



Forecast Variance by Executive Director



General Fund Key Messages

> **Current Position £13.9M overspent, an adverse movement of £0.2M from the variance reported to EMB at month 7 (£13.7M overspent).**

> **Children & learning £7.5M overspent**, a favourable movement of £0.2M: £4.1M is because of Home to school transport pressures, £0.5M non achievement of current savings and £3.8M children placement costs. This is offset by new cost control initiatives totalling £0.9M through early intervention, reducing accommodation costs, prioritising projects, reduction in agency staffing and carrying vacancies. In addition costs to Home to school have reduced through an exercise of route optimisation and tendering routes to use larger vehicles reducing the number of journeys.

> **Corporate Services £2.4M forecast overspend**: £1.55M is due to non-achievement of savings, a shortfall in income of £0.87M, a shortfall in the salary budget of £0.40M which mainly relates to forecast variances within the IT budget and additional contract costs in Audit of £0.16M. The adverse position is reduced by cost control measures within the pension account of £0.23M, £0.14M in the Highways budget and £0.21M from Corporate Finance.

> **Wellbeing and Housing £4.1M overspent**, an adverse movement of £0.27M: £5.4M is due to increased number and cost of client packages, £1.0M increased bad debt provision and £0.98M increased homelessness costs, offset by employee savings including agency of £1.3M and ICU savings of £0.3M. The adverse position is further offset by new government funding of £1.7M for care costs.

> **Place £0.2M underspend**, nil movement. There are favourable variances for a rates reduction in cultural services of £0.2M, Transportation cost control measures of £0.2M, reduction in the anticipated cost of energy of £0.3M, net increased income of £0.6M, along with a reduction on the Waste Transformation and Improvement budget of £0.3M and reduced Waste disposal of £0.2M. This is off-set by adverse variances of £0.2M Mayflower Park revetments, £0.3M historic agency saving target which cannot be achieved, £0.3M relating to visitor economy, virtual retail for the Art Gallery and Southampton branding. There is a pressure of £0.2M due to non-achievement of the solar bins saving and other minor savings and £0.2M pressure relating to the cost of reactive repairs, increased Coroner costs of £0.1M and £0.2M City Development growth proposal, along with £0.1M of Local Plan costs.

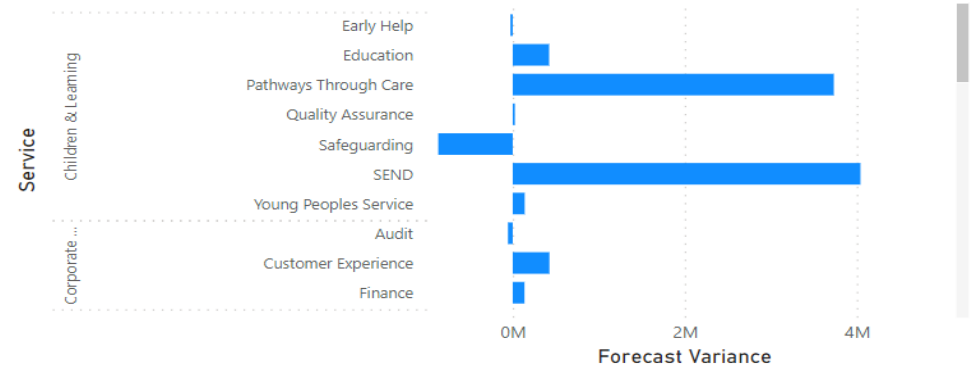


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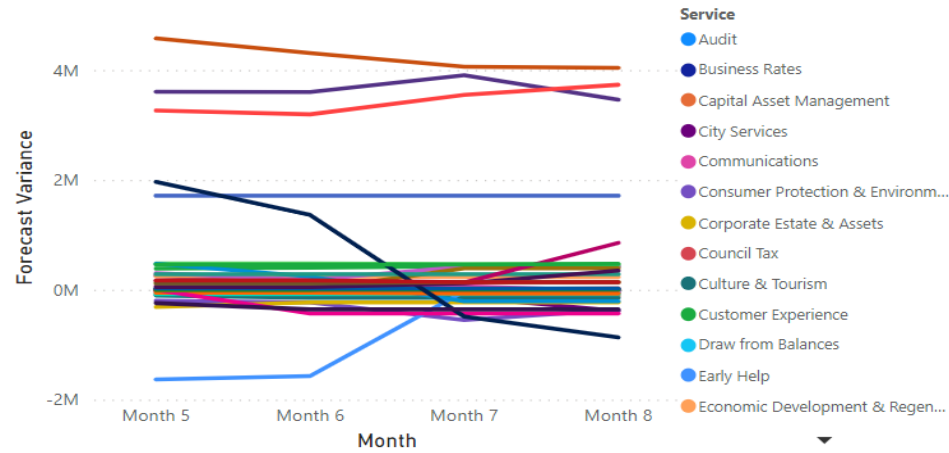
HRA POSITION £0.59M Favourable. £0.57M favourable forecast on depreciation charge is proposed to be added to the overall working balance. Pressures of £2.37M across the HRA relating to rent void loss £0.2M and empty property charges £0.25M, £0.8M Disrepair claims, waste disposal cost, management restructure and termination costs and £1m interest rate cost are being offset by favourable variances on service charge income of £0.18M, a reduction in vehicle financing costs of £0.05M and interest receivable of £0.08M, and a reduction in planned direct revenue financing contribution of £2.07M.

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- Central Expenditure Items
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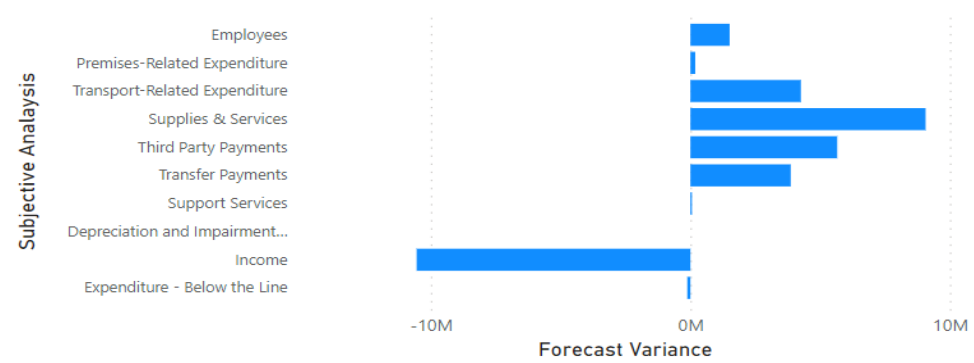
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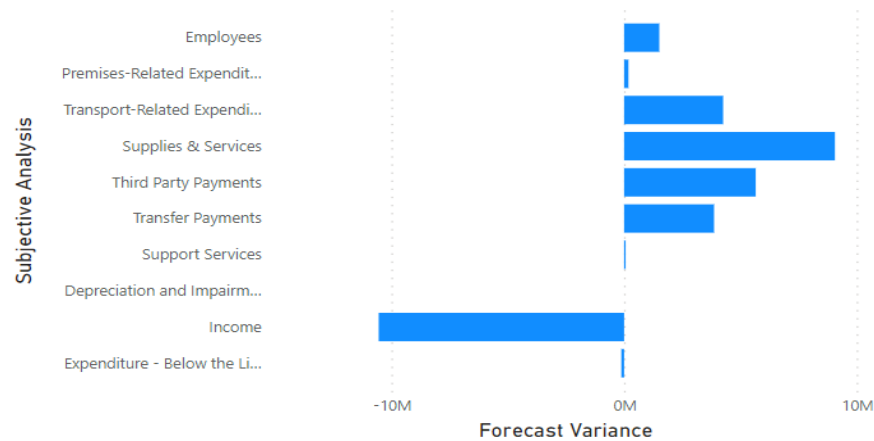


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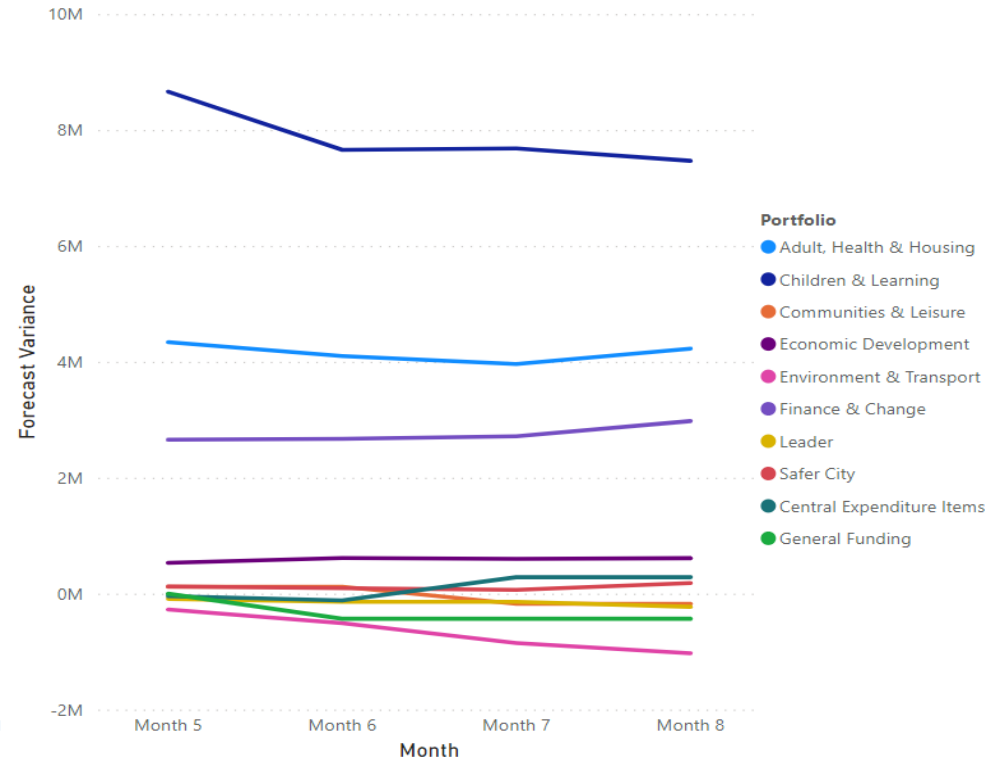


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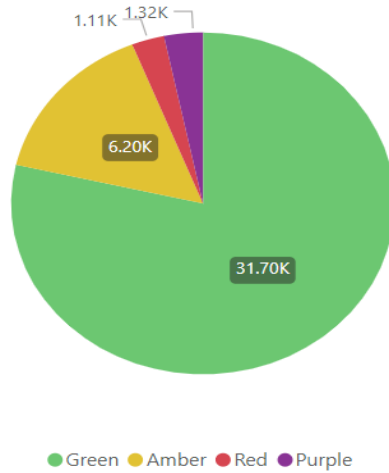




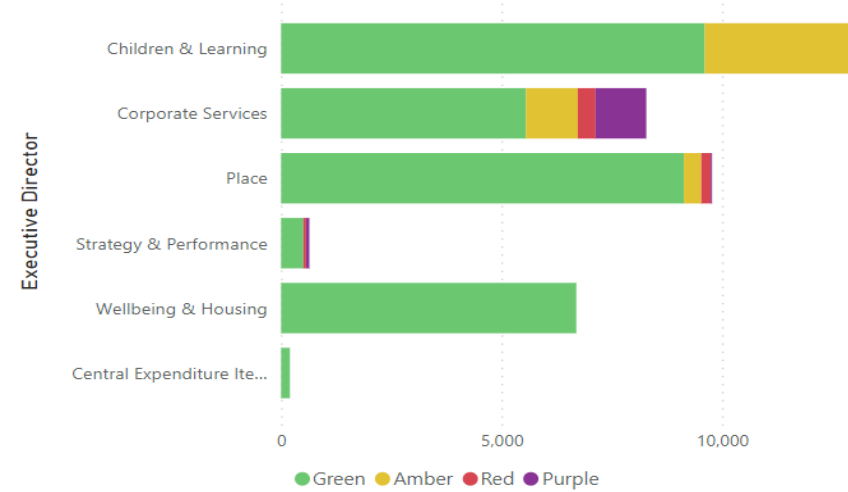
Savings not achieved



Savings Targets 2023/24 RAG Rated £0



Savings Targets per Directorate £'000s



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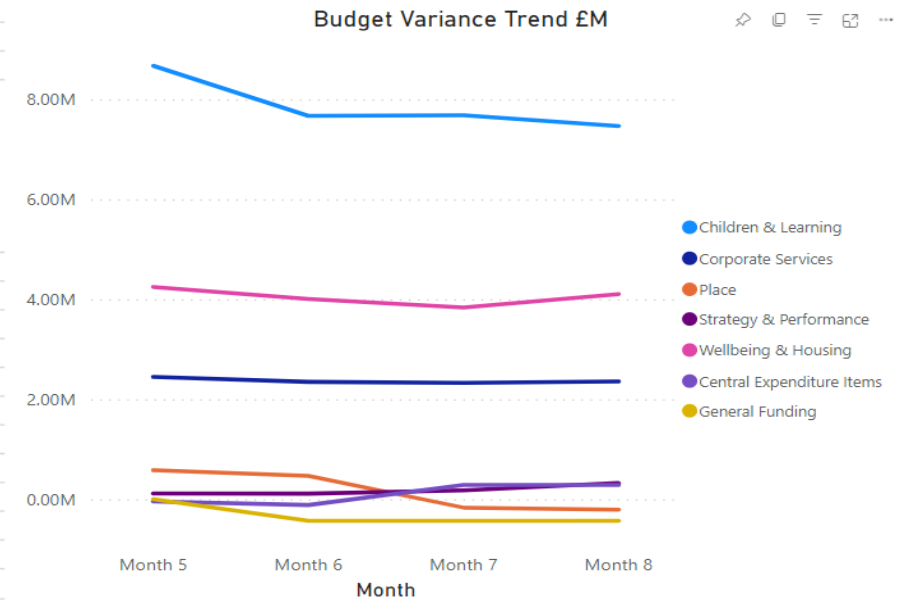
Key Issues

The current rate of non-achievement of savings is 6% or £2.4M forecast not to be achieved (Red & Purple).



BUDGET MONITORING MONTH 8 (November)

CURRENT POSITION	Forecast Annual Variance at Period 8	Variance Movement Compared to P7	Significant Forecast Variance Indicator	Improving ↑ / Deteriorating ↓ Movement
Directorate	£M	£M		
Children & Learning	7.47 A	0.21 F	Red	↑
Corporate Services	2.36 A	0.03 A	Red	↓
Place	0.21 F	0.04 F	Green	↑
Strategy & Performance	0.33 A	0.15 A	Red	↓
Wellbeing & Housing	4.11 A	0.27 A	Red	↓
Total Directorates	14.05 A	0.18 A	Red	↓
Centrally Held Budgets	0.29 A	0.00 F	Red	↑
General Funding	0.43 F	0.00	Green	-
Net Deficit/Surplus	13.90 A	0.18 A	Red	↓



The overall movement since month 7 is £0.2M adverse. The main area of movement is Wellbeing & Housing (adverse £0.3M)



Variations to Budget per Directorate



Summary of variances to budget

Directorate	Energy	Non Achievement of savings	Client Packages and Placement costs	Coroner costs	Additional employee and agency costs	Income loss	Service Review of ICU	Rates Reduction	Legal costs	Home to school transport	Other	Total
	£M	£M	£M	£M	£M	£M	£M	£M	£M	£M	£M	£M
Children & Learning	0.00	0.49	3.79	0.00	-0.05	-0.08	0.00	0.00	-0.24	4.10	-0.54	7.47
Corporate Services	0.00	1.55	0.00	0.00	0.28	0.90	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	-0.37	2.36
Place	-0.35	0.24	0.00	0.10	-0.02	-0.77	0.00	-0.23	0.00	0.00	0.75	-0.21
Strategy & Performance	0.00	0.13	0.00	0.00	0.25	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	-0.05	0.33
Wellbeing & Housing	0.00	0.00	5.45	0.00	-1.31	1.00	-0.17	0.00	0.00	0.00	-0.86	4.11
Total Directorates	-0.35	2.42	9.24	0.10	-0.85	1.06	-0.17	-0.23	-0.24	4.10	-1.08	14.06

The main adverse variances are non achievement of savings £2.4M, client packages and placements £9.2M, loss of income £1.1M and Home to School transport £4.1M. These are the key areas where work should be targeted to reduce the adverse position.



Children & Learning



Children & Learning BUDGET MONITORING MONTH 8 (November)									
CURRENT POSITION	Current Budget 2023/24	Forecast 2023/24	Forecast Annual Variance at Period 8	Variance P7	Variance Movement Compared to P7	Significant Forecast Variance Indicator	Improving ↑ / Deteriorating ↓ Movement	Actual to date	Actual Outturn 2022/23
	£M	£M	£M	£M	£M			£M	£M
Children & Learning	64.02	71.49	7.47 A	7.68 A	0.21 F	Red	↑	72.03	75.10
Service Area									
Divisional Management	2.01	1.89	0.11 F	0.11 F	0.00	Green	-	1.15	2.00
Legal (Children's)	0.60	0.36	0.24 F	0.13 F	0.12 F	Green	↑	0.15	0.66
Quality Assurance Business Unit	2.40	2.43	0.02 A	0.02 A	0.00	Red	-	1.37	2.60
Safeguarding	9.70	9.50	0.20 F	0.20 F	0.00	Green	-	6.56	11.10
Children Looked After	29.43	32.74	3.32 A	3.13 A	0.18 A	Red	↓	21.92	35.29
Pathways	0.71	1.13	0.42 A	0.42 A	0.00	Red	-	0.48	(0.00)
ICU - Children's Services	0.37	0.40	0.03 A	0.03 A	0.00	Red	-	0.44	0.42
Children & Families First	2.52	2.41	0.11 F	0.11 F	0.00	Green	-	1.57	2.24
Young Peoples Service	2.74	2.56	0.18 F	0.00	0.18 F	Green	↑	1.55	2.91
Youth Offending	0.69	0.69	0.00	0.00	0.00	Green	-	0.34	0.55
	51.17	54.11	2.94 A	3.06 A	0.11 F	Red	↑	35.55	57.77
Stronger Communities	0.02	0.07	0.06 A	0.14 A	0.08 F	Red	↑	0.03	0.09
Education - Home to school transport and property mgt	7.09	11.40	4.32 A	4.32 A	0.00	Red	-	6.77	11.06
Education - Services for schools, High Needs	5.76	5.90	0.15 A	0.17 A	0.02 F	Red	↑	8.97	6.24
	12.84	17.31	4.47 A	4.49 A	0.02 F	Red	↑	15.74	17.30
DSG Central School Services Block	3.45	3.45	0.00	0.00	0.00	Green	-	(0.48)	(0.06)
DSG Early Years Block	13.83	13.83	0.00	0.00	0.00	Green	-	3.76	(0.01)
DSG High Needs Block	21.76	21.76	0.00	0.00	0.00	Green	-	4.01	(0.00)
DSG Schools Block	(39.04)	(39.04)	0.00	0.00	0.00	Green	-	13.43	0.00
	(0.01)	(0.01)	0.00	0.00	0.00	Green	-	20.71	(0.06)
Total Childrens & Learning	64.02	71.49	7.47 A	7.68 A	0.21 F	Red	↑	72.03	75.10

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Corporate Services



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	EM	EM	EM	EM	EM			EM	EM	
Corporate Services	39.13	41.49	2.36 A	2.33 A	0.03 A	Red	↓	73.00	39.79	
Service Area										
Accounts Payable	0.26	0.56	0.31 A	0.31 A	0.00	Red	-	0.42	0.41	
Accounts Receivable	2.16	2.34	0.18 A	0.18 A	0.00	Red	-	1.52	2.02	
Business Development Management	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	Green	-	0.01	0.00	
Business Support	1.78	1.95	0.17 A	0.17 A	0.00	Red	-	1.51	2.34	
Centrally Apportionable Overheads	(7.67)	(7.67)	0.00	0.00	0.00	Green	-	(0.70)	(7.64)	
Commercialisation	(0.29)	0.02	0.31 A	0.31 A	0.00	Red	-	(0.05)	0.10	
Corporate Finance	2.79	2.95	0.15 A	0.15 A	0.00	Red	-	2.42	3.05	
Corporate Management	0.24	0.33	0.09 A	0.09 A	0.00	Red	-	0.18	(0.11)	
Customer Services	2.17	2.18	0.01 A	0.01 A	0.00	Green	-	1.43	2.15	
Democratic Representation & Management	2.64	2.61	0.03 F	0.03 F	0.00	Green	-	1.73	2.70	
Facilities Management	0.73	0.80	0.07 A	0.07 A	0.00	Red	-	0.81	2.74	
Highways Contracts	7.92	7.78	0.14 F	0.14 F	0.00	Green	-	7.01	6.93	
HR Services	3.21	3.13	0.08 F	0.08 F	0.00	Green	-	2.62	3.29	
Internal Audit	0.34	0.28	0.06 F	-0.06	0.00	Green	-	0.14	0.27	
IT Services	9.35	11.06	1.71 A	1.71 A	0.00	Red	-	8.03	10.06	
Land Charges	(0.17)	(0.17)	0.00	0.00	0.00	Green	-	(0.08)	(0.12)	
Legal Services & Customer Relations	1.93	1.86	0.07 F	0.07 F	0.00	Green	-	1.51	1.91	
Leisure Contracts	2.54	2.47	0.08 F	0.08 F	0.00	Green	-	0.95	1.93	
Local Taxation & Benefits Services	2.10	2.24	0.14 A	0.14 A	0.00	Red	-	(0.55)	2.08	
Net Housing Benefit Payments	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	Green	-	38.55	0.00	
Pension & Redundancy Costs	3.20	2.97	0.23 F	0.23 F	0.00	Green	-	1.85	1.86	
Registration of Electors and Elections Costs	0.63	0.67	0.03 A	0.00	0.03 A	Green	↓	0.62	0.59	
Risk Management	1.68	1.68	0.00	0.00	0.00	Green	-	1.92	1.46	
Supplier Management Services	1.59	1.45	0.14 F	0.14 F	0.00	Green	-	1.14	1.24	
Total Corporate Services	39.13	41.49	2.36 A	2.33 A	0.03 A	Red	↓	73.00	39.27	

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Place	28.62	28.41	0.21 F	0.17 F	0.04 F	Green	↑	17.06	26.49
Service Area									
Air Quality Monitoring	0.24	0.23	0.01 F	0.01 F	0.00	Green	-	(1.07)	0.22
Central Repairs & Maintenance	2.09	2.38	0.29 A	0.20 A	0.09 A	Red	↓	1.06	2.42
City Development	0.31	0.48	0.18 A	0.18 A	0.00	Red	-	0.15	0.00
City of Culture	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	Green	-	0.00	0.46
City Services - Commercial Services	0.18	0.14	0.04 F	0.04 F	0.00	Green	-	(0.11)	0.65
City Services - District Operating Areas	4.20	4.52	0.33 A	0.32 A	0.00 A	Red	↓	4.41	4.70
City Services - Trees & Ecology	0.88	0.99	0.11 A	0.11 A	0.00	Red	-	0.63	0.87
City Services - Waste Operations	16.80	15.59	1.22 F	1.10 F	0.12 F	Green	↑	11.26	14.33
City Services - Management & Compliance	0.50	0.53	0.03 A	0.03 A	0.00	-	-	0.35	0.30
City Services - Fleet & Landscapes Trading	(1.68)	(1.27)	0.41 A	0.54 A	0.13 F	Red	↑	0.07	(0.74)
CPRES - Bereavement Services	0.05	0.20	0.15 A	0.11 A	0.04 A	Red	↓	(0.02)	0.84
CPRES - Environmental Health & Trading Standards	1.56	1.43	0.13 F	0.10 F	0.03 F	Green	↑	0.77	1.42
CPRES - Licensing	(0.09)	(0.06)	0.03 A	0.03 A	0.00 F	-	↑	(0.16)	(0.02)
CPRES - Parking & Itchen Bridge	(8.14)	(8.91)	0.77 F	0.80 F	0.04 A	Green	↓	(6.00)	(6.63)
CPRES - Port Health	(0.63)	(0.29)	0.34 A	0.19 A	0.15 A	Red	↓	(0.33)	(0.41)
CPRES - Private Sector Housing	0.34	0.34	0.00	0.00	0.00	Green	-	(0.14)	0.14
CPRES - Registration Services	(0.20)	(0.19)	0.01 A	0.01 A	0.00 F	-	↑	(0.11)	(0.19)
Cultural Services	2.17	1.99	0.18 F	0.18 F	0.00	Green	-	0.76	2.45
Libraries	1.83	1.86	0.03 A	0.03 A	0.00	-	-	1.21	2.03
Economic Development	0.07	0.14	0.07 A	0.07 A	0.00	-	-	0.56	0.23
Emergency Planning	0.13	0.09	0.04 F	0.04 F	0.00	Green	-	0.21	0.04
Energy Team	0.05	0.05	0.00	0.00	0.00	Green	-	0.08	0.01
Flood Risk Management	0.21	0.15	0.06 F	0.06 F	0.00	Green	-	0.09	0.13
Health & Safety	0.27	0.30	0.03 A	0.03 A	0.00	-	-	0.17	0.29
Place Management	(0.10)	0.19	0.28 A	0.28 A	0.00	Red	-	0.12	0.24
Planning	0.35	0.96	0.61 A	0.60 A	0.01	Red	↓	0.48	1.03
Property Portfolio Management	(6.96)	(6.82)	0.14 A	0.04 A	0.09 A	Red	↓	(5.17)	(6.32)
Property Services	8.89	8.24	0.66 F	0.47 F	0.18 F	Green	↑	6.60	2.40
Skills	0.07	0.07	0.00	0.00	0.00	Green	-	0.13	0.13
Skills, Regeneration & Partnership	0.44	0.43	0.02 F	0.02 F	0.00	Green	-	(0.61)	0.40
Transportation	4.80	4.66	0.14 F	0.14 F	0.00	Green	-	1.68	5.06
Total Place	28.62	28.41	0.21 F	0.17 F	0.04 F	Green	↑	17.06	26.49

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Strategy & Performance	3.72	4.04	0.33 A	0.18 A	0.15 A	Red	↓	2.97	3.58
Service Area									
Business Development Management Team	0.20	0.20	0.00	0.00	0.00	Green	-	0.09	0.33
Corporate Communications	0.98	0.96	0.02 F	0.06 A	0.09 F	Green	↑	0.87	0.92
Data & Intelligence	0.66	0.96	0.31 A	0.07 A	0.23 A	Red	↓	0.79	0.34
Projects, Policy & Performance	1.12	1.22	0.10 A	0.09 A	0.00 A	Red	↓	0.77	1.50
Strategic Management of the Council	0.76	0.71	0.05 F	0.05 F	0.00	Green	-	0.45	0.48
Total Strategy & Performance	3.72	4.04	0.33 A	0.18 A	0.15 A		↓	2.97	3.58



Wellbeing & Housing



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	£M	£M	£M	£M	£M			£M	£M	
Wellbeing & Housing	95.28	99.39	4.11 A	3.84 A	0.27 A	Red	↓	45.64	94.14	
Service Area										
Adults - Adult Services Management	1.16	1.03	0.12 F	0.12 F	0.00 A	Green	↓	0.91	1.69	
Adults - Long Term	45.14	49.25	4.11 A	4.20 A	0.09 F	Red	↑	23.68	43.28	
Adults - Provider Services	4.29	3.83	0.46 F	0.08 F	0.38 F	Green	↑	2.98	4.61	
Adults - Reablement & Hospital Discharge	8.80	8.53	0.27 F	0.22 F	0.05 F	Green	↑	6.36	8.21	
Adults - Safeguarding AMH & OOH	14.02	14.22	0.21 A	0.14 A	0.06 A	Red	↓	8.48	13.69	
Community Safety, Alcohol Related Crime, CCTV	0.30	0.26	0.04 F	0.04 F	0.00 A	Green	↓	0.15	0.25	
Domestic Violence	0.56	0.57	0.02 A	0.02 A	0.00 A	Green	↓	0.52	0.54	
Grants to Voluntary Organisations	0.54	0.54	0.00	0.00	0.00	Green	-	0.36	0.84	
Housing Needs	2.96	3.94	0.98 A	0.26 A	0.72 A	Red	↓	(2.30)	2.02	
ICU - Provider Relationships	14.94	14.75	0.20 F	0.20 F	0.00 F	Green	↑	8.37	13.70	
ICU - System Redesign	1.63	1.62	0.01 F	0.01 F	0.00	Green	-	1.42	2.03	
Leisure Strategy	0.10	0.11	0.00 A	0.00	0.00 A	Green	↓	0.09	0.05	
Public Health - Health Improvement	1.70	1.70	0.00	0.00	0.00	Green	-	0.46	2.18	
Public Health - Health Protection and Surveillance	9.80	9.80	0.00	0.00	0.00	Green	-	4.09	9.88	
Public Health - Management & Overheads	(15.28)	(15.28)	0.00 F	0.00	0.00	Green	-	(12.91)	(15.82)	
Public Health - Non-ringfenced	0.19	0.19	0.00	0.00	0.00	Green	-	0.09	2.40	
Public Health - Population Healthcare	3.77	3.77	0.00	0.00	0.00	Green	-	0.27	3.76	
Social Fund & Property	0.18	0.18	0.00	0.00	0.00	Green	-	(0.18)	0.27	
Stronger Communities	0.52	0.42	0.10 F	0.10 F	0.00 F	Green	↑	2.84	0.53	
Travellers Sites	(0.04)	(0.04)	0.00	0.00	0.00	Green	-	(0.04)	0.03	
Total Wellbeing & Housing	95.28	99.39	4.11 A	3.84 A	0.27 A	Red	↓	45.64	94.14	
Breakdown by overall area:										
Adult Social Care	73.41	76.87	3.46 A	3.91 A	0.45 F	Red	↑	42.42	71.47	
ICU	16.58	16.37	0.21 F	0.21 F	0.00 F	Green	↑	9.79	15.73	
Public Health	0.19	0.19	0.00 F	0.00	0.00	Green	-	(8.00)	2.40	
Housing	2.96	3.94	0.98 A	0.26 A	0.72 A	Red	↓	(2.30)	2.02	
Leisure	0.10	0.11	0.00 A	0.00	0.00 A	Green	↓	0.09	0.05	
Stronger Communities	2.05	1.92	0.13 F	0.13 F	0.00 A	Green	↓	3.65	2.47	

Wellbeing and Housing £4.1M overspent, an adverse movement of £0.27M: £5.4M is due to increased number and cost of client packages, £1.0M increased bad debt provision and £0.98M increased homelessness costs, offset by employee savings including agency of £1.3M and ICU savings of £0.3M. The adverse position is further offset by new government funding of £1.7M for care costs.



<u>Directorate</u>	Budget	Forecast	Variance
	£M	£M	£M
Children & Learning	10.56	10.57	0.01 F
Corporate Services	2.58	2.43	0.16 A
Place	80.99	81.29	0.30 F
Strategy & Performance	1.78	1.78	0.00
Wellbeing & Housing	3.79	3.75	0.04 A
Total General Fund	99.70	99.82	0.12 F
HRA	43.09	43.83	0.73 F
Net Council Expenditure	142.79	143.64	0.85 F
Financed By:			
Council Resources - Borrowing (GF)	20.94	21.04	0.11 A
Council Resources - Borrowing (HRA)	16.07	15.41	0.66 F
Council Resources - Capital Receipts	3.79	3.79	0.00
Contributions	12.49	12.49	0.00 A
Grants	64.66	64.66	0.01 A
Council Resources - DRF	3.36	2.96	0.40 F
MRA	21.50	23.29	1.80 A
Total Financing	142.80	143.65	0.85 A

<u>Forecast Variance Analysis</u>	GF	HRA	Total
	£M	£M	£M
Deficit Budget	0.33	3.53	3.86
Surplus Budget	(0.22)	(2.79)	(3.01)
Slippage of Works	0.00	0.00	0.00
Slippage for Retention Payments	0.00	0.00	0.00
Rephasing of Works	0.00	0.00	0.00
Funding No Longer Available	0.00	0.00	0.00
	0.12	0.73	0.85

No major changes since P7.

General Fund is reporting £0.12M forecast adverse variance. Major variances include:

- Care Director £0.16M underspend
- Vehicle Purchase £0.30M overspend

HRA is reporting £0.73M adverse variance. Major variances include:

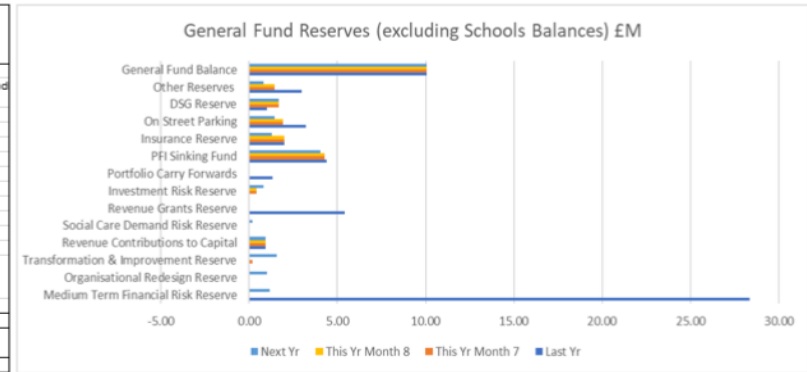
- Major Reactive Works £1.45M overspend
- Electrical Meters £0.80M overspend
- Fire Safety £1.13M underspend
- Container Homes Project £0.40M underspend
- 1,000+ Parking Spaces £0.71M underspend



General Fund Earmarked Reserves (excluding Schools Balances)



	Balance As At 31/03/2023 £M	Month 7 Forecast Balance As At 31/03/2024 £M	Changes this month £M	Month 8 Forecast Balance As At 31/03/2024 £M	Month 8 Forecast Balance As At 31/03/2025 £M	Comments
Medium Term Financial Risk Reserve	28.35	0.00	0.00	0.00	1.15	Remaining balance used to meet in-year overspend
Organisational Redesign Reserve	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	1.00	In-year overspend is first call on the reserve
Transformation & Improvement Reserve	0.00	0.17	-0.17	0.00	1.00	In-year overspend is first call on the reserve
Revenue Contributions to Capital	0.93	0.93	0.00	0.93	0.93	
Social Care Demand Risk Reserve	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.20	
Revenue Grants Reserve	5.43	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	
Investment Risk Reserve	0.00	0.40	0.00	0.40	0.80	
Portfolio Carry Forwards	1.34	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	
PFI Sinking Fund	4.38	4.26	0.00	4.26	4.02	
Insurance Reserve	2.00	2.00	0.00	2.00	1.30	
On Street Parking	3.21	1.92	0.00	1.92	1.42	
DSG Reserve	0.95	1.65	0.00	1.65	1.65	Note £11.1M cumulative deficit to 31/03/2022 is held in the DSG Adjustment Account in accordance with regulations.
Other Reserves	2.96	1.45	0.00	1.45	0.81	
Total Earmarked Reserves	49.99	12.82	-0.17	12.65	14.89	
General Fund Balance	10.07	10.07	-0.01	10.06	10.06	£0.01M of forecast in-year overspend to be met from General Fund Balance
Total GF Reserves(excl. Schools)	59.66	22.88	-0.18	22.70	24.94	



The balance on the Medium Term Financial Risk (MTFR) Reserve is forecast to be used up in 2023/24 in meeting the £13.9M in-year overspend forecast at month 8, as is the £4.5M balance on the newly created Organisational Redesign and Transformation & Improvement Reserves. A residual £0.01M of the forecast in-year deficit will be required to be met from the General Fund Balance if no other earmarked revenue reserves are available.



	Council Tax	Business Rates	Total
	£M	£M	£M
Distribution of previous years' estimated surplus/(contribution towards estimated deficit)	(0.31)	3.45	3.14
Net income and expenditure for 2023/24	0.51	0.80	1.31
(Surplus)/Deficit for the year	0.21	4.25	4.45
(Surplus)/Deficit brought forward from 2023/24	0.90	(13.20)	(12.30)
Overall (Surplus)/Deficit Carried Forward	1.11	(8.95)	(7.85)
SCC Share of (Surplus)/Deficit	0.93	(4.39)	(3.46)
Add: Variance in SCC Government grant income for business rates reliefs for 2023/24		(0.09)	(0.09)
SCC Net Share of (Surplus)/Deficit including Government Grant adjustments to be taken into account in budget setting	0.93	(4.48)	(3.55)

➤ For the Collection Fund as a whole there is a forecast cumulative surplus of £7.9M to be carried forward into 2024/25, mostly from an improvement in the 2022/23 outturn position due to a reduction in the amount set aside for business rates appeals.

➤ The in-year deficit comprises £3.1M for the net surplus for 2022/23 as estimated at 2023/24 budget setting being distributed in year and £1.3M other net expenditure. The other net expenditure is mainly due to an increase during the year in the estimated liability for business rates appeals estimated liability for business rates appeals and an increase in council tax exemptions compared with what was assumed in estimating the 2023/24 tax base.

➤ SCC's share of the surplus is £3.5M, of which £4.3M relates to the improvement in the 2022/23 outturn position and £0.8M to the in-year deficit. This will need to be taken into account in setting the 2024/25 budget and is not available to use in 2023/24.



Housing Revenue Account



HOUSING REVENUE ACCOUNT BUDGET MONITORING MONTH 8 (November)							
CURRENT POSITION	Current Budget 2023/24	Forecast 2023/24	Forecast Annual Variance at Period 8	Variance P7	Variance Movement Compared to P7	Significant Forecast Variance Indicator	Improving ↑ / Deteriorating ↓ Movement
	£M	£M	£M	£M	£M	£M	£M
Expenditure							
Responsive & Repairs	15.10	15.09	0.01 F	0.01 F	0.00	Green	-
Cyclical Maintenance	6.44	6.51	0.07 A	0.07 A	0.00	Red	-
Rents Payable	0.20	0.45	0.25 A	0.25 A	0.00	Red	-
Debt Management	0.09	0.09	0.00	0.00	0.00	Green	-
Supervision & Management	26.16	26.92	0.76 A	0.81 A	0.05 F	Red	↑
Interest & Principal Repayments	5.71	6.71	1.00 A	1.00 A	0.00	Red	-
Depreciation	22.07	21.50	0.57 F	0.57 F	0.00	Green	-
Direct Revenue Financing of Capital	4.00	1.93	2.07 F	2.12 F	0.05 A	Green	↓
Gross Expenditure	79.77	79.20	0.58 F	0.58 F	0.00	Green	-
Income							
Dwelling Rents	(75.14)	(74.94)	0.20 A	0.20 A	0.00	Red	-
Other Rents	(1.24)	(1.20)	0.04 A	0.04 A	0.00	Red	-
Service Charge Income	(2.34)	(2.52)	0.18 F	0.18 F	0.00	Green	-
Leaseholder Service Charges	(1.05)	(1.05)	0.00	0.00	0.00	Green	-
Interest Received	0.00	(0.08)	0.08 F	0.08 F	0.00	Green	-
Total Income	(79.77)	(79.78)	0.01 F	0.01 F	0.00	Green	-
Balances							
Working Balance B/Fwd	(2.00)	(2.00)					
(Surplus)/deficit for year	0.00	(0.59)	0.59 F	0.59 F	0.00	Green	-
Working Balance C/Fwd	(2.00)	(2.59)					

HRA POSITION £0.59M Favourable. £0.57M favourable forecast on depreciation charge is proposed to be added to the overall working balance. Pressures of £2.37M across the HRA relating to rent void loss £0.2M and empty property charges £0.25M, £0.8M Disrepair claims, waste disposal cost, management restructure and termination costs and £1m interest rate cost are being offset by favourable variances on service charge income of £0.18M, a reduction in vehicle financing costs of £0.05M and interest receivable of £0.08M, and a reduction in planned direct revenue financing contribution of £2.07M.

Landlord Controlled Heating Account		
	YTD £M	Forecast £M
Balance B/fwd	3.58	3.58
Costs incurred Jan-Mar 23	2.02	2.02
Less accruals 22/23	(2.81)	(2.81)
Rent collected ytd	(4.85)	(7.46)
Leaseholder contribution		(0.80)
Contribution to bad debt provision	0.00	0.20
Costs incurred YTD	2.87	8.29
Balance C/fwd	0.82	3.03

As a result of significantly increased energy costs, and no subsequent adjustment to charges applied during 2022/23, the landlord controlled heating account ended in a deficit position as at 31st March 2023. The revised charges for 2023/24 are anticipated to be sufficient to cover costs in 2023/24 only, but will not contribute to deficit recovery unless a significant reduction in cost occurs. Cabinet agreed to the principle of a phased deficit recovery plan in July 2023. Following receipt of revised energy cost forecasts in October 2023, the anticipated cost for 2023/24 has reduced and, as a result, the revised deficit is anticipated to be £3.03M



Dedicated Schools Grant

CURRENT POSITION	Current Budget 2023/24	Forecast 2023/24	Forecast Annual Variance at Period 8	Variance P7	Variance Movement Compared to P7	Significant Forecast Variance Indicator	Improving ↑ / Deteriorating ↓ Movement
	£M	£M	£M	£M	£M		
Schools	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	Green	-
High Needs	0.00	(0.70)	0.70 F	0.70 F	0.00	Green	-
Early Years	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	Green	-
Central Services	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	Green	-
In Year Balance	0.00	(0.70)	0.70 F	0.70 F	0.00	Green	-
Balance B/Fwd held in DSG adjustment reserve	0.00	11.09	11.09 A				
Balance B/Fwd held in DSG usable reserve		(0.99)	0.99 F				
Net DSG deficit B/Fwd		10.10	10.10 A				
Total non General Fund Services	0.00	9.40	9.40 A			Red	

School Balances Table	Forecast 2023/24		
	Deficit	Surplus	Balance
Primary	2.91	(2.18)	0.73
Nos.	12	19	31
%	39%	61%	100%
Secondary	0.00	(2.62)	(2.62)
Nos.	0	6	6
%	0%	100%	100%
Special	0.81	(0.19)	0.62
Nos.	2	3	5
%	40%	60%	100%
Total	3.72	(4.99)	(1.26)
Nos.	14	28	42
%	33%	67%	100%