

Introduction

1. This annex sets out the second financial monitoring information for the 2024/25 financial year and is based on information to the end of July 2024. Key issues, as well as risks relating to inflation, demand and other factors, plus areas of emerging pressure are explained below.

The following information is also provided within the annex:

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Overall Financial Position

2. As shown below there is a forecast service area overspend of £5.1m, a £2.3m increase from the position reported to the July Cabinet. After taking account of additional interest receivable on balances held by the council and anticipated capital financing costs, the overall forecast position is an underspend of £0.4m.

	Latest Budget July-24 £m	Forecast Spend July-24 £m	Forecast Variance July-24 £m	Forecast Variance July-24 %	Forecast Variance May-24 £m	Change Since May-24 £m
Adult Services	250.2	250.2	0.0	0.0%	0.0	0.0
Children's Services	197.4	199.6	2.3	1.1%	0.0	2.3
Environment & Highways	69.7	70.6	0.9	1.3%	1.6	-0.7
Economy & Place	1.8	1.8	0.0	0.0%	0.0	0.0
Oxfordshire Fire & Rescue Service and Community Safety	28.1	28.8	0.6	2.3%	0.6	0.0
Public Health & Communities	12.6	12.6	0.0	0.0%	0.0	0.0
Resources and Law & Governance	57.6	58.9	1.3	2.3%	0.6	0.7
Transformation, Digital & Customer Experience	3.3	3.3	0.0	0.0%	0.0	0.0
Service Areas Total¹	620.6	625.7	5.1	0.0	2.9	2.3
Budgets Held Centrally						
Capital Financing	20.7	17.7	-3.1	-14.7%	0.0	3.1
Interest on Balances	-10.7	-13.2	-2.5	23.5%	-1.4	1.1
Contingency	7.3	7.3	0.0	0.0%	-1.5	-1.5
Pay Inflation	15.1	15.1	0.0	0.0%	0.0	0.0
Un-ringfenced Specific Grants	-52.1	-52.1	0.0	0.0%	0.0	0.0
Insurance	1.7	1.7	0.0	0.0%	0.0	0.0
Contribution from COVID-19 reserve	-3.8	-3.8	0.0	0.0%	0.0	0.0
Contribution from Budget Priority Reserve	-1.4	-1.4	0.0	0.0%	0.0	0.0

¹ Service areas have been updated to reflect the council's new senior management structure.

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Contributions to reserves	13.9	13.9	0.0	0.0%	0.0	0.0
Total Budgets Held Centrally	-9.2	-14.7	-5.6	60.6%	-2.9	-2.7
Net Operating Budget	611.4	611.0	-0.4	-0.1%	0.0	-0.4
Business Rates & Council Tax funding	-611.4	-611.4	0.0	0.0%	0.0	0.0
Forecast Year End Position	0.0	-0.4	-0.4	-0.1%	0.0	-0.4

3. The breakeven position for Adult Services reported to the July Cabinet remains unchanged.
4. Childrens' Services is forecasting a £2.3m overspend compared to the breakeven position reported to Cabinet in July 2024. This is due to risks in the delivery of previously agreed savings built into the 2024/25 budget.
5. The overspend for Environment & Highways has reduced by £0.7m since July 2024. The £0.9m pressure includes a £2.2m overspend in Network Management relating to the underachievement of lane rental income savings, offset by a £1.3m underspend in Highways maintenance from a reduction in energy costs from lower energy activity.
6. Public Health & Communities are forecasting a breakeven position. Within that a forecast £0.2m underspend against the Public Health grant funding is assumed to be transferred to reserves at year end.
7. The forecast overspend for Resources and Law & Governance has increased by £0.9m from the position reported to Cabinet in July due to unachieved savings held within IT&ID that were originally expected to be made by reducing IT related costs across the council.
8. £7.3m on-going budget was agreed to be held in contingency as part of the 2024/25 budget. This is being held to meet potential risks around pay inflation and possible pressures in Adults and Children's Services later in the financial year. The current forecast assumes that there is no underspend against the contingency budget on the basis of these potential risks materialising. However, as the year progresses and there is more certainty over the forecast position, the underspend against the contingency budget will be factored in.
9. The 2024/25 budget includes planned service areas savings of £30.1m. 43% of these savings are assessed as delivered and 70% are forecast to be delivered.
10. The risk assessed level of one – off funding held in general balances in 2024/25 is £30.2m. A residual balance of £2.3m relating to the underspend at the end of 2023/24 was agreed to be held in balances as part of the Provisional Outturn Report for 2023/24. After taking account of the forecast underspend of £0.4m, balances are currently forecast to be £2.8m above the risk assessed level at 31 March 2024.

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11. The forecast 2024/25 deficit compared to Dedicated Schools Grant (DSG) funding for High Needs is £21.3m in line with the budget approved by Council in February 2024. The CIPFA code of practice requires negative High Needs DSG balances to be held in an unusable reserve. The forecast deficit would increase the cumulative negative High Needs DSG balance held in this reserve from £55.8m as at 31 March 2024 to £77.1m at 31 March 2025.

Service Areas Forecasts

Adult Services

12. Adult Services is forecasting a breakeven position against a budget of £250.2m.

Service Area	Latest Budget July-24 £m	Forecast Spend July-24 £m	Forecast Variance July-24 £m	Forecast Variance May-24 £m	Change Since May-24 £m
Adult Social Care	27.1	27.4	0.3	0.0	0.3
Health, Education & Social Care Commissioning	5.5	5.2	-0.3	0.0	-0.3
Housing & Social Care Commissioning	1.4	1.4	0.0	0.0	0.0
Business Support Service	1.1	1.1	0.0	0.0	0.0
Pooled Budgets	215.1	215.1	0.0	0.0	0.0
Total Adult Services	250.2	250.2	0.0	0.0	0.0

13. The forecast reflects an agreement on the sharing of costs for adults with a Learning Disability with Section 117 aftercare support under the Mental Health Act with the Buckinghamshire, Oxfordshire and Berkshire West Integrated Care Board, bringing the health and social care system funding more in line with other local authorities and care boards.

Pooled Budgets

Age Well Pooled Budget

14. 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.
15. Budgets within the pool are managed on an aligned basis with the Integrated Care Board (ICB) for Buckinghamshire, Oxfordshire, and Berkshire West (BOB) so each partner is responsible for the variation against their element of the funding.
16. The council elements of the Age Well pool are forecast to breakeven in 2024/25, on the assumption that savings are delivered.
17. The council's share of the Better Care Fund (BCF) being utilised within the pool is £31.1m in 2024/25, an increase of 5.7% from 2023/24.

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18. There are significant risks and assumptions within the forecast where certainty is not possible at this stage. These include:

- Growth in placements, particularly residential, through the year. Although there is a seasonal trend, it is difficult to predict accurately how activity will move. The forecast includes an element of growth held to mitigate this risk.
- Requests for fee uplifts for unit costs over and above ceiling rates are still being requested and this is being managed through a fee uplift panel. A deadline for requests to be put forward for consideration is to be communicated to providers. Funding is held to cover further requests any unallocated budget will be released to the wider system or cover future risks within the service.

Live Well Pooled Budget

19. The Live Well pool supports a combination 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.

20. Budgets within the pool are managed on an aligned basis with the Integrated Care Board (ICB) for Buckinghamshire, Oxfordshire, and Berkshire West (BOB).

21. The council elements of the Live Well pool are forecast to spend to budgets.

22. Risks or uncertainties in both service groups relate to:

- Growth in care packages, particularly for supported living and home support, through the year. It is difficult to predict accurately how activity will move throughout the remaining four months of the year.
- The ICB are yet to formally agree to their share of the costs for adults with Section 117 aftercare support under the Mental Health Act for service users with a physical disability.

Non-Pool Services

23. A combined breakeven position is forecast across all other services.

Reserves

24. £1.0m held in the Budget Priorities reserve for Adult Social Care at 1 April 2024 will be used to fund known pressures in 2024/25.

25. £0.6m held in reserves because of additional contributions made by the ICB in previous years will be allocated in 2024/25 and 2025/26 as agreed with the Joint Commissioning Executive.

26. As the Supervisory Body the council has a statutory obligation to assess and authorise Deprivation of Liberty Safeguarding (DoLS) requests. The number of requests the council receives has increased so £0.4m has been held in the Budget Priorities reserve to help meet its statutory obligation. This funding will be utilised in 2024/25.

27. £0.1m held in the Government Initiative Reserve relates to ongoing costs

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associated with charging reforms prior to implementation which is now scheduled for autumn 2025.

28. £0.3m of Apprenticeship funding is held within the grants and contributions reserve, funding was awarded to the council late in February 2024 to increase social work capacity within adult social care, the funding will be used before March 2025.

29. £0.2m Accelerated Reform Fund funding awarded in January 2024 will be used to address barriers to adopting innovative practices and build capacity and capability within adult social care.

Ringfenced Grants

30. As set out in Annex 4, ring-fenced government grants expected to be received by Adult Services in 2024/25 total £23.2m.

31. The Improved Better Care Fund Grant is £10.7m, with no change since 2023/24. 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.

32. The Market Sustainability and Improvement Fund is £10.0m and is being used to support the provider fee uplift in 2024/25 in line with the terms of the grant, to enhance the uplift, and to maintain uplifts from 2023/24 funded through the Market Sustainability and Fair Cost of Care grant which now forms part of this grant.

33. The Adult Social Care Discharge Fund is £2.5m. This will be used to provide interventions that improve discharge of patients from hospital to the most appropriate location for their ongoing care.

Virements

34. Virements to note reflect budget movements within the pools linked to inflationary uplifts and the recoding of existing savings within Adult Social Care, plus a budget tidy within the Community Support Service.

Savings

35. The 2024/25 budget includes planned savings of £4.3m. 98% of savings are expected to be delivered and 2% are currently unconfirmed and have an element of risk in the delivery.

36. The unconfirmed savings relate to an action to reduce the outstanding unsecured debt. This will not be confirmed until the end of the financial year but while action continues to be taken early reports indicate that this will not be achieved. Updates will continue to be provided in future reports.

37. There are also £0.3m of savings brought forward from 2023/24 to be delivered in 2024/25. 100% of this is expected to be delivered.

Investments

38. Planned one – off investments of £1.4m were agreed as part of the 2024/25 budget. There are currently plans for £1.0m of this total with further work being carried out to utilise the remaining investment. To maximise the benefit of this funding an element may be required to be carried forward into 2025/26 so an update will be provided within the next report.
39. Options to fully understand the benefits to the council as a result of the £0.5m investment in digital technologies are being worked through. The scoping exercise linked to these projects and any implementation flowing from this may require some of the funding to be moved into to an earmarked reserve for use in 2025/26 so an update will be provided in future reports.
40. Opportunities to be funded from the £0.5m Shared Lives investment will be developed following recommendations from project work beginning in September 2024.
41. The digital acceleration allocation referred to in paragraph 39 is likely to be oversubscribed. Recommendations to update the proposed use of any of the other allocations to provide additional funding for this will be included in the next report to Cabinet.
42. £0.2m of the investment linked to the Oxfordshire Way is being managed by the Partnership Delivery Service. Opportunities to ensure the benefit of the £0.2m investment in transport is maximised county wide are also being considered.

Children's Services

43. Childrens' services are forecasting an overspend of £2.3m against a budget of £197.4m.
44. For High Needs DSG there is a forecast in year deficit of £21.3m in line with the budget agreed by Council in February 2024.

Service Area	Latest Budget July-24 £m	Forecast Spend July-24 £m	Forecast Variance July-24 £m	Forecast Variance May-24 £m	Change Since May-24 £m
Education & Learning	50.8	50.8	0.0	0.0	0.0
Schools ²	0.2	0.2	0.0	0.0	0.0
Subtotal Education	51.0	51.0	0	0.0	0.0
Early Help, Front Door & Social Care	87.3	88.8	1.5	0.0	1.5
Provider Services & Safeguarding	49.7	49.7	0	0.0	0.0
Subtotal Childrens' Social Care	137.1	138.5	1.5	0.0	1.5
Childrens' Services Central Costs	9.3	10.1	0.8	0.0	0.8

² *Maintained Schools are funded by Dedicated Schools Grant

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Service Area	Latest Budget July-24 £m	Forecast Spend July-24 £m	Forecast Variance July-24 £m	Forecast Variance May-24 £m	Change Since May-24 £m
Total Childrens' Services	197.4	199.6	2.3	0.0	2.3
Overspend on High Needs DSG that will be transferred to the unusable reserve	88.4	109.7	21.3	0.0	0.0

Education

45. Within Education & Learning, Home to School Transport continues to be high risk. At this point in the year expenditure is forecast to be within the budget, however until transport arrangements for the new academic year from September are confirmed there remains a risk of overspends within this area.

Children's Social Care & Central Costs

46. There is a forecast overspend of £2.3m for Children's Social Care.

47. The forecast overspend is as a result of £3.7m of previously agreed reductions to budgets or savings built into the budget for 2024/25. The service has reviewed the feasibility of achieving these and there are possible mitigating actions estimated to reduce the impact to £2.3m but work is continuing to assess options so an update will be provided in the next report.

48. In relation to staffing, several initiatives are planned to support the reduction of agency social workers. For 2024/25 this is currently expected to be managed within the budget, however there could be risks in future financial years should the number and cost of agency social workers not reduce in line with expectations.

49. The latest activity for Childrens' Social Care is as below:

	Q2 2022/23	Q3 2022/23	Q4 2022/23	Q1 2023/24	Q2 2023/24	Q3 2023/24	Q4 2023/24	Q1 2024/25	July 2024/25
Oxfordshire born children	778	755	735	709	677	651	624	623	634
Disabled Children	61	62	58	56	51	50	49	48	45
Subtotal	839	817	793	765	728	701	673	671	679
Unaccompanied	69	73	108	100	94	108	95	99	98
Total	908	890	901	865	822	809	768	770	777

50. The downward trend in the number of children we care for during 2023/24 has in recent months broadly stabilised and is in line with the numbers forecast for the budget at this point in the year.

Dedicated Schools Grant (DSG)

51. The forecast overspend against High Needs DSG funding is a deficit of £21.3m. This is in line with the budget approved by Council in February 2024.

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Summary of DSG funding	2024/25 Budget £m	2024/25 Projected Outturn £m	Variance £m
Schools block	129.1	129.1	0.0
Central Services Schools block	5.2	5.2	0.0
High Needs block	88.4	109.7	21.3
Early Years block	74.8	74.8	0.0
Total	297.5	318.8	21.3

52. The CIPFA code of practice requires negative High Needs DSG balances to be held in an unusable reserve. The forecast deficit would increase the cumulative negative DSG balance held in this reserve from £45.6m as at 31 March 2024 to £66.9m at 31 March 2025.

Grants

53. The allocation for the 2024/25 Implementation of Supported Accommodation Reforms grant has been updated to £1.0m, an increase £0.7m from the previously reported allocation.

Virements

54. Cabinet is requested to approve a virement reflecting the transfer of the budget for the Family Safeguarding Plus Adult Facing Posts (Mental Health) contract to Provider Services reflecting the new method of delivery. Additionally, approval is required for virements amending the grant allocations of the Ofsted Readiness Supported Accommodation grant and the Wraparound Childcare Programme.

Savings

55. The 2024/25 budget includes planned savings of £12.3m. Although some of the savings have already been secured or are expected to be delivered, there remains £6.1m of savings to deliver through activities during the year to manage demand and the cost of care. The savings also include a reduction agency costs which is at risk of delivery.

Investments

56. Planned investments of £6.7m agreed as part of the 2024/25 budget include:

- £1.5m investment for additional capacity in the SEND service.
- £1.0m investment to extend the Family Safeguarding model to reduce demand.
- £1.0m investment on Recruitment & Retention Strategy.
- £0.8m investment on Home to School Transport to improve data and systems and increase independent travel.
- £0.5m investment in Digital innovation to assist customer pathways and user experience in information finding and advice.
- £0.7m to develop the Oxfordshire Way approach.

Environment & Highways

57. Environment & Highways is forecasting an overspend of £0.9m against a budget of £69.7m.

Service Area	Latest Budget July-24 £m	Forecast Spend July-24 £m	Forecast Variance July-24 £m	Forecast Variance May-24 £m	Change Since May-24 £m
Infrastructure Delivery	1.2	1.2	0.0	0.0	0.0
Environment	37.1	37.1	0.0	0.0	0.0
Transport Policy	13.2	13.2	0.0	0.0	0.0
Highways & Maintenance	20.7	19.4	-1.3	0.0	-1.3
Network Management	-6.4	-4.2	2.2	1.6	0.6
Supported Transport	1.9	1.9	0.0	0.0	0.0
Senior Management Team	0.3	0.3	0.0	0.0	0.0
Data Intelligence & Business Support	1.7	1.7	0.0	0.0	0.0
Total Environment & Highways	69.7	70.6	0.9	1.6	-0.7

Infrastructure Delivery

58. The Infrastructure Delivery service area is forecasting a breakeven position. There are currently minor pressures, but it is anticipated that this can be managed through capitalisation of staff time throughout the year.

Environment

59. The Environment service area is forecasting a breakeven position.

60. Waste Management are forecasting a breakeven position. However, this is based on April tonnages as May 2024 waste data is not yet available.

61. The table below summarises budgeted and forecast waste activity.

Waste Stream	Budget				Outturn Forecast			
	Annual	Tonnage		Price/ Tonne	Annual	Tonnage		Price/ Tonne
	£m	K'Tonnes	%	£	£m	K'Tonnes	%	£
Recycling/ Composting	8.362	175	60%	47.86	7.871	152	56%	51.93
ERF	16.167	105	36%	154.41	17.314	110	41%	158.01
Landfill	1.624	11	4%	149.30	1.247	7	3%	167.03
Total	26.153	291	100%	90.09	26.432	268	100%	94.40

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62. Other services within Environment & Circular economy are also forecasting a break-even position. All investments in flood management activity are currently on track to spend to budget at the year end

Transport Policy

63. The Transport policy service area is forecasting a breakeven position

Highways & Maintenance

64. Highways & Maintenance are forecasting an underspend of £1.3m. This reflects a reduction in energy consumption for street lighting and the ongoing effect of a price update received during 2023/24 setting out more favourable energy prices.

65. The current level of defects remains high, however there is a reduction compared to the same period in 2023/24.

Month	Defects 2022/23	Defects 2023/24	Defects 2024/25	% Increase/ Decrease
April	3320	4,143	4,314	4.12%
May	2927	4,944	3,770	-23.74%
June	2212	4,695	3,998	-14.84%
July	1979	4,134	3,716	-10.11%
August	1888	2,553		
September	1715	2,363		
October	1650	2,927		
November	1980	3,088		
December	1840	2,837		
January	3057	3,574		
February	3023	3,881		
March	3839	4,290		

Network Management

66. Network Management is forecasting an overspend of £2.2m. This is due to a delay in approval of the council's application to implement charging for Lane Rental by the Department for Transport. This has likely been affected by the run up to the general election and subsequent change in government. Although the full level of income will not be achieved options and risks are being assessed to mitigate the impact, such as delays in other planned expenditure, income trends and additional drawdown of the parking account reserve.

Supported transport

67. The Supported transport service area is forecasting a breakeven position.

Senior Management Team

68. The Senior Management Team service area is forecasting a breakeven position.

Data Intelligence & Business Support

69. The Data Intelligence & Business Support service area is forecasting a breakeven position.

Grants

70. There has been no new grant income at this stage of the report, all reported grants are consistent with the agreed budget.

Virements

71. There are number of virements that predominantly realign and correct internal budgets as detailed in Annex 2b and Annex 2c.

Savings

72. The 2024/25 budget includes planned savings of £8.1m. 57% are forecast to be delivered. Savings at risk of delivery include:

- Lane rental an introduction of charges for all works on the business roads at the busiest times to minimise disruption: the service anticipates that the full £2.2m income expectation is unlikely to be achieved. As noted in paragraph 66 this is due to delay at DfT of approving the application. Pending a decision being made, there is a forecast overspend in of £2.2m.
- Income of £0.2m from introduction of a new Controlled Parking Zones (CPZs): Income realisation is likely to be between December 2024 and March 2025 through a mix of permit fees and fines. An update on additional CPZ income will be reported later in the monitoring cycle.
- Prevention of unsorted waste at Household Waste Recycling Centres. A saving of £0.2m is now unlikely to be delivered this year due to implementation delays.
- Fleet Management reduction in costs of £0.1m will not be delivered but is being managed within the overall budget.

Investments

73. The 2024/25 budget includes planned investments of £2.5m. 94% are on track to be delivered and include:

- £0.2m to improve the collection of fees, charges, and penalties.
- £0.5m for gully and ditch clearing and repairs in areas recently flooded.
- £0.5m to reclaim footpaths and cycleways and manage vegetation.
- £0.1m investment in improved enforcement of Controlled Parking Zones.

74. Investments that are at risk of being delivered include:

- £0.2m to introduce new Controlled Parking Zones: the Network and Co-ordination service is currently working on CPZ programme prioritisation to

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identify, design and consult four new schemes. New CPZs could go live by December 2024 at the earliest depending on the complexity/consultation response.

- £0.2m investment in Automatic Number Plate Recognition to improve enforcement of moving traffic offences. Additional sites are being identified with an expectation that they will be live from October 2024.

Reserves

75. The parking account is managed to allow for variances in income across the years.

76. The parking account is forecasting a reduction in the net contribution to reserve, due to a 20% reduction in income received in 2024/25, when compared to the same period last year. Although this will not have an in-year impact on the revenue account, the reduction in income, if it continues, could put at risk the longer term financial viability of the reserve. This will be monitored closely throughout the remainder of the year.

Economy & Place

77. Economy & Place is forecasting a breakeven position against a budget of £1.8m.

Service Area	Latest Budget July-24 £m	Forecast Spend July-24 £m	Forecast Variance July-24 £m	Forecast Variance May-24 £m	Change Since May-24 £m
Economy	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Strategic Planning	0.7	0.7	0.0	0.0	0.0
Climate Action	1.2	1.2	0.0	0.0	0.0
Place Making	-1.9	-1.9	0.0	0.0	0.0
Innovation	0.3	0.3	0.0	0.0	0.0
Senior Management Team	1.0	1.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Business Performance & Services Improvement	0.5	0.5	0.0	0.0	0.0
Total Environment & Place	1.8	1.8	0.0	0.0	0.0

78. All services in Economy & Place are forecasting a breakeven position.

Savings

79. The 2024/25 budget includes planned savings of £1.0m. 72% are forecast to be delivered.

Public Health and Communities

80. Public Health and Communities are forecasting a breakeven position against a budget of £12.6m.

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Service Area	Latest Budget July-24 £m	Forecast Spend July-24 £m	Forecast Variance July-24 £m	Forecast Variance May-24 £m	Change Since May-24 £m
Public Health Functions	38.7	38.5	-0.2	0.0	-0.2
Public Health Recharges	0.6	0.6	0.0	0.0	0.0
Other Income	-1.4	-1.4	0.0	0.0	0.0
Grant Income	-34.4	-34.4	0.0	0.0	0.0
Transfer to Public Health Reserve	0.0	0.2	0.2	0.0	0.2
Total Public Health	4.8	4.8	0.0	0.0	0.0
Total Libraries & Heritage	7.8	7.8	0.0	0.0	0.0
Total Public Health and Communities	12.6	12.6	0.0	0.0	0.0

81. A £0.2m underspend in services funded by the Public Health ringfenced grant will be transferred to the Public Health reserve at year end.

82. Sexual health services are reporting a £0.1m underspend due to activity levels being lower than anticipated.

83. Tobacco Control are reporting a £0.1m underspend due to an increased Section 31 grant to support the increase in tobacco control and stop smoking activity.

Ringfenced Government Grants

84. The ringfenced Public Health grant totals £34.4m in 2024/25.

85. A ringfenced Stop Smoking Services Grant £0.8m has been awarded to the council to increase the number of smokers engaging with effective interventions to quit smoking.

Use of Un-ringfenced Government Grant Funding

86. 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.
- £1.2m 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.
- £0.2m Employment Individual Placement Support in community drug and alcohol treatment grant, to improve quality of life for people with alcohol and 'other drug' dependence.
- £1.1m Rough Sleeping Drug and Alcohol Grant is being used to provide specialist support for rough sleepers and those at risk.

Reserves

87. Public Health earmarked reserves were £4.5m at 1 April 2024. £1.8m is earmarked to be spent in 2024/25, £1.1m in 2025/26, £0.6m in 2026/27 and £0.4m in 2027/28, leaving a balance of £0.6m. The use of the reserve is continuously being reviewed and it is anticipated that there will be further commitments against this funding agreed throughout 2024/25.
88. £0.1m is being held to expand the Making Every Contact Count work programme in Oxfordshire; this will be spent in 2024/25.
89. The History Service donations reserve of £0.02m is earmarked to be spent in 2024/25
90. The Museum Service donations reserve of £0.1m is earmarked to be spent equally over the next 3 years.

Virements

91. There are two virements to note, one updating budgets for the confirmed Domestic Abuse grant and the second reflecting a small update of the library budgets.

Savings

92. The 2024/25 budget includes planned savings of £1.0m. 72% are forecast to be achieved due to uncertainty about the delivery of full savings early in the financial year.

Oxfordshire Fire & Rescue Service and Community Safety (OFRSC)

93. Oxfordshire Fire & Rescue Service and Community Safety are forecasting a £0.7m overspend position against a budget of £28.1m.

Service Area	Latest Budget July-24 £m	Forecast Spend July-24 £m	Forecast Variance July-24 £m	Forecast Variance May-24 £m	Change Since May-24 £m
Community Safety Management	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Fire & Rescue	26.4	27.1	0.7	0.7	0.0
Emergency Planning	0.3	0.3	0.0	0.0	0.0
Trading Standards	1.4	1.4	0.0	0.0	0.0
Total Oxfordshire Fire & Rescue Service and Community Safety	28.1	28.8	0.7	0.7	0.0

94. All services are forecasting a breakeven position with the exception of Fire and Rescue which is forecasting an overspend of £0.7m due to staffing savings that are not expected to be achieved.

Use of Un-ringfenced Government Grant Funding

95. Un-ringfenced grant funding held centrally and agreed to be used to support expenditure budgets within Oxfordshire Fire & Rescue Service includes:

- £0.1m Firelink Grant - The council has been notified of a 20% reduction in this grant from the previous year and that this grant will continue to reduce by 20% in each of the next two years.

Reserves

96. £3.2m is held in reserves for the renewal of fire and rescue vehicles and breathing apparatus equipment. A fleet replacement strategy has been developed and several vehicles have been ordered and expected to be received in 2024/25, the reserve will be fully utilised by 2025/26.

97. The Fire Uplift Grant reserve held £0.5m at 1 April 2024. This is being held to fund employee costs expected to be incurred over the next three to five years.

98. £0.5m 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.

Resources and Law & Governance

99. The services within Resources are forecasting an overspend of £1.3m against a budget of £57.6m, an increase of £0.7m from the May forecast.

Service Area	Latest Budget July-24 £m	Forecast Spend July-24 £m	Forecast Variance July-24 £m	Forecast Variance May-24 £m	Change Since May-24 £m
Corporate Services	10.7	11.6	0.9	0.0	0.9
HR & Cultural Change	5.0	4.8	-0.2	0.0	-0.2
Financial & Commercial Services	9.5	9.5	0.0	0.0	0.0
Property & Assets	19.2	19.2	0.0	0.0	0.0
Public Affairs, Policy & Partnership	4.4	4.4	0.0	0.0	0.0
Law, Governance, Coroner & Registration Services	8.9	9.5	0.6	0.6	0.0
Total Resources	57.6	58.9	1.3	0.6	0.7

100. There is a forecast overspend of £0.9m within **Corporate Services** due to previously agreed savings of £0.9m which were held corporately but expected to be achieved through reductions in costs related to IT expenditure across the organization. Since further work has identified that these are not achievable there is a forecast pressure in 2024/25 and the on-going impact will need to be considered as part of the 2025/26 budget process.

101. **Human Resources & Organisational Development (HR&OD)** are

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forecasting an underspend of £0.2m due to in year savings from staff seconded to transformation projects. All savings are expected to be fully delivered.

102. **Financial & Commercial Services** are forecasting a breakeven position, however there are risks to the delivery of some of the savings agreed in the budgets:

- Staffing savings will be achieved as a post that was originally planned as part of the budget increase from 2024/25 will no longer be pursued.
- Additional IBC contract savings are anticipated from quarter 3 with the offboarding of the Recruitment Service, but this has not yet been quantified.

103. **Property & Assets Services** are forecasting a breakeven position, however some risks identified by the service will require mitigation.

104. **Public Affairs, Policy & Partnership services** are forecasting a breakeven position. All savings and investments are expected to be fully delivered.

105. **Law, Governance, Coroners & Registration Services** are forecasting an overspend of £0.6m as a result of high locum costs in the Legal service where recruitment continues to be a challenge.

Savings

106. The 2024/25 budget includes planned savings of £1.9m. 98% are forecast to be achieved.

Transformation, Digital & Customer Experience (TDCE)

107. The services within TDCE are forecasting a breakeven position against a budget of £3.3m.

Service Area	Latest Budget July-24 £m	Forecast Spend July-24 £m	Forecast Variance July-24 £m	Forecast Variance May-24 £m	Change Since May-24 £m
Delivery Unit	-1.0	-1.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Customer Experience	3.4	3.4	0.0	0.0	0.0
Insight & Corporate Programmes Programmes	0.7	0.7	0.0	0.0	0.0
TDCE Management	0.2	0.2	0.0	0.0	0.0
Total Resources	3.3	3.3	0.0	0.0	0.0

108. The **Delivery Unit** is forecasting a breakeven position.

109. **Customer Experience** service are forecasting a breakeven position, 100% of savings are expected to be delivered.

110. Insight & Corporate Programmes and TDCE Management are forecasting breakeven positions.

Savings

111. Cabinet is asked to note the virement to reallocate the delayering savings of £1.5m from service areas into TDCE pending moving them back to services as delayering savings are identified. Just over half of the total is currently forecast to be achieved in 2024/25 with a larger full year effect in 2025/26. The activity to implement the delayering is on-going so it is anticipated that the saving will be updated further as the year progresses and will be fully achieved in the longer run.

Overview of Medium Term Financial Strategy Investments and Savings

112. The 2024/25 budget includes planned services savings of £30.1m. 43% of these savings are assessed as delivered and 70% is forecast to be delivered. Work is continuing to ensure that these savings are achieved.

Service areas	2024/25 Planned Savings	Actual Delivery to Date	Actual Delivery to Date	Forecast delivery	Forecast delivery
	£m	£m	%	£m	%
Adult Services	4.3	2.9	67%	4.2	98%
Childrens' Services	12.3	4.6	37%	7.3	59%
Environment & Highways	8.1	2.6	32%	4.6	57%
Economy and Place	1.0	0.4	36%	0.7	72%
Public Health & Communities	0.5	0.2	53%	0.5	100%
Oxfordshire Fire & Rescue Service and Community Safety	0.5	0.3	52%	0.4	83%
Resources and Law & Governance	1.9	1.8	91%	1.9	98%
Transformation, Digital & Customer Experience	1.5	0.4	23%	1.5	100%
TOTAL	30.1	12.9	43%	21.1	70%

113. The 2024/25 budget includes planned service areas investments of £11.6m, 1% are assessed as delivered, 97% is forecast to be delivered.

Service Areas	2024/25 Planned Investments	Actual Delivery to Date	Actual Delivery to Date	Forecast delivery	Forecast delivery
	£m	£m	%	£m	%
Adult Services	1.4	0.0	0%	1.2	84%
Childrens' Services	6.7	0.1	2%	6.7	100%
Environment & Highways	2.5	0.0	1%	2.4	94%
Economy and Place	0.3	0.0	0%	0.3	100%
Resources and Law & Governance	0.6	0.0	1%	0.6	100%
TOTAL	11.6	0.2	1%	11.2	97%

Adult Services

110. The 2024/25 budget includes planned savings of £4.3m. 98% are forecast to

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be delivered, the £0.1m saving to reduce outstanding unsecured debt is at risk of being delivered.

Childrens' Services

114. The 2024/25 budget includes planned savings of £12.3m. 59% of these savings are forecast to be delivered, there remains £6.1m of savings to deliver through activities during the year to manage demand and cost of care which includes agency costs which are at risk of delivery. Planned investments of £6.7m are forecast to be delivered but some of these are being reviewed as part of the options to manage the forecast pressure in 2024/25 so an update will be provided in the next report.

Environment & Highways

111. The 2024/25 budget includes planned savings of £8.1m. 57% are forecast to be delivered. The savings at risk of being delivered include the £2.2m lane rental income underachievement, £0.2m to reduce the amount of waste that is sent to the Energy Recovery Facility, £0.1m reduction in fleet management costs, and £0.5m contracts savings. 94% of planned investments of £2.5m are on track to be delivered.

Economy and Place

112. The 2024/25 budget includes planned savings of £1.0m. 72% are forecast to be delivered, £0.3m additional anticipated income from charges to developers is at risk of being delivered. 100% of planned investments of £0.3m are on track to be delivered.

Public Health & Communities

113. The 2024/25 budget includes planned savings of £0.5m. 100% are forecast to be delivered.

Oxfordshire Fire & Rescue Service and Community Safety

114. The 2024/25 budget includes planned savings of £0.5m. 83% are forecast to be delivered, £0.3m staffing savings is at risk of being delivered.

Resources and Law & Governance

115. The 2024/25 budget includes planned savings of £1.9m. 98% of these savings have been delivered and 96% are forecast to be delivered. 100% of planned investments of £0.6m are expected to be achieved.

Transformation, Digital & Customer Experience

116. The delayering staffing savings of £1.5m has been reallocated from service areas to the Transformation service. Budgets for senior managers have been adjusted to reflect the new structure. £0.4m of the £1.5m saving has been achieved so far and it is anticipated that this will increase later in the year as the next layer is completed.

Debt Management

Corporate Debtors

117. The combined collection rate, based on invoice volumes, for June and July 2024 was just above the 95% target at 96%. The collection rate based on the

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value of invoices for the same period was 96%.

118. Debt requiring impairment is currently £0.5m, £0.2m above the year-end target of £0.3m. The top five debt cases account for 40% of all bad debt. The highest debt relates to a disputed Joint Use Agreement. The remaining four cases are being tracked and progressed by the corporate income recovery team.

Adult Social Care Debtors

119. The combined 120-day invoice collection rate for June and July 2024 was on target at 92%; this is the first time the target has been achieved in over two years.

120. The 2023/24 year-end adults care contribution impairment for bad debt was £4.5m. Projected bad debt as at the end of July is £4.8m, £0.3m higher than the current impairment balance. The Adults' service continue to work on improvements to business processes impacting debt levels.

Budgets Held Centrally

121. After taking account of the use of contingency and additional interest on balances to support the forecast service areas overspend, there is a combined underspend of £5.6m against budgets held centrally.

Capital Financing Costs

122. The borrowing costs and minimum revenue provision (MRP) for capital projects funded by Prudential Borrowing are either recharged to service areas 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 service areas costs will be in line with budget.

123. Interest payable is currently forecast to be £12.3m, £3.1m below budget. This reflects the early repayment of a LOBO loan and actual interest costs being lower than budgeted. This is expected to be one – off in 2024/25 as interest payable will increase in 2025/26.

Interest on Balances

124. The forecast for in house interest receivable is £21.7m, £2.5m above the budget. The additional interest is a result of higher than forecast cash balances coupled with higher than forecast deposit rates.

125. Cash balances for the year are forecast to be £77.1m lower than they would otherwise have been as a result of negative DSG balances (see paragraph 140). The impact of this is an estimated opportunity cost of £3.2m in unearned interest during 2024/25.

Pay Inflation and Contingency

126. Ongoing funding for pay inflation in 2024/25 total £15.1m and the contingency

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budget for 2024/25 totals £7.3m. This will be held to meet potential risks around pay inflation and potential winter pressures in Adults and Childrens' services later in the financial year.

127. The pay inflation budget includes funding for an estimated pay award equivalent to 5.0% for all green book staff. An increase to the existing offer equivalent to 1% overall would be estimated to cost around £3.0m on-going and would need to be met from contingency.
128. The claim lodged by UNISON, GMB and Unite on 29 February 2024 included a request to increase pay by at least £3,000 or 10% (whichever is greater) on all spinal pay points.
129. Following the government's announcement that they will accept the 5.5 per cent rise for teachers, local government employers have confirmed that the offer of £1,290 on all pay points up to SCP 43 and 2.50% for all other pay points made in May 2024 was the final offer
130. GMB members voted to accept the offer, the other two unions have rejected the offer and Unite have warned that a ballot for strike action is now likely so further updates are awaited.
131. The National Joint Council for Local Authority and Fire Rescue Services (NJC) agreed a pay increase of 4.0% to be paid to all Grey book staff effective from 1 July 2024, plus an improved occupational maternity pay provision (26 weeks at full pay, inclusive of all allowances and CPD, followed by 13 weeks at SMP). Cabinet is recommended to approve the transfer of budgeted funding of £0.6m held for pay inflation to Oxfordshire Fire & Rescue Service.
132. Agreement has also been reached on the 2024 pay award for local authority Chief Officers, with the representatives of Chief Officers accepting the Employers' offer of a 2.5% pay increase effective from 1 April 2024.

Reserves

133. As set out in Annex B - 3 Earmarked Reserves are forecast to be £175.0m at 31 March 2025.

Transformation Reserve

134. £10.0m funding was agreed to be added to the Transformation Reserve as part of the budget agreed in February 2024. £2.3m of this funding is being used to support revenue budget investments, with £1.5m supporting the 2024/25 budget and a further £0.8m in 2025/26.
135. The remaining £7.7m is being used to enable the next phase of transformation to be delivered and to create a sustainable council for the future. £5.3m of this funding is expected to be used in 2024/25.

Redundancy Reserve

136. The balance held in the Redundancy Reserve was £2.4m at 31 March 2024.

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Reflecting the need to reduce the size of the council to be sustainable in future £5.0m was agreed to be added to the reserve as part of the 2024/25 budget. £3.7m of the funding held in the reserve is currently expected to be used in 2024/25.

COVID-19 Reserve

137. As set out in the Provisional Outturn Report for 2023/24 £1.4m funding not required to be used to fund pressures in Children's Social Care in 2023/24 based on the position at year end is available to support future pressures or initiatives. All of the other funding held in the reserve is built into the Medium Term Financial Strategy.

Business Rates & Council Tax Collection Fund Reserve

138. As set out in the Reserves and Balances Policy Statement for 2024/25 this reserve is held to manage fluctuations in Business Rates and Council Tax income that the Council receives, and the intention set out in the Reserves and Balances Policy Statement for 2024/25 was to hold a balance of £4.0m. Following confirmation of grant funding and the local share that will be passed to the council by the districts, plus £0.8m estimated pooling income for 2024/25 relating to the North Oxfordshire Pool, total funding for business rates is now estimated to be £101.7m compared to £99.5m in the budget agreed by Council in February 2024.

139. Cabinet is requested to approve virements to update the budget for the additional funding and to reflect the transfer of £2.1m to the Collection Fund Reserve. After taking account of this funding, and additional amounts added to the reserve at the end of 2023/24, the total in the reserve is currently expected to be £8.5m at the end of 2024/25. The use of this funding will be considered through the Budget & Business Planning Process for 2025/26.

Dedicated Schools Grant (DSG) Unusable Reserve

140. 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 £21.3m for 2024/25 will increase the total High Needs deficit held in the reserve to £77.1m as at 31 March 2025. 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 2025/26.

Grants

141. As set out in Annex B - 4 government grants totalling £502.3m are expected to be received by the Council during 2024/25. This includes £14.7m in schools' grants for additional mainstream funding, early years funding and pupil premium, plus Adult Social Care Market Sustainability and Improvement Fund (£10.0m).

Homes for Ukraine

142. Following the launch of the Homes for Ukraine (HfU) scheme by the UK government in March 2022, upper tier councils have been in receipt of a tariff fund for individual arrivals in their area of responsibility as well as funding for

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thank you payments for hosts. Funding for the tariff element was originally provided as a one-off payment at the level of £10,500 per guest, falling to £5,900 for all new arrivals from 1 January 2023. For eligible minors the tariff continues at £10,500.

143. Further information about the on-going scheme and updated proposals for the use of the tariff funding in Oxfordshire is included in Annex C.

General Balances

144. The risk assessed level of balances for 2024/25 is £30.2m.

145. As set out in the Provisional Outturn Report for 2023/24 one-off balance of £2.3m has been held in balances pending a decision about future use.

146. After taking account of the forecast underspend and the additional £2.3m noted in paragraph 145, balances are currently forecast to be £2.8m above the risk assessed level at 31 March 2025.

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Budget Monitoring

Directorate	Net Budget (Latest Estimate)	Projected Full Year Spend	Projected Year End Variance	Projected Year End Variance	Variance Last Reported	Change in Variance	Projected Year End Traffic Light
	£000	£000	underspend- overspend+	%	Reporting Month £000	£000	Red > 1.5% Amber >1.1% <1.5% Green on track
Adult Services	250,171	250,171	0	0.00%	0	0	G
Children's Services	197,372	199,626	2,254	1.14%	0	2,254	A
Environment & Highways	69,707	70,607	900	1.29%	1,600	-700	A
Economy and Place	1,778	1,778	0	0.00%	0	0	G
Oxfordshire Fire & Rescue Service and Community Safety	28,106	28,756	650	2.31%	650	0	R
Public Health & Communities	12,600	12,600	0	-1.03%	0	0	G
Resources and Law & Governance	57,606	58,926	1,320	2.29%	600	720	R
Transformation, Digital & Customer Experience	3,257	3,257	0	0.00%	0	0	G
Directorate Total Net	620,597	625,721	5,124	0.83%	2,850	2,274	G

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Budget Monitoring

Directorate	Net Budget (Latest Estimate)	Projected Full Year Spend	Projected Year End Variance	Projected Year End Variance	Variance Last Reported	Change in Variance	Projected Year End Traffic Light
	£000	£000	underspend- overspend+	£000	%	Reporting Month £000	£000
							Red > 1.5% Amber >1.1% <1.5% Green on track
Budget held Centrally							
Capital Financing							
Capital Financing - Principal	14,933	14,933	0	0.00%	0	0	
Prudential Borrowing Recharges	-9,557	-9,557	0	0.00%	0	0	
Capital Financing - Interest	15,351	12,300	-3,051	-19.87%	-1,360	-1,691	
Interest on Balances	-10,673	-13,180	-2,507	23.49%	0	-2,507	
Contingency	7,321	7,321	0	0.00%	-1,490	1,490	
Pay Inflation held corporately	15,116	15,116	0	0.00%	0	0	
Unringfenced Specific Government Grants	-52,125	-52,125	0	0.00%	0	0	
Insurance	1,737	1,737	0	0.00%	0	0	
Contribution from COVID-19 Reserve	-3,756	-3,756	0	0.00%	0	0	
Contribution from Budget Priorities Reserve	-1,396	-1,396	0	0.00%	0	0	
Contributions to (+)/from (-)reserves	13,871	13,871	0	0.00%	0	0	
Total Budget held Centrally	-9,178	-14,736	-5,558	60.56%	-2,850	-2,708	
Net Operating Budget	611,419	610,985	-434	-0.07%	0	-434	
Business Rates & Council Tax Funding	-611,419	-611,419	0	0.00%	0	0	
Forecast Year End Position	0	-434	-434	-0.07%	0	-434	

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Budget Monitoring

Directorate	Net Budget (Latest Estimate)	Projected Full Year Spend	Projected Year End Variance	Projected Year End Variance	Variance Last Reported	Change in Variance	Projected Year End Traffic Light
	£000	£000	underspend- overspend+	£000	%	£000	Red > 1.5% Amber >1.1% <1.5% Green on track

Funded by	
Council Tax Requirement	- 498,633
Council Tax Surpluses	- 11,705
Care Leavers Discount	21
Business Rates Top-Up	- 42,128
Revenue Support Grant	- 1,535
Business Rate Local Share	-37,494
Business Rates collection Fund Surplus	-
Section 31 grant	- 19,945
Total	-611,419

Business Management and Monitoring Report: Adult Services
Position to the end of July 2024
Revenue Budget Monitoring

		Net Budget (Latest Estimate)	Projected Full Year Spend	Projected Year End Variance	Variance Last Cabinet Reporting Month	Change in Variance
		£000	£000	underspend- overspend+	£000	£000
SCS1	Adult Social Care	27,059	27,359	300	0	300
SCS2	Other Adult Social Care Services	5,501	5,201	-300	0	-300
SCS3	Housing & Social Care Commissioning	1,378	1,378	0	0	0
SCS4	Business Support Service	1,141	1,141	0	0	0
SCS5	Pooled Budget Contributions	215,092	215,092	0	0	0
Total Adult Services		250,171	250,171	0	0	0

Business Management & Monitoring Report: Children's Services
Forecast Position at the end of July 2024
Revenue Budget Monitoring

		Net Budget (Latest Estimate)	Projected Full Year Spend	Projected Year End Variance	Variance Last Cabinet Reporting Month	Change in Variance
		£000	£000	underspend- overspend+	£000	£000
CEF1	Education & Learning	50,774	50,774	0	0	0
CEF2	Early Help, Front Door + Social Care	87,323	88,762	1,439	0	1,439
CEF3	Provider Services & Safeguarding	49,734	49,734	0	0	0
CEF4	Schools	215	215	0	0	0
CEF5	Children's Services Central Costs	9,326	10,141	815	0	815
CEF9	Children's Services Corporate Overheads	0	0	0	0	0
Total Children's Services		197,372	199,626	2,254	0	2,254

MEMORANDUM: DEDICATED SCHOOLS GRANT - DSG Funded Expenditure (Gross)

Schools DSG	129,099	129,099	0	0	0
High Needs DSG	88,440	109,702	21,262	21,262	0
Early Years DSG	74,767	74,767	0	0	0
Central DSG	5,154	5,154	0	0	0
Total DSG Funded Expenditure	297,460	318,722	21,262	21,262	0

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Position to the end of July 2024
Revenue Budget Monitoring

	Net Budget (Latest Estimate)	Projected Full Year Spend	Projected Year End Variance	Variance Last Cabinet Reporting Month	Change in Variance
	£000	£000	underspend- overspend+	£000	£000
CDA3 Community Safety					
COM4-1 Community Safety Management	0	0	0	0	0
COM4-2 Fire & Rescue	26,417	27,067	650	650	0
COM4-3 Emergency Planning	309	309	0	0	0
COM4-5 Trading Standards	1,381	1,381	0	0	0
Total Community Safety	28,106	28,756	650	650	0

Business Management & Monitoring Report : Public Health & Communities
Position to the end of July 2024
Revenue Budget Monitoring

		Net Budget (Latest Estimate)	Projected Full Year Spend	Projected Year End Variance	Variance Last Reported	Change in Variance
		£000	£000	underspend- overspend+	£000	£000
PHDIRZD	Public Health Directorate	0	0	0	0	0
PH1	PH - Mandatory Functions	19,470	19,370	-100	0	-100
PH2	PH - Non Mandatory Functions	19,180	19,080	-100	0	-100
PH3	Public Health Recharges	577	577	0	0	0
PH4	Grant Income	-34,401	-34,401	0	0	0
	Transfer to Public Health Reserve	0	200	200	0	200
Total Public Health		4,826	4,826	0	0	0

Business Management & Monitoring Report : Public Health & Communities
Position to the end of July 2024
Revenue Budget Monitoring

		Net Budget (Latest Estimate)	Projected Full Year Spend	Projected Year End Variance	Variance Last Reported	Change in Variance
		£000	£000	underspend- overspend+	£000	£000
COD1-2	Homes for Ukraine	0	0	0	0	0
COD5-3	Libraries & Heritage	7,774	7,774	0	0	0
COD9-3	Migration	0	0	0	0	0
Total Libraries & Heritage		7,774	7,774	0	0	0
Total Public Health & Communities		12,600	12,600	0	0	0

Business Management & Monitoring Report: Economy and Place
Position to the end of July 2024
Revenue Budget Monitoring

		Net Budget (Latest Estimate)	Projected Full Year Spend	Projected Year End Variance	Variance Last Cabinet Reporting Month	Change in Variance
		£000	£000	underspend- overspend+	£000	£000
EP1	OXLEP	0	0	0	0	0
EP2	Economy	0	0	0	0	0
EP3	Strategic Planning	696	696	0	0	0
EP4	Climate Action	1,184	1,184	0	0	0
EP5	Place Making	-1,881	-1,881	0	0	0
EP6	Innovation	303	303	0	0	0
EP7	Senior Management Team	980	980	0	0	0
EP8	Business Performance & Services Improvement	496	496	0	0	0
Total Economy & Place		1,778	1,778	0	0	0

Business Management & Monitoring Report: Environment & Highways
Position to the end of July 2024
Revenue Budget Monitoring

		Net Budget (Latest Estimate)	Projected Full Year Spend	Projected Year End Variance	Variance Last Cabinet Reporting Month	Change in Variance
		£000	£000	underspend- overspend+	£000	£000
EH1	Infrastructure Delivery	1,243	1,243	0	0	0
EH2	Environment	37,123	37,123	0	0	0
EH3	Transport Policy	13,170	13,170	0	0	0
EH4	Highways & Maintenance	20,683	19,383	-1,300	0	-1,300
EH5	Network Management	-6,361	-4,161	2,200	1,600	600
EH6	Supported Transport	1,875	1,875	0	0	0
EH7	Senior Management Team	279	279	0	0	0
EH8	Data Intelligence & Business Support	1,695	1,695	0	0	0
Total Environment & Highways		69,707	70,607	900	1,600	-700

Business Management & Monitoring Report: Resources and Law & Governance
Position to the end of July 2024
Revenue Budget Monitoring

		Net Budget (Latest Estimate)	Projected Full Year Spend	Projected Year End Variance	Variance Last Cabinet Reporting Month	Change in Variance
		£000	£000	underspend- overspend+	£000	£000
HRCCDIR	HR & Cultural Change	4,977	4,797	-180	0	-180
FCSDIR	Financial & Commercial Services	9,506	9,506	0	0	0
PADIR	Property & Assets	19,155	19,155	0	0	0
PAPDIR	Public Affairs, Policy & Partnership	4,409	4,409	0	0	0
CORPDIR	Corporate Services	10,681	11,581	900	0	900
LGCRDIR	Law & Governance	8,878	9,478	600	600	0
Total Resources and Law & Governance		57,606	58,926	1,320	600	720

Business Management & Monitoring Report: Transformation, Digital & Customer Experience
Position to the end of July 2024
Revenue Budget Monitoring

		Net Budget (Latest Estimate)	Projected Full Year Spend	Projected Year End Variance	Variance Last Cabinet Reporting Month	Change in Variance
		£000	£000	underspend- overspend+	£000	£000
TDCE1	Delivery Unit	-1,027	-1,027	0	0	0
TDCE2	Customer Experience	3,437	3,437	0	0	0
TDCE3	Digital	0	0	0	0	0
TDCE4	Insight & Corporate Programmes	676	676	0	0	0
TDCE5	TDCE Management	171	171	0	0	0
Total Transformation, Digital & Customer Experience		3,257	3,257	0	0	0

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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
CD	Sept	June	Wraparound Childcare Programme 24.25	CEF1-4	Access to Learning	T	2,110	0
				VSMMGT	Strategic Measures	T	0	-2,110
			2024/25 Fire Service pay award	COM4-2	Fire & Rescue	P	570	0
	Sept	July	Amend the allocation of Ofsted readiness supported accomodation grant	VSMMGT	Strategic Measures	P	-570	0
				CEF3-1	Provider Services	P	691	299
CS	Sept	July	FSP Adult Facing Posts Mental Health (from 01/08/24)	VSMMGT	Strategic Measures	P	0	-990
				CEF3-1	Provider Services	P	564	0
SM	Sept	July	Additional S31 grant Business Rates reliefs and Pooling Income - increase funding and increase budgeted contribution to Collection Fund Reserve	CEF5-1	Management & Admin	P	-564	0
				VSMMGT	Strategic Measures	T	2,100	-2,100
Grand Total							4,900	-4,900

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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
CS	Sept	June	CSC Holding code budget realignment	CEF2-9	Change	P	-228	0
				CEF3-1	Provider Services	P	60	0
				CEF3-2	QA Safe + Recruit + Retention	P	97	0
				CEF5-1	Management & Admin	P	70	0
			Create expenditure budget for the growth of the enhanced fostering service.	CEF2-3	Childrens Social Care	P	-68	0
				CEF3-1	Provider Services	P	68	0
			Anchor Team - Increase income & expenditure budgets in line with expected grant increase	CEFATV	Adopt Thames Valley	T	67	-67
				CEF2-3	Childrens Social Care	T	17	0
			Invest to save project so set up the expenditure budgets for New homes for activities - T	CEF3-1	Provider Services	T	-17	0
				CEF2-3	Childrens Social Care	P	-81	0
	Invest to save project so set up the expenditure budgets for New homes for activities	CEF3-1	Provider Services	P	81	0		
		CEF1-2	SEND	P	343	0		
	Reversing duplicate SEN savings reallocation	CEF5-1	Management & Admin	P	-343	0		
		July	Improvement of Early Help processes for Oxfordshire's Partnership and Locality Community Support Workflow	CEF2-1	Early Help	T	60	0
	CEF2-9			Change	T	-60	0	
	Sept	July	FSP Adult Facing Posts Mental Health (MIND from 01/04/24 - 31/07/24). Part year adjustment to reflect mid year change to contract.	CEF3-1	Provider Services	T	-188	0
				CEF5-1	Management & Admin	T	188	0
1 x Early Help Practitioner post FHC to IAT			CEF2-1	Early Help	P	-50	0	
			CEF2-2	Front Door	P	50	0	
MASH Family Help Team budget creation			CEF2-1	Early Help	P	-357	0	
			CEF2-2	Front Door	P	357	0	
Turnaround grant 24-25	CEF3-1	Provider Services	T	170	-170			
AS	Sept	June	2025ASC615 & 24AD5 S117 Funding correction of coding from Live Well to Age Well Pools	ACSNPOOL	Live Well Pool	P	-3,000	3,000
				BCFPOOL	Age Well Pool	P	4,400	-4,400
				SCS5	Pooled Budget Contributions	P	900	-900
			PD U65 Budget move to Age Well +65	ACSNPOOL	Live Well Pool	P	-875	875
				BCFPOOL	Age Well Pool	P	875	-875
				SCS5	Pooled Budget Contributions	P	0	0
			DoLS funding to cover permanent staff	SCS1-2	Safeguarding & Mental Health	P	400	0
				SCS5	Pooled Budget Contributions	P	-400	0
			24/25 OSJ Uplift	ACSNPOOL	Live Well Pool	P	41	-41
				BCFPOOL	Age Well Pool	P	1,005	-1,005
				SCS5	Pooled Budget Contributions	P	0	0

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AS	Sept	June	24.25 Panel Uplifts - Reallocating centrally held money for inflation uplifts	ACSNPOOL	Live Well Pool	P	241	-241
				BCFPOOL	Age Well Pool	P	9	-9
				SCS5	Pooled Budget Contributions	P	0	0
			Equipment/albany and telecare contract increase repost 23/24 temporary virement	BCFPOOL	Age Well Pool	P	226	-226
				SCS5	Pooled Budget Contributions	P	0	0
				24/25 LTF Budget Updates	BCFPOOL	Age Well Pool	P	2,617
			Community Capacity no longer in pool	SCS5	Pooled Budget Contributions	P	0	0
				BCFPOOL	Age Well Pool	P	0	1,100
				SCS5	Pooled Budget Contributions	P	-1,100	0
			Amendment to LTF Age Well budget adjustments	BCFPOOL	Age Well Pool	P	-306	306
				SCS5	Pooled Budget Contributions	P	0	0
			24/25 Live Well Budget updates	ACSNPOOL	Live Well Pool	P	206	-206
		SCS5		Pooled Budget Contributions	P	0	0	
		Inflation & Savings Budget Adjustments	SCS2	Health Ed. & Social Care Commissioning	P	-17	0	
			SCS5	Pooled Budget Contributions	P	17	0	
		July	Budget Realignment - Correct LD and PD budget contribution	ACSNPOOL	Live Well Pool	P	0	0
			Pooled Budget 24/25 Update	ACSNPOOL	Live Well Pool	P	14,396	-14,396
			24/25 Health Budgets update	BCFPOOL	Age Well Pool	P	8,920	-8,920
24/25 LTF Budget Updates AW	BCFPOOL		Age Well Pool	P	113	-113		
	SCS5		Pooled Budget Contributions	P	0	0		
ASC Inflation Budget Reallocation 23/24 (Panel)	ACSNPOOL		Live Well Pool	P	343	-343		
	BCFPOOL		Age Well Pool	P	9	-9		
2025ASC615 & 24AD5 S117 Funding	SCS5		Pooled Budget Contributions	P	0	0		
EP	Sept	June	Tidy up of Place IDT001	EP5	Place Making	P	-775	775
	Sept	July	Temp Grant Budget for transparency - Zero Emissions Transport City	EP5	Place Making	T	188	-188
SM	Sept	June	Business Rates local share correction	VSMMGT	Strategic Measures	P	-41	41
	Sept	July	Strategic Measures Un-ringfenced grant budgets	VSMMGT	Strategic Measures	P	-82	82
			Additonal RSG Top Up grant allocation	VSMMGT	Strategic Measures	T	141	-141
CD	Sept	June	Increase in Domestic Abuse Grant allocation	PH2	PH Non-Mandatory Functions	P	22	0
				VSMMGT	Strategic Measures	P	0	-22

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CD	Sept	June	EP4 Budget Tidy - Correct cost centre coding	EH7	Senior Management Team	P	61	0	
				EP7	Senior Management Team	P	-61	0	
			Member allowances 5% uplift for 2023-24	LGCRDIR	Law & Governance	P	62	0	
				VSMMGT	Strategic Measures	P	-62	0	
			Pay Inflation Contingency Children's - Apprenticeship Levy and Prem Retirement	CEF2-9	Change	P	3	0	
				CEF5-1	Management & Admin	P	98	0	
				CEF5-2	Prem Retirement Compensation	P	192	0	
				VSMMGT	Strategic Measures	P	-293	0	
			Leaving Care Allowance Uplift Grant 24/25	CEF2-3	Childrens Social Care	T	136	0	
				VSMMGT	Strategic Measures	T	0	-136	
			Supporting Families Base Funding 24/25	CEF2-1	Early Help	P	93	0	
				VSMMGT	Strategic Measures	P	0	-93	
			Supporting Families -PBR Q1 24/25	CEF2-1	Early Help	T	152	0	
				VSMMGT	Strategic Measures	T	0	-152	
			July	Rough Sleeper - Care Leavers Grant 24/25	CEF2-3	Childrens Social Care	T	95	0
					VSMMGT	Strategic Measures	T	0	-95
	Green Book Pay Award 2023/24 - partial reversal	FCSDIR		Financial & Commercial Services	P	-101	0		
		VSMMGT		Strategic Measures	P	101	0		
	Reversal of £1.5m DTFT2024 delayering savings (prior to organisational restructure)	CEF5-1		Management & Admin	P	468	0		
		COM4-2		Fire & Rescue	P	186	0		
		CORPDIR		Corporate Services	P	57	0		
		EH7		Senior Management Team	P	153	0		
		FCSDIR		Financial & Commercial Services	P	46	0		
		HRCDDIR		HR & Cultural Change	P	27	0		
		LGCRDIR		Law & Governance	P	47	0		
		PADIR		Property & Assets	P	71	0		
		PAPPDIR		Public Affairs, Policy & Partnership	P	25	0		
		SCS1-1		Social Care Management & Practice	P	317	0		
		TDCEdir		Trans, Digital & Customer Service	P	-1,398	0		
	EP Allocate Savings targets Q1	EH3		Transport Policy	T	-23	0		
		EH4	Highways & Maintenance	T	-28	0			
		EH5	Network Management	T	-14	0			
EH7		Senior Management Team	T	102	0				
EH8		Data Intelligence & Business Support	T	-3	0				
EP3		Strategic Planning	T	-5	0				
EP4		Climate Action	T	-2	0				
EP5		Place Making	T	-27	0				

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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	Sept	July	Delaying savings Tiers 1 & 2 Full Year Effect	CEF5-1	Management & Admin	P	7	0			
				COM4-2	Fire & Rescue	P	21	0			
				EH7	Senior Management Team	P	-171	0			
				EP7	Senior Management Team	P	-145	0			
				FCSDIR	Financial & Commercial Services	P	30	0			
				HRCCDIR	HR & Cultural Change	P	15	0			
				LGCRDIR	Law & Governance	P	11	0			
				PADIR	Property & Assets	P	20	0			
				PAPPDIR	Public Affairs, Policy & Partnership	P	15	0			
				SCS1-1	Social Care Management & Practice	P	7	0			
				TDCEDIR	Trans, Digital & Customer Service	P	190	0			
				Delaying savings following the new organisational structure of T1 & 2			CORPDIR	Corporate Services	P	-155	0
							PAPPDIR	Public Affairs, Policy & Partnership	P	-138	0
						TDCEDIR	Trans, Digital & Customer Service	P	293	0	
EH	Sept	July	Virement to support BSIP grant expenditure 24/25	EH3	Transport Policy	T	3,565	-3,565			
			Transfer of an element of N60210 staffing budget into NTH300 staffing budget	EH4	Highways & Maintenance	P	-94	0			
				EH5	Network Management	P	94	0			
PH & C	Sept	June	Coding corrections to the Bookfund	COD5-3	Libraries & Heritage	T	-4	4			
RLG	Sept	June	Reallocate budgets to align with expenditure	PADIR	Property & Assets	P	87	-87			
	Sept	July	Budget realignment following staffing restructure	LGCRDIR	Law & Governance	P	0	0			
			Virement to support staff moves from CSI to HR	HRCCDIR	HR & Cultural Change	T	152	0			
			PAPPDIR	Public Affairs, Policy & Partnership	T	-152	0				
Grand Total							27,096	-27,096			

Business Management & Monitoring Report
Position to the end of July 2024
Earmarked Reserves

	2024/25			Description
	Balance at 1 April 2024	Forecast Movement	Forecast Balance at 31 March 2025	
	£m	£m	£m	
Revenue Grants Unapplied				
Grants and Contributions Reserve	33.7	-10.8	22.9	This reserve holds unspent ring-fenced grants and contributions committed to be spent in future years. This includes Public Health ringfenced grant and funding for the Homes for Ukraine Scheme in Oxfordshire.
Covid-19 Reserve	7.9	-3.8	4.1	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 £6.1m funding from the reserve is built into the council's Medium Term Financial Plan agreed in February 2024. After taking account of the position at the end of 2023/24 £1.4m is uncommitted and available to support pressures.
Government Initiatives Reserve	3.2	-0.5	2.7	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.
Subtotal Revenue Grants Unapplied	44.7	-15.0	29.7	
Corporate Priorities				
Budget Priorities Reserve	10.7	-9.0	1.7	This reserve is being used to support the implementation of the Council's priorities and the Medium Term Financial Strategy.
Transformation Reserve	1.8	3.2	5.0	This reserve is needed to fund the implementation costs of the Council's Transformation programme.
Zero Emissions Zone (Z EZ)	1.2	0.0	1.2	This reserve holds surpluses generated by Network Coordination for the development and expansion of the ZEZ in the future years.
Commercial Pump Priming Reserve	0.0	2.0	2.0	This reserve is being used to support the Council's Commercial Strategy
Subtotal Corporate Priorities	13.8	-3.9	9.9	

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Earmarked Reserves

	2024/25			Description
	Balance at 1 April 2024	Forecast Movement	Forecast Balance at 31 March 2025	
	£m	£m	£m	
Funding for Risk				
Insurance Reserve	10.3	0.0	10.3	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	17.0	4.0	21.0	In light of the significant pressures relating to High Needs DSG and other budgets with demographic volatility this reserve is being held to help manage demographic risk. The MTFS includes a budgeted contribution of £4.0m in each year.
Council Elections	0.6	0.2	0.8	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	1.3	3.7	This reserve is available to fund redundancy costs arising from Transformational Change.
Trading Accounts	0.1	-0.1	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	0.0	This reserve holds any surplus/ deficit as a result of income from council tax being more or less than originally estimated. This reserve has been replaced with the Collection Fund reserve in 2024/25.
Business Rates Reserve	11.7	-11.7	0.0	This reserve is to smooth the volatility of Business Rates income and to mitigate risk around future changes to Business Rates. This reserve has been replaced with the Collection Fund reserve in 2024/25.
Collection Fund Reserve	0.0	8.5	8.5	Create one new collection fund reserve and remove balances from Business Rates and CT reserves. Total includes £4.0m planned balance + additional Business Rates funding of £2.0m received in 2023/24 and a further £2.2m forecast additional funding in 2024/25.
IFRS 9 (Changes in the Value of Treasury Management Pooled Funds)	0.0	5.0	5.0	New reserve created as part of the 2024/25 budget to smooth the potential impact of IFRS9 (changes in the value of Treasury Management Pooled Funds at year end) which may otherwise impact on the revenue account if the statutory override which removes changes in their value from the accounts ends on 1 April 2025.
Subtotal Risk	45.0	4.2	49.2	

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Earmarked Reserves

	2024/25			Description
	Balance at 1 April 2024	Forecast Movement	Forecast Balance at 31 March 2025	
	£m	£m	£m	
Capital & Equipment				
Capital Reserves	80.8	-16.2	64.7	This reserve has been established for the purpose of financing capital expenditure in future years. Drawdown will be confirmed later in the year.
Vehicle and Equipment Reserve	4.1	-1.7	2.4	This reserve is to fund future replacements of vehicles and equipment.
Investment Pump Priming Reserve	0.1	0.0	0.1	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.
Subtotal Capital & Equipment	85.1	-17.9	67.2	
Other Reserves				
Schools' Reserves	13.0	0.0	13.0	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. 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.
Partnership Reserves	2.1	-0.3	1.7	This relates to funding for the Growth Deal
On Street Car Parking Reserve	6.5	-2.2	4.3	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.
Subtotal Other Reserves	21.6	-2.5	19.0	
Total Earmarked Reserves	210.1	-35.1	175.0	

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Earmarked Reserves

	2024/25			Description
	Balance at 1 April 2024	Forecast Movement	Forecast Balance at 31 March 2025	
	£m	£m	£m	
DSG Unusable Reserve *	-45.6	-21.3	-66.9	* total excluding positive balances (eg. new schools set up fund offset by High Needs Deficit)
DSG High Needs deficit within Unusable Reserve *	-55.8	-21.3	-77.1	
Total Earmarked Reserves after DSG Unusable Reserve	164.5	-56.4	108.2	

Business Management Report
Position to the end of July 2024
Government Grants 2024/25

Ringfenced	Directorate	Issued By	Estimate 2024/25 £000	In year Adjustments / New Allocations previously reported £000	In year Adjustments/ New Allocations reported this time £000	Latest Allocation £000
R	Adult Services					
R	Improved Better Care Fund	DHSC	10,705	0	0	10,705
R	Adult Social Care Market Sustainability and Improvement Fund	DHSC	10,026	0	0	10,026
R	Adult Social Care Discharge Fund	DHSC	1,501	1,000	0	2,501
	TOTAL ADULT SERVICES		22,232	1,000	0	23,232
	Children's Services					
	Dedicated School Grants					
R	Dedicated Schools Grant (DSG) - Schools Block	DfE	132,163	-3,064	-657	128,442
R	Dedicated Schools Grant (DSG) - Central Block	DfE	5,153	1	0	5,154
R	Dedicated Schools Grant (DSG) - Early Years Block	DfE	73,221	1,546	-1,160	73,607
R	Dedicated Schools Grant (DSG) - High Needs Block	DfE	89,405	-965	1,046	89,486
	Subtotal DSG Grants		299,942	-2,482	-771	296,689
	School Grants					
R	Pupil Premium	DfE	8,194	0	-122	8,072
R	Education Funding Agency - Sixth Form Funding and Threshold	DfE	321	0	0	321
R	PE and Sport Grant	DfE	2,217	0	0	2,217
R	Universal Infant Free School Meals	DfE	4,047	0	0	4,047
R	Teacher's Pay Grant	DfE	0	0	0	0
R	Teacher's Pension Grant	DfE	10	0	0	10
	Subtotal School Grants		14,789	0	-122	14,667

Business Management Report
Position to the end of July 2024
Government Grants 2024/25

Ringfenced	Directorate	Issued By	Esimate 2024/25	In year Adjustments / New Allocations previously reported	In year Adjustments/ New Allocations reported this time	Latest Allocation
			£000	£000	£000	£000
	Other Children's Services Grants					
	<u>Education</u>					
R	Role of Virtual School Heads to children with a social worker	DfE	0	0	0	0
R	Role of Virtual School Heads to Previously Looked after Children	DfE	0	0	0	0
R	Pupil Premium Plus post 16 pilot	DfE	0	0	0	0
R	Supported Internships for Young People with SEND	NDTi	0	0	0	0
R	Intervention Delivering Better Value in SEND - Grant for Data Analysis	DfE	0	0	0	0
R	Multiply	DfE	0	0	0	0
R	Music Service	AC	844	0	0	844
R	<u>Social Care</u>					
R	Youth Justice Grant	YJB	704	0	0	704
R	Asylum (UASC and Post 18)	HO	4,636	1,335	0	5,971
R	Extended Personal Adviser Duty Grant - Care Leavers Staffing	DfE	112	0	0	112
R	Staying Put Implementation Grant - Fostering Main	DfE	288	0	0	288
R	Remand Framework	YJB	37	0	0	37
R	Reducing Parental Conflict Workforce Development Grant	DWP	0	60	0	60
R	Matching project - Adoption Grant	DfE	0	114	0	114
R	Holiday Activities and Food Programme	DfE	0	1,547	0	1,547
R	Adoption Support Fund	DfE	0	0	0	0
R	Family Group Conferences	DfE	0	178	0	178
R	Turnaround Programme	YJB	0	150	0	150
R	Child Decision Making Pilots (NRM)	HO	0	60	-12	48
R	Fostering Recruitment Support Hub Mobilisation	DfE	0	42	0	42
R	Employer Support Fund - Social Work Apprenticeships	DfE	0	0	2	2
U	Implementation of Supported Accommodation Reforms	DfE	299	0	691	990
	Subtotal Other Children's Services Grants		6,920	3,486	681	11,087
	TOTAL CHILDREN'S SERVICES		321,651	1,004	-212	322,443

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Position to the end of July 2024
Government Grants 2024/25

Ringfenced	Directorate	Issued By	Estimate 2024/25 £000	In year Adjustments / New Allocations previously reported £000	In year Adjustments/ New Allocations reported this time £000	Latest Allocation £000
	Economy & Place					
	TOTAL ECONOMY & PLACE		0	0	0	0
	Environment & Highways					
R	Bus Service Operators Grant	DfT	309	0	0	309
R	Natural England	DEFRA	227	0	0	227
R	PMO	H&GD	70	0	0	70
R	LNRS Natural Environment	NE	0	0	111	111
R	Active travel	ATE	0	0	90	90
R	Capability & Ambition Fund	ATE	0	0	1,136	1,136
	TOTAL ENVIRONMENT & HIGHWAYS		606	0	1,337	1,943
	Public Health & Communities					
R	Public Health Grant	DHSC	34,401	0	0	34,401
R	Local Stop Smoking Grant	DHSC	790	5	0	795
R	Homes for Ukraine	DLUHC	0	0	0	0
	TOTAL PUBLIC HEALTH & COMMUNITIES		35,191	5	0	35,196
	Fire & Rescue Service and Community Safety					
R	Fire Fighter's Pension Fund Grant	DLUHC	1,061	0	0	1,061
R	Fire Fighter's Pension Fund Admin Grant	DLUHC	75	0	0	75
R	Fire Protection Uplift Grant	DLUHC	303	-51	0	252
R	Fire Fighter's New Dimensions Grant	DLUHC	40	0	0	40
	TOTAL FIRE & RESCUE and COMMUNITY SAFETY		1,479	-51	0	1,428

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Ringfenced	Directorate	Issued By	Esimate 2024/25	In year Adjustments / New Allocations previously reported	In year Adjustments/ New Allocations reported this time	Latest Allocation
			£000	£000	£000	£000
	Resources and Law & Governance					
	TOTAL RESOURCES and LAW & GOVERNANCE		0	0	0	0
	Transformation, Digital & Customer Experience					
	TOTAL TRANSFORMATION, DIGITAL & CUSTOMER EXPERIENCE		0	0	0	0
	Strategic Measures					
U	Lead Local Flood Authority	DEFRA	45		-45	0
U	Extended Rights to Free Travel	DfE	278	707		985
U	Firelink	DLUHC	213		-126	87
U	New Homes Bonus	DLUHC	1,700		-26	1,674
U	Local Reform & Community Voices Grant	DfE	328		0	328
U	Social Care in Prisons Grant	DfE	183			183
U	War Pensions Disregard Grant	DfE	4			4
U	Social Care Support Grant (including Independent Living Fund)	DLUHC	42,443			42,443
U	Services Grant	DfE	444		58	502
U	Supplementary Substance Misuse Treatment & Recovery Grant	OHID	635	501		1,136
U	Supplementary Substance Misuse Inpatient Detox & Rehabilitation	OHID	80			80
U	Supplementary Substance Misuse Treatment & Recovery Housing Grant	OHID	622			622
U	Domestic Abuse Duty Grant	DLUHC	1,151		38	1,189
U	Rough Sleeping Drugs & Alcohol Grant	DLUHC	1,140			1,140
U	Individual Placement and Support in community drug and alcohol treatment	OHID	228			228
U	Supporting Families - previously Troubled Families	DLUHC	1,048	0	245	1,293
U	Leaving Care Allowance Uplift Grant	DfE	0	0	136	136
U	Rough sleeping strategy - Care Leavers	DfE	0	0	95	95
U	Implementation of Supported Accommodation Reforms	DfE	0	0	0	0
	Subtotal Strategic Measures		50,541	1,208	376	52,125

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U	Business Rates					
U	Section 31 Grant for Business Rate Compensation	DLUHC	19,945		1,289	21,234
U	Business Rates S31 Grant Top-Up	DLUHC	42,128			42,128
U	Revenue Support Grant	DLUHC	1,394		141	1,535
	Subtotal Business Rates		63,467	0	1,430	64,897
	Grants held on behalf of Local Enterprise Partnership					
R	Dept for Business & Trade funding	BEIS	261			261
R	DfE Skills Bootcamp funding	DLUHC	2,696			2,696
	Subtotal Grants held on behalf of Local Enterprise Partnership		2,957	0	0	2,957
	TOTAL STRATEGIC MEASURES		116,965	1,208	1,806	119,979
	Total All Grants		497,518	3,166	1,594	502,278

R Ringfenced grant

U Un-ringfenced grant

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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
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General Revenue Balances

	Forecast 2024/25	
	£m	£m
General Balances: Outturn 2023/24	42.026	
County Fund Balance		42.026
Planned Contribution from Balances (February 2024)		-3.700
Planned Contribution from Balances (June 2024)		-5.800
Original forecast outturn position 2023/24		32.526
Additions		0.000
Calls on balances deducted		
		0.000
Automatic calls on/returns to balances		0.000
Additional Strategic Measures		0.000
Net General Balances		32.526
Calls on / returns to balances requested in this report		0.000
Forecast Variation at Year End		
Less forecast (overspend)/underspend (as set out in Annex 1)		0.434
Forecast Outturn position		32.960
Risk Assessed Level of Balances for 2024/25		30.200
Surplus/(deficit) balances compared to risk assessed level		2.760