

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 the 65+ age group overspent by £309k this year. Of this amount £60k related to emergency placements.

The overall position on the domiciliary care and direct payments budgets is a final overspend of £4k. Domiciliary care overspent by £91k and direct payments underspent by £87k.

Placements for the 18-64 age group underspent by £399k this year. Within this amount there was an overspend of £198k relating to emergency placements,

The overall position on the domiciliary care and direct payments budgets is a final overspend of £107k. Domiciliary care overspent by £70k and direct payments overspent by £37k.

Savings of £306k were included in the 2022/23 budget for Mental Health, £258k of this amount has been achieved for the year.

Staffing underspent by £68k, relating to the recruitment and retention budget, transports costs were £15k underspent and various other minor budgets underspent by £40k

6. Placement & Brokerage - Cr £11k

The Placement and Brokerage team had a final underspend of £11k, split £7k on staff transport costs and £4k on supplies and services budgets.

7. Integrated Commissioning Service - Cr £27k

A underspend of £27k has arisen in Integrated Commissioning on staffing budgets due to vacancies and miscellaneous supplies and services.

8. 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. This has been allocated for hospital discharge care packages.

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

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

	£'000
2021/22 IBCF allocation - recurrent	4,863
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>10,327</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. This has been allocated to help offset cost pressures in the portfolio, and is assumed in the figures above.

Some of the remaining funding earmarked for spending in 2022/23 was not spent and, in line with the original IBCF report to the Executive in October 2017, underspends can be carried forward to support expenditure in future years. Carry forward approval is sought for £1,911k, of which £400k has been allocated to mitigate growth pressures in the 2023/24 budget.

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, 31 waivers for Adult placements have been agreed for between £50k and £100k and 11 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 394	Cr 347	47	1	80	0
694	Schools and Early Years Commissioning & QA	747	779	576	Cr 203	2	60	0
2,612	SEN and Inclusion	2,365	2,383	2,771	388	3	287	0
99	Strategic Place Planning	43	43	100	57	4	0	0
49	Workforce Development & Governor Services	Cr 24	Cr 23	17	40	5	1	0
6,975	Access & Inclusion	6,781	7,800	7,516	Cr 284	6	6	871
-1,446	Schools Budgets	Cr 3,067	Cr 3,083	Cr 3,083	0	9	0	0
25	Other Strategic Functions	318	316	196	Cr 120	7	Cr 300	0
-10	Central School Costs	Cr 36	Cr 41	9	32	8	0	0
8,537		6,689	7,780	7,737	Cr 43		134	871
	Children's Social Care							
1,774	Bromley Youth Support Programme	1,732	1,822	1,865	43		Cr 24	0
676	Early Intervention and Family Support	1,342	1,415	1,260	Cr 155		117	0
8,150	CLA and Care Leavers	8,280	8,285	10,034	1,749		1,753	2,232
17,854	Fostering, Adoption and Resources	18,400	18,429	22,121	3,692		3,348	5,500
3,552	0-25 Children Service (Disability Services)	3,603	3,604	5,184	1,580	10	1,869	0
4,358	Referral and Assessment Service	4,202	4,656	5,073	417		826	0
3,908	Safeguarding and Care Planning East	3,012	3,715	4,582	867		305	0
2,779	Safeguarding and Care Planning West	2,389	2,425	2,998	573		99	0
Cr 980	Safeguarding and Quality Improvement	Cr 2,084	Cr 2,513	Cr 2,489	24		506	0
42,071		40,876	41,838	50,628	8,790		8,799	7,732
50,608	TOTAL CONTROLLABLE FOR EDUCATION, CHILDREN & FAMILIES	47,565	49,618	58,365	8,747		8,933	8,603
	Total Non-Controllable	1,594	129	129	0		0	0
	Total Excluded Recharges	10,790	11,182	11,182	0		0	0
50,608	TOTAL EDUCATION, CHILDREN & FAMILIES PORTFOLIO	59,949	60,929	69,676	8,747		8,933	8,603
	Memorandum Item							
	Sold Services							
	Education Psychology Service (RSG Funded)	Cr 94	Cr 94	578	672		668	0
	Education Welfare Service (RSG Funded)	Cr 18	Cr 17	10	27		40	0
	Workforce Development (DSG/RSG Funded)	Cr 30	Cr 29	17	46		1	0
	Community Vision Nursery (RSG Funded)	64	79	Cr 6	Cr 85		1	0
	Blenheim Nursery (RSG Funded)	98	113	169	56		108	0
0	Total Sold Services	20	52	768	716		818	0

Reconciliation of Latest Approved Budget

Original Budget 2022/23 **£'000**
59,949

Contingency:

Additional social workers re caseloads	700
Temporary increase in CIN social workers	250
SEN Transport	1,000

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
Asylum Grant	
- expenditure	129
- income	Cr 129
VAWG Services	Cr 64
Step Up to Social Work transferred to HR	

- expenditure	Cr	900
- income		900
Draw Down from Health Reserve - No 2		
- expenditure		500
- income	Cr	500
Energy Budget Adjustment		187
Merit Awards		74
Controllable Insurance	Cr	6
Movement of Recharge from Controllable to Non-Controllable	Cr	63
Movement of Recharge from Controllable to Non-Controllable		63
Memorandum Items:		
Capital Charges	Cr	1,279
Insurance	Cr	74
Repairs & Maintenance	Cr	89
Rent income	Cr	22
Excluded Recharges		335
Latest Approved Budget for 2022/23		<u>60,929</u>

REASONS FOR VARIATIONS

1. Adult Education - Dr £47k

The Adult Education service is currently projecting to overspend by £47k. This is due to underspends on staffing of £24k and running costs of 48k. These are being offset by lower levels of income generation of £119k.

2. Schools and Early Years Commissioning & QA - Cr £203k

The in-house nurseries have had issues with staffing levels that have led to a reorganisation of the service. This has resulted in a staffing underspend across the two nurseries of £299k, lower income levels of £295k and an underspend of £25k on running costs. Once these figures are netted off, it leaves a net underspend of £29k.

Across the rest of the service there is a total of £174k underspend. This is made from a £56k underspend on staffing and £72k on running costs. Additionally there are higher than budgeted income levels of £46k.

3. SEN and Inclusion - Dr £388k

The staffing in this area is currently forecasting an underspend of £50k and additional Income £214k. This is offset by an overspend of £159k 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 £179k and the Trading Service they offer to the Schools to be overspent by £672k due to the use of expensive agency staff and a new contract to help reduce the backlog within the service. This is a net overspend of £493k.

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

4. Strategic Place Planning - Dr £57k

The overspend of £57k in this area is made up of a £63k overspend on staffing and associated recharges and an underspend on running costs of £6k.

5. Workforce Development & Governor Services - Dr £40k

The £40k overspend is made up of lower income levels generated of £18k and the remaining £22k is mostly related to running costs.

6. Access & Inclusion - Cr £284k

The Education Welfare Service Trading Account has lower levels of income generation of £27k due to the loss of a number of school contracts.

In the area they are predicting to overspend on staffing by £34k and on running costs of £31k.

SEN Transport is underspent by £376k during the year. This is due to reduced costs of £276k related to the cost of providing the service and costs associated with COVID not materialising. This is then offset by forecasted underspends on staffing (£128k), under collection of income of £106k and underspends on the remaining running costs (£78k). These figures take into account the drawdown from the reserves of £1,000k.

7. Other Strategic Functions - Cr £120k

There is area underspend of £104k. This is split out by as an overspend of £95k on staffing and an underspend of £224k on running costs.

8. Central School Costs - Dr £32k

The £32k overspend is mostly down to the under collection of income.

9. 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 £5,563k. This will be added to the £7,142k carried forward in the reserves from 2021/22. This gives us an estimated DSG reserve deficit of £12,705k at the end of the financial year.

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

There is an underspend of £74k in the Primary Support Team. This is mainly due to underspends in staffing budgets.

The Home and Hospital service overspent by £56k during the year. The use of agency tutors to support the higher number of students the service is supporting caused a £153k overspend which was offset by an underspend of £174k on staffing. There are also overspends on other running costs of £25k and lower levels of income collection of £52k.

The free early years provision for 2 years and 3 & 4 Years old (universal and additional hours) in total overspent by £1.621k for this financial year. There was also a £77k overspend on the other running cost and income collection.

The Inclusion and Behaviour service has an underspend of £28k at year end. The reasons for this are an underspend on staffing of £42k and on running costs of £85k. This is offset by lower levels of income generation of £99k

The Admissions Service has overspent by £41k and this is down to an underspend in staffing of £75k and £17k on running costs. This is then offset by lower levels of income generation of £51k.

The Education Welfare Statutory Service has a net underspend of £23k. This is due to an underspend on staffing of £47k, lower levels of income generation of £32k and an underspend on running costs of £8k.

At year end the Place Planning budget was underspent by £56k, of which £48k related to staffing and £8k on running costs.

The SEN placement budget is projected to overspend £5,254 with the main pressure coming the Independent school placements, with additional pressure coming from matrix funding and direct payments. Some of this pressure is being offset by additional grant that has been received in year

SEN Support for clients in Further Education Colleges is currently expected to underspend by £732k this year. This is due to the number and cost of placing clients with Independent providers.

The SENIF budget underspent by £154k on the payments made to providers to support SEN children during the year.

The Darrick Wood Hearing Unit, Early Years SEN Advisory Team and other general staffing budgets in SEN underspent by a total of £348k. Most of the underspend relates to lower than expected staffing costs.

There is also a total small balance of net off to £11k.

	Variations £'000	High Needs £'000	Schools £'000	Early Years £'000	Central £'000
Primary Support Team	-74	0	0	0	-74
Home & Hospital	56	56	0	0	0
Inclusion and Behaviour	-28	-28	0	0	0
Early years settings	1,698	0	0	1,698	0
Admissions	-41	0	0	0	-41
Education Welfare	-23	0	0	0	-23
Place Planning	-56	0	0	0	-56
Other Small Balances	11	4	0	-1	8
SEN:					
- Placements	5,254	5,254	0	0	0
- Support in FE colleges	-732	-732	0	0	0
- Darrick Wood Hearing Unit	-44	-44	0	0	0
- High Needs Pre-school Service	-49	-49	0	0	0
- SENIF	-154	-154	0	0	0
- SEN General	-255	-255	0	0	0
Total	5,563	4,052	0	1,697	-186

10. Children's Social Care - Dr £8,790k

The final budget variation for the Children's Social Care Division is an overspend of £8,790k (previously £8,799k). 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 £43k

The BYSP budget has overspent during the year by £43k. This is due to an overspend of £48k in staffing and in running costs of £79k. This is then offset by higher than budgeted income levels of £84k.

Early Intervention and Family Support - Cr £155k

This budget has been underspent by £155k this year. This is due to lower income levels being generated of £51k which is offset by underspends in staffing of £82k and running costs of £124k.

CLA and Care Leavers - Dr £1,749k

The service has overspent by £1,749k. This is due to an overspend in staffing of £40k, higher levels of grant collections of £557k and £1,103k overspend on running costs. There is currently forecast to be an additional overspend on placement costs in this service of £1,163k.

Fostering, Adoption and Resources - Dr £3,692k

The budget for children's placements is currently projected to overspend by £3,229k this year. This amount is analysed by placement type below.

- Community Home's / Community Home's with Education - Dr £2,156k (Dr £1.682k)

- Boarding Schools - Dr £166k (Dr £54k)
- Secure Placement - Dr £344k (Dr £135k)
- Fostering services (IFA's) - Dr £477k (Dr £911k)
- Fostering services (In-house, including SGO's and Kinship) - Dr £161k (Dr £132k)
- Adoption placements - Cr £63k (Cr £79k)
- Outreach Services - Dr £440k (Dr £854k)
- Remand Costs - Cr £497k (Dr £0)
- Transport Costs - Dr £45k (Cr £73k)

There is a one off £400k Health funding that is off-setting some of the pressures of the Children's Placements for this year.

Additionally there are overspends in running cost of £831k, Staffing costs of £11k and lower income levels of £21k.

0-25 Children Service (Disability Services) - Dr £1,580k

Services for Children with Disabilities has overspent by £1,580k this year. This is made up of an overspend on placement / outreach services of £1,525k, staffing of £45k and other running costs of £83k. To offset this there is an over collection of income of £73k.

Referral and Assessment Service - Dr £417k

The main projected variance relates to services is a projected overspend on staffing of £375k and this is being offset by an underspend in running costs of £32k. The remaining £74k in running costs relates to No Recourse to Public Funds (NRPF) clients.

Safeguarding and Care Planning East - Dr £867k

The budget in this area has an overspend of £867k. This is due to overspends on PLO cases of £662k, general running costs of £205k and staffing overspends of £11k. this is offset by additional income generated of £11k

Safeguarding and Care Planning West- Dr £573k

This area has overspent by £573k due to a staffing overspend of £322k and additional running costs of £262k. This has been partially offset by additional income of £11k.

Safeguarding and Quality Improvement - Dr £24k

This area has overspent by £24k mainly relates to staffing (£357k). This has been offset by an underspend in running costs of £319k in running costs and £14k additional income.

11. 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 10 waivers agreed for placements of between £50k and £100k, 1 between £100k and £150k, 1 between £150k and £200k and 6 for a value of over £200k.

Virements Approved to date under Director's Delegated Powers

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

Environment & Community Portfolio Budget Monitoring Summary

2021/22 Actuals	Service Areas	2022/23 Original Budget	2022/23 Latest Approved	2022/23 Outturn	Variation	Notes	Variation Last Reported	Full Year Effect
£'000		£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000		£'000	£'000
	ENVIRONMENT & COMMUNITY PORTFOLIO							
	Street Scene & Green Spaces							
1,082	Arboriculture Management	757	772	1,151	379	1	185	0
-164	Business Support and Markets	-64	-5	92	97	2	148	0
200	Senior Management	1,134	1,250	1,189	-61	3	0	0
1,417	Performance Management and Business Support	439	209	211	2		0	0
6,039	Parks and Green Spaces	6,073	6,350	6,439	89	4	85	0
0	Carbon Management	0	107	79	-28	5	0	0
18,582	Waste Services	19,654	19,195	18,503	-692	6	-1,080	0
5,789	Neighbourhood	6,223	6,572	6,491	-81	7	0	0
32,945		34,216	34,450	34,155	-295		-662	0
	Transport Operations and Depot							
504	Transport Operations and Depot Management	594	654	552	-102	8	0	0
504		594	654	552	-102		0	0
	Traffic, Parking and Highways							
248	Traffic & Road Safety	133	145	-140	-285	9	-179	0
-6,967	Parking	-9,462	-8,950	-8,209	741	10-17	488	0
6,072	Highways (including London Permit Scheme)	8,813	9,238	8,979	-259	18	-196	0
-647		-516	433	630	197		113	0
32,802	TOTAL CONTROLLABLE	34,294	35,537	35,337	-200		-549	0
2,630	TOTAL NON-CONTROLLABLE	6,689	1,673	1,673	0		0	0
2,449	TOTAL EXCLUDED RECHARGES	2,336	2,284	2,284	0		0	0
37,881	PORTFOLIO TOTAL	43,319	39,494	39,294	-200		-549	0

Reconciliation of Latest Approved Budget

£'000

Original Budget 2022/23

43,319

Carry Forward Requests approved from 2021/22

Central Contingency Adjustments

Electricity budget adjustments

Parks	168	
Business Support and Markets	17	
Highways	425	
Transport Op and Depot Management	60	
Parking	9	
Merit Awards		
Performance Management and Business Support	2	
Business Support and Markets	1	
Traffic and Road Safety (12 traffic, 3 Parking)	15	
Waste	3	
Reductions		
Reduction of Waste budgets	-1,000	
Contract Inflation		
Waste Collection & Disposal	810	
Neighbourhood	107	
Parks Management & Grounds Maintenance	153	
Arboricultural Services	14	784

Parking income 500

Restructure Street Scene and Green Spaces

Arboriculture	1
Markets	41
Performance Management and Business Support	-232
Parks	-44
Neighbourhoods Restructure	242
Waste Restructure	-272
Carbon Management	147
Senior Management	117

Other Provision for agency workers contract savings -23

Adj to NI budget following reversal of 2022-23 increase in November	-17	
Non-Controllable		
Support Services	-53	
Premises related	15	
Insurance	48	
Capital Charges	-5,192	
Rent & commercial income	34	
Parks and Green Spaces restructure	80	
Latest Approved Budget for 2022/23	<u>39,494</u>	0

REASONS FOR VARIATIONS

1. Arboriculture Management £379k

There is a total of £12k overspend on staffing salaries which has arisen as a result of a higher than anticipated inflationary uplift on posts funded through the earmarked reserve for the Tremendous project.

There is a total overspend of £367k on tree maintenance which has arisen as a result of works being instructed following cyclical inspections of trees in the borough, with works necessary to manage risk in relation to health and safety and potential future insurance claims. Historically, there have been in-year overspends of between £200 – £300k. A total of £522k was drawn down from reserves for the Tree planting project. The variation from Q3 of £194k is fully related to the tree planting project.

2. Business Support & Markets Dr £97k

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 net impact on the Council this year remains a net loss of £127k. January 2023 fees are down slightly on comparable years, while always subdued in January, the strong retail headwinds may mean traders are less keen to resume their full trading bookings as early in the year as normal and we may see the depressed income continue in February and March.

Skip licenses have underachieved the annual budget by £8k as currently the skip numbers are down on previous comparable years. The licenses are strongly connected to general building works and home improvements. Such projects are either reduced or postponed due to the current economic situation (cost of living and increased building supplies costs). Cleaning costs for Bromley market overspent by £2k and security by £18k.

There is an underspend on employee expenses of £15k. A £45k underspend declared on the staff advertising and the assembly and disassembly of markets, as number of stalls is reduced.

3. Senior Management Cr £61k

The service incurred an underspend of £61k on the employee related expenses. This is due to existing vacancies that could not be filled throughout the financial year.

4. Parks and Green Spaces, Dr 89k

A total of £38k has been spent on countryside stewardship, with this due to be reimbursed by the Rural Payments Agency. £24k was incurred as a result of the safety measures taken following the urgent removal of floodlights in Crystal Palace Park by the Greater London Authority; this is due to be reimbursed.

An overspend of £10k has been incurred for pest control in parks. This was previously delivered as a benefit of a concessionary arrangement with a provider which was decommissioned in 2022.

An overspend of £13k relates to ecological oversight required for improvements at Scadbury Park.

5. Carbon Management Cr £28k

The service incurred an underspend of £28k on the employee related expenses. This is due to existing vacancies that could not be filled throughout the financial year.

6. Waste Services Cr £692k

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.

The bulk of the underspends in Waste comes from the Contract Incentive Payment related to recyclates pricing adjustment that Veolia offered to the Council for a total of £625k. Other underspends in the service are recorded on the ICT Software and Maintenance and membership subscriptions lines, a total of £67k.

7. Neighbourhood Services Cr £81k

The service underspent £47k on employee related expenses, as staff vacancies could not be filled during the year. The income generated from the Environmental Penalty Charge Notices overachieved the budget by £34k.

8. Transport Operations and Depot Management Cr £102k

The service incurred underspends on employee related costs due to vacancies that could not be filled during the year (£65k) and £42k underspends on premises related expenditure (cleaning services, security of premises, tenant maintenance costs).

9. Traffic & Road Safety Cr £285k

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

Total income overachieved by the service in 22-23 is £214k. Advertising income from JD Decaux overachieved the budget by £62k. Similarly for Road Closure Charges (Temporary Traffic Orders), the income levels were maintained as in the previous two financial years, the budget overachieved by £138k with Other Fees and Charges overachieving by £14k. Other budgets that incurred underspends are on the employee related costs.

Parking, Dr £741k

Summary of variations within Parking	Total £'000	
Car Parks	162	
On Street	-240	
RingGo fees	-231	
Parking fees total:		-309
Enforcement PCNs issued by CEOs	-97	
Moving Traffic Contraventions (MTCs)	1,652	
Bus Lanes	312	
School keep clear markings	-77	
Enforcement total:		1,790
Parking Shared Services	-288	
Traffic committee	-46	
Central Contingency	-500	
Other variations, incl. Permits	94	
Total variations	741	

10a. Car Parks (off street and multistorey car parks) Dr £162k

In recent years there has been a marked change in the use of vehicles for trips to town centres and for commuting. This has had an impact on the use of off-street car parking spaces, resulting in a lower income to the Council. There is an improvement from Q3 by £153k.

10b. On Street Car Parks Cr £240k

On street parking income has overachieved the budget by £240k, an improvement of £230k from Q3.

10c. Ringo Fees, Cr £231k

The amount that the Council receives from RingGo fees continued to be buoyant into the fourth quarter 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 £231k.

Car Parking Enforcement Dr 1790k (see breakdown below)

10d. Enforcement PCNs by CEOs, Cr £97k

Based on activity levels in the year to date, particularly in the third quarter to December, there is an income overachievement of £97k from PCN's issued by enforcement officers. This is an unfavourable variation of £227k from the Q3 projections.

10e. Moving Traffic Contraventions (MTCs), Dr £1652, was dr £1,600k

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 changes in traffic patterns post Covid-19 pandemic, alongside the Borough's fair approach to enforcement. The final shortfall for the year is £1,652k.

10f. Bus Lanes, Dr £312k

As has been reported previously, compliance of Bus Lanes continues to improve and therefore this income budget underachieved by £312k this year, this is a worsening of the position from last year.

10g. Schools keep clear markings and Bus Stops, Cr£77k

There is an overachievement of £77k from this budget due to a new camera at a bus stop that had a known enforcement problem and was causing problems to the bus network.

10h. Parking Shared Service Cr £288k

The final position is an underspend of £288k 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. Officers plan to recruit to some of these posts in 2023/24.

10i. Traffic Committee for London fees Cr £46k

There is an underspend of £46k on this budget in 2022/23, a similar figure to the 2021-2022 financial year.

10j. Central Contingency Cr £500k

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 in October, this amount has now been drawn down to the Parking income budget

11. Highways, including London Permit Scheme Cr £259k

The Highways service is underspending by £259k, an improvement from Q3 by £174k. The underspends include a carry forward of £245k that will be utilised in 2023-2024 for Highways Maintenance.

Highways are overachieving on income lines by £255k in areas such as Inspection Fees, Section 74 Notices, Fixed Penalty Notices. The service is also underspending on employee expenses.

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	479	483	4	1	14	0
161	Emergency Planning	146	148	152	4	2	10	0
548	Mortuary & Coroners Service	603	603	823	220	3	184	0
1,466	Public Protection	1,469	1,471	1,251	-220	4	0	0
2,546	TOTAL CONTROLLABLE	2,645	2,701	2,709	8		208	0
617	TOTAL NON CONTROLLABLE	6	3	3	0		0	0
836	TOTAL EXCLUDED RECHARGES	811	950	950	0		0	0
3,999	PORTFOLIO TOTAL	3,462	3,654	3,662	8		208	0

Reconciliation of Latest Approved Budget

£'000

Original Budget 2022/23

3,462

Carry Forward Requests approved from 2021/22

Central Contingency Adjustments

Electricity budget adjustment

1

Merit Awards (2 EP, 4 CS, 1 PP)

7

8

Other

Provision for agency workers contract savings

-8

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

-8

Domestic Abuse team moved from CHN services

64

Non-controllable

-3

Excluded Recharges

139

184

Latest Approved Budget for 2022/23

3,654

REASONS FOR VARIATIONS

1. Community Safety Dr £4k

There is a projected overspend of £18k in the costs of the Community Safety & Management Team, partially offset by a small underspend on the Nuisance & ASB Team.

2. Emergency Planning Dr £4k

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

3. Mortuary & Coroners Service Dr £220k

Major renovations to the mortuary facilities at the Princess Royal University Hospital continue 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. Further to this, there has been higher than anticipated demand on the service and higher than expected inflationary increases to service fees.

3. Public Protection Cr £220k

In Public Protection, the service underspend £50k on employee expenses due to positions remaining vacant. The service overachieved on the Licenses fees for Houses in Multiple Occupation (HMOs) by £165k, with requests to carry forward £78k of the income to be used in 2023-2024 waiting to be approved. Another forward request for £61k represents two confiscation orders that will be used to finance Trading Standards project work in 2023-2024.

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	227	137	1	213	0
Cr 128	Land Charges	Cr 126	Cr 126	Cr 63	63	2	64	0
1,707	Planning	1,493	1,690	1,823	133	3	100	0
	Building Control and Land Charges transfer of in-year deficit to reserves	0	0	Cr 200	Cr 200		0	0
1,678		1,457	1,654	1,787	133		377	0
	Culture & Regeneration							
908	Culture	883	1,259	1,384	125		15	0
4,649	Libraries	4,873	5,672	5,570	Cr 102		0	0
23	Town Centre Management	80	112	87	Cr 25		0	0
5,580		5,836	7,043	7,041	Cr 2	4	15	0
	Operational Housing							
1,314	Housing Strategy, Advice and Enabling	1,460	1,304	1,276	Cr 28	5	51	0
Cr 1,089	Housing Benefits	Cr 1,539	Cr 1,539	Cr 1,502	37	6	0	0
Cr 175	Housing Improvement	Cr 30	Cr 31	Cr 54	Cr 23	7	Cr 43	0
6,406	Allocations and Accommodation	4,295	5,088	7,046	1,958	8	893	288
877	Supporting People	1,070	1,044	921	Cr 123	9	Cr 102	Cr 94
1,488	Housing Options and Support	2,006	1,723	1,095	Cr 628	10	Cr 386	0
8,821		7,262	7,589	8,782	1,193		413	194
16,079	Total Controllable	14,555	16,286	17,610	1,324		805	194
2,141	TOTAL NON CONTROLLABLE	Cr 883	Cr 412	Cr 412	0		0	0
5,555	TOTAL EXCLUDED RECHARGES	5,574	5,691	5,691	0		0	0
23,775	TOTAL RR & H PORTFOLIO TOTAL	19,246	21,565	22,889	1,324		805	194

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
Homes for Ukraine expenditure		7,182
Homes for Ukraine grant	Cr	7,182

Homeless Prevention Initiatives expenditure		883	
Homeless Prevention Initiatives grant	Cr	883	
Domestic Abuse Act - new burdens 2021/22 cf		48	
Domestic Abuse Act - new burdens 2021/22 cf	Cr	48	
Domestic Abuse Act - new burdens 2022/23		33	
Domestic Abuse Act - new burdens 2022/23	Cr	33	
Other			
Local Plan Review funded from Growth Fund			
- expenditure		600	
- income	Cr	600	
R&M Planned Maintenance adjustment		73	
Rent income	Cr	11	
Insurance	Cr	11	
Excluded Recharges		537	
Adj to NI budget following reversal of 2022-23 increase in November	Cr	31	
Merit Awards allocation from contingency		55	
Energy cost pressure allocation from contingency (Libraries)		230	
Energy cost pressure allocation from contingency		329	
Latest Approved Budget for 2022/23		<u><u>21,565</u></u>	0

REASONS FOR VARIATIONS

1. Building Control Dr £137k

For the chargeable service, there has been an income deficit of £85k for 2022/23. 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, which is helping to increase income and has reduced the shortfall by £185k compared to the Q2 forecast. There was a £44k overspend on the salaries budget, mainly due to use of agency staff to cover vacancies, and a £8k underspend on supplies and services. 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 there is now a total deficit balance of £159k to recover from income in future years

2. Land Charges Dr £63k

There has been a £63k shortfall of land charges income compared to budget, due to reduced activity over the course of the year.

3. Planning Dr £133k

There has been a £206k shortfall of planning fee income compared to budget, as receipts over the course of the 2022/23 financial year have been significantly lower than last year. There are, however, underspends on supplies and services, which reduces the net overspend to £133k.

4. Culture & Regeneration Cr £2k

There has been an overspend on project related salaries, offset by underspends elsewhere within the Culture and Regeneration Division, including a rebate of £48k for library business rates was received late in the year

5. Housing Strategy, Advice and Enabling Cr £28k

In 2022-23 there were underspends on the some of the contracts within the service and an overspend on salaries of £9k.

6. Housing Benefit Dr £37k

There is a small overall overspend on the Housing Benefit cost centre.

7. Housing Improvement Cr £23k

In year vacancies during a period of recruitment resulted in an underspend of £23k.

8. Allocations and Accommodation Dr £1,958k

There was a total overspend of £1,551k on the provision of Temporary Accommodation for 2022-23. At the end of the financial year, the number of households in Temporary Accommodation was 1,062, at an average cost of £7,650 per household per annum. Whilst the numbers of households in Temporary Accommodation have fallen from an April high of over 1,100, the numbers have not reduced at the rate hoped for with the progression of the transformation programme. Overall TA numbers supported by LBB have risen as have the annual average costs which continues to impact on this budget. The 2022-23 outturn figure is after allowing for the Homeless Prevention Initiatives allocation in contingency and exceptional winter top up of the Homelessness Prevention Grant totalling £883k which were draw down in the previous Budget Monitoring cycle.

These figures exclude other schemes like More Homes Bromley, Orchard & Shipman, ex-residential care homes, and the Bromley Private Sector Leasing Scheme. Once these schemes have been included there were 1,525 households in Temporary Accommodation at 31st March 2023.

Transformation savings totalling £1,286k were identified at the start of 2022-23 to provide a longer term alternative to expensive nightly paid accommodation. Included in this initial figure Meadowship Homes (£1,043k) and (Burnt Ash Lane £91k) continue to progress and schemes at Bushell Way, Anerley Town Hall car park and Beehive are now complete. . The Full Year Effect of these savings is estimated at around £2.2m.

There was an overspend on salaries of £69k. This was 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 partly offset this additional cost.

	£'000
Summary of overall variations within Allocations and Accommodation:	
Temporary Accommodation	1,551
Beehive Affordable Housing	257

Bad debt provision / write-offs	253
Salaries	69
PSL Incentive Payments, Rent Deposit Scheme and Furniture Storage	Cr 172
Total variation for Allocations and Accommodation	<u>1,958</u>

9. Supporting People Cr £123k

A £123k underspend on the Supporting People was 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.

10. Housing Options and Support Cr £628k

During the course of the financial year, there were a number of vacancies within the service with some posts being difficult to fill. Temporary posts were created to try and address this. The final underspend for the year was £191k.

As reported in budget monitoring, there was an underspend of £437k on the work carried out around Homelessness Prevention, which is been impacted on by the challenges in recruiting staff during the course of the financial year.

Waiver of Financial Regulations:

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Virements Approved to date under Director's Delegated Powers

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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 Exchequer - Revenue & Benefits	251	251	265	14		0	0
7,349		6,109	6,044	5,953	Cr 91	1	Cr 23	0
477	Exchequer - Payments & Income	2,163	2,163	2,249	86	2	0	0
1,678	Financial Accounting	657	657	582	Cr 75	3	0	0
799	Management Accounting	1,760	1,760	1,730	Cr 30		0	0
	Audit	831	865	848	Cr 17		0	0
10,551	Total Financial Services Division	11,771	11,740	11,627	Cr 113		Cr 23	0
	CORPORATE SERVICES DIVISION							
5,818	Information Systems & Telephony	6,017	6,465	6,911	446	4	0	0
	Legal Services & Democracy							
407	Electoral	1,079	1,208	1,221	13		0	0
1,339	Democratic Services	1,514	1,548	1,473	Cr 75	5	Cr 35	0
167	Mayoral	173	173	179	6		0	0
2,917	Legal Services	2,209	2,541	2,986	445	6	500	0
569	Procurement and Data Management	545	545	529	Cr 16		0	0
184	Management and Other (Corporate Services)	220	220	219	Cr 1		0	0
11,401	Total Corporate Services Division	11,757	12,700	13,518	818		465	0
	HR AND CUSTOMER SERVICES DIVISION							
2,216	Human Resources	2,357	2,357	2,429	72	7	29	0
	Customer Services							
1,134	Contact Centre	1,172	1,172	1,185	13		0	0
Cr 139	Registration of Births, Deaths & Marriages	Cr 120	Cr 120	Cr 99	21		0	0
225	CE - Consultation & Communication	305	317	306	Cr 11		0	0
3,436	Total HR & Customer Services Division	3,714	3,726	3,821	95		29	0
	CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S DIVISION							
796	Management and Other (C. Exec)	903	903	826	Cr 77		0	0
796	Total Chief Executive's Division	903	903	826	Cr 77		0	0
	CENTRAL ITEMS							
1,179	CDC & Non Distributed Costs (Past Deficit etc.)	1,284	1,284	808	Cr 476		0	0
9,475	Concessionary Fares	5,972	5,972	5,964	Cr 8		0	0
36,838	TOTAL CONTROLLABLE CE DEPT	35,401	36,325	36,564	239		471	0
675	TOTAL NON CONTROLLABLE	3,242	14	14	0		0	0
Cr 17,324	TOTAL EXCLUDED RECHARGES	Cr 17,569	Cr 22,246	Cr 22,246	0		0	0
20,189	TOTAL CE DEPARTMENT	21,074	14,093	14,332	239		471	0
	CHILDREN, EDUCATION AND FAMILIES DEPARTMENT							
	Strategy and Corporate Projects							
229	Commissioning	232	230	133	Cr 97	8	Cr 89	0
2,126	Strategy, Performance and Engagement	1,831	1,861	1,781	Cr 80	9	Cr 59	0
2,355	TOTAL CONTROLLABLE CEF DEPT	2,063	2,091	1,914	Cr 177		Cr 148	0
300	TOTAL NON CONTROLLABLE	4	3	3	0		0	0
Cr 2,956	TOTAL EXCLUDED RECHARGES	Cr 2,129	Cr 2,152	Cr 2,152	0		0	0
Cr 301	TOTAL CEF DEPARTMENT	Cr 62	Cr 58	Cr 235	Cr 177		Cr 148	0
	ENVIRONMENT & COMMUNITY SERVICES DEPARTMENT							
	Total Facilities Management							
1,949	Admin Buildings & Facilities Support	1,628	1,775	2,134	359	10	20	0
280	Investment & Non-Operational Property	311	311	1,147	836	11	0	0
364	Strategic & Operational Property Services	962	962	Cr 270	Cr 1,232	12	0	0
1,510	TFM Client Monitoring Team	1,694	1,694	2,191	497	13	0	0
Cr 1,350	Other Rental Income - Other Portfolios	Cr 1,582	Cr 1,582	Cr 1,528	54		0	0
4,006	Repairs & Maintenance (All LBB)	3,314	3,382	2,626	Cr 756	14	0	0
6,759	TOTAL CONTROLLABLE ECS DEPT	6,327	6,542	6,300	Cr 242		20	0
84	TOTAL NON CONTROLLABLE	466	64	64	0		0	0
Cr 4,438	TOTAL EXCLUDED RECHARGES	Cr 4,308	Cr 872	Cr 872	0		0	0
Cr 1,869	Less: R&M allocated across other Portfolios	Cr 1,628	Cr 1,696	Cr 1,696	0		0	0
1,350	Less: Rent allocated across other Portfolios	1,582	1,528	1,528	0		0	0
1,886	TOTAL ECS DEPARTMENT	2,439	5,566	5,324	Cr 242		20	0
21,774	TOTAL RCCM PORTFOLIO	23,451	19,601	19,421	Cr 180		343	0

Reconciliation of Latest Approved Budget		£'000
Original budget 2022/23		23,451 Strategy
Carry Forward Requests approved from 2021/22		
R&M carry-forward	68	
Local Digital Cyber Fund expenditure	100	
Local Digital Cyber Fund income	-100	
Audit Support	34	
Members IT	34	136
Central Contingency Adjustments		
Energy contract (part year)		148
Local election May 2022		129
Legal Support – children's and adults social care		170
Inflation		12
IT contract procurement		346
Resources to support GDPR compliance		80
Additional Legal costs		140
Other Budget Movements		
Provision for agency workers contract savings	Cr	22
Adj to NI budget following reversal of 2022-23 increase in November	Cr	45
Step Up to Social Work transferred to HR from CEF		
- expenditure		900
- income	Cr	900
Merit awards allocation from contingency		48
Insurance	Cr	5
Drawdown from contingency		26
Strategy Recharge		49
Excluded Recharges	Cr	4,940
R&M allocated across other portfolios	Cr	68
Rent allocated across other portfolios	Cr	54
Latest Approved Budget for 2022/23		19,601

REASONS FOR VARIATIONS

1. Exchequer - Revenue & Benefits Cr £91k

There has been an underspend on customer and clients receipts, which offsets a pressure on supplies and services.

2. Exchequer - Payments & Income Dr £86k

There was an overspend on supplies & services and on contract payments.

3. Financial Accounting Cr £75k

There has been underspending on salaries and on supplies and services during 2022/23

4. Information Systems & Telephony Dr £446k

The service has had to absorb additional costs for Microsoft Licencing in 22/23, leading to an overspend of £182k. The cost of the BT contract was also £280k over budget in 22/23, including the costs of audio/visual equipment for the Council Chambers. There is a net underspend of £16k across other budget lines.

5. Democratic Services Cr £75k

The underspend is against the salaries budget, and members' allowances.

6. Legal Services Dr £445k

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.

7. HR Dr £72k

There is has been an overspend against the salary budget, particularly due to agency staff costs.

8. Commissioning Cr £54k

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

9. 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

10. Admin Buildings & Facilities Support Dr £358k

There is an overspend of £208k on energy budgets, even after the application of £148k of contingency to partly mitigate the current high energy costs. There are also overspends on Security (£172k) and Cleaning Services (£304k), including increase cleaning measures in response to covid. This is partly offset by underspends against supplies and services. Budget realignment is required across Property Services in 23/24 to reflect current service delivery.

11. Investment & Non-Operational Property Dr £836k

The overspend can be attributed to vacant investment properties, where the costs of Business Rates, utilities and property upkeep fall back upon the Council.

12. Strategic & Operational Property Services Cr £1,232k

There are budgets for contractor payment (£895k) and transfer to Pension reserve in relation to outsourced staff (£111k) which are no longer required, and need to be realigned in 2023/24.

13. TFM Client Monitoring Team Dr £497k

This overspend is primarily on the staffing budget. The current budget does not reflect the recent in-sourcing of service delivery and needs to be realigned in 2023/24.

14. Repairs & Maintenance (All LBB) Cr £756k

The service has achieved an underspend of £756k against the Council-wide repairs and maintenance budget.

Waiver of Financial Regulations:

The Council's Contract Procedure Rules state that where the value of a contract exceeds £50k and is to be exempted from the normal requirement to obtain competitive quotations, the Chief Officer has to obtain the agreement of the Director of Resources and Finance Director 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, 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	Provisional request to carry forward
		Previously Approved Items	New Items Requested this Cycle	Items Projected for Remainder of Year					
	£	£	£	£	£		£	£	
General									
Provision for Unallocated Inflation	3,977,000	2,732,000	548,000	0	3,280,000	(1 3 & 6)	Cr 697,000		
Increase in Cost of Homelessness/Impact of Welfare Reforms	1,825,000			0	0		Cr 1,825,000		
Provision for increase in employer national insurance-outsourced services	910,000			0	0		Cr 910,000		
General Provision for Risk/Uncertainty	3,500,000			0	0		Cr 3,500,000		
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	0	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	50,000		0	50,000	(1)	50,000		
Local election	0	47,000	82,000	0	129,000	(1 & 6)	129,000		
IT contract procurement	0	989,000	Cr 307,000	0	682,000	(1 & 6)	682,000		
SARS	0	80,000		0	80,000	(1)	80,000		
Additional social workers re caseloads (£1.7m 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		
Business Rates Surplus Levy	0	Cr 322,659		0	Cr 322,659	(4)	Cr 322,659		
Additional legal costs	0	140,000		0	140,000	(5)	140,000		
Legal Reserve to support potential additional costs in 2023/24	0	635,000		0	635,000	(4)	635,000		
Education Reserve to fund additional costs in 2023/24 and 2024/25		630,000		0	630,000	(4)	630,000		
Additional provision in Waste budget due to impact of COVID no longer required and returned back to contingency			Cr 1,000,000	Cr 1,000,000		(6)	Cr 1,000,000		
Loneliness Strategy			175,000	175,000		(6)	175,000		
Arboriculture Backlog Fund			400,000	400,000		(6)	400,000		
Adult Care & Health Portfolio									
Better Care Fund									
Grant Related Expenditure		402,000		0	402,000	(1)	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)	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)	427,000		
Grant Related Income		Cr 427,000		0	Cr 427,000		Cr 427,000		
ICS funding									
Grant Related Expenditure		4,528,000		0	4,528,000	(1)	4,528,000		
Grant Related Income		Cr 4,528,000		0	Cr 4,528,000		Cr 4,528,000		
King's funding for SPA									
Grant Related Expenditure		500,000		0	500,000	(1)	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)	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)	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)	264,343		
Grant Related Income		Cr 264,343		0	Cr 264,343		Cr 264,343		
Additional Winter Pressures Funding									
Grant Related Expenditure		2,314,000		0	2,314,000	(4)	2,314,000		
Grant Related Income		Cr 2,314,000		0	Cr 2,314,000		Cr 2,314,000		
Grant to Streamline Local Authority Adult Social Care Assessments			130,000	0	130,000	(6)	130,000		
Grant Related Income			Cr 130,000	0	Cr 130,000		Cr 130,000		
Children, Education and Families									
SEND Transport Growth	1,000,000	1,000,000			1,000,000	(4)	0		
Homes for Ukraine - DfE Grant									
Grant Related Expenditure		350,000			350,000	(2)	350,000	1,187,034	
Grant Related Income		Cr 350,000			Cr 350,000		Cr 350,000	Cr 1,187,034	
Asylum Grant									
Grant Related Expenditure			129,000		129,000	(6)	129,000		
Grant Related Income			Cr 129,000		Cr 129,000		Cr 129,000		
Renewal, Recreation & Housing									
Property Valuation	100,000				0		Cr 100,000		
Planning Appeals - change in legislation	60,000				0		Cr 60,000		
Accommodation for Ex-Offenders									
Grant Related Expenditure		69,500			69,500	(1)	69,500		
Grant Related Income		Cr 69,500			Cr 69,500		Cr 69,500		

APPENDIX 4

New Homes Bonus - Regeneration Grant Related Expenditure			72,521			72,521	(3)	72,521	
Homes for Ukraine - General Grant Grant Related Expenditure			2,049,000	5,180,125		7,229,125	(2)	7,229,125	5,415,265
Grant Related Income	Cr	2,049,000	Cr	5,180,125		Cr	7,229,125	Cr	5,415,265
Homes for Ukraine - Thank you payments Grant Related Expenditure			515,900	258,300		774,200	(2)	774,200	
Grant Related Income	Cr	515,900	Cr	258,300		Cr	774,200	Cr	774,200
Domestic Abuse new burdens - 2021/22 and 2022/23 Grant Related Expenditure				81,000		81,000	(6)	81,000	
Grant Related Income				Cr	81,000	Cr	81,000	Cr	81,000
18,208,000		9,962,862		1,898,000		0		11,860,862	Cr 6,347,138
Grants included within Central Contingency Sum									0
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	883,000		883,000	(4)	459,000	
Grant related Income	Cr	424,000	Cr	883,000		Cr	883,000	Cr	459,000
Tackling Troubled Families Grant Related Expenditure			628,000	490,000		490,000	(3)	138,000	475,140
Grant related Income	Cr	628,000	Cr	490,000		Cr	490,000	Cr	475,140
TOTAL CARRIED FORWARD		18,208,000		9,962,862		1,898,000		0	11,860,862
								Cr 6,347,138	0

Notes:

- (1) Executive, 6th October 2022
- (2) Executive, 29th June 2022
- (3) Executive, 30th November 2022
- (4) Executive, 29th March 2023
- (5) Council, 27th February 2023
- (6) Executive, 5th July 2023

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	9,962,862	1,898,000	0	11,860,862	Cr 6,347,138
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 2021/22	464,924	464,924	0	0	464,924	0
GRAND TOTAL	18,672,924	10,427,786	1,898,000	0	12,325,786	Cr 6,347,138

Notes:

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

(2) Various PDS

Description	2022/23 Latest Approved Budget £'000	Variation To 2022/23 Budget £'000	Potential Impact in 2023/24
Housing Allocations and Accommodation - Temporary Accommodation	5,990	288	The full year effect of Temporary Accommodation is currently estimated to be £2,423k. This will be reduced by planned transformation savings totalling £2,135k 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	28,764	1,270	The full year impact of the current overspend is estimated at £3,102k. Of this amount £1,327k relates to residential and nursing home placements for 65+ and £476k for 18-64's. and £825k for Domiciliary care & direct payments for 65+ and £474k for 18-64's.
Learning Disabilities - including Care Placements, Transport and Care Management	42,270	Cr 24	The full year effect (FYE) is estimated at a net overspend of £1,313k. This figure is considerably higher than the in-year variation 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.
Mental Health - Care Placements	6,767	69	A full year overspend of £242k is anticipated on Mental Health care packages, with residential, nursing and supported living placements £137k overspent and domiciliary care and direct payments £105k 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	41,838	8,790	The overall full year effect of the Children's Social Care overspend is a net £7,732k, analysed as Residential Care, Fostering and Adoption of £5,500k and on Leaving Care costs of £2,323k.
SEN Transport	7,189	Cr 276	The current full year effect for SEN Transport - based on the current routes - is £871k. This includes the draw down of £1m

Carry Forwards from 2022/23 to 2023/24**MEMBERS' APPROVAL REQUIRED****Grants with Explicit Right of Repayment****ADULT CARE AND HEALTH PORTFOLIO**

1	Supplementary Substance Misuse Treatment & Recovery Funding In June 2022, Executive approved the drawdown of £264k grant from the Office for Health Improvements and Disparities (OHID) to continue with the improvements in the quality and capacity of drug and alcohol treatment and to support delivery of the ambitions of the national drugs plan, 'From Harm to Hope: a 10-year drugs plan to cut crime and save lives' at local level. £57k of this amount was unspent by year end and it is requested that this is carried forward to 2023/24.	57,217
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Adult Care and Health Portfolio

57,217**CHILDREN EDUCATION & FAMILIES PORTFOLIO**

2	COVID Recovery Grant This is an academic year grant. This allows us to carry forward all or part of the grant to be used in the remainder of the current academic year.	130,091
3	National Tutoring Programme This is an academic year grant. This allows us to carry forward all or part of the grant to be used in the remainder of the current academic year.	21,721
4	GLA Adult Ed Grant Repayment GLA funding - £15k - this is part of the £25k allocation for the delivery of level 3 provision. This funding has not been spent as level 3 courses have not been running this year so this is likely to be clawed back.	15,664

Childrens, Education and Families Portfolio

167,476**RENEWAL, RECREATION AND HOUSING PORTFOLIO**

5	Defra Biodiversity Net Gain Grant The Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs (Defra) awarded the Council an allocation of £43,467 of Biodiversity net gain grant in 2022/23. The Council incurred eligible expenditure of £30,251 in this financial year, and Defra has permitted to the Council to claim the full 22/23 amount, on the basis that the unspent amount is ringfenced and the Council will provide evidence of spend in future.	13,216
6	New Homes Bonus Funded LEP Programme Improvements to Penge High Street were one of four projects that the London LEP had agreed to fund from the New Homes Bonus top slice grant. These works were due to take place in previous years and £72,521 was carried forward from 2020/21. These improvements are now planned to be delivered until 2023/24, therefore the funding remained unspent in 2022/23. It is now requested to carry forward this funding to the current financial year and increase the Regeneration revenue budget accordingly to enable the final phase of the scheme to be completed.	72,521
7	Rough Sleepers Initiative This funding has been carried forward to bolster the delivery of rough sleeping funded work in 2023/24, primarily to secure private sector accommodation to prevent or relieve homelessness. A Private Rented Procurement Officer has been recruited to lead on this area of work.	42,663
8	Homes for Ukraine grant	5,415,265

The Department for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities (DLUHC) launched the Homes for Ukraine scheme on the 14th March 2022. The scheme allows people living in the UK to sponsor a Ukrainian national or family to come and live in the UK providing there is suitable accommodation available. The grant also covers any additional costs that the Authority may incur. Part of the funding was a one off payment that can be carried forward into the new financial year to continue to support the impact on services for Ukrainians living in Bromley over the next three years (one off funding)

Renewal, Recreation and Housing Portfolio 5,543,665

RESOURCES, COMMISSIONING AND CONTRACTS

9 BEIS - Energy Bills Support Scheme Alternative Funding (EBSS AF) and Alternative Fuel Payment (AFP) 847,200

The Council received £822,400 (being 80% of the grant funding) in respect of the Energy Bills Support Scheme Alternative Funding (EBSS AF). Of the £822,400, an amount of £50,000 has been spent, leaving a balance of £772,400. The sum of £75,000 was also received in respect of the Alternative Fuel Payment (AFP). Final payments for both schemes must be made by 30th June 2023 and a reconciliation will be completed by 31st July 2023 to determine the amount to be repaid to BFIS.

Resources, Commissioning and Contracts Portfolio 847,200

Total Expenditure to be Carried Forward 6,615,558

Total Grant Income -6,615,558

Grants with no Explicit Right of Repayment

ADULT CARE AND HEALTH PORTFOLIO

10 Improved Better Care Fund (IBCF) 1,911,026

A total of £10,327k Improved Better Care Funding (IBCF) was available for spending in 2022/23. This included both the Winter Pressures Grant and non-recurrent IBCF allocation, along with an amount brought forward from 2021/22. Some of the funding earmarked for spending in 2022/23 was not spent and, in line with the original IBCF report to the Executive in October 2017, underspends can be carried forward to support expenditure in future years. £400k of the proposed carry forward has been used in the 2023/24 budget to part-mitigate adult social care growth pressures.

11 Public Health Grant 2,874,494

The cumulative underspend for the ring-fenced Public Health Grant brought forward from 2021/22 was £1,964k. An underspend during the year of £910k has increased this to £2,874k and this amount is requested to be carried forward to fund public health initiatives in future years.

12 LD/Autism Funding from South East London ICB 207,904

As part of health and care pandemic recovery arrangements SELICB awarded each of the six South East London boroughs one-off ringfenced funds to support the development of learning disability and autism services to residents. Funds were to be used to better identify and understand population health needs, enhance day activities and access to employment, reduce waiting times for paediatric support and to raise awareness of autism across universal public services and commercial services. LBB received £247K. It is requested that £208K of these funds is carried forward into 2023/24. In agreement with SELICB it is planned to spend the funds as follows:

Commission of population health intelligence work to collect, create and analyse data to plan for future demand - £35k

Pump priming to enable the development of social enterprises and other employment opportunities to support people with learning disabilities - £60k

Commission a project to reduce waiting times for children waiting for diagnosis assessment - £62k

Commission an autism awareness campaign aimed at universal services - £50k

13 Discharge Transformation Funding from South East London ICB 256,065

In December 2022 the Council was allocated by the Department for Health and Social Care £992,046 Discharge Transformation Funds. These funds were ringfenced to support the safe and timely discharge of residents from hospital with monies spent on additional care packages and other activities in support of hospital discharge. It is requested that £256K of these funds is carried over into this financial year to cover the cost of hospital discharge pressures that have continued into 2023/24.

14	Winter Resilience Funding In November 2021, South East London CCG confirmed they had allocated one-off financial support to the six local authorities to help maintain a robust social care offer over the remainder of the financial year, with £1,430k allocated to Bromley. This funding was used to help offset some of the additional care packages and other pressures during the pandemic and to manage the additional pressures of winter and Covid demand with funding carried forward to into 2022/23 to meet continued pressures. £400k of these funds, allocated to support the recruitment and retention of frontline care workers, was underspent in 2022/23. It is requested these funds be carried forward to 2023/24 as part measures to provide continued support to local care providers in recruiting and retaining staff.	400,000
15	Charging Reform Implementation Support Grant A carry forward of the £104k Charging Reform Implementation Support Grant to is requested to continue the work needed to prepare for the implementation of the charging reform. This includes funding the Reform Programme Team and working with the Social Care Institute of Excellence (SCIE) develop a forward strategy and help facilitate its delivery	104,250
16	Omicron Support Fund The Council received £297k of Omicron Support Fund grant in January 2022 of which £148k was allocated for Occupational Therapy equipment. It is requested that the remaining balance of £136k is carried forward to 2023/24 to purchase a range of digital devices in preparation for the digital switchover in 2025.	136,312
17	Test and Trace service support grant The Council received an allocation of £1,370k for the Test and Trace Service Support Grant to cover expenditure in relation to the mitigation against and management of local outbreaks of COVID-19. A total of £1,002k has been spent to date and the balance of £368k is requested to be carried forward to 2023/24.	368,138
18	Contain Outbreak Management Fund grant An element of the Contain Outbreak Management Fund allocated for the Homeless Health Project remains unspent and it is requested the balance of £54k is carried forward to 2023/24 to meet committed spend.	54,300

Adult Care and Health Portfolio

6,312,489

CHILDREN EDUCATION & FAMILIES PORTFOLIO

19	Deed Settlement for Hawes Down Site The funding was received from the DfE as part of a Deed Settlement following Langley Park Free School's temporary use of the Hawes Down Centre. Terms of Deed of Settlement include that the funds can only be spent on the centre, and not to carry forward the funding would be a breach of the legal agreement.	5,370
20	Tackling Trouble Families Grant The new programme, Supporting Families; Investing in Practice, will help families work on issues together, including those impacted by domestic violence, substance misuse or addiction, in order to help create stability in the home for young people and prevent them being taken into care, where that is in their best interests. This is part of wider Government work to improve outcomes for children in need of support of a social worker, by creating home and school environments in which they can thrive.	475,140
21	Virtual School - CIN Grant Carry Forward	82,151

This money was part of the £100k allocated to virtual school to carry out the new duties – the guidance states that the money only needed to be allocated by March. Therefore a plan was put in place that would carry the spend through the academic year September to August. The money has been committed again for 2023-24 so we will be able to roll this plan forward. Although we managed to recruit for the needed post on a fixed term contract due to other pressures and staff absence as well as a maternity cover we have again had to put forward the catch up work on this project until the summer term 2023. Some of the funding is currently being used to collect attendance data for CP children.

22	Homes for Ukraine DfE Grant This Grant is to be used to support Children from Ukraine that have arrived in Bromley. This can be spent on various support to help with their education. The grant can be carried forward to cover on-going support for the children.	1,187,034
23	BAEC upgrading hardware and supporting software - GLA Grant BAEC received an additional grant allocation of £70k+, of which it was proposed that £50k would be used to improve the IT infrastructure for the service, including an upgrade of the servers. It was agreed that the remaining £20k would be a contribution to the running costs of the service. There has been difficulties with the server supply chain. A new delivery date is yet to be confirmed. Current server hardware is old, inefficient and out of warranty. The upgrade to the server and associated works is urgent to minimise any risk of failure.	25,575
24	YOT NHS Money This money has been allocated to Bromley Youth Justice Service to be used to support additional health and Justice needs of our children and will be used to fund additional services for children as the need arises. However, an assessment is required (often very lengthy) on every child we work with and based on the assessed needs then services will be commissioned. It is crucial that we have this money to deal with the many trauma's that most of our children experience and to be able to commission to address these needs. The money will be spent by July 2023.	29,300
Childrens, Education and Families Portfolio		1,804,570
<u>RENEWAL & RECREATION AND HOUSING PORTFOLIO</u>		
25	Homelessness Reduction Grant This money was set aside in 2018/19 to fund work preventing and relieving homelessness for young people and will be required to implement the initiatives identified through the work with the DLUHC specialist adviser. The work has not been completed and it is requested to carry it forward to 2023/24 when it is expected that the work will be completed.	89,000
26	Accommodation for ex-Offenders A Private Rented Procurement and Sustainment is in post to lead on increased private sector accommodation for single people. This funding will be used to extend the secondment opportunity, for a further year to assist the Housing Options Team to meet their duties in preventing and relieving homelessness, under the Homelessness Reduction Act 2017.	63,669
Renewal, Recreation and Housing Portfolio		152,669
<u>RESOURCES, COMMISSIONING AND CONTRACTS</u>		
27	Electoral Services - New Burdens Grant	14,583

The Elections Act 2022 is introducing a range of new burdens/measures which will impact on voters, campaigners and local authorities. The first tranche of changes, including Voter ID, a new ERO portal and new measures to make it easier for disabled people to vote, came into force at the 2023 May elections.

In November 2022, initial new burdens grant funding was received from the Department of Levelling Up, Housing & Communities in the sum of £14,583 to meet the costs of implementing these new burdens (including the purchase of a range of equipment to support disabled people to vote such as pencil grippers, magnifiers, chairing etc). However, as there were no scheduled elections in Bromley in May 2023, spend will not take place until the next financial year 2023/24.

28	Local Digital Cyber Fund	49,837
	The Council was awarded grant funding of £100k in 2021/22 by the Department of Levelling Up, Housing & Communities (DLUHC) to improve cyber resilience. The London Borough of Bromley Council was originally matched with the NCC Group through a piece of work arranged by the Government Security Group within the Cabinet Office. As part of this a Security Improvement Report & Plan were created and shared with the Council to implement. In November 2021, DLUHC started a new programme of engagement with local authorities and Bromley have been awarded this grant to complete necessary work in line with treatment plan. This shows, for each remediation finding, a desired timeline in which it's recommended to remediate and treat each finding. DLUHC will review the Council progress periodically during remediation. £50k of this grant funding has been spent in 2022/23, and the balance of grant funding is requested to be carried forward to meet the cost of expenditure in the next financial year.	
Resources, Commissioning & Contracts Management		64,420
Total Expenditure to be Carried Forward		8,334,148
Total Grant Income		-8,334,148
<u>OTHER CARRY FORWARD REQUESTS</u>		
<u>RESOURCES, COMMISSIONING AND CONTRACTS PORTFOLIO</u>		
29	Legal Services - ULEZ	140,000
	Legal costs expected to be incurred in 2023/24 in relation to the Council's challenge to the ULEZ expansion.	
		140,000
<u>RENEWAL & RECREATION AND HOUSING PORTFOLIO</u>		
30	Local Plan Implementation	120,000
	A carry-forward is requested to meet costs associated with the review of the Local Plan, which has slipped into 2023/24.	
		120,000
<u>CHILDREN EDUCATION & FAMILIES PORTFOLIO</u>		
<u>PUBLIC PROTECTION AND ENFORCEMENT PORTFOLIO</u>		
31	POCA confiscation orders from the courts	60,637
	The amount allocated to Public Protection & Enforcement has not been spent in 2022-2023. This consists of two confiscation orders that will be used to finance Trading Standards project work in 2023-2024.	
32	HMO income	78,000
	Surplus generated from the housing in multiple occupancy will be carried forward to reserves and will be utilised in 2023-2024 for HMO License Applications.	
		138,637

ENVIRONMENT AND COMMUNITY SERVICES

33	Highways income The amount will be carried forward into 23-24 to be used for Highways maintenance and repairs. In 22-23 the supplier, JB Riney had difficulties in completing the work due to staff shortages.	245,000
		<hr/> 245,000
	Total Other	<hr/> 643,637
	TOTAL CARRY FORWARD TO 2023/24	<hr/> 643,637

EARMARKED GENERAL FUND BALANCES - 2022/23

Description	Balance at 31/03/22	Expenditure	Income		Redesignation	Balance at 31/03/23
			Contribs.	Interest		
EARMARKED BALANCES	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000
LPSA Reward Grant	76				-76	0
Technology Fund	1,198			31		1,229
LAA Pump Priming Grant	155				-155	0
Town Centre Improvement Fund (LABGI)	55				-55	0
Investment to Community	259	30				229
R & R Redundancy Reserve	116				-116	0
Works to Property	100				-100	0
Planning Services Charging Account	46	201				-155
Government Grants	8,092	8,092	8,481			8,481
Invest to Save	18,512		400			18,912
One off Member Initiatives	681	27				654
Infrastructure Investment Fund	412					412
Commissioning Authority Programme	365				-365	0
Health & Social Care 'Promise Programme'	3,953					3,953
Housing Strategy Account	25				-25	0
Community Right to Bid & Challenge	46				-46	0
Winter Pressures	2,010					2,010
Refurbishment of War Memorials	13				-13	0
Key Health & Social Care Initiatives	1,700					1,700
Integration of Health & Social Care Initiatives	1,614					1,614
Collection Fund Surplus Set Aside	38,855	1,700				37,155
Healthy Bromley Fund	3,582	1,683				1,899
Glaxo Wellcome Endowment	65	10		2	-57	0
Cheyne Woods and Cyphers Gate	138				-138	0
Public Halls Fund	5				-5	0
Future Repairs of 145, High Street	91			2	-93	0
Parallel Fund	3,020			77		3,097
Health & Social Care Integrated Commissioning Fund	3,030					3,030
Financial Planning & Risk Reserve	10,000					10,000
Bromley Welfare Fund	932	179				753
Payment in Lieu Reserve for Temporary Accommodation	371	49	214			536
Business Rates Risk Reserve	4,200					4,200
Crystal Palace Park Improvements	26				-26	0
Various Joint Schemes and Pump Priming Investments	5,013		78			5,091
Transition Fund	2,559					2,559
Environmental Initiatives	428	3				425
Apprenticeship Scheme	79	29			-50	0
Civic Centre Development Strategy	257				-257	0
Professional Advice for Future Schemes	122					122
Utilisation of New Homes Bonus	4,576		253			4,829
Future Pensions Risk on Outsourcing	1,491	9	247			1,729
West Wickham Leisure Centre & Library Redevelopment	623					623
Income Equalisation Reserve	6,986		2,044			9,030
Transformation Fund	1,224					1,224
Investment Fund	6,130	-16				6,146
Growth Fund	21,239	178				21,061
Capital Funding for Property Disposal/Feasibility Works	78				-78	0
Biggin Hill Airport Project	15	15				0
Transformation Programme	250					250
Housing Investment Fund	24,974	4,097		17		20,894
High Street & Parks Improvement Fund	71					71
Contribution to YES Funding for 2019/20	45				-45	0

Day Centre Rent Relief	6				-6	0
Housing Invest to Save	3,409					3,409
Health Facilities Fund	993					993
Health & Social Care Transformation Fund	1,500					1,500
Housing feasibility and viability	108	72				36
Website Update	73				-73	0
Carbon Neutral Initiatives Fund	875					875
Walnuts Development	31				-31	0
Hospital Discharge Funding	3,354		1,677			5,031
COVID recovery Fund	13,043	4,600				8,443
Platinum Jubilee Fund	1,000	146				854
Capital Fund	2,900		982		-2,630	1,252
CCG Contribution to Children Education and Families	814	814				0
New Reserves Set Up in 2023/23						
Treemendous Fund	0		1,161			1,161
Social Care Staffing Fund	0		1,700			1,700
IT Procurement Fund	0		336			336
Legal Fund	0		635			635
Education Fund	0		630			630
Building Infrastructure Fund	0		2,000			2,000
Arboriculture Backlog Fund	0		400			400
Loneliness Strategy Fund	0		149			149
Redesignated reserves used for capital financing (Executive Jan 2023)		4,440			4,440	0
Sub-Total	208,009	26,358	21,387	129	0	203,167
Schools	2,807		264			3,071
DSG Reserve (new in 2020/21)	-7,142	5,564				-12,706
Insurance Fund	4,002	1,021	800	189		3,970
Sub-Total	207,676	32,943	22,451	318	0	197,502
Collection Fund Deferred Costs Reserve *	4,945	2,662				2,283
Business Rates Adjustment Account 2021/22 **	32,540	32,540				0
TOTAL	245,161	68,145	22,451	318		199,785

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	25			258
30	Road Safety Schemes	105			135
8	Local Economy & Town Centres	-			8
70	Parking	-			70
0	Education	74			74
1,445	Healthcare Services	110	308		1,247
10	Community Facilities	-			10
0	Housing	88			88
443	Other	423	14		852
2,239		825	322	-	2,742
<u>Capital</u>					
5,078	Education		344		4,734
20	Highways				20
2,059	Housing		758		1,301
647	Local Economy & Town Centres				647
2	Other				2
7,806		0	1,102	-	6,704
10,045		825	1,424	0	9,446

SCHOOLS' DELEGATED BUDGETS

Consistent Financial Report (CFR) is a framework of income and expenditure items and balances, which provides schools with a benchmark facility to allow them to promote self-management and value for money. A CFR return has been produced by all schools maintained by the LA as at 31 March 2023.

The CFR framework details five balances which provide an overall picture of the resources available to the school from one year to the next and give information about any carried forward balances. The balances are categorised as follows:

- B01: Committed Revenue Balances
- B02: Uncommitted Revenue Balances
- B03: Devolved Formula Capital Balances
- B05: Other Capital Balances
- B06: Community Focussed Extended Schools Balances

N.B. B04 Other Standards Fund Capital Balances has now been removed as Standards Funds no longer exist.

The following table shows schools' reserves as at 31 March 2023, the end of the 2022/23 financial year. The table below shows an overall increase in balances of 263k (from £2,807k to £3,070k). This increase can be seen to be across both revenue and capital balances and mainly in special schools sectors, detailed below.

	Nos	Accrued Balances at 1 April 2022 £'000	Under/ Over (-) Expenditure in 2022/23 £'000	Accrued Balances at 31 March 2023 £'000	Analysis of Balances as at 31 March 2023						Nos
					Committed Revenue £'000	Uncommitted Revenue £'000	Devolved Formula Capital £'000	Other Capital £'000	Community Focussed Extended Services £'000	Total Balances £'000	
Primary Schools	4	953	164	1,117	122	894	30	80	-10	1,117	3
Secondary Schools	1	229	-14	215	51	165	0	0	0	215	1
Special Schools	2	1,625	113	1,738	797	642	24	80	195	1,738	2
Total	7	2,807	263	3,070	970	1,701	54	161	185	3,070	6

THE DSG BUDGET

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

There is a total in year overspend of £5,563k on DSG funded services as outlined below.

An analysis of the main variations is provided below:

	£000 Outturn Variance
Special Education Needs	4,020
Home & Hospital	56
Primary Support	-74
Early Years	1,698
Inclusion	-28
Admissions	-41
Education Welfare	-23
Place Planning	-56
Other Small Balances	11
Final Outturn	5,563

INVEST TO SAVE FUND

This earmarked reserve was set up with a sum of £14m, as approved by Council in October 2011, to enable "loans" to be Six schemes have been approved to date and, as at 31st March 2023, the actual balance on the Fund stood at £18,912k as

Scheme	Approval date (Council/Exec)	To 31st March 2023					
		Contributions	Approved "loans"	Advanced from Fund	Repaid to Fund	Net "loan" 31/03/2023	
		£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	
Approved funding							
Initial Funding allocation	Oct-11	14,000					
Council Tax Freeze grant	Feb-12	3,304					
Approved schemes							
Green waste/textile collection service	Dec-11		220	220	220	0	
Replace street lighting columns	Nov-12		8,507	11,366	12,789	-1,423	
Bellegrove - refurbishment	Jan-13		400	508	508	0	
Stamented pupils - travel training	13 & Jul 14		460	272	272	0	
Transfer CSC to Liberata	Sep-13		330	322	322	0	
Salix street lighting upgrade	Aug-19		500	500	419	81	
Street Lighting LED conversion programme	Jul-21		3,200	134	400	-266	
			17,304	13,617	13,322	14,930	-1,608
Actual Fund balance 31/03/23							18,912