

Appendix A: 2024/25 Revenue Outturn Quarter 2 September 2024

2024/25 Forecast Revenue Outturn at Quarter 2 (September 2024)			
	2024/25 Revenue Budget £m	Q2 Outturn £m	Q2 Outturn Variance £m
Community Wellbeing	76.8	80.2	3.4
Children & Young People	64.9	64.9	-
Budget Amendment	2.3	0.9	- 1.4
Economy & Environment	27.7	29.0	1.3
Corporate Services	24.7	26.9	2.2
Directorate Total	196.4	201.9	5.5
Central	16.4	21.1	4.7
Total	212.8	223.0	10.2

Community Wellbeing	2024/25 Approved Revenue Budget £'000	Q2 Outturn £'000	Q2 Outturn Variance £'000
Directorate Management	(13,865)	(12,331)	1,534
Social Care	69,889	72,217	2,328
All Ages Commissioning	16,961	16,767	(194)
Communities	3,700	3,457	(243)
Public Health	113	113	0
Directorate Total	76,798	80,223	3,425

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 Q2:

£2.5m overspend - Physical Support - Residential Care and Homecare

£1.1m overspend - General Fund Housing - Temporary Accommodation

£1.1m overspend - Learning Disabilities - Residential Care and Supported Living

£0.8m underspend - Net forecast for reduced headcount of Staff and Agency/Interims

£0.6m net utilisation of Social Care Resilience Reserve

Children & Young People	2024/25 Approved Revenue Budget £'000	Q2 Outturn £'000	Q2 Outturn Variance £'000
Central Children Directorate Costs	924	730	(194)
Education Skills & Learning	8,947	10,254	1,307
Performance Quality, Assurance & Safeguarding	8,133	7,450	(683)
Safeguarding and Family Support	46,915	46,510	(405)
Sub Total	64,919	64,944	25
Supplementary Budget Approval	2,303	864	(1,439)
Directorate Total	67,222	65,808	(1,414)

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. These pressures are mitigated by reduced Staffing and Interim/Agency costs, Agency and In-house Fostering Fees and other net underspends.

Key variances from budget (> £250k) at Q2:

£1.5m overspend - Additional Needs SEN Transport

£0.5m overspend - Looked After Children - Unaccompanied Asylum Seeking Children

£0.7m underspend - Net forecast for reduced headcount of Staff and Agency/Interims

£0.7m underspend - Looked After Children - Agency and In-house Foster Care

£0.5m underspend - Looked After Children - Supported Accommodation

£1.4m Supplementary Budget Approval - Delivery of 3 Year Plan

Economy & Environment	2024/25 Approved Revenue Budget £'000	Q2 Outturn £'000	Q2 Outturn Variance £'000
Director Management	55	582	527
Environment, Highways and Waste	26,775	26,230	(545)
Economy and Growth	836	2,198	1,362
Directorate Total	27,666	29,010	1,344

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	Q2 Outturn £'000	Q2 Outturn Variance £'000
Corporate Services	6,505	8,442	1,937
Governance & Legal	5,652	5,405	(247)
HR & Organisational Development	1,866	1,930	64
Strategic Assets	3,336	3,284	(52)
Strategic Finance	7,294	7,746	452
Directorate Total	24,653	26,807	2,154

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 Q2:

£1.9m 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	Q2 Outturn £'000	Q2 Outturn Variance £'000
Directorate Total	16,425	21,058	4,633

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 Q2:

£5.7m overspend - 2024/25 on Saving Plans considered At Risk of delivery £3.3m and In Progress £2.4m

£1.1m underspend - Additional Interest earned