

2022/23 Revenue Budget Variations over £50,000				
Description		Budget	Variation	Comments
		£	£	
Prosperity & Investment				
BIT	Utility inflation - Admin Buildings & Operational properties	1,304,120	72,000	Estimated Gas & electricity additional inflation required across Admin and Operational properties, awaiting confirmation from suppliers on final unit prices.
	Supplies & Services	-	(72,000)	Drawdown of inflation from central inflation contingency
	Variations under £50,000	(7,939,510)	-	
Total Prosperity & Investment		(6,635,390)	0	
Finance & HR				
Treasury		11,666,049	(2,500,000)	Benefit arising from re-profiled capital programme and use of some temporary borrowing at lower than budgeted interest rates.
	Variations under £50,000	2,193,615	18,700	PFI additional inflation above levels assumed in October 2021 at budget
	Supplies & Services	-	(18,700)	Drawdown of inflation from central inflation contingency
Total Finance & HR		13,859,664	(2,500,000)	
Policy & Governance				
	Variations under £50,000	880,521	0	
Total Policy & Governance		880,521	0	
Children's Safeguarding & Family Support				

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CIC Placements	17,556,758	1,719,825	Forecast expenditure on placements is currently at a similar level to the 2021/22 outturn. The placements model which forms the basis of budget setting builds in anticipated step-downs from residential placements etc and whilst these have been taking place (and the numbers of children in residential placements has remained at a similar level for some time) the combination of new children and young people entering residential placements and the very high cost of some of these placements has more than offset these savings. The placements model is being reviewed in the context of the current and projected situation.	
Post 18 Staying Put & Leaving Care Support	542,610	317,701	There have been a number of step-downs from residential placements to semi-independent placements and whilst these are less expensive than the previous residential placements, they have contributed to pressure on this budget area.	
Staffing - salaries	15,092,371	83,195		
Staffing - Agency Costs	160,400	51,558	Successful recruitment of staff to fill vacancies is reducing the need for agency staff and contributing to a lower forecast expenditure in this area compared to 2021/22.	
Staffing - Family Safeguarding Model	0	173,000	Grant funding will contribute to the costs of the family safeguarding initiative (see matching income from grant and reserves below).	
Grant funding drawn down for Family Safeguarding Project	(119,820)	(112,478)		
Reserves drawn down for Family Safeguarding Project	0	(60,522)		
Contribution from Reserves	(694,823)	22,002		

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Children with Disabilities		1,198,758	118,887	This area is under financial pressure, in part because of recent costs increases from providers of support. A Direct Payments Officer has recently been appointed and a robust review of current payment levels and the level of balances in fair share accounts will be undertaken to ensure that the personal budgets provided to families are at an appropriate level.
Children in Care Adoption Allowances		291,550	(40,609)	
Joint Adoption Service (JAS)		774,637	68,043	There is an ongoing budget pressure in JAS due to a staffing increase some years ago that was intended to be offset by increased adoption allowance income, but this hasn't increased to a sufficient degree to offset the cost increase. In recent years, this has been mitigated by savings from staffing vacancies during the year.
Health Funding		(400,000)	(500,000)	Forecast health income is currently at a similar level to 2021/22.. There was a marked increase in income in 2021/22 following increasing engagement with health colleagues.
Under £50k		3,664,844	146,737	
TOTAL		38,067,285	1,987,340	
Independent Review - Staffing		708,140	(38,144)	
Independent Review - Under £50k		170,629	(890)	
Total Children's Safeguarding & Family Support		38,946,054	1,948,306	
Education & Skills				

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School Transport (pre 16)		2,953,773	542,247	There is an existing pressure in this area. A large part of the overspend in 2021/22 was driven by a sharp increase in taxi costs in September 2021, which has a full year impact in 2022/23. Much of this increase was therefore due to contractual inflation. A number of initiatives are underway to address the cost pressures impacting upon home to school transport, including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Work to develop market – given lack of competition and increased costs of transport / taxis. • Seek continued efficiencies by reviewing routes and retendering and moving away from high cost provision. • Increase the take-up of Personal Transport Budgets to encourage alternative transport options (and enabling Dedicated Schools Grant (DSG) to be utilised for high needs pupils). • Significantly increase numbers of young people receiving travel training. • Providing minibus transport rather than taxis where possible and re-tendering of taxi contracts.
Post 16 Transport		295,686	168,692	There is an existing pressure in this area, due to a number of post 16 young people with high needs needing individual transport arrangements. As with pre 16 transport this pressure has been supplemented by a sharp increase in taxi costs from September 2021.
Skills		662,141	116,288	There is a longstanding pressure in this area arising from a previous savings target. The service continues to seek to identify ways to achieve efficiencies, and with a return to normal levels of activity after the impact of covid, is looking to generate additional income.
Under £50K		9,740,900	110	
Total Education & Skills		13,652,500	827,337	
Adult Social Care				
	Variations under £50,000	52,666,231	36,897	
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Health & Wellbeing				
	Variations under £50,000	2,212,580	0	The first period's monitoring reveals no significant variations. Some savings and restructure implementations will only deliver part year however these are expected to be covered by underspends resulting in a nil overall variation. Details to be reported once evaluated
Total Health & Wellbeing		2,212,580	0	

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Neighbourhood & Enforcement Services				
Neighbourhood & Enforcement Services additional contract inflation requirement	Various	22,235,339	1,378,577	Overspend against Neighbourhood & Enforcement contracts (Waste, Highways, Street Lighting, Grounds & Cleansing & Transport) due to inflationary increases over and above inflation included within 2022/23 budget.
Contract inflation requirement from Corporate Contingency	Supplies & Services	-	(1,378,577)	Drawdown of corporate contingency to offset impact of increased inflation requirement from point at which 2022/23 budget was set.
	Variations under £50,000	8,737,368	(193,983)	Various underspends across Neighbourhood & Enforcement services.
Total Neighbourhood & Enforcement Services		30,972,707	(193,983)	
Communities, Customer & Commercial Services				
Leisure	Income	(5,623,135)	350,680	Net shortfall projected against income. Service Variations include income pressure from the closure of Newport Pool Until July for improvements to the pool and grant-funded works to reduce carbon emissions as part of our commitment to tackle climate change
ICT - MFD's	Various	(104,191)	91,691	Shortfall against income from MFD's due to lower printing volumes as a result of home working. Corresponding underspends will be held within Service budgets.
Housing Benefit Subsidy	Various	(190,000)	191,826	£118k pressure due to lower level of recovery of overpayments. £74k pressure from B & B spend whereby no subsidy can be claimed back
	Other variations under £50k	10,246,950	(264,469)	Various underspends across Communities, Customer & Commercial Services
Total Communities, Customer & Commercial Services		4,329,624	369,728	

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Housing, Employment & Infrastructure				
Housing Solutions	Homelessness - Bed & Breakfast expenditure	-	180,000	Homelessness gross cost for the provision of Bed & Breakfast associated with 'Everyone In'. This is an estimate based on last years outturn with an improving position due to RSAP properties coming on board during the year.
	Homelessness - Bed & Breakfast Income	-	(154,300)	Homelessness Housing Benefit income towards the costs above.
Strategic Housing & Regeneration	Income	(63,000)	63,000	Additional income from Affordable Housing Project to cover debt charges - business cases are being developed, it is anticipated the properties will be asap but that might span across to early 23/24, impacting on the delivery of this target in 22/23.
	Variations under £50,000	2,122,671	(25,700)	
Total Housing, Employment & Infrastructure		2,059,671	63,000	
Corporate Communications				
Total Corporate Communications		0	0	
Corporate				
	Council Wide Items	(17,991,412)	-	
Total Corporate		(17,991,412)	0	
Total		134,952,750	551,285	