

Appendix A

The year-end figures reflect the requirement to allocate internal recharges to comply with CIPFA's Service Reporting Code of Practice (SERCOP). This makes the accounts comparable across all local authorities by ensuring services report their full costs including overheads and capital charges. It also includes technical accounting adjustments to comply with International Financial Reporting Standards (IFRS), including pensions, PFIs and holiday accruals, which have to be undertaken to complete the statutory accounts. The report shows budgets before and after these adjustments.

These are different to the budgets monitored and reported through the year which reflect management responsibilities and accountabilities which is normal practice. The following table summarises the 2013/14 final out-turn position, reconciling the budgets reported through the year to the SERCOP budgets.

Service	Budget Exp.	Budget (Income)	Net Budget	Year-end adjusts	Final net budget	Out-turn Spend	Out-turn (over)under spend	January Forecast	Change
	£000	£000	£000	£000	£000	£000	£000	£000	£000
Adults' Wellbeing	70,170	(15,169)	55,001	3,288	58,289	61,248	(2,959)	(3,000)	41
Children's Wellbeing	43,181	(14,673)	28,508	8,050	36,558	35,691	867	695	172
Economy, Communities & Corporate	111,853	(67,439)	44,414	6,463	50,877	50,310	567	105	462
Chief Exec & Organisational Development	8,033	(707)	7,326	(6,653)	673	364	309	58	251
Public Health	7,941	(7,753)	188	(254)	(66)	(83)	17	0	17
Directorate total	241,178	(105,741)	135,437	10,894	146,331	147,530	(1,199)	(2,142)	943
Treasury management	15,239	(259)	14,980	301	15,281	14,957	324	250	74
Other budgets and reserves	4,364	(4,485)	(121)	(11,195)	(11,316)	(12,588)	1,272	1,865	(593)
Total	260,781	(110,485)	150,296	0	150,296	149,899	397	(27)	424

Adults' Wellbeing

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	£000	£000	£000	£000	£000	£000	£000	£000	£000
Adult Operations	4,071	(516)	3,555	1,994	5,549	5,903	(354)	(91)	(263)
Mental Health	9,106	(1,932)	7,174	160	7,334	7,448	(114)	(190)	76
Learning Disabilities	17,227	(1,318)	15,909	38	15,947	15,655	292	327	(35)
Older People	19,206	(5,365)	13,841	(983)	12,858	13,517	(659)	(951)	292
Physical Disabilities	7,969	(753)	7,216	25	7,241	7,598	(357)	(368)	11
Adult Commissioning	1,020	0	1,020	729	1,749	2,113	(364)	(188)	(176)
Other Services	8,017	(4,660)	3,357	458	3,815	4,870	(1,055)	(1,150)	95
Adult Social care	66,616	(14,544)	52,072	2,421	54,493	57,104	(2,611)	(2,611)	0
Planned savings schemes outside directorate	(876)	0	(876)	0	(876)	0	(876)	(876)	0
Total for adult social care	65,740	(14,544)	51,196	2,421	53,617	57,104	(3,487)	(3,487)	0
Homelessness	2,916	(210)	2,706	166	2,872	2,523	349	317	32
Housing Needs and Development	280	(8)	272	121	393	371	22	44	(22)
Home point	282	(282)	0	144	144	125	19	0	19
Housing and independent living management	225	0	225	72	297	276	21	16	5
Healthy Housing	727	(125)	602	364	966	849	117	110	7
Housing and Independent living	4,430	(625)	3,805	867	4,672	4,144	528	487	41
Directorate Total	70,170	(15,169)	55,001	3,288	58,289	61,248	(2,959)	(3,000)	41

The main changes from the reported position in January are as follows:

Adults' Operations

All obsolete stock that has not been purchased by the new external provider NRS, for the Community Equipment Service, has been written off at the 31 March creating a further overspend of £177k
Additional agency staff costs of (£86k).

Mental Health

There was a reduction in client care costs in particular a reduction in the number and value of residential care costs.

Learning Disabilities

There was a small increase in the cost of client care packages of £35k.

Older People

There was a decrease in the number and cost of packages for nursing (£137k), domiciliary care (£133k) and day services of £22k.

Physical Disabilities

There was a small decrease in the cost of client care packages of £11k.

Adult Commissioning

Underspending due to the lack of demand on the Social fund grant has now been placed in a reserve for use in 2014/15. This had previously been shown as an underspend in January.

Other Services

Further savings of £95k have been achieved within the 2gether, Wye Valley Trust and supporting people contracts.

Housing services

There was a reduction in the predicted cost of homelessness services in February and March.

Children's Wellbeing

Service	Budget Exp.	Budget (Income)	Net Budget	Year-end adjusts	Final net budget	Out-turn Spend	Out-turn (over)under spend	January Forecast	Change
	£000	£000	£000	£000	£000	£000	£000	£000	£000
Directorate Costs	2,561	(318)	2,243	(534)	1,709	1,553	156	98	58
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Service Management	127	0	127	(122)	5	60	(54)	7	(61)
Children's Safeguarding	13,571	(283)	13,288	1,008	14,296	15,495	(1,199)	(1,090)	(109)
Early Help	2,922	(395)	2,527	1,011	3,538	2,551	986	676	310
Safeguarding and Early Help	16,620	(678)	15,942	1,897	17,839	18,106	(267)	(407)	140
Service Management	512	(5)	507	25	532	459	73	56	17
Additional Needs	6,356	(4,004)	2,352	583	2,935	2,861	74	96	(22)
Education Improvement	1,140	(746)	394	102	496	361	135	202	(67)
Youth Services	312	(168)	144	(51)	93	26	67	75	(8)
Children's commissioning	1,811		1,811	105	1,916	1,699	217	169	48
Development and Sufficiency	13,869	(8,754)	5,115	6,026	11,141	11,512	(371)	(377)	6
Education and Commissioning	24,000	(13,677)	10,323	6,790	17,113	16,918	195	221	(26)
Education Support Grant				(103)	(103)	(886)	783	783	0
Children's Wellbeing Directorate	43,181	(14,673)	28,508	8,050	36,558	35,691	867	695	172

The main changes from the reported position in January are;

Education and Commissioning

The opportunity to offset some costs to DSG had not been included in the January forecast, which improved the position for the Local Authority. In addition the billing for inter-authority was different this year and had not been allowed for in the forecast. Previous apportionment of Public Health funding and a reduction in the short breaks demand had also helped improve the position in January.

Central Children's Directorate costs

The Education Service grant remained underspent by £783k and this along with the use of the dedicated schools grant were appropriate accounts for the underspend in this area.

Safeguarding and Family Support

Although this area continued to be overspent the final position had improved from previous forecasts. The adoption reform grant was used to fund costs within the adoption service area and the forecasted full spend of the training budget did not materialise. Previous allocation of Public Health grant to children's centres and intensive family support had helped improve the forecast significantly earlier in the year.

Spend on agency staff continued to increase and this accounts for the £376K overspend within the fieldwork total. Children's external placements remained overspent as forecasted all year, despite significant work being done to try and reduce both the numbers and the costs of individual placements it was not possible to reduce the numbers to those anticipated when setting the original budget which were 33 fostering, 5 residential and 1 secure.

Economy, Communities and Corporate

Service	Budget Exp.	Budget (Income)	Net Budget	Year-end adjusts	Final net budget	Out-turn Spend	Out-turn (over)under spend	January Forecast	Change
	£000	£000	£000	£000	£000	£000	£000	£000	£000
Economic, Environment and Cultural services	12,592	(8,596)	3,996	6,876	10,872	10,104	768	211	557
Placed Based Commissioning	32,436	(4,531)	27,905	3,310	31,215	30,978	237	227	10
Law Governance & Resilience	3,798	(890)	2,908	(887)	2,021	2,685	(664)	(482)	(182)
Chief Finance Officer & Corporate Management	52,014	(48,056)	3,958	(300)	3,658	3,130	528	235	293
Property Services	6,162	(4,525)	1,637	(1,822)	(185)	78	(263)	(154)	(109)
Community & Customer Services	4,578	(805)	3,773	(775)	2,998	3,050	(52)	39	(91)
Director & Management	273	(36)	237	61	298	285	13	29	(16)
Economy, Communities and Corporate	111,853	(67,439)	44,414	6,463	50,877	50,310	567	105	462

The main changes from the reported position in January are;

The integration of the public health service within the council has led to successful joint working with resultant efficiencies. A number of initiatives planned for 2014/15 have been accelerated by the Director of Public Health, generating further efficiencies of which allowed £400k available to this Directorate.

Planning fee income exceeded previous forecasts by £100k in February and March 2014.

There was further underspending on Corporate Management budgets of £160k which includes pension costs and external audit fees and additional courts costs recovered in relation to Council Tax collection.

As previously reported, legal proceedings were commenced against the Council (and other Councils) by private search companies which could result in this Council having to repay around £600k, an increased estimate since January.

Chief Executive and Organisational Development

Service	Budget Exp.	Budget (Income)	Net Budget	Year-end adjusts	Final net budget	Out-turn Spend	Out-turn (over)under spend	January Forecast	Change
	£000	£000	£000	£000	£000	£000	£000	£000	£000
ICT	5,402	(495)	4,907	(4,733)	174	(19)	193	0	193
Human Resources	1,412	(132)	1,280	(1,245)	35	33	2	0	2
Communications and Web	622	(80)	542	(539)	3	4	(1)	0	(1)
Management & Support	217		217	(181)	36	2	34	0	34
Organisational Development Team	7,653	(707)	6,946	(6,698)	248	20	228	0	228
Chief Executive	380	0	380	45	425	344	81	58	23
Chief Executive & Organisational Develop	8,033	(707)	7,326	(6,653)	673	364	309	58	251

The main changes from the reported position in January relates to slippage in ICT Projects. This includes in year savings across ICT budgets, which were previously held back to cover risks within the project to renew the PSN Network contract and the negotiations with partners on requirements and contributions.

Public health

Service	Budget Exp.	Budget (Income)	Net Budget	Year-end adjusts	Final net budget	Out-turn Spend	Out-turn (over)under spend	January Forecast	Change
	£000	£000	£000	£000	£000	£000	£000	£000	£000
Public Health Grant	0	(7,753)	(7,753)	0	(7,753)	(7,753)	0	0	0
Pay Budget	1,918	0	1,918	(509)	1,409	2,237	(828)	0	0
Commissioning Budget	5,522	0	5,522	367	5889	3,918	1,971	0	0
Contingency Budget	350	0	350	0	350	1,493	(1,143)	0	0
Public Health Grant	7,790	(7,753)	37	(142)	(105)	(105)	0	0	0
Research Team	151		151	(112)	39	22	17	0	17
Public Health LA	151	0	151	(112)	39	22	17	0	17
Public Health Directorate	7,941	(7,753)	188	(254)	(66)	(83)	17	0	17

The main changes from the reported position in January relate to vacancies within the Research Team.