

## Budget Monitoring and Forecast Outturn – April 2023 to January 2024

**Monthly Summary:** The operational forecast is a £0.73m surplus (M9 £0.48m) for the year. £1.4m additional investment income due to interest rates and amounts higher than budgeted. Forecast savings in strategic planning of £360k due to savings on the local plan consultancy in year as well as the main spend for the enquiry taking place in the next financial year (albeit £135k to carry forward). Grant income has also been received for water neutrality work. The Capitol shows exceeded expectation generating a £215k surplus against the £0.4m subsidy budget. Reduced rates bills and refunds at the museum and health & wellbeing centre have created savings of £182k. The Parks team have successfully negotiated a termination settlement of £50k from the arboricultural contractor. These surpluses and one-off receipts are offset by a forecast loss of income of £689k (previously £791k) in planning due to water neutrality delays as well as an increase in the cost in the contract for reactive property maintenance of £200k. The overall funding position is now set to be a £349k surplus. The annual pay award increase to staff is an additional £350k cost but has been offset with in-year vacancy savings.

### Revenue Outturn Forecast:

Outturn Forecast	£000s
Corporate Management	0
Resources	(1,345)
Communities	(296)
Place	910
<b>Total overspend / (surplus)</b>	<b>(731)</b>

### Revenue Monitoring Compliance: 98%

### Forecast overall funding position at M10

2023/24	M10 snapshot of overall budgetary position
13,513	Net exp set in budget
152	Budgets carried over from 22/23
99	Net budget changes: ED & EH staff, trainee QS, PM, Tyres
(731)	forecast surplus
<b>13,033</b>	<b>Forecast net exp</b>
(11,154)	Council tax
(2,129)	Business rates
(12)	Rural services grant
(83)	CTS Government funding
(139)	Revenue Support Grant
<b>(13,517)</b>	<b>Funding</b>
<b>(484)</b>	<b>Net (surplus) / deficit before one-off cost / funding</b>
350	NJC salary increase extra (£1,925 or 3.88% vs 4.5%)
-350	Review of vacancy savings to M10
135	Potential budget c/f Local Plan
<b>(349)</b>	<b>Overall (surplus) / deficit - smooth via reserves</b>

### Capital Expenditure M10:

#### Budget monitoring compliance: 93%

Spend to date £12.2m (70.5%) of the larger £17.3m capital budget. 8 projects are yet to start spending.

Outturn forecast at £13.5m or 78%.

#### Projects that have completed during the year include:

- £7.65m LAHF rounds 1 and 2 purchasing 20 homes
- Replacement LED lighting at the Capitol Theatre
- Purchase of Bramber Brooks
- Purchase of investment property in The Bishopric
- Arun House dilapidation works to relet.

### Revenue Summary:

Directorate	M6 Forecast	M10 Forecast	Difference
Resources	(1,323)	(1,345)	(22)
Communities	71	(296)	(367)
Place	905	910	5
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>(347)</b>	<b>(731)</b>	<b>(384)</b>

Since M6 the movement on the operational forecast outturn is an increased surplus of £384k. This is mostly unexpected income from a successful pantomime at the Capitol, the reduction and rebate of rates and contract termination payment.

### Debtors

The Council was owed £1.86m at 19 February 2024 of which £1.74m was >30 days. The table lists a breakdown of the oldest debts.

Age Group	19 Feb 2024 £k	14 Jan 2024 £k
Current	125	313
>30 Days	188	76
>60 Days	109	123
>90 Days	1,439	1,558
	<b>1,861</b>	<b>2,070</b>
<b>&gt;90 Days top 6 = £996k (69%)</b>		
<b>*Developer CIL due</b>	<b>347</b>	<b>347</b>
<b>**Developer CIL due</b>	<b>220</b>	<b>220</b>
<b>*** Developer CIL due August 2022</b>	<b>194</b>	<b>194</b>
<b>Commercial Property</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>192</b>
<b>Developer S106 due in 2016 and 2017</b>	<b>116</b>	<b>116</b>
<b>Developer S106 due Aug 23</b>	<b>102</b>	<b>102</b>

\* Site may become 100% affordable housing which will remove the CIL charge due.

\*\* Repayment plan over 36 months finalised, although no payments have been received.

\*\*\* Repayment plan in place, payments currently delayed, by agreement with HDC. Repayments due to start this month.