

## Introduction

1. This annex sets out the second financial monitoring information for the 2023/24 financial year and is based on information to the end of July 2023. Key issues, as well as risks relating to inflation, demand and other factors, plus areas of emerging pressure are explained below.

The following additional information is provided to support the information in this Annex:

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## Overall Financial Position

2. As shown below the Directorates are currently forecasting an overspend of £17.4m (3.0%). After taking account of additional interest on balances and the use of funding held in contingency and the COVID-19 reserve, the overall forecast expenditure would be £8.5m higher than the budget.

	Latest Budget 2023/24 £m	Forecast Spend 2023/24 £m	Forecast Variance July 2023 £m	Variance July 2023 %	Forecast Variance May 2023 £m	Change Since May 2023 £m
Adult Services	227.3	230.3	3.0	1.3%	0.0	3.0
Children's Services	169.0	180.1	11.0	6.5%	3.1	7.9
Environment & Place	74.6	75.6	1.0	1.3%	0.6	0.4
Public Health	3.9	3.9	0.0	0.0%	0.0	0.0
Community Safety	27.6	27.6	0.0	0.0%	0.0	0.0
Resources	69.7	72.1	2.4	3.4%	1.6	0.8
<b>Directorate Total</b>	<b>572.2</b>	<b>589.6</b>	<b>17.4</b>	<b>3.0%</b>	<b>5.3</b>	<b>12.1</b>
<b>Budgets Held Centrally</b>						
Capital Financing	28.4	28.4	0.0	0.0%	0.0	0.0
Interest on Balances	-16.7	-17.2	-0.5	3.0%	-0.5	0.0
Inflation <sup>1</sup>	6.5	6.5	0.0	0.0%	0.0	0.0
Contingency	12.4	5.4	-7.0	-56.5%	-3.3	-3.7
Un-ringfenced Specific Grants	-43.3	-43.3	0.0	0.0%	0.0	0.0
Insurance	1.4	1.4	0.1	5.3%	0.0	0.1
Contribution from COVID-19 reserve	-7.4	-8.8	-1.4	19.0%	-1.5	0.1
Contribution from Budget Priority Reserve	-2.4	-2.4	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

<sup>1</sup> Funding for pay inflation assumed at 4.5% will be allocated when the pay award for 2023/24 is agreed. Further funding from contingency would be needed if the increase is higher than 5.5%.

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Contributions to reserves	20.0	20.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Contribution to balances	7.6	7.6	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
<b>Total Budgets Held Centrally</b>	<b>6.6</b>	<b>-2.3</b>	<b>-8.9</b>	<b>-135%</b>	<b>-5.3</b>	<b>-3.6</b>
<b>Net Operating Budget</b>	<b>578.8</b>	<b>587.3</b>	<b>8.5</b>	<b>1.5%</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>8.5</b>
Business Rates & Council Tax funding	-578.8	-578.8	0.0	0%	0.0	0.0
<b>Forecast Year End Position</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>8.5</b>	<b>8.5</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>8.5</b>

3. The forecast overspend reflects a more challenging position for 2023/24 than anticipated when the budget was set in February 2023 as well as the continuing impact of the activity that contributed to the overspend of £13.4m in 2022/23. Combined with issues in the local and national economy, including inflation and workforce shortages, this has increased the risk to the financial position for the council. At the same time, these factors have made it much more challenging to forecast activity and expenditure, placing some uncertainty around this forecast position.
4. The £3.0m forecast overspend for Adult Services reflects an unexpected increase in the number of residential placements expected during 2023/24. Although there is a seasonal trend, it is difficult to predict what activity levels during the rest of the year will be. The focus for the service remains to manage within the budget available but this will require all savings to be delivered and a favourable level of demand during the remainder of the year.
5. The on-going impact of underlying pressures in Children's Services which contributed to the overspend in 2022/23 remains a significant challenge in 2023/24. As reported previously these pressures are driven by a combination of care placements costs, staffing (particularly the reliance on agency staff to cover vacancies) and Home to School Transport. Home to School Transport has been affected in the last two months by the collapse of one local bus provider and increases in costs from some other providers. Children's Services have implemented a number of organisational, governance and business process controls as well as market management actions to address the underlying pressures but it is taking time for these to have an impact while the overall position is worsened by further inflationary and demand increases.
6. The forecast overspend for Environment & Place reflects additional costs relating to the disposal of Persistent Organic Pollutants and unachieved savings built into the budget for Supported Transport.
7. There are forecast overspends across most of the services within Corporate

Services. These reflect the anticipated achievement of savings, and a mix of staffing and inflationary pressures.

8. It is anticipated that around £5m of the £12.4m contingency budget will be needed to meet the cost of additional pay inflation in 2023/24 in addition to the £6.5m remaining budget available to support this after taking account of the Fire Pay Awards. After taking account of the use of £7.0m contingency and funding from the COVID-19 reserve to support the overall forecast position, the remaining net £8.5m overspend against the operating budget would reduce balances to £21.5m. That is £8.7m below the £30.2m risk assessed level. Were this to materialise, the level of balances for 2024/25, and funding for any top-up to that level, would need to be considered through the Budget and Business Planning process.
9. 40% of the 2022/23 savings of £10.2m which were not achieved as planned in the last financial year are currently assessed as delivered or are expected to be delivered. 60% are still assessed as amber or red. 63% of the 2023/24 savings are assessed as delivered or are expected to be delivered. Action is being taken to ensure that the delivery of both existing planned savings and new budget reductions is maximised in 2023/24.
10. The forecast 2023/24 deficit compared to Dedicated Schools Grant (DSG) funding for High Needs is £18.3m and is in line with the budget agreed by Cabinet in May 2023. The CIPFA code of practice requires negative High Needs DSG balances to be held in an unusable reserve. The forecast deficit would increase the negative balance held in this reserve from £41.1m as at 31 March 2023 to £59.4m at 31 March 2024.
11. The Council's Management Team are working with directorates to identify actions to manage expenditure so that any overspend by year end is mitigated as far as possible and does not require any call on balances. Updates on the latest forecast position, which is expected to continue to be impacted by volatility in demand and inflation and evolving assessments of the ability to achieve planned savings, will be provided as the year progresses

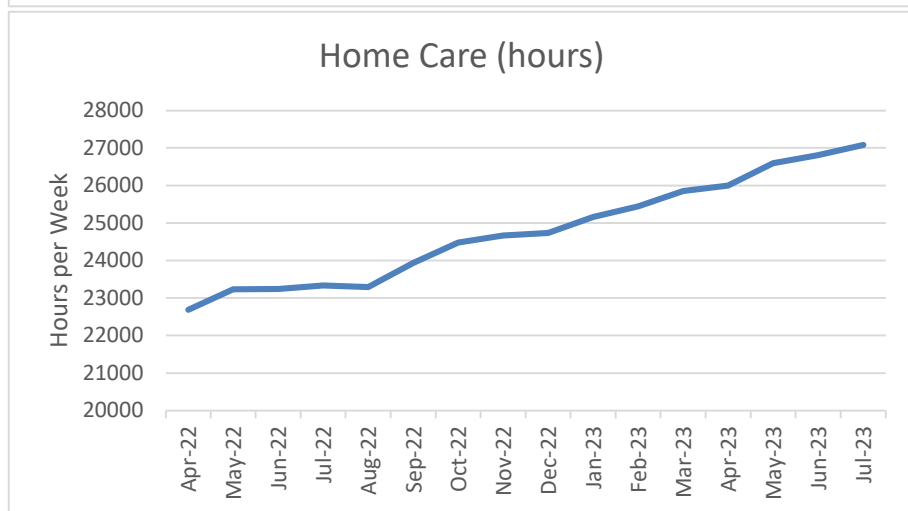
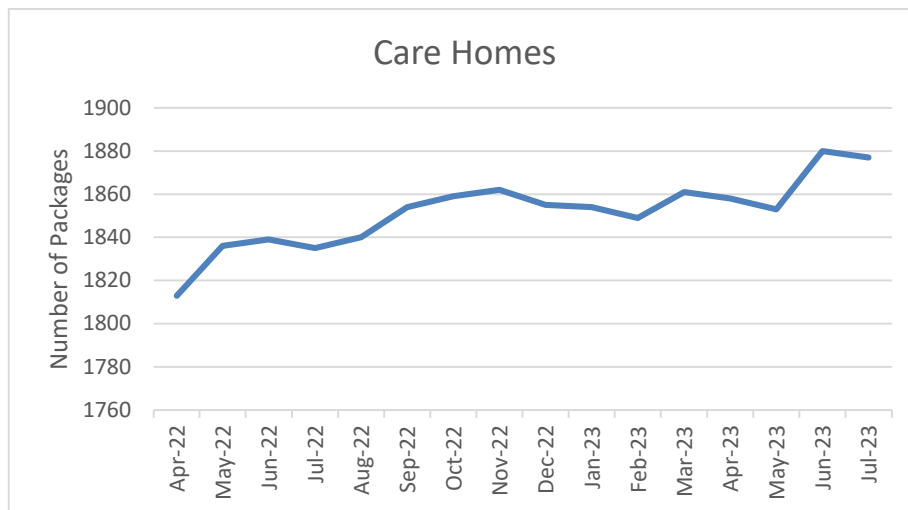
## Directorate Forecasts

### Adult Services

12. Adult Services is forecasting a £3.0m overspend against a budget of £227.3m.

Service Area	Latest Budget 2023/24 £m	Forecast Spend 2023/24 £m	Forecast Variance July 2023 £m
Adult Social Care	23.9	23.9	0.0
Health, Education & Social Care Commissioning	5.4	5.4	0.0
Housing & Social Care Commissioning	1.4	1.4	0.0
Business Support Service	1.0	1.0	0.0
Pooled Budgets	195.6	198.6	3.0
<b>Total Adult Services</b>	<b>227.3</b>	<b>230.2</b>	<b>3.0</b>

13. The main cause of the forecast overspend is an increase in the number of care packages during the year to date, and since the budget estimates were set out in Autumn 2022. This has been particularly noticeable within care homes and home support as shown in the graphs below. Expenditure will increase further if demand continues to rise over the remainder of the year.



14. To address demand pressures, a number of actions have already been taken. These include ensuring that all spend is aligned to the “Oxfordshire Way” approach through supporting people to remain in their own homes for as long as possible. Within the draft August activity data it is possible to see these actions starting to have an impact on care home activity, however there needs to be a sustained impact on the number of placements over the coming months to be confident that the forecast will be affected.

### **Pooled Budgets**

#### Age Well Pooled Budget

15. The Age Well pool combines health and social care expenditure on care homes, activity relating to hospital avoidance and prevention and early support activities for older people.

16. Budgets within the pool are managed on an aligned basis with the Integrated Care

Board (ICB) for Buckinghamshire, Oxfordshire, and Berkshire West (BOB).

17. The council elements of the Age Well pool are forecasting a breakeven position in 2023/24, on the assumption that all savings are delivered. This position is after using the new Market Sustainability and Improvement Fund (MSIF) one-off grant of £3.4m.
18. There are significant movements in risks within the forecast where certainty is not possible at this stage, these include:
  - Delivery of £4.1m savings through continued implementation of the Oxfordshire Way and changes to the unit cost of services. These will be delivered through commissioning, and service user reviews looking at opportunities for prevention, technology, and increased independence.
  - Growth in placements, particularly residential, through the year. Although there is a seasonal trend, it is difficult to predict accurately how activity will move. There is also a risk relating to improvements in the timeliness of assessments which may increase the number of new placements made in year.
19. The council's share of the Better Care Fund (BCF) held within the pool is £29.4m in 2023/24. This has increased by 5.7% compared to 2022/23.

#### Live Well Pooled Budget

20. The Live Well pool supports a mix of health and social care needs for adults of working age with learning disabilities, acquired brain injury or mental health needs and adults with physical disabilities.
21. Budgets within the pool are managed on an aligned basis with the Integrated Care Board (ICB) for Buckinghamshire, Oxfordshire, and Berkshire West (BOB).
22. As at the end of July 2023, the council elements of the Live Well pool are forecast to overspend by £3.0m in 2023/24. This is an increase from the breakeven position reported in the last report. This is driven by:
  - A £0.9m overspend within Learning Disabilities, relating to transport provision and packages of support. The transport spend is being reviewed to understand the causes providing possible solutions to the increasing spend with the possibility of bringing this forecast down over the year.
  - A £2.1m overspend within Physical Disabilities relating to an increase in demand for both care homes and home support during 2022/23 creating a pressure in 2023/24. Over the last 12 months, up to June 2023, there has been a 12% increase in care home placements (10 placements) and a 9% increase in the number of homecare hours delivered per week (340 hours).

The risks or uncertainties in both service groups relate to:

- £2.6m savings yet to be delivered through the continued implementation of the

Oxfordshire Way and changes to the unit cost of services throughout the rest of 2023/24. These will be delivered through commissioning, and through service user reviews looking at opportunities for prevention, technology, and increased independence.

- Growth in care packages, particularly supported living and home support, through the year. Although there is a seasonal trend it is difficult to predict accurately how activity will move throughout the remaining eight months of the year. There is also a risk relating to the timeliness of assessments which may increase the number of new packages made in year.

23. Having overspent in 2022/23 it is anticipated that following changes to the budget and contracts for 2023/24, the Mental Health services provided through the Outcome Based Contract with Oxford Health will spend in line with budget this year.

#### **Non-Pool Services**

24. A breakeven position is forecast across all other services. A one-off saving of £1.0m is included in the budget for staffing for 2023/24, and at present this is on track to be delivered.

#### **Reserves**

25. £0.4m held in the Budget Priorities reserve for Adult Social Care as at 31 March 2023 will be used to support mental health transformation activity and intensive support costs in 2023/34.

26. £2.1m held as a result of additional contributions made by Oxfordshire Clinical Commissioning Group over the last three financial years is also committed to be used in 2023/24.

27. £0.3m added to the Government Initiative Reserve in 2022/23 related to charging reform, reflecting elements of the Trailblazer programme where costs will continue to be incurred in 2023/24 and 2024/25 ahead of the revised date for charging reform in autumn 2025.

#### **Ringfenced Grants**

28. As set out in Annex 4, ring-fenced government grants expected to be received by Adult Services in 2023/24 total £21.1m.

29. The Improved Better Care Fund Grant is £10.7m in 2023/24, with no change since 2022/23. The conditions attached to the grant funding require it to be used for the purposes of meeting adult social care needs, including contributing to the stabilisation of local care markets and supporting the NHS in addressing pressures such as delayed discharges.

30. The Market Sustainability and Improvement Fund is £5.4m and is being used to enhance provider fee uplifts in 2023/24 in line with the terms of the grant. It is also being used to maintain uplifts from 2022/23. These were funded through the Market Sustainability and Fair Cost of Care grant which now forms part of this

grant.

31. The Market Sustainability and Improvement Workforce Fund is £3.5m and is being used to increase social care capacity through increasing social care workforce capacity and retention, reducing social care waiting times and increasing fee rates paid to social care providers.
32. The Adult Social Care Discharge Fund is £1.5m. This will be used to provide interventions that improve discharge of patients from hospital to the most appropriate location for their ongoing care.

### **Virements**

33. There is one virement to note reflecting the allocation of the inflation budget held centrally to the pooled budgets.

### **Children's Services**

34. Children's Services is forecasting an overspend of £11.1m against a budget of £169.0m.
35. The underlying pressures in Children's Services highlighted in the 2022/23 Outturn overspend reported to Cabinet in June 2023 remain a significant challenge in 2023/24. They are driven by a combination of care placements costs, staffing, particularly the reliance on agency staff to cover vacancies, and Home to School Transport.

<b>Service Area</b>	<b>Latest Budget 2023/24 £m</b>	<b>Forecast Spend 2023/24 £m</b>	<b>Forecast Variance July 2023 £m</b>
Education & Learning	40.3	43.1	2.9
Children's Social Care	37.9	39.7	1.8
Children's Social Care Countywide	85.8	92.5	6.7
Schools <sup>2</sup>	0.2	0.2	0.0
Children's Services Central Costs	4.8	4.5	-0.3
<b>Total Children's Services</b>	<b>169.0</b>	<b>180.1</b>	<b>11.1</b>
<b>Overspend on High Needs DSG that will be transferred to unusable reserve</b>	<b>266.3</b>	<b>284.6</b>	<b>18.3</b>

### **Education & Learning**

36. Within Education & Learning, the Home to School Transport and the Special Educational Needs (SEN) service continue to be high risk in terms of budget variance.
37. Home to School transport is now forecast to overspend by £2.4m. This has arisen

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<sup>2</sup> \*Maintained Schools are funded by Dedicated Schools Grant

from higher activity in the service than was budgeted for and the impact of rolling annual tenders for bus routes. The forecast will need to be revised once transport arrangements for the new academic year in September 2023 are fully established.

38. Additional unfunded expenditure of £0.1m is expected for the temporary senior management posts within Education.
39. The service is working on the implications of the new attendance regulations in September 2023; this may require additional resource to meet the new requirements. In addition, the Department for Education (DfE) has announced additional Early Years funding from September 2023. There is limited information at this stage but it is likely that there will be additional costs in implementing and administering this.
40. Within the Special Education Needs service there are considerable ongoing pressures on the SEN casework team and Educational Psychologists due to the continued high number of Education, Health and Care Plan (EHCP) requests. An additional on-going investment of £0.5m was included in the 2023/24 budget to fund additional staff to manage demand for EHCPs.

### **Children's Social Care & Children's Social Care Countywide**

41. Given the scale of the £19.1m overspend for Children's Social Care in 2022/23, the lead-lag impact of the actions taken to date and the urgent need to address the shortfalls in market capacity, the service is undertaking a comprehensive review of its vision and strategy which will be set out in a new Financial Strategy. This will set out a new baseline and financial investment, cost reduction and timeline to bring spend within current budget and recover the overspend.

#### Social Care & Countywide Placement Services – Current Position, Drivers and Action Plan

42. The underlying pressures remain despite additional budget added in 2023/24 and actions to prevent and reduce costs. This is due to a combination of:
  - The 2022/23 overspend increased in the last quarter of the year so was not fully anticipated in the Budget & Business Planning process for 2023/24.
  - The lead-lag time delay in changing practice, intervening to prevent unnecessary referrals and reducing the number and cost of cases is taking longer than anticipated.
  - The financial volatility in the market for care together with the impact of spiralling inflation and shortages in local capacity are undermining the service Sufficiency Strategy to manage the market. As a consequence, the service continues to experience an accelerating increase in placement fees especially 'Spot' rates
43. The drivers remain the same as in 2022/23 and include:
  - Continued workload pressure, increased vacancies and recruitment difficulties within front-line services especially Family Solutions Plus.



- Though the number of children in care is reducing the rate of decrease is slower than anticipated and is being offset by increases in underlying unit cost rates especially the growing number of very complex cases.

44. The most significant variances include:

- Children with Disabilities - £1.0m due to a combination of increased more complex level of care for 2 children and higher rates
- Children we care for - £2.6m due to a combination of increased more complex level of care and higher rates
- Reduction in forecast cost of unregistered care by £2.1m – based on a combination of reduction in complexity of care required and confirmation of Health contribution
- £0.3m relating to the payment of historic legal claim.

### **Actions to Turn the Position Around and Evidence of Improvement**

45. The service has implemented a number of critical organisation, governance, business process controls and market management actions to address the underlying pressures. These include:

- New executive management team put in place.
- Streamlining of referrals at the 'front door' (MASH) - revising thresholds & practices.
- The Family Solutions Plus (FSP) teams are working to reduce the backlog of assessments and intervention measures.
- Development of a robust recruitment and retention policy.
- Reducing the number of children in care and identifying those due to cease.
- Ongoing reduction in the number of children living in high-cost placements.
- Brokerage action plan to ensure timely, suitable, cost-effective placements are sourced.
- A 'LEAN' review of the placement process and identification of efficiencies.
- Move to the target number of Unaccompanied Children and Young People.

46. Evidence that the actions are having an impact is reflected in the continued downward trend in the number of Children We Care For (CWCF). The numbers are set out in the table below.

	Q1 2022	Q2 2022	Q3 2022	Jan 2023	Feb 2023	March 2023	April 2023	May 2023	June 2023	July 2023
Mainstream	757	778	755	752	735	719	722	704	700	687
Disabled Children	61	61	62	57	57	59	57	57	54	49
<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>818</b>	<b>839</b>	<b>817</b>	<b>809</b>	<b>792</b>	<b>778</b>	<b>779</b>	<b>761</b>	<b>754</b>	<b>736</b>
Unaccompanied	66	69	73	115	105	104	104	102	93	91
<b>Total</b>	<b>884</b>	<b>908</b>	<b>890</b>	<b>924</b>	<b>897</b>	<b>882</b>	<b>883</b>	<b>863</b>	<b>847</b>	<b>827</b>

47. Following a 14% increase from December 2021 (742) to August 2022 (849) the service, through the actions above, has reversed the previous upward trend and the number has reduced to 736 at the end of July 2023 (13.3% reduction). The downward trend is expected to continue through the rest of the financial year. This is due to the above actions and in particular the new assessment procedures, resulting in a greater number of families and their children being supported in their own homes and fewer children entering into care.
48. In addition emphasis is also being placed on permanence planning and finding other more suitable (and usually more cost-effective) placements, including re-unification to the family home and adoption.
49. Though the activity is reducing the underlying costs continue to rise and are offsetting and undermining the improvement in activity.
50. The focus of the Financial Strategy will be to set out how the improvements are continued and grown while also applying the same rigor and focus to managing the market, the escalation in rates, the challenge of greater complexity and encouraging joint partnership work to address Continuing Healthcare (CHC) needs and resource. Any additional capital requirements to support the strategy will need to be considered through the Budget & Business Planning process for 2024/25.

#### **Schools' Costs (other than DSG)**

51. There is an overspend of £0.2m expected in respect of a school with a forced academisation, whilst the school has a deficit budget.

#### **Children's Services Central Costs**

52. There are no significant variances to report.

#### **Dedicated Schools Grant (DSG)**

53. The current position on DSG is a forecast deficit of £18.3m, consistent with the budget agreed by Cabinet in May 2023.

Summary of DSG funding	2023/24 Budget	2023/24 Projected Outturn	Variance July 2023
	£m	£m	£m
Schools block	131.2	131.2	0.0
Central Services Schools block	5.0	5.0	0.0
High Needs block	84.4	102.7	18.3
Early Years block	44.3	44.3	0.0
<b>Total</b>	<b>264.9</b>	<b>283.2</b>	<b>18.3</b>

54. Key risks to the forecast are the number of additional placements in September (over and above those currently planned), tribunal challenges to placement decisions and the impact of inflation on providers' fees.

55. There is no change forecast on Central and Schools DSG.
56. The Chancellor announced significant changes to childcare arrangements in the Spring Budget 2023. This included an uplift to rates for the current 2023/24 financial year, which is to be paid for the period September 2023 to March 2024. The funding for this is received via a specific grant which will be subsumed within DSG from April 2024. The grant is in the region of £3m, and the exact amount will be known in June 2024, after the census return. There is no impact on the Council's budget, as the Council is passing the grant to providers in full.
57. The DfE have announced support for the September 2023 Teachers Pay Award via the Teachers Pay Additional Grant. Of the 6.5% pay award, the DfE are providing 3%, based on the assumption that there is 3.5% within school budget. The grant will be passed on in full to establishments and will be subsumed within the DSG from 2025/26.

## **Environment & Place**

58. Environment & Place is forecasting an overspend of £1.0m against a budget of £74.6m.

<b>Service Area</b>	<b>Latest Budget 2023/24</b>	<b>Forecast Spend 2023/24</b>	<b>Forecast Variance July 2023</b>
	<b>£m</b>	<b>£m</b>	<b>£m</b>
Transport& Infrastructure	12.8	12.8	0.0
Planning, Environment & Climate Change	37.3	37.7	0.4
Highways & Operations	23.6	24.2	0.6
Directorate Support	0.9	0.9	0.0
<b>Total Environment &amp; Place</b>	<b>74.6</b>	<b>75.6</b>	<b>1.0</b>

### **Transport & Infrastructure**

59. Transport & Infrastructure comprises Transport Policy, Place Making and Infrastructure Delivery. A breakeven position is currently forecast.
60. Infrastructure Delivery reported a pressure arising as a result of the Housing Infrastructure Fund (HIF1) scheme relating to costs of the planning enquiry and compulsory purchase orders enquiry. The services are currently exploring potential ways to mitigate some of the pressures.

### **Planning, Environment & Climate change**

61. The Planning, Environment & Climate change service area is made up of Strategic Planning, Climate Change and Environment & Circular economy. The service area is forecasting an overspend of £0.4m.
62. Strategic planning are highlighting a risk of an overspend position at the year-end

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due to staffing pressures and activity related to the delivery of the Minerals & Waste plan. Teams are currently working on the plans to mitigate the pressures within their budgets.

63. Climate Change may underspend if recruitment is unsuccessful due to a challenging recruitment market.

64. Waste management data is currently available to the end of July 2023. The table below shows the budgeted and forecast tonnages and forecast variation for each waste stream as well as actual tonnages to the end of July 2023.

Waste Stream	Under(-) /Over(+)spend £m	Forecast outturn tonnage	Budgeted Tonnage
Recycling/composts	-0.3	150,983	155,634
Energy recovery	+1.1	110,260	103,050
Landfill	-0.4	6,477	11,025
<b>Total</b>	<b>+0.4</b>	<b>267,720</b>	<b>269,709</b>

65. Factors contributing to the forecast are:

- a. The waste budget was reduced by £0.8m in 2023/24 to align with anticipated activity. This has reduced the ability of the service to absorb pressures relating to waste tonnages fluctuations.
- b. Implementing the new legislative requirements for the Persistent Organic Pollutants waste stream has been more expensive than anticipated.
- c. Further legislative change around DIY charges at recycling centres currently expected to come into effect on 1 January 2024 will create an additional pressure for the last quarter of the year. DEFRA are yet to release this legislation or detailed guidance.

66. Key risks will be the amount of waste produced as the year progresses and the volume of Persistent Organic Pollutants (POPs) waste where a change in the law means the council needs to fund the cost of storing, shredding, and burning soft furnishings, as an alternative to landfill. An additional budget allocation of £0.2m to support this was included in the budget for 2023/24 but the actual cost that the service is anticipating is currently around £0.6m.

67. The Waste team is continuing to work on waste prevention campaigns with the district and city councils. They are also monitoring the market particularly around POPs to ensure current prices are the best achievable and is planning as far as possible with the information available to mitigate the increased costs arising from changes to DIY charges.

### **Highways & Operations**

68. Highways & Operations is forecasting an overspend of £0.6m against a budget of £34.1m.

69. Within the Highway Maintenance service there has been a significant increase in highways defects that needed repair in the first quarter of the financial year, primarily attributable to the consequence of the bad weather on roads that are not in particularly good condition and is similar to higher levels of activity seen across the country. Additional personnel continue to be deployed to manage the current defect volumes. The increase in defect numbers and the cost increase of associated repairs is currently being managed within the service area budgets through reduction on other operational spend where possible.

Month	Defects 2022/23	Defects 2023/24	% Increase/Decrease
April 2023	3,320	4,143	+25%
May 2023	2,927	4,944	+69%
June 2023	2,212	4,695	112%
July 2023	1,979	4,134	209%
<b>Total</b>	<b>10,438</b>	<b>13,773</b>	<b>+104%</b>

70. The service has highlighted that there may be an impact on energy costs based on significant increases in energy prices. The full impact will be confirmed in future monitoring cycles.

71. Network Management is currently reporting a small pressure; however, the service has received higher than anticipated income in the first quarter of the year. This may result in an underspend, but it is not yet clear if this trend will continue throughout the year.

72. Supported transport is currently forecasting a £0.6m overspend. The key drivers of the pressures within the service include:

- a. Unachieved savings of £0.4m from 2022/23 plus a further saving of £0.2m in 2023/24 that are not expected to be delivered. Both savings relate to the anticipated use of technology and changes to processes to reduce costs and effort required and the implementation of automated processes for home to school contract management.
- b. Savings achievable within the original proposal were overstated. Development work has identified higher costs than expected with less savings than hoped, and challenges with product availability for local authority market.

73. Other opportunities to improve service provision and deliver potential efficiencies are now being reviewed from a different perspective with various smaller actions/systems being considered.

### **Directorate Support**

74. The Directorate Support service area is currently forecasting a breakeven position.

### **Public Health and Community Safety**

75. Public Health and Community Safety are forecasting a breakeven position.

Service Area	Latest Budget 2023/24	Forecast Spend 2023/24	Forecast Variance July 2023
	£m	£m	£m
Public Health Functions	37.6	37.6	0.0
Public Health Recharges	0.6	0.6	0.0
Other Income	-0.7	-0.7	0.0
Grant Income	-33.6	-33.6	0.0
Transfer to Public Health Reserve	0.0	0.0	0.0
<b>Total Public Health</b>	<b>3.9</b>	<b>3.9</b>	<b>0.0</b>
<b>Total Community Safety</b>	<b>27.6</b>	<b>27.6</b>	<b>0.0</b>
<b>Total Public Health &amp; Community Safety</b>	<b>31.5</b>	<b>31.5</b>	<b>0.0</b>

### **Public Health**

76. A break-even position is forecast for services funded by the Public Health grant.

### **Community Safety**

77. The Fire and Rescue Service are forecasting a break-even position at this stage of the financial year.

### **Ringfenced Government Grants**

78. The ringfenced Public Health grant totals £33.6m in 2023/24 with an indicative 1.4% uplift expected for 2024/25.

### **Use of Un-ringfenced Government Grant Funding**

79. Un-ringfenced grants held centrally and agreed to be used to support expenditure budgets within Public Health include:

- £1.2m Domestic Abuse Duty Grant supporting the provision of accommodation-based support to victims of domestic abuse and their children.
- £0.6m Substance Misuse Treatment & Recovery Housing Grant being used to deliver the Government's aim that by 2024/25 there will be more people recovering from addiction in stable and secure housing.

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- £0.6m Supplementary Substance Misuse Treatment and Recovery grant. This is the second year of a three-year scheme where the Office for Health Improvement and Disparities (OHID) is working alongside other government departments to support a process of investment in a whole system approach to tackling illicit drug use, including enforcement, diversion and treatment and recovery interventions.
- £1.1m Rough Sleeping Drug and Alcohol Grant is being used to provide specialist support for rough sleepers and those at risk.
- £1.3m Firefighter’s Pension Fund Grant and £0.1m from the New Dimensions Fund

**Reserves**

80. The Public Health reserve held £5.9m at 1 April 2023. £1.7m is forecast to be spent in 2023/24, £1.2m in 2024/25 and £0.7m in 2025/26, leaving a balance of £2.3m. Options to utilise all the funding by 2026/27 in line with the grant requirements are being considered.
81. £2.7m is held in reserves for the renewal of fire and rescue vehicles and breathing apparatus equipment. A fleet replacement strategy is being agreed which will use all of this funding in the medium term.
82. £0.9m is being held to cover the cost of the replacement of Airwave for Oxfordshire Fire and Rescue Service and the implementation of the new national Emergency Service Mobile Communications Programme.
83. £0.2m is being held to expand the Making Every Contact Count work programme in Oxfordshire; £0.5m is being held to fund employee costs expected to be incurred over the next three to five years.

**Virements**

84. Cabinet are asked to note the virements covering the financial effect of the fire service pay awards, the funding of community capacity grants and two trading standards posts linked to tobacco control from the public health reserve, and the receipt of the fire protection uplift grant.

**Resources**

85. The services within Resources are forecasting a combined overspend of £2.4m against a budget of £69.7m.

Service Area	Latest Budget 2023/24	Forecast Spend 2023/24	Forecast Variance July 2023
	£m	£m	£m
Corporate Services	3.0	3.1	0.1
Human Resources & Organisational Development	3.0	3.6	0.6
Communications, Strategy & Insight	3.3	3.3	0.0
IT, Innovation & Digital	10.2	10.6	0.4



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Service Area	Latest Budget 2023/24	Forecast Spend 2023/24	Forecast Variance July 2023
	£m	£m	£m
Culture & Customer Experience	11.9	12.2	0.3
Finance & Procurement	8.6	8.9	0.3
Property, Investment & Facilities Management	19.1	19.4	0.3
Law & Governance	7.7	8.1	0.4
Delivery & Partnership	2.9	2.9	0.0
<b>Total Resources</b>	<b>69.7</b>	<b>72.1</b>	<b>2.4</b>

86. **Corporate Services** is forecasting to overspend by £0.1m due to increased apprenticeship levy and higher subscription costs.

87. **Human Resources & Organisational Development** is forecast to overspend by £0.6m. This reflects a delay in the anticipated delivery of a £1.5m reduction in agency costs across the council.

The following controls have been agreed:

- a. Restriction on all new agency orders to a maximum months duration unless there is an agreed exemption;
- b. Agreed contractual arrangements need to be used for all temporary agency requirements.
- c. Review and simplification of the process for new supplier set up to ensure that agency rates are set through the agreed contractual route.

There is other work already underway in terms of converting agency staff to permanent contracts in addition to moving individuals onto rates which attract less commission. The overspend has also been partially mitigated by the savings from the associated delay in the implementation of the Resourcing Team and through vacancy management.

In addition to the mitigations referred to above, the newly appointed Workforce & Organisational Development Director will be prioritising the organisations' workforce strategy and action plan. Whilst reduced costs and improved efficiencies are anticipated through the introduction of new ways of working, improved candidate and employee experiences, this is a three-year strategy where benefits will take time to be realised.

88. **Communications, Strategy & Insight** are forecasting break even. The service is actively managing the budget envelope, taking mitigating action where required in order to absorb additional costs and respond flexibly to new requests.

89. **IT, Innovation & Digital** are forecasting an overspend of £0.4m. Action to achieve £0.9m cross directorate savings agreed as part of the 2023/24 budget is at risk due to change management challenges. Half of the savings are currently forecast to be delivered but this will be updated as the year progresses.



90. **Culture and Customer Experience** are forecasting an overspend of £0.3m. This is mainly in the Libraries Service where saving targets are particularly challenging due to the need to ensure the demand for services are matched by adequate resourcing levels and in the Customer Service Centre where additional demand / pressures on complaints have caused additional costs for Independent Officer and Independent Person investigators. A further developing pressure is in corporate onboarding where financial savings are not yet fully understood and will be updated as the year progresses.
91. **Finance and Procurement** are forecasting a £0.3m overspend due to increased costs in agency staff being utilised to cover hard to fill vacancies, and an increase in staff costs following a job evaluation review.
92. **Property Services** are forecasting an overspend of £0.3m. The School Catering service is forecasting to overspend due to inflationary pressure on costs and income streams, but this will be mitigated by savings in other areas. Anticipated savings from vacating one of the council's office buildings will be offset by estimated dilapidation costs in 2023/24.
93. **Law and Governance** are forecasting an overspend of £0.4m. 2023/24 is a transition year for the new structures which, subject to consultation, are planned to be implemented in Governance in the second quarter of 2023/24 and Legal in quarter four of 2023/24. As a result higher locum costs in Legal Services are still expected to be incurred for most of the year.
94. **Delivery & Partnership** includes the delivery of cost-of-living measures and the council's migration and asylum programmes, including Homes for Ukraine. The budget is mainly funded from earmarked reserves and specific government grants and is forecast to break even.

### **Medium Term Financial Strategy Savings**

95. After taking account of new and previously agreed savings the 2023/24 budget agreed includes planned directorate savings of £28.2m.
96. £10.2m of the 2022/23 savings were not achieved as planned in the last financial year. £4m (40%) of these savings are assessed as delivered or are expected to be delivered. £4.9m (48%) are assessed as red. Any planned savings not delivered in 2022/23, where the on-going impact was not adjusted through the 2023/24 Budget & Business Planning Process, will need to be achieved in 2023/24 as well as new savings agreed in February 2023.
97. £17.8m (63%) of the 2023/24 savings are assessed as delivered or are expected to be delivered. £4.4m (16%) are currently assessed as amber and £6.0m (21%) are assessed as red. Work is continuing to ensure that these savings are achieved.

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	2023/24 Planned Savings	2022/23 Savings that need to be delivered in 2023/24	Total
	£m	£m	£m
Adult Services	-18.1	-4.0	-22.1
Children's Services	-3.4	-1.9	-5.3
Environment & Place	-1.4	-2.3	-3.7
Community Safety	-0.2	0.0	-0.2
Resources & Cross Directorate	-5.1	-2.0	-7.1
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>-28.2</b>	<b>-10.2</b>	<b>-38.4</b>

Adult Services

98. The 2023/24 budget includes planned savings of £18.1m. 58% of these savings have been delivered, 15% are expected to be delivered and 26% are currently unconfirmed and have an element of risk in the delivery.

99. The savings which pose the greatest risk are those which will be the result of implementing the Oxfordshire Way through care reviews where the opportunity for increased independence is possible, and those which relate to managing demand, particularly in care homes. These savings account for £8.3m of the total. With reviews, complexity and intensity of support varies so some will result in increased packages of care due to the nature of supporting people which adds additional pressure.

100. There are also £4.0m of savings brought forward from 2022/23 to be delivered in 2023/24. 13% of these are expected to be delivered, 31% have an element of risk to delivery, and 56% of the savings are proving very challenging to deliver, however £2m of this is offset by savings in other areas which were not forecast.

Children's Services

101. The 2023/24 budget includes planned savings of £3.4m. 51% of these savings are forecast to be delivered and include £0.7m one – off contributions from reserves and a reduction of £0.3m relating to the removal of the Health & Social Care Levy. £0.1m (3.5%) are currently assessed as amber. £1.6m (46%) of the savings are assessed as red.

Environment & Place

102. The 2023/24 budget includes planned savings of £1.4m. £1.0m (72%) are expected to be achieved. £0.3m (18%) are assessed as red and include a saving to reduce costs by the use of technology to implement automated processes for home to school contract management.

103. A £0.6m investment in flooding and drainage, to support and tackle the worst areas for flooding around the county will not be fully realised by the end of 2023/24. This is due to time taken to build partnerships with districts and other

partners in order to establish key priority areas. However, this will be managed within overall budgets for the directorate.

104. A £1.2m Countywide Community Transport initiative is currently assessed as amber due to a lack of interested operators for the new transport services in rural areas. The services are currently exploring the use of existing fleet services and are engaging with stakeholders on proposed schemes.
105. £1.7m of the £2.3m savings not achieved in 2022/23 is related to street lighting and is expected delivered in 2023/24. £0.6m are at risk of not being delivered in 23/24.

#### Public Health & Community Safety

106. A £0.1m saving relating to a review of mid and supervisory leadership levels is currently assessed as amber.

#### Resources

107. The 2023/24 budget includes planned savings of £5.0m. £1.6m (31%) of these savings are forecast to be delivered. £2.4m (48%) savings currently assessed as red and include a £0.6m saving from reduction in property costs through moving out of a leased office building, a £1.2m saving from a reduction in agency staff which isn't materialising because the resourcing team isn't yet established. Updates on progress will be included in future reports as the year progresses.
108. £1.8m of the £2.0m savings not achieved in 2022/23 is expected to be delivered in 2023/24.

### **Debt Management**

#### **Corporate Debtors**

109. The combined collection rate, based on invoice volumes, for June and July was 96%, 1% above the 95% target. In terms of collection based on the value of invoices the figure for the same period was 96.8%.
110. Debt requiring impairment is currently £0.6m, £0.3m above the year-end target of £0.3m; the top five cases account for 50% of all bad debt. Four of the five invoices have been disputed and are being actively progressed between corporate income recovery and the issuing service.

#### **Adult Social Care Debtors**

111. The combined 120-day invoice collection rate for June and July was 90.4%, compared to the target collection rate of 92%. The service is in the process of implementing an income improvement plan which is expected to address 'up stream' issues impacting invoices being paid on time. Changes to automated reminders are due to be implemented in September, which should see an improvement to collection rates by the last quarter of the year.
112. The 2022/23 year-end adults care contribution impairment for bad debt was

£4.6m, bad debt at the end of July is £4.9m, £0.3m higher. As reported previously the trailing impacts of COVID-19 and wider economic factors have had a significant effect on means tested social care contribution bad debt levels since 2020/21, and this is consistent with other local authorities' experience. A bad debt task team has been operational since July 2022 with the objective to resolve £3.7m of historic debt. Resourcing challenges within both the debt task group and business as usual teams impacted performance during 2022/23. The service is implementing new performance reporting measures and oversight within this area which is just recently operational.

## **Budgets Held Centrally**

113. After taking account of the use of one – off funding and contingency to support the forecast directorate overspend, there is a combined underspend of £8.9m against budgets held centrally.

### Capital Financing Costs

114. The borrowing costs and minimum revenue provision (MRP) for capital projects funded by Prudential Borrowing are either recharged to directorates where savings arising from the scheme are expected to meet them or met corporately from the budget for capital financing costs. It is anticipated that after taking account of recharges to directorates the actual costs of the capital financing will be broadly aligned with the budget in 2023/24.

### Interest on Balances

115. The current forecast outturn position for in house interest receivable is £11.5m, which is £2.5m above budget. Of the additional £2.5m interest, approximately £2.0m is currently expected to be applied to developer balances. The additional interest reflects an increase in the forecast of the average base rate for the year of 4.80%, compared to the rate assumed in the budget of 4.31%.

116. Interest payable is currently forecast to be £13.1m, which is in line with the budget.

117. The forecast outturn position for external fund returns is £3.8m, in line with the budget.

118. Cash balances for the year are forecast to be £51.9m lower than they would otherwise have been as a result of negative DSG balances as per section 47 of this report. The impact of this is an estimated opportunity cost of £1.5m in unearned interest during 2023/24.

### Inflation and Contingency

119. The contingency budget for 2023/24 totals £12.4m. This includes £4.2m one-off council tax and business rates funding also agreed to be added to contingency as part of the Provisional Outturn Report 2022/23 to Cabinet in June 2023.

120. The agreed budget for pay inflation included funding for an estimated pay award equivalent to 4.5% in 2023/24. The claim lodged by UNISON, GMB and Unite on 30 January 2023 included a request to increase pay by RPI (10.70%) + 2.0% on all pay points. On 23 February 2023, national employers responded with the following offer:

- With effect from 1 April 2023, an increase of £1,925 (pro rata for part-time employees) to be paid as a consolidated, permanent addition on all NJC pay points 2 to 43 inclusive.
- With effect from 1 April 2023, an increase of 3.88 per cent on all pay points above the maximum of the pay spine but graded below deputy chief officer.

121. After taking account of the number of staff on different pay points the current pay offer is estimated to equate to an overall estimated increase equivalent to 5.5%, 1.0% more than budgeted. Any increase that is larger than the budgeted funding for inflation will need to be met from contingency.

122. All three unions have rejected the offer and Unison balloted for strike action in the summer. While Unison have subsequently decided that it would not be effective to take industrial action at this time, GMB has confirmed it will conduct disaggregated industrial action ballots and that the organisations to be targeted for strike ballots will be notified in the next few weeks, in line with the requirements of the legislation. The ballots will open on 12 September and close on 24 October 2023.

123. National Employers continue to advise very strongly against imposing any pay offer before the collective bargaining process has concluded.

124. The forecast assumes that £7.0m that is estimated to remain in contingency after funding Fire and Green Book pay awards will be utilised to support the directorate position.

### **Reserves**

125. As set out in Annex B - 3 Earmarked Reserves are forecast to be £181.6m at 31 March 2024.

126. **COVID-19 Reserve** - The balance held in the reserve as at 1 April 2023 was £15.4m. The use of £13.4m to support planned expenditure from 2023/24 – 2025/26 is built into the Medium Term Financial Strategy. £0.1m of the remaining £2.0m balance that was uncommitted at the end of 2022/23 will be used to further extend capacity needed within the Information Management team within Governance to support the council's ability to respond to Subject Access Requests (SARs). £1.4m of the remaining balance is included in the forecast position and will be used to support pressures in Children's Social Care in 2023/24. £0.5m is now committed to further extend capacity needed within the Customer Service Centre to support the council's ability to respond to Complaints/FOI and deliver a wide ranging set of improvement actions.

127. **Budget Priorities reserve** – As per the September 2022 Cabinet report up to £0.380m from this reserve was agreed to be used as match funding to support Council tax hardship schemes for the residents of Oxfordshire. The actual match funding required for the schemes was £0.326m so the balance of £0.054m can be released back into the COVID-19 reserve to support cost of living measures in 2025/26. The Capital Programme Approvals report elsewhere on the agenda includes a recommendation to forward fund £0.551m of the cost of developing the Zero Emissions Zone from the Budget Priorities Reserve.
128. **Transformation reserve** – £0.1m will be used to appoint a specialist Place brand consultancy, to help produce a Place Narrative for Oxfordshire that can be used to bring partners and stakeholders together to work to a shared and common purpose for place across the county.
129. An unusable reserve was created in 2020/21 to hold **negative High Needs DSG balances** in line with a change to the CIPFA code of practice on DSG High Needs deficits. The net deficit of £18.3m for 2023/24 will increase the total High Needs deficit held in the reserve to £59.4m as at 31 March 2024. The regulations which require the negative balance to be held in an unusable reserve will come to an end on 31 March 2026. The impact of the unusable reserve on the council's ability to set a balanced budget over the medium term will need to be considered through the Budget & Business Planning Process for 2024/25.

### **Grants**

130. As set out in Annex B - 4 government grants totalling £460.6m are expected to be received by the Council during 2023/24. This includes £10m in schools grants for additional mainstream funding, early years funding and pupil premium, plus Adult Social Care Market Sustainability and Improvement Fund - Workforce Fund (£3.5m).

### Homes for Ukraine

131. At the end of 2022/23 £16.9m unspent grant funding for the Homes for Ukraine scheme and £2.1m unspent funding for education costs relating to the scheme was held in the Grants & Contributions Reserve.
132. Funding was initially provided as a one-off payment of £10,500 per guest and then reduced to £5,900 for arrivals from 1 January 2023 onwards. For eligible minors the tariff will continue at £10,500
133. A further claim was submitted at the end of June 2023, £16.9m has now been allocated. Based on the position as at the end of 2022/23, £6.3 remains unallocated. The outcome of the quarter 1 claim in 2023/24 is awaited.

### **General Balances**

134. The risk assessed level of balances for 2023/24 is £30.2m, this has been reduced to £30.02m to take into account the supplementary estimate of £0.18m for staffing costs to support development of One - Fleet approach to the council's

vehicles.

135. After taking account of the use of contingency and funding from the COVID-19 reserve to support the overall forecast position, the remaining net £8.5m overspend against the operating budget would reduce balances to £21.5m. That is £8.7m below the £30.2m risk assessed level. Were this to materialize, the level of balances for 2024/25, and funding for any top-up to that level, would need to be considered through the Budget and Business Planning process.

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Directorate	Net Budget (Latest Estimate)	Projected Full Year Spend	Projected Year End Variance underspend- overspend+	Projected Year End Variance	Variance Last Month	Change in Variance	Projected Year End Traffic Light
	£000	£000	£000	%	£000	£000	Red > 1.5% Amber >1.1% <1.5% Green on track
Adult Services	227,251	230,232	2,981	1.31%	0	2,981	A
Children's Services	168,980	180,054	11,074	6.55%	3,094	7,980	R
Environment and Place	74,642	75,642	1,000	1.34%	600	400	A
Public Health	3,931	3,931	0	0.00%	0	0	G
Community Safety	27,638	27,638	0	0.00%	0	0	G
Resources	69,725	72,125	2,400	3.44%	1,600	800	R
<b>Directorate Total Net</b>	<b>572,167</b>	<b>589,622</b>	<b>17,455</b>	<b>3.05%</b>	<b>5,294</b>	<b>12,161</b>	<b>R</b>



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Directorate	Net Budget (Latest Estimate)	Projected Full Year Spend	Projected Year End Variance underspend- overspend+	Projected Year End Variance	Variance Last Month	Change in Variance	Projected Year End Traffic Light
	£000	£000	£000	%	£000	£000	Red > 1.5% Amber >1.1% <1.5% Green on track
<b>Budget held Centrally</b>						0	
Capital Financing	28,402	28,402	0	0.00%	0	0	
Interest on Balances	-16,664	-17,164	-500	3.00%	-500	0	
Inflation	6,499	6,499	0	0.00%	0		
Contingency	12,400	5,400	-7,000	-56.45%	-3,300	-3,700	
Unringfenced Specific Government Grants	-43,278	-43,278	0	0.00%	6	-6	
Insurance	1,436	1,436	0	0.00%	0	0	
Contribution from COVID-19 Reserve	-7,380	-8,780	-1,400	18.97%	-1,500	100	
Contribution from Budget Priorities Reserve	-2,370	-2,370	0	0.00%	0		
Contributions to (+)/from (-)reserves	19,951	19,951	0	0.00%	0	0	
Contribution to (+)/from(-) balances	7,600	7,600	0	0.00%	0	0	
<b>Total Budget held Centrally</b>	<b>6,597</b>	<b>-2,303</b>	<b>-8,900</b>	<b>-134.91%</b>	<b>-5,294</b>	<b>-3,606</b>	
<b>Net Operating Budget</b>	<b>578,764</b>	<b>587,319</b>	<b>8,555</b>	<b>1.48%</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>8,555</b>	
Business Rates & Council Tax Funding	-578,763	-578,763	0			0	
<b>Forecast Year End Position</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>8,555</b>	<b>8,555</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>8,555</b>	

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**Revenue Budget Monitoring**

		Net Budget (Latest Estimate)	Projected Full Year Spend	Projected Year End Variance	Variance Last Month	Change in Variance
		£000	£000	underspend- overspend+	£000	£000
				£000		
SCS1	Adult Social Care	23,988	23,988	0	0	0
SCS2	Other Adult Social Care Services	5,357	5,357	0	0	0
SCS3	Housing & Social Care Commissioning	1,369	1,369	0	0	0
SCS4	Business Support Service	1,036	1,036	0	0	0
SCS5	Pooled Budget Contributions	195,501	198,482	2,981	0	2,981
<b>Total Adult Services</b>		<b>227,251</b>	<b>230,232</b>	<b>2,981</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>2,981</b>

**Business Management & Monitoring Report: Children's Services**  
**Forecast Position at the end of July 2023**  
**Revenue Budget Monitoring**

		Net Budget (Latest Estimate)	Projected Full Year Spend	Projected Year End Variance	Variance Last Month	Change in Variance
		£000	£000	underspend- overspend+	£000	£000
<b>CEF1</b>	<b><u>Education &amp; Learning</u></b>					
CEF1-1	Management & Central Costs	1,140	1,474	334	7	327
CEF1-2	SEND	7,311	7,311	0	0	0
CEF1-3	Learning & School Improvement	1,258	1,258	0	0	0
CEF1-4	Access to Learning	30,322	32,722	2,400	0	2,400
CEF1-5	Learner Engagement Service	264	380	116	0	116
	<b>Total Education &amp; Learning</b>	<b>40,295</b>	<b>43,145</b>	<b>2,850</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>2,842</b>
<b>CEF2</b>	<b><u>Children's Social Care</u></b>					
CEF2-1	Management & Central Costs	5,618	5,792	174	0	174
CEF2-2	Social Care	32,308	33,957	1,649	1,825	-176
	<b>Total Children's Social Care</b>	<b>37,926</b>	<b>39,749</b>	<b>1,823</b>	<b>1,826</b>	<b>-3</b>

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**Revenue Budget Monitoring**

		Net Budget (Latest Estimate)	Projected Full Year Spend	Projected Year End Variance	Variance Last Month	Change in Variance
		£000	£000	underspend- overspend+	£000	£000
<b>CEF3</b>	<b><u>Children's Social Care Countywide Services</u></b>					
CEF3-1	Corporate Parenting	69,853	74,321	4,468	1,260	3,208
CEF3-2	Safeguarding	3,587	3,415	-172	0	-172
CEF3-3	Services for Disabled Children	11,438	13,750	2,312	0	2,312
CEF3-4	Youth Offending Service	883	970	87	0	87
	<b>Total Children's Social Care Countywide Services</b>	<b>85,761</b>	<b>92,456</b>	<b>6,695</b>	<b>1,260</b>	<b>5,435</b>
<b>CEF4</b>	<b><u>Schools</u></b>					
CEF4-1	Delegated Budgets	0	0	0	0	0
CEF4-2	Nursery Education Funding (EY)	0	0	0	0	0
CEF4-3	Non-Delegated School Costs	216	216	0	0	0
CEF4-4	School Support Non-Negotiable Recharges	0	0	0	0	0
CEF4-5	Capitalised Repairs & Maintenance	0	0	0	0	0
	<b>Total Schools</b>	<b>216</b>	<b>216</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>

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**Revenue Budget Monitoring**

	Net Budget (Latest Estimate)	Projected Full Year Spend	Projected Year End Variance	Variance Last Month	Change in Variance
	£000	£000	underspend- overspend+	£000	£000
<b>CEF5 Children's Services Central Costs</b>					
CEF5-1 Management & Administration	971	677	-294	0	-294
CEF5-2 Premature Retirement Compensation	3,211	3,211	0	0	0
CEF5-3 Commissioning Recharge	600	600	0	0	0
<b>Total Children's Services Central Costs</b>	<b>4,782</b>	<b>4,488</b>	<b>-294</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>-294</b>
<b>Total Children's Services</b>	<b>168,980</b>	<b>180,054</b>	<b>11,074</b>	<b>3,094</b>	<b>7,980</b>
<b>MEMORANDUM: DEDICATED SCHOOLS GRANT - DSG Funded Expenditure (Gross)</b>					
Schools DSG	131,169	131,169	0	0	0
High Needs DSG	84,373	102,673	18,300	18,300	0
Early Years DSG	44,341	44,341	0	0	0
Central DSG	4,992	4,992	0	0	0
<b>Total DSG Funded Expenditure</b>	<b>264,875</b>	<b>283,175</b>	<b>18,300</b>	<b>18,300</b>	<b>0</b>

**Business Management & Monitoring Report: Environment and Place**  
**Position to the end of July 2023**  
**Revenue Budget Monitoring**

		Net Budget (Latest Estimate)	Projected Full Year Spend	Projected Year End Variance	Variance Last Month	Change in Variance
		£000	£000	underspend- overspend+	£000	£000
EP1	Transport & Infrastructure	12,796	12,796	0	0	0
EP2	Planning, Environment & Climate Change	37,337	37,737	400	0	400
EP3	Highways & Operations	23,583	24,183	600	600	0
EP4	Directorate Support	926	926	0	0	0
<b>TOTAL ENVIRONMENT AND PLACE</b>		<b>74,642</b>	<b>75,642</b>	<b>1,000</b>	<b>600</b>	<b>400</b>

**Business Management & Monitoring Report : Public Health & Community Safety**  
**Position to the end of July 2023**  
**Revenue Budget Monitoring**

		Net Budget (Latest Estimate)	Projected Full Year Spend	Projected Year End Variance	Variance Last Month	Change in Variance
		£000	£000	underspend- overspend+	£000	£000
<b>PH 1 &amp; 2 Public Health Functions</b>						
PH1-1	Sexual Health	6,440	6,440	0	0	0
PH1-2	NHS Health Check Programme	645	645	0	0	0
PH1-3	Health Protection	8	8	0	0	0
PH1-4	National Child Measurement Programme	150	150	0	0	0
PH1-5	Public Health Advice	150	150	0	0	0
PH1-6	0 - 5 year olds	8,848	8,848	0	0	0
PH2-1	Obesity	1,324	1,324	0	0	0
PH2-2	Physical Activity	420	420	0	0	0
PH2-3	Public Health General	2,536	2,536	0	0	0
PH2-4	Smoking and Tobacco Control	561	561	0	0	0
PH2-5	Children's 5-19 Public Health Programmes	2,297	2,297	0	0	0
PH2-6	Other Public Health Services	2,091	2,091	0	0	0
PH2-7	Drugs and Alcohol	10,080	10,080	0	0	0
PH2-8	Domestic Violence	1,437	1,437	0	0	0
<b>Total Public Health Functions</b>		<b>36,987</b>	<b>36,987</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>PH3</b>	<b>Public Health Recharges</b>	<b>576</b>	<b>576</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>PH4</b>	<b>Grant Income</b>	<b>-33,632</b>	<b>-33,632</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
	<b>Transfer to Public Health Reserve</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>Total Public Health</b>		<b>3,931</b>	<b>3,931</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>

**Business Management & Monitoring Report : Public Health & Community Safety**  
**Position to the end of July 2023**  
**Revenue Budget Monitoring**

		<b>Net Budget (Latest Estimate)</b>	<b>Projected Full Year Spend</b>	<b>Projected Year End Variance</b>	<b>Variance Last Month</b>	<b>Change in Variance</b>
		<b>£000</b>	<b>£000</b>	<b>underspend- overspend+</b> £000	<b>£000</b>	<b>£000</b>
<b>CDA3</b>	<b>Community Safety</b>	<b>27,638</b>	<b>27,638</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>Total Community Safety</b>		<b>27,638</b>	<b>27,638</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>



**Business Management & Monitoring Report: Resources**  
**Position to the end of July 2023**  
**Revenue Budget Monitoring**

		<b>Net Budget (Latest Estimate)</b>	<b>Projected Full Year Spend</b>	<b>Projected Year End Variance</b>	<b>Variance Last Month</b>	<b>Change in Variance</b>
		<b>£000</b>	<b>£000</b>	<b>underspend- overspend+</b> <b>£000</b>	<b>£000</b>	<b>£000</b>
COD1	Corporate Services	3,029	3,129	100	0	100
COD2	Human Resources & Organisational Development	2,985	3,585	600	600	0
COD3	Communications, Strategy & Insight	3,295	3,295	0	0	0
COD4	ICT & Digital	10,225	10,625	400	300	100
COD5	Culture & Customer Experience	11,881	12,181	300	200	100

**Business Management & Monitoring Report: Resources**  
**Position to the end of July 2023**  
**Revenue Budget Monitoring**

		Net Budget (Latest Estimate)	Projected Full Year Spend	Projected Year End Variance	Variance Last Month	Change in Variance
		£000	£000	underspend- overspend+	£000	£000
COD6	Finance	8,616	8,916	300	100	200
COD7	Property, Investment & FM	19,059	19,359	300	200	100
COD8	Law & Governance	7,705	8,105	400	200	200
COD9	Delivery & Partnership	2,930	2,930	0	0	0
<b>Total Resources</b>		<b>69,725</b>	<b>72,125</b>	<b>2,400</b>	<b>1,600</b>	<b>800</b>

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**CABINET IS RECOMMENDED TO APPROVE THE VIREMENTS AS DETAILED BELOW:**

Directorate (CD = Cross Directorate)	Month of Cabinet meeting	Month of Directorate MMR	Narration	Budget Book Line	Service Area	Permanent / Temporary	Expenditure + increase / - decrease £000	Income - increase / + decrease £000
CS	Sep	Jun	Create recharge budget for the YPSA NTS staff	CEF2-2	Social Care	P	569	0
				CEF3-1	Corporate Parenting	P	0	-569
Grand Total							569	-569

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**Position to the end of July 2023**

**NEW VIREMENTS THAT HAVE BEEN ACTIONED FOR CABINET TO NOTE**

Directorate (CD = Cross Directorate)	Month of Cabinet Meeting	Month of Directorate MMR	Narration	Budget Book Line	Service Area	Permanent / Temporary	Expenditure + increase / - decrease £000	Income - increase / + decrease £000
CD	Sep	Jun	Community Capacity Grants 23/24	PH1 & 2	Public Health Functions	T	0	0
				SCS5	Pooled Budget Contributions	T	500	-500
			To support climate action tree replacement schme	EP2-3	Environment & Circular Economy	P	182	0
				VSMMGT	Strategic Measures	P	-182	0
		Fire Service pay award - 2022/23 - back dated from July 2022 to March 2023	COM4-2	Fire & Rescue	T	887	0	
			VSMMGT	Strategic Measures	T	-887	0	
		Jul	Gold Book Pay Award 22/23 backdated	COM4-2	Fire & Rescue	T	10	0
				VSMMGT	Strategic Measures	T	-10	0
			Gold Book Pay Award 22/23 & part year 23/24	COM4-2	Fire & Rescue	P	25	0
				VSMMGT	Strategic Measures	P	-25	0
			Gold Book Pay Award 23/24	COM4-2	Fire & Rescue	P	14	0
				VSMMGT	Strategic Measures	P	-14	0
			Contingency to OUF23	COD7	Property, Investment & FM	T	120	0
				VSMMGT	Strategic Measures	T	-120	0
		Music Service Budget	COD5	Culture & Customer Experience	P	101	0	
			VSMMGT	Strategic Measures	P	-101	0	
CS	Sep	Jun	Reallocate staff posts - 4 X strengthening families posts from Children's to social care	CEF2-2	Social Care	P	176	0
				CEF3-1	Corporate Parenting	P	-176	0
			Recode Previously agreed pressures/savings	CEF1-4	Access to Learning	P	-500	0
				CEF3-1	Corporate Parenting	P	500	0
		Jul	School grants budget tidy	CEF1-3	Learning & School Improvement	T	259	-259
				CEF4-1	Delegated Budgets	T	4,301	-4,301
			School Grants Budget Tidy 23.24	CEF1-3	Learning & School Improvement	P	212	-212
				CEF4-1	Delegated Budgets	P	-1,861	1,861
			Brokerage support CSC Improvement prog, 2 seniors,2 brokers & agency to August 2023.	CEF3-1	Corporate Parenting	T	-355	0
				SCS2	Other Adult Social Care Services	T	355	0
			Early Years DSG 23-24 to match Cabinet report.	CEF1-2	SEND Service	P	3	-3
				CEF1-4	Access to Learning	P	-5	5
		CEF4-2		Early Years Funding Formula	P	2	-2	
		Agreed Contribution - Family solutions North for KF&AF Trevi Hse residential fees	CEF2-2	Social Care	T	11	0	
			CEF3-1	Corporate Parenting	T	-11	0	
		Care Homes Recruitment Campaign	CEF3-2	Safeguarding	T	50	0	
CEF5-1	Management & Admin		T	-50	0			

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**NEW VIREMENTS THAT HAVE BEEN ACTIONED FOR CABINET TO NOTE**

Directorate (CD = Cross Directorate)	Month of Cabinet Meeting	Month of Directorate MMR	Narration	Budget Book Line	Service Area	Permanent / Temporary	Expenditure + increase / - decrease £000	Income - increase / + decrease £000
AS	Sep	Jun	BCF Uplift alignment	BCFPOOL	Age Well Pool	P	-93	93
			Tidy M79900 Inflation Budget	SCS1	Adult Social Care	P	145	0
				SCS5	Pooled Budget Contributions	P	-145	0
			Reinstate amount miscoded in 22/23	ACSNPOOL	Live Well Pool	P	-28	0
				BCFPOOL	Age Well Pool	P	28	0
			Demography re-allocation	BCFPOOL	Age Well Pool	P	-771	771
			Contributions adjustments to reflect Cares Budget virement	ACSNPOOL	Live Well Pool	P	0	28
				BCFPOOL	Age Well Pool	P	0	-28
			SCS5	Pooled Budget Contributions	P	0	0	
		Live Well ICB Budget Update 23/24	ACSNPOOL	Live Well Pool	P	367	-367	
		Jul	ASC Inflation Budget Realloc 23/24	ACSNPOOL	Live Well Pool	P	234	-234
				BCFPOOL	Age Well Pool	P	10	-10
				SCS5	Pooled Budget Contributions	P	0	0
			ICB Budget Uplift for Age Well	BCFPOOL	Age Well Pool	P	10,340	-10,340
			OSJ 23.24 Inflation Budget Realloc 23/24	BCFPOOL	Age Well Pool	P	2,078	-2,078
				SCS5	Pooled Budget Contributions	P	0	0
			Health Reserves Drawdown	ACSNPOOL	Live Well Pool	T	166	-166
				SCS5	Pooled Budget Contributions	T	0	0
			23AS6 National Autism Strategy	ACSNPOOL	Live Well Pool	P	100	-100
				SCS2	Other Adult Social Care Services	P	-100	0
	SCS5	Pooled Budget Contributions	P	100	0			
PH&CS	Sep	Jun	Protection Uplift Grant	COM4-2	Fire & Rescue	P	304	-304
		Jul	Partial funding for x2 Trading Standards Post for Tobacco Control and E-Cigarette work	COM4-5	Trading Standards	T	54	0
				PH1 & 2	Public Health Functions	T	-54	0
RES	Sep	Jun	reallocate budgets to align with expenditure	COD7	Property, Investment & FM	P	-62	62
			Movement of monies following re-design of CSC teams	COD5	Culture & Customer Experience	P	51	-51
			Allocate Budget to relevant costs rather than one lump sum to one code for better monitoring of budget	COD7	Property, Investment & FM	P	2	-2
			Allocate Budget to current expected levels	COD7	Property, Investment & FM	P	-91	91
			Allocate Budget to reflect the reduction for removing Knights Court full year	COD7	Property, Investment & FM	P	-36	36

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Position to the end of July 2023**

**NEW VIREMENTS THAT HAVE BEEN ACTIONED FOR CABINET TO NOTE**

Directorate (CD = Cross Directorate)	Month of Cabinet Meeting	Month of Directorate MMR	Narration	Budget Book Line	Service Area	Permanent / Temporary	Expenditure + increase / - decrease £000	Income - increase / + decrease £000
		Jul	Tidying up staffing costs for my budget	COD3	Communications, Strategy & Insight	P	0	0
			Registration Service contribution to Cultural Service Improvement Team	COD5	Culture & Customer Experience	T	25	-25
			Aligning income budget	COD5	Culture & Customer Experience	P	68	-68
			The content team is moving from ITID to Comms and Marketing. This is 3/4 of their annual salary.	COD3	Communications, Strategy & Insight	T	223	0
				COD4	ICT & Digital	T	-223	0
			To align Innovation Hub cost centres with new team and project structures and tidy up the financial structure.	COD4	ICT & Digital	P	-40	40
			Reallocation of funds	COD5	Culture & Customer Experience	P	-102	102
EP	Sep	Jun	EP1-3 Budget redistribution	EP1-3	Infrastructure Delivery	P	2,333	-2,333
			move PPA income from strategic measures to PPA team	EP1-2	Place Making	P	0	-100
				EP2-1	Strategic Planning	P	0	100
		Jul	Budget Tidy N10200 NQ1007	EP3-1	Highway Maintenance	P	-250	0
				EP3-4	Senior Management Team	P	250	0
			Create temporary budgets to manage BSIP funding in 23/24	EP1-1	Transport Policy	T	2,394	-2,394
			Budget Tidy 24EP6 - NAT100 to NP0050	EP3-1	Highway Maintenance	P	-200	0
				EP3-2	Network Management	P	200	0
<b>Grand Total</b>							<b>20,687</b>	<b>-20,687</b>

**Business Management & Monitoring Report**  
**Position to the end of July 2023**  
**Earmarked Reserves**

	2023/24		
	Balance at 1 April 2023	Forecast Movement	Forecast Balance at 31 March 2024
	£m	£m	£m
<b>Revenue Grants Unapplied</b>			
Grants and Contributions Reserve	37.2	-6.3	30.9
COVID-19 Reserve	15.4	-9.0	6.4
Government Initiatives Reserve	2.3	-0.1	2.2
<b>Subtotal Revenue Grants Unapplied</b>	<b>54.9</b>	<b>-15.4</b>	<b>39.5</b>
<b>Corporate Priorities</b>			
Budget Priorities Reserve	11.4	-8.6	2.9
Transformation Reserve	1.5	2.3	3.8
Zero Emissions Zone	0.5		0.5
Youth Provision Reserve	0.3		0.3
<b>Subtotal Corporate Priorities</b>	<b>13.7</b>	<b>-6.3</b>	<b>7.4</b>

<p>This reserve holds unspent ring-fenced grants and contributions committed to be spent in future years. This includes the Public Health ringfenced grant and funding for the on-going cost of the Homes for Ukraine Scheme.</p> <p>This reserve is set up to meet ongoing and emerging pressures and longer term service demands arising from the COVID-19 Pandemic. The use of £13.4m funding from the reserve is built into the council's Medium Term Financial Plan agreed in February 2023. After taking account of the additional £1.6m use of the reserve in 2023/24 £0.4m remains uncommitted.</p> <p>This reserve is used to hold underspends on budgets funded by unringfenced grants held that relate to specific agreed outcomes or the implementation of Government initiatives.</p>
<p>This reserve is being used to support the implementation of the Council's priorities and the Medium Term Financial Strategy.</p> <p>This reserve is needed to fund the implementation costs of the Council's Transformation programme.</p> <p>This reserve holds surpluses generated by Network Coordination for the development and expansion of the ZEZ in the future years. Funding for locality based youth provision</p>

**Business Management & Monitoring Report**  
**Position to the end of July 2023**  
**Earmarked Reserves**

	2023/24			
	Balance at 1 April 2023	Forecast Movement	Forecast Balance at 31 March 2024	
	£m	£m	£m	
<b>Funding for Risk</b>				
Insurance Reserve	12.9		12.9	This reserve covers the County Council for insurance claims that, based on the previous experience of the County Council, are likely to be received, as well as a number of insurance related issues.
Demographic Risk Reserve	13.0	4.0	17.0	In light of the significant pressures relating to High Needs DSG and other budgets with demographic volatility. This reserve will help to manage demographic risk.
Council Elections	0.4	0.2	0.6	This will be used to fund future elections. In years where no County Elections take place any underspend on the Council Elections budget will be transferred to this reserve.
Redundancy Reserve	2.4		2.4	This reserve is available to fund redundancy costs arising from Transformational Change.
Trading Accounts	0.2	-0.2	0.0	This reserve holds funds relating to traded activities to help manage volatility year to year or future investments.
Council Tax Collection Fund Reserve	3.0		3.0	This reserve holds any surplus/ deficit as a result of income from council tax being more or less than originally estimated
Business Rates Reserve	9.5		9.5	This reserve is to smooth the volatility of Business Rates income and to mitigate risk around future changes to Business Rates. The use of the reserve will be considered through the Budget & Business Planning Process for 2024/25.
<b>Subtotal Risk</b>	<b>41.3</b>	<b>4.0</b>	<b>45.3</b>	



**Business Management & Monitoring Report**  
**Position to the end of July 2023**  
**Earmarked Reserves**

	2023/24		
	Balance at 1 April 2023	Forecast Movement	Forecast Balance at 31 March 2024
	£m	£m	£m
<b>Capital &amp; Equipment</b>			
Capital Reserves	67.8	-1.7	66.1
Vehicle and Equipment Reserve	3.4	0.0	3.4
Investment Pump Priming Reserve	2.0	-2.0	0.0
<b>Subtotal Capital &amp; Equipment</b>	<b>73.2</b>	<b>-3.7</b>	<b>69.5</b>
<b>Other Reserves</b>			
Schools' Reserves	12.9	0.0	12.9
Partnership Reserves	1.9	0.0	1.9
On Street Car Parking Reserve	4.9	0.0	4.9
<b>Subtotal Other Reserves</b>	<b>19.8</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>19.8</b>
<b>Total Reserves</b>	<b>203.0</b>	<b>-21.4</b>	<b>181.6</b>

<p>This reserve has been established for the purpose of financing capital expenditure in future years. Drawdown will be confirmed later in the year.</p> <p>This reserve is to fund future replacements of vehicles and equipment.</p> <p>Funding held to meet the costs of self-financing schemes which require pump priming until the funds are returned. Agreed to be used to support the following schemes as part of the 2023/24 budget: Low Carbon Business Travel Project (grey fleet) £0.8m, Energy Efficiency Recycling Fund for OCC Maintained Schools £0.8m, Initial funding to develop plans for the workplace charging levy £0.2m.</p>
<p>In accordance with the Education Reform Act 1988, the scheme of Local Management of Schools provides for the carry forward of individual schools surpluses and deficits. These reserves are committed to be spent on schools.</p> <p>Other School Reserves cover a number of miscellaneous education activities, including amounts loaned to individual schools against school reserves, and School Partnership Accounts which are operated in respect of inter-school activities.</p> <p>This relates to funding for the Growth Deal</p> <p>This surplus has arisen under the operation of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 (section 55). The purposes for which these monies can be used are defined by statute.</p>

**Business Management Report**  
**Position to the end of July 2023**  
**Government Grants 2023/24**

Ringfenced	Directorate	Issued By	Esimate 2023/24	In year Adjustments / New Allocations previously reported	In year Adjustments/ New Allocations reported this time	Latest Allocation
			£000	£000	£000	£000
	<b>Adult Services</b>					
R	Improved Better Care Fund	DHSC	10,705	0	0	10,705
R	Adult Social Care Market Sustainability and Improvement Fund	DHSC	5,366	0	0	5,366
R	Adult Social Care Discharge Fund	DHSC	1,501	0	0	1,501
R	Adult Social Care Market Sustainability and Improvement Fund - Workforce Fu	DHSC	0	0	3,485	3,485
	<b>TOTAL ADULT SERVICES</b>		<b>17,572</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>3,485</b>	<b>21,057</b>
	<b>Children's Services</b>					
	<b>Dedicated School Grants</b>					
R	Dedicated Schools Grant (DSG) - Schools Block	DfE	131,641	0	31	131,672
R	Dedicated Schools Grant (DSG) - Central Block	DfE	4,992	0	0	4,992
R	Dedicated Schools Grant (DSG) - Early Years Block	DfE	44,340	0	94	44,434
R	Dedicated Schools Grant (DSG) - High Needs Block	DfE	85,288	0	-564	84,724
	<b>Subtotal DSG Grants</b>		<b>266,261</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>-439</b>	<b>265,822</b>
	<b>School Grants</b>					
R	Pupil Premium	DfE	7,663	0	531	8,194
R	Education Funding Agency - Sixth Form Funding and Threshold	DfE	280	0	39	319
R	PE and Sport Grant	DfE	2,266	0	-49	2,217
R	Universal Infant Free School Meals	DfE	3,938	0	109	4,047
R	Teacher's Pay Grant	DfE	95	0	-95	0
R	Teacher's Pay Additional Grant	DfE	0	0	1,404	1,404
R	Teacher's Pension Grant	DfE	274	0	-264	10
R	Mainstream Schools Additional Grant	DfE	0	0	4,285	4,285

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**Position to the end of July 2023**  
**Government Grants 2023/24**

Ringfenced	Directorate	Issued By	Esimate 2023/24	In year Adjustments / New Allocations previously reported	In year Adjustments/ New Allocations reported this time	Latest Allocation
			£000	£000	£000	£000
R	National Professional Qualification Grant	DfE	0	0	15	15
R	Early Career Framework - Off Timetable	DfE	0	0	161	161
R	Early Career Framework - Mentor	DfE	0	0	93	93
R	Early Year Supplement Grant	DfE	0	0	2,978	2,978
R	Coronavirus (COVID-19) Recovery Premium	DfE	0	0	275	275
R	Coronavirus (COVID-19) School Let Tutoring Grant	DfE	0	0	330	330
R	Coronavirus (Covid-19) Schools Fund	DfE	0	0	0	0
	<b>Subtotal School Grants</b>		<b>14,516</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>9,812</b>	<b>24,328</b>
	<b>Other Children's Services Grants</b>					
R	School Improvement Monitoring & Brokering Grant	DfE	0	0	0	0
R	Youth Justice Board	YJB	674	0	30	704
R	Asylum (USAC and Post 18)	HO	3,997	0	1,531	5,528
R	Extension of Virtual School Heads - children with social worker	DfE	0	0	135	135
R	Extension of Virtual School Heads - previously looked after children	DfE	0	0	66	66
R	Extended Personal Adviser Duty Grant	DfE	103	0	9	112
R	Staying Put Implementation Grant	DfE	288	0	185	473
R	Remand Framework	YJB	72	0	-36	36
R	Supported Internships for Young People with SEND	DWP	54	0	0	54
R	Holiday Activities and Food Programme	DfE	296	0	0	296
R	Multiply	DfE	899	0	0	899
R	Home for Ukraine Education	DfE	0	0	0	0
R	Turnaround Programme	YJB	64	0	0	64
	<b>Subtotal Other Children's Services Grants</b>		<b>6,447</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1,920</b>	<b>8,367</b>
	<b>TOTAL CHILDREN'S SERVICES</b>		<b>287,224</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>11,293</b>	<b>298,517</b>

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**Position to the end of July 2023**  
**Government Grants 2023/24**

Ringfenced	Directorate	Issued By	Esimate 2023/24 £000	In year Adjustments / New Allocations previously reported £000	In year Adjustments/ New Allocations reported this time £000	Latest Allocation £000
	<b>Environment &amp; Place</b>					
R	Bus Service Operators Grant	DfT	559	0	0	559
R	Natural England	DEFRA	227	0	0	227
R	COVID BSSG	DFT	0	0	48	48
R	Biodiversity Net gain Grant	DEFRA	0	0	27	27
R	Woodland Creation Accelerator Fund (WCAF)	DEFRA	0	0	75	75
R	Zero Emission Zone Pilot	DEFRA	0	0	0	0
	<b>TOTAL ENVIRONMENT &amp; PLACE</b>		<b>786</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>150</b>	<b>936</b>
	<b>Public Health</b>					
R	Public Health Grant	DHSC	32,569	0	0	32,569
	<b>TOTAL PUBLIC HEALTH</b>		<b>32,569</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>32,569</b>
	<b>Community Safety</b>					
R	Fire Fighter's Pension Fund Grant	DLUHC	1,361	0	0	1,361
R	Fire Fighter's New Dimensons Grant	DLUHC	40	0	0	40
	<b>TOTAL COMMUNITY SAFETY</b>		<b>1,401</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1,401</b>
	<b>Resources</b>					
R	Music Service	AC	1,045	0	0	1,045
R	MaaS:CAV	Innovate UK	313	0	0	313
R	Park & Charge	Innovate UK	206	0	0	206
R	Virgin Park & Charge	Innovate UK	7	0	0	7

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**Government Grants 2023/24**

Ringfenced	Directorate	Issued By	Esimate 2023/24	In year Adjustments / New Allocations previously reported	In year Adjustments/ New Allocations reported this time	Latest Allocation
			£000	£000	£000	£000
R	Data Driven Safety Tool	Innovate UK	91	0	0	91
R	Quantum Gravimeter	Innovate UK	69	0	0	69
R	Resilient CAV	Innovate UK	25	0	0	25
R	Heart Park Project	DfT	90	0	0	90
R	GTC DfT Congestion Tool	DfT	59	0	0	59
R	CAVL4R	DfT	11	0	0	11
	<b>TOTAL RESOURCES</b>		<b>1,917</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1,917</b>
	<b>Strategic Measures</b>					
U	Lead Local Flood Authority	DEFRA	45			45
U	Extended Rights to Free Travel	DfE	278	531		809
U	Firelink	DLUHC	213	-83		130
U	Supporting Families - previously Troubled Families	DLUHC	1,048		31	1,079
U	New Homes Bonus	DLUHC	1,700			1,700
U	Local Reform & Community Voices Grant	DfE	515			515
U	Social Care Support Grant (including Independent Living Fund)	DLUHC	32,669			32,669
U	Services Grant	DfE	2,800			2,800
U	Domestic Abuse Duty Grant	DLUHC	1,141	26		1,167
U	Supplementary Substance Misuse Treatment & Recovery Grant	OHID	0	635		635
U	Supplementary Substance Misuse Treatment & Recovery Housing Grant	OHID	0	621		621
U	Charging Reform Implementation Grant	OHID	0			0
U	Rough Sleeping Drugs & Alcohol Grant	DLUHC	0	1,140	229	1,369
U	Trailblazer Funding	DHSC	0			0
	<b>Subtotal Strategic Measures</b>		<b>40,409</b>	<b>2,870</b>	<b>260</b>	<b>43,539</b>

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Ringfenced	Directorate	Issued By	Esimate 2023/24 £000	In year Adjustments / New Allocations previously reported £000	In year Adjustments/ New Allocations reported this time £000	Latest Allocation £000
U	<b>Business Rates</b>					
	Section 31 Grant for Business Rate Compensation	DLUHC	14,427	4,671		19,098
U	Business Rates S31 Grant Top-Up	DLUHC	42,662	-2,686		39,976
	<b>Subtotal Business Rates</b>		<b>57,089</b>	<b>1,985</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>59,074</b>
	<b>Grants held on behalf of Local Enterprise Partnership</b>					
R	Oxford Innovation Business Support	BEIS	205			205
R	European Regional Development Fund		900			900
R	DCLG (Local Enterprise Partnership Funding)	DLUHC	500			500
	<b>Subtotal Grants held on behalf of Local Enterprise Partnership</b>		<b>1,605</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1,605</b>
	<b>TOTAL STRATEGIC MEASURES</b>		<b>99,103</b>	<b>4,855</b>	<b>260</b>	<b>104,218</b>
	<b>Total All Grants</b>		<b>440,572</b>	<b>4,855</b>	<b>15,188</b>	<b>460,615</b>

R Ringfenced grant  
U Un-ringfenced grant  
Issued by  
HO Home Office  
DHSC Department of Health & Social Care  
DfT Department for Transport  
DfE Department for Education

DLUHC Department for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities  
BEIS Department for Business, Energy & Industrial Strategy  
OHID Office for Health Improvement and Disparities  
DEFRA Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs  
AC Arts Council  
YJB Youth Justice Board  
NDTi National Development team for Inclusion

**Business Management & Monitoring Report**  
**Position to the end of July 2023**  
**General Revenue Balances**

	<b>Forecast 2023/24</b>	
	£m	£m
General Balances: Outturn 2022/23	22.556	
County Fund Balance		<b>22.556</b>
Planned Contribution to Balances (February 2023)		6.800
Additional Contribution to Balances (June 2023)		0.844
<b>Original forecast outturn position 2023/24</b>		<b>30.200</b>
<b>Additions</b>		
		0.000
<b>Calls on balances deducted</b>		
Staffing costs to support development of One - Fleet approach to the council's vehicles (Supplementary Estimate agreed May 2023)		-0.180
		-0.180
<b>Automatic calls on/returns to balances</b>		
		0.000
<b>Additional Strategic Measures</b>		
Forecast Strategic Measures Overspend /Underpend		0.000
		0.000
<b>Net General Balances</b>		<b>30.020</b>
<b>Calls on / returns to balances requested in this report</b>		
		0.000
<b>Forecast Variation at Year End</b>		
Less forecast overspend (as set out in Annex 1)		-8.555
<b>Forecast Outturn position</b>		<b>21.465</b>
<b>Risk Assessed Level of Balances for 2023/24</b>		<b>30.200</b>
<b>Surplus/(deficit) balances compared to risk assessed level</b>		<b>-8.735</b>