

REVENUE MONITORING REPORT June 2023

GENERAL FUND SUMMARY

Department	End of Year Position			Comment on major areas of estimated over / (underspend)
	Current Approved Budget	Current Forecast	Net over / (under) spend	
	£,000	£,000	£,000	
Adult Social Care	66,217	66,517	300	The budget for 2023/24 was set with low net growth, high inflation pressures and continued increased demand for services are creating a small overspend against budget. Work will continue to attempt to mitigate and manage through the rest of the year.
Chief Executive	10,796	10,696	(100)	Through successful reduction of contractors and the holding of additional vacancies the CE directorate is forecasting an underspend of £100k at Quarter 1
Children's Services	43,022	45,168	2,146	The main drivers of the variance are from Placements and HTST. *Growing demand in complex placements is driving a higher cost per night than we have seen historically and planned in the budget. It was budgeted that WBC would remain at their 0.1% UASC child in care number, however we are currently lower than planned, this has resulted in lower UASC income where UASC child in care income exceeds costs which are used to offset former UASC care leaver costs which are significantly higher than income. *Demand continues to increase for HTST and is driven by SEN, whilst efforts are underway to deliver savings these are likely to have little impact this year. *Recruitment and capacity continues to be a challenge. Other local LAs are beginning to increase SW salaries to improve turnover and reduce agency works, we are yet to fully understand the full impact of this on our own workforce.
Place & Growth	53,899	54,147	248	Car parking income is forecast to be lower than budgeted predominantly due to delays in the implementation of new on street and off street parking proposals combined with the use of use of temporary staff. There are some favourable movements as a result of some additional grant income and vacant posts. Risks exist around the level of planning income, parking income as a result of changes within the service, garden waste income and the level of use of temporary accommodation.
Resources & Assets	6,390	6,655	265	Leisure income targets remain under significant pressure following the impacts of COIVD and more recently cost of living pressures. Property rental income also remains under pressure from the external market conditions. The reduced capital programme impacts the work of the property team which is currently being reviewed.
Net Expenditure	180,324	183,183	2,859	

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