

Economy Overview and Scrutiny Panel

17 July 2023

Year End Outturn 2022/23

Overview of Council Outturn 2022/23 - 1

- Cabinet was presented with the provisional financial results for the Council on 29 June 2023.

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- Position was a net overspend of £7.3m on a £373.2m net budget.
- Overspends were in all our demand led areas, Adult Social Care, Children's Social Care and Home to School Transport which were partially mitigated by underspends in other service areas and in central budgets.
- For context the wider economy CPI inflation in the UK has created some of these pressures since the budget was set in February 2022.
- The £7.3m overspend will be funded by a planned transfer from specific reserves, our general fund balances are unaffected and stand at £14.3m.

Overview of Council Outturn 2022/23 – 2

Service Area at March 2023	Net Budget £m	Forecast £m	Variance £m	%
People – Adults	138.909	145.350	6.441	4.6%
People – Communities	20.601	20.138	-0.463	-2.2%
Children's Services/WCF *	109.108	115.652	6.544	6.0%
Economy & Infrastructure	59.225	58.508	-0.717	-1.2%
Commercial & Change	7.686	7.161	-0.525	-6.8%
Chief Executive	3.382	2.470	-0.912	-27.0%
Public Health	0.124	0.124	0.000	0.0%
Total: Service excl DSG	339.035	349.403	10.368	3.1%
Finance/Corporate Items	34.662	31.110	-3.552	-10.2%
Non-assigned items	-0.500	0.000	0.500	-100.0%
TOTAL	373.197	380.513	7.316	2.0%

Children's / WCF Budget figure of £109.1m is the net budget to pay the net contract price to WCF

Year End Financial Position – E&I

E&I Revenue Forecast	2022-23 Gross Budget Q4	2022-23 Net Budget Q4	2022-23 Year-end Actuals Q4	2022-23 Actual Variance Q4	2022-23 Forecast Variance Q3	2022-23 Forecast Variance Q2	2022-23 Forecast Variance Q1
	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000
Economy & Sustainability	5,688	1,425	1,269	-156	-149	-138	-133
Planning and Regulation	1,482	724	1,260	536	407	385	275
Infrastructure & Contracts	1,509	1,509	1,613	104	40	40	40
Major Projects	3,814	1,238	1,188	-50	-91	119	89
Passenger Transport Operations	16,860	10,354	9,863	-491	-446	-594	50
Highways Operations & PROW	8,754	8,733	8,692	-41	52	18	275
Business Management	827	-30	-133	-103	-20	-28	-30
Road Lighting	4,913	4,849	4,879	30	30	31	31
Waste Management	51,044	29,805	29,723	-82	-59	-30	-28
Network Management	3,767	452	-425	-877	-431	-126	-223
Development Management - S278/S38	1,113	166	579	413	-15	-16	0
TOTAL ECONOMY & INFRASTRUCTURE	99,771	59,225	58,508	-717	-682	-339	346
Skills and Investment	7,172	430	299	-131	-304	-63	0

Key Headlines - 1

£0.7m underspend in E&I and £0.1m in Skills, with key variances :

- £0.5m overspend in Transport Planning and Strategic Planning (part of Planning and Regulation) due to reduction in levels of capitalisation, inflationary increases and impact of contractor staff costs to cover hard to recruit vacancies
- Network management delivered an £0.9m surplus due to an increase in fees and charges
- Passenger Transport Operations delivered a surplus of £0.5m due to savings within Concessionary fares and the over achievement of income with regard to driver training
- £0.4 million additional contractor costs relevant to s278 activity in the area of development management

Key Headlines – 2

- The waste contract extension was successfully concluded with a reduction in contract price which now fully mitigates the previously unachieved savings target
- Work continues within the directorate to monitor and evaluate the impacts of the current economic climate and establish mitigating action to ensure future budget pressures can be contained
- The 2022/23 pay award was reflected with corresponding funding from reserves where necessary
- E&I contributed £435k towards the £5.1m corporate savings target