

Budget Monitoring and Forecast Outturn – April to July 2023

Monthly Summary: The operational forecast is a £0.77m surplus for the year. £1.3m additional income is forecast on investment income as they continue to perform better than expected due to interest rate rises. A £194k surplus has been forecast in strategic planning as the main spend for the enquiry will now take place in the next financial year. These surpluses are offset by a £281k forecast overspend on investment properties due to a rent reduction and a vacancy until January 2024. The forecast loss of income in planning and building control has doubled to £400k as the impact of water neutrality on planning decisions continues. The overall funding position is set to be a £42k deficit after adjusting for the likely pay award and carrying over the local plan budgets into the next financial year.

Revenue Outturn Forecast: ●

Outturn Forecast	£000s
Corporate Management	0
Resources	(1,382)
Communities	37
Place	573
Total overspend / (surplus)	(773)

Monitoring Compliance: 100% ●

All budget holders returned their revenue budget forecasts. But 3 capital forecasts were not returned.

Forecast overall funding position at M4 ●

2023/24	M4 snapshot of overall budgetary position
13,513	Net exp set in budget
152	Budgets carried over from 22/23
42	Changes to net budget. ED & EH staffing
(773)	forecast surplus
12,934	Forecast net exp
(11,154)	Council tax
(2,129)	Business rates
(12)	Net Collection Fund 'surplus' after using reserve
(83)	CTS Government funding
(139)	Revenue Support Grant
(13,517)	Funding
(583)	Net (surplus) / deficit before one-off cost / funding
450	NJC Salary Increase (£1,925 or 5.5% vs 4.5%)
175	Potential Local plan budget carry forward
625	One off net funding after costs
42	Overall (surplus) / deficit - smooth via reserves

Capital Expenditure: ●

Spend to date £3.3m (19.7%) of the larger £16.8m capital budget. Capital budget has been added for 3 new projects; (LAHF Round 2 and two property purchases).

30 projects are yet to start spending.

Local Authority Housing Fund Round 1 (LAHF R1): ●

£5.9m capital budget created to purchase 16 homes.

Month 4 Summary

2x 4 Bed scheme - completed

Budget committed 89%

Other scheme

Under offer 7

Completed 4

Outstanding 3

Capital amount committed £3.6m

Budget committed 78%

Salaries position ●

The initial pay offer of £1,925 or 3.88% on grades above G8 is estimated to cost £350k more than the budget set - this is the minimum impact. Each additional 1% paid above the 3.88% offered will impact the operational outturn. For example, a £1,925 or 5.5% pay offer will cost an additional £450k compared to the original budget.

Debtors ●

The Council was owed £1.55m at 11 August 2023 of which £1.50m was >30 days. The table lists a breakdown of the oldest debts.

Age Group	11 Aug 23 £k	18 July 23 £k
Current	45	743
>30 Days	220	261
>60 Days	261	293
>90 Days	1,021	949
	1,548	2,246
>90 Days top six = £898k (88%)		
* Developer CIL due	347	261
** Developer CIL due August 2022	194	194
Leisure provider Q4 2022/23		
Management fee	137	-
Developer S106 due in 2016 and 2017 – with legal	116	116
Commercial rent	64	64
Commercial rent	40	42

* A further instalment for £86k has now passed 90 days due. Site may become 100% affordable housing which will remove the CIL charge due. Discussions ongoing.

** Repayment plan in place. Payments currently delayed in agreement with HDC while the compliance team investigate discharge of pre-commencement conditions.