

Report

Report to: Finance and Corporate Resources Committee

Date of Meeting: **7 September 2022**

Report by: Executive Director (Finance and Corporate Resources)

Subject: Revenue Budget Monitoring 2022/2023 - Finance and

Corporate Resources

1. Purpose of Report

1.1. The purpose of the report is to:-

 provide information on the actual expenditure measured against the revenue budget for the period 1 April 2022 to 15 July 2022 for Finance and Corporate Resources

2. Recommendation(s)

- 2.1. The Committee is asked to approve the following recommendation(s):
 - that the breakeven position on the Finance and Corporate Resources' revenue budget, as detailed in Appendix A of the report, and the forecast to 31 March 2023 of breakeven, be noted; and
 - (2) that the proposed budget virements be approved.

3. Background

- 3.1. This is the first revenue budget monitoring report presented to the Finance and Corporate Resources Committee for the financial year 2022/2023.
- 3.2. The report details the financial position for Finance and Corporate Resources on Appendix A, along with variance explanations in appendices B to H.

4. Employee Implications

4.1. None.

5. Financial Implications

- 5.1. As at 15 July 2022, there is a breakeven position against the phased budget. The financial forecast for the revenue budget to 31 March 2023 is a breakeven position.
- 5.2. Virements are proposed to realign budgets. These movements have been detailed in the appendices to this report, as appropriate.

6. Climate Change, Sustainability and Environmental Implications

6.1. There are no implications for climate change, sustainability or the environment in terms of the information contained in this report.

7. Other Implications

7.1. The main risk associated with the Council's Revenue Budget is that there is an overspend. The risk has been assessed as low given the detailed budget management applied across the Resources. The risk is managed through four weekly Budget Monitoring Meetings at which any variance is analysed. In addition, the probable outturn exercise ensures early warning for corrective action to be taken where appropriate.

8. Equality Impact Assessment and Consultation Arrangements

- 8.1. This report does not introduce a new policy, function or strategy or recommend a change to an existing policy, function or strategy and, therefore, no impact assessment is required.
- 8.2. There is also no requirement to undertake any consultation in terms of the information contained in the report.

Paul Manning Executive Director (Finance and Corporate Resources)

28 July 2022

Link(s) to Council Values/Priorities/Outcomes

♦ Accountable, effective, efficient and transparent

Previous References

♦ None

List of Background Papers

♦ Financial ledger and budget monitoring results to 15 July 2022

Contact for Further Information

If you would like to inspect the background papers or want further information, please contact:

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Revenue Budget Monitoring Report

Finance and Corporate Resources Committee: Period Ended 15 July 2022 (No.4)

Finance and Corporate Resources Summary

	Annual Budget	Forecast for Year	Annual Forecast Variance	Budget Proportion 15/07/22	Actual 15/07/22	Variance 15/07/22		% Variance 15/07/22	Note
	£000	£000	£000	£000	£000	£000			
Budget Category									
Employee Costs	36,281	36,281	0	9,398	9,182	216	under	2.3%	
Property Costs	2,495	2,495	0	198	193	5	under	2.5%	
Supplies & Services	10,133	10,133	0	4,572	4,714	(142)	over	(3.1%)	
Transport & Plant	74	74	0	5	1	4	under	80.0%	
Administration Costs	6,981	6,981	0	1,940	2,025	(85)	over	(4.4%)	
Payments to Other Bodies	7,770	7,770	0	1,887	1,890	(3)	over	(0.2%)	
Payments to Contractors	271	271	0	28	28	0	-	0.0%	
Transfer Payments	69,107	69,107	0	15,698	15,698	0	-	0.0%	
Financing Charges	1,080	1,080	0	375	374	1	under	0.3%	
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Total Controllable Exp.	134,192	134,192	0	34,101	34,105	(4)	over	0.0%	
Total Controllable Inc.	(92,542)	(92,542)	0	(16,574)	(16,578)	4	over recovered	0.0%	<u>-</u>
Net Controllable Exp.	41,650	41,650	0	17,527	17,527	0	-	0.0%	

Variance Explanations

Variance explanations are shown in Appendices B to H as appropriate.

Budget Virements

Budget virements are shown in Appendices B to H as appropriate.

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Finance - Strategy Services

	Annual Budget	Forecast for Year	Annual Forecast Variance	Budget Proportion 15/07/22	Actual 15/07/22	Variance 15/07/22		% Variance 15/07/22	Note
	£000	£000	£000	£000	£000	£000			
Budget Category									
Employee Costs	2,941	2,941	0	776	773	3	under	0.4%	
Property Costs	0	0	0	0	0	0	-	n/a	
Supplies & Services	20	20	0	5	8	(3)	over	(60.0%)	
Transport & Plant	0	0	0	0	0	0	-	n/a	
Administration Costs	112	112	0	4	6	(2)	over	(50.0%)	
Payments to Other Bodies	516	516	0	177	177	0	-	0.0%	
Payments to Contractors	22	22	0	8	8	0	-	0.0%	
Transfer Payments	0	0	0	0	0	0	-	n/a	
Financing Charges	16	16	0	1	1	0	-	0.0%	
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Total Controllable Exp.	3,627	3,627	0	971	973	(2)	over	(0.2%)	
Total Controllable Inc.	(1,604)	(1,604)	0	0	0	0	-	n/a	
Net Controllable Exp.	2,023	2,023	0	971	973	(2)	over	(0.2%)	

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Finance - Transactions Services

	Annual Budget	Forecast for Year	Annual Forecast Variance	Budget Proportion 15/07/22	Actual 15/07/22	Variance 15/07/22		% Variance 15/07/22	Note
	£000	£000	£000	£000	£000	£000			
Budget Category									
Employee Costs	12,703	12,703	0	3,330	3,234	96	under	2.9%	1,a,b
Property Costs	1,745	1,745	0	184	185	(1)	over	(0.5%)	а
Supplies & Services	3,856	3,856	0	1,508	1,512	(4)	over	(0.3%)	а
Transport & Plant	9	9	0	1	0	1	under	100.0%	а
Administration Costs	1,217	1,217	0	353	378	(25)	over	(7.1%)	2,a,b
Payments to Other Bodies	1,499	1,499	0	870	870	0	-	0.0%	
Payments to Contractors	249	249	0	20	20	0	-	0.0%	
Transfer Payments	69,107	69,107	0	15,698	15,698	0	-	0.0%	
Financing Charges	141	141	0	3	3	0	-	0.0%	а
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Total Controllable Exp.	90,526	90,526	0	21,967	21,900	67	under	0.3%	
Total Controllable Inc.	(71,850)	(71,850)	0	(15,039)	(15,043)	4	over recovered	0.0%	a,b
Net Controllable Exp.	18,676	18,676	0	6,928	6,857	71	under	1.0%	

Variance Explanations

1. Employee Costs

The underspend is a consequence of vacant posts within the Service, which are being considered in line with service requirements.

2. Administration Costs

The overspend is a result of a combination of expenditure on postages, printing and stationery and advertising across the Service.

Budget Virements

- a. Transfer of Money Matters Advice Services from Social Work Resources: Net Effect: £1.869m: Employee Costs £2.016m, Property Costs £0.001m, Supplies and Services £0.037m, Transport Costs £0.001m, Administration Costs £0.033m, Financing Charges £0.011m and Income (£0.230m).
- b. Internal Budget Realignment: Net Effect: £0.000m: Employee Costs (£0.016m), Administration Costs £0.036m and Income (£0.020m).

Revenue Budget Monitoring Report

Finance and Corporate Resources Committee: Period Ended 15 July 2022 (No.4)

Audit Services

	Annual Budget	Forecast for Year	Annual Forecast Variance	Budget Proportion 15/07/22	Actual 15/07/22	Variance 15/07/22		% Variance 15/07/22	Note
	£000	£000	£000	£000	£000	£000			
Budget Category									
Employee Costs	575	575	0	155	181	(26)	over	(16.8%)	1
Property Costs	0	0	0	0	0	0	-	n/a	
Supplies & Services	7	7	0	0	0	0	-	33.3%	
Transport & Plant	0	0	0	0	0	0	-	n/a	
Administration Costs	7	7	0	2	1	1	under	50.0%	
Payments to Other Bodies	0	0	0	0	0	0	-	n/a	
Payments to Contractors	0	0	0	0	0	0	-	n/a	
Transfer Payments	0	0	0	0	0	0	-	n/a	
Financing Charges	4	4	0	0	0	0	-	n/a	
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Total Controllable Exp.	593	593	0	157	182	(25)	over	(15.9%)	
Total Controllable Inc.	(238)	(238)	0	0	(25)	25	over recovered	n/a	2
Net Controllable Exp.	355	355	0	157	157	0	-	0.0%	

Variance Explanations

Employee CostsThe overspend is mainly due to lower than anticipated staff turnover across the Service to date.

The overspend in income reflects staff funding from the European Social Fund.

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Information Technology Services

	Annual Budget	Forecast for Year	Annual Forecast Variance	Budget Proportion 15/07/22	Actual 15/07/22	Variance 15/07/22		% Variance 15/07/22	Note
	£000	£000	£000	£000	£000	£000			
Budget Category									
Employee Costs	5,203	5,203	0	1,379	1,381	(2)	over	(0.1%)	
Property Costs	579	579	0	4	2	2	under	50.0%	
Supplies & Services	5,259	5,259	0	2,825	2,961	(136)	over	(4.8%)	1
Transport & Plant	4	4	0	1	0	1	under	100.0%	
Administration Costs	1,289	1,289	0	450	445	5	under	1.1%	
Payments to Other Bodies	0	0	0	0	0	0	-	n/a	
Payments to Contractors	0	0	0	0	0	0	-	n/a	
Transfer Payments	0	0	0	0	0	0	-	n/a	
Financing Charges	501	501	0	284	283	1	under	0.4%	
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Total Controllable Exp.	12,835	12,835	0	4,943	5,072	(129)	over	(2.7%)	
Total Controllable Inc.	(7,740)	(7,740)	0	(427)	(434)	7	over recovered	1.6%	_
Net Controllable Exp.	5,095	5,095	0	4,516	4,638	(122)	over	(2.7%)	

Variance Explanations

1. Supplies and Services

The overspend reflects the costs of IT contracts in relation to software licenses and associated costs of the new Cloud Hosting Service. This will be managed within the overall Service budget.

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Finance and Corporate Resources Committee: Period Ended 15 July 2022 (No.4)

Personnel Services

	Annual Budget	Forecast for Year	Annual Forecast Variance	Budget Proportion 15/07/22	Actual 15/07/22	Variance 15/07/22		% Variance 15/07/22	Note
	£000	£000	£000	£000	£000	£000			
Budget Category									
Employee Costs	8,332	8,332	0	2,035	1,889	146	under	7.2%	1,a, b,c
Property Costs	113	113	0	10	5	5	under	50.0%	а
Supplies & Services	192	192	0	38	53	(15)	over	(39.5%)	а
Transport & Plant	18	18	0	3	1	2	under	66.7%	а
Administration Costs	1,043	1,043	0	267	287	(20)	over	(7.5%)	а
Payments to Other Bodies	3,745	3,745	0	332	335	(3)	over	(0.9%)	а,с
Payments to Contractors	0	0	0	0	0	0	-	n/a	
Transfer Payments	0	0	0	0	0	0	-	n/a	
Financing Charges	40	40	0	1	1	0	-	0.0%	
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Total Controllable Exp.	13,483	13,483	0	2,686	2,571	115	under	4.3%	
Total Controllable Inc.	(5,138)	(5,138)	0	(162)	(167)	5	over recovered	3.1%	а,с
Net Controllable Exp.	8,345	8,345	0	2,524	2,404	120	under	4.8%	

Variance Explanations

1. Employee Costs

The underspend in employee costs reflects the level of modern apprentices currently required and also staff working on other funded projects.

Budget Virements

- a. Internal Budget Realignments: Net Effect £0.000m: Employee Costs (£0.575m), Property Costs (£0.008m), Supplies and Services (£0.088m), Transport Costs (£0.002m), Administration Costs £0.285m, Payment to Other Bodies (£0.018m) and Income £0.406m.
- b. Transfer of Modern Apprenticeship budget from Social Work Resources: Net Effect £1.000m: Employee Costs £1.000m.
- c. Additional Employability funding: Net Effect £0.125m: Employee Costs £0.965m, Payment to Other Bodies £2.712m and Income (£3.552m).

Revenue Budget Monitoring Report

Finance and Corporate Resources Committee: Period Ended 15 July 2022 (No.1)

Administration, Legal and Licensing Services

	Annual Budget	Forecast for Year	Annual Forecast Variance	Budget Proportion 15/07/22	Actual 15/07/22	Variance 15/07/22		% Variance 15/07/22	Note
	£000	£000	£000	£000	£000	£000			
Budget Category									
Employee Costs	4,098	4,098	0	1,079	1,087	(8)	over	(0.7%)	
Property Costs	18	18	0	0	1	(1)	over	n/a	
Supplies & Services	120	120	0	15	22	(7)	over	(46.7%)	
Transport & Plant	14	14	0	0	0	0	-	n/a	
Administration Costs	2,094	2,094	0	666	701	(35)	over	(5.3%)	1
Payments to Other Bodies	678	678	0	343	343	0	-	0.0%	
Payments to Contractors	0	0	0	0	0	0	-	n/a	
Transfer Payments	0	0	0	0	0	0	-	n/a	
Financing Charges	32	32	0	3	3	0	-	0.0%	
Total Controllable Exp.	7,054	7,054	0	2,106	2,157	(51)	over	(2.4%)	
Total Controllable Inc.	(2,941)	(2,941)	0	(428)	(431)	3	over recovered	0.7%	
Net Controllable Exp.	4,113	4,113	0	1,678	1,726	(48)	over	(2.9%)	

Variance Explanations

Administration
This is a combination of small overspends associated with printing and stationary, legal expenses, postages, membership fees, and other administration costs.

Revenue Budget Monitoring Report

Finance and Corporate Resources Committee: Period Ended 15 July 2022 (No.4)

Communications and Strategy Services

	Annual Budget	Forecast for Year	Annual Forecast Variance	Budget Proportion 15/07/22	Actual 15/07/22	Variance 15/07/22		% Variance 15/07/22	Note
	£000	£000	£000	£000	£000	£000			
Budget Category									
Employee Costs	2,429	2,429	0	644	637	7	under	1.1%	
Property Costs	40	40	0	0	0	0	-	n/a	
Supplies & Services	679	679	0	181	158	23	under	12.7%	1
Transport & Plant	29	29	0	0	0	0	-	0.0%	
Administration Costs	1,219	1,219	0	198	207	(9)	over	(4.5%)	
Payments to Other Bodies	1,332	1,332	0	165	165	0	-	n/a	
Payments to Contractors	0	0	0	0	0	0	-	n/a	
Transfer Payments	0	0	0	0	0	0	-	n/a	
Financing Charges	346	346	0	83	83	0	-	0.0%	
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Total Controllable Exp.	6,074	6,074	0	1,271	1,250	21	under	1.7%	
Total Controllable Inc.	(3,031)	(3,031)	0	(518)	(478)	(40)	under recovered	(7.7%)	2
Net Controllable Exp.	3,043	3,043	0	753	772	(19)	over	(2.5%)	

Variance Explanations

1. Supplies and Services

The underspend relates to the purchase of materials and supplies to clients for print work and is offset by an associated under recovery income.

2. Income

The net under recovery of income reflects the level of demand for print work and is partly offset by the underspend in Supplies and Services

Budget Virements

- a. Internal Budget Realignment: Net Effect £0.000m: Employee Costs (£0.094m), Supplies and Services (£0.015m) and Administration Costs £0.109m.
- b. Transfer of investment monies to Corporate Items / Transfer to Reserves: Net Effect: (£0.430m): Payment to Other Bodies (£0.430m)