

## APPENDIX A

**2024/25 Revenue Budget Variations**

Service Area	Budget	Variation 6 Jan 2025 Cabinet	Movement	Total Current Variation
	£	£	£	£
Finance, People & IDT	16,703,658	(1,749,590)	0	(1,749,590)
Policy & Governance	1,539,233	(42,638)	0	(42,638)
Adult Social Care	68,982,481	6,761,253	(80,905)	6,680,348
Housing, Commercial & Customer Services	5,181,656	(229,561)	0	(229,561)
Children's Safeguarding & Family Support	49,577,503	568,534	(3,129)	565,405
Education & Skills	12,825,101	680,957	43,530	724,487
Health & Wellbeing	354,369	31,804	0	31,804
Neighbourhood & Enforcement Services	33,306,642	63,320	13,715	77,035
Prosperity & Investment	(6,566,441)	1,201,443	0	1,201,443
Council Wide	(24,608,362)	(2,453,315)	(92,000)	(2,545,315)
<b>Total</b>	<b>157,295,840</b>	<b>4,832,206</b>	<b>(118,789)</b>	<b>4,713,417</b>
	<b>0</b>			<b>0</b>

2024/25 Revenue Budget Variations over £50,000				
Description		Budget	Total Variation	Comments
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<b>Finance, People &amp; IDT</b>				
Treasury		14,444,469	(1,700,000)	Impact of re-profiling capital spend and positive cash flow position during the year.
Learning & Development	Staffing	415,416	(60,447)	Vacancies
Revenues	Supplies & Services	217,710	66,013	Legal/operational expenditure
	Variations under £50k	1,626,063	(55,156)	
<b>Total Finance, People &amp; IDT</b>		<b>16,703,658</b>	<b>(1,749,590)</b>	
<b>Policy &amp; Governance</b>				
	Variations under £50k	1,539,233	(42,638)	
<b>Total Policy &amp; Governance</b>		<b>1,539,233</b>	<b>(42,638)</b>	
<b>Adult Social Care</b>				
All long term care purchasing-Spot & block for all ages and short-term intermediate care	Spot & block purchasing	91,356,952	5,870,684	The long term care projection remains a significant pressure but has been reduced by £1m based on most recent information. There has previously been an upward revision to forecast expenditure arising from an acceleration in the costs of care over recent months, but in period 8 there was a flattening of the projection based on the information for new and ended care cases on the Controcc system. The trajectory of growth in the first half of 2024/25 has been half that in the equivalent period in 2023/24, and remains on a trajectory of lower growth in year, reflecting controlled spending and the delivery of validated savings by the service. The impact of changes in care expenditure is a change to the income projected usually in the opposite direction. This is seen in the Joint Funding contributions reported below, where the successful containment of expenditure over 23/24 referred above is resulting in a reduced level of projected NHS contributions. The management team continue to work on delivering care which maximises prevention and independence wherever possible, which is helping to mitigate this budget pressure, which would otherwise be much higher. Newton Europe, external consultants, have also been commissioned to review the service and their work to date has indicated areas where costs could be avoided in the future. The forecast position will be kept under review as the year progresses, as demand for the service has historically been volatile, particularly during the Winter period.

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Health funding contributions-all ages and care types	Joint Funding	(7,986,218)	1,000,000	Latest forecast income from the NHS from latest identified projections of care for clients with some health needs. Latest monitoring information suggests a shortfall against the expected income in the budget partly because of the successful management of care expenditure referred above
Prevention & independence - Older People & Disability	Staffing & Operational expenditure	3,237,039	(333,277)	Mainly from vacancies due to recruitment challenges.
Autism, Learning Disability & mental health	Staffing & Operational expenditure	1,894,469	59,303	Overspend due to agency worker costs
	My Options-Adults & Children's services	975,501	432,159	Pressure from previous savings, and costs of agency staff to cover services.
	In House purchasing (from My Options)	6,943,213	470,565	Increase in costs to reflect additional clients mainly in day services
	Staffing & Operational expenditure	1,444,976	93,968	Overspend due to agency workers over and above the number of vacancies
Income	Client Contributions	(13,599,430)	(370,000)	Based on current expectations of in year income.
	Agency - contribution from reserves	0	(159,513)	Contribution from ASC reserves to cover additional agency resource taken on to support the service particularly in the first quarter of 24/25, costs of which are included in staffing lines above.
	Use of One Offs		(199,000)	
	Variations under £50k	(15,284,021)	(184,541)	Expenditure for Newton support is included here with an equivalent income source to cover the expenditure.
<b>Total Adult Social Care</b>		<b>68,982,481</b>	<b>6,680,348</b>	
<b>Housing, Commercial &amp; Customer Services</b>				
Strategic Housing	Income	(324,000)	270,000	Income target shortfall; will be delivered when Housing Schemes become operational; Red Lion development due in 2025/26. There is a benefit in relation to lower borrowing costs which is included in the Treasury benefit reported under Finance.
	Variances under £50k	1,305,555	(176,428)	
Telford Theatre	Various	331,640	137,165	Projected costs in relation to the closure. This over spend is being mitigated by a £151k underspend within the BIT team as a result of premises cost savings.
Telford Ice Rink	Income	(870,113)	(122,987)	Projected over achievement of income.
Wellington Leisure Centre	Various	0	0	
Customer Relationships & Welfare Services	Use of one of reserve funding	0	(466,241)	Use of Reserve.
Community Services	Solar Farm - Income	(989,810)	114,213	Projected shortfall in PPA and FIT income; 10.45% reduction for April to Sept to the previous year.
	Variations under £50k	4,597,154	14,717	
Libraries	Variations under £50k - Libraries	1,131,230	0	

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<b>Total Housing, Commercial &amp; Customer Services</b>		<b>5,181,656</b>	<b>(229,561)</b>	
<b>Children's Safeguarding &amp; Family Support</b>				
Children in Care, Leaving Care Team & Speciality Services, Family Solutions	CIC Placements, Post 18 Staying Put & Leaving Care Support	31,227,170	(204,997)	Additional budget, allocated in the context of 2023/24 outturn and the budget model, currently exceeds projected costs of placements. The work with Impower and ongoing work on prevention, early intervention and review of placement costs is having a positive impact on the cost of placements. The Council's new provision for supported accommodation, Octavia Court, which opened over the summer, is also having a positive impact on placement costs.
	Health funding	(6,997,900)	762,385	The budget was realigned in accordance with the placements model, but health funding is currently projected in the context of identified income in the first part of the year and the reduction in overall placement costs.
	Children with Disabilities	2,058,540	145,853	Expenditure in this area has increased significantly in recent years, as the level of need in the CYP population has increased. The realigned budget is now more realistic for this area, but there continues to be a high demand for support for children with disabilities.
	Operational expenditure	2,584,980	253,062	Section 17 costs (for children in need), CWD - aids and adaptations and funding of the Autism Hub are the main elements contributing to pressure in this area.
	Income	(2,587,834)	(675,577)	Additional income received from government grants.
Child Protection & Family Support, Parenting Assessment & Contact Teams	Operational expenditure	455,235	150,088	Increase in No Recourse to Public Funds (NRPF) expenditure and Hotel/B&B costs
Family Safeguarding	Operational expenditure	2,817,301	149,912	The main drivers of the forecast overspend are legal expenses and assessments, both of which are linked to placement cost pressures in recent years.
Service Wide	Staffing expenditure	19,291,780	250,812	A budget saving of £300,000 arising from the ending of a short-term investment in staffing plus overall vacancy factor saving of £299,000. Partly offset by savings from vacancies across service and additional funding included in line below
Variations under £50k		(91,596)	(299,573)	Includes additional income to mitigate staffing pressures - see above
<b>Total</b>		<b>48,757,676</b>	<b>531,966</b>	
Independent Review	Variations under £50,000	819,826	33,439	
<b>Total Children's Safeguarding &amp; Family Support</b>		<b>49,577,503</b>	<b>565,405</b>	
<b>Education &amp; Skills</b>				

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Traded Advisory Services		73,588	121,537	Grant income which was available to support services in this area in 2023/24 (e.g. Ukraine grant) is no longer available in 2024/25 creating budgetary pressure. Services are being reviewed in this context.
Specialist Services		587,565	212,279	Significant additional expenditure has been incurred in Educational Psychology due to the use of agency staff to process statutory assessments.
Premature retirement costs		1,171,024	167,369	Savings targets have been applied to this area, which covers the costs of teachers who prematurely retired, with the local authority picking up premature retirement costs. This policy ceased some years ago, but annual costs continue to be incurred through the duration of teachers retirement. Savings targets were applied on the basis of demography, but at present this impact is not being seen on costs.
Under £50K		10,992,924	223,302	This variance includes the £142K vacancy factor for Education & Skills
<b>Total Education &amp; Skills</b>		<b>12,825,101</b>	<b>724,487</b>	
<b>Health &amp; Wellbeing</b>				
Coroners Court	Contracted services	266,450	67,800	Pressure on budget from services being delivered by the Coroner and associated services. Demand for Post Mortems and body conveyancing is increasing costs
	Variations under £50k - GF Services	88,641	(35,996)	
Public Health services	All services	13,876,511	174,286	Pressure within Public Health funded contracts mainly NHS pay award
Public Health Grant	Underspend/(Overspend) to/(from) Reserve	(722)	50,953	Ring-fenced Public Health grant transferred to Public Health reserve
Public Health Grant	Grant	(13,876,511)	(225,239)	Additional award in 2024/25
<b>Total Health &amp; Wellbeing</b>		<b>354,369</b>	<b>31,804</b>	
<b>Neighbourhood &amp; Enforcement Services</b>				
Enforcement	Income - Car Parking	(54,220)	143,204	Shortfall against budgeted income from car parking
	Income - FPN	(46,980)	58,327	Shortfall against budgeted income
	Variations under £50k	858,893	(18,675)	

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Neighbourhood & Environmental Services	Variations under £50k	5,441,256	80,095	
Highways, Engineering & Project Delivery	Supplies & Services - Street Lighting	1,979,350	183,673	Increased Maintenance Costs
	Supplies & Services - Street Lighting		13,471	Increased Energy Usage
	Supplies & Services - Street Lighting		27,697	Increased Energy Costs - Difference between 6% average rate and actual rates
	Supplies & Services - Street Lighting		53,959	Energy Green levy introduced in 24/25
	Reserves - Street Lighting		(215,148)	Use of Reserves
	Reserves - Street Lighting		(63,652)	Use of one-off reserves
	Supplies & Services - Flood Barriers		104,393	Unbudgeted costs incurred for responding to flooding including supporting deployment of Ironbridge flood barriers
	Variations under £50k	8,865,426	(125,297)	
Strategic Transport & Highway Network Management	Supplies & Services - Concessionary Travel	1,675,700	(52,902)	Reduction in operating costs
	Variations under £50k	73,932	(68,351)	
Safer & Stronger Communities	Variations under £50k	(2,217,235)	0	
Waste & Neighbourhood Services	Waste Treatment	6,456,430	(63,947)	Reduction in Waste Tonnages and associated Treatment processing costs
	Variations under £50k	10,274,090	20,188	
<b>Total Neighbourhood &amp; Enforcement Services</b>		<b>33,306,642</b>	<b>77,035</b>	
<b>Prosperity &amp; Investment</b>				
Building Innovation Telford	Premises - Addenbrooke House	-	160,000	Running costs and NNDR of Addenbrooke House up to transfer of property.
	Premises - Lakewood Court	-	247,000	Property improvement costs.
	Premises - The Place	422,630	(151,558)	One off underspends.
	Premises - Oakengates Leisure		(203,121)	One off NNDR rebates and reduced in year NNDR.
	Variations under £50k	(3,678,080)	(171,537)	One off use of Grant, S106 and reserve to support in year pressures.
Development Management	Income - Planning applications & Building Control	(2,625,900)	200,000	Estimated based upon a downturn in year to date trends compared to 23/24. This will be monitored monthly and can fluctuate up or down, net of one off salary underspends from vacancy management.
Regeneration & Investment	PIP Income	(10,467,570)	822,620	Delay in Growth Fund capital schemes impacting on phasing of income. There is a benefit in relation to the associated lower borrowing costs which is included in the Treasury benefit reported under Finance.
	Income - Earthworks savings target	(200,000)	200,000	Alternative for site identified that will deliver improved outputs.

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Strategic Planning	Net - Southwater MSCP & Hall Court	(221,090)	34,252	Shortfall on income, although a much improved position than 23/24.
	Premises costs	-	100,000	Orchard Business Park additional revenue costs associated with utility works.
	Variations under £50k	1,107,320	(131,053)	
	Variations under £50k	9,096,249	94,840	
<b>Total Prosperity &amp; Investment</b>		<b>(6,566,441)</b>	<b>1,201,443</b>	
<b>Corporate</b>				
S31 Grant	Business Rates Retention Scheme Top Up		(69,000)	Additional top up inflation 24.25
WME Dividend		(590,000)	(226,315)	Dividend received from WME higher than budgeted
Council Wide		(24,018,362)	(2,250,000)	Various corporate underspends including pensions, estimated business rates levy surplus and provision for savings shortfalls net of potential costs.
<b>Total Corporate</b>		<b>(24,608,362)</b>	<b>(2,545,315)</b>	
<b>Total</b>		<b>157,295,840</b>	<b>4,713,417</b>	