



Borough of Telford and Wrekin

Full Council

Thursday 18 July 2024

6.00 pm

Council Chamber, Third Floor, Southwater One, Telford, TF3 4JG

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To confirm the minutes of the last meeting of the Council.

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The Leader of the Council may give an oral report on matters of significance to the Borough, comment upon the Cabinet decisions or make any announcements.

6.0 Election of Leader of the Council

To elect a Leader of the Council until the conclusion of the 26/27 municipal year.

7.0 Mayor's Announcements

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To note the Mayoral Engagements undertaken since the previous Council meeting.

8.0 Councillor Questions On Notice

To answer questions received under Council Procedure Rule 6.2.

NB In accordance with the provisions of Council Procedure Rule 6.2.9 there will be a maximum of 30 minutes allowed for questions and answers. Any question not answered within the 30 minute time limit will receive a written reply within 5 working days.

9.0 Cabinet Decisions Made Since the Last Meeting of the Council

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To receive the report on the Cabinet decisions made since publication of the last Council meeting agenda. Cabinet Members may speak on these decisions and Members may ask questions about key decisions of the relevant Cabinet Member for the purposes of clarification only. Members are asked to note the additional delegations to officers granted at those meetings.

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FULL COUNCIL

Minutes of a meeting of the Full Council held on Thursday 23 May 2024 at 6.00 pm in Council Chamber, Third Floor, Southwater One, Telford TF3 4JG

Present: Councillors E Aston, S Bentley, K T Blundell, M Boylan, S P Burrell, E M Callear, L D Carter, G H Cook, E Davies, S Davies, P Davis, F Doran, N A Dugmore, A J Eade, A R H England, N A M England, S Handley, Z Hannington, C Healy, T L B Janke, A S Jhawar, L Lewis, G Luter, A D McClements, R Mehta, K Middleton, H Morgan, T J Nelson, G L Offland, R A Overton, I Preece, S J Reynolds, S A W Reynolds, H Rhodes, R Sahota, P J Scott, S Syrda, G Thomas, P Thomas, J Thompson, W L Tomlinson, K T Tomlinson, K Tonks, C R Turley, R Tyrrell, O Vickers, P Watling and D R W White

Apologies: Councillors A J Burford, J Jones, G C W Latham-Reynolds, L Parker and J Urey

1 Declaration

Councillor H Rhodes read the following declaration:

“Colleagues, aware of our responsibilities to promote democracy and the wellbeing of all local people, on behalf of the Council, I make this commitment to our office as elected representatives.

Elected to serve the public good, we recognise that public office is a privilege granted by the people and not a right.

We, elected representatives of the people of Telford & Wrekin, declare that we will, to the best of our ability, uphold the Council’s constitution and serve the community above any private or personal interest.”

Members signified their affirmation of the Declaration.

2 Prayers and Reflections

Lokendra Poudel from the Hindu Temple, Dawley said prayers.

3 Election of Mayor

It was moved by Councillor H Morgan, seconded by Councillor R Mehta, that Councillor I Preece be elected as Mayor of the Council.



RESOLVED – that Councillor I Preece be elected as Mayor of the Council for the municipal year 2024/25.

4 **Election of Speaker**

It was moved by Councillor K Middleton, seconded by Councillor R Overton, that Councillor A R H England be elected as Speaker of the Council.

RESOLVED – that Councillor A R H ENgland be elected as Speaker of the Council for the municipal year 2024/25.

5 **Election of Deputy Speaker**

It was moved by Councillor R Overton, seconded by Councillor S J Reynolds, that Councillor H Rhodes be elected as Deputy Speaker of the Council.

RESOLVED – that Councillor H Rhodes be elected as Deputy Speaker of the Council for the municipal year 2024/25.

6 **Election of Deputy Mayor**

It was moved by Councillor A Jhawar, seconded by Councillor C Healy, that Councillor E Callear be elected as Deputy Mayor of the Council.

RESOLVED – that Councillor E Callear be elected as Deputy Mayor of the Council for the municipal year 2024/25.

7 **Vote of Thanks to Retiring Mayor**

A vote of thanks to the retiring Mayor, Councillor A England, was proposed by Councillor R Mehta and seconded by Councillor K Middleton.

RESOLVED – that the Council record its thanks to the retiring Mayor, Councillor A England for his service over the 2023/24 term of office.

8 **Reply to Vote of Thanks**

In response, the retiring Mayor thanked Members for their kind messages and stated that it had been an honour to serve as Mayor. He highlighted a number of engagements that he had attended with businesses, dignitaries and charities. He had been honoured to shake hands with HRH Princess Anne during her visit to Harper Adams University, to meet the Duke of Edinburgh in Dawley and to have lunch with Queen Camilla. As First Citizen of the Borough he had attended a 103rd Birthday event and children’s events and he sent personal thanks to everyone who had invited him to attend their events.



The retiring Mayor noted that he had raised over £5,000 for the Telford CVS for care and care leavers as this was a charity close to his heart. He looked forward to seeing the impact this had within the community. He wished the new Mayor a successful and enjoyable year in office.

9 Declarations of Interest

None.

10 Minutes of the Previous Meeting

RESOLVED – that the minutes of the meeting held on 29 February 2024 be confirmed and signed by the Mayor.

11 Announcements

The Leader welcomed the visitors who had attended this important civic occasion.

The Leader thanked Councillor A England on his year as First Citizen and Mayor and wished Councillor I Preece well in his forthcoming role.

The Leader expressed that he had made the appointments of his Cabinet, Chairs and members of committees and he welcomed the new year with focus and energy in order to protect, care and invest in the Borough.

The Leader congratulated Councillor T Nelson on his appointment as the Leader of the Opposition and looked forward to weeks, months and years of working together. He also thanked Councillor A Eade as the outgoing Opposition Leader.

The Leader welcomed Councillor P Thomas as an Independent Member following his recent move from his former party membership and looked forward to working with him in his new role.

The Leader felt it was time for change now that a general election had been called on 4 July 2024. He hoped that each and every member of the Council would perform their civic and democratic duty and that they would continue to work with residents over the remaining three years of the administration's term.

The Leader reflected on his achievements and was proud of the skill and dedication of Councillors, residents, officers, businesses and other sectors over the last eight years and he recognised that time did move on. He stated



there was a passionate younger generation snapping at Member's heels with Councillor O Vickers now being the youngest ever Cabinet Member.

The Leader highlighted the Council's achievements over the last two months and expressed that whatever came next for the Council he would always be a fan of Telford and Wrekin Council, our place, the best place to live, work, be educated and visit.

Councillor T J Nelson, Leader of the Conservative Group, thanked the Leader for his kind words and congratulated those who had been appointed to their new roles. He stated that democracy depended on power being effectively and constructively challenged in order to produce the best policy and decisions and that he would approach his new position with humility and dignity and looked forward to working for the good of the Borough.

Councillor W L Tomlinson, Leader of the Liberal Democrat Group, looked forward to working with Councillors P Thomas and T Nelson and thanked the staff without whom the Council wouldn't achieve anything. He stated the Council was trying to do the best it could but with the lack of funding more needed to be done to prevent Councils getting into financial difficulties. Whoever came into government would not be able to wave a magic wand but hopefully it would improve the broken system and put the country in a better place.

The Leader welcomed the fresh approach and constructive criticism that would come over the course of the next municipal year. The Council was here to look after young people in its care and support the most vulnerable adults whatever their age or disability. It would ensure the streets were clean, safe and green and that businesses would come to Telford and stay, grow and prosper. He expressed that whatever happened nationally, the reality was that the country needed to be in a better place, be able to see a GP, families have access to a dentist and that he would never stop fighting for the A&E and Women and Childrens' Unit. It had been the greatest privilege to serve the Borough and in order to win trust party politics needed to be put aside.

12 Appointment of Cabinet

Councillor S Davies notified the meeting of his appointments to Cabinet.

13 Delegation Scheme

Councillor S Davies proposed that the Council reassert the delegation scheme as detailed in the Council Constitution.



RESOLVED - that the discharge of Council functions by Committees as set out in the Council's Constitution dated 5 March 2020 be approved under the provisions of Section 101 of the Local Government Act 1972.

14 Governance Update

Councillor S Davies moved and Councillor R Overton seconded the Governance update.

RESOLVED – that:

- a) the calculation of political balance following some changes in political group membership be noted;
- b) the Committees and Boards, shown at Appendix A to the report for the 2024/25 Municipal Year, together with the appointment of the Chair and Deputy Chair for each body be approved;
- c) delegated authority be granted to the Monitoring Officer, to make any further calculations of political balance following any additional changes in membership;
- d) the review and approval of the Terms of Reference for each Committee and Board be delegated to the relevant Committee or Board be confirmed;
- e) the Monitoring Officer to give effect to nominations to Committees and Boards notified to her in writing by Group Leaders be authorised;
- f) delegated authority be granted to the Monitoring Officer to make amendments to the Council's Constitution in accordance with this report; and
- g) delegated authority be granted to the Monitoring Officer to make any consequential amendments to the Constitution to give effect to any matters outlined in this report.

15 Programme of Ordinary Meetings of the Council

The programme of dates for ordinary meetings of the Council for 2024/25 to 2025/26 were set out in the report.

The meeting ended at 6.57 pm



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Chairman:

Date: Thursday 18 July 2024

MAYORAL ENGAGEMENTS **May 2024 – July 2024**

JULY	04	DM	Slimming World Celebration, Telford	
	05	DM	European Innovation Programme Start Up, Telford	
	08	M	Chinese Dragon Boat Festival, Shrewsbury	
	13	M	Dementia Friends Memory Café, Telford	
	15	M	D-Day Landings 80 th Anniversary Remembrance Service, Telford	
			Priorslee Summer Fayre, Priorslee	
	17	M	Shrewsbury Fire Service Medal Ceremony, Shrewsbury	
	19	M	Blue Skies Graduation, Telford	
	21	M	The Maples Care Home 1 st Birthday Celebration, Telford	
	23	M	Newport Town Mayor's Civic Service, Newport	
	26	M	Citizenship Ceremony, Wellington	
	28	M	Priorslee House Open Day, Telford	
	JULY	29	M	Telford Fibro Family and Friends Quiz, Oakengates
		06	M	Seldom Heard Voices Forum Family Awareness Event, Wellington
07		M	Hollinswood & Randlay Fun Day, Telford	
11		M	Crucial Crew 2024, Telford	
			Make a Change Competition, Telford	
12	M	Disability Pride Flag Raising Event, Telford		
13	M	Meadows Fest, Telford		

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Cabinet Decisions Made Since the Last Meeting of the Council

Cabinet Member:	Cllr Zona Hannington - Cabinet Member: Finance & Governance
Lead Director:	Anthea Lowe - Director: Policy & Governance
Service Area:	Policy & Governance
Report Author:	Paige Starkey - Senior Democracy Officer (Scrutiny)
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Wards Affected:	All Wards
Key Decision:	Not Key Decision
Forward Plan:	Not Applicable
Report considered by:	Full Council – 18 July 2024

1.0 Recommendations for decision/noting:

1.1 None. For information only.

2.0 Purpose of Report

2.1 This report sets out those matters determined by the Cabinet at its meeting on 16 May and 10 July 2024.

3.0 Background

3.1 The report sets out those matters determined by the Cabinet since the Full Council meeting on 29 February 2024 for the information of Full Council.

4.0 Summary of main proposals

4.1 This report is for the information of Members.

5.0 Alternative Options

5.1 Not applicable.

6.0 Key Risks

6.1 Key risks are described in each individual report presented at Cabinet. Copies of these reports have been circulated to all Members of the Council previously.

7.0 Council Priorities

7.1 The relevant Council Priorities for each Cabinet decision are described in the relevant report.

8.0 Financial Implications

8.1 As described in each report considered by Cabinet. Copies of all reports have been previously circulated to all Members of the Council.

9.0 Legal and HR Implications

9.1 Legal implications are described in each individual report presented at Cabinet. Copies of these reports have been circulated to all Members of the Council previously.

10.0 Ward Implications

10.1 Implications for individual wards are set out in the reports previously considered by Cabinet.

11.0 Health, Social and Economic Implications

11.1 These implications are considered with every report presented to Cabinet and make up a section of each individual report. These reports have already been circulated to all Councillors

12.0 Equality and Diversity Implications

12.1 As described in each report considered by Cabinet. Copies of all reports have been previously circulated to all Members of the Council.

13.0 Climate Change and Environmental Implications

13.1 The climate change and environmental implications of reports are described in each individual report.

14.0 Background Papers

None.

15.0 Appendices

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Appendix A

Cabinet Business

Matters that have been determined by Cabinet are listed below:

	2.1	<u>16 May 2024</u>
NK	2.1.1	Annual Governance Statement 2023/24
NK	2.1.2	New complaint handling code and combined complaint policy
NK	2.1.3	Telford and Wrekin Corporate Climate Change Risk Register
	2.2	<u>10 July 2024</u>
K C	2.2.1	2024/25 Financial Monitoring Report
K C	2.2.2	2023/24 Financial Outturn Report
K	2.2.3	Better Homes for All Update 2024
NK	2.2.4	Affordable Warmth Strategy Update
NK	2.2.5	Annual Customer Feedback and Complaint reports 2023/24

Key

K	= Key Decisions
NK	= Non-Key Decisions
E	= Exempt Items
PE	= Part Exempt Item
C	= Council
PC	= Part Recommendation to Council

Delegation of Powers Granted by the Cabinet

REPORT HEADING	DELEGATION GRANTED TO	DETAIL OF DELEGATION GRANTED
New complaint handling code and combined complaint policy	Director for Communities, Customer & Commercial Services, in consultation with the Lead Cabinet Member for Finance, Customer Service & Governance	To make amendments to this policy going forward in line with changes to the appropriate legislation or policy.
Telford and Wrekin Corporate Climate Change Risk Register	Director for Communities, Customer & Commercial Services, in consultation with the Cabinet Member for Climate Change Action, Green Spaces, Heritage & Leisure	To ensure that the risk register is kept under regular review and updates are received by Cabinet on an annual basis.
Better Homes for All Update 2024	Director Housing, Employment & Infrastructure, in consultation with the Cabinet Member for Homes & Enforcement	To make ongoing changes to the policy including fees, charges and fines as may be required.
2023/24 Financial Outturn Report	Interim Director: Finance & HR, in consultation with the Cabinet Member for Finance, Customer Services and Governance	To make any changes required.



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2024/25 Financial Monitoring Report

Cabinet Member:	Cllr Zona Hannington - Cabinet Member: Finance and Governance
Lead Director:	Michelle Brockway - Interim Director: Finance, People and IDT
Service Area:	Finance, People and IDT
Report Author:	Pauline Harris – Finance Manager
Officer Contact Details:	Tel: 01952 383701 Email: pauline.harris@telford.gov.uk
Wards Affected:	All Wards
Key Decision:	Key Decision
Forward Plan:	Yes – 10 June 2024
Report considered by:	SMT – 18 June 2024 Business Briefing – 27 June 2024 Cabinet – 10 July 2024 Full Council – 18 July 2024

1.0 Recommendations for Decision/Noting

It is recommended that Full Council:

- 1.1 Approve the changes to the capital programme and all associated changes to the Medium Term Financial Strategy, including Treasury and Prudential Indicator. Details are in Appendix A.

2.0 Purpose of Report

- 2.1 The financial monitoring report to Cabinet on 10 July 2024 provided an update on the revenue budget and progress relating to the capital programme. The report

included some changes to the capital programme which now require formal approval by Full Council.

3.0 Background

3.1 The Medium Term Financial Strategy (MTFS) 2024/25 to 2027/28 was approved at Full Council on 29 February 2024, which included the 2024/25 revenue budget and medium term capital programme.

3.2 Changes to the capital programme are approved by Full Council.

4.0 Summary of main proposals

4.1 The approvals required are attached at Appendix A.

5.0 Alternative Options

5.1 Not Applicable.

6.0 Key Risks

6.1 Budget holders actively manage their budgets and the many financial risks and challenges that council services face, examples include the risk of a particularly harsh winter which would impact adversely on the winter gritting and adult social care budgets, the increasing dependency on income from a wide range of activities and the risk of interest rate movements and further inflationary pressures, the risk of changes in legislative or accounting requirements impacting on budgets etc. The Council has comprehensive risk management arrangements in place, which are reviewed and updated by the Senior Management Team.

7.0 Council Priorities

7.1 Delivery of all Council priorities depends on the effective use of available resources. Regular financial monitoring in the financial management reports helps to highlight variations from plan so that action can be taken to effectively manage the Council's budget.

8.0 Financial Implications

8.1 The financial impacts are detailed in the report.

9.0 Legal and HR Implications

9.1 There are no direct legal implications arising from this report. The S151 Officer has a statutory duty to monitor income and expenditure and ensure that the Council takes action if overall net overspends /shortfalls emerge.

10.0 Ward Implications

10.1 There are no impacts on specific wards

11.0 Health, Social and Economic Implications

11.1 There are no Health, Social and Economic Implications directly arising from this report.

12.0 Equality and Diversity Implications

12.1 There are no Equality & Diversity implications directly arising from this report.

13.0 Climate Change and Environmental Implications

13.1 There are no Climate Change and Environmental Implications directly arising from this report.

14.0 Background Papers

1	Medium Term Financial Strategy 2024/25 to 2027/28	Council 29/02/2024
2	2024/25 Financial Monitoring Report	Cabinet 10/07/2024

15.0 Appendices

Appendix A Capital Approvals

16.0 Report Sign Off

Signed off by	Date sent	Date signed off	Initials
Director	12/06/2024	12/06/2024	MLB
Finance	12/06/2024	12/06/2024	PH
Legal	12/06/2024	12/06/2024	SH

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APPENDIX A

Capital Approvals - by Service Area

Virements

Scheme	Service Area	Funding Source	24/25 £
Climate Change	Communities, Customer & Commercial Services	Prudential	(500,000.00)
Levelling Up Fund	Prosperity & Investment	Prudential	500,000.00
Affordable Housing Programme	Housing, Employment & Infrastructure	Prudential	(100,000.00)
Regeneration Funding	Prosperity & Investment	Prudential	100,000.00
			0.00

Slippage

Scheme	Service Area	Funding Source	24/25 £	25/26 £	26/27 £
All Other School Schemes	Education & Skills	Grant	(6,955,166.12)	6,955,166.12	
Climate Change	Communities, Customer & Commercial Services	Prudential	(753,418.59)	753,418.59	
Towns Fund Oakengates	Prosperity & Investment	Prudential	(198,710.22)	198,710.22	
Towns Fund Wellington	Prosperity & Investment	Grant	(297,864.47)	297,864.47	
Capital Receipts Site Preparation	Prosperity & Investment	Capital Receipts	(1,953,919.72)	1,953,919.72	
St Georges Regeneration	Prosperity & Investment	Capital Receipts	(800,000.00)	800,000.00	
Regeneration Funding	Prosperity & Investment	Grant	(506,277.76)	713,537.76	(207,260.00)
Regeneration Funding	Prosperity & Investment	Prudential	(671,436.00)	(100,354.84)	771,790.84
Levelling Up Fund	Prosperity & Investment	Grant	(4,331,938.00)	4,331,938.00	
Levelling Up Fund	Prosperity & Investment	Prudential	490,000.00	(1,456,834.98)	966,834.98
Swimming Pool - Dawley Area	Prosperity & Investment	Revenue	(790,000.00)	790,000.00	
Swimming Pool - Dawley Area	Prosperity & Investment	Prudential	(970,500.00)	970,500.00	
Swimming Pool - Dawley Area	Prosperity & Investment	Capital Receipts	(249,500.00)	249,500.00	
Playing Pitch Investment	Prosperity & Investment	Capital Receipts	(574,476.93)	574,476.93	
Land Deal	Prosperity & Investment	External	(260,320.00)	130,160.00	130,160.00
Land Deal Board Schemes	Prosperity & Investment	External	(30,000.00)	30,000.00	
Wholly Owned Company Investment	Prosperity & Investment	Prudential	(6,225,513.00)	2,764,170.00	3,461,343.00
Stronger Communities	Prosperity & Investment	Prudential	(800,000.00)	800,000.00	
Property Investment Portfolio	Prosperity & Investment	Prudential	(14,669,242.03)	11,669,242.03	3,000,000.00
Decarbonisation	Prosperity & Investment	Grant	(500,000.00)	500,000.00	
Affordable Housing Programme	Housing, Employment & Infrastructure	Prudential	(7,065,417.00)	7,065,417.00	
Private Sector Housing	Housing, Employment & Infrastructure	Prudential	(500,000.00)	500,000.00	
Pride in Your High Street	Housing, Employment & Infrastructure	Prudential	(180,000.00)	180,000.00	
Legal fees	Policy & Governance	Prudential	(93,000.00)	93,000.00	
Managing the Funding of the Capital Programme	Corporate Items	Capital Receipts	3,177,951.19	(3,177,951.19)	
Managing the Funding of the Capital Programme	Corporate Items	Prudential	(3,177,951.19)	3,177,951.19	
Efficiency schemes capitalisation	Corporate Items	Capital Receipts	(2,205,832.54)	2,205,832.54	
			(51,092,532.38)	42,969,663.56	8,122,868.82

New Allocations

Scheme	Service Area	Funding Source	24/25 £	25/26 £
All Other School Schemes	Education & Skills	Grant	6,213,542.15	
Pothole Action Fund	Neighbourhood & Enforcement Services	Grant	548,000.00	
Cemeteries	Communities, Customer & Commercial Services	Revenue	(54,299.63)	
Housing	Housing, Employment & Infrastructure	Grant	2,516,094.00	
HE Liability Sites	Prosperity and Investment	External	(200,000.00)	
Land Deal Board Schemes	Prosperity and Investment	External		(424,575.90)
Town Fund Wellington	Prosperity and Investment	Capital Receipts		1,300,000.00
HE Land Deal	Prosperity and Investment	External	(217,740.24)	
Towns Fund Oakengates	Prosperity and Investment	Capital Receipts		1,230,000.00
Decarbonisation	Prosperity & Investment	Grant	1,083,983.00	
Accommodation	Prosperity & Investment	Revenue	150,000.00	
			10,039,579.28	2,105,424.10

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2023/24 Financial Outturn Report

Cabinet Member:	Cllr Zona Hannington - Cabinet Member: Finance, Customer Services and Governance
Lead Director:	Michelle Brockway - Interim Director: Finance & Human Resources
Service Area:	Finance & Human Resources
Report Author:	Pauline Harris - Finance Manager: Corporate Finance
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Wards Affected:	All Wards
Key Decision:	Key Decision
Forward Plan:	Yes - 2 May 2024
Report considered by:	Senior Management Team – 14 May 2024 Business Briefing – 23 May 2024 Cabinet – 10 July 2024

1.0 Recommendations for Decision/Noting

It is recommended that Full Council approves the following:

- 1.1 The revenue outturn position for 2023/24, which remains subject to audit by the Council's external auditors, and related virements in Appendix C
- 1.2 The transfers to reserves, and associated approval to the relevant members of the Senior Management Team (as determined by the Chief Executive) after consultation with the relevant Cabinet Member to spend the reserves detailed in Appendix E
- 1.3 The capital outturn position and related supplementary estimates, re-phasing and virements shown in Appendix D and as summarised in the report

- 1.4 To grant delegated authority to the Interim Director: Finance & HR to make any changes required, in consultation with the Cabinet Member for Finance, Customer Services and Governance
- 1.5 To note the performance against income targets

2.0 Purpose of Report

- 2.1 To present the final outturn position for the year to members, relating to: the revenue budget, capital programme and income collection and seek the necessary approvals to comply with financial regulations.

3.0 Background

- 3.1 The Medium Term Financial Strategy (MTFS) 2023/24 – 2026/27 was approved at Full Council on 2 March 2023, which included the 2023/24 revenue budget and medium term capital programme. Since the MTFS was approved, the economic climate has continued to change with high inflation, high energy costs, increases in interest rates and increasing demand for many services partly fuelled by the cost of living emergency facing our residents, businesses and the Council itself.
- 3.2 Good financial management is an essential element of good governance and long-term service planning which are critical to ensuring that local service provision is sustainable and the use of resources is maximised in order to meet the needs of our residents.
- 3.3 Financial monitoring reports have been provided during 2023/24 showing the projected outturn position i.e. how projected net revenue spend compares to the budget set for the year; progress against the 2023/24 capital programme; the key issues to be highlighted; together with a summary of collection information in relation to Council Tax, Business Rates and Sales Ledger income. This report now shows the final financial outturn position for 2023/24.
- 3.4 The funding outlook for the medium term remains very uncertain and will undoubtedly continue to be challenging. The Medium Term Financial Strategy for 2024/25 – 2027/28 was approved at Full Council on 29 February 2024 and regular updates of the projected financial position for 2024/25 will be provided to Cabinet throughout 2024/25.

4.0 Summary of main proposals

- 4.1.1 Nationally, Councils continue to face extreme challenges with unprecedented pressures fuelled by high inflation and high demand for services – particularly Adult Social Care and Children’s Safeguarding. Many councils have reported significant pressures in their financial monitoring reports during 2023/24 arising from increases in demand for key services and higher costs particularly for provision of social care.
- 4.1.2 While inflation is expected to reduce in the medium term, current indicators show that the economy will be slower to recover than was expected when the Council’s 2023/24 budget was set. During 2023/24 CPI peaked at 8.7% and ended the year

at 3.2%, still reflecting an ongoing pressure of increasing costs. There was no additional government funding to meet cost pressures; although it is clear that councils need a long-term, fully resourced plan from the Government in order to sufficiently fund local services.

- 4.1.3 Given these factors, early monitoring for 2023/24 indicated a number of variations from the approved budget, particularly relating to Adult Social Care and Children’s Safeguarding where in order to meet the needs of residents, additional investment was required. Due to the Council’s proactive and strong financial management, work was undertaken earlier in the year to identify savings and additional income to meet the projected pressures at that point and the Medium Term Financial Strategy was updated at Full Council in July to reflect this.
- 4.1.4 Children’s Safeguarding and Adult Social Care continued to project further additional investment being required since July in order to meet high demand and manage market challenges. Similar pressures are being experienced by all councils nationally. It was very disappointing that the provisional local government finance settlement announced in December 2023 failed to address the considerable pressures being experienced nationally in Adults and Children’s Services.
- 4.1.5 Despite the significant pressures faced during 2023/24 the Council ended the year within budget which is a considerable achievement and clearly demonstrates the strong financial management and financial resilience which is embedded in the authority; a testament to Cabinet Members, Management Teams and all employees. This has been achieved through maximisation of external income including grants received in year, capitalisation of revenue spend under the flexibilities of the capitalisation directive and also where spend is of a capital nature, reprofiling of the capital programme, early delivery of 2024/25 savings, a robust review of reserves releasing over £6million to support the bottom line and active management of vacant posts to provide one off revenue savings.
- 4.1.6 The gross revenue budget for 2023/24 was £481m and the net budget was £146m. The revenue outturn position is within budget by £0.015m (which is equivalent to -0.01% of net budget). The year end position allowed a small number of one off investments in key areas to be made which support the Council’s priorities and future financial sustainability. These are detailed in Appendix E and are included in the overall year end position shown.

A summary of the year end position is:-

	£m
Net Revenue Budget	146.774
Net Revenue Outturn	146.759
Underspend	-0.015
Underspend as a % of Net Budget	-0.01%

It is pleasing to report that the Council has not had to make any unplanned use of the budget strategy reserve, which remains at £21.7m and has retained a prudent level of balances which will support the delivery of the medium-term Financial Strategy and support financial resilience in future years, as we will continue to feel the impacts of inflationary pressures in the economy, and at the same time also face the uncertainties of potential changes to the local government funding system and increasing demand for services.

Clearly, given the scale and complexity of the Council's budget and the vast number of different services provided to our residents there were a number variations from the approved budget in 2023/24. These included essential additional investment required in both Children's Safeguarding and Adult Social Care to ensure we looked after the most vulnerable in our society.

4.2 **2023/24 Capital Outturn**

Capital spend ended the year at £83.49m against an approved budget of £90.05m. Some re-phasing of expenditure into 2024/25 will take place as a result of re-profiling spend, including grant funded programmes which have been extended. The re-phasing will generate some treasury management benefits in 2024/25.

4.3 **Corporate Income Collection**

At the end of the year, Council Tax collection was on target while NDR and Sales Ledger Debt were slightly behind targets set.

Ultimately, all debt will be rigorously pursued and will continue to be collected after the end of the financial year with appropriate recovery avenues being pursued at appropriate times.

4.4 **NuPlace Ltd**

NuPlace is the Council's wholly owned housing investment company. It was set up primarily to improve standards in the private rented sector and to offer homes for life to tenants operated by a responsible and responsive landlord. It is a separate legal entity and as such prepares its own accounts; in addition the Council is also required to prepare consolidated group accounts as part of its financial statements which incorporates NuPlace's financial position. The unaudited accounts show that NuPlace generated an operating profit after interest and taxation of £0.253m in 2023/24. The company issued a dividend of £0.253m in 2023/24 which was paid to the Council as its sole investor. Including the dividend, the Council received a total of £2.0m from NuPlace during 2023/24, net of additional interest and other marginal costs. The financial benefits that arise from NuPlace are invested in providing front line services such as providing Adult Social Care services to vulnerable residents and have helped to reduce the budget savings that would otherwise have had to have been made as a result of Government grant cuts

4.5 **General**

The draft formal statement of accounts will be considered at the Audit Committee on 29 May 2024 and audited by KPMG, the Council's external auditors. The accounts will also be available for public inspection for 30 working days from 1 June 2024. The Statutory deadline for publishing the 2023/24 audited accounts is

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currently 30 September 2024 however due to the national back-log in relation to local authority audits there are proposed changes to the Accounts and Audit Regulations which if implemented would change this date to 31 May 2025.

4.6 Summaries of the outturn on revenue and capital along with major variations are shown as appendices to this report.

5.0 Additional Information

5.1 2023/24 REVENUE BUDGET

The Council had a gross revenue budget of £481m for 2023/24 and the final net revenue outturn position is as follows (a more detailed summary is provided in Appendix A):

	£m
Net Revenue Budget	146.774
Net Revenue Outturn	146.759
Underspend	-0.015
Underspend as a % of Net Budget	-0.01%

5.2 Variations by Service Delivery Unit are summarised below and further detail is provided in Appendix B.

	Final Budget	Outturn	Variation
	£	£	£
Finance & HR	14,496,539	12,779,046	(1,717,493)
Policy & Governance	691,338	564,183	(127,155)
Adult Social Care	65,677,379	74,054,798	8,377,419
Children's Safeguarding & Family Support	45,748,872	49,732,942	3,984,070
Education & Skills	7,825,587	7,337,081	(488,506)
Health & Wellbeing	1,619,437	1,614,285	(5,152)
Neighbourhood & Enforcement Services	27,487,583	26,296,784	(1,190,799)
Housing, Employment & Infrastructure	2,274,137	1,776,440	(497,697)
Communities, Customer & Commercial Services	2,233,347	2,127,336	(106,011)
Corporate Communications	(7,720)	(27,720)	(20,000)
Prosperity & Investment	(8,158,434)	(8,810,563)	(652,129)
Council Wide Items	(13,113,665)	(21,044,143)	(7,930,478)
Funding	0	359,059	359,059
Total	146,774,400	146,759,528	(14,872)

This table shows the position for each service area after transfers to reserves detailed in the report. The figures in the above table exclude budgets and variances on capital and pensions charges which are “non-controllable” accounting entries.

- 5.3 Service variances over £0.250m are highlighted; all other variances over £50k are detailed in Appendix B.

Service Area	Variance £m
<u>Finance & HR</u>	
Treasury – the impact of capital spend re-profiling and positive cash flow has resulted in a benefit during 2023/24.	-1.336
<u>Adult Social Care</u>	
Longer Term Care Purchasing –expenditure relating to block and spot contracts requiring additional investment to meet demand and fees. Additional funding from Health and additional Market Sustainability Grant have been secured to offset some of these costs (see below).	+11.693
Health Funding –towards above costs for clients with health needs.	-2.550
Prevention & Independence – Staffing underspends mainly due to vacancies pending recruitment	-0.577
Prevention & Independence – Older People & Disability – income from reimbursed direct payments	-0.313
Autism, Learning Disability & Mental Health – Staffing underspends mainly due to vacancies pending recruitment	-0.283
Autism, Learning Disability & Mental Health – direct payments income	-0.359
Autism, Learning Disability & Mental Health – reduced reserves funding available due to additional care costs within Transforming Care Partnership	+0.284
My Options – an in year pressure only, resulting mainly from a part rescheduling of an invest to save project , together with in year recruitment issues which are being addressed through small reorganisation and service realignment.	+0.951
Prevention & Enablement – high demand for reablement services and services to facilitate discharge from hospital throughout the year; the pressure has been shared with the Integrated Care Board. Partnership organisations are undertaking work programmes to look at strategies to deal with demand in the medium to long term.	+7.037

Service Area	Variance £m
<p>Prevention & Enablement – intermediate care funding towards the above costs</p>	-5.914
<p>Market Sustainability Grant - additional government grant announced during the Summer.</p>	-1.179
<p><u>Children’s Safeguarding & Family Support</u></p>	
<p>Children In Care Placements – additional investment required to cover cost of residential placements. This is a combination of escalating needs of some children and young people; new children entering residential placements and high costs associated with some placements, in particular Post 16 placements, offset by benefits from some young people being stepped down from residential placements.</p>	+5.966
<p>Health Funding –in relation to health needs as a result of increased engagement with health colleagues, which partly offsets the CIC costs above.</p>	-3.417
<p>Children with Disabilities – the impact of increased complexity of need requiring additional care and support provision to enable support children’s needs arising from the impact of their disabilities. Health are also contributing towards these packages.</p>	+0.374
<p>Children in Care, Leaving Care Team & Speciality Services, Family Solutions – expenditure on staffing in excess of the budget; restructures are planned to alleviate this pressure going forward.</p>	+0.327
<p>Child Protection & Family Support, Parenting Assessment & Contract Teams – underspend relating to staff vacancies during the year</p>	-0.312
<p>Family Connect, EDT & Early Help Children & Families – higher staffing expenditure relating to the Emergency duties Team.</p>	+0.269
<p>Fostering Adoption & Permanence – costs associated with placements, including travelling</p>	+0.254
<p>Family Safeguarding –relating to costs which generally increase in line with complexity of children’s needs and care planning.</p>	+1.182
<p>Family Safeguarding – additional grant income and reserves to support the costs of the family safeguarding initiative.</p>	-0.735
<p>Safeguarding Management & Partnerships – use of reserves</p>	-0.301

Service Area	Variance £m
<u>Education & Skills</u>	
Transport –continued efficiencies have been achieved via commissioning and procurement of transport.	-0.357
<u>Neighbourhood & Enforcement Services</u>	
Income – recovery of costs incurred from fire at Overdale in 2021/22	-0.288
<u>Communities, Customer & Commercial Services</u>	
Housing Benefit Subsidy – a combination of reduced recovery of overpayments, loss of subsidy on supported accommodation and B&B spend where no subsidy can be claimed. This is an improved position from 2022/23 and the service is continuing to work with providers to find long term solutions to reduce subsidy loss on an ongoing basis.	+0.790
Leisure – overachievement against income targets across leisure services, offset by additional employee costs.	-0.248
Use of One offs – across the Directorate	-0.349
<u>Prosperity & Investment</u>	
One off benefit relating to NDR refunds as a result of appeals on TWC properties.	-0.600
<u>Council Wide</u>	
Corporate Contingency – residual balance	-2.656
Contribution from reserves – identified council wide to support the 23/24 in year position	-7.377
Contributions to reserves – see Appendix E	+3.501
Other council wide items including: WME dividend and in year one off benefit from active energy contract management; pension cost benefits, inflation contingency and NDR Levy Account surplus	-1.295

Transfers to reserves are detailed in Appendix E.

5.4 Public Health

The Council receives a ring-fenced grant to support its Public Health responsibilities. In 2023/24 this grant totalled £13.598m. The conditions of the grant are that it must be used to address health needs and improve health and well-being in the community. Work to support improving public health outcomes is delivered across a number of the Council's Service Areas and a summary of the grant in 2023/24 is shown in the table below:

	£
Public Health Reserve (grant b fwd from 2022/23)	2,906,029
Public Health Grant allocation 2023/24	13,597,648
Total Funding available	16,503,677
Funding applied during 2023/24	14,232,681
Grant carried forward to 2024/25	2,270,996

5.5 Dedicated Schools Grant (DSG)

Excluding funds passed to academies and colleges, Dedicated Schools Grant totalled £120.2m in 2023/24. There was an overspend of £2.07m during the year. As £0.25m had been carried forward into 2023/24 from the previous year, a year-end deficit of £1.82m has been carried forward to 2024/25.

This deficit arises because of budget arising from high needs provision. This is a national issue, illustrated by most upper tier Councils having already incurred a DSG deficit by the end of 2022/23. In order to alleviate pressure on the 2024/25 high needs budgets, Telford & Wrekin's schools forum agreed to transfer 0.5% of the schools block to high needs, amounting to £0.82m. This agreement illustrates the positive relationships with schools and other providers which are invaluable in assisting the Council maintain budgetary control of DSG, whilst ensuring that we meet our responsibilities to young people.

However, the increase in the Government's 2024/25 high needs funding allocation to Councils, including Telford & Wrekin, is significantly lower than in recent years. With little indication that pressures on high needs are diminishing, it will be very challenging to avoid an increase in the deficit in 2024/25.

The way in which local authorities account for DSG deficits was altered in 2020. DSG deficits are now required to be held in a separate reserve in local authorities' accounts and is disregarded from the measure of local authority reserves. These regulations apply up to and including the accounts for 2025 to 2026.

The Council continues to work hard to tackle the high needs pressures in partnership with the Forum, schools and other providers of education.

6.0 RESERVES & BALANCES

6.1 The main General and Special Fund balances were £4.721m at 1 April 2023. The position on the main General and Special Fund Balances is now:

	£m
Balances at 1 st April 2023	4.721
Planned approved use to support investment in footway lighting	(0.167)
2024/25 Final Contribution to Balances	+0.015
Balances at 31st March 2024	4.569

The General/Special Fund balance forms part of the Council's overall reserves and balances.

- 6.2 In addition to the General and Special Fund Balances, the Council has general contingencies of £5.909m in 2024/25 (£3.2m of which is ongoing) and £4.8m held centrally for inflation and pay awards in 2024/25. Further, there is a prudent level of reserves and provisions available to support the medium term financial strategy including the uncommitted balance of £21.7m held in the Budget Strategy Reserve.
- 6.3 A number of specific transfers to reserves are proposed which support the Council's priorities. These are included in the overall outturn position as reported above and are detailed in Appendix E.
- 6.4 The balance of the Public Health ring-fenced grant has also been carried forward to 2024/25 (in line with the grant conditions see section 5.4 above) as has the residual balance of other grants received in year, in line with accounting requirements.

7.0 2023/24 CAPITAL PROGRAMME

- 7.1 The capital programme for 2023/24 totalled £90.05m. Some re-phasing of expenditure into 2024/25 will take place as a result of extensions and re-profiling of grant funded programmes. Spend at year end was £83.49m as summarised in the table below, all schemes that have been re-phased are already in progress:

Service Area	Budget £m	Spend £m	% Spend £m	Year End Variance £m
Adult Social Care	0.99	1.21	122%	0.22
Prosperity & Investment	46.04	42.50	92%	-3.54
Neighbourhood & Enforcement Services	17.70	14.60	83%	-3.09
Education & Skills	9.29	10.33	111%	1.03
Housing, Employment & Infrastructure	9.53	8.72	92%	-0.81
Communities, Customer & Commercial Services	4.82	4.92	102%	0.10
Policy & Governance	0.08	0.05	56%	-0.04
Finance & Human Resources	1.60	1.16	73%	-0.44
Total	90.05	83.49	93%	-6.56

Note: The approved estimate excludes the new allocations, slippage and virements detailed in Appendix D.

7.2 The main scheme re-phasing to future years is shown below with detail included in Appendix D.

	£m
<u>Prosperity & Investment</u>	
Towns Fund projects– reprofiling of spend in line with revised programme of delivery, all fully committed	-1.62
Levelling Up Fund Projects –reprofile of spend in line with delivery profile, fully committed	-0.85
Capital Regeneration project – reprofile in line with delivery profile	-0.53
HE Land Deal, and Liability sites – rephasing of spend, mainly site preparation	-0.44
Housing Company – rephasing of spend, fully committed to schemes currently in development in 2024/25	-1.10
Condition works leisure – schemes progressing ahead of schedule	+0.86
Accommodation strategy –additional funds for property rationalisation benefits	+0.27
<u>Neighbourhood & Enforcement Services</u>	
Highways, Carriageways, structures, drainage, footways and Integrated Transport –fully committed to schemes currently in delivery	-0.59
Additional pot hole grant allocation and spend	+0.54
Environmental Improvements –spend slipped to future years	-0.25
Miscellaneous Asset Schemes – fully committed for delivery in 2024/25	-0.16
Active Travel Scheme –rephrased to match delivery profile	-1.79
On Street residential chargepoint scheme – spend rephased to 24/25	-0.68
<u>Education & Skills</u>	
Other School Schemes – funding ahead of schedule for maintenance and school schemes in delivery	+1.03

<u>Housing, Employment & Infrastructure</u>	
Housing Up Grade/LAD Energy Efficiency Grant Programmes, write off of unallocated grant	-0.92
Housing - spend on Temporary Accommodation strategies accelerated, offset by slippage on empty property priorities	+0.31
Local Authority Housing Fund – grant slippage on committed acquisitions in 2024/25	-0.23
Pride in Your High Street –revenue funding written out	-0.36
Disabled facilities grant –increased allocation to meet demand	+0.41
<u>Communities, Customer & Commercial Services</u>	
ICT/eGov – spend brought forward from 2024/25 to meet schemes in delivery, namely Gigabit Telford project	+0.49
Leisure Capital Schemes – slippage for future years schemes	-0.29
<u>Adult Social Care</u>	
Adults Supported Accommodation – additional resources required at Lakewood Court being vired from Prosperity & Investment, Asset Management Plan.	+0.20
<u>Finance & Human Resources</u>	
Capitalisation of Efficiency Schemes/Severance costs in accordance with eligible spend during 23/24 and available capital receipts in year	-0.44

7.3 There are a number of new approvals, virements and slippage which are also detailed in Appendix D and require formal approval.

7.4 The funding for the capital programme in 2023/24 included £0.773m estimated income from capital receipts. The actual income received in year was higher at £1.852m – the difference was mainly due to the generation of receipts within the Property and Investment Portfolio for reinvestment in future years.

8.0 NUPLACE

8.1 Nuplace Ltd, is the Council's wholly owned housing investment company. It was set up primarily to improve standards in the private rented sector and to offer homes for life to tenants operated by a responsible and responsive landlord. The principal activity of which is the procurement of the construction and management of private and affordable residential property for rent, responding to the Borough's housing needs including the availability of accessible and adaptable housing. Nuplace also operates a sub brand known as Telford & Wrekin Homes, intended to acquire and

refurbish existing housing stock, which focusses on refurbishment and ensuring we make the best use of homes in the borough.

- 8.2 At 31 March 2024, Nuplace's housing portfolio comprised of 500 homes of which 64 are available to let at affordable rents, 19 are built to accessible standards, and 46 have been built to meet the new Building Regulation requirements regarding low carbon design. The programme has resulted in over 23 acres of brownfield land being regenerated, addressing sites that might otherwise blight communities, with a further 37.66 acres currently being regenerated at Wild Walk, Muxton. The programme is also delivering added value in terms of local employment, apprenticeships, supply chain development and the delivery of a range of community projects.
- 8.3 During the year, works progressed on the scheme at The Gower, St Georges, with the construction of 10 new build properties alongside the creation of 3 converted dwellings within the graded 2 listed building, now well underway. Works have also continued at Wild Walk, Donnington, with 10 of the 66 plots now having been handed over and tenanted with the remainder of plots to be handed over in phases throughout the year. Works also commenced on 20 dwellings at the former New College site in Wellington, with these being developed alongside designated older people's housing being delivered by Wrekin Housing Group. Works also commenced to create 10, one and two bedroom apartments through the conversion of redundant first floor ancillary space above commercial units, as part of a wider regeneration scheme in Oakengates.
- 8.4 Funding was secured from the West Midlands Combined Authority to support the delivery of 28 homes, at a site in Ketley Bank, Telford including, 7 converted dwellings alongside 21 new build. This project is set to start on site in April 2024 and will help safeguard a building of historical significance on a prominent site within the locality.
- 8.5 Planning consent was granted for a mixed use scheme within the Station Quarter area of Telford Town Centre which will see the delivery of 117 town houses and apartments for Nuplace, kick-starting the creation of a "city living" offer within Nuplace's predominantly suburban portfolio. Works on this scheme are set to start on site in July 2024 and continue until early 2026 and will be delivered alongside 72 dwellings for affordable rent and shared ownership.
- 8.6 A planning application has also been submitted to convert redundant space within a historic building in Wellington into 9, one and two bedroom dwellings with works due to start on site late in the year.
- 8.7 In addition there is a strong pipeline of properties at feasibility stage as part of the ongoing Telford and Wrekin Homes Programme with Nuplace targeting the acquisition and refurbishment of circa 30 properties within the year.
- 8.8 In accordance with the Company's accounting policy, the housing portfolio was revalued at the year end, which has resulted in an increase in value of 5.4% (£4.7m) over all completed sites.

8.9 Nuplace Ltd is a separate legal entity and as such will prepare its own Statement of Accounts and comply with company regulations. The accounts will be independently audited. As Nuplace is wholly owned by Telford & Wrekin Council, the Council is required to prepare Group Accounts as part of its Statement of Accounts for 2023/4 which will consolidate the Council and Nuplace’s financial position.

8.10 Nuplace distributed a final dividend of £0.012 per ordinary share registered on 1st March 2024, totalling £253,300. The company reported an operating profit before taxation of £0.43m, £0.25m after tax. It should be noted that the Council has received income totalling £2.0m from Nuplace during 2023/24 net of additional interest and other associated costs which is a combination of interest paid relating to the loan agreement, dividend income and services Nuplace purchased from the Council. The Council will also benefit from additional Council Tax, and New Homes Bonus as Nuplace properties are completed. The financial benefits that arise from Nuplace are invested in providing front line services such as providing Adult Social Care and have helped to reduce the budget savings that would otherwise have had to been made as a result of Government grant cuts.

9.0 CORPORATE INCOME MONITORING

9.1 The Council’s budget includes significant income streams which are regularly monitored to ensure they are on track to achieve targets that have been set and so that remedial action can be taken at a very early stage. The three main areas are Council Tax, NNDR (business rates) and Sales Ledger. Current monitoring information relating to these is provided below. The Council pursues outstanding debt vigorously, until all possible recovery avenues have been exhausted, but also prudently provides for bad debts in its accounts.

9.2 In summary, council tax collection is on target, but NNDR and sales ledger collection are slightly behind target. Cash collection has increased for council tax and sales ledger income streams compared to last year.

INCOME COLLECTION – 2023/24			
	Actual	Target	Performance
Council Tax Collection	97.31%	97.31%	On target
NNDR Collection	97.37%	98.17%	0.80% behind target
Sales Ledger Outstanding Debt	5.98%	5.25%	0.73% behind target

9.3 Council Tax (£109.4m)

The percentage of the current year liability for council tax which the authority should have received during the year, as a percentage of annual collectable debit. The measure does not take account of debt that continues to be pursued and collected after the end of the financial year in which it became due. The final collection figure for all financial years exceeds 99%.

Year End performance 2022/23	97.31%
Year End Target for 2023/24	97.31%

Performance is cumulative during the year and expressed against the complete year's debit.

Year End Target	Year End Actual	Last year Actual
97.31%	97.31%	97.31%

Council Tax collection performance has matched last years performance and the target set for 23/24. This has been achieved despite the difficulty customers are faced with in light of the cost-of-living crisis.

9.4 NNDR-Business Rates (£74.9m)

The % of business rates for 2023/24 that should have been collected during the year. This target, as for council tax, ignores our continuing collection of earlier years' liabilities.

The measure does not take into account the debt that continues to be pursued and collected after the end of the financial year in which it became due. As a general rule the final collection figure for any financial year exceeds 99%.

Year End performance 2022/23	98.17%
Year End Target for 2023/24	98.17%

Year End Target	Year End Actual	Last year Actual
98.17%	97.37%	98.17%

Collection has out turned 0.80% behind target and performance last year. Analysis of the reasons for this has identified a number of new or amended assessments which the Valuation Office Agency brought into the list in March 2024, resulting in limited opportunity for collection. Collection of these new balances will continue in 24/25.

9.5 Sales Ledger (£86.9m)

This includes general debt and Social Care debt. Debt below 2 months is classified as a normal credit period.

The target percent is set relating cumulative debt outstanding from all years to the current annual debit. The targets and performance of income collection for 2023/24 are as follows:

Age of debt	Annual Target %	March 2024	
		£m	%
Total	5.25	5.198	5.98%

Sales ledger is outside of target although can tend to fluctuate from one month to the next, and has shown improvement in recent months.

10.0 Alternative Options

10.1 Budget holders will have investigated a number of options to seek to deliver required service outcomes from within available resources during the year. Decisions made by the Chief Financial Officer and Senior Management Team as part of the closure of accounts process aim to safeguard the Council's financial position in 2024/25 and optimise the Council's position in terms of financial sustainability and resilience.

11.0 Key Risks

11.1 Budget holders actively manage their budgets and the many financial risks and challenges that council services face, examples include the risk of a particularly harsh winter which would impact adversely on the winter gritting and adult social care budgets, the increasing dependency on income from a wide range of activities and the risk of interest rate movements and further inflationary pressures, the risk of changes in legislative or accounting requirements impacting on budgets etc. The Council has comprehensive risk management arrangements in place, which are reviewed and updated by the Senior Management Team. It is considered that there is an adequate level of reserves and provisions set aside to cover anticipated risks.

12.0 Council Priorities

12.1 Delivery of all Council priorities depends on the effective use of available resources. Strong and effective financial management ensures the best use of resources.

13.0 Financial Implications

13.1 The financial impacts are detailed throughout the report.

14.0 Legal and HR Implications

14.1 The Council's s151 Officer has a statutory duty to monitor income and expenditure and to take action if overspends/shortfalls emerge.

The statutory date for making the draft 2023/24 Statement of Accounts (SOA) available for public inspection is 31 May 2024 and the statutory deadline to publish the audited SOA is 30 September. Audit Committee has delegated authority to approve the SOA and updates will be provided to the Committee as appropriate.

15.0 Ward Implications

15.1 Funds have been set aside as part of financial outturn towards an additional Community Action Team in the Brookside Ward. There are no specific impacts on any other wards.

16.0 Health, Social and Economic Implications

16.1 There are no Health, Social and Economic Implications directly arising from this report.

17.0 Equality and Diversity Implications

17.1 There are no Equality & Diversity implications directly arising from this report.

18.0 Climate Change and Environmental Implications

18.1 During the financial outturn funds have been set aside to meet Energy Performance Compliance (EPC) regulations and support environmental issues (see Appendix E). There are no other specific Climate Change and Environmental Implications directly arising from this report.

19.0 Background Papers

1	Medium Term Financial Strategy 2023/24 – 2026/27	Council 02/03/2023
2	2023/24 Financial Monitoring Report	Cabinet 13/07/2023 Council 13/07/2023
3	2023/24 Financial Monitoring Report	Cabinet 04/01/2024 Council 25/01/2024
4	2023/24 Financial Monitoring Report	Cabinet 15/02/2024
5	Medium Term Financial Strategy 2024/25 – 2027/28	Council 29/02/2024

20.0 Appendices

Appendix A	Summary Revenue Outturn
Appendix B	Detailed Revenue Outturn
Appendix C	Virements
Appendix D	Capital Approvals
Appendix E	Reserves

21.0 Report Sign Off

Signed off by	Date sent	Date signed off	Initials
Director	08/05/2024	08/05/2024	MLB
Finance	07/05/2024	07/05/2024	PH
Legal	08/05/2024	09/05/2024	EH

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2023/24 SUMMARY OUTTURN POSITION

APPENDIX A

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	Final Net Revenue	Outturn	Total Variation	Capital and Pensions Technical Entries	Service
	Budget				
	£	£	£	£	£
Chief Executive: David Sidaway					
Finance & HR	14,496,539	12,735,996	(1,760,543)	(43,050)	(1,717,493)
Policy & Governance	692,658	539,894	(152,764)	(25,609)	(127,155)
Adult Social Care	65,701,979	74,139,500	8,437,521	60,102	8,377,419
Executive Director: Jo Britton					
Children's Safeguarding & Family Support	45,890,832	49,758,803	3,867,971	(116,098)	3,984,069
Education & Skills	14,934,867	12,965,551	(1,969,316)	(1,480,811)	(488,506)
Health & Wellbeing	1,619,437	1,597,275	(22,162)	(17,010)	(5,152)
Executive Director: Angie Astley					
Neighbourhood & Enforcement Services	34,209,383	33,753,829	(455,554)	735,245	(1,190,799)
Housing, Employment & Infrastructure	2,274,137	1,757,020	(517,117)	(19,420)	(497,697)
Communities, Customer & Commercial Services	5,214,617	4,827,823	(386,793)	(280,782)	(106,011)
Corporate Communications	(7,720)	(33,560)	(25,840)	(5,840)	(20,000)
Prosperity & Investment	(5,478,424)	568,649	6,047,073	6,699,202	(652,129)
Corporate	(32,773,905)	(46,210,312)	(13,436,407)	(5,505,929)	(7,930,478)
Funding		359,059	359,059		359,059
Total	146,774,400	146,759,528	(14,872)	(0)	(14,872)

2023/24 Revenue Budget Variations over £50,000							
Directorate		Budget £	Outturn £	Variation £	Analysis of Variation		Comments
					Capital and Pensions Technical Entries £	Service £	
Finance & Human Resources							
People Services	Income	(1,066,450)	(1,129,414)	(62,964)	0	(62,964)	Savings from staff opting into the AVC pension scheme.
Housing, Communities & Prosperity Finance	Employees	741,795	589,510	(152,285)	0	(152,285)	Vacancy management within Housing, Communities & Prosperity Finance team.
Business Education & Care	Employees	1,096,890	1,010,555	(86,335)	0	(86,335)	Vacancy management within Business Education & Care team.
Finance & HR Vacancy saving	Employees	(77,000)	0	77,000	0	77,000	Vacancy Factor - covered from vacancies across service area.
External Audit Fees	Supplies & Services	380,590	328,569	(52,021)	0	(52,021)	Underspend based on scale fee.
Treasury		12,086,536	10,751,018	(1,335,518)	0	(1,335,518)	The impact of capital spend being re-profiled into future years together with positive cash flow.
Revenues	Supplies & Services	1,435,365	1,494,001	58,636	0	58,636	Use of consultants re. rateable value reviews.
IAS 19 Pension Transactions			(43,050)	(43,050)	(43,050)		
Variations under £50k		(101,187)	(265,193)	(164,006)		(164,006)	
Total Finance & Human Resources		14,496,539	12,735,996	(1,760,543)	(43,050)	(1,717,493)	
Policy & Governance							
Organisational Delivery & Planning	Employees	707,970	646,501	(61,469)		(61,469)	One off vacancy management during the year as planned.
Learning Development	Net of Employees & Contributions from reserves	537,126	380,419	(156,707)		(156,707)	Vacancy management underspends as planned.
Internal Elections & Electoral Registration	Net position	250,050	314,886	64,836		64,836	Net pressure arising from Electoral Registration and Elections from implementation of new legislation
Land Charges	Income	(220,982)	(136,730)	84,252		84,252	Shortfall of Land Charges income, additional target set in 22/23, showing an improving position in 23/24.
IAS 19 Pension Transactions			(25,660)	(25,660)	(25,660)		
Capital Charges		1,320	1,371	51	51		
Variations under £50k		(582,826)	(640,892)	(58,066)		(58,066)	
Total Policy & Governance		692,658	539,894	(152,764)	(25,609)	(127,155)	

Directorate		Budget £	Outturn £	Variation £	Analysis of Variation		Comments
					Capital and Pensions Technical Entries £	Service £	
Adult Social Care							
All long term care purchasing-Spot & block for all ages	Spot & block purchasing	71,959,946	83,652,766	11,692,820		11,692,820	Pressure arising from care activity and rates being paid for care which continue to grow. Further close monitoring of the position suggests the current demand will continue to increase. The care expenditure is in some part offset by the additional grant shown below and the growth in Health funding where this accrues from eligible clients.
Income	Market Sustainability grant	(1,681,500)	(2,860,197)	(1,178,697)		(1,178,697)	Additional Government grant announced at the end of July
Health funding -all ages and care types	Joint Funding	(3,536,218)	(6,086,680)	(2,550,462)		(2,550,462)	Income from the NHS to offset element of care for clients with some health needs
Prevention & independence - Older People & Disability	Staffing & Operational expenditure	2,947,401	2,370,021	(577,380)		(577,380)	Mainly from vacancies in structure due to delays in recruiting
	Income - reimbursed Direct Payments	(216,452)	(529,973)	(313,521)		(313,521)	Income not required recovered from Direct Payment
Autism, Learning Disability & Mental Health	Staffing & Operational expenditure	1,914,929	1,632,355	(282,574)		(282,574)	Mainly from vacancies in structure due to delays in recruiting net of agency costs
	Income - reimbursed Direct Payments	(393,548)	(752,268)	(358,720)		(358,720)	Income not required recovered from Direct Payment clients
	Transforming Care Partnership income	(564,004)	(280,003)	284,001		284,001	Reserves funding originally anticipated to be offset against long term care will now be used on additional care costs within TCP.
Community Social Work-Principal Social Worker	My Options-Adults & Children's services	1,128,856	2,080,026	951,170		951,170	Pressure from agency staffing costs and £320k of savings which have not been delivered in 23/24. The service is expecting some income in 24/25 to offset this deficit and continues to look for opportunities for additional income/expenditure savings to offset the remainder of this pressure.
	In House purchasing (from My Options)	6,991,654	6,926,075	(65,579)		(65,579)	Underspend against estimate of care expenditure
Prevention & Enablement	Intermediate Care- expenditure	4,476,651	11,513,966	7,037,315		7,037,315	The demand for reablement services and services to facilitate discharge from hospital has continued throughout the year at an unprecedented level. The pressure on the base budget held within the BCF is £2.738m in 2023/24, and this has been shared with the ICB. Partner organisations are undertaking work programmes to look at alternative service delivery strategies to deal with the demand in the medium to longer term.
	Intermediate Care funding -income	(4,055,162)	(9,969,735)	(5,914,573)		(5,914,573)	Additional income from grants and the ICB together with transfers from reserves to meet the pressure on reablement in year

Directorate		Budget	Outturn	Variation	Analysis of Variation		Comments
					Capital and Pensions	Service	
					Technical Entries		
		£	£	£	£	£	
Income	Client Contributions	(10,665,430)	(10,885,415)	(219,985)		(219,985)	Over achievement on client contributions
IAS 19 Pension Transactions			(111,670)	(111,670)	(111,670)		
Capital Charges		24,600	196,372	171,772	171,772		
Variations under £50k		(2,629,744)	(2,756,140)	(126,396)		(126,396)	
Total Adult Social Care		65,701,979	74,139,500	8,437,521	60,102	8,377,419	
Children's Safeguarding & Family Support							
CiC Placements		24,721,829	30,687,595	5,965,766	22	5,965,744.14	There have been a number of pressures in this area including several very expensive post 16 placements, and new residential placements in-year. External providers of placements have pushed for significant increases in the charges for care, on the basis of the inflationary pressures on costs that they are experiencing.
Health funding		(3,000,000)	(6,417,713)	(3,417,713)		(3,417,713.00)	Part of the pressure on placements reported above is offset by a substantial increase in health funding, primarily towards the costs of residential and semi-independent placements in relation to health needs.
Children in Care, Leaving Care Team & Speciality Services, Family Solutions	Children with Disabilities	1,520,258	1,894,081	373,823		373,823.02	This budget was supported with £500k in-year growth, to reflect the level of ongoing expenditure, but costs have been impacted by further increases as a result of the complexity of children's needs and the support packages required to support them to continue living safely at home.
Children in Care, Leaving Care Team & Speciality Services, Family Solutions	Staffing expenditure	3,333,103	3,660,193	327,090		327,090.26	Some team structures are in excess of budget available. Restructures are planned but involve a lead-in time before cost savings will take effect.
Children in Care, Leaving Care Team & Speciality Services, Family Solutions	Operational expenditure	889,530	3,344,315	2,454,785		2,454,784.79	The main contributor to the forecast position is costs for unaccompanied asylum seeking children (UASC) but this is covered by additional grant income from the government (see line below). Other areas of financial pressure include Section 17 costs (for children in need), taxi costs, and interpreters costs.
Children in Care, Leaving Care Team & Speciality Services, Family Solutions	Income	(694,087)	(3,090,898)	(2,396,811)		(2,396,811.36)	Most of this variance is due to additional UASC income, which is received from the government based on the numbers of UASCs received in the local authority and goes towards placement costs, internal staffing costs etc. Additional income has also been received from government grants relating to care leavers, etc.

Directorate		Budget	Outturn	Variation	Analysis of Variation		Comments
					Capital and Pensions	Service	
					Technical Entries	£	
		£	£	£			
Child Protection & Family Support, Parenting Assessment & Contact Teams	Staffing expenditure	2,179,397	1,867,244	(312,153)		(312,153.45)	Staffing vacancies have contributed to this variance.
Family Connect, EDT & Early Help Children & Families (Strengthening Families)	Staffing expenditure	3,866,486	4,135,758	269,272		269,272.17	Expenditure on the Emergency Duties Team was in excess of budget, mainly due to two posts for which one-off funding was awarded last year. The Family Connect restructure has been finalised but there is a lead-in time until full savings can be achieved
Family Connect, EDT & Early Help Children & Families (Strengthening Families)	Operational expenditure	1,041,712	1,911,182	869,470	24	869,446.01	A number of individual variances contribute to this figure, which is offset by the additional income in this area, reported below.
Family Connect, EDT & Early Help Children & Families (Strengthening Families)	Income	(1,536,612)	(2,428,329)	(891,717)		(891,716.76)	Family hubs grant has been utilised in this area.
Fostering Adoption & Permanence	Adoption support	1,231,627	1,167,569	(64,058)		(64,057.55)	There have been a lower number of adoption placements through external agencies, reducing the costs of agency fees compared to the budgeted amount.
Fostering Adoption & Permanence	Staffing expenditure	1,792,417	1,742,212	(50,205)		(50,205.02)	Staffing vacancies have resulted in an underspend.
Fostering Adoption & Permanence	Operational expenditure	464,532	718,832	254,300		254,299.71	Travel costs and other costs associated with placements are significant contributors to this expenditure.
Family Safeguarding	Staffing expenditure	3,592,674	3,460,806	(131,869)		(131,868.78)	A number of vacancies in the teams in this area were covered by agency staff, but savings from vacancies more than covered the costs of these staff.
Family Safeguarding	Operational expenditure	1,945,191	3,127,443	1,182,252		1,182,251.59	Additional costs from the family safeguarding project have been covered by grant (see line below), but there have also been additional costs related to complexity of children's needs and care planning, for example legal fees and assessment costs.
Family Safeguarding	Income	(274,413)	(1,009,494)	(735,081)		(735,081.30)	Additional grant / reserves have been drawn down to support the costs of the family safeguarding initiative.
Safeguarding Management & Partnerships	Staffing expenditure	2,414,169	2,658,702	244,532		244,532.22	The overspend resulted from the vacancy factor saving for Children's Safeguarding of £224,000 being applied to this area.
Safeguarding Management & Partnerships	Operational expenditure	1,032,089	1,134,642	102,553	16	102,537.45	A number of variances have contributed to the year end position.
Safeguarding Management & Partnerships	Income	(1,145,831)	(1,446,462)	(300,631)		(300,630.82)	Additional draw down of reserves
Independent review		887,294	905,589	18,294		18,294.20	
IAS 19 Pension Transactions			(116,160)	(116,160)	(116,160)		
Variations under £50k		1,629,465	1,851,697	222,232		222,231.76	
Total Children's Safeguarding & Family Support		45,890,832	49,758,803	3,867,971	(116,098)	3,984,069.28	

Directorate		Budget £	Outturn £	Variation £	Analysis of Variation		Comments
					Capital and Pensions Technical Entries £	Service £	
Education & Skills							
Transport		4,060,938	3,703,420	(357,518)	0	(357,518)	Continued efficiencies have been achieved via commissioning and procurement of transport.
Arthog		104,935	337,992	233,057	8	233,050	Pressure in this area arose mainly from a shortfall in budgeted income. In particular, it did not prove possible to achieve the targeted income from social impact contributions from local businesses in the context of the current economic climate.
Insurance		32,455	79,214	46,759	0	46,759	Contributions from schools towards insurance costs reduced as more schools have converted to academies and thus don't buy into council insurance cover.
IAS 19 Pension Transactions			(904,830)	(904,830)	(904,830)		
Variations Under £50,000		10,736,539	9,999,755	(736,784)	(575,989)	(160,796)	
Use of Reserves		-	(250,000)	(250,000)	0	(250,000)	Rationalisation of education reserves
Total Education & Skills		14,934,867	12,965,551	(1,969,316)	(1,480,811)	(488,506)	
Health & Wellbeing							
Coroners Court	Contracted services	266,450	331,999	65,549		65,549	Pressure on budget from services being delivered by the Coroner and associated services. Demand for Post Mortems and body conveyancing is increasing costs
Public Health Management and Administration	Staffing	-	78,313	78,313		78,313	Pressures resulting from expenditure incurred to deliver savings
Active and Creative Communities	Staffing	-	97,726	97,726		97,726	Pressures resulting from expenditure incurred to deliver savings & loss of income
Sexual Health	Contracted services	-	(112,843)	(112,843)		(112,843)	Savings identified within consumables supply contracts and initiatives
Public Health Grant	Underspend to Reserve		43,929	43,929		43,929	Underspends against public health funded budgets transferred to Public Health reserve.
IAS 19 Pension Transactions			(17,010)	(17,010)	(17,010)		Domestic Abuse OYSP funding displaced by PH Grant
Variations under £50k		1,352,987	1,175,161	(177,826)		(177,826)	
Total Health & Wellbeing		1,619,437	1,597,275	(22,162)	(17,010)	(5,152)	
Neighbourhood & Enforcement Services							
Recharges - Accident Damage	Income	(16,500)	(78,623)	(62,123)	0	(62,123)	Overachievement in income/cost recovery
Overdale Fire (Pink Skips Site)	Income	0	(288,443)	(288,443)	0	(288,443)	Income due as a result of fire at Overdale in 2021/22
Street Lighting (special fund)	Supplies & Services	603,270	770,270	167,000	0	167,000	Net overspend on special fund street lighting due to increased maintenance and energy costs
Street Lighting (special fund)	Income	0	(167,000)	(167,000)	0	(167,000)	Allocation of special fund reserves to fund overspend on Street lighting

Directorate		Budget	Outturn	Variation	Analysis of Variation		Comments			
					£	£		£	Capital and Pensions	Service
									Technical Entries	£
					£	£				
Winter Maintenance - flooding	Supplies & Services	0	111,255	111,255	0	111,255	Additional spend to support deployment of flood barriers			
Business Support	Employees	290,460	221,007	(69,453)	0	(69,453)	Vacancy management and use of grant funding for the administration of external grants			
Waste & Neighbourhood Services	Various	16,376,650	16,147,475	(229,175)	0	(229,175)	Underspend due to reduction in payments for household waste service			
Safer, Stronger - Syrian Refugee programme	Income	0	(151,018)	(151,018)	0	(151,018)	Release of grant monies held in reserves			
Strategic Transport & Highway Network Management - NRSWA - New Roads & Streetworks Act	Income	(928,880)	(1,102,725)	(173,845)	0	(173,845)	Overachievement in street works permitting income.			
Concessionary Travel	Supplies & Services	1,774,760	1,579,107	(195,653)	0	(195,653)	Reduction in Operating Costs			
IAS 19 Pension Transactions			(50,690)	(50,690)	(50,690)					
Variations under £50k		16,109,623	16,763,215	653,592	785,935.00	(132,343)				
Total Neighbourhood & Enforcement Services		34,209,383	33,753,829	(455,554)	735,245	(1,190,799)				
Housing, Employment & Infrastructure										
SDM Management Account	Income	0	(55,000)	(55,000)		(55,000)	Planned capitalisation of post.			
Management	Income	0	(94,994)	(94,994)		(94,994)	Planned capitalisation of posts.			
Housing Strategy	Employees	388,810	316,009	(72,801)		(72,801)	Vacancy management as planned.			
Affordable Housing	Income	(324,000)	(81,310)	242,690		242,690	Pressure arising from HIF cost of borrowing due to phasing of schemes.			
Homelessness	Net position	209,660	(6,794)	(216,454)		(216,454)	One off maximisation of use of grant income.			
Hostels - Xroads/Dodmoor Grange	Income	(199,150)	(271,619)	(72,469)		(72,469)	Higher level of occupancy which has reduced voids. This location is used for Young adults and varying levels of voids has been seen across a number of years, therefore no saving given up.			
Temp Accommodation - BTW Properties	Income	(260,040)	(322,876)	(62,836)		(62,836)	Higher level of occupancy which reduced voids, saving given in 24/25.			
Housing	Income	(480,440)	(577,511)	(97,071)		(97,071)	Higher level of DFG income from increased level of spend on DFG cases, in addition to agreed increase in property management charges to NuPlace. Staffing budgets realigned in 24/25 and saving given up.			
IAS 19 Pension Transactions			(19,420)	(19,420)	(19,420)					
Variations under £50k		2,939,297	2,870,535	(68,762)		(68,762)				
Total Housing, Employment & Infrastructure		2,274,137	1,757,020	(517,117)	(19,420)	(497,697)				

Directorate		Budget	Outturn	Variation	Analysis of Variation		Comments
					Capital and Pensions	Service	
					Technical Entries		
		£	£	£	£	£	
Communities, Customer & Commercial Services							
Communities, Customer & Commercial Services Director	Employees	(100,930)	141,455	242,385	0	242,385	2% Vacancy target - being met from underspends reported in areas across the service, some of which is contained within the variations below £50k.
Use of One Off funds	Income	0	(349,180)	(349,180)	0	(349,180)	Release of On Your Side Funding and other CCC reserves not required in 23/24.
IDT - Corporate	Employees	3,195,235	2,998,278	(196,957)	0	(196,957)	Vacancy management.
IDT - Corporate	Income	(700,660)	(885,242)	(184,582)	0	(184,582)	Over achievement of Project fee income.
Customer Relationships & Welfare Services	Housing Benefit Subsidy	(190,000)	600,397	790,397	0	790,397	A combination of reduced recovery of overpayments and B&B spend where no subsidy can be claimed. Position includes an adjustment to reflect the impact of the bad debt provision. The service continues to work with providers to find long-term solutions to reduce subsidy loss on an ongoing basis including minimising B& B use.
Births Deaths & Marriages	Income	(472,680)	(420,684)	51,996	0	51,996	Shortfall against budgeted Ceremony income target.
Communities - Community Engagement	Employees	268,889	210,283	(58,606)	0	(58,606)	Vacancy management.
Housing Benefit/Council Tax Support Team	Employees	729,490	669,687	(59,803)	0	(59,803)	In year vacancy management and use of grant funding to cover work done by base budgeted posts.
Housing Benefit/Council Tax Support Team	Income	(632,075)	(708,516)	(76,441)	0	(76,441)	Additional grant income.
Leisure	Various	3,278,935	3,030,753	(248,182)	0	(248,182)	Over achievement against budgeted income targets across leisure service, offset by additional employee costs.
IAS 19 Pension Transactions			(130,090)	(130,090)	(130,090)		
Variations under £50k		(161,587)	(329,317.00)	(167,730)	(150,692.00)	(17,038)	
Total Communities, Customer & Commercial Services		5,214,617	4,827,823	(386,793)	(280,782)	(106,011)	
Corporate Communications							
IAS 19 Pension Transactions			(5,840)	(5,840)	(5,840)		
Variations under £50k		(7,720)	(27,720)	(20,000)		(20,000)	Underspend on staffing
Total Corporate Communications		(7,720)	(33,560)	(25,840)	(5,840)	(20,000)	
Prosperity & Investment							
BiT							
BiTs - Arch & Build Hold Ac	Net position	(2,012,080)	(1,946,513)	65,567		65,567	One off vacancy management as planned (£208k) resulting in shortfall against income of £171k and historical pressure of specialist license costs and IT equipment required to deliver service.
FM - Building Support Services	Net position	(389,300)	(540,155)	(150,855)		(150,855)	One off vacancy management as planned (£49k) in addition to one off income received.

Directorate		Budget £	Outturn £	Variation £	Analysis of Variation		Comments
					Capital and Pensions Technical Entries £	Service £	
Operational & Admin Buildings	Net position	6,589,823	5,989,020	(600,803)		(600,803)	One off refunds in respect of Telford & Wrekin Council properties relating to previous years valuations and 3 month empty allowance for Addenbrooke.
Farcroft Accord historic building	Premises	0	58,108	58,108		58,108	Premises running costs associated with site. Business cases to be established.
Travellers & Gypsy Sites	Premises	130,750	261,669	130,919		130,919	R&M costs associated with this site.
Development Management							
Building Control	Net Employees & Income	262,900	96,336	(166,564)		(166,564)	Additional income received in year.
AP Planning Delivery	Net position	294,120	230,081	(64,039)		(64,039)	Additional income received in year, ongoing saving put forward in 24/25.
AP-Development Team	Employees	775,000	648,959	(126,041)		(126,041)	Vacancy management as planned - one off.
Regeneration & Investment							
PIP	Net position	(7,592,830)	(7,391,922)	200,908		200,908	PIP & Service Charge void pressure and Growth fund slippage.
Regeneration & Inv Management Account	Employees	832,650	782,557	(50,093)		(50,093)	Vacancy management as planned - one off.
	Income	(225,060)	(303,622)	(78,562)		(78,562)	Higher levels of income delivered due to a number of one off schemes, e.g. Afghan/Ukrainian properties.
Southwater Car Park	Income	(406,180)	(342,965)	63,215		63,215	MSCP income pressure from reduced footfall, seeing a slight improved trend on 22/23.
Granville House	Premises	57,510	118,703	61,193		61,193	R&M costs associated with the development at this site.
IAS 19 Pension Transactions			(37,580)	(37,580)	(37,580)		
Variations under £50k		(3,795,727)	2,945,971	6,741,698	6,736,782.00	4,916	
Total Prosperity & Investment		(5,478,424)	568,649	6,047,073	6,699,202	(652,129)	
Council Wide Items							
Asset Rental Management Account		314,620	380,866	66,246	66,246	0	Offset of Education Revaluation posted
Depreciation & Revaluations	Depreciation Capital Financing Costs	(19,974,860)	(27,009,035)	(7,034,175)	(7,034,175)	0	Offset of Depreciation variances recognised in service area
Depreciation & Revaluations	Impairment		0	0	0	0	Asset Revaluation Impairment
Budgeted Contingency		2,656,017.00		(2,656,017)		(2,656,017)	Unallocated budget contingency
Other Council Wide items		(14,019,383.00)	(15,016,061.60)	(996,679)		(996,679)	Includes inflation contingency, NDR levy account surplus redistributed and Green Plant & Machinery NDR relief compensation received.
Contribution from Reserves			(7,376,751.40)	(7,376,751)		(7,376,751)	One off reserves applied
Pensions		(200,000)	(339,880)	(139,880)		(139,880)	Prepayment Discount

Directorate		Budget £	Outturn £	Variation £	Analysis of Variation		Comments
					Capital and Pensions Technical Entries £	Service £	
Use of Reserves		(6,297,510)	(6,296,401)	1,109		1,109	
Transfers to Reserves			3,500,913	3,500,913		3,500,913	Included in Appendix E
Purchase Rebates	Income	(290,000)	(588,111)	(298,111)	0	(298,111)	Dividend payment higher than budgeted together with one off income received as a result of compensation payment in respect of overstated electricity charges.
IAS 19 Pension Transactions			1,462,000	1,462,000	1,462,000		
Variations under £50k		5,037,211	5,072,150	34,939	0	34,939	
Total Council Wide Items		(32,773,905)	(46,210,312)	(13,436,407)	(5,505,929)	(7,930,478)	
Subtotal Expenditure		146,774,400	146,400,469	(373,931)	(0)	(373,931)	
Funding							
Section 31 Grant	Income	(11,657,050)	(11,680,960)	(23,910)		(23,910)	
Collection Fund (Surplus)/Deficit	Income	(1,127,230)	(1,127,225)	5		5	
Council Tax	Income	(80,978,610)	(80,978,605)	5		5	
NDR - Business Rates	Income	(35,414,800)	(35,383,967)	30,833		30,833	
Revenue Support Grant	Income	(11,623,170)	(11,623,168)	2		2	
NDR - Top Up	Income	(6,039,350)	(5,687,226)	352,124		352,124	
Parish RSG	Income	65,810	65,810	0		0	
Variations under £50k				0			
Total Funding		(146,774,400)	(146,415,341)	359,059	0	359,059	
Total Net		-	(14,872)	(14,872)	(0)	(14,872)	

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<u>Virements To:</u>	£	<u>Virements From:</u>	£
Prosperity & Investment			
BiT Architect & Building teams	65,567	FM building support team - staffing and income	150,855
BiT - income shortfall		Operational & Admin Buildings - NDR	600,803
Farcroft Accord historic building - premises	58,108	Development Management - building control income	166,564
Travellers & Gypsy Sites - Premises Related	130,919	Development Management - AP Planning Delivery income	64,039
Terrace Lodge/Standford House - Premises Related		Development Management - AP Development Team - employee	126,041
Master Planning - Premises Related		Regeneration & Investment - Employees	50,093
Granville House - premises	61,193	Regeneration & Investment - Income	78,562
Property Investment Portfolio	200,908		
Multi-storey Carpark - income shortfall	63,215		
Variations under £50,000	4,916		
Capital Charges	6,736,782	IAS 19 Pension Charges	37,580
	7,321,609		1,274,537
Finance & HR			
Finance - Employees vacancy factor	77,000	Treasury Management	1,335,518
Revenues - Supplies & Services	58,636	Finance - Employees	238,619
		External Audit Fee	52,021

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<u>Virements To:</u>	£	<u>Virements From:</u>	£
		People Services - Income	62,964
		Revenues - Income	
		Revenues - Employees	
		Variations under £50,000	164,006
		IAS 19 Pension Charges	43,050
	135,636		1,896,178
Policy & Governance			
Elections	64,836	Organisational Delivery & Planning - Employees	61,469
Land Chares - Income	84,252	Learning & Development - Employees	156,707
		Variations under £50,000	58,066
Capital Charges	51	IAS 19 Pension Charges	25,660
	149,139		301,903
Children's Safeguarding & Family Support			
CIC Placements	5,965,744	Child Protection & Family Support, Parenting Assessment & Contact Teams - Staffing	312,153
		Health Funding	3,417,713
Children in Care, Leaving Care Team & Speciality Services, Family Solutions - Children with Disabilities	373,823		
Children in Care, Leaving Care Team & Speciality Services, Family Solutions - Staffing Expenditure	327,090		

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<u>Virements To:</u>	£	<u>Virements From:</u>	£
Children in Care, Leaving Care Team & Speciality Services, Family Solutions - Operational Expenditure	2,454,785	Children in Care, Leaving Care Team & Speciality Services, Family Solutions - Income	2,396,811
Family Connect, EDT & Early Help Children & Families (Strengthening Families) - Staffing	269,272	Family Connect, EDT & Early Help Children & Families (Strengthening Families) - Income	891,717
Family Connect, EDT & Early Help Children & Families (Strengthening Families) - Operational Expenditure	869,446		
Family Safeguarding - Operational Expenditure	1,182,252	Family Safeguarding - Staffing	131,869
		Family Safeguarding - Income	735,081
Safeguarding Management & Partnerships - Staffing	244,532	Safeguarding Management & Partnerships - Income	300,631
Safeguarding Management & Partnerships - Operational Expenditure	102,537		
Fostering Adoption & Permanence - Operational Expenditure	254,300	Fostering Adoption & Permanence - Adoption Support	64,058
		Fostering Adoption & Permanence - Staffing Expenditure	50,205
Variations under £50,000	240,526	IAS 19 Pension Charges	116,160
Capital Charges	62		
	12,284,369		8,416,398
Education & Skills			
Arthog - income	233,050	Transport	357,518
		Variations under £50,000	114,037
		Use of Reserves	250,000

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<u>Virements To:</u>	£	<u>Virements From:</u>	£
		Capital Charges	575,981
		IAS 19 Pension Charges	904,830
	233,050		2,202,366
Adult Social Care			
Purchasing Long Term Care	11,692,820	Client Contributions	219,985
Purchasing Short Term Reablement Care	7,037,315	Prevention & Enablement - Income	5,914,573
		Joint Health Funding - NHS Income	2,550,462
My Options- Adults & Children's Services	951,170	My Options- Adults & Children's Services - care expenditure	65,579
		Prevention & independence - Older People & Disability - Staffing & Operational Spend	577,380
		Prevention & independence - Older People & Disability - Income	313,521
Autism, Learning Disability & Mental Health - Income	284,001	Autism, Learning Disability & Mental Health - Staffing & Operational Spend	282,574
		Autism, Learning Disability & Mental Health - Income	358,720
		Market Sustainability Grant Income	1,178,697
		Variations under £50,000	126,396
Capital Charges	171,772	IAS 19 Pension Charges	111,670
	20,137,078		11,699,557

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<u>Virements To:</u>	£	<u>Virements From:</u>	£
Health & Wellbeing			
Public Health - Contribution to Reserves	43,929	Public Health - Sexual Health contracted services	112,843
Public Health - Management & Administration - Staffing	78,313	Variations Under £50,000- Public Health	107,125
Public Health - Active and Creative Communities - Staffing	97,726		
Public Health - Sexual Health Services		IAS 19 Pension Charges	17,010
Coroners Service	65,549	Variations Under £50,000	70,701
	285,517		307,679
Neighbourhood & Enforcement			
Winter Maintenance - floor barrier costs	111,255	Concessionary Travel - operating costs	195,653
		Recharges - accident damage - income	62,123
		Overdale Fire - income	288,443
		Business Support - employees	69,453
		Waste & Neighbourhood Services - expenditure	229,175
		Refugee Programme - Income	151,018
		Strategic Transport & Highway Network Management - NRSWA - New Roads & Streetworks Act - Income	173,845
		Variations under £50,000	132,343
Capital Charges	785,935	IAS 19 Pension Charges	50,690

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<u>Virements To:</u>	£	<u>Virements From:</u>	£
	897,190		1,352,744
Communities, Customer & Commercial			
Communities, Customer & Commercial Services Director - employees	242,385	Use of Reserves - income	349,180
Housing Benefit Subsidy - expenditure	790,397	Housing Benefit / Council Tax Support Team - income	76,441
		Housing Benefit / Council Tax Support Team - employees	59,803
Births, deaths and marriages - income	51,996	IDT - income	184,582
		IDT - employees	196,957
		Community Engagement - employees	58,606
		Leisure - net income	248,182
		IAS 19 Pension Charges	130,090
		Capital charges	150,692
		Variations under £50,000	17,038
	1,084,778		1,471,571
Housing, Employment & Infrastructure			
Affordable Housing - income	242,690	SDM Management Account - income	55,000
		Management - income	94,994
		Housing Strategy - employees	72,801
		Homelessness - income	216,454
		Hostels - income	72,469

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Virements To:	£	Virements From:	£
		Temporary Accommodation - income	62,836
		housing - income	97,071
		Variations under £50,000	68,762
		IAS 19 Pension Charges	19,420
	242,690		759,807
Corporate			
		Corporate Communications - variations under £50,000	20,000
		Corporate Communications - IAS 19 Pension Charges	5,840
Contribution to Reserves	3,500,913	Budgeted contingency	2,656,017
		Other council wide items	981,806
		Contribution from Reserves	7,376,751
		WME Dividend	298,111
		Pension Prepayment discount	139,880
Funding	359,059		
Variations under £50,000	36,048		
IAS 19 Pension Charges	1,462,000	Capital Charges	6,967,929
	5,358,019		18,446,334

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Virements To:

£
48,129,075

Virements From:

£
48,129,075

APPENDIX D

Capital Approvals - by Service Area

Virements

Scheme	Service Area	Funding Source	23/24 £	24/25 £	25/26 £	26/27 £
Integrated Transport	Neighbourhood & Enforcement Services	Prudential	(53,021.12)			
Condition Works - leisure- Oakengates	Prosperity & Investment	Prudential	670,000.00			
Climate Change	Communities, Customer & Commercial Services	Prudential	(670,000.00)			
ICT Investment Programme	Communities, Customer & Commercial Services	Prudential	53,021.12			
Adults Supported Accommodation	Adult Social Care	Prudential	209,153.06			
Asset Management Plan-General Works & Surveys	Prosperity & Investment	Prudential	(209,153.06)			
			0.00			

New Allocations

Scheme	Service Area	Funding Source	23/24 £	24/25 £	25/26 £	26/27 £
Pride in Your High Street	Housing, Employment & Infrastructure	Revenue	(381,044.51)			
Pride in Your High Street	Housing, Employment & Infrastructure	External	35,360.00			
Housing	Housing, Employment & Infrastructure	Grant	(917,710.19)			
Housing	Housing, Employment & Infrastructure	Capital Receipts	24,571.57			
Housing	Housing, Employment & Infrastructure	Prudential	388,271.97			
Pride in our Play Areas	Neighbourhood & Enforcement Services	External	19,000.00			
Pothole Action Fund	Neighbourhood & Enforcement Services	Grant	548,000.00			
Active Travel	Neighbourhood & Enforcement Services	Grant	(85,716.00)			
Integrated Transport	Neighbourhood & Enforcement Services	Grant		36,389.57		
Newport Innovation & Enterprise Package	Neighbourhood & Enforcement Services	External	(43,436.30)			
Integrated Transport	Neighbourhood & Enforcement Services	External	96,221.56			
Integrated Transport	Neighbourhood & Enforcement Services	Revenue	16,250.00			
Service & Financial Approved Schemes	Neighbourhood & Enforcement Services	Revenue	3,700.00			
Pride in our Play Areas	Neighbourhood & Enforcement Services	Revenue	3,364.60			
Flood Defence Grant in Aid	Neighbourhood & Enforcement Services	Grant		181,000.00	477,000.00	103,500.00
Flood Defence Grant in Aid	Neighbourhood & Enforcement Services	Prudential	962.74	(962.74)		
Potters Group Landfill Community Fund	Neighbourhood & Enforcement Services	External	193,875.22			
Property Investment Portfolio	Prosperity & Investment	Revenue	192,869.58			
Property Investment Portfolio	Prosperity & Investment	Capital Receipts	716,642.86			
Property Investment Portfolio	Prosperity & Investment	External	45,694.00			
HE Liability Sites	Prosperity & Investment	External		(600,000.00)		
Stalled Sites	Prosperity & Investment	External	100,000.00			
Rights of Way	Prosperity & Investment	External	57,640.00			
Rights of Way	Prosperity & Investment	Revenue	800.00			
Asset Management Plan-General Works & Surveys	Prosperity & Investment	Grant	(18,865.50)			

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Accommodation Options	Prosperity & Investment	Prudential	241,930.21
All Other School Schemes	Education & Skills	External	4,246,807.93
ICT Investment Programme	Communities, Customer & Commercial Services	Prudential	17,605.21
			5,502,794.95
			(383,573.17)
			477,000.00
			103,500.00

Slippage

Scheme	Service Area	Funding Source	23/24 £	24/25 £	25/26 £	26/27 £
Integrated Community Schemes	Adult Social Care	Prudential	8,181.09	(8,181.09)		
Branding Refresh	Policy & Governance	Prudential	(14,850.74)	14,850.74		
Legal Fees	Policy & Governance	Prudential	(20,614.70)	20,614.70		
All Other School Schemes	Education & Skills	Grant	(3,230,972.86)	3,230,972.86		
All Other School Schemes	Education & Skills	Capital receipts	15,020.10	(15,020.10)		
Air Quality	Neighbourhood & Enforcement Services	Grant	(44,700.50)	44,700.50		
Mobile Enforcement Hub & CCTV	Neighbourhood & Enforcement Services	Prudential	(8,993.00)	8,993.00		
Violence Against Women & Girls	Neighbourhood & Enforcement Services	Prudential	(60,436.63)	60,436.63		
Active Travel	Neighbourhood & Enforcement Services	Grant	(1,792,754.87)	1,792,754.87		
On Street Residential Chargepoint Scheme	Neighbourhood & Enforcement Services	Grant	(683,370.00)	683,370.00		
Ironbridge Gorge Stability	Neighbourhood & Enforcement Services	Prudential	(53,869.54)	53,869.54		
Safer Routes to Schools	Neighbourhood & Enforcement Services	Prudential	24,542.37	(24,542.37)		
Integrated Transport	Neighbourhood & Enforcement Services	Prudential	(62,339.20)	62,339.20		
Highways & Bridges Capital Maintenance	Neighbourhood & Enforcement Services	Prudential	(71,574.41)	71,574.41		
Highways / Footpaths	Neighbourhood & Enforcement Services	Prudential	(395,927.61)	395,927.61		
Environmental Improvements/ Enhancements	Neighbourhood & Enforcement Services	Prudential	(253,228.27)	253,228.27		
Service & Financial Approved Schemes	Neighbourhood & Enforcement Services	Prudential	(164,323.35)	164,323.35		
Pride in our Play Areas	Neighbourhood & Enforcement Services	Prudential	(118,483.45)	118,483.45		
Potters Group Landfill Community Fund	Neighbourhood & Enforcement Services	External	(89,455.64)	89,455.64		
Potters Group Landfill Community Fund	Neighbourhood & Enforcement Services	Prudential	(18,425.22)	18,425.22		
Playing Pitch Strategy	Prosperity & Investment	Capital receipts	(231,138.31)	231,138.31		
Swimming Pool - Dawley Area	Prosperity & Investment	Capital receipts	(10,000.00)	10,000.00		
Housing Company - Housing	Prosperity & Investment	Prudential	(1,709,419.22)	1,709,419.22		
St Georges Regeneration	Prosperity & Investment	Prudential	500,000.00	(500,000.00)		
St Georges Regeneration	Prosperity & Investment	Capital receipts	105,125.25	(105,125.25)		
Towns Fund -Oakengates	Prosperity & Investment	External	(46,746.99)	46,746.99		
Towns Fund -Oakengates	Prosperity & Investment	Grant	(760,829.79)	760,829.79		
Stronger Communities	Prosperity & Investment	Prudential	29,769.05	(29,769.05)		

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HE Land Deal	Prosperity & Investment	External	(430,805.69)	430,805.69		
Land Deal Board Schemes	Prosperity & Investment	External	(30,000.00)	30,000.00		
Land Deal Liability Sites	Prosperity & Investment	External	16,032.84	(16,032.84)		
Towns Fund - Wellington	Prosperity & Investment	Grant	(12,945.65)	12,945.65		
Towns Fund - Wellington	Prosperity & Investment	Prudential	(6,975.75)	6,975.75		
Towns Fund	Prosperity & Investment	Prudential	(815,610.14)	815,610.14		
Towns Fund	Prosperity & Investment	Grant	133,993.93	(133,993.93)		
Stalled Sites	Prosperity & Investment	Capital receipts	(128,293.59)	128,293.59		
Regeneration Funding	Prosperity & Investment	Grant	(533,046.09)	533,046.09		
Levelling Up Fund	Prosperity & Investment	Prudential	(51,857.29)	51,857.29		
Levelling Up Fund	Prosperity & Investment	Grant	(686,790.72)	686,790.72		
Property Investment Portfolio	Prosperity & Investment	External	479,500.00	(479,500.00)		
Property Investment Portfolio	Prosperity & Investment	Prudential	(1,378,789.66)	1,378,789.66		
Property Investment Portfolio	Prosperity & Investment	Capital receipts	(409,149.93)	409,149.93		
Condition Works - leisure- Oakengates	Prosperity & Investment	Prudential	358,762.71	(358,762.71)		
Rights of Way	Prosperity & Investment	Prudential	(3,095.33)	3,095.33		
Capital Receipts Site Preparation	Prosperity & Investment	Capital receipts	1,947.93	(1,947.93)		
Asset Management Plan-General Works & Surveys	Prosperity & Investment	Prudential	285,427.57	(285,427.57)		
Legacy Fund	Communities, Customer & Commercial Services	Prudential	(33,354.32)	33,354.32		
Telford Town Park Capital	Communities, Customer & Commercial Services	Prudential	(19,764.53)	19,764.53		
Leisure Capital Schemes	Communities, Customer & Commercial Services	Prudential	(279,480.62)	279,480.62		
ICT Investment Programme	Communities, Customer & Commercial Services	Capital receipts	(28,970.99)	28,970.99		
ICT Investment Programme	Communities, Customer & Commercial Services	Prudential	431,665.40	(431,665.40)		
Cemeteries	Communities, Customer & Commercial Services	Revenue	1,010.94	(1,010.94)		
Climate Change	Communities, Customer & Commercial Services	Prudential	629,979.66	(629,979.66)		
Housing	Housing, Employment & Infrastructure	Grants	(231,874.23)	231,874.23		
Housing	Housing, Employment & Infrastructure	Prudential	59,924.11	(59,924.11)		
Affordable Housing Programme	Housing, Employment & Infrastructure	Prudential	169,180.94	(169,180.94)		
Pride in Your High Street	Housing, Employment & Infrastructure	Prudential	125,851.08	(125,851.08)		
Pride in Your High Street	Housing, Employment & Infrastructure	Revenue	(80,000.00)	80,000.00		
Efficiency Schemes Capitalisation	Corporate Items	Capital receipts	(436,605.37)	436,605.37		
Managing the funding of the capital programme	Corporate Items	Capital Receipts	1,459,483.68	(1,459,483.68)		
Managing the funding of the capital programme	Corporate Items	Prudential	(1,459,483.68)	1,459,483.68		
			(12,063,949.23)	12,063,949.23	0.00	0.00

TRANSFERS TO RESERVES - YEAR END 2023/24

Description	Amount £
Invest to Save / Capacity Fund - to support the delivery of future ongoing savings	1,297,913
Income Equalisation - to support income pressures	756,200
Severance Fund - to support the delivery of future ongoing savings	500,000
Energy Performance Compliance (EPC) - required to meet regulations	400,000
Community Action Team Funding	174,000
Leaving Care Service - funding for statutory roles	254,000
Corporate ICT - required investment	145,000
Councillors Pride Fund - committed to schemes to be delivered in 2024/25	47,194
Funds committed to capital schemes	41,300
Coalbrookdale watercourse - essential maintenance	28,044
Apprentice funding	9,000
Events Programme funding - committed	13,446
Trading Standards Enforcement (ring fenced)	8,330
To support Nursery provision	21,750
Minibus Sale surplus proceeds to be re-invested	1,127
	3,697,304
Grant Income - various grant funding received, including Public Health Grant and Asylum	4,470,577
Seeker/Refugee funding, to be carried forward to new year	
Pooled Funds, including Better Care Fund	115,331
Third Party/External Funds	59,636
	8,342,848