

Revenue Summary

		Gross Budget	Working Budget	Outturn	Variance	Planned Use of Reserves	Recovery Plan	Revised Variance	Q2 Variance
Portfolio	Councillor	£000	£000	£000	£000	£000	£000	£000	£000
Health & Adult Wellbeing	Cllr Crockett	107,632	63,939	63,660	(279)	(242)		(521)	465
Children's and Family Services, and Young People's Attainment	Cllr Toynbee	61,291	54,448	63,549	9,101	0	0	9,101	7,161
Commissioning, Procurement and assets	Cllr Davies	25,407	17,298	17,400	102			102	121
Environment and Economy	Cllr Chowns	4,055	3,583	3,768	185	(36)		149	0
Housing, Regulatory Services and Community Safety	Cllr Tyler	4,673	1,873	1,939	66		(36)	30	183
Infrastructure and Transport	Cllr Harrington	20,797	9,828	9,397	(430)			(430)	(245)
Finance, Corporate Services and Planning	Cllr Harvey	23,165	13,917	15,827	1,910	(71)		1,839	1,422
Corporate strategy and budget	Cllr Hitchiner	1,507	712	689	(23)			(23)	(147)
Portfolios		248,527	165,598	176,229	10,632	(349)	(36)	10,247	8,960
Central, treasury management, capital financing & reserves		20,946	10,310	9,210	(1,100)			(1,100)	(267)
Total Revenue		269,473	175,908	185,439	9,532	(349)	(36)	9,147	8,693

Health & Adult Wellbeing Outturn Position 2022-23
Portfolio - Councillor Crockett

	Gross Budget	Working Net Budget	Full Year Outturn	Forecast Variance
	£000	£000	£000	£000
Services for Vulnerable Adults (care provision)	72,216	57,436	57,641	205
Commissioning and Operational Service Delivery	25,704	6,410	5,898	(512)
Public Health	9,712	93	121	28
	107,632	63,939	63,660	(279)

The key variances are:

The forecast overspend in Services for Vulnerable Adults (care provision) reflects a combination of pressures relating to nursing and residential care home placements partially offset by a forecast underspend in homecare.

The forecast underspend in Commissioning and Operational Service Delivery reflects a combination of pressures in DoLS (Deprivation Liberty and Safeguards), the estimated additional cost of the pay award over and above the original 2% included in the MTFS (ie. £468k for Health and Adult Wellbeing), offset by staffing vacancies and S75 funded D2A costs reflected in the Services for Vulnerable Adults (care provision) forecast.

Children's and Family Services, and Young People's Attainment

	Gross Budget	Working Net Budget	Outturn	Forecast Variance
	£000	£000	£000	£000
Children and young people's education and attainment	7,553	5,156	5,719	563
Post 16 education, training and skills development	684	0	0	0
Services for vulnerable young people, children and families	53,054	49,292	57,830	8,538
	61,291	54,448	63,549	9,101

The key variances are:

Children and young people's education and attainment - £10K establishment overspend due to agency in perm post. £504K SEN Transport CPI Inflation and New service users for National Star Placements. (£116K) reduction in contracted services & DSG recharges. £140K Pay Award increase.

Services for vulnerable young people, children and families - £692K savings target taken out. £890K short breaks increase due to rise in children in care. £5.873m rise in costs/number of placements - Assumptions all placements are forecast for the full financial year unless they turn 18 before the 31st of March, risk Placement costs/numbers could rise. Staffing costs increase of £722K due to agency staff covering vacant positions - Assumptions that all agency staff in Permanent positions will remain in these posts until the end of the financial year, risks that we could see further reliance on agency staff increase this cost. (£42k) Training budget reduction. (£54K) Reduction in contracted services & (£60K) reduction in adaptation projects. £382K Pay Award. Transformation funding has spent £6.9m to the end of December. Forecasting to spend £10.3m of the £11.5m transformation money - £0.5m to be carried forward to cover Ofsted improvement posts funded until September 22 and £0.7m carried forward to cover exit strategy for project teams.

Monthly variances are:

(134K) Vacancies in establishment offset by increased agency spend.

£1,917K Placements increase - £873k residential placements. £374K relates to 13 new agency fostering placements in Q3. 166k Unaccompanied Asylum Seeking Children (UASC) residential placements, where income from home office does not cover the placement costs. £163K 2 new support accommodation external placements. £75K foster carers and in house fostering 5% uplift from Nov 22. £16K relating to various framework uplifts.

90K Short breaks increase

(42K) Reduction in training budget

(32K) Increase in DSG recharges

Note:

Budget has increased by 6.49m as a result of tranche 2 drawdown

Commissioning, Procurement and Assets

	Gross Budget £000	Working Net Budget £000	Outturn £000	Forecast Variance £000
Waste Collection & Disposal	15,569	13,100	13,010	(90)
Corporate Support Services	1,394	1,271	1,294	23
Community services: Leisure Services	30	30	30	0
Council Property Services	6,191	1,355	1,363	8
Cultural services	1,956	1,755	1,916	161
Registration Services	267	(213)	(213)	0
	25,407	17,298	17,400	102

The Q3 variances are:

Waste Collection & Disposal - position has improved due to planned draw down from reserves

Council Property Services - time spent on Maylord and College Road offset against rental income, reduction in Flexible Futures forecast due to reduced spend and transferring expenditure to Capital

Environment and Economy

	Gross Budget £000	Working Net Budget £000	Outturn £000	Forecast Variance £000
Economic Development and Regeneration	1,955	2,189	2,135	(54)
Tourism	0	0	0	0
Broadband	358	131	119	(12)
Environmental promotion, protection and sustainability including response to climate emergency	1,742	1,263	1,514	251
	4,055	3,583	3,768	185

The key variances are:

Environmental promotion, protection and sustainability – Energy Cost slight decrease estimated by WME, Beryl Bikes contract pressure of £125k as this was previously grant funded by Access Fund, this has now ceased.

Economic Development- £37K pressure due to One Public Estate repayment of funds for Merton Meadow Housing proposal mitigated by Reserves in Nov

Housing, regulatory services and community safety

	Gross Budget	Working Net Budget	Outturn	Forecast Variance
	£000	£000	£000	£000
Community Safety including the Community Safety Partnership	3	3	3	0
Animal health and welfare	153	43	51	8
Bereavement services including coroner services	708	(830)	(1,061)	(231)
CCTV	196	130	126	(4)
Environmental health and trading standards	2,063	1,922	1,959	37
Gypsy and Traveller Services	444	272	314	42
Licensing	25	(430)	(426)	4
Markets and Fairs	136	(121)	(62)	59
Strategic housing, homelessness, housing allocation and condition	359	298	352	54
Communications and Web Presence	586	586	683	97
	4,673	1,873	1,939	66

The key variances are:

Communications and Web Presence - Pressure of funding Herefordshire Now four times a year

Bereavement services - Increase in activity & adjustment to reflect fee increase in 2022.

Fairs and Markets - Extension of licence reduction & low Trader confidence

Gypsy and Traveller services - reduced pitch availability due to development and repairs

Reserve draw down for Serious Organised Crime Project

Strategic Housing - £36k spend proposed to be recharged to Housing Solutions Team (HST), yet to be approved by HST

Environmental Health £15K pressure from lack of capacity to provide traded services, £20K pressure due to pay award.

Infrastructure and Transport

	Gross Budget	Working Net Budget	Outturn	Forecast Variance
	£000	£000	£000	£000
Building Control	519	(227)	(242)	(15)
Car parking policy and services	830	(4,523)	(4,548)	(25)
Highways & community services	649	425	359	(66)
Land drainage, flood alleviation, rivers and waterways	202	2	(226)	(228)
Land use strategies including Core Strategy	1,062	898	925	27
Traffic Management	361	361	262	(99)
Transport and highways policy strategy and operations	17,174	12,891	12,867	(24)
	20,797	9,827	9,397	(430)

The key variances are:

Car parking and policy services – delay in savings achievement, income is continuing to increase, although PCN income is lower due to staff leaving.

Highways & community services - forecasts have been reduced based on the previous year's winter spend, although this will be monitored closely over the next few months.

Land drainage, flood alleviation, rivers and waterways - underspend represents one-off receipt of claim in respect of flooding

Transport and highways policy strategy and operations – position has improved due to contribution for Ukrainian guest home to school transportation

Traffic Management - benefiting from the fixed cost for street lighting although this has reduced slightly from last month, this will be used to offset the increased cost of other energy bills

Finance, Corporate Services and Planning

	Gross Budget £000	Working Net Budget £000	Outturn £000	Forecast Variance £000
Planning and conservation	3,123	443	885	442
Council ICT services	4,070	3,195	3,386	191
Human Resources	1,287	1,287	1,223	(64)
Equality and Human Rights	245	95	85	(10)
Land Charges	237	(13)	(27)	(14)
Information Governance and Modern Records	474	436	415	(21)
Health and safety, Emergency Planning and Business Continuity	92	92	86	(6)
Performance and Intelligence	2,704	2,704	3,546	842
Legal and Democratic Services including Member Development and Training	5,018	4,892	4,872	(20)
Financial Policy, Fees and Charging Policy, Financial Control and Reporting	5,915	786	1,356	570
	23,165	13,917	15,827	1,910

The Q3 variances are:

IT pressure the same as Q2 and could increase with inflation increasing costs on contract renewals

Staffing underspend on HR as per Q2

High agency spend in performance and large staffing overspend in the PMO with fixed term contracts made permanent and large staff turnover. Increase in S106 consultants spend causing more of a pressure

Legal agency spend contra'd off by underspends on permanent posts vacancies

Finance pressure from agency spend which has stopped, but permanent staffing forecast increased with two recruitments

Planning Income has a pressure of £442K due to a downturn in all applications - the impact of the economic downturn and phosphates issue, Staff costs savings of £25K due to vacancies

Corporate Strategy

	Gross Budget £000	Working Net Budget £000	Outturn £000	Forecast Variance £000
Corporate budget	1,507	712	689	(23)
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The Q3 variances are:

Underspend due to staffing vacancies