

2021/22 Revenue Budget Variations over £50,000				
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Prosperity & Investment				
BiT	Admin Buildings	1,849,640	107,000	Undeliverable saving, alternative options to be considered but has been stalled due to Covid lockdown.
	Operational Properties	4,779,221	41,137	Additional cleansing required across all sites to maintain Covid safety standards and small Operational property pressures. Cleansing at Ironbridge toilets now funded from COMF.
R&I	PIP Income	(6,793,202)	132,000	Estimated impact of rent reductions as a result of Covid implications. Service area has received some specific requests for rent reductions and will continue to monitor the position.
	Car Park income	(543,180)	185,450	Southwater and Hall Court Car Park reduced income reflecting the covid lockdown period and gradual return of businesses, retail and customers to centre.
	Granville Depot	65,100	46,643	Ongoing pressure with this site transferred from Neighbourhood Services. Options currently being reviewed to aid mitigation ongoing.
Other under £50k		(4,396,357)	(73,906)	
Total Prosperity & Investment		(5,038,778)	438,324	
Finance & HR				
Treasury		10,505,199	(2,350,000)	Benefit arising from current low interest rates and strategy to use temporary borrowing at lower than budgeted interest rates.
Revenues	Supplies & Services	1,085,960	(88,766)	Underspends projected on postage and printing
Revenues	Income	(934,490)	122,060	Projected shortfall on Court Fees income, in line with 2020/21 however this could improve as we progress through the year.
Payroll	Income	(894,540)	(70,471)	Projected additional income generated from external business, mainly schools
Variations Under £50k		3,014,435	(342,553)	Combination of underspends from part year vacant posts, additional income, PFI contract, bank charges and cash collection
Total Finance & HR		12,776,564	(2,729,730)	
Policy & Governance				
Variations Under £50k		849,311	0	
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Children's Safeguarding & Family Support				

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CIC Placements		17,389,447	1,892,352	Since the position was previously reported to Cabinet, five young people have been placed on remand and with remand costs of £385 per day, this alone has added £546K to the projected costs for the year. There has also been pressure on residential placement costs, with a number of existing placements becoming significantly more expensive due to the complexities and challenges being presented. The placement budget is based on a detailed model which reflects anticipated placement numbers and costs. Work is ongoing to review the current projections and reflect the latest information available for planned cessations (adoption, stepdown, reunification). Whilst current projections reflect the existing LAC cohort through to year end - there is inevitable fluidity within this cohort and so further detailed work is being undertaken to ensure that all assumptions going forward are as robust as possible and that this position is reflected in the monitoring.
Post 18 Staying Put & Leaving Care Support		428,208	63,434	
Health Funding		(400,000)	204,962	The projected position has improved since previously reported. Following discussions with the CCG, health representatives have commenced attendance at the weekly RAMP Panel to discuss new placement costs and are involved in all discussions where the service considers there to be a requirement for funding linked to health needs. This increased engagement is to be reinforced by meetings with the CCG to discuss existing placements where the child or young person has health needs.
Staffing - salaries		12,585,088	292,112	This projected variance and agency expenditure is currently more than offset by grant funding for the Family Safeguarding initiative and contributions from reserves. (see lines below)
Staffing - Agency Costs		160,400	99,457	Agency staff are covering maternity/sickness absence in the service. As the year progresses this figure will be revised to reflect the latest absence position.
Grant funding drawn down for Family Safeguarding project		0	(380,387)	Grant funding will contribute to the costs of the Family Safeguarding initiative which has commenced this year (see staffing variation above).
Contribution from Reserves		(578,991)	(202,246)	
Children with Disabilities		1,198,298	(135,710)	This area spent less in 2020/21 than the 2021/22 budget, but it is expected that as CV19 restrictions reduce, activity will return to more usual levels.
Children in Care Adoption Allowances		291,400	(47,900)	
Joint Adoption Service		774,417	7,854	The 2021/22 outturn for this area will potentially be impacted by the ongoing review of the Adoption Support Fund being undertaken by Shropshire, as this will determine whether the current assumptions for monies claimed but needing to be returned are accurate.
Under £50k		3,703,822	342,502	
TOTAL		35,552,090	2,136,430	
Independent Review - Staffing		701,610	(53,387)	
Independent Review - Under £50k		193,849	6,214	
Total Children's Safeguarding & Family Support		36,447,549	2,089,257	

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Education & Skills				
Traded Advisory Service		88,081	107,970	The Department for Education (DfE) has announced that the amount of School Improvement Grant allocated from September 2021 will be reduced to reflect academy conversions in local authorities in recent years. The projections here reflect the estimated reduction although T&W's revised allocation has yet to be confirmed.
Home to school transport		2,912,832	138,719	There is an existing pressure in this area and as transport returns to more normal arrangements following CV19 restrictions, some of this pressure remains, although reductions in fleet expenditure compared to budget have had a positive impact upon the position.
Post 16 transport		295,970	91,238	There is an existing pressure in this area, due to a number of post 16 young people with high needs needing individual transport arrangements. The arrangements are kept under constant review to identify any more cost effective ways to ensure the young people are able to attend their educational setting.
Work Ready, Life Ready		530,934	61,389	Education Business Partnership income is currently projected to be lower than budgeted because the usual work experience placements in the Spring weren't able to take place because of CV19 restrictions in place at the time. The service generates income from schools for each placement.
Skills Service Delivery		(109,352)	124,944	There is an existing pressure in this area. The service continues to seek to identify ways to achieve efficiencies, but the impact of CV19 on normal income generating activities has made this more challenging.
Arthog		272,106	331,762	Summer term bookings for Arthog have been fundamentally impacted by restrictions caused by CV19. Since lockdown began in 2020, Arthog's ability to operate has been severely restricted. The financial projections currently assume that from Autumn onwards a more normal pattern of activity is resumed.
Variation under £50K		7,950,583	37,667	
Total Education & Skills		11,941,154	893,689	
Adult Social Care				
Long Term Care Purchasing	Residential/Residential(Dementia) care, Nursing/Nursing (Dementia) care, Homecare, Direct Payments, Shared Lives, Supported Accommodation and Supported Living, Daycare: Spot and Block contracts	52,311,604	1,675,710	Long term block and spot care expenditure pressure currently forecast.
Purchasing	In House care services from MYO	4,972,802	(1,280,661)	The ongoing transformation of services to deliver support to LD clients has resulted in reduced costs to ASC. These new support services continue to be provided by MYO but at a reduced cost. The impact on MYO financial position is shown below and this offsets the reduction shown here.
My Options - Adults and Children's Services	Trading accounts for My Options	563,269	1,323,924	See above

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Purchasing - Short Term Reablement care (through BCF)	Bed based care and homecare for up to six weeks	3,114,795	2,102,379	Current projected enablement gross spend. This will be partly offset by income from the CCG as part of the risk share agreement and further income, also from the CCG, which relates to specific initiatives and Covid related costs.
Income	Recharge to the CCG for Hospital Discharge Costs		(571,475)	This income covers the costs associated with the Hospital Discharge Programme which include both short term care and additional Discharge related staffing capacity.
Income	Joint Funding	(1,681,218)	(265,971)	Additional funding projected relating to clients who have part of their care funded by the CCG. There is still a small amount of recharges unpaid relating to 20/21 although are actively being chased by ASC Finance. Any reduction in the amount payable will have an adverse impact on the 21/22 position.
Operational Teams	All team costs and non controllable spend	10,193,642	296,226	Following a review of agency numbers and spend to date it now seems likely that agency workers will be extended longer than projected in P3 which was six months. Therefore based on the assumption that all current SW agency staff will remain until December 21 the agency projection has increased.
			(500,000)	Agreed use of reserves to offset increased short-term care costs
Variation under £50K		(20,953,808)	192,420	Includes a small shortfall (£27k) on savings from the restructure of the BSO team due to a delay in implementation
Total Adult Social Care		48,521,086	2,972,552	
Health, Wellbeing & Commissioning				
Sexual Health Services		190,000	(187,748)	This is due to reduced service capacity and attendance due to COVID-19 in both the integrated sexual health service and primary care. Activity is starting to increase with additional clinic being delivered to meet an increased demand.
0-19 Commissioning		-	(219,738)	Additional implementation funding which was awarded to the provider on a non-recurring basis to support new developments to meet the service needs, was not implemented as a result of COVID-19. The service is now fully operating and therefore this work is now progressing.
Stop Smoking Service		7,904	(107,241)	There are vacancies within the team but plans are being progressed to recruit to these posts, which are needed to deliver elements of the Health Inequalities plan In addition there is an underspend against the prescribing budget as a result of problems with the national supply chain. Discussions are taking place with the CCG and local medicines management to agree pathways to address this.
Contribution to PH Reserve			514,727	
Variation under £50K		2,197,043		
Total Health, Wellbeing & Commissioning		2,394,947	0	
Neighbourhood & Enforcement Services				
New Roads & Streetworks Act	Various	(503,780)	(85,110)	Income received projected over and above income target for NRSWA. This income will be use to support investment into the highway network and associated assets.
Waste Transport, Treatment & Disposal	Various	5,302,130	59,886	Net cost pressure from disposal costs as a result of increased tonnages.

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Variations Under £50k		25,262,156	(155,087)	£20k income pressure from Ironbridge Car Parks
Total Neighbourhood & Enforcement Services		30,060,506	(180,311)	
Communities, Customer & Commercial Services				
Leisure	Income	(5,096,905)	635,858	Net shortfall projected against income due to the impact of closures and social distancing restrictions during Q1 as a result of Covid.
Education Catering	Income - net of food costs	(3,189,085)	397,827	Net impact on School catering based on meal numbers for the first term of the year, with issues arising due to the numbers of children isolating. This does not account for any charges to schools for UIFSM not taken. The position is expected to remain challenging due to the number of Covid cases in schools.
Commercial catering	Income - net of food costs	(203,990)	157,970	Projected shortfall in income as Café Go and Ice Rink Café closed part year due to Covid plus allowance made for a lower customer capacity once open.
ICT - Corporate Income	Income	(332,345)	118,815	Shortfall anticipated against project income
ICT - External	Various	(54)	60,583	Projected shortfall in income due to the loss of business from Schools, offset partly by reduction in Microsoft Enterprise Agreement below.
ICT - PC Replacement Programme	Supplies & Services	480,795	(15,862)	Reduction in costs of the Microsoft Enterprise Agreement for 2021/22
ICT - MFD's	Various	(104,191)	66,984	Shortfall against income from MFD's due to lower printing volumes as a result of home working. This loss assumes that staff return to the office for 2 days a week from the end of July. Corresponding underspends will be held within Service budgets.
ICT - Telephone Recharges	Income	(469,450)	(104,730)	Impact of reduction in VOIP charges.
Oakengates Theatre	Income	(528,510)	124,315	Net loss on income from shows for April to June when the Theatre was closed due to Covid and being used as a test centre. The potential impact on income for the rest of the year is currently being assessed, however the impact of Covid over the winter months remains uncertain.
Co Operative Council	Income	(50,920)	50,920	Historic £75k private wire saving not able to be delivered, other savings identified to reduce this target to £51k. Proposal is to generate additional savings through delivery of carbon reduction projects funded by the climate change capital budget.
Customer Contact Centre	Employees	720,770	96,184	Not fully achieving the savings target of £104k. This is being covered by additional welfare reform grants being received by the Benefits team
Housing Benefit Subsidy	Various	(190,000)	198,392	£136k pressure due to lower level of recovery of overpayments from ongoing benefit. £97k pressure from B & B spend whereby no subsidy can be claimed back and also £700k lost subsidy from Charity landlords where only 60% subsidy can be claimed back.
Housing Benefit/Council Tax Support Team	Supplies & Services	158,388	(69,245)	Projected savings on Print and Postage costs.
Housing Benefit/Council Tax Support Team	Income	(910,075)	(208,438)	Projected additional grants achieved.
Births, Deaths & Marriages	Various	(64,090)	40,719	Projected income shortfalls as a result of reduction in number of ceremonies in the early part of the financial year, however ceremonies are now returning to pre-Covid levels. This income shortfall is offset by reduction in staffing costs.

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Other variations under £50k		13,615,875	(3,899)	
Total Communities, Customer & Commercial Services		3,836,213	1,546,393	
Housing, Employment & Infrastructure				
Housing	Homelessness B&B gross cost	-	218,052	Homelessness gross cost of £218k estimated for the provision of Bed & Breakfast associated with 'Everyone In' including NRPF (no recourse to public funds) clients, This is an improved position from last year as a result of the anticipated benefit of the Next Steps programme from MHCLG.
	Homelessness B&B - Housing benefit Income	-	(135,074)	Housing benefit income to offset B&B Homelessness clients.
Private Sector Housing	Employees	-	67,020	Agency costs associated with backfilling a post on long term sickness.
II&BS	Employees	(50,458)	50,458	PIOHS Capital funding no longer available to fund post.
Other under £50k		2,034,079	13,302	
Total Housing, Employment & Infrastructure		1,983,621	213,758	
Corporate Communications				
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Corporate				
Council Wide Items (incl. Covid Funding)		(12,758,588)	(5,178,982)	
Shropshire Pension Fund	Compensation payments/prepayment discount		(567,000)	The majority relates to the benefit/discount received from prepaying the employers pension contribution in April 2020.
Total Corporate		(12,758,588)	(5,745,982)	
Total		131,013,585	(502,050)	