

Summary of 2022/23 Projected Variations

Service Area	Net Revenue Budget	Variation 13/10/2022 Cabinet	Movement	Total Current Variation
	£	£	£	£
Prosperity & Investment	(6,040,690)	502,806	33,008	535,814
Finance & HR	13,847,124	(3,778,345)	(211,779)	(3,990,124)
Policy & Governance	968,831	0	0	0
Children's Safeguarding & Family Support	39,144,277	5,376,332	938,880	6,315,212
Education & Skills	13,927,333	1,112,650	(54,110)	1,058,540
Adult Social Care	53,358,836	2,304,390	1,719,162	4,023,552
Health & Wellbeing	2,199,131	58,004	(45,417)	12,587
Neighbourhood & Enforcement Services	32,905,327	(654,639)	(146,500)	(801,138)
Communities, Customer & Commercial Services	4,636,746	(63,472)	(69,529)	(133,000)
Housing, Employment & Infrastructure	2,110,251	(2,479)	(26,825)	(29,304)
Corporate Communications	0	(25,525)	2,366	(23,159)
Council Wide	(22,104,416)	(1,568,684)	(802,075)	(2,370,759)
Total Net Revenue Budget	134,952,750	3,261,038	1,337,182	4,598,220

2022/23 Revenue Budget Variations over £50,000				
Description		Budget	Variation	Comments
		£	£	
Prosperity & Investment				
BiT	Operational , Admin & other property costs	7,452,110	154,245	Various pressures across a number of proprieties including corporate assets to be sold.
	Utility inflation costs		430,000	Impact of inflation and changes to standard charge bandings across Operational and Admin Buildings as confirmed by WME.
	Funded from Corporate contingency		(430,000)	Funding from Corporate Inflation contingency
Housing Investment Programme	Income	(133,500)	110,300	DMA income - slippage of schemes
R&I	PIP Income	(8,890,090)	824,800	PIP income shortfall due to voids.
	MSCP Income	(406,180)	138,085	Southwater car park reduced income due to a reduced return of footfall to the centre.
	Contribution from reserves	-	(596,000)	PIP reserves drawn down to offset above pressures
Development Management	Employee costs	3,232,980	(71,000)	One off vacancy management of service area including holding some vacant posts open.
	Legal costs	5,830	60,000	Planning appeal legal costs associated with 2 solar farm applications, after applying one off reserves.
	Approved provider Income	(583,290)	226,728	Realignment of income against resources available.
	One off Reserves	-	(400,144)	Use of one off reserves and Corporate Bad debt provision.
	Variations under £50,000	(6,718,550)	88,800	
Total Prosperity & Investment		(6,040,690)	535,814	

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Description		Budget	Variation	Comments
		£	£	
Finance & HR				
Treasury		1,166,573,690	(3,725,000)	Benefit arising from re-profiled capital programme and use of some temporary borrowing at lower than budgeted interest rates.
	Variations under £50,000	(1,152,726,566)	(265,124)	Vacant posts plus PFI additional inflation above levels assumed in October 2021 at budget setting
	Supplies & Services	-	-	Drawdown of inflation from central inflation contingency
Total Finance & HR		13,847,124	(3,990,124)	
Policy & Governance				
	Use of Reserves	0	(41,000)	Use of one off reserves
	Variations under £50,000	968,831	41,000	
Total Policy & Governance		968,831	0	
Children's Safeguarding & Family Support				
CIC Placements		17,556,758	5,228,309	The very significant variation compared to the placement costs budget is predominantly driven by residential placements. In particular, in the first few months of this financial year there were a number of new residential placements, a number arising from placement breakdowns, combined with some large increases in existing placement costs driven by increasing challenges and complexity presented by young people requiring specialist residential care. The scale of this upward pressure has eased over the summer and step-down plans are being pursued for a large proportion of the children in residential placements. In addition some of the pressure in this area is offset by an increased contribution from the NHS towards elements of the placements costs where the young people are presenting with health needs (see 'Health funding' line below). Future budget requirements are being analysed through a placements model which forms the basis of budget setting. The model is kept under review in the context of the current and projected situation.

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Post 18 Staying Put & Leaving Care Support		542,610	219,368	These costs are made up of Leaving Care, Shared Lives and Staying Put placements for young people who have previously been in care who have since turned 18. Whilst recognising that our corporate parenting responsibilities and need to support remain for young people up to the age of 25, these costs they have contributed to pressure on this budget area.
Staffing - salaries		14,907,803	(412,370)	There are a number of vacancies across the service, resulting in this forecast underspend, although this and service pressure are leading to an increasing need to employ agency staff, with a higher average cost compared to directly employed staff. In some cases, vacancies are now assumed to be in place until the end of the financial year, with a consequent reduction in forecast expenditure on this line, but an increase in forecast agency costs (see below).
Staffing - Agency Costs		160,400	1,817,696	As noted above a combination of vacancies and service pressures has resulted in significant agency costs being incurred. In addition to individual agency workers, two agency teams have been procured, in order to provide the capacity needed to meet the current level of resource requirements and to enable statutory safeguarding requirements to be delivered. Capacity and recruitment issues mean that the costs of these teams are now projected until the end of the financial year, with a subsequent impact upon the projected outturn
Staffing - Family Safeguarding Model		-	207,647	Grant funding will contribute to the costs of the family safeguarding initiative (see income from grant and reserves below).
Grant funding drawn down for Family Safeguarding Project		(119,820)	(148,300)	
Reserves drawn down for Family Safeguarding Project		(30,692)	(41,625)	
Contribution from Reserves		(664,131)	(298,458)	Includes additional funds drawn down for emergency duties team

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Children with Disabilities		1,198,758	121,792	This area is under financial pressure, in part because of recent cost increases from providers of support. A number of initiatives are underway to ensure that cost effective and appropriate support is provided to families of children with disabilities. A Direct Payments Officer has also been appointed and a robust review of current payment levels and the level of balances in fair share accounts is being undertaken to ensure that the personal budgets provided to families are at an appropriate level.
Children in Care Adoption Allowances		291,550	(59,239)	Current projection for allowance payments is lower than budget available.
Joint Adoption Service (JAS)		774,637	329,417	The significant increase in forecast costs arises from a number of children being placed with adopters from external agencies, rather than within the regional adoption agency ('Together for Children' or T4C) that T&W is now part of. Such external placements come with a substantial one-off cost (in the region of £50K for some placements). In addition there is an ongoing budget pressure in JAS arising from 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)	(1,200,000)	Following the marked increase in income in 2021/22, the increased engagement with health colleagues has continued and resulted in a significant increase in contributions towards placement costs.
Under £50k		4,038,623	608,531	Main contributors to the variance are projected legal costs, childminder fees, taxi costs, section 17 costs (expenditure to support children in need) and expenditure on families with no recourse to public funds.
TOTAL		38,256,496	6,372,768	
Independent Review - Staffing		717,152	(61,810)	
Independent Review - Under £50k		170,629	4,254	
Total Children's Safeguarding & Family Support		39,144,277	6,315,212	

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Education & Skills				
School Transport (pre 16)		2,953,773	680,000	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. In addition there has been a significant increase in the number of children and young people entitled to transport assistance from September 2022. A number of initiatives have been undertaken 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	200,000	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 sharp increases in taxi costs. Individual cases are being reviewed and where possible alternative, more cost effective transport options are being developed.
Arthog		213,675	72,826	Following the return to normal operations after the ending of covid restrictions, there have been some cost pressures impacting upon Arthog's provision.
Skills		701,253	68,689	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.

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Insurance		(10,228)	57,882	Contributions from schools towards insurance costs have reduced as more schools have converted to academies and thus don't buy into council insurance cover.
Under £50K		9,773,174	(20,857)	
Total Education & Skills		13,927,333	1,058,540	
Adult Social Care				
Long Term Care Purchasing	Spot Contracts-Adults with Learning Disability	27,620,426	2,434,530	Variance based on projected expenditure against the budget established for the Learning disabled 18-64 age group
	Spot Contracts-Mental Health	4,110,740	271,570	Variance based on projected expenditure against the budget established for the Mental Health 18-64 age group
	Spot Contracts-Older People & Physical Disability	28,538,820	2,072,090	Variance based on projected expenditure against the budget established for the 65+ age group
	Block Contracts	3,708,640	1,129,290	Block purchased bed contracts for all client groups
Short Term Care(Better Care Fund)	Reablement	3,147,160	0	The short term care budget for reablement forms part of the integrated care partnership with the NHS referred to as the "Better Care Fund". Reablement is free for up to 4 weeks. Delivery of homecare and bed based services is a function of the NHS but is commissioned by the Council. In 22/23 the expenditure pressure based on the agreed base budget is in now expected to be in excess of £6.9m. The ICB have agreed funding of around £5.5m to date with further discussions needed for the remaining £1.4m of pressure now being seen.. There is risk that this pressure could fall to the Council to find. As the costs of this should fall to the NHS monitoring reflects only the agreed budget. The Government has announced additional funding to increase the rate of discharge from hospital, the potential for this to reduce the £1.4m risk to the Council is currently being evaluated but it is thought to be unlikely as the grant is to meet performance additionality

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Income from ICB	Joint Funding	(2,701,220)	(1,499,780)	ICB funding towards care package expenditure where the client has a health element to their care
My Options	Children's Services	128,820	132,270	Funded Summer play groups and activities
	Variations under £50,000	(11,194,550)	(516,418)	
Total Adult Social Care		53,358,836	4,023,552	
Health & Wellbeing				
Public Health Management	Staffing	57,020	(80,032)	Resulting from various staff vacancies
Sexual Health Services	Various	190,000	(51,800)	Reduced activity within contracted services
Stop Smoking Services	Supplies & Services	7,650	(172,700)	Reduced activity within contract particularly with the issuing of prescriptions
Other Public Health Commissioned	Variations under £50,000	-	(78,943)	Variations under £50k
Public Health Grant reserve			383,475	Transfer unapplied Public Health Grant to reserve
General Fund Budgets with HWB area	Variations under £50,000	1,944,461	12,587	Libraries, T&W Coroner Service and Health Protection
Total Health & Wellbeing		2,199,131	12,587	
Neighbourhood & Enforcement Services				
Public Protection	Employee	230,170	112,687	Use of agency staff to cover vacancies
Environmental Maintenance	Various	3,901,799	130,817	Overspend against Grounds & Cleansing contract .

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Contract inflation requirement from Corporate Contingency	Contribution from reserves	-		Drawdown of corporate contingency to offset impact of increased inflation requirement from point at which 2022/23 budget was set.
Concessionary Travel	Various	1,804,637	(74,803)	Net underspend on concessionary travel
Highways	Premises	837,090	(68,419)	Net underspend across highway lighting
Highways	Various	(509,130)	(102,522)	Overachievement in permitting income.
Waste & Neighbourhood services	Various	14,950,690	(596,296)	Underspend due to reduced payments for food & residual waste tonnages.
Refugee Programme	Various	-	(300,000)	Underspends associated with various evacuee/resettlement programmes
Variations Under £50k	Variations under £50,000	11,690,071.31	97,398	Various underspends across Neighbourhood & Enforcement services.
Total Neighbourhood & Enforcement Services		32,905,327	(801,138)	
Communities, Customer & Commercial Services				
Leisure	Income			
Housing Benefit Subsidy	Various	(190,000)	612,881	£306.5k pressure re Rent Allowances netted down by a £29k underspend re homelessness. Cash overpayments down by £140.7k on 21/22, plus overpayments recovery from ongoing benefit down by £90k plus £103k adjustment for bad debt provision
Education Catering	Income - net of food costs			
Commercial Catering	Income - net of food costs	(203,990)	122,433	Projected shortfall in income as Café Go and Ice Rink Café closed plus allowance made for a lower customer capacity following closure's.
Discretionary Awards and Welfare Benefits Team:	Staffing	375,010	(63,938)	Staff vacancies
Housing Benefit/Council Tax Support Team:	Supplies & Services	158,388	(59,203)	Projected savings on Print and Postage costs.

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Registration Services	Income	(269,250)	(62,915)	Increased income across service
Solar Farm	Income	(775,750)	(217,558)	Additional income generated from the Power Purchase Agreement due to increase rates per kwh
ICT	Supplies & Services	2,106,115	(346,767)	Capitalisation of Microsoft licenses offset by the cost of extending current support contracts as a result of major delays on IDT equipment coming into the UK and knock on delays to the data centre migration work
	Other variations under £50k	3,436,223	(117,933)	Variations across Communities, Customer & Commercial Services
Total Communities, Customer & Commercial Services		4,636,746	(133,000)	
Housing, Employment & Infrastructure				
Housing Solutions	Homelessness - Bed & Breakfast expenditure	-	190,000	Homelessness gross cost for the provision of Bed & Breakfast associated with 'Everyone In'. This is an estimate based on actual to date.
	Homelessness - Bed & Breakfast Income	-	(126,000)	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 will span across to 23/24, impacting on the delivery of this target in 22/23.
	Variations under £50,000	2,173,251	(98,400)	One off vacancy underspends and other one off budgets released.
	Use of Reserves	0	(31,079)	One off reserves applied
	Vacancy freeze underspends	0	(26,825)	One off vacancy freeze underspends released.
Total Housing, Employment & Infrastructure		2,110,251	(29,304)	
Corporate Communications				
	Variations under £50,000	0	(23,159)	Various underspends across Corporate Communications
Total Corporate Communications		0	(23,159)	
Corporate				

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		£	£	
Council Wide Items		(22,104,416)	(7,684)	council wide variations
WME Dividend			(80,075)	WME Dividend for 2021/22
Health & Social Care Levy			(300,000)	Cancellation of Levy; Estimated Benefit November - March
Additional funding			(1,983,000)	
Total Corporate		(22,104,416)	(2,370,759)	
Total		134,952,750	4,598,220	

Capital Approvals - by Service Area

Appendix C

Slippage							
Scheme	Service Area	Funding Source	22/23	23/24	24/25	Later Yrs	
Dawley Swimming Pool	Prosperity & Investment	Capital receipts	(750,000.00)	750,000.00			
Playing Pitch Investment	Prosperity & Investment	Capital receipts	(750,000.00)	750,000.00			
Property Investment Portfolio	Prosperity & Investment	Prudential	(2,500,000.00)	(4,775,000.00)	7,275,000.00		
Site preparation	Prosperity & Investment	Capital receipts	(100,000.00)	100,000.00			
Stalled sites	Prosperity & Investment	Capital receipts	(890,000.00)	890,000.00			
Stalled sites	Prosperity & Investment	Prudential	(1,129,134.77)	1,129,134.77			
Condition Works - Leisure	Prosperity & Investment	Prudential	(600,000.00)	600,000.00			
St Georges Regeneration	Prosperity & Investment	Prudential	(527,863.13)	527,863.13			
Stronger Communities	Prosperity & Investment	Prudential	(516,908.15)	516,908.15			
Housing Investment	Prosperity & Investment	Prudential	(1,200,000.00)	1,200,000.00			
Affordable Housing Programme	Housing, Employment & Infrastructure	Prudential	(4,745,000.00)	4,745,000.00			
Housing	Housing, Employment & Infrastructure	Prudential	(2,975,587.81)	2,975,587.81			
Housing	Housing, Employment & Infrastructure	Capital receipts	(501,860.81)	501,860.81			
Customer Services Systems Development	Communities, Customer & Commercial Services	Prudential	(300,000.00)	300,000.00			
Cultural capital	Communities, Customer & Commercial Services	Prudential	(755,000.00)	755,000.00			
Integrated Transport	Neighbourhood & Enforcement Services	Prudential	(400,000.00)	400,000.00			
Managing the Funding of the Capital Programme	Corporate Items	Capital receipts	3,831,860.81	(7,581,860.81)	4,750,000.00	(1,000,000.00)	
Managing the Funding of the Capital Programme	Corporate Items	Prudential	(3,831,860.81)	7,581,860.81	(4,750,000.00)	1,000,000.00	
Efficiency Schemes Capitalisation	Corporate Items	Capital receipts	(1,000,000.00)				1,000,000.00
Capital Investment Fund	Corporate Items	Prudential	(100,000.00)	100,000.00			
Total			(19,741,354.67)	11,466,354.67	7,275,000.00	1,000,000.00	

New Allocations							
Scheme	Service Area	Funding Source	22/23	23/24	24/25	Later Yrs	
			£	£	£	£	£
Highways & bridges capital maintenance	Neighbourhood & Enforcement Services	Revenue	70,000.00				
ICT Investment Programme	Communities, Customer & Commercial Services	Capital Receipts		550,000.00	550,000.00		
Environmental Improvements	Neighbourhood & Enforcement Services	Revenue	29,836.00				
Pothole Action Fund	Neighbourhood & Enforcement Services	Grant		1,916,000.00	1,916,000.00		
Integrated Transport	Neighbourhood & Enforcement Services	Grant		946,000.00	946,000.00		
Highways & bridges capital maintenance	Neighbourhood & Enforcement Services	Grant		2,395,000.00	2,395,000.00		
Highways & bridges capital maintenance	Neighbourhood & Enforcement Services	Revenue	(70,000.00)				
Pride in our Play Areas	Neighbourhood & Enforcement Services	External	5,000.00				
Environmental Improvements	Neighbourhood & Enforcement Services	External	5,545.76				
AMP - S & FP approved bids	Neighbourhood & Enforcement Services	Revenue	1,000.00				
Potters Group LCF	Neighbourhood & Enforcement Services	External	6,811.44				
All Other School Schemes	Education & Skills	External	700,000.00				
Integrated Community Schemes	Adult Social Care	Prudential	126,000.00				
Total			874,193.20	5,807,000.00	5,807,000.00	0.00	

Virements							
Scheme	Service Area	Funding Source	22/23	23/24	24/25	Later Yrs	
			£	£	£	£	£
Stalled Sites	Prosperity & Investment	Prudential	(165,000.00)				
Housing	Housing, Employment & Infrastructure	Prudential	165,000.00				
Total			0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00