

Budget Monitoring Report
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	0.118	Residential care costs have increased by £0.075m and domiciliary care costs increased by £0.052m, both of these are demand lead services. There are £0.009m favourable minor variances.
Resources & Regulated Services	0.038	Movement is due to increased projected costs for in-house homecare, £0.014m, in-house residential care, £0.010m and Extra Care, £0.014m.
Minor Variances	-0.005	
Adults of Working Age		
Resources & Regulated Services	0.069	There has been an increase to care package costs due to service user needs
Children to Adult Transition Services	-0.059	Decreased costs of care packages for young people transferring from Childrens Services
Residential Placements	0.049	Increase to costs of care for people with mental ill health
Minor Variances	-0.036	Cumulative movements
Children's Services		
Family Placement	-0.038	Some fostering allowances have ceased
Residential Placements	-0.060	In-house residential costs have reduced due to recruitment challenges
Professional Support	0.053	Increasing costs to cover vacancies with agency to ensure childrens safeguarding standards are met
Minor Variances	0.051	Cumulative movements
Safeguarding & Commissioning		
Business Support Service	-0.038	Projected costs have reduced due to expected delays in recruiting to vacant posts
Minor Variances	0.005	
Total Social Services	0.148	
Out of County		
Children's Services	0.036	Net impacts of new placements, ended placements and rate changes
Education & Youth	0.007	
Total Out of County	0.043	
Education & Youth		
Minor Variances	-0.049	Staff vacancies and additional grants
Total Education & Youth	-0.049	
Schools	0.040	Adverse movement of £0.040m relates to an increase in school redundancy costs due 31st December 2023
Streetscene & Transportation		
Highways Network	0.506	Additional costs of £1m are projected in relation to the clean up and reinstatement works required following Storm Babet and more recently Storm Ciaran. It is anticipated that some Emergency Financial Assistance Funding (EFAS) from WG can be claimed alongside utilisation of the Severe Weather Reserve, bringing the net cost down to a projected £0.500m.
Transportation	-0.080	Vacancies within Transport Strategy and moratorium on recruitment are contributing to the overall underspend
Other Minor Variances	0.016	
Total Streetscene & Transportation	0.442	
Planning, Environment & Economy		
Access	-0.040	Staff savings from vacant posts
Shared Services	-0.024	Staff savings from vacant post

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Regeneration	-0.059	Staff savings from vacant posts, maximisation of grant income and minor variances
Minor Variances	0.012	
Total Planning & Environment	-0.112	
People & Resources		
HR & OD	-0.029	Staff savings from vacant post
Corporate Finance	-0.053	Revised projection for Feasibility Study costs and staff savings from vacant posts
Total People & Resources	-0.082	
Governance		
ICT	-0.118	Estimated cost for packaged software application(Flare) lower than previously anticipated £0.076m, commitment challenge and minor favourable movements.
Customer Services	-0.024	£0.015m Deferred spend on Consultation Engagement software
Minor Variances	0.014	
Total Governance	-0.128	
Assets		
Minor Variances	-0.002	
Total Assets	-0.002	
Housing and Communities		
Housing Solutions	-0.098	Mainly due to internal allocation of a further £0.116m of Housing Support Grant, with some offsetting adverse movements of +£0.018m
Minor Variances	0.002	
Total Housing and Communities	-0.097	
Chief Executive's		
	0.001	
Central & Corporate Finance		
	-0.092	At Month 7 further improvement on the CLIA by £0.100m mitigated by minor variances.
Grand Total	0.112	