

REVENUE MONITORING REPORT March 2023

GENERAL FUND SUMMARY

Department	End of Year Position			Comment on major areas of estimated over / (underspend)
	Budget	Actual	Net over / (under) spend	
	£,000	£,000	£,000	
Adult Social Care	61,971	61,673	(298)	The continued impact of growing demand and hospital discharge is causing some pressures to market costs and volumes and continues to be closely monitored. Delivery of savings is slightly ahead of target supporting a small underspend for the service. In addition careful management of agency staffing levels and some delays in recruitment have led to some underspends on staffing.
Chief Executive	12,398	11,967	(431)	The underspend on the Chief Executive directorate of £0.431m is as a result of vacancies and delayed recruitment across the directorate, £0.18m of additional income from the Registrars service and a £0.17m prior year refund on the Archives joint arrangement.
Children's Services	38,808	40,002	1,194	Within social care, rising demand from children in care / care leavers (placements / permanence overspend of £880k) along with recruitment challenges have driven budget pressure. Home to School Transport budgets have overspent by £1.1m through the impact of both rising demand and cost inflation. The overall budget impact experienced across the service has in part been mitigated by reserves held and management action on discretionary spend.
Place & Growth	47,015	46,701	(314)	The current cost of living crisis has resulted in the volume of waste being collected dropping resulting in a reduction in expenditure on waste disposal. While the level of planned and reactive highways maintenance works was reduced to help with the lower than budgeted level of car park income received. Some overspend on Temporary Accommodation costs within Housing have been offset by a favourable outturn position for Planning and a greater than budgeted use of commuted sums within Environment and Safety.
Resources & Assets	1,870	1,636	(234)	The directorate shows an underspend of £0.234m. The main forecast variances include an income shortfall in leisure of £0.5m, this is an on-going risk as the service rebuilds following the pandemic and encounters further income loss as a result of hardship pressures. There are vacancies of £0.074m as a result of delayed recruitment in the Internal audit service and the pay award of £0.3m is to be funded from Corporate Inflation. These are offset against a saving of £0.96m on interest on balances as a result of the recent changes in interest rates on investments and delaying/curtailing capital spend where practicable.
Net Expenditure	162,062	161,979	(83)	

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