

GENERAL FUND - PROVISIONAL OUTTURN FOR 2023/24

Portfolio	2023/24	Budget	2023/24		2023/24	Variation	
	Original Budget	Variations allocated in year #	Approved Budget	Latest	Projected Outturn	£'000	previously reported Exec
	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000
Adult Care & Health	84,178	1,920	86,098	88,023	1,925	1,501	
Children, Education & Families (incl. Schools' Budget)	55,253	3,021	58,274	65,995	7,721	6,612	
Environment & Community	38,033	464	38,497	39,049	552	1,365	
Public Protection & Enforcement	3,228	189	3,417	3,417	0	0	
Renewal, Recreation & Housing	15,611	378	15,989	19,710	3,721	2,881	
Resources, Commissioning & Contracts Management	48,840	285	49,125	49,412	287	226	
Total Controllable Budgets	245,143	6,257	251,400	265,606	14,206	12,585	
Capital, Insurance & Pensions Costs (see note 2)	16,604	0	16,604	16,604	0	0	
Non General Fund Recharges	Cr 938	0	Cr 938	Cr 938	0	0	
Total Portfolios (see note 1)	260,809	6,257	267,066	281,272	14,206	12,585	
Central Items:							
Income from Investment Properties	Cr 8,777	3,000	Cr 5,777	Cr 5,777	0	0	
Interest on General Fund Balances	Cr 9,841	0	Cr 9,841	Cr 14,341	Cr 4,500	Cr 3,000	
Total Investment Income	Cr 18,618	3,000	Cr 15,618	Cr 20,118	Cr 4,500	Cr 3,000	
Contingency Provision (see Appendix 4)	26,631	Cr 12,657	13,974	4,355	Cr 9,619	Cr 6,663	
Other central items							
Reversal of net Capital Charges (see note 2)	Cr 9,878	0	Cr 9,878	Cr 9,878	0	0	
Additional Capital Grants Funding Rev Exp under statute	Cr 4,832	0	Cr 4,832	Cr 4,832	0	0	
New Homes Bonus Support for Revenue	9	0	9	9	0	0	
Homes for Ukraine allocation	0	0	0	Cr 2,200	Cr 2,200	Cr 2,000	
Contribution to earmarked reserves future cost pressures HFU	0	0	0	2,200	2,200	0	
Dual running of Civic Centres	0	1,800	1,800	1,800	0	0	
Transfer of funding to capital programme	0	2,000	2,000	2,000	0	0	
Transfer of funding to capital programme - Library Levies	0	244	244	244	0	0	
	1,301	0	1,301	1,301	0	0	
Total other central items	Cr 13,400	4,044	Cr 9,356	Cr 9,356	0	Cr 2,000	
Prior Year Adjustments							
2022-23 Energy cost pressure in Housing	0	0	0	Cr 173	Cr 173	Cr 173	
Total Prior Year Adjustments	0	0	0	Cr 173	Cr 173	Cr 173	
Total all central items	Cr 5,387	Cr 5,613	Cr 11,000	Cr 25,292	Cr 14,292	Cr 11,836	
Bromley's Requirement before balances	255,422	644	256,066	255,980	Cr 86	749	
Carry Forwards from 2022/23 (see note 3)	0	Cr 644	Cr 644	0	644	644	
Adjustment to Balances	0	0	0	Cr 147	Cr 147	Cr 1,393	
Business Rates Retention Scheme (Retained Income, Top-up and S31 Grants)	Cr 47,000	0	Cr 47,000	Cr 47,000	0	0	
Additional one off business rate adj (LGovt Settlement)	0	0	0	Cr 411	Cr 411	0	
Collection Fund losses	0	0	0	0	0	0	
New Homes Bonus	Cr 9	0	Cr 9	Cr 9	0	0	
New Homes Bonus Topslice	0	0	0	0	0	0	
One off 2023/24 Services Grant	Cr 1,556	0	Cr 1,556	Cr 1,556	0	0	
Council Tax Support - Collection Fund surplus	Cr 2,300	0	Cr 2,300	Cr 2,300	0	0	
Funding COVID cost pressures from Earmarked Reserve	Cr 870	0	Cr 870	Cr 870	0	0	
Collection Fund Surplus	Cr 14,511	0	Cr 14,511	Cr 14,511	0	0	
Bromley's Requirement	189,176	Cr 0	189,176	189,176	0	0	
GLA Precept	58,215	0	58,215	58,215	0	0	
Council Tax Requirement	247,391	Cr 0	247,391	247,391	0	0	

Budget Variations allocated to portfolios in year consists of:

	£'000	
1) Carry forwards from 2022/23	644	(see note 3)
2) Allocations from the central contingency provision	5,613	(see Appendix 4)
	<u>6,257</u>	

1) **NOTES**

Portfolio Final Approved Budgets analysed over Departments as follows:

	2023/24	Budget	2023/24	2023/24	Variation
	Original Budget	allocations in year #	Approved Budget	Projected Outturn	previously reported Exec
	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000
People Department	155,814	4,941	160,755	170,221	7,960
Place Department	81,753	1,181	82,934	87,207	4,246
Chief Executive's Department	23,242	135	23,377	23,844	379
	260,809	6,257	267,066	281,272	12,585

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 2022/23**

Carry forwards from 2022/23 into 2023/24 totalling £644k were approved by Council and the Executive. Full details were reported to the July meeting of the Executive in the "Provisional Final Accounts 2022/23" report.

Comments from the Director of Environmental Services

The key departmental budgetary pressure is sitting within the Parking Services.

Over the past year we have seen the vast majority of services return to what we would describe as pre Covid levels with the key area being Parking, where the volume of parking in quarters 1 to 3 continues to be a challenge. 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. Even before Covid there was a downward trend in numbers of vehicles parking in our car parks, reflecting national trends.

Officers will continue to monitor and analyse the data trends to ensure the correct tariffs are in place to help with demand per location. The longer term trend means that income is unlikely to return to budgeted levels and future budget setting should take account of this.

Comments from the Director of Adult Social Care

As can be seen, pressures on the budget have continued but have been largely contained. There remain three main pressure areas, costs relating to the transition of young people into adult services, hospital discharge and community equipment.

The teams continue to experience pressure in relation to those moving into adulthood from children's services and attention continues at a senior level within the Council. From the beginning of the next financial year the budget for the management of services for this group of young adults' transfers to children's services under the management of the 0-25 service, so whilst a pressure for the Council, should not show as a significant pressure in the adults budget.

Whilst pressures are being managed in relation to hospital discharge, the current pressures within the health system may have a knock on to the adult's budget. Systems are in place to monitor this on a very regular basis and any impacts will be challenged and managed through the One Bromley Executive. The Director is currently chairing this board so has a direct influence on information provided to the board for all partners.

The new Integrated Community Equipment Service continues to generate some concerns but the new provider is now in a much firmer financial position and performance continues to improve, albeit slowly. The budget contains a risk around the delivery of credits, which are paid against returned equipment, but which are expected to deliver. This is flagged as a risk as these may not deliver before the end of the financial year, but a carry forward will allow for late delivery of these.

Comments from the Director of Housing, Planning and Regeneration

£1,589k of growth was included in the housing budget for 2023/24 to reflect the continuing pressures in relation to homelessness and the provision of temporary accommodation. A total of £1,745k 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 temporary accommodation. However, the number of approaches is starting to rise with an increase of 210 new approaches during the first half of 2023/24 compared to the same period in the preceding year. This is projected to equate to a 10% rise for the financial year. The supply of temporary accommodation is under increased pressure meaning that the majority of new placements can only be secured through the nightly paid market. There is increased pressure on nightly paid accommodation rates across London and the South East which have risen steeply during the past 12 months with roughly a 30% increase in average rates. This results in a £3,295k overspend on temporary accommodation, with a £3,270k overspend on housing overall. As has been reported work is ongoing to increase the supply of affordable housing to continue to mitigate and reduce the current pressures relating to temporary accommodation particularly in relation to the increased ability to secure leased accommodation within temporary accommodation subsidy rates.

A substantial part of Planning Services' work attracts a fee income for the Council, for example the planning application fees. The fee income and volume of work reflects the wider economic circumstances affecting development pressures in the Borough. There is a risk of income variation beyond the Council's immediate control; however, trends are regularly monitored in order that appropriate action can be taken. Action has successfully been taken to negate the risk of Government Designation for Special Measures due to Planning performance for the current year. However, this is based on the actions identified being implemented to reduce the risk of Government Designation in future years.

There is a risk of substantial planning appeal costs being awarded against the Council by the Planning Inspectorate if the Council is found to have acted unreasonably. For major appeals, which can arise unpredictably, there is often a need for specialist external consultant's advice which creates additional costs.

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

- i) Increased homelessness and the associated costs particularly relating to the increased demand for placements across London. In particular significant increases in the cost of procuring temporary accommodation.
- 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) Increases being seen in construction and maintenance costs

Comments from the Director of Childrens Services

The Children, Education and Families Portfolio has a projected overspend of £7,721k for the year.

The Education Division (core funding) has a projected underspend of £1,180k.

SEN 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 over the past five years. The national increase in EHCPs is widely acknowledged as unsustainable and the rate of increase is accelerating across the country. In Bromley, the rate on increase had reached 17% in 2021/22. We have taken significant steps to reduce the rate of increase in EHCPs, including the introduction of new guidance on Ordinarily Available Provision and the expectations of support before statutory assessment is considered. This multi-agency approach has helped to reduce the rate of increase to 10% (January 2022-January 2023). Furthermore, we have put in place additional measures over the past 12 months to support families and provide alternative services at an earlier stage. Nevertheless, we continue to see the impact of increasing numbers of EHCPs, leading to c80 additional children or young people requiring transport between April and November 2023 and a forecast increase of c120 by the end of the financial year. This pressure is exacerbated by the shortage of local specialist provision leading to high numbers of placements to out of Borough and independent non-maintained providers, which increases transport costs.

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 these 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

There is continued Transport provider pressures linked to the cost fuel and wages. The number of children requiring transport has increased by circa 17%, but this only accounts for part of the increase in costs. The reduced availability of drivers has resulted in more expensive providers having to be used from the call off framework.

Significant management action has been taken to reduce the costs of SEN Transport. Following agreement by Members within 2022/23, the implementation of these measures has led to cost reductions as per the savings targets in the MTFS.

There is a current projected in year overspend in Education (DSG funding) of £3,857k in year. This will be added to the £12,706k carried forward in the reserves from 2022/23. There has been a prior year Early Year adjustment which has increased the 2022/23 DSG allocation by £600k, and this is off set against the DSG reserve that effectively reduces the reserve. This gives us an estimated DSG reserve of £15,963k at the end of the financial year.

We have recently met again with representatives from the DfE to review our management of the DSG overspend. They were able to confirm that they were satisfied with the steps that we continue to take and confirmed that they did not wish to meet with us again until next year. DfE officials were asked whether their experience monitoring 20-30 other LAs highlighted any additional mitigations for Bromley to consider, but none were put 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 increase in Government funding is 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 well 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.

The demand management mitigations referenced earlier in this report are anticipated to have a significant impact on the further growth in costs of provision for children and young people with an EHCP.. We have sought to commission additional local specialist provision, including a new special free school, with successive delays encountered for the DfE-led scheme. The needs and tribunal challenges are such that we have no choice but to continue placing children in more costly provision to ensure we are not in default of our legal statutory duties.

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

In Children's Social Care the projected overspend is £6,541k.

The ongoing pressures that relate to emotional and mental health concerns for young people, combined with the impact of inflation and cost of living pressures 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.

Although much reduced from the previous year, the financial pressures across CSC continue to be primarily driven by placement costs for young people and also by the cost of agency staff.

Nationally, the cost of residential placements increased by 18.78% in 2022/23 (ADCS 2023) as demand continues to be greater than the number of placements available, particularly for children with complex or specialist requirements. Although our recruitment of permanent staff has increased and we now have fewer agency staff than in the past two years, our spend on agency staff still contributes to the pressures on the CSC staffing budget. As previously outlined to PDS, we are currently exploring options for the Council to set-up its own Children's home and/or agree the block booking of beds at a competitive rate in order to more actively influence costs and sufficiency.

There also continues to be a high level of demand for support particularly in Children with Disabilities (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.

Continued complexity of children (SEND).

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

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

Adult Care and Health Portfolio Budget Monitoring Summary

2022/23 Actuals £'000	Division Service Areas	2023/24 Original Budget £'000	2023/24 Latest Approved £'000	2023/24 Projected Outturn £'000	Variation £'000	Notes	Variation Last Reported £'000	Full Year Effect £'000
PEOPLE DEPARTMENT								
Adult Social Care								
23,554	Assessment and Care Management	22,816	24,568	25,538	970	1	550	5,531
118	Direct Services	117	117	117	0		0	0
2,334	Quality Assurance & Safeguarding	2,075	2,695	2,535	Cr 160	2	0	0
43,807	Learning Disabilities	48,075	47,943	48,098	155	3	0	709
8,650	Mental Health	8,415	8,415	9,375	960	4	951	257
907	Placement and Brokerage	979	659	659	0		0	0
Cr 255	Better Care Fund - Protection of Social Care	0	0	0	0		0	0
79,115		82,477	84,397	86,322	1,925		1,501	6,497
Integrated Commissioning Service								
1,299	Integrated Commissioning Service Information & Early Intervention	1,400	1,400	1,400	0		0	0
1,205	- Net Expenditure	3,761	3,761	3,761	0		0	0
Cr 1,205	- Recharge to Better Care Fund	Cr 3,756	Cr 3,756	Cr 3,756	0		0	0
Better Care Fund								
25,602	- Expenditure	28,226	28,226	28,226	0	5	0	0
Cr 25,622	- Income	Cr 28,246	Cr 28,246	Cr 28,246	0		0	0
Improved Better Care Fund								
10,327	- Expenditure	8,130	8,130	8,130	0	6	0	0
Cr 10,327	- Income	Cr 8,130	Cr 8,130	Cr 8,130	0		0	0
1,279		1,385	1,385	1,385	0		0	0
Public Health								
16,166	Public Health	15,927	16,436	16,436	0		0	0
Cr 15,876	Public Health - Grant Income	Cr 15,611	Cr 16,120	Cr 16,120	0		0	0
290		316	316	316	0		0	0
80,684	TOTAL CONTROLLABLE ADULT CARE & HEALTH	84,178	86,098	88,023	1,925		1,501	6,497
421	TOTAL NON CONTROLLABLE	559	559	559	0		0	0
4,092	TOTAL EXCLUDED RECHARGES	3,494	3,494	3,494	0		0	0
85,197	TOTAL ADULT CARE & HEALTH PORTFOLIO	88,231	90,151	92,076	1,925		1,501	6,497

Reconciliation of Latest Approved Budget

£'000

2023/24 Original Budget

88,231

Carry forwards:

Supplementary Substance Misuse Treatment & Recovery Funding

- expenditure	57
- income	-57

Improved Better Care Fund (IBCF)

- expenditure	1,911
- income	-1,911

Public Health Grant

- expenditure	2,874
- income	-2,874

LD/Autism Funding from South East London ICB

- expenditure	208
- income	-208

Discharge Transformation Funding from South East London ICB

- expenditure	256
- income	-256

Winter Resilience Funding

- expenditure	400
- income	-400

Charging Reform Implementation Support Grant

- expenditure	104
- income	-104

Omicron Support Fund

- expenditure	136
- income	-136

Test and Trace service support grant

- expenditure	368
- income	-368

Contain Outbreak Management Fund grant		
- expenditure		54
- income		-54
Contingency:		
Market Sustainability and Improvement Fund		2,788
Adult Social Care Discharge Fund	Cr	1,084
Market Sustainability and Improvement Fund - Workforce Fund		
- expenditure		1,810
- income	Cr	1,810
ICB Funding for Hospital Discharges		
- expenditure		1,511
- income	Cr	1,511
Work Safe Project		
- expenditure		65
- income	Cr	65
Social Care grant re ASC reforms	Cr	720
Adult Social Care grant		1,400
Other:		
Transfer of Staff from LD Care Management to Children's 0-25 years' service	Cr	144
Transfer of Care Placements Team Staff to Children's Services	Cr	320
Latest Approved Budget for 2023/24		
		<u><u>90,151</u></u>

1. Assessment and Care Management - Dr £550k

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	151
- Domiciliary Care / Direct Payments	2,764
	<u>2,915</u>
Services for 18-64	
- Placements	Cr 62
- Domiciliary Care / Direct Payments	1,031
	<u>969</u>
Market Sustainability and Improvement Fund (MSIF)	
- 23/24 MSIF allocation	Cr 1,227
- 23/24 MSIF Workforce Fund allocation	Cr 1,810
	<u>3,037</u>
Hospital Discharge Packages	
- Placements	2,536
- Domiciliary Care	1,190
- Enhanced Care	1,147
- LBB Discharge Funding	Cr 324
- ICB Discharge Funding	Cr 1,133
- Adult Social Care Reform growth	Cr 817
- BCF use of underspend	Cr 1,300
- Winter Resilience funding	Cr 200
- Management action	Cr 625
	<u>474</u>
Other	
Extra Care Housing	Cr 85
Day Care	Cr 333
Adult Transport	Cr 223
Community Equipment	450
	<u>1,130</u>

The 2023/24 budget includes funding for the full year effect of the September 2022 overspend as reported to Members in the September Budget Monitoring report.

Services for 65+ - Dr £2,915k

Numbers in residential and nursing care to date are 22 below the budget provision of 512 (was 15 below in Q2), however an overspend of £568k is currently projected. This is due to placements having to be made above the guide rates, as well as additional 1:1 support packages required for some service users in their placements. Offsetting this is a projected underspend in emergency and temporary placements of £372k and respite care of £45k.

The overall position on the domiciliary care and direct payments budgets (65+) is a projected overspend of £2,764k, which is an increase of £333k from Q1. Domiciliary care is projected to overspend by £2,312k and direct payments to overspend by £452k.

Services for 18-64 - Dr £969k

Placements for 18-64 age group are projected to overspend by £171k this year based on current service user numbers which are currently 1 above budgeted levels. This is a reduction of £216k since Q2. Offsetting this is a projected underspend on emergency and temporary placements of £221k and respite of £12k.

The overall position on the domiciliary care and direct payments budgets (18-64) is a projected overspend of £1,031k. Domiciliary care is currently projected to overspend by £644k, an increase of £177k from Q1 and direct payments to overspend by £387k.

Hospital Discharge - Dr £474k

Discharges from hospital continue to follow the new pathway set up with Health. Currently a full year overspend of £4,873k (£5,554k in Q2) is projected, split between placements of £2,536k, domiciliary care of £1,190k and enhanced care of £1,147k. This is however offset by management action of £625k, (reduced from £1,306k in Q2 as savings achieved) aiming to reduce the length of time a service user spends in a D2a setting. Additional funding has also been applied as follows: Hospital Discharge funding (£324k LBB and £1,133 ICB); use of BCF reserve (£1,300k); additional Adult Social Care Reform funding of £817k and Winter Resilience funding brought forward of £200k. Officers also continue to ensure that service users are moved on from these packages to normal packages of care as soon as possible, ensuring that client contributions are being maximised. The numbers of residents being discharged are broadly within trend for Bromley, however, the packages of care are more expensive and for longer duration.

Extra Care Housing - Cr £85k

Extra Care Housing is currently projected to underspend by £85k as a result of the net impact of voids (reduced care hours offset by Void payments to housing provider)

Day Care - Cr £333k / Transport - Cr £223k

Day Care services is currently projected to underspend by £333k, with numbers still being down on pre-covid numbers as service users switched to other services when the centres were closed during covid. This has also impacted the transport budget, which is showing a projected underspend of £223k.

Community Equipment - Dr £450k

The community equipment budget is currently predicted to overspend by £450k. A gross pressure of £3,062k is forecast based on the value of invoices paid to the supplier to date, however the net forecast assumes the receipt of collection credits of £1,210k and contributions from the Better Care Fund of £1,402k which will reduce the net overspend to £450k. There is additional information in part 2 of this report concerning the current position on the Community Equipment contract and associated financial risks.

2. Quality Assurance & Safeguarding - Cr £160k

The Quality Assurance & Safeguarding budget is currently projecting an overall underspend of £160k for Q3, mainly against the Deprivation of Liberty Safeguards budget.

3. Learning Disabilities - Dr £155k

The 2023/24 Learning Disabilities (LD) budget includes funding for anticipated 2023/24 demand-related pressures and the full year effect (FYE) of the 2022/23 overspend but also reductions relating to planned savings.

An overspend of £155k is now projected for this budget (Q2 nil variance forecast) which is based upon the current level of costs and client numbers. The change in the projection from Q2 mainly relates to uplifts in weekly placement costs now applied and the additional support required by high-needs clients and those clients transitioning from Children's Services. Work is still on-going around transitions in order to scrutinise any future impact on costs.

4. Mental Health - Dr £960k

The 2023/24 budget includes an adjustment for the full year effect of the September 2022 underspend reported to Members as part of the September Budget Monitoring report.

Placements for 65+ age group are projected to overspend by £302k this year based on current service user numbers of 52 (50 in Q2).

The overall position on the domiciliary care and direct payments budgets (65+) is a projected overspend of £24k. Domiciliary care is currently projected to overspend by £124k and direct payments to underspend by £100k.

Placements for the 18-64 age group are projected to overspend by £302k this year based on current service user numbers of 107 (also 107 in Q2), and mainly relates to placements in Nursing homes.

The overall position on the domiciliary care and direct payments budgets (18-64) is a projected overspend of £133k, with Domiciliary care currently projected to overspend by £55k and direct payments to overspend by £78k.

In addition to the above, savings of £424k were included in the 2023/24 budget. To date £124k has been achieved and another £88k is expected to be achieved. This leaves £212k as not being achieved for the remainder of the year.

Transport costs are expected to underspend by £13k

5. Better Care Fund (BCF) - Nil variation

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

The final 2023/24 allocation is a 5.66% increase above 2022/23 levels.

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

The total amount of funding available in 2023/24 is:

	£'000
2023/24 IBCF allocation	7,731
Carry forward from previous years	1,911
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	9,642

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

Virements Approved to date under Director's Delegated Powers

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

Children, Education and Families Portfolio Budget Monitoring Summary

2022/23 Actuals	Service Areas	2023/24 Original Budget	2023/24 Latest Approved	2023/24 Projected Outturn	Variation	Notes	Variation Last Reported	Full Year Effect
£'000		£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000		£'000	£'000
CHILDREN, EDUCATION AND FAMILIES PORTFOLIO								
Education Division - Core funding								
Cr 347	Adult Education Centres	Cr 430	Cr 360	Cr 340	20	1	114	0
576	Schools and Early Years Commissioning & QA	739	758	689	Cr 69	2	Cr 62	0
2,771	SEN and Inclusion	2,525	2,615	2,375	Cr 240	3	Cr 257	0
100	Strategic Place Planning	56	56	56	0		0	0
17	Workforce Development & Governor Services	Cr 22	Cr 22	Cr 22	0		0	0
7,516	Access & Inclusion	8,134	9,134	10,818	1,684	4	1,432	2,315
196	Other Strategic Functions	459	357	142	Cr 215	5	30	0
Cr 40	Central School Costs	Cr 60	Cr 60	Cr 60	0		0	0
10,789		11,401	12,478	13,658	1,180		1,257	2,315
Children's Social Care								
1,911	Bromley Youth Support Programme	1,798	1,833	1,895	62	6	140	0
1,260	Early Intervention and Family Support	1,545	1,503	1,457	Cr 46	7	Cr 120	0
10,034	CLA and Care Leavers	11,485	12,352	13,183	831	8	944	1,646
22,122	Fostering, Adoption and Resources	23,880	24,380	26,174	1,794	9	1,323	5,117
5,184	0-25 Children Service (Disability Services)	3,714	4,313	5,740	1,427	10	1,358	72
5,073	Referral and Assessment Service	4,765	5,280	5,743	463	11	515	Cr 35
4,582	Safeguarding and Care Planning East	4,181	4,181	5,082	901	12	534	0
2,998	Safeguarding and Care Planning West	2,493	2,134	2,908	774	13	693	0
Cr 2,489	Safeguarding and Quality Improvement	Cr 6,255	Cr 6,426	-6,091	335	14	Cr 32	0
50,675		47,606	49,550	56,091	6,541		5,355	6,800
61,464	TOTAL CONTROLLABLE FOR CEF CORE FUNDING	59,007	62,028	69,749	7,721		6,612	9,115
129	Total Non-Controllable	1,424	1,424	1,424	0		0	0
11,182	Total Excluded Recharges	7,208	7,208	7,208	0		0	0
72,775	TOTAL CEF PORTFOLIO CORE FUNDING	67,639	70,660	78,381	7,721		6,612	9,115
Education Division - DSG Funding								
21,691	Schools and Early Years Commissioning & QA	21,512	22,589	22,054	Cr 535	15	Cr 535	0
39,401	SEN and Inclusion	40,787	40,787	45,288	4,501	16	4,402	0
3,272	Access & Inclusion	3,635	3,635	3,492	Cr 143	17	177	0
22	Strategic Place Planning	94	94	94	0		0	0
6	Workforce Development & Governor Services	20	20	20	0		0	0
130	Other Strategic Functions	481	739	738	Cr 1		Cr 1	0
Cr 97,312	Schools Budgets	Cr 103,139	Cr 104,474	Cr 104,474	0		0	0
17,840	Special Schools and Alternative Provision	18,983	18,983	18,983	0		0	0
7,847	Primary Schools	10,075	10,075	10,110	35	18	0	0
4,005	Secondary Schools	3,798	3,798	3,798	0		0	0
0	Charge to Reserves	0	0	Cr 3,857	Cr 3,857	19	Cr 4,043	0
Cr 3,098		Cr 3,754	Cr 3,754	Cr 3,754	0		0	0
Cr 3,098	TOTAL CONTROLLABLE FOR CEF - DSG FUNDING	Cr 3,754	Cr 3,754	Cr 3,754	0		0	0
11	Total Non-Controllable	81	81	81	0		0	0
3,087	Total Excluded Recharges	3,673	3,673	3,673	0		0	0
0	TOTAL CEF PORTFOLIO - DSG FUNDING	0	0	0	0		0	0
TOTAL CEF PORTFOLIO		67,639	70,660	78,381	7,721		6,612	9,115

Reconciliation of Latest Approved Budget

Original Budget 2023/24

£'000

67,639

Contingency:

Carry forwards:

Deed Settlement for Hawes Down Site		
expenditure		5
income	Cr	5
Virtual School - CIN Grant Carry Forward		
expenditure		82
income	Cr	82
Homes for Ukraine DfE Grant		
expenditure		1,187
income	Cr	1,187
BAEC upgrading hardware and supporting software - GLA Grant		
expenditure		26
income	Cr	26
YOT NHS Money		
expenditure		29
income	Cr	29
COVID Recovery Grant		
expenditure		130
income	Cr	130
National Tutoring Programme		
expenditure		22
income	Cr	22

GLA Adult Ed Grant Repayment		
expenditure		16
income	Cr	16
Supporting Families; Investing in Practice Grant		
expenditure		475
income	Cr	475
Homes for Ukraine Main Grant		
expenditure		300
income	Cr	300
Other:		
Transfer of Staff from LD Care Management to Children's 0-25 years' service		144
Transfer of Care Placements Team Staff to Children's Services		320
S31 Leaving Care Uplift Grant		
expenditure		68
income	Cr	68
GLA free school meal payment		
expenditure		6,036
income	Cr	6,036
UKSPF funding		
expenditure		275
income	Cr	275
Above Inflation Pressures on Children Placements		1,370
Drawdown of SEN Transport		1,000
Early Years Supplementary Grant		
expenditure		1,669
income	Cr	1,669
Extended Personal Advisor Grant		
expenditure		11
income	Cr	11
Homes for Ukraine Main Grant - Adult Education		
expenditure		80
income	Cr	80
Reducing Parental Conflict Grant		
expenditure		30
income	Cr	30
Adult Education GLA Grant Funding		
expenditure		82
income	Cr	82
Uplift to Youth Justice Board Grant		
expenditure		12
income	Cr	12
Change in DSG Early Years and High Needs Block		
expenditure - Early Years		1,077
expenditure - High Needs		258
income	Cr	1,335
Draw Down from Reserve to meet demand in EHCP's / High Needs		
Expenditure		525
Income		-525
Increase in Fuel Costs		187
Autism Funding transferred from ACH		
expenditure		42
income	Cr	42
Youth Justice Grant Increase		
expenditure		3
income	Cr	3
DFE Delivery Support Fund		
expenditure		66
income	Cr	66
Strengthening Multi-Agency Leadership Grant		
expenditure		47
income	Cr	47

Latest Approved Budget for 2023/24

70,660

REASONS FOR VARIATIONS

1. Adult Education Centres - Dr £20k

This area is currently expected to overspend by £20k and this is due to an under collection of fees income of £177k. This is being offset by an underspend on staffing of £56k and £101k on running costs.

2. Schools and Early Years Commissioning & QA - Cr £69k

The in-house nursery is currently expected to overspend by £19k, due to an under collection of income of £101k being offset by an underspend on staffing of £81k and running costs of £1k.

Across the rest of the service there is a £88k underspend relating to staffing.

3. SEN and Inclusion - Cr £240k

The staffing in this area is currently forecasting an underspend by £182k - this is due to a number of posts that are currently or have been vacant during the year. There is an additional £20k in income and an overspend of £22k.

The Education Psychologists are currently have a number of vacant posts in their team. This is causing the statutory service they are required to provide to be underspent by £253k and the Trading Service they offer to the Schools to be overspent by £193k. This is a net underspend of £60k.

4. Access & Inclusions - Dr £1,684k

The overspend in this area is due to the costs around SEN Transport that is currently forecast to overspend by £1,660k due to the increasing number of children qualifying for this service, and the increases in costs. The remaining £24k is due to various running costs and under collection of income.

5. Other Strategic Functions - Cr £215k

There is current an underspend of £215k in this area relates to underspends on running costs.

Children's Social Care - Dr £6,541k

The current budget variation for the Children's Social Care Division is projected to be an overspend of £6,541k, this is an increase from £1,186k at the time of the last report. Additional funding has been identified of £1,370k due to above inflationary increases in prices across the board in CSC. This has been applied but some pressures/demands remain.

6. Bromley Youth Support Programme - Dr £62k

The BYSP budget is projected to overspend by £62k this year. The service is currently looking at transformational savings that have not yet been realised and this is the main cause behind the overspend on running costs of £243k. This is being offset by an underspend on staffing of £74k and over collection on income of £107k.

7. Early Intervention and Family Support - Cr £46k

The main projected variance relates to services is a projected underspend on staffing of £44k and running costs of £24k. These are then offset by a £22k under collection of income.

8. CLA and Care Leavers - Dr £831k

The budget for placements in this area is currently projected to overspend by £892k this year. This amount is analysed by placement type below.

- Staying Put - Dr £435k (Dr 437k)

- Direct Accommodation - Dr £1,118k (£Dr 740k)

- Placement Support Leaving Care - Cr £661k (Dr £510k)

This leaves an underspend of £61k on all of the other areas, and this is made up of a £113k overspend on staffing that is then being offset by an underspend on running costs of £174k.

9. Fostering, Adoption and Resources - Dr £1,794k

The budget for children's placements is currently projected to overspend by £1,699k this year. This amount is analysed by placement type below.

- Community Home's / Community Home's with Education - Dr £3,169k (Dr £2,811k)

- Boarding Schools - Cr £184k (Cr £149k)

- Secure Placement - Cr £250k (Cr £230k)

- Fostering services (IFA's) - Dr £105k (Dr £31k)

- Fostering services (In-house, including SGO's and Kinship) - Cr £833k (Cr £792k)

- Adoption placements - Cr £200k (Cr £200k)

- Outreach Services - Dr £109k (Dr £109k)

- Transport Costs - Cr £154k (Cr £157k)

- Dom Care - Cr £63k (Cr £63k)

Additionally there is an extra £362k worth of income - most of which relates to the cost of the placements. This is then being offset by overspends in staffing of £404k and running cost of £53k.

10. 0-25 Children Service - Dr £1,427k

The main area of overspend is the use of Direct Payments (£65k) and Dom Care (£1,081k) to support our clients. There is also a overspend in staffing of £55k and running costs of £226k.

11. Referral and Assessment Service Dr £463k

The main projected variance relates in this area relate to an overspend on staffing of £464k, with additional pressure on running costs of £52k.

This is then offset by a £53k underspend related to No Recourse to Public Funds (NRPF) clients.

12. Safeguarding and Care Planning East Dr £901k

The budget in this area is currently projected to overspend by £901k, and is due to staffing overspends of £485k and £181k on running costs. Additionally there is an overspend of £235k related to various costs related to supporting our clients.

13. Safeguarding and Care Planning West Dr £774k

The projected variance relates to a projected overspends on staffing of £520k and £254k on running costs that mostly relates to looked after clients.

14. Safeguarding and Quality Improvement Dr £335k

The projected overspend of £335k in this area mainly relates to staffing (£149k), and this includes the costs of recruiting and retaining social workers across the whole of Children's Social Care. This is also an overspend of £186k relating to general running costs.

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 DSG of £3,857k. This will be added to the £12,706k carried forward in the reserves from 2022/23. There has been a prior year Early Years DSG adjustment which increased the 2022/23 DSG allocation by £600k, and this is offset against the DSG reserve and effectively reduces the reserve. This gives an estimated DSG deficit reserve of £15,963k at the end of the financial year.

15. Schools and Early Years Commissioning & QA Cr £535k

There is a projected underspend on the costs of child care payments for 2, 3 and 4 year olds of £454k. This includes the costs related to the Early Years Supplementary Grant.

Additionally there are underspends of £81k due to staffing underspends over a range of cost centres.

16. SEN and Inclusion Dr £4,501k

SEN placements are projected to overspend by a total of £4,898k. The overspend is being caused by the Maintained Day (£1,647k), Independent Day (£866k), Alternative Programmes (£1,432k), Maintained Boarding Schools (£234k), Direct Payment (£224k), Matrix funding (£705k) and other overspends (£40k). This is then slightly offset by an underspend on Independent Boarding Schools (£250k). In addition to the placement costs, there are underspends on staffing across a number of areas of £377k and on running costs of £20k.

17. Access & Inclusion Cr £143k

The £143k underspend in this area is due to an overspend of £319k on running costs and an under collection of income of £89k. These are being offset by staffing underspends of £551k.

18. Primary School Dr £35k

The cost pressure in this area relates to the closing deficit in a school when it converted to academy status

19. Charge to Reserves Cr £3,857k

Section 25 of the Local Government Act 2003 requires the Section 151 Officer to report on the robustness of the budget calculations and adequacy of reserves. The 151 Officer within that commentary is now required to consider the Councils DSG deficit position, despite the statutory override being in place.

The statutory override effectively means that any DSG deficits are not included in the Councils main revenue budgets. However funding will ultimately need to be identified

In effect the Council has to still set aside resources to meet the DSG deficit and where no ongoing funding is identified such funding will need to come from the Councils reserves. On that basis the budget monitoring report identifies a deficit of £3,857k which has to ultimately be funded from the Councils reserve.

Although DSG is effectively ring fenced the ongoing increase through funding by reserves (general and earmarked) creates a financially unsustainable position in the medium to longer term

The External Auditor as part of the annual accounts, are required to comment on the Councils Value for money arrangements and will be required to consider any DSG deficit and the impact on the Councils finances

In terms of presentation of the DSG deficit of £12,706k up to 31/3/2023 and the estimated in year sum of £3,857k in 2023/24, there will need to be adequate funding from the Councils reserves unless alternative savings can be found. The use of reserves have been assumed in this report, although the specific reserves to use have not been identified at this stage.

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 22 waivers agreed for placements of between £50 and £100k, 1 between £100k and £150k, and 19 for a value of over £200k.

Virements Approved to date under Director's Delegated Powers

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Environment & Community Portfolio Budget Monitoring Summary

2022/23 Actuals £'000	Service Areas	2023/24 Original Budget £'000	2023/24 Latest Approved £'000	2023/24 Projected Outturn £'000	Variation £'000	Notes	Variation Last Reported £'000	Full Year Effect £'000
	ENVIRONMENT & COMMUNITY PORTFOLIO							
	Street Scene & Green Spaces							
1,151	Arboriculture Management	814	822	922	100	1	100	0
92	Business Support and Markets	26	26	160	134	2	123	0
1,189	Senior Management	1,331	1,331	1,331	0		0	0
211	Performance Management and Business Support	224	224	224	0		0	0
6,439	Parks and Green Spaces	6,854	6,940	6,940	0		0	0
79	Carbon Management	155	155	155	0		0	0
18,503	Waste Services	20,722	20,722	19,825	Cr 897	3	0	0
6,491	Neighbourhood	6,961	7,087	7,087	0		0	0
34,155		37,087	37,306	36,643	Cr 663		223	0
	Transport Operations and Depot							
552	Transport Operations and Depot Management	632	632	575	Cr 57	4	Cr 57	0
552		632	632	575	Cr 57		Cr 57	0
	Traffic, Parking and Highways							
-140	Traffic & Road Safety	161	161	39	Cr 122	5	Cr 29	0
Cr 8,209	Parking	Cr 9,186	Cr 9,186	Cr 8,478	708	6	828	0
8,979	Highways (including London Permit Scheme)	9,339	9,584	10,270	686	7	400	0
630		314	559	1,831	1,272		1,199	0
35,337	TOTAL CONTROLLABLE	38,033	38,497	39,049	552		1,365	0
1,673	TOTAL NON-CONTROLLABLE	6,743	6,743	6,743	0		0	0
2,284	TOTAL EXCLUDED RECHARGES	2,343	2,343	2,343	0		0	0
39,294	PORTFOLIO TOTAL	47,119	47,583	48,135	552		1,365	0

Reconciliation of Latest Approved Budget

£'000

Original Budget 2023/24

47,119

Carry Forward Requests approved from 2022/23

Highways Income for Road Maintenance

245

Central Contingency Adjustments

Inflationary Uplifts

219

Other Budget Movements

Hill Car Park Repair - Infrastructure Investment Fund

250

Hill Car Park Repair - Infrastructure Investment Fund

Cr 250

Latest Approved Budget for 2023/24

47,583

REASONS FOR VARIATIONS

1. Arboriculture Dr £100k

Tree works are identified through a triennial inspection programme and carried out in compliance with the adopted Tree Management Strategy to manage risk. The projected overspend of £100k recognises that in previous years, the volume of essential works has exceeded the budget available. There are several unknown factors affecting budget which make overspend a risk.

2. Business Support & Markets Dr £134k

The service is expecting an underachievement of income across Advertising, Street Trading and Markets of £144k (further details on this is given below), which is partly offset by an underspend on staffing of £19k as a vacant post is being used to fund a fixed term post on a lower grade and a £16k underspend on ICT software. There is also an overspend on the security of premises for £25k.

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 and being made permanent, which allows businesses to apply for a pavement licence for a £100 administration fee with no ongoing charges; this administration process is managed through Licensing in Public Protection. This is a significant reduction compared to the previous licensing of tables and chairs on the highway under street trading licence scheme where the fees charges were significantly higher and were subject to periodic 6-month renewal. The estimated net impact on the Council this year is a loss of £85k.

Advertising income from promotional activity is underachieving by £9k, the Promotional Activity in Bromley High Street has fewer larger scale week-long promotions. The majority of the promotional activity comes from smaller companies and it is limited to a few days, generating less income.

The Market Income is underachieving by £50k, due to a tough retail environment and depressed footfall in the Town Centre, which has led to a higher number of booking cancellations from market traders than normal. Furthermore the relocation of the market from the southern to northern end of the high street several years ago affected layout, reducing the number of regular stalls from 42 to 35, impacting the income capacity.

3. Waste Services Cr £897k

The Waste Service is reporting a £897k underspend for Q3, this is in the main due to the provision of Covid 19 funding (£800k) in 2022-23, to cover the additional costs of the increase in disposal of residual waste and processing of recyclates which were higher than pre COVID levels following lifestyle changes during the global pandemic. Although the levels of municipal waste have now returned to relatively stable levels the funding is still in the budget for the current year. The funding will be cut by half in '24-'25 with the remainder taken in '25-'26

4. Transport Operations and Depot Management Cr £57k

The service is reporting a £57k underspend on staffing costs, where we have officers who have moved to part time, freeing up some budget.

5. Traffic & Road Safety Cr £122k

There has been an over achievement from advertising income and temporary traffic orders due to road closures. This is partly offset by the cost of removing old street signs in the Borough.

6. Parking, Dr £708k

	Total
	£'000
Summary of variations within Parking	
Off Street (incl. Multi Storey Car Parks)	486
On Street	-146
Parking fees total:	340
Moving Traffic Contraventions (MTCs)	463
CCTV- Schools/ Bus Stops	-61
CEO Enforcement (PCN's)	-385
Bus Lanes	570
Parking Shared Services	-219
Enforcement total:	368
Total variations	708

6a. Car Parks (off street and multistorey car parks) Dr £486k

For a number of years, there has been an ongoing decrease in car park usage. Officers will continue to monitor and analyse the data trends to ensure the correct tariffs are in place to help with demand per location.

As well as the above, the Hill multistorey car park was closed due to health and safety concerns for 2 months (October to December 2023), this approximately accounts for about £150k of the variance in this area. West Wickham car park also closed at the start of this financial year and accounts for a further £58k of the pressure. Motorists were advised to use nearby car parks and on street parking facilities, however during that period of time there was no real increase in the surrounding car parks that would account for any displacement from these car parks.

Despite managing to maintain income levels this year, the longer term trend means that income is unlikely to return to budgeted levels and future budget setting should take account of this.

6b. On Street Car Parks Cr £146k

On street parking income is overachieving the budget with the demand for on street parking sessions remaining steady. Officers will continue to monitor and analyse the data trends to ensure the correct tariffs are in place to help with demand per location.

Due to the continued strong performance here, we will look to re-align this budget in the future to allow the additional income to mitigate pressures in other parts of the parking service.

6c. Moving Traffic Contraventions (MTCs), Dr £463k

The trend of two years of enforcement has shown that driver compliance with moving traffic regulations has improved since the cameras first went live. However, the average number of PCNs being issued in April to December 2022 was 2,619 p/m, compared to the average in April to December 2023 being 2,320. Maintenance costs for all MTC cameras has increased and for 23/24 currently stands at £61k which is £20k over budget

Although income levels could be maintained in the future, it is unlikely to ever achieve the budgeted target due to continued compliance by road users, therefore future budget setting should take account of this.

6d. CCTV - Schools/ Bus Stops, Cr 61k

Compliance around the schools has continued to improve, whereas one camera at a bus stop has seen a large number of PCNs being issued. April to December 2022 there were 172 PCNs p/m whereas in the same period in April to December 2023 there was an average of 94 PCNs p/m. Maintenance costs for all school and bus stop cameras was £8,694.

Where compliance has been achieved, Officers will consider new locations for cameras.

6e. CEO Enforcement (PCN's), Cr £385k

From May 2023 some additional CEOs have been deployed around the Borough to help to achieve an improved compliance around the Borough, CEOs have been employed on different working patterns to help achieve this. From April to December 2022, the average number of PCNs issued p/m was 5,696, whereas in the same time period in 2023 6,947 PCNs were issued. In due course, the additional enforcement may lead to more compliance and less income.

6f. Bus Lanes Dr £570k

As has been reported previously, compliance by drivers in bus lanes continues to improve with the average PCNs issued per month between April to December 2022 being 911, compared to 792 PCNs being issued in the same time period in 2023. Maintenance costs for bus lane cameras for 23/24 is £28,926.

6g. Shared Services Cr £219k

There is an underspend on the Shared Service budget due to vacant posts, however the budget needs to be flexible to allow for changes in workflow demands to allow the service to cover busy periods and meet statutory deadlines. An increasing backlog in appeals will result in the team recruiting more staff in the near future, increased number of staff will achieve a better customer services by appeals being processed quicker, resulting in PCNs being settled quicker.

7. Highways, including London Permit Scheme Dr £686k

There is an overspend of £630k in Highway Services, as the number of highway defects (carriageway and footway) has nearly doubled in the first 6 months of the year and these projects have statutory requirements. A second contractor had to be employed to clear the existing backlog from the main supplier, J B Riney. The London permit Scheme is underachieving the income by £56k.

Waiver of Financial Regulations:

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Public Protection & Enforcement Budget Monitoring Summary

2022/23 Actuals £'000	Service Areas	2023/24 Original Budget £'000	2023/24 Latest Approved £'000	2023/24 Projected Outturn £'000	Variation £'000	Notes	Variation Last Reported £'000	Full Year Effect £'000
	Public Protection							
483	Community Safety	540	584	584	0		0	0
152	Emergency Planning	157	157	157	0		0	0
823	Mortuary & Coroners Service	939	939	939	0		0	0
1,251	Public Protection	1,592	1,737	1,737	0		0	0
2,709	TOTAL CONTROLLABLE	3,228	3,417	3,417	0		0	0
3	TOTAL NON CONTROLLABLE	12	12	12	0		0	0
950	TOTAL EXCLUDED RECHARGES	816	816	816	0		0	0
3,662	PORTFOLIO TOTAL	4,056	4,245	4,245	0		0	0

Reconciliation of Latest Approved Budget

£'000

Original Budget 2023/24

4,056

Out of Hours Noise Service in Community Safety

50

Carry Forward Requests approved from 2022/23

POCA confiscation orders from the courts

61

HMO income

78

Latest Approved Budget for 2023/24

4,245

REASONS FOR VARIATIONS

No variation to report across PPE, just to note a £300k growth was awarded to the Mortuary and Coroners Service for 2023/24, this has mitigated the pressure in this area from last year.

Waiver of Financial Regulations:

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

Virements Approved to date under Director's Delegated Powers

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Renewal, Recreation & Housing Budget Monitoring Summary

2022/23 Actuals £'000	Division Service Areas	2023/24 Original Budget £'000	2023/24 Latest Approved £'000	2023/24 Projected Outturn £'000	Variation £'000	Notes	Variation Last Reported £'000	Full Year Effect £'000
	PLACE DEPARTMENT							
	Planning							
27	Building Control	70	70	313	243	1	243	0
Cr 63	Land Charges	Cr 117	Cr 117	Cr 47	70	2	70	0
1,823	Planning	986	1,106	1,332	226	3	209	0
1,787		939	1,059	1,598	539		522	0
	Culture & Regeneration							
1,384	Culture	1,120	1,120	1,032	Cr 88	4	0	0
5,570	Libraries	5,174	5,365	5,365	0		0	0
87	Town Centre Management	44	44	44	0		0	0
7,041		6,338	6,529	6,441	Cr 88		0	0
	Operational Housing							
1,276	Housing Strategy, Advice and Enabling	1,522	1,412	1,412	0		0	0
Cr 1,502	Housing Benefits	Cr 1,586	Cr 1,586	Cr 1,586	0		0	0
Cr 54	Housing Improvement	Cr 20	Cr 20	Cr 45	Cr 25	5	0	0
7,046	Allocations and Accommodation	5,356	5,358	8,653	3,295	6	2,557	5,636
921	Supporting People	1,134	1,134	986	Cr 148	7	Cr 148	Cr 148
1,095	Housing Options and Support	1,671	1,846	1,671	Cr 175	8	Cr 50	0
0	Housing Schemes	257	257	580	323	9	0	0
8,782		8,334	8,401	11,671	3,270		2,359	5,488
17,610	Total Controllable	15,611	15,989	19,710	3,721		2,881	5,488
Cr 412	TOTAL NON CONTROLLABLE	Cr 541	Cr 541	Cr 541	0		0	0
5,691	TOTAL EXCLUDED RECHARGES	5,583	5,583	5,583	0		0	0
22,889	TOTAL RR & H PORTFOLIO TOTAL	20,653	21,031	24,752	3,721		2,881	5,488

Reconciliation of Latest Approved Budget

£'000

Original budget 2023/24

20,653

Carry Forward Requests approved from 2022/23

Homelessness Reduction Grant		89
Homelessness Reduction Grant	Cr	89
Accommodation for ex-Offenders Expenditure		64
Accommodation for ex-Offenders Grant	Cr	64
Rough Sleepers Initiative Grant expenditure		43
Rough Sleepers Initiative Grant income	Cr	43
Homes for Ukraine Grant		2,400
Homes for Ukraine Grant	Cr	2,400
Defra Biodiversity Net Gain Grant		13
Defra Biodiversity Net Gain Grant	Cr	13
New Homes Bonus Funded LEP Programme		73
New Homes Bonus Funded LEP Programme	Cr	73
Local Plan Implementation		120

Central Contingency Adjustments

2023-24 Accommodation for Ex-Offenders expenditure		74
2023-24 Accommodation for Ex-Offenders income	Cr	74
2023-24 Rough Sleepers Initiative Grant expenditure		214
2023-24 Rough Sleepers Initiative Grant income	Cr	214
HFU Thank you payments expenditure		606
HFU Thank you payments income	Cr	606
2023-24 Rough Sleepers Initiative Grant expenditure confirmed total allocator		214
2023-24 Rough Sleepers Initiative Grant income confirmed total allocation	Cr	214

Homelessness Prevention Grant - 2023-24 additional allocation		361
Homelessness Prevention Grant - 2023-24 additional allocation	Cr	361
HPG– 2023/2024 Homes For Ukraine Funding Top-Up		1,117
HPG– 2023/2024 Homes For Ukraine Funding Top-Up	Cr	1,117
Inflation - Libraries contract		191
Energy Cost Inflation		67
Other		
Latest Approved Budget for 2023/24		<u><u>21,031</u></u>

REASONS FOR VARIATIONS

With higher interest rates and the cost of living affecting the economy, there is pressure on income budgets across the Property and Planning Divisions.

1. Building Control Dr £243k

Building Control fees were increased in 2022/23 in order to realign the budgeted income target with a more realistic outcome, but in 2023/24 an agreed saving increased the income budget target by £79k overall. Based on the activity in the past 6 months we anticipate that income will fall short of the budgeted amount by £243k. As the forecast is based on 9 months of actual income received and 3 months estimated if the activity improves the final position will be reflected in the Outturn.

2. Land Charges Dr £70k

Similar to Building Control, we anticipate a variation overspend of around £70k which remains the same as Q2, and historically this has been the case over the past a few years, but assuming the activity improves in the remaining 3 months and if the introduction of a fees review is completed within this financial year and implemented this will reduce the variation.

3. Planning Dr £226k

Planning Pre-Apps & Planning 'Significant' Major Apps We are currently forecasting a shortfall of income for Q3 of £226k compared to the £209k declared in Q2. It should be noted that the Government's planning application fees draft regulations consultation may increase future fee levels by 30%, however, any increase in fees is not currently expected to come into force until April 2024.

<https://www.legislation.gov.uk/ukdsi/2023/9780348250404>

4. Culture Cr £88k

Culture is forecasting an underspend of £88k. £52k of this relates to the Norman Park Management fee budget no longer required. £36k is a short term reduction in the Libraries contract cost, however this is likely to be required to fund inflationary pressures in 24/25.

5. Housing Improvement Cr £25k

A £25k underspend is currently forecast in Housing Improvement on salary costs.

6. Allocations and Accommodation Dr £3,295k

There is currently a forecast overspend of £3,410k in all Temporary Accommodation before projected savings from the continuation of the Transformation Programme. For this round of budget monitoring the number of households in nightly paid Temporary Accommodation was 1,224 (was 1,161 in Q2 and 1,125 in Q1). It is currently expected that this will increase to 1,284 by the end of the financial year, at a current average cost of £9,761 per household per annum (£8,857 on Q2 and £8,268 in Q1).

These figures exclude other schemes like More Homes Bromley, Pinnacle (formerly Orchard & Shipman), ex-residential care homes, and the Bromley Private Sector Leasing Scheme. Once these have been included there are currently over 1,561 households in Temporary Accommodation.

Transformation Programme savings for the remainder of 2023-24 totalling £25k have been identified for Meadowship Homes Phase 2 to provide a longer term alternative to expensive nightly paid accommodation. Other earlier schemes in the programme have been completed and are contributing to the housing options available. The Full Year Effect of these savings is estimated at around £1.3m.

	£'000
Summary of overall variations within Allocations and Accommodation:	
Temporary Accommodation	3,410
Transformation Savings	Cr 25
PSL Incentive Payments and Furniture Storage	Cr 90
Total variation for Allocations and Accommodation	<u><u>3,295</u></u>

7. Supporting People Cr £148k

A £148k underspend is currently forecast in the Supporting People service area mainly as a result of procurement exercises during 2021/22 and 2022/23 containing costs within inflation that had accumulated in the budget. The full retendering exercise has been completed and the current underspend will remain in this budget to cover potential future pressures.

8. Housing Options and Support Cr £175k

A £25k underspend is currently forecast in Housing Options and Support on salary costs. There has been a successful round of recruitment recently, but there are still some difficult to fill vacancies in the service. There is also an additional forecast underspend of £150k as currently, options are not available to prevent homelessness.

9. Housing Schemes Dr £323k

More Homes Bromley Shortfall Payments

Under the More Homes Bromley scheme, LBB is liable for the shortfall in rent as result of the reduced number of acquisitions compared to the original financial model. For 2023-24 the total net rental income shortfall is forecast to be £256k. Previously this shortfall has been met by the rent guarantee contingent liability, but this has been fully utilised and is no longer available.

Meadowship Homes 2 Nomination Penalty Payments

In line with the nominations agreement, the managing agent applied penalty fees where LBB has failed to nominate clients within the agreed timescales. This is the first time such charges have been applied and the forecast for 2023-24 is £61k. There are also legal charges of £6k for the year.

Waiver of Financial Regulations:

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

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Resources, Commissioning & Contracts Management Portfolio Budget Monitoring Summary

2022/23 Actuals £'000		2023/24 Original Budget £'000	2023/24 Latest Approved £'000	2023/24 Projected Outturn £'000	Variation £'000	Notes	Variation Last Reported £'000	Full Year Effect £'000
	CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S DEPARTMENT							
	FINANCIAL SERVICES DIVISION							
265	Director of Finance & Other	267	267	267	0		0	0
5,953	Exchequer - Revenue & Benefits	6,831	6,784	6,784	0		0	0
2,249	Exchequer - Payments & Income	2,295	2,444	2,444	0		0	0
582	Financial Accounting	1,233	1,233	1,233	0		0	0
1,730	Management Accounting	1,991	1,997	1,997	0		0	0
848	Audit	1,073	1,073	1,073	0		0	0
11,627	Total Financial Services Division	13,690	13,798	13,798	0		0	0
	CORPORATE SERVICES DIVISION							
6,911	Information Systems & Telephony	7,238	7,238	7,308	70	1	210	0
	Legal Services & Democracy							
1,221	Electoral	512	512	512	0		7	0
1,473	Democratic Services	1,607	1,607	1,554	Cr 53	2	Cr 93	0
179	Mayoral	184	184	184	0		0	0
2,986	Legal Services	2,525	2,835	3,107	272	3	249	0
529	Procurement and Data Management	585	585	535	Cr 50	4	0	0
219	Management and Other (Corporate Services)	235	235	235	0		0	0
13,518	Total Corporate Services Division	12,886	13,196	13,435	239		373	0
	HR AND CUSTOMER SERVICES DIVISION							
2,429	Human Resources	2,499	2,499	2,771	272	5	164	0
	Customer Services							
Cr 1,185	Contact Centre	1,249	1,304	1,304	0		Cr 17	0
99	Registration of Births, Deaths & Marriages	Cr 131	Cr 131	Cr 175	Cr 44	6	Cr 119	0
306	CE - Consultation & Communication	326	326	326	0		Cr 22	0
3,821	Total HR & Customer Services Division	3,943	3,998	4,226	228		6	0
	CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S DIVISION							
826	Management and Other (C. Exec)	1,162	1,162	1,162	0		0	0
826	Total Chief Executive's Division	1,162	1,162	1,162	0		0	0
	CENTRAL ITEMS							
808	CDC & Non Distributed Costs (Past Deficit etc.)	1,361	1,361	1,361	0		0	0
5,964	Concessionary Fares	7,320	6,982	6,982	0		0	0
36,564	TOTAL CONTROLLABLE CE DEPT	40,362	40,497	40,964	467		379	0
14	TOTAL NON CONTROLLABLE	449	449	449	0		0	0
Cr 22,246	TOTAL EXCLUDED RECHARGES	Cr 17,569	Cr 17,569	Cr 17,569	0		0	0
14,332	TOTAL CE DEPARTMENT	23,242	23,377	23,844	467		379	0
	CHILDREN, EDUCATION AND FAMILIES DEPARTMENT							
	Strategy and Corporate Projects							
133	Commissioning	237	237	148	Cr 89	7	Cr 125	0
1,781	Strategy, Performance and Engagement	1,884	1,884	1,793	Cr 91	8	Cr 28	0
1,914	TOTAL CONTROLLABLE CEF DEPT	2,121	2,121	1,941	Cr 180		Cr 153	0
3	TOTAL NON CONTROLLABLE	1	1	1	0		0	0
Cr 2,152	TOTAL EXCLUDED RECHARGES	Cr 2,178	Cr 2,178	Cr 2,178	0		0	0
Cr 235	TOTAL CEF DEPARTMENT	Cr 56	Cr 56	Cr 236	Cr 180		Cr 153	0
	ENVIRONMENT & COMMUNITY SERVICES DEPARTMENT							
	Total Facilities Management							
2,134	Admin Buildings & Facilities Support	1,727	1,727	1,727	0		0	0
1,147	Investment & Non-Operational Property	823	823	823	0		0	0
Cr 270	Strategic & Operational Property Services	1,020	1,170	1,170	0		0	0
2,191	TFM Client Monitoring Team	1,957	1,957	1,957	0		0	0
Cr 1,528	Other Rental Income - Other Portfolios	Cr 1,683	Cr 1,683	Cr 1,683	0		0	0
2,626	Repairs & Maintenance (All LBB)	2,513	2,513	2,513	0		0	0
6,300	TOTAL CONTROLLABLE ECS DEPT	6,357	6,507	6,507	0		0	0
64	TOTAL NON CONTROLLABLE	7,919	7,919	7,919	0		0	0
Cr 872	TOTAL EXCLUDED RECHARGES	Cr 4,308	Cr 4,308	Cr 4,308	0		0	0
Cr 1,696	Less: R&M allocated across other Portfolios	Cr 1,726	Cr 1,726	Cr 1,726	0		0	0
1,528	Less: Rent allocated across other Portfolios	1,683	1,683	1,683	0		0	0

5,324	TOTAL ECS DEPARTMENT	9,925	10,075	10,075	0	0	0
19,421	TOTAL RCCM PORTFOLIO	33,111	33,396	33,683	287	226	0

				285
Reconciliation of Latest Approved Budget		£'000		
Original budget 2023/24		33,111		
Carry Forward Requests approved from 2022/23				
Electoral Services - New Burdens Grant				
- Expenditure		15		To be carried forward 24-25
- Income	Cr	15		
Local Digital Cyber Fund				
- Expenditure		50		
- Income	Cr	50		
BEIS - EBSS AF and AFP				
- Expenditure		847		
- Income	Cr	847		
Legal Services - ULEZ		140		
			140	
Central Contingency Adjustments				
Legal support - children and adults social care			170	
Energy contract (part year)				
Local election May 2022				
Legal Support – children’s and adults social care				
Inflation				
IT contract procurement				
Resources to support GDPR compliance				
Inflation - Concessionary Fares			-338	
Inflation - Liberata contract - Exchequer Services			102	
Inflation - Liberata contract - Contact Centre			55	
Inflation - Liberata contract - School Finance			6	
Star Lane works			150	
Other Budget Movements				
IT Drawdown from reserves			336	
IT Drawdown from reserves	Cr		336	
Legal Drawdown from Reserves			153	
Legal Drawdown from Reserves	Cr		153	
Electoral Integrity Programme New Burdens Funding Grant			49	
Electoral Integrity Programme New Burdens Funding Grant	Cr		49	
Latest Approved Budget for 2023/24			33,396	

REASONS FOR VARIATIONS

1. Information Systems & Telephony DR £70k

Information systems is forecasting an overspend of £70k. Overspends in Q2 are largely offset by an underspend on the Azure project which is under implementation.

2. Democratic Services CR £53k

A £24k underspend is currently being forecast on Members Allowances budget, there is a further £21k underspend on Supplies and Service budget, in addition there is a £7k underspend on Democratic Service salary costs.

3. Legal Services Dr £272k

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 team has had to engage locum lawyers to meet the increased demand, thereby putting pressure on the staffing budget. For Q3 we are projecting a £272k overspend on legal budget, an adverse movement of £23k reported in Q2. Within the overspend there is even more pressure on the Court Fees budget due to HMCT introducing additional fees, there is a £110k overspend at this point in the financial year in the Court Fees budget.

4. Procurement and Data Management CR £50k

The underspend of £50k in this area is due to the service carrying a vacant post.

5. Human Resources DR £272k

The HR Department is reporting a £272k overspend for Q3 a £108k increase from the Q2 reported position. The overspend is due to increased workload and pressure from implementation of the new system. Two agency workers engaged in the Oracle project were intended to be recharged to capital, but due to ongoing payroll issues and prolonged Liberata staffing costs the capital budget has been exhausted, leaving the cost pressure in revenue. One of the staff will end on March 31st, and the other on May 31st, with no further costs beyond those dates. Further to the above we have a staff member on maternity leave, an internal secondment cover, an additional agency worker covering another secondee, with another agency worker brought in to cover increased casework within HR consultancy, although this post was terminated at the end of Dec 23.

6 Customer Services Cr £44k

Customer Services is projecting a £44k, this is due to Registrars reporting additional income of £44k. This however is covering the shortfall stated above in the HR Dept. of £272k. Therefore, looking at the department as a whole the HR & Customer Service Division is forecasting a total shortfall of £253k for Q3.

7. Commissioning Cr £89k

The underspend of £89k in this area is due to mainly to an underspend on staffing.

8. Strategy, Performance and Engagement Cr £91k

The underspend of £28k in this area is due to an underspend on staffing of £76k and running costs of £76k. These under spends are being offset by an under collection of income of £61k.

Waiver of Financial Regulations:

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Allocation of Contingency Provision for 2023/24

Item	Original Contingency Provision	Allocations				Variation to Original Contingency Provision
		Previously Approved Items	New Items Requested this Cycle	Items Projected for Remainder of Year	Total Allocations/ Projected for Year	
	£	£	£	£	£	£
General						
Provision for Unallocated Inflation	9,080,000	1,655,000		925,000	2,580,000	(4)&(5) Cr 6,500,000
Provision for increase in fuel costs	2,624,000		254,000	1,370,000	1,624,000	(6) Cr 1,000,000
Adult Social Care Market Sustainability and Improvement Fund	2,800,000	2,788,000		0	2,788,000	(1) Cr 12,000
General Provision for Risk/Uncertainty	3,500,000	1,400,000		1,900,000	3,300,000	(5) Cr 200,000
SEND Transport Growth	1,000,000	1,000,000		0	1,000,000	(1) 0
Social Care grant re ASC reforms	Cr 720,000	Cr 720,000			Cr 720,000	(5) 0
ASC Discharge Fund	Cr 1,083,000	Cr 1,084,000		0	Cr 1,084,000	(4) Cr 1,000
Building Infrastructure Fund	2,000,000	2,000,000		0	2,000,000	(4) 0
Property income recovery/rent variations	500,000		500,000		500,000	0
Legal support - children and adults social care	170,000	170,000		0	170,000	(4) 0
Revenue impact of Capital Financing Programme	6,600,000	2,500,000		0	2,500,000	(4)&(6) Cr 4,100,000
Star Lane works	0	150,000		0	150,000	(4) 150,000
Dual running of Civic Centre	0	1,800,000		0	1,800,000	(4) 1,800,000
Additional contribution to capital to West Wickham Library	0	0	244,000	0	244,000	(6) 244,000
Renewal, Recreation & Housing						
Property Valuation	100,000			100,000	100,000	0
Planning Appeals - change in legislation	60,000			60,000	60,000	0
	26,631,000	11,659,000	998,000	4,355,000	17,012,000	Cr 9,619,000
Grants included within Central Contingency Sum						
Rough Sleeping Initiative						
Grant Related Expenditure	104,000	428,000			428,000	(4) 324,000
Grant Related Income	Cr 104,000	Cr 428,000			Cr 428,000	Cr 324,000
Homeless Prevention Initiatives						
Grant Related Expenditure	784,000	361,000			361,000	(4) Cr 423,000
Grant related Income	Cr 784,000	Cr 361,000			Cr 361,000	Cr 423,000
Supporting Families: Investing in Practice Grant						
Grant Related Expenditure	1,030,000			948,300	948,300	Cr 81,700
Grant related Income	Cr 1,030,000			Cr 948,300	Cr 948,300	Cr 81,700
Renewal, Recreation & Housing						
2023-24 Accommodation for Ex-Offenders expenditure						
Grant Related Expenditure		74,000			74,000	(4) 74,000
Grant Related Income		Cr 74,000			Cr 74,000	Cr 74,000
Homes for Ukraine Grant - Thank you payments						
Grant Related Expenditure		605,900			605,900	(5) 605,900
Grant Related Income		Cr 605,900			Cr 605,900	Cr 605,900
Homes for Ukraine Grant - payment to LA						
Grant Related Expenditure		80,000	200,000	598,900	878,900	(5)&(6) 878,900
Grant Related Income		Cr 80,000	Cr 200,000	Cr 598,900	Cr 878,900	Cr 878,900
HPG- 2023/2024 Homes For Ukraine Funding Top-Up						
Grant Related Expenditure		1,117,000		0	1,117,000	(4) 1,117,000
Grant Related Income		Cr 1,117,000		0	Cr 1,117,000	Cr 1,117,000
Children, Education and Families						
S31 Leaving Care Uplift Grant						
Grant Related Expenditure		68,000		0	68,000	(4) 68,000
Grant Related Income		Cr 68,000		0	Cr 68,000	Cr 68,000
GLA free school meal payment						
Grant Related Expenditure		6,036,000		0	6,036,000	(4) 6,036,000
Grant Related Income		Cr 6,036,000		0	Cr 6,036,000	Cr 6,036,000
UKSPF funding						
Grant Related Expenditure		275,000		0	275,000	(3) 275,000
Grant Related Income		Cr 275,000		0	Cr 275,000	Cr 275,000
Early Years Supplementary Grant						
Grant Related Expenditure		1,669,000		0	1,669,000	(5) 1,669,000
Grant Related Income		Cr 1,669,000		0	Cr 1,669,000	Cr 1,669,000
Adult Education GLA Grant Funding						
Grant Related Expenditure		82,000		0	82,000	(5) 82,000
Grant Related Income		Cr 82,000		0	Cr 82,000	Cr 82,000
Early Years and High Needs DSG						
Grant Related Expenditure		1,335,000		0	1,335,000	(5) 1,335,000
Grant Related Income		Cr 1,335,000		0	Cr 1,335,000	Cr 1,335,000
DFE Delivery Support Fund						

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Grant Related Expenditure			65,703	0	65,703		65,703
Grant Related Income			Cr 65,703	0	Cr 65,703	(6)	Cr 65,703
Adult Social Care							
Work Safe Project							
Grant Related Expenditure		65,000		0	65,000		65,000
Grant Related Income	Cr	65,000		0	Cr 65,000	(2)	Cr 65,000
Market Sustainability and Improvement Fund - Workforce Fund							
- expenditure		1,810,000		0	1,810,000		1,810,000
- income	Cr	1,810,000		0	Cr 1,810,000	(4)	Cr 1,810,000
ICB Funding for Hospital Discharges							
- expenditure		1,511,000		0	1,511,000		1,511,000
- income	Cr	1,511,000		0	Cr 1,511,000	(4)	Cr 1,511,000
TOTAL CARRIED FORWARD		26,631,000	11,659,000	998,000	4,355,000	17,012,000	Cr 9,619,000

Notes:

- (1) 29th March 2023
- (2) 17th May 2023
- (3) 5th July 2023
- (4) 20th September 2023
- (5) 29th November 2023
- (6) 27th March 2024

Allocation of Contingency Provision for 2023/24 (continued)

Item	Carried Forward from 2022/23	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	26,631,000	11,659,000	998,000	4,355,000	17,012,000	Cr 9,619,000
Items Carried Forward from 2022/23						
Adult Care & Health Portfolio						
Supplementary Substance Misuse Treatment & Recovery Funding						
- Expenditure	57,217	57,217		0	57,217	0
- Income	Cr 57,217	Cr 57,217		0	Cr 57,217	(1) 0
Improved Better Care Fund (IBCF)						
- Expenditure	1,911,026	1,911,026		0	1,911,026	0
- Income	Cr 1,911,026	Cr 1,911,026		0	Cr 1,911,026	(1) 0
Public Health						
- Expenditure	2,874,494	2,874,494		0	2,874,494	0
- Income	Cr 2,874,494	Cr 2,874,494		0	Cr 2,874,494	(1) 0
LD/Autism Funding from South East London ICB						
- Expenditure	207,904	207,904		0	207,904	0
- Income	Cr 207,904	Cr 207,904		0	Cr 207,904	(1) 0
Discharge Transformation funding from South East London ICB						
- Expenditure	256,065	256,065		0	256,065	0
- Income	Cr 256,065	Cr 256,065		0	Cr 256,065	(1) 0
Winter Resilience Funding						
- Expenditure	400,000	400,000		0	400,000	0
- Income	Cr 400,000	Cr 400,000		0	Cr 400,000	(1) 0
Omicron Support Fund						
- Expenditure	136,212	136,212		0	136,212	0
- Income	Cr 136,212	Cr 136,212		0	Cr 136,212	(1) 0
Test and Trace service support grant						
- Expenditure	368,138	368,138		0	368,138	0
- Income	Cr 368,138	Cr 368,138		0	Cr 368,138	(1) 0
Charging Reform Implementation Support Grant						
- Expenditure	104,250	104,250		0	104,250	0
- Income	Cr 104,250	Cr 104,250		0	Cr 104,250	(1) 0
Contain Outbreak Management Fund grant						
- Expenditure	54,300	54,300		0	54,300	0
- Income	Cr 54,300	Cr 54,300		0	Cr 54,300	(1) 0
Renewal, Recreation & Housing Portfolio						
Accommodation for ex-Offenders						
- Expenditure	63,669	63,669		0	63,669	0
- Income	Cr 63,669	Cr 63,669		0	Cr 63,669	(1) 0
Defra Biodiversity Net Gain Grant						
- Expenditure	13,216	13,216		0	13,216	0
- Income	Cr 13,216	Cr 13,216		0	Cr 13,216	(1) 0
Homelessness Reduction Grant						
- Expenditure	89,000	89,000		0	89,000	0
- Income	Cr 89,000	Cr 89,000		0	Cr 89,000	(1) 0
New Homes Bonus Funded LEP Programme						
- Expenditure	72,521	72,521		0	72,521	0
- Income	Cr 72,521	Cr 72,521		0	Cr 72,521	(1) 0
Rough Sleepers Initiative						
- Expenditure	42,663	42,663		0	42,663	0
- Income	Cr 42,663	Cr 42,663		0	Cr 42,663	(1) 0
Homes for Ukraine grant						
- Expenditure	5,415,265	2,500,000		2,915,265	5,415,265	0
- Income	Cr 5,415,265	Cr 2,500,000		Cr 2,915,265	Cr 5,415,265	(1) 0
Children, Education and Families Portfolio						
COVID Recovery Grant						
- Expenditure	130,091	130,091		0	130,091	0
- Income	Cr 130,091	Cr 130,091		0	Cr 130,091	(1) 0
National Tutoring Programme						
- Expenditure	21,721	21,721		0	21,721	0
- Income	Cr 21,721	Cr 21,721		0	Cr 21,721	(1) 0
GLA Adult Ed Grant Repayment						
- Expenditure	15,664	15,664		0	15,664	0
- Income	Cr 15,664	Cr 15,664		0	Cr 15,664	(1) 0

Item	Carried Forward from 2022/23	Allocations				Total Allocations/Projected for Year	Variation to Original Contingency Provision
		Previously Approved Items	New Items Requested this Cycle	Projected for Remainder of Year	Items		
	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
Deed Settlement for Hawes Down Site							
- Expenditure	5,370	5,370		0	5,370	(1)	0
- Income	Cr 5,370	Cr 5,370		0	Cr 5,370		0
Supporting Families; Investing in Practice Grant							
- Expenditure	475,140	475,140		0	475,140	(1)	0
- Income	Cr 475,140	Cr 475,140		0	Cr 475,140		0
Virtual School - CIN Grant Carry Forward							
- Expenditure	82,151	82,151		0	82,151	(1)	0
- Income	Cr 82,151	Cr 82,151		0	Cr 82,151		0
Homes for Ukraine DfE Grant							
- Expenditure	1,187,034	1,187,034		0	1,187,034	(1)	0
- Income	Cr 1,187,034	Cr 1,187,034		0	Cr 1,187,034		0
BAEC upgrading hardware and supporting software - GLA Grant							
- Expenditure	25,575	25,575		0	25,575	(1)	0
- Income	Cr 25,575	Cr 25,575		0	Cr 25,575		0
YOT NHS Money							
- Expenditure	29,300	29,300		0	29,300	(1)	0
- Income	Cr 29,300	Cr 29,300		0	Cr 29,300		0
Resources, Commissioning and Contracts Portfolio							
Electoral Services - New Burdens Grant							
- Expenditure	14,583	14,583		0	14,583	(1)	0
- Income	Cr 14,583	Cr 14,583		0	Cr 14,583		0
Local Digital Cyber Fund							
- Expenditure	49,837	49,837		0	49,837	(1)	0
- Income	Cr 49,837	Cr 49,837		0	Cr 49,837		0
BEIS - EBSS AF and AFP							
- Expenditure	847,200	847,200		0	847,200	(1)	0
- Income	Cr 847,200	Cr 847,200		0	Cr 847,200		0
General							
POCA confiscation orders from the courts	60,637	60,637		0	60,637	(1)	0
HMO income	78,000	78,000		0	78,000	(1)	0
Legal Services - ULEZ	140,000	140,000		0	140,000	(1)	0
Local Plan Implementation	120,000	120,000		0	120,000	(1)	0
Highways income	245,000	245,000		0	245,000	(1)	0
Total Carried Forward from 2022/23	643,637	643,637	0	0	643,637		0
GRAND TOTAL	27,274,637	12,302,637	998,000	4,355,000	17,655,637		Cr 9,619,000

Notes:

(1) Various PDS reports across the Portfolios

Description	2023/24 Latest Approved Budget £'000	Variation To 2023/24 Budget £'000	Potential Impact in 2024/25
Housing Allocations and Accommodation- Temporary Accommodation	6,418	3,295	The full year effect of Temporary Accommodation is currently estimated to be an overspend of £5,636k. 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. This does not include the impact of mitigation though the Housing Development and Acquisition Programme.
Supporting People	1,070	Cr 148	The full year effect of Supporting People is currently estimated to be a credit of £148k. This is a result of the estimated savings from retendering of the contracts that has taken place.
Assessment and Care Management - Care Placements / Community Equipment	33,544	970	The full year impact of the current overspend is estimated at £5,531k . Of this amount Dr £221k relates to residential and nursing home placements for 65+ and Cr £45k for the 18-64's. Domiciliary care & direct payments 65+ is £2,843k overspent and for 18-64 £1,100k. This is based on service user numbers as at the end of December 2023. There is also a £1,412k FYE of current level of Discharge to Assess costs. It assumed that management action and other discharge funding continues in 2024/25.
Learning Disabilities - including Care Placements, Transport and Care Management	42,273	155	The full year effect (FYE) variation is estimated at a net overspend of £709k (Q2 £833k). This figure is greater than the in-year underspend as demand-related growth pressures, for example transition and increased client needs, have only a part year impact in 2023/24 but a greater financial impact in a full year.
Mental Health - Care Placements	6,598	960	A full year overspend of £257k is anticipated on Mental Health care packages , with residential , nursing and supported living placements £63k overspent and domiciliary care and direct payments £194k overspent.
Children's Social Care	49,550	3,619	The overall full year effect of the Children's Social Care overspend is a net £6,800k, analysed as Residential Care, Fostering and Adoption of £5,117k, Leaving Care costs of £1,646k, CWD costs of £72k, and referral and assessment of Cr £35k.
SEN Transport	10,324	1,660	The overall full year impact is £2,315k

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 2023 £000	Service	Income £000	Expenditure £000	Transfers to/(from) Capital £000	Actual as at 31st March 2024 £000
<u>Revenue</u>					
408	Highway Improvement Works	112			520
1	Landscaping				1
8	Local Economy & Town Centres				8
82	Parking				82
169	Education				169
1,275	Healthcare Services	24	257		1,042
0	Community Facilities				-
89	Housing				89
959	Other	51			1,010
2,991		187	257	-	2,921
<u>Capital</u>					
4,734	Education				4,734
20	Highways				20
1,246	Housing				1,246
612	Local Economy & Town Centres				612
60	Other				60
6,672		0	0	-	6,672
9,663		187	257	0	9,593