

## APPENDIX A

**2025/26 Revenue Budget Variations**

<b>Service Area</b>	<b>Budget</b>	<b>Variation 6 Jan 2026 Cabinet (rebased for</b>	<b>Movement</b>	<b>Total Current Variation</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
Finance, People & IDT	20,329,355	438,431	(113,500)	324,931
Policy & Governance	1,287,642	66,684	89,114	155,798
Adult Social Care	82,302,719	9,623,769	(526,759)	9,097,010
Housing, Commercial & Customer Services	5,955,524	(15,750)	15,750	0
Children's Safeguarding & Family Support	49,006,686	1,815,726	466,605	2,282,331
Education & Skills	13,848,736	733,398	22,317	755,715
Health & Wellbeing	893,238	(15,701)	42,844	27,143
Neighbourhood & Enforcement Services	32,078,125	(30,435)	4,099	(26,336)
Prosperity & Investment	(7,523,804)	248,767	0	248,767
Council Wide	(30,538,541)	(5,665,337)	0	(5,665,337)
<b>Total</b>	<b>167,639,679</b>	<b>7,199,552</b>	<b>470</b>	<b>7,200,022</b>

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<b>Finance, People &amp; IDT</b>				
Treasury		15,893,460	240,000	Pressure arising from interest rate reductions not being implemented as initially forecast
IDT	Employees	4,646,778	(89,016)	Temporary vacancies in structure
	Premises	71,000	93,862	Annual charges associated with Data Centre / PFI
	Supplies and Services	3,082,588	217,405	One off overspend re VOIP/WAN contract due to new contract arrangements with Capita and overlaps between contract start and end dates, offset by a £238k favourable variance against Services to Schools
	Income	(10,881,427)	115,065	Reduced income due to schools not requiring services as reflected above, £171k offset by additional income across other IDT services
Finance	Staffing	2,950,396	(149,622)	Temporary vacancies in structure
Revenues	Staffing	2,894,706	(123,530)	Temporary vacancies in structure
Finance, People & IDT	Variations under £50K	1,671,854	20,767	
<b>Total Finance, People &amp; IDT</b>		<b>20,329,355</b>	<b>324,931</b>	
<b>Policy &amp; Governance</b>				
Legal Services	Land Charges	(122,322)	85,757	Shortfall of Land Charges income due to reduced demand reflective of current market position.
Scrutiny	Staffing	190,360	(83,629)	Vacancy savings
Procurement	Staffing	213,437	(54,229)	Vacancy savings
	Variations under £50k	1,006,167	207,899	
<b>Total Policy &amp; Governance</b>		<b>1,287,642</b>	<b>155,798</b>	

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<b>Adult Social Care</b>				
All long term care purchasing-Spot & block for all ages and short-term enablement care	Spot & block purchasing	110,706,171	10,451,320	Whilst the long-term care purchasing budget is under significant pressure due to increasing demand and cost of care, the trajectory of growth has slowed in more recent months and compared to the rate of growth seen in periods 2-5. The level of growth is also lower than expected for this point in the year. The pressures are being mitigated by the ongoing delivery of savings and cost avoidance with a focus on a home first approach and delivering care which maximises prevention and independence. The position continues to be monitored closely as demand has historically been volatile, particularly during the winter period.
Long Term Care purchasing	Direct Payment Repayments	(710,000)	(195,000)	Based on current expectations of in year repayment of direct payments no longer required to meet care needs.
Health funding contributions-all ages and care types	Joint Funding	(7,486,218)	1,000,000	The team are continuing to focus on maximising health funding contributions, and there is a dedicated team responsible for progressing and negotiating current and historical funding claims.
Income	Client Contributions	(14,195,690)	(1,474,468)	Based on current expectations of in-year income. The amount projected to be received has increased as the overall projected cost of care has increased (see above).
My Options	Trading Accounts	178,819	281,556	The variance reflects staffing costs and is the latest forecast cost pressure from trading activity
Learning Disability and Mental Health	Staffing & Operational expenditure	2,543,308	311,989	Due to increasing spend on voids, premises costs, agency staff and carers payments.
Service Wide	Staffing & Operational expenditure	7,130,276	(1,060,530)	Projected underspend is primarily a result of staffing vacancies. Plus income received from appointee/deputyship client charges expected to exceed the budget. Further concentrated work on this area is in progress
	Variations under £50k	(15,863,947)	(217,857)	
<b>Total Adult Social Care</b>		<b>82,302,719</b>	<b>9,097,010</b>	
<b>Housing, Commercial &amp; Customer Services</b>				
Housing Strategy & Regeneration	Income	(424,000)	202,938	Income target shortfall; will be delivered when Housing Schemes become operational; Red Lion development due to complete November 2025.
Communities	HPG Grant	-	(727,399)	
	Solar Farm - New	(250,000)	250,000	Saving target associated with new location.
	Solar Farm current	(597,720)	66,074	Current year pressure has been reduced down to include £55k for the estimated compensation claim.

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Customer Services	Housing Subsidy	310,000	(270,141)	(£149k) underspend due to an increased level of recovery of overpayments plus £104k pressure adjustment to reflect impact of bad debt provision relating to the housing benefit overpayments. A net (£224k) underspend from housing benefit expenditure/subsidy variation including B & B spend (£36k) whereby no subsidy can be claimed back and supported accommodation where only 60% subsidy can be claimed.
HCC	Vacancy factor	(211,000)	169,333	Includes projected future vacancy factor saving between October - March. The underspends will materialise within each service area as and when they arise.
	Savings target	(67,940)	67,940	Historical saving target of £132k part delivered. Remaining pressure shared on HCC and NES equally.
Operations	Overall net position	2,831,613	178,224	Pressures associated with a number of Leisure site closures to enable refurbishments along with Schools catering provision pressure, this could improve once stock takes are completed.
	Variations under £50k	4,585,570	63,031	
	Reserves	(221,000)	0	Use of one off reserves.
<b>Total Housing, Commercial &amp; Customer Services</b>		<b>5,955,524</b>	<b>0</b>	

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<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	29,910,512	3,967,252	Children in care have increased from 373 in June to 395 in November. 2025/26 costs, including agreed inflation, are expected to be £2.3m (7.7%) higher than 2024/25, as increased placement numbers and inflation outweigh savings from the work with Impower and ongoing work on prevention, early intervention and review of all placement costs.
	Health funding	(6,437,780)	(1,354,623)	Income based on Q1 and Q2 actuals plus detailed projection by child for remainder of year, based on projected placement costs. Ongoing risk of funding being cut by ICB.
	Children with Disabilities	2,086,020	(232,570)	Small reduction in number of children with disabilities requiring support.
	Unaccompanied Asylum Seeking Children (UASC) - placements	2,099,310	202,725	Placement costs relating to UASC
	Unaccompanied Asylum Seeking Children (UASC) - Grant Income	(2,099,310)	(202,725)	UASC grant
	Operational expenditure	1,086,055	94,231	Non placement related expenditure across Children in Care, Leaving Care Team & Speciality Services, Family Solutions
	Income	(914,080)	(588,441)	Difference between budgeted grant income and actual grant received plus use of specific reserve to offset placement costs
Child Protection & Family Support, Parenting Assessment & Contact Teams	Operational expenditure	568,270	(23,407)	
Family Safeguarding Service Wide	Operational expenditure	2,111,120	261,324	Legal Expenses and Assessment costs.
	Staffing expenditure	19,317,736	176,766	Includes vacancy factor saving of £299,000 and historic pressure of out of hours team, offset by savings from vacancies across service.
	Homelessness	110,500	530,070	Majority of overspend relates to accommodation (housing) costs of NRPF and homelessness
Independent Review	Income	(1,000,000)	0	Use of one-off reserves
	Staffing expenditure	817,230	54,374	Use of one agency staff to cover sickness
Variations under £50k	Operational expenditure	122,741	36,585	Overspends in interpreter fees
		1,228,362	(639,230)	
<b>Total Children's Safeguarding &amp; Family Support</b>		<b>49,006,686</b>	<b>2,282,331</b>	
<b>Education &amp; Skills</b>				

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Specialist Services		809,219	22,554	The pressure from the Educational Psychology Service due to demand in statutory assessments has been mitigated through the impact of ITS funding enabling a stronger structure from September that is reducing use of agency. Flexible use of grant funding has also assisted the position. Further work is planned to increase traded income following recruitment into key posts.
Employee Costs		1,121,024	300,335	This policy ceased some years ago however, the local authority remains responsible for any historic pension costs and additional costs are due to inflationary pressures.
Insurance		25,806	50,979	The conversion of maintained schools to academies has led to a reduction in insurance contributions from schools.
Arthog		146,713	101,346	Current projections are that the budgeted income at the outdoor education centre and the Skyreach facility are not going to be achieved. An external review has been commissioned in order to identify ways to ensure the financial sustainability of the facilities going forward.
Variations Under £50,000		11,745,974	280,502	
<b>Total Education &amp; Skills</b>		<b>13,848,736</b>	<b>755,715</b>	
<b>Health &amp; Wellbeing</b>				
Public Health Grant	Supplies & Services	331,048	(230,059)	Variation against Public Health Spend
Public Health	Underspend/(Overspend) to/(from) Reserve		230,059	Ring-fenced Public Health grant transferred to/(from) Public Health reserve
Health & Wellbeing	Variations under £50K	562,190	27,143	
<b>Total Health &amp; Wellbeing</b>		<b>893,238</b>	<b>27,143</b>	
<b>Neighbourhood &amp; Enforcement Services</b>				
Enforcement	Car Parking	(466,080)	128,326	Shortfall against budgeted income from parking
	Enforcement Control	(44,130)	62,094	Shortfall against budgeted income from FPN (Fixed Penalty Notices)
Strategic Transport & Highway Network Management	Supplies & Services - Concessionary Travel	(588,310)	(147,430)	Projected overachievement against budgeted NRSWA (New Roads & Streetworks Act) income
	Income - Subsidised Routes	(48,975)	(125,000)	Income from Travel Telford Tickets

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Waste & Neighbourhood Services	Waste Treatment	£ 13,966,810	£ (148,197)	Reduction in residual & green waste tonnages

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	Variations under £50k	19,258,810	203,871	Included all variations under £50k for NES here
<b>Total Neighbourhood &amp; Enforcement Services</b>		<b>32,078,125</b>	<b>(26,336)</b>	
<b>Prosperity &amp; Investment</b>				
R&I	PIP - Income	(11,928,280)	428,431	Income pressure due to phasing of Growth fund capital spend, there is a benefit in relation to lower borrowing costs. This also includes one off benefits from backdated rent agreements which are now finalised. Includes approved one off use reserves.
	Wellington Market	15,240	245,211	
Development Planning	Contribution from reserves	(1,500,000)	0	Release of R&I reserves
	Income	(3,360,070)	230,760	Planning application fee pressure.
BiT	Income	(3,689,940)	333,000	Fee pressure due to slippage of capital schemes, outturn in 24/25 was £263k. This is offset with one off vacancy management of (£19k).
	Premises Costs	7,482,297	(1,009,296)	One off underspends due to various developments at Leisure sites and The Place. One off NNDR rebates in addition to underspends on utility costs to be given up as saving in 26/27.
	Variations under £50k	5,456,949	20,661	
<b>Total Prosperity &amp; Investment</b>		<b>(7,523,804)</b>	<b>248,767</b>	
<b>Corporate</b>				
Purchase Rebates	Purchase Rebates	(430,000)	(369,174)	Additional WME Rebate
	Employees	548,950	(65,957)	Part year vacancy relating to Executive Director post
Council Wide			(3,935,380)	Various council wide underspends, including additional BRR Section 31 grant lower than budgeted costs relating to the 25/26 pay award.
Council Wide	Contributions from Reserve		(1,305,000)	
Council Wide	Variations under £50K	(30,657,491)	10,174	
<b>Total Corporate</b>		<b>(30,538,541)</b>	<b>(5,665,337)</b>	

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