

# Corporate and Communities Scrutiny Panel

25 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%
<b>Total: Service excl DSG</b>	<b>339.035</b>	<b>349.403</b>	<b>10.368</b>	<b>3.1%</b>
Finance/Corporate Items	34.662	31.110	-3.552	-10.2%
Non-assigned items	-0.500	0.000	0.500	-100.0%
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>373.197</b>	<b>380.513</b>	<b>7.316</b>	<b>2.0%</b>

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

# Year End Financial Position – COACH & CEU

COACH & CEU	2022-23 Gross Budget Q4 £'000	2022-23 Net Budget Q4 £'000	2022-23 Year-end Actuals Q4 £'000	2022-23 Actual Variance Q4 £'000	2022-23 Forecast Variance Q3 £'000	2022-23 Forecast Variance Q2 £'000	2022-23 Forecast Variance Q1 £'000
COACH - Management	577	220	211	-9	-17	-56	0
Legal and Democratic Services	8,267	5,250	5,134	-116	57	38	55
Commercial Management	2,320	147	60	-87	-116	-37	0
Property Services	9,189	429	538	109	-334	-44	-55
Digital, IT and Customer Services	9,838	952	673	-279	-208	-58	0
Transformation & Change Team	2,570	688	545	-143	0	0	0
<b>TOTAL COMMERCIAL &amp; CHANGE</b>	<b>32,761</b>	<b>7,686</b>	<b>7,161</b>	<b>-525</b>	<b>-618</b>	<b>-157</b>	<b>0</b>
Engagement & Communications	1,199	365	312	-53	-46	-4	0
Health & Safety	366	24	24	0	7	19	0
HR-Core	4,952	658	582	-76	-57	-39	0
Financial Services	5,575	1,948	1,167	-781	-238	-102	0
Chief Executive	387	387	385	-2	36	-3	-3
<b>TOTAL CHIEF EXECUTIVE UNIT</b>	<b>12,479</b>	<b>3,382</b>	<b>2,470</b>	<b>-912</b>	<b>-298</b>	<b>-129</b>	<b>-3</b>

# Key Headlines COACH

The year end position was an underspend of £0.5m, with the most significant variances from budget being :

- An overspend in Legal and Democratic Services due to a significant increase in child-care cases which require pre-proceedings and court support. The overspend was offset in year by the use of the COVID grant reserve and staff vacancies
- A net overspend in Property Services due to legal costs associated with a claim relating to capital costs partially mitigated by additional income generation
- £0.3m underspend in ICT due to savings made on contracts and vacant posts
- £0.1m underspend due to vacant posts within executive support

COACH have contributed £0.4m towards the £5.1m target for corporate savings

# Key Headlines CEU

**CEU** delivered an improved position comprising

- £0.4m staffing saving within Finance
- £0.1m saving within HR based on delay in the Talent Management Programme
- the non-utilisation of the £0.4m corporate contingency

c£150k of savings were delivered recurrently within HR and c£185k recurrently within Finance to contribute to the corporate savings target.

# Year End Financial Position – Communities

Communities Revenue Forecast	2022-23	2022-23	2022-23	2022-23	2022-23	2022-23	2022-23	2022-23
	Gross Budget Q4	Net Budget Q4	Year-end Actuals Q4	Actual Variance Q4	Forecast Variance Q3	Forecast Variance Q2	Forecast Variance Q1	Forecast Variance Q1
	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000
Strategic Libraries	11,425	4,057	4,067	10	42	121	120	
Museum Services	776	658	657	-1	19	0	-5	
Archives & Archaeology	3,659	1,573	1,620	47	0	0	0	
Greenspace & Gypsy Services	2,159	196	212	16	-37	2	1	
Community Services Leadership Team	351	326	-11	-337	-370	-215	-116	
Registration & Coroner	2,260	710	494	-216	100	-5	0	
Public Analyst	69	2	2	0	0	0	0	
Trading Standards	879	122	122	0	0	0	0	
Communities and Partnerships	14,016	542	675	133	-101	-4	0	
Adult Front Door	631	319	320	1	0	0	0	
<b>TOTAL COMMUNITIES</b>	<b>36,226</b>	<b>8,505</b>	<b>8,158</b>	<b>-347</b>	<b>-347</b>	<b>-101</b>	<b>0</b>	

# Key Headlines Communities

The £0.3m underspend is due to additional income generation within Registration Services, reduction in required spend on building maintenance and additional grant funding which has been able to be used to offset base budget expenditure

There continues to be a reduction in income due to the vacant space within county libraires, as well as increases in utility costs, however these have been mitigated by additional income generation elsewhere within the directorate