

Council Fund Variances**MONTH 7 - SUMMARY**

Service	Movement between Periods (£m)	Narrative for Movement between Periods greater than £0.025m
Social Services		
Older People		
Localities	0.617	Demands for Older People services are leading to increased costs. This includes pressures from ensuring safe hospital discharges and this pressure will likely increase further during the winter period. The residential care service has increased by £0.288m and domiciliary care by £0.320m. Minor variances account for the balance.
Resources & Regulated Services	-0.052	There has been an overall decrease in the outturn due to changes to projected workforce costs to deliver in-house care services. Homecare has reduced by (£0.054m), residential care increased by £0.023m and Extra Care reduced by (£0.022m).
Minor Variances	0.001	
Adults of Working Age		
Resources & Regulated Services	0.362	There was an increase in the Physical Disabilities and Sensory Impairment (PDSI) service of £0.167m due to an additional placement. The in-house Supported Living service costs have increased by £0.034m and the Learning Disability service costs increased by £0.172m due to changes to care packages. Day service costs reduced by £0.011m.
Residential Placements	-0.098	Care package costs have reduced following reviews
Minor Variances	-0.008	
Children's Services		
Early Years & Family Support	-0.144	Service Balances have been drawn upon to offset eligible expenditure.
Professional Support	0.169	There has been an additional agency worker required within the Childrens First Contact team. Contributions from external funding have been reduced as there is less slippage on grant funded schemes expected than originally anticipated.
Minor Variances	-0.024	
Safeguarding & Commissioning		
Charging Policy income	-0.070	Increased projected contributions from service users towards their care costs
Minor Variances	0.010	
Total Social Services (excl Out of County)	0.762	
Out of County		
Children's Services	0.555	An increased number of new placements were captured at Month 7, causing a significant adverse variance of £0.555m in comparison to Month 6.
Education & Youth	-0.247	A number of ending Education Day placements have been removed from the current placement caseload, causing a £0.247m favourable movement in comparison to Month 6.
Total Out of County	0.308	
Education & Youth		
Inclusion & Progression	-0.026	Favourable movement of (£0.026m). This is due to the calculation of funding to claw back from schools, as a result of permanent exclusions for (£0.018m). The remaining (£0.008m) relates to additional income received and a reduction in forecasts across all service areas.
School Improvement Systems	-0.033	Favourable movement of (£0.024m) within Early Entitlement service which primarily relates to the maximisation of Early Years Pupil Development Grant against core expenditure. Favourable movement of (£0.009m) within the School Improvement Service. The amount calculated for the GwE recharge was estimated based on the service reduction of 10%. Actual recharge amount has now been confirmed.
Minor Variances	-0.011	
Total Education & Youth	-0.070	

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Schools	0.002	
Streetscene & Transportation		
Highways Network	0.039	Increased Streetlighting and Drainage costs.
Transportation	-0.052	Mix of Moratorium Vacancy savings and reduced transport costs in Social Services.
Regulatory Services	-0.060	Moratorium Vacancy Savings
Other Minor Variances	0.020	
Total Streetscene & Transportation	-0.053	
Planning, Environment & Economy		
Development	0.031	Revised Planning Fee Income shortfall projected to March, 2025
Regeneration	-0.025	Maximisation of Grant Income - staff costs reallocated against Shared Prosperity Fund Grant at a higher percentage than previously applied
Minor Variances	-0.007	
Total Planning & Environment	-0.000	
People & Resources		
HR & OD	-0.017	
Corporate Finance	0.028	Successful recruitment to 2 posts resulting in additional staff costs committed to March, 2025
Total People & Resources	0.011	
Governance		
ICT	-0.024	Minor favourable movements across the service
Minor Variances	-0.045	Cumulative minor movements across the portfolio
Total Governance	-0.069	
Assets		
Property Holdings	-0.042	Additional Wayleaves income received for (£0.030m) and R&M costs capitalised of (£0.012m).
Minor Variances	-0.006	
Total Assets	-0.048	
Housing and Community		
Housing Solutions	-0.155	Additional HSG Funding of (£0.133m) and minor variances of (£0.022m).
Total Housing and Community	-0.155	
Chief Executive's	-0.006	
Central & Corporate Finance	-0.115	A previous commitment of (£0.091m) to fund the on-going clean-up from the impact of illegal tipping at land adjacent to the Riverside Site, Queensferry at a cost of £0.091m that includes the machine hire, transport and manpower related to the necessary works, has now been removed as the overall cost has increased and it is recommended all of this expenditure is funded from Contingency Reserve. In addition, an improvement on the Central Loans and Investment Account (CLIA) of (£0.040m) from reduced short term borrowing costs and increased income from investments.
Grand Total	0.566	