

REPORT TO: Executive Board

DATE: 13 June 2024

REPORTING OFFICER: Director of Finance

PORTFOLIO: Corporate Services

SUBJECT: 2023/24 Spending as at 31 March 2024

WARD(S): Borough-wide

1.0 PURPOSE OF REPORT

1.1 To report the Council's overall revenue and capital net spending position for the 2023/24 financial year.

2.0 RECOMMENDED: That;

- (i) The Council's 2023/24 outturn position as presented in the report be noted;**
- (ii) Directorates take all possible steps to manage spending in line with budget during 2024/25;**
- (iii) Priority is given to the acceleration of the Council's Transformation Programme, to ensure it is sufficiently developed to deliver the savings required to meet the medium-term financial gap and help the Council replenish its reserves.**

3.0 SUPPORTING INFORMATION

Revenue Spending

- 3.1 Appendix 1 presents a summary of spending against the Council's revenue budget for the 2023/24 and Appendix 2 provides detailed figures for each individual Department.
- 3.2 In overall terms, net Council spending as at 31 March 2024 is £5.633m over budget. This is an improvement from the forecast outturn position of £7.144m reported at the end of December 2023, showing that the actions being taken by Directorates are having a positive effect. Whilst an improved position, it still has a significant detrimental impact upon the Council's finances and further reduces the Council's limited reserves.
- 3.3 It is clear that the trend of overspending against the approved budget cannot continue, as this is a position which the Council cannot sustain.

The External Auditors Annual Report (received by Audit & Governance Board 20 March 2024) raised the issue of the Council's financial sustainability as a major weakness. The External Auditor issued a key recommendation that the Council should ensure its Transformation Programme is sufficiently developed to meet the medium-term financial gap and help the Council replenish its reserves.

- 3.4 Funding of the overspend position will be met from reductions made via a review of earmarked reserves. The balance of the General Fund reserve totals £5.149m which is considered to be a minimum level which the Council should hold. Further information regarding reserves is included in paragraph 3.27 below.
- 3.5 The total annual budget has increased over the past quarter from £140.880m to £141.772m, an increase of £0.821m. The reason for this is a recalculation by Government of the business rates baseline and a one-off adjustment to the business rates top-up grant. The gain realised here has been moved to reserves and was used to assist with balancing the Council's 2024/25 budget.
- 3.6 The outturn position is a significant improvement on the forecast overspend of £7.144m reported at the end of quarter 3. Detail on significant departmental variances is included within the report.
- 3.7 The table below summarises changes (by directorate) between the forecast outturn reported at 31 December 2023 and the actual outturn position at 31 March 2024. Included below the table are the main reasons for the changes.

	Forecast Outturn Variance 31 December 2023	Actual Outturn Variance to 31 March 2024	Variance
	£'000	£'000	£'000
Adults Directorate	-2,497	-2,819	-322
Chief Executives Directorate	-534	-960	-426
Children Services Directorate	-10,931	-11,020	-89
Environment & Regeneration Directorate	883	2,039	1,156
Public Health Directorate	66	316	250
Corporate & Democracy	5,869	6,812	943
Total Variance	-7,144	-5,633	1,512

- Environment and Regeneration outturn has improved on the forecast position by £1.156m. The main reason for this being £0.996m relating to a refund received following Merseyside Recycling and Waste Authority carrying out a reconciliation of the total contract costs for prior years across the Liverpool City

Region. The percentage of contract costs charged to Halton has reduced in recent years, meaning that it is likely that this refund is a one-off occurrence.

- Corporate & Democracy position has improved due to the Council not drawing down any additional contingency during the final quarter of the year and actual investment income being greater than forecast.
- Chief Executives Directorate position shows an increase in overspend of £0.426m above what was forecast at Q3. Most of the increased costs relate to Legal Services where there is an overspend of £0.480m in Barrister Fees. This increased cost relates primarily to the staffing pressures and the volume of extra work required to meet the increased demands relating to Children's Services.

- 3.8 The outturn position continues shows overspend positions across the majority of departments with the exceptions of Public Health and the Environment and Regeneration Directorate departments.
- 3.9 The largest pressure on the budget continues to be within the Children & Families Department, where net spend for the year is over the approved budget by £10.0m
- 3.10 Included within the departmental figures is the cost of the 2023/24 pay award. This was settled in November 2023 at an increase of £1,925 (excl on-costs) for all staff, with the exception of senior officers where a pay award of 3.5% was previously agreed. The £1,925 equates to a 6% pay increase on average.
- 3.11 The use and cost of agency staff continues to be one of the main contributing factors to the overspend position for the year. This is most evident within the Children & Families Department and the Care Homes Division. Initiatives and support from the Transformation Programme are ongoing to reduce reliance upon agency staff. However, given the level of spend to date, the changes must be introduced as quickly as possible to avoid this becoming an unaffordable issue in the next financial year.
- 3.12 Analysis of agency spend for the year, together with comparative analysis of 2022/23 costs, is included in the table below. This shows an increase in costs over each quarter of the financial year with costs increasing the 2022/23 level of agency spend by 9.15% (4.54% excluding the Transformation Programme).

	2023/24					2022/23
	Q1 £'000	Q2 £'000	Q3 £'000	Q4 £'000	Total £'000	Total £'000
Adult Social Care	1,176	1,339	1,486	1,926	5,927	5,677
Chief Executives Delivery Unit	118	114	122	-354	0	23
Children & Family Services	1,395	1,506	1,731	1,525	6,157	6,315
Community & Greenspace	44	75	98	119	336	130
Economy, Enterprise & Property	92	71	89	91	343	452
Education, Inclusion & Provision	107	102	76	108	393	31
Finance	18	23	0	15	56	31
ICT & Support Services	0	1	6	3	10	0
Legal & Democratic Services	193	182	202	237	814	473
Planning & Transportation	45	48	50	63	206	225
Public Health & Public Protection	0	1	5	15	21	249
Total	3,188	3,462	3,865	3,748	14,263	13,605

3.13 Inflation as at April 2024 is running at 2.3% for CPI and 3.3% for RPI. Whilst rates are above the Government target of 2%, they represent the lowest inflation rates since the summer of 2021.

3.14 Forecast inflation rates for the year are estimated with a range 1.7% to 4.1%, the average expected rate to be 2.4%. It is forecast rates will drop below the 2% Government target rate in early 2025.

3.15 The pay award, high inflation rates, increasing service demands and use of agency staff, continue to have a serious negative impact upon the Council's financial position. As such there continues to be a real urgency for all departments to cease any non-essential spending and to implement any proposed efficiency savings as soon as possible.

Revenue - Operational Spending

3.16 Within the overall budget position for the year, the key variances are as follows;

(i) **Children and Families Department**

The Department's net expenditure is £10.021m over budget at the end of the financial year with the majority relating to Children's Social Care.

Employee costs are over budget by £3.094m at the end of the financial year. There continues to be a heavy reliance on agency staff to fill vacancies across the structure, including Social Worker and Practice Lead positions. This combined with a number of agency staff recruited in addition to the current staffing structure is the cause of this overspend.

Total agency spend for 2023/24 across the division was £6.157m or 51% of the employee budget.

There are various workstreams currently in place to target the difficulties in recruitment and to reduce the volume of agency staff, including the Social Work Academy, a recruitment work group and

a local offer for employees offering recruitment and retention enhancements for those working in Children's Social Care.

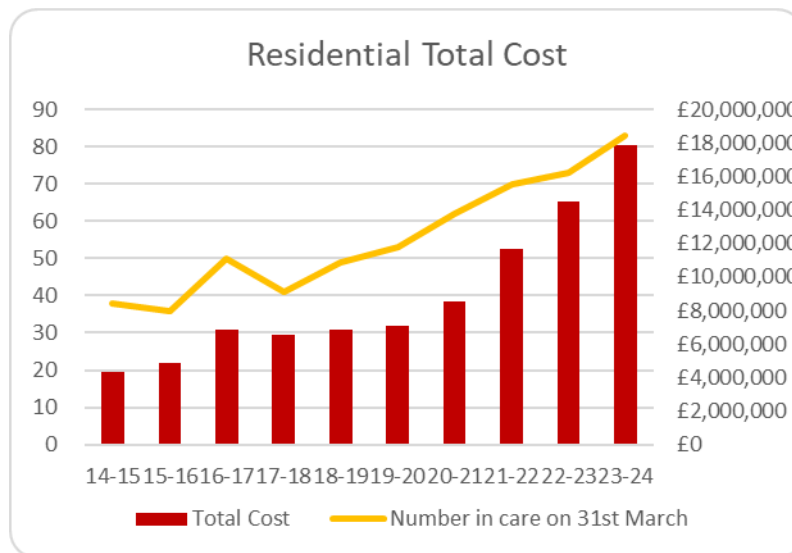
Out of Borough Residential Care continues to be the main budget pressure for the Children and Families Department as the costs of residential care have continued to rise year-on-year. This budget was given additional growth of £4.052m for this financial year to alleviate the pressure, however residential care is still £4.082m overspent.

The table below compares actual revenue spend at 31 March 2024 to annual forecast costs at 31 December 2023.

Provision	Weekly Costs	31 March 2024		31st December 2023	
		No.	Estimated cost	No. Placed	Estimated cost for the year
Residential	£2000 - £3000	7	1,220,918	6	853,613
Residential	£3001 - £4000	8	1,477,688	11	1,959,602
Residential	£4001 - £5000	6	1,401,013	6	1,473,015
Residential	£5001 - £13720	35	10,886,809	30	10,611,463
Secure	£6397 - £8137			0	0
Leaving Care	£443 - £7175	18	2,260,385	17	1,922,334
Parent & Child	£2000 - £5500	8	628,230	6	562,071
Total:		82	17,875,043	76	17,382,099

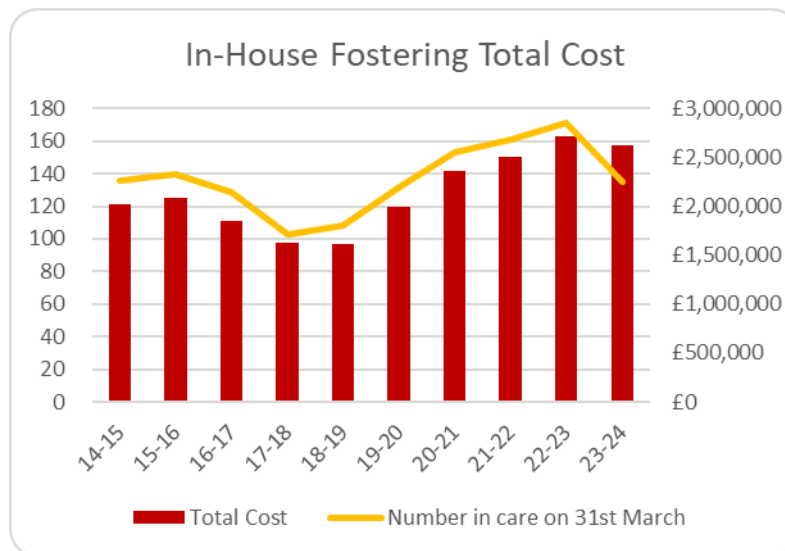
Over the past year out of borough residential care costs have increased from £14.487m (as at 31 March 2023) to £17.875m (23%). Over the same period the number of children with an out of borough residential placement increased from 73 to 82, an increase of 9 (12%).

The graph below illustrates the rising costs of Residential Care, for consistency this does not include the costs of Unaccompanied Asylum-Seeking Children (UASC) as these costs were not included in previous years.

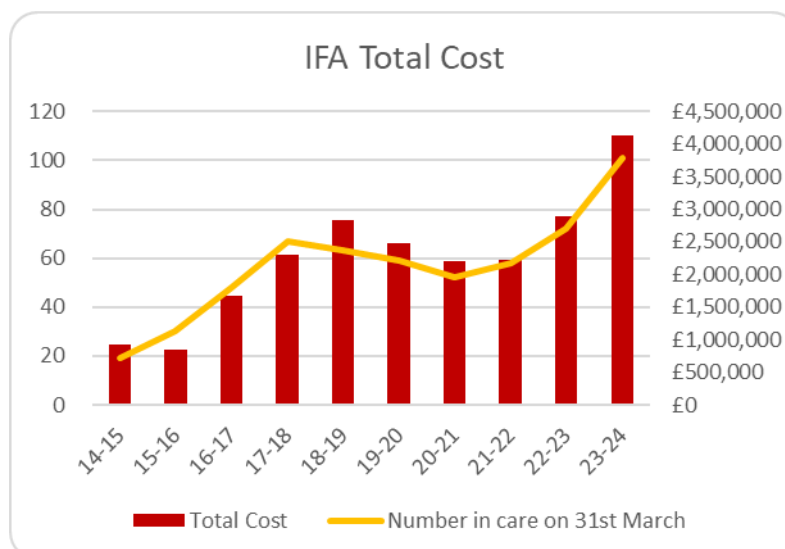


In house fostering placements is £0.119m under budget profile. Growth of £0.268m was added which has reduced pressure in this area. Along with the growth provided to reduce the pressure, the number of children placed within in-house provision has reduced. The underspend relates to a number of children that have moved to either a Special Guardianship Order (SGO), an Independent Fostering Agency (IFA) or residential care placement, as the inhouse placement has become unstable.

Work continues to recruit and retain Halton's In-house foster carers, along with training to develop carers enabling them to accommodate more specialist placements and support and mentor each other. This therefore means that costs could increase. However, the ability to accommodate young people within in-house provision provides a substantial saving in comparison to IFA or residential care.



Increasing numbers of children in care and insufficient in-house fostering provision has meant increased reliance on IFA. Higher numbers of children placed within IFA provision and increased IFA rates has resulted in an outturn overspend of £1.081m.



(ii) **Education, Inclusion and Provision Department**

The net departmental expenditure for EIP is £0.998m over budget at the end of 23/24.

Schools Transport continues to be the main budget pressure for Education, Inclusion and Provision. The Council has a statutory responsibility to provide Special Educational Needs (SEN) pupils with transport. The budget can be split into two main areas; between SEN pupils attending an In Borough Schools and those attending Out of Borough Schools. The demand for the School Transport service is increasing in line with the increasing number of pupils with SEN within the Borough.

The table below breaks down the split between the different areas, and how each areas spend compares to budget.

	2023-24				
Area	No. of Users	Budget £'000	Actual Spend £'000	Variance £'000	Average Cost per User £
In Borough	422	1,186	1,470	(284)	£3,483
Out of Borough	125	459	1,181	(722)	£9,448
Total	547	1,645	2,651	(1,006)	

As at 31 March 2024 there were 547 service users, largely unchanged from Q3. The majority of which attend schools within the Borough, 422 compared to 125 out of the Borough. As can be seen both areas are overspending compared to budget. However, the out of borough forecast overspend is far greater than that for in-borough. The demand for the School Transport service is increasing in line with the increasing number of pupils with SEN within the Borough.

In setting the 2024/25 budget, growth has been added to increase the annual budget to £2.100m, despite which this is still significantly short of actual spend incurred during 2023/24. There is a workstream within the Transformation Programme considering this area, which needs to be looked at with pace to ensure the Council starts to see a reduction in costs.

(ii) **Adult Social Care Directorate**

Community Care

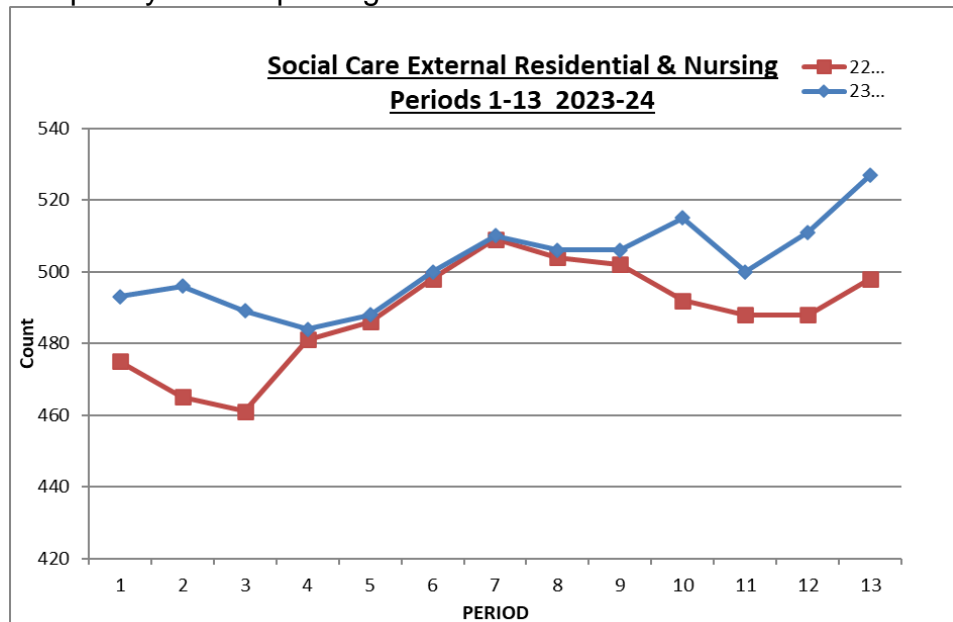
At the end of the financial year, expenditure on Community Care services is over budget profile by £1.326m.

The Domiciliary and Supported Living outturn is significantly more than was forecast at quarter 3. This is due to two high cost service users who were omitted from the previous forecast

Residential & Nursing Care

Between April 23 and March 24 the number of people in receipt of Residential or Nursing Care increased from 493 to 527, an increase of 6.8%.

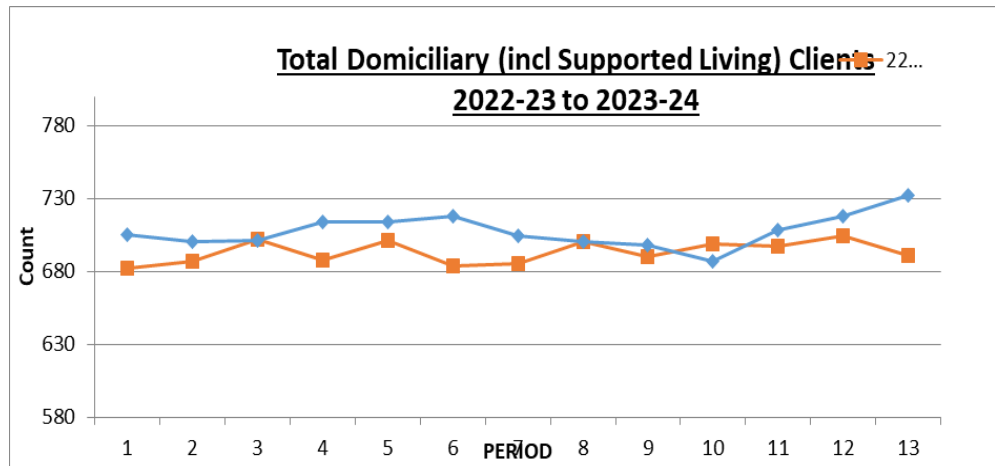
The average cost of a package of care has increased 10.6% from £864 in April to £956 in March suggesting an increase in the complexity of care packages.



Domiciliary Care & Supported Living

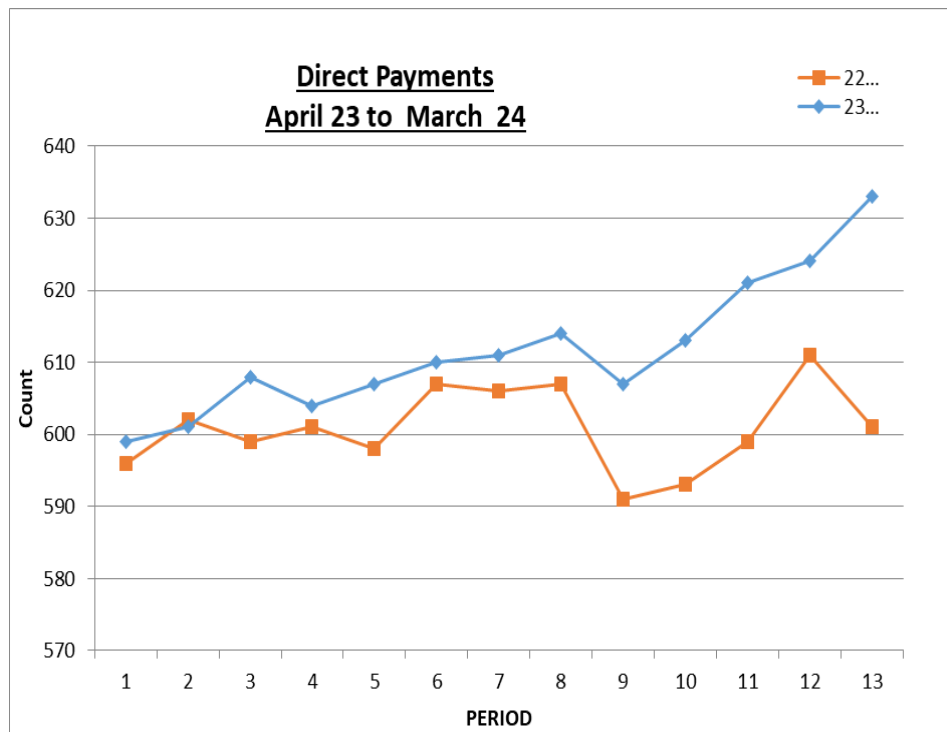
At 31 March 2024 there are 732 service users receiving a package of care at home compared to 705 in April 2023, an increase of 3.8%.

The average cost of a package of care has increased from £417 in April to £475 at the end of the year, an increase of 13.9%. Note, this is inclusive of an in-year uplift of 6% paid to providers from October 2023, funded from the Market Sustainability Grant.



Direct Payments

The number of service users in receipt of a Direct Payment increased from 599 to 633 over the course of the year. The average package of care cost increased from £551 to £591, an increase of £7.25%. This service continues to be a pressure as it is often used as a default position due to the current domiciliary provider being unable to pick up additional care packages.



Care Homes

Net spend for the Care Homes division to 31 March 2024 was £10.942m, which was £1.036m higher than budget. The main budget pressure related to staffing costs.

Recruitment and retention of staff is a continued pressure across the care homes and the division is heavily reliant upon the use of overtime and agency staff to cover vacancies. At the end of financial year 2023/24 total agency spend across the care homes reached £3.6m, the cost of which has partially been offset by staff vacancies.

Whilst the spend remains high, there has been a reduction of £0.5m from the £4.1m spend in the previous financial year. This is due to a combination of all care homes now using the Matrix booking system, and some vacant posts being filled permanently.

Throughout the year a number of residents within the care homes were identified as needing 1:1 care in addition to the support the care homes provide on a day to day basis.

(iii) Community and Greenspaces

The net departmental expenditure is £1.808m under budget at the end of the 2023/24 financial year.

Spend on employees is £0.721m under the annual budget. Management-level restructures have taken place across the Department during the year, with further a further restructure taking place within the Community Safety Division, and another underway within the Stadium and Catering Division. In order to facilitate these restructures, posts have been held vacant on a temporary basis, leading to a reduction in costs. There have also been difficulties recruiting to certain roles due to a lack of qualified applicants, which has led to some posts being vacant for longer than planned.

Spend on premises costs is £0.592m under budget in 2023/24. The Department was provided with an increase of £1.2m in utility budgets for 2023/24, based on an estimated increase in energy bills, however, the actual increase in costs was not as high as anticipated. Additionally, £0.126m of credits for prior-year gas costs were received by the Department following a reconciliation of energy bills which has increased the level of the underspend significantly. This underspend is unlikely to occur in future years as utility budgets have been reduced for 2024/25.

Both Supplies & Services, and Hired & Contracted Services budgets show a significant overspend in 2023/24. This is a budget pressure throughout the Department and is primarily caused by inflationary cost increases of key goods and services over recent years.

Waste Disposal Contract costs are £1.262m under budget during 2023/24. £0.996m of this underspend relates to a refund received following Merseyside Recycling and Waste Authority carrying out a reconciliation of the total contract costs for prior years across the

Liverpool City Region. The percentage of contract costs charged to Halton has reduced in recent years, meaning that it is likely that this refund is a one-off occurrence. The remaining £0.266m of the underspend relates to 2023/24 contract costs, which did not increase as much as expected from the previous year.

Income targets for the department have always been a cause of budget pressure, however, the past year has seen a significant reduction in the shortfall of income against budget. Overall the department has generated income of £14.863m against a budget target of £14.924m, with significant income increases for leisure centres and The Brindley.

(iv) **Corporate and Democracy**

Net expenditure for Corporate & Democracy was £6.812m below budget for the year to 31 March 2024. There were two main areas which reflect on the underspend against budget.

Included within the above figures are both general and specific contingency budgets. This includes a contingency for continuing budget pressures within social care services and recognises that efforts to control and reduce spending within these areas is part of a longer term plan. The contingency budget figure for the year was £4.036m.

Interest rate rises by the Bank of England (5.25% at March 2024) have increased the amount of interest which the Council is able to generate from its cash investments. This position also helped by the Council maintaining higher cash reserves than expected at the time the budget was set. Overall external income from investments was £5.685m against a budget target of £3.999m, an overachievement of £1.686m.

Looking ahead to 2024/25, contingency budget has largely been allocated out to departments, to assist them with managing their overspending areas. The budgeted income target for interest receivable has also been significantly increased to match actual activity, to assist with balancing the 2024/25 budget.

Collection Fund

- 3.17 Council tax collection for the year to 31 March 2024 is 93.8%, down 0.11% on this point last year. Cash collection for the year to date is £74.3m, this includes £2.2m collected in relation to previous year debt.
- 3.18 Business rates collection for the year to 31 March 2024 is 96.7%, down 0.94% on this point last year. The collection percentage has been impacted by a large site coming onto the rating list during March 2024, for which the Council has billed the organisation in full for the rates due but it remained unpaid at 31st March 2024. Excluding this site the

collection rate would have been 97.7%, up by 0.08% on this point last year.

Review of Reserves

- 3.19 As at 31 March 2024 the Council's General Reserve is unchanged from the previous year at £5.147m, which represents 3.46% of the Council's 2024/25 net budget. This is considered to be the minimum level required.
- 3.20 Funding of the 2023/24 overspend position has been funded from available earmarked reserves.
- 3.21 A review of earmarked reserves has been undertaken and depending upon their purpose and level of commitment, it has been determined whether they can be released in part or in full to assist with funding the Council's current financial challenges, recognising that this only provides one-year solutions.

Mersey Gateway Reserve

- 3.22 During the year a performance review of the Mersey Gateway project was undertaken by Mersey Gateway Crossing Board (MGCB) and the Department for Transport (DfT). This review covered the period October 2017 to March 2023 and future reviews will be undertaken every 3 years.
- 3.23 As part of the review an exercise was undertaken regarding the excess revenue share procedure. This identified that up to March 2023 the excess income from the project over and above project costs was £52.647m. The Council's share of this amount is £7.897m, with £44.750 being repayable to the DfT.
- 3.24 Included within Schedule 3 of the Mersey Gateway Road User Charging Scheme are restrictions upon how the Council can utilise the excess share. Included as part of these is the following:
- Making payments to the Council's General Fund for the purpose of directly or indirectly facilitating the achievement of policies relating to public transport in its Local Transport Plan (LTP).
- 3.25 Since April 2018 (first full year of Mersey Gateway being operational) the Council has incurred costs of £16.510m in funding LTP initiatives. The Council's share of the excess funding meets these conditions, and therefore forms part of the Council's overall reserves available to fund the 2023/24 overspend and future years' budgets.

3.26 The table below shows the cost of funding the LTP over the 5 years from 2018/19 to 2022/23.

Narrative	Extract from LTP	18/19 spend	19/20 spend	20/21 spend	21/22 spend	22/23 spend	Total Spend 18/19 to 22/23
		£m	£m	£m	£m	£m	£m
Highways Maintenance	Maintain roads and footpaths to appropriate standards. Provide adequate winter maintenance to roads and footpaths	2.228	2.362	2.699	2.369	2.739	12.397
Street lighting	Maintain street lights to best possible standards ensuring energy efficient	0.157	0.165	-0.043	0.050	0.035	0.364
School Crossing Patrol	Continue to ensure road safety	0.080	0.077	0.075	0.078	0.074	0.384
Bus shelters	Good quality timetable information	0.022	0.044	0.020	0.005	0.028	0.118
Independent travel trainer and travel training co-ordinator	Continue to provide travel training for vulnerable young people and adults	0.061	0.064	0.064	0.067	0.074	0.331
Bus support	Ensure a good, reliable bus service which is accessible to all. High frequency services	0.554	0.503	0.457	0.666	0.736	2.915
Totals		3.103	3.214	3.271	3.235	3.686	16.510

Reserves Summary

3.27 A summary breakdown of Council reserves is presented in the table below, this shows the remaining position “after” funding of the 2023/24 overspend.

Summary of General and Earmarked Reserves	
Reserve	Reserve Value £m
Corporate:	
General Fund	5.149
Transformation Fund	6.334
Capital Reserve	0.500
Insurance Reserve	1.000
Specific Projects:	
Adult Social Care	0.911
Fleet Replacement	0.328
Highways Feasibility Costs	0.964
Local Development Framework	0.494
Community & Environment	0.238
Mersey Valley Golf Club	0.483
Various Other	0.383
Grants:	
Building Schools for the Future	7.123
Public Health	1.881

Supporting Families Performance Payments	0.534
Children's & Education	0.820
Domestic Abuse	1.186
Community & Environment	1.094
Various Other	1.083
Total Earmarked Reserves	30.505

- 3.28 Held within the Transformation Reserve is £6.334m, set aside to provide funding to assist with balancing future budgets and a range of potential spending commitments in future years associated with delivering the Transformation Programme.
- 3.29 The excess share of the Mersey Gateway reserve, as outlined above, has been included within the Transformation Reserve.
- 3.30 The above table shows the diminishing level of reserves available to assist with funding any future budget overspends and balancing future budgets. Only the £11.483m total of the General Fund and Transformation Reserve could now be used for these purposes, as all remaining reserves are committed for specific purposes. It is therefore essential over the coming year that councilwide spending is brought in line with budget and the Transformation Programme delivers the required budget savings.

Capital Spending

- 3.31 Capital spending at 31st March 2024 totalled £43.939m, which is 71.4% of the planned spending of £61.528m (which assumes a 20% slippage between years). Appendix 2 presents details of spending against all capital schemes.

Outstanding Sundry Debts

- 3.32 A review of aged debt outstanding as at March 2024, shows an increase in overdue sundry debts of £1.200m or 7.0%. The total balance outstanding and currently overdue is £18.525m.
- 3.33 The increase in outstanding debt is most notable within Adult Social Care, the total outstanding debt has increased since March 2023 by £1.696m or 13.9% to £12.228m. Although it should be noted there has been a gradual improvement with this position, as during the final quarter of the financial year ASC outstanding debt has reduced by £0.646m or 5% from December 2023 levels.
- 3.34 The increase in ASC debt has been tracked over the past year and in March 2024, Management Team agreed to the creation of two new permanent Community Care Worker posts to concentrate on collection of old debt and prompt recovery of new debt. It is expected there will be a significant drop in outstanding debt over the next year given the resource available to focus on this area.

3.35 The table below summarises debt at March 24 compared to March 23 and also shows the bad debt provision the Council has had to prudently set aside to account for any future write off of debt. The significant increase over the year for Employment, Enterprise and Property, is due to repayment of a significant grant claim from a private operator. This debt is being collected via an up to date payment plan and is expected to be collected in full.

Department	Outstanding Debt March 2024 £'000	Outstanding Debt March 2023 £'000	Increase (Decrease) in Debt £'000	Bad Debt Provision March 2024 £'000
Adult Social Care	12,228	10,532	1,696	2,607
Chief Executives Delivery Unit	13	16	(4)	10
Children & Family Services	1,016	936	80	119
Community & Greenspace	1,324	1,390	(66)	317
Economy, Enterprise & Property	1,116	681	435	175
Education, Inclusion & Provision	296	746	(450)	26
Finance Department	676	877	(201)	44
ICT & Support Services	180	176	4	18
Legal & Democratic Services	75	82	(7)	70
Planning & Transportation	441	494	(53)	184
Public Health & Public Protection	85	55	30	11
Other	1,075	1,340	(265)	0
Total	18,525	17,325	1,200	3,581

3.36 It should be noted that the profile of aged debt is a snapshot taken at a point in time and there is constant work being undertaken to recover outstanding debt.

3.37 Higher debt levels result in missed opportunities for the Council given the high level of return the Council can currently obtain on cash investments. For every £1m of debt, the Council is missing the opportunity to generate around £60,000 per annum in interest income. Therefore, it is essential that additional work is undertaken to analyse the debt in more detail to enable more prompt recovery action to be taken.

4.0 CONCLUSIONS

4.1 Whilst the outturn position for the year is £1.511m lower than forecast at quarter 3, it was only largely due a one-off reimbursement from the Waste contract which has helped achieve this position.

4.2 The £5.6m overspend for the year is a major concern for the Council. It is clear the Council cannot continue on the same course as it has over the last 6 years where net spending has been over the approved budget (with the exception of 2020/21).

- 4.3 The 2024/25 budget has been increased to reflect the increased spending against all the high pressure areas, including, Children's Social Care, Community Care and Schools Transport. It does not provide budget for the excess cost of agency staff (the assumption being that departments provide for this by reducing spend elsewhere) and the budget also includes a Transformation Programme savings target of £4m.
- 4.4 Departmental budget managers should continue to ensure that any expenditure is limited to absolutely essential items only. Departments should ensure that all spending continues to be restricted and tightly controlled throughout the financial year.
- 4.5 The use of agency staff should be a last resort and only used where there is a vacant post within the permanent establishment to mitigate against the additional cost.
- 4.6 There is an urgent requirement to accelerate the Transformation Programme to start delivering against the budget savings targets of £4m in 2024/25 and £16m over the following two years. If these are not delivered on schedule and spend on agency staff is not reduced, the Council will quickly run out of resources required to continue to deliver services.
- 4.7 A report on the 2024/25 budget monitoring position as at 31st May 2024 along with an initial outturn forecast, will be presented at the earliest opportunity to allow for any urgent corrective action to be taken.

5.0 POLICY AND OTHER IMPLICATIONS

- 5.1 None.

6.0 IMPLICATIONS FOR THE COUNCIL'S PRIORITIES

- 6.1 There are no direct implications, however, the revenue budget and capital programme support the delivery and achievement of all the Council's priorities.

7.0 RISK ANALYSIS

- 7.1 There are a number of financial risks within the budget. However, the Council has internal controls and processes in place to ensure that spending remains in line with budget as far as possible.

8.0 EQUALITY AND DIVERSITY ISSUES

- 8.1 None.

9.0 CLIMATE CHANGE IMPLICATIONS

- 9.1 None

10.0 LIST OF BACKGROUND PAPERS UNDER SECTION 100D OF THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 1072

10.1 There are no background papers under the meaning of the Act

Summary of Revenue Spending to 31 March 2024

APPENDIX 1

Directorate / Department	Annual Budget £'000	Actual To Date £'000	Variance (Overspend) £'000
Adult Social Care	21,966	22,423	(457)
Care Homes	9,906	10,942	(1,036)
Community Care	15,697	17,023	(1,326)
Complex Care Pool	10,099	10,099	0
Adults Directorate	57,668	60,487	(2,819)
Finance	4,487	4,696	(209)
Legal & Democratic Services	1,749	2,087	(338)
ICT & Support Services	1,216	1,477	(261)
Chief Executives Delivery Unit	-1,568	-1,415	(153)
Chief Executives Directorate	5,884	6,845	(961)
Children & Families	32,115	42,136	(10,021)
Education, Inclusion & Provision	9,004	10,003	(999)
Childrens Directorate	41,119	52,139	(11,020)
Community & Greenspace	29,216	27,408	1,808
Economy, Enterprise & Property	3,182	2,988	194
Planning & Transportation	17,743	17,706	37
Environment & Regeneration Directorate	50,141	48,102	2,039
Corporate & Democracy	-14,513	-21,325	6,812
Public Health Directorate	1,473	1,157	316
Total Operational Net Spend	141,772	147,405	(5,633)

Adult Social Care

APPENDIX 2

	Annual Budget	Actual Spend	Variance (Overspend)
	£'000	£'000	£'000
Expenditure			
Employees	15,593	15,919	(326)
Premises	695	679	16
Supplies & Services	1,426	1,396	30
Aids & Adaptations	38	39	(1)
Transport	228	386	(158)
Food Provision	201	202	(1)
Agency	734	726	8
Supported Accommodation and Services	1,205	1,211	(6)
Emergency Duty Team	110	163	(53)
Contacts & SLAs	577	575	2
<u>Housing Solutions Grant Funded Schemes</u>			
Homelessness Prevention	356	355	1
Rough Sleepers Initiative	157	167	(10)
Total Expenditure	21,320	21,818	(498)
Income			
Fees & Charges	-804	-760	(44)
Sales & Rents Income	-453	-478	25
Transfer from Reserves	-435	-435	0
Reimbursements & Grant Income	-1,953	-2,131	178
Capital Salaries	-121	-121	0
Housing Schemes Income	-506	-540	34
Total Income	-4,272	-4,465	193
Net Operational Expenditure	17,048	17,353	(305)
Recharges			
Premises Support	583	583	0
Transport Support	575	727	(152)
Central Support	3,667	3,667	0
Asset Rental Support	205	205	0
Recharge Income	-112	-112	0
Net Total Recharges	4,918	5,070	(152)
Net Departmental Expenditure	21,966	22,423	(457)

Care Homes

	Annual Budget	Actual	Variance (Overspend)
	£'000	£'000	£'000
Expenditure			
<u>Madeline Mckenna</u>			
Employees	672	784	(112)
Other Premises	122	127	(5)
Supplies & Services	16	16	0
Food Provison	43	45	(2)
Reimbursements & Other Grant Income	-35	-35	0
Total Madeline Mckenna Expenditure	818	937	(119)
<u>Millbrow</u>			
Employees	2,084	2,265	(181)
Other Premises	151	203	(52)
Supplies & Services	43	66	(23)
Food Provison	75	80	(5)
Reimbursements & Other Grant Income	-101	-101	0
Total Millbrow Expenditure	2,252	2,513	(261)
<u>St Luke's</u>			
Employees	2,740	2,906	(166)
Other Premises	208	237	(29)
Supplies & Services	46	73	(27)
Food Provison	118	121	(3)
Reimbursements & Other Grant Income	-76	-76	0
Total St Luke's Expenditure	3,036	3,261	(225)
<u>St Patrick's</u>			
Employees	1,824	2,246	(422)
Other Premises	191	192	(1)
Supplies & Services	43	65	(22)
Transport	0	0	(0)
Food Provison	112	130	(18)
Reimbursements & Other Grant Income	-121	-121	0
Total St Patrick's Expenditure	2,049	2,512	(463)
<u>Care Homes Divison Management</u>			
Employees	285	250	35
Supplies & Services	0	3	(3)
Care Home Divison Management	285	253	32
Net Operational Expenditure	8,440	9,476	(1,036)
Recharges			
Premises Support	285	285	0
Transport Support	0	0	0
Central Support	890	890	0
Asset Rental Support	291	291	0
Recharge Income	0	0	0
Net Total Recharges	1,466	1,466	0
Net Departmental Expenditure	9,906	10,942	(1,036)

Community Care

	Annual Budget	Actual Spend	Variance (Overspend)
	£'000	£'000	£'000
Expenditure			
Residential & Nursing	13,579	13,928	(349)
Domiciliary Care & Supported living	12,357	12,643	(286)
Direct Payments	12,218	12,969	(751)
Day Care	375	535	(160)
Total Expenditure	38,529	40,075	(1,546)
Income			
Residential & Nursing Income	-12,059	-11,865	(194)
Community Care Income	-2,381	-2,402	21
Direct Payments Income	-956	-1,003	47
Income from other CCGs	-126	-131	5
Market Sustainability & Improvement Grant	-1,497	-1,497	0
Adult Social Care Support Grant	-4,357	-4,357	0
Market Sustainability Workforce Grant	-718	-718	0
LA UEC Grant	-156	-156	0
War Pension Disregard Grant	-67	-56	(11)
Other Income	-515	-867	352
Total Income	-22,832	-23,052	220
Net Departmental Expenditure	15,697	17,023	(1,326)

Complex Care Pool

	Annual Budget £'000	Actual Spend £'000	Variance (Overspend) £'000
Expenditure			
Intermediate Care Services	5,292	5,150	142
Oakmeadow	1,831	1,894	(63)
Community Home Care First	1,530	2,047	(517)
Joint Equipment Store	829	1,014	(185)
HICafs	3,258	3,024	234
Contracts & SLA's	3,321	3,222	99
Carers Breaks	450	345	105
Carers Centre	354	357	(3)
Residential Care	7,393	7,209	184
Domiciliary Care & Supported Living	3,756	3,897	(141)
Total Expenditure	28,014	28,159	(145)
Income			
BCF	-12,762	-12,762	0
CCG Contribution to Pool	-2,864	-2,864	0
ASC Discharge Grant	-979	-979	0
ICB Discharge Grant	-942	-942	0
LA UEC Grant	-144	-144	0
Oakmeadow Income	-6	-2	(4)
Other Income	-25	-27	2
Transfer from Reserve	-193	-193	0
Cfwd from 2022/23	0	-147	147
Total Income	-17,915	-18,060	145
Net Operational Expenditure	10,099	10,099	0
Recharges			
Premises Support	0	0	0
Transport	0	0	0
Central Support	0	0	0
Asset Rental Support	0	0	0
HBC Support Costs Income	0	0	0
Net Total Recharges	0	0	0
Net Departmental Expenditure	10,099	10,099	0

Finance Department

	Annual Budget	Actual Spend	Variance (Overspend)
	£'000	£'000	£'000
Expenditure			
Employees	6,500	6,415	85
Insurances	1,039	1,048	(9)
Supplies & Services	446	406	40
Rent Allowances	30,945	30,945	0
Concessionary Travel	1,748	1,684	64
Non HRA Rent Rebates	51	51	0
Discretionary Social Fund	73	6	67
Discretionary Housing Payments	273	273	0
Household Support Fund Expenditure	2,528	2,528	0
Energy Bills Support	40	40	0
LCR Levy	2,241	2,241	0
Transfer to Reserves	17	0	17
Bad Debt Provision	110	281	(171)
Total Expenditure	46,011	45,918	93
Income			
Other Fees & Charges	-344	-385	41
Burdens Grant	-60	-104	44
Dedicated schools Grant	-123	-123	0
Council Tax Liability Order	-541	-649	108
Business Rates Admin Grant	-157	-157	0
Schools SLAs	-295	-311	16
LCR Reimbursement	-2,241	-2,241	0
HB Overpayment Debt Recovery	-236	-236	0
Rent Allowances	-30,390	-30,049	(341)
Non HRA Rent Rebate	-70	-70	0
Discretionary Housing Payment Grant	-285	-285	0
Housing Benefits Admin Grant	-493	-524	31
Universal Credits	-204	0	(204)
Council Tax Admin Grant	-2,526	-2,526	0
Household Support Fund Grant	-55	-55	0
Energy Bills Support	-129	-129	0
Alternative Fuel	-300	-300	0
Transfer from Reserves	-82	-85	3
Total Income	-38,531	-38,229	(302)
Net Operational Expenditure	7,480	7,689	(209)
Recharges			
Premises Support	268	268	0
Transport	0	0	0
Central Support	2,069	2,069	0
Asset Rental Support	0	0	0
HBC Support Costs Income	-5,330	-5,330	0
Net Total Recharges	-2,993	-2,993	0
Net Departmental Expenditure	4,487	4,696	(209)

Legal & Democratic Services Department

	Annual Budget	Actual Spend	Variance (Overspend)
	£'000	£'000	£'000
Expenditure			
Employees	1,436	1,364	72
Agency Costs (Locums)	0	814	(814)
Supplies & Services	164	175	(11)
Civic Catering & Functions	26	12	14
Legal Expenses	260	614	(354)
Transport Related Expenditure	11	7	4
Total Expenditure	1,897	2,986	(1,089)
Income			
School SLA's	-92	-78	(14)
Licence Income	-284	-324	40
Reimbursement & Other Grants	-42	-42	0
Fees & Charges Income	-70	-43	(27)
Transfer from Reserves	0	-752	752
Total Income	-488	-1,239	751
Net Operational Expenditure	1,409	1,747	(338)
Recharges			
Premises Support	58	58	0
Transport Recharges	0	0	0
Central Support Recharges	282	282	0
Asset Rental Support Costs	0	0	0
Support Recharge Income	0	0	0
Net Total Recharges	340	340	0
Net Departmental Expenditure	1,749	2,087	(338)

	Annual Budget	Actual Spend	Variance (Overspend)
	£'000	£'000	£'000
Expenditure			
Employee Expenditure	8,126	8,406	(280)
Supplies & Services Expenditure	1,122	1,276	(154)
Capital Finance	78	32	45
Computer Repairs & Software	1,021	1,021	(0)
Communication Costs	155	155	0
Premises Expenditure	175	135	40
Transport Expenditure	3	2	1
Transfer to Reserves	147	147	0
Total Expenditure	10,827	11,175	(347)
Income			
Fees & Charges	-996	-1,087	91
Schools SLA Income	-610	-606	(4)
Transfer From Reserves	-150	-150	0
Total Income	-1,756	-1,843	87
Net Operational Expenditure	9,071	9,332	(260)
Recharges			
Premises Support	557	557	0
Transport	16	16	0
Central Support	1,797	1,797	0
Asset Rental Support	726	726	0
HBC Support Costs Income	-10,951	-10,951	0
Net Total Recharges	-7,855	-7,855	0
Net Departmental Expenditure	1,216	1,477	(260)

Chief Executives Delivery Unit

	Annual Budget	Actual Spend	Variance (Overspend)
	£'000	£'000	£'000
Expenditure			
Employees	2,845	2,907	(62)
Employees Training	117	78	39
Apprenticeship Levy	379	379	0
Supplies & Services	203	337	(134)
Total Expenditure	3,544	3,701	(157)
Income			
Fees & Charges	-241	-245	4
Schools SLA	-532	-532	0
Total Income	-773	-777	4
Net Operational Expenditure	2,771	2,924	(153)
Recharges			
Premises Support	117	117	0
Transport	0	0	0
Central Support	1,023	1,023	0
Asset Rental Support	12	12	0
HBC Support Costs Income	-5,491	-5,491	0
Net Total Recharges	-4,339	-4,339	0
Net Departmental Expenditure	-1,568	-1,415	(153)

Children & Families Department

	Annual Budget	Actual Spend	Variance (Overspend)
	£'000	£'000	£'000
Expenditure			
Employees	12,101	15,195	(3,094)
Other Premises	476	421	55
Supplies & Services	2,078	3,280	(1,202)
Transport	113	376	(263)
Direct Payments	1,048	871	177
Commissioned services to Vol Orgs	224	198	26
Residential Care	14,993	19,075	(4,082)
Out of Borough Adoption	30	0	30
Out of Borough Fostering	3,194	4,274	(1,081)
In House Adoption	461	453	9
Special Guardianship Order	2,221	2,523	(302)
In House Foster Carer Placements	2,740	2,621	119
Lavender House	230	219	11
Home Support & Respite	530	553	(23)
Care Leavers	286	308	(21)
Family Support	53	75	(22)
Contracted services	3	4	(1)
Early Years	275	440	(165)
Emergency Duty	124	184	(59)
Youth Offending Services	255	326	(71)
Capital Financing	0	0	(0)
Transfer to Reserve	106	106	0
Total Expenditure	41,540	51,501	(9,961)
Income			
Fees & Charges	-34	-23	(11)
Sales Income	-4	-2	(2)
Rents	-84	-84	0
Reimbursement & other Grant Income	-1,134	-1,086	(48)
Transfer from reserve	-193	-193	0
Dedicated Schools Grant	-50	-50	0
Government Grants	-10,488	-10,488	0
Total Income	-11,988	-11,926	(62)
Net Operational Expenditure	29,552	39,575	(10,023)
Recharges			
Premises Support	392	392	(0)
Transport Support	15	13	2
Central Support	3,290	3,290	0
Asset Rental Support	0	0	0
Recharge Income	-1,134	-1,134	(0)
Net Total Recharges	2,563	2,561	2
Net Departmental Expenditure	32,115	42,136	(10,021)

Education, Inclusion & Provision Department

	Annual Budget	Actual Spend	Variance (Overspend)
	£'000	£'000	£'000
Expenditure			
Employees	7,206	7,028	178
Premises	13	9	4
Supplies & Services	2,545	2,529	16
Transport	6	1	5
Schools Transport	1,645	2,651	(1,006)
Commissioned Services	1,636	1,626	10
Grants to Voluntary Organisations	35	94	(59)
Independent School Fees	8,131	8,131	0
Inter Authority Special Needs	1,043	1,043	0
Pupil Premium Grant	129	129	0
Nursery Education Payments	7,843	7,843	0
Capital Financing	2,705	2,703	2
Total Expenditure	32,937	33,787	(850)
Income			
Fees & Charges Income	-202	-217	15
Government Grant Income	-5,938	-5,938	0
Schools SLA Income	-389	-410	21
Reimbursements & Grant Income	-1,172	-1,162	(10)
Transfer from Reserves	-255	-255	0
Dedicated Schools Grant	-20,430	-20,430	0
Inter Authority Income	-373	-373	0
Total Income	-28,759	-28,785	26
Net Operational Expenditure	4,178	5,002	(824)
Recharges			
Premises Support	281	281	0
Transport Support	441	614	(173)
Central Support	1,609	1,611	(2)
Asset Rental Support	2,495	2,495	0
Recharge Income	0	0	0
Net Total Recharges	4,826	5,001	(175)
Net Departmental Expenditure	9,004	10,003	(999)

Community & Greenspaces Department

	Annual Budget	Actual Spend	Variance (Overspend)
	£'000	£'000	£'000
Expenditure			
Employees	16,785	16,064	721
Premises	3,913	3,321	592
Supplies & Services	1,446	1,740	(294)
Hired & Contracted Services	963	1,121	(158)
Book Fund	140	140	0
Food Provisions	371	353	18
School Meals Food	1,965	2,221	(256)
Transport	117	123	(6)
Waste Disposal Contracts	6,885	5,623	1,262
Grants to Voluntary Organisations	170	142	28
Grant to Norton Priory	174	174	0
Other Agency Costs	498	477	21
Other Expenditure	61	79	(18)
Transfers to Reserves	459	459	0
Total Expenditure	33,947	32,037	1,910
Income			
Sales Income	-1,305	-1,244	(61)
Fees & Charges Income	-5,099	-5,248	149
Rental Income	-213	-236	23
Government Grant Income	-1,132	-1,135	3
Reimbursements & Other Grant Income	-876	-912	36
School SLA Income	-2,061	-2,081	20
School Meals Income	-3,576	-3,427	(149)
Internal Fees Income	-418	-406	(12)
Capital Salaries	-166	-96	(70)
Transfers from Reserves	-78	-78	0
Total Income	-14,924	-14,863	(61)
Net Operational Expenditure	19,023	17,174	1,849
Recharges			
Premises Support	1,825	1,825	0
Transport	2,046	2,087	(41)
Central Support	3,856	3,856	0
Asset Rental Support	3,006	3,006	0
HBC Support Costs Income	-540	-540	0
Net Total Recharges	10,193	10,234	(41)
Net Departmental Expenditure	29,216	27,408	1,808

Economy, Enterprise & Property Department

	Annual Budget	Actual Spend	Variance (Overspend)
	£'000	£'000	£'000
Expenditure			
Employee Related Expenditure	5,611	5,453	158
Repairs & Maintenance	2,034	2,149	(115)
Premises	161	158	3
Energy & Water Costs	1,781	1,560	221
NNDR	738	635	103
Rents	195	297	(102)
Economic Regeneration Activities	19	15	4
Security	551	625	(74)
Supplies & Services	445	429	16
Supplies & Services - Grant	597	597	0
Grants to Voluntary Organisations	168	168	0
Capital Finance	60	60	0
Transfer to Reserves	592	592	0
Total Expenditure	12,952	12,738	214
Income			
Fees & Charges Income	-1,146	-1,210	64
Rent - Commercial Properties	-878	-847	(31)
Rent - Investment Properties	-44	-39	(5)
Rent - Markets	-831	-802	(29)
Government Grant	-1,260	-1,260	0
Reimbursements & Other Grant Income	-718	-718	0
Schools SLA Income	-299	-264	(35)
Recharges to Capital	-305	-324	19
Transfer from Reserves	-1,566	-1,566	0
Total Income	-7,047	-7,030	(17)
Net Operational Expenditure	5,905	5,708	197
Recharges			
Premises Support	2,006	2,006	0
Transport Support	23	25	(2)
Central Support	1,710	1,711	(1)
Asset Rental Support	1,266	1,266	0
Recharge Income	-7,728	-7,728	0
Net Total Recharges	-2,723	-2,720	(3)
Net Departmental Expenditure	3,182	2,988	194

Planning & Transportation Department

	Annual Budget	Actual Spend	Variance (Overspend)
	£'000	£'000	£'000
Expenditure			
Employees	4,957	4,986	(29)
Efficiency Savings	-100	-100	0
Premises	211	145	66
Hired & Contracted Services	356	605	(249)
Supplies & Services	225	327	(102)
Other Expenditure	0	0	0
Street Lighting	2,025	1,685	340
Highways Maintenance - Routine & Reactive	1,699	1,595	104
Highways Maintenance - Programmed Works	565	568	(3)
Fleet Transport	1,410	1,475	(65)
Bus Support - Halton Hopper Tickets	52	14	38
Bus Support	458	458	0
Capital Financing	0	0	0
Grants to Voluntary Organisations	31	30	1
NRA Levy	73	71	2
LCR Levy	1,059	1,059	0
Contribution to Reserves	1,427	1,427	0
Contribution to Reserves	14,448	14,345	103
Income			
Sales & Rents Income	-101	-67	(34)
Planning Fees	-738	-470	(268)
Building Control Fees	-242	-183	(59)
Other Fees & Charges	-916	-1,065	149
Grants & Reimbursements	-562	-525	(37)
Government Grant Income	-262	-262	0
Halton Hopper Income	-54	-23	(31)
Recharge to Capital	-280	-113	(167)
LCR Levy Reimbursement	-1,059	-1,059	0
Contribution from Reserves	-531	-531	0
Efficiency Savings	0	0	0
Total Income	-4,745	-4,298	(447)
Net Operational Expenditure	9,703	10,047	(344)
Recharges			
Premises Support	509	509	0
Transport	591	668	(77)
Central Support	1,432	1,432	0
Asset Rental Support	10,157	10,157	0
HBC Support Costs Income	-885	-885	0
Transport Recharge Income	-3,764	-4,222	458
Net Total Recharges	8,040	7,659	381
Net Departmental Expenditure	17,743	17,706	37

Corporate & Democracy

	Annual Budget	Actual Spend	Variance (Overspend)
	£'000	£'000	£'000
Expenditure			
Employees	361	347	14
Contracted Services	39	34	5
Supplies & Services	131	-169	300
Premises Expenditure	5	8	(3)
Transport Costs	1	21	(20)
Members Allowances	946	949	(3)
Interest Payable - Treasury Management	1,099	1,238	(139)
Interest Payable - Other	1,744	1,687	57
Bank Charges	144	253	(109)
Audit Fees	342	355	(13)
Contingency	4,036	0	4,036
Capital Financing	4,482	4,174	308
Contribution to Reserves	4,391	4,970	(579)
Debt Management Expenses	20	24	(4)
Precepts & Levies	221	227	(6)
Agency Related Expenditure	0	0	0
Business Support Grants	0	0	0
Total Expenditure	17,962	14,118	3,844
Income			
Interest Receivable - Treasury Management	-3,999	-5,685	1,686
Interest Receivable - Other	0	-13	13
Other Fees & Charges	-153	-336	183
Grants & Reimbursements	-473	-826	353
Government Grant Income	-1,469	-1,994	525
Transfer from Reserves	-8,384	-8,592	208
Total Income	-14,478	-17,446	2,968
Net Operational Expenditure	3,484	-3,328	6,812
Recharges			
Premises Support	8	8	0
Transport Support	0	0	0
Central Support	870	870	0
Asset Rental Support	-18,875	-18,875	0
Recharge Income	0	0	0
Net Total Recharges	-17,997	-17,997	0
Net Departmental Expenditure	-14,513	-21,325	6,812

Public Protection

	Annual Budget	Actual Spend	Variance (Overspend)
	£'000	£'000	£'000
Expenditure			
Employees	4,913	4,365	548
Premises	6	6	0
Supplies & Services	280	252	28
Contracts & SLA's	7,088	7,071	17
Transport	4	2	2
Other Agency - Port Levies	23	23	0
Transfer to Reserves	51	51	0
Total Expenditure	12,365	11,770	595
Income			
Fees & Charges	-152	-173	21
Reimbursements & Grant Income	-422	-480	58
Transfer from Reserves	-842	-484	(358)
Government Grant Income	-11,509	-11,509	0
Total Income	-12,925	-12,646	(279)
Net Operational Expenditure	-560	-876	316
Recharges			
Premises Support	156	156	0
Transport	19	19	0
Central Support	2,340	2,340	0
Asset Rental Support	0	0	0
HBC Support Costs Income	-482	-482	0
Net Total Recharges	2,033	2,033	0
Net Departmental Expenditure	1,473	1,157	316

Capital Programme as at 31 March 2024

Appendix 3

Directorate/Department	2023/24 Capital Allocation	Actual Spend to 31 March 2024	Total Allocation Remaining
	£'000	£'000	£'000
CHILDRENS DIRECTORATE			
Asset Management Data	15	0	15
Capital Repairs	1,040	904	136
Asbestos Management	22	1	21
Schools Access Initiative	44	22	22
Small Capital Works	142	102	40
Basic Need Projects	601	0	601
Cavendish School	605	451	154
Astmoor Primary	300	243	57
Ashley School	500	37	463
Kingsway Academy	30	26	4
Oakfield Primary	370	353	17
St Basils Primary	250	0	250
St Peter & Paul High School	356	0	356
The Brow Primary	115	103	12
Victoria Road Primary	250	142	108
Westfield Primary	220	216	4
Woodside Primary	340	307	33
SEMH Free School	239	239	0
Brookfields School	300	0	300
SCA unallocated	19	0	19
Family Hubs & Start for Life	82	29	53
Grange BSF	49	49	0
TOTAL CHILDRENS DIRECTORATE	5,889	3,224	2,665
ADULT DIRECTORATE			
Disabled Facilities Grant	650	771	-121
Stair lifts (Adaptations Initiative)	300	259	41
RSL Adaptations (Joint Funding)	200	171	29
Telehealthcare Digital Switchover	300	165	135
Millbrow Refurbishment	200	51	149
Madeline Mckenna Refurb.	1,000	17	983
St Luke's Care Home	100	97	3
St Patrick's Care Home	100	44	56
TOTAL ADULTS DIRECTORATE	2,850	1,575	1,275

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Directorate/Department	2023/24 Capital Allocation	Actual Spend to 31 March 2024	Total Allocation Remaining
	£'000	£'000	£'000
ENVIRONMENT and REGENERATION DIRECTORATE			
Total Bridge & Highway Maintenance	3,133	1,404	1,729
Integrated Transport	539	0	539
CRSTS	7,140	2,983	4,157
SJB – Decoupling	0	0	0
Runcorn Busway	239	556	-317
East Runcorn Connectivity (ERC)	1,577	2,238	-661
A56 Reconstruction	947	3	944
Dukesfield ATL (Waterloo Bridge)	0	1,518	-1,518
LCWIP Phase 2 Daresbury	5,783	1,921	3,862
ATF3 Murdishaw to Whitehouse	3,000	611	2,389
ATF4 Widnes Town Centre Accessibility	122	1	121
SUD Green Cycle	0	2	-2
Street Lighting	50	100	-50
Lighting Upgrades	300	423	-123
Silver Jubilee Bridge - Lighting	0	0	0
Risk Management	100	58	42
Fleet Vehicles	2,500	1,430	1,070
Mersey Gateway - Land Acquisition	839	309	530
Mersey Gateway - Crossings Board	33	30	3
Mersey Gateway - Handback Land	23	102	-79
Widnes Loops	0	91	-91
Measures to Assist Buses	0	12	-12
Stadium Minor Works	34	31	3
Brookvale Pitch Refurbishment	28	13	15
Halton Leisure Centre	15,057	17,260	-2,203
Open Spaces Schemes	850	314	536
Children's Playground Equipment	105	107	-2
Upton Improvements	13	0	13
Crow Wood Park Play Area	12	1	11
Landfill Tax Credit Schemes	340	0	340
Runcorn Town Park	284	125	159
Spike Island / Wigg Island	1,023	54	969
Pickerings Pasture Café	520	17	503
Litter Bins	20	20	0
3MG	24	16	8

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Directorate/Department	2023/24 Capital Allocation £'000	Actual Spend to 31 March 2024 £'000	Total Allocation Remaining £'000
Murdishaw	30	8	22
Equality Act Improvement Works	289	289	0
Foundry Lane Residential Area	2,471	1,311	1,160
Police Station Demolition	406	406	0
Kingsway Learning Centre Improved Facilities	32	32	0
Roof Top Garden	0	0	0
Property Improvements	268	269	-1
Woodend - Former Unit 10 Catalyst Trade Park	204	204	0
Runcorn Station Building Development	80	30	50
Waterloo Building	109	109	0
UK Shared Prosperity Fund	82	30	52
Runcorn Waterfront Residential Development	291	22	269
Changing Places	213	188	25
Town Deal	2,303	1,829	474
TOTAL ENVIRONMENT and REGENERATION DIRECTORATE	51,413	36,477	14,936
CHIEF EXECUTIVE DIRECTORATE			
ICT Rolling Capital Project	700	281	419
Halton Smart Microgrid	11,000	0	11,000
Transformation Programme	5,000	2,323	2,677
Decarbonisation Scheme	59	59	0
TOTAL CHIEF EXECUTIVE DIRECTORATE	16,759	2,663	14,096
TOTAL CAPITAL PROGRAMME	76,911	43,939	32,972
Slippage (20%) Carried Forward	-15,382		
Slippage Brought Forward			
TOTAL	61,528	43,939	17,590

