

Appendix A: 2024/25 Revenue Outturn Quarter 1 (June 2024)

2024/25 Forecast Revenue Outturn at Quarter 1 (June 2024)			
	2024/25 Revenue Budget £m	Q1 Outturn £m	Q1 Outturn Variance £m
Community Wellbeing	76.8	79.9	3.1
Children & Young People	64.9	65.6	0.7
Budget Amendment	2.3	1.0	(1.3)
Economy & Environment	27.6	28.7	1.1
Corporate Services	24.7	26.6	1.9
Directorate Total	196.3	201.8	5.5
Central	16.4	21.7	5.3
Total	212.7	223.5	10.8

Community Wellbeing	2024/25 Approved Revenue Budget £'000	Q1 Outturn £'000	Q1 Outturn Variance £'000
Directorate Management	(13,865)	(12,687)	1,178
Social Care	69,889	71,929	2,040
All Ages Commissioning	16,961	17,016	55
Communities	3,700	3,562	(138)
Public Health	113	113	0
Directorate Total	76,798	79,933	3,135

The Directorate is forecasting cost pressures as a result of increased demand and market conditions within adult social care and housing. There has been a continued increase in demographic demand which is reflected in the number of new clients eligible for adult social care provision. In addition, there has been an increase in the complexity and intensity of care support to meet eligible demand, as well as increased average weekly costs.

Key variances from budget (> £250k) at Q1:

£2.4m overspend Physical Support - Residential Care and Homecare

£1.0m overspend General Fund Housing - Temporary Accommodation

£0.7m overspend Learning Disabilities - Residential Care and Supported Living

£0.6m net utilisation of Social Care Resilience Reserve

£0.4m underspend Mental Health

Children & Young People	2024/25 Approved Revenue Budget £'000	Q1 Outturn £'000	Q1 Outturn Variance £'000
Central Children Directorate Costs	924	731	(193)
Performance, Quality Assurance and Early Help	8,947	9,688	741
Safeguarding and Family Support	8,133	7,710	(423)
Education, Skills, Learning	46,915	47,545	630
Sub Total	64,919	65,674	755
Supplementary Budget Approval	2,303	959	(1,344)
Directorate Total	67,222	66,633	(589)

The forecast includes the following key cost pressures which represent demand and inflationary costs associated with the provision of SEN Transport and growth in the costs of supporting Unaccompanied Asylum Seeking Children and the provision of Residential Placements. These pressures are mitigated by reduced Agency Fostering Fees and other net underspends.

Key variances from budget (> £250k) at Q1:

£0.8m overspend Additional Needs SEN Transport

£0.6m overspend - Looked After Children - Unaccompanied Asylum Seeking Children

£0.6m overspend - Looked After Children - Residential Placements

£0.5m underspend - Looked After Children - Agency Fostering

£1.3m Supplementary Budget Approval - Delivery of 3 Year Plan

Economy & Environment	2024/25 Approved Revenue Budget £'000	Q1 Outturn £'000	Q1 Outturn Variance £'000
Director Management	55	449	394
Environment, Highways and Waste	26,775	26,250	(525)
Economy and Growth	836	2,024	1,188
Directorate Total	27,666	28,723	1,057

The Development Planning Control Income is forecast at £1.3 million less than budgeted in 2024/25. This pressure is mitigated by other net underspends.

Key variances from budget (> £250k) at Q1:

£1.3m overspend Development Planning Control Income

Corporate Services	2024/25 Approved Revenue Budget £'000	Q1 Outturn £'000	Q1 Outturn Variance £'000
Corporate Services	6,828	8,529	1,701
Governance & Legal	5,652	5,564	(88)
HR & Organisational Development	1,730	1,790	60
Strategic Assets	3,252	3,260	8
Strategic Finance	7,191	7,412	221
Directorate Total	24,653	26,555	1,902

The Directorate is forecasting a cost pressure associated with then 2024/25 and 2023/24 brought forward Saving Targets forecast 'At Risk', where delivery plans to evidence activity and confirm recurrent savings are still under review. The forecast also includes an estimate of the increase in external audit fees for 2024/25 as determined by the PSAA.

Key variances from budget (> £250k) at Q1:

£1.5m overspend 2024/25 and 2023/24 b/fwd Saving Plans considered At Risk of delivery
£0.3m overspend External Audit Fees

Central	2024/25 Approved Revenue Budget £'000	Q1 Outturn £'000	Q1 Outturn Variance £'000
Directorate Total	16,425	21,673	5,248

The Directorate is forecasting a cost pressure associated with the 2024/25 Saving Targets forecast 'At Risk', where delivery plans to evidence activity to deliver recurrent savings are still under review. The forecast also includes additional interest earned from the Authority's finance and investments.

Key variances from budget (> £250k) at Q1:

£5.7m overspend 2024/25 on Saving Plans considered At Risk of delivery £3.3m and In Progress £2.4m
£0.5m underspend on additional Interest earned