REPORT TO:	Executive Board
DATE:	15 June 2023
REPORTING OFFICER:	Operational Director – Finance
PORTFOLIO:	Corporate Services
SUBJECT:	2022/23 Financial Outturn Position
WARD(S):	Borough-wide

1.0 PURPOSE OF REPORT

1.1 To report the Council's overall revenue net spending outturn position for the year 2022/23

2.0 **RECOMMENDED:** That

- the Council's 2022/23 outturn position as presented in the report be noted, along with the importance of early delivery of the Re-imagine Halton Transformation Programme, to help reduce future costs and provide a balanced, sustainable budget position;
- (ii) the proposal to replenish Council reserve balances within the Medium Term Financial Strategy, be noted; and
- (iii) consideration is given by relevant Departments to utilise external enforcement agencies to help reduce the value of outstanding debts and improve debt recover times.

3.0 SUPPORTING INFORMATION

Summary Outturn Position

- 3.1 Preparation of the statutory statement of accounts for 2022/23 is nearing completion and the revenue spending position for each Department is shown in Appendix 1. It presents a summary of spending against the operational revenue budget. Appendix 2 provides detailed figures for each individual Department.
- 3.2 In overall terms the outturn position for the year shows that operational net spending is over the approved budget by £5.161m.
- 3.3 The outturn position is a significant improvement on the forecast overspend of £7.586m reported at the end of quarter 3. Detail on significant departmental variances is included within the report.

- 3.4 Listed below are a number of items which help understand the improved outturn position compared to that estimated at the end of December 2022:
 - The actual receipt of Government Grant to fund various business rate reliefs was £1.3m greater than had been forecast during the course of the year.
 - Government announced the sharing of a surplus levy on the national business rates pool in March 2023, this is worth £0.3m to Halton.
 - New Burdens grant funding of £0.2m was announced in March 2023, this compensated Councils for the work undertaken during the past year on council tax grant schemes and business rate relief schemes.
 - Community Care net spend for the year is approximately £1m less than forecast due to utilisation of Pool Budget funds and early implementation of a budget recovery plan within the Adults Directorate.
 - Supplies and services expenditure in relation to; printing, office furniture, equipment and general computer expenditure was £0.2m lower than forecast.
- 3.5 Funding of the overspend position will be met from reductions made to earmarked reserves. The balance of the General Fund Reserve totals £5.149m which is considered to be a minimum level which the Council should hold. Further information regarding reserves is included in paragraph 3.15 below.

Revenue Spending

- 3.6 Within the overall budget position for the year, the key budget variances are as follows;
 - (i) Children and Families Department:-

Total net expenditure for the Department is £9.714m over budget as at 31 March 2023, which is marginally lower than the outturn position forecast at Q3.

Employee costs are £1.962m above budget, due primarily to the continued long term reliance on agency staff. Social worker recruitment is still proving difficult due to an extremely competitive market and highly inflated agency payment rates. Spending on agency staff at the end of the year is £6.315m or 50% of the employee budget. There was further pressure on the overall budget from the costs of the Innovate managed agency team which was brought in as a result of the Ofsted inspection outcome. The cost of the team in 2022/23 is £1.468m which was funded from central reserves.

Supplies and Services expenditure is \pounds 1.222m over budget at the end of the financial year. A large proportion of this spend is due to increased court costs totalling \pounds 0.511m. Expenditure in relation to independent assessments is also high at \pounds 0.388m.

Out of Borough Residential Care continues to be the main budget pressure for the Children and Families Department, as the costs of residential care have continued to rise year-on-year. This budget was provided with additional growth of £1m for 2022/23 to help alleviate the pressure, however, residential care is still £4.607m over budget at the end of the financial year. In 2021/22 residential care received COVID funding of £0.8m for the full financial year, but the absence of this funding has further increased the pressure on this budget.

The table below breaks down the current residential placements based on costs and placement type, compared to the previous year-end. Apart from a slight increase in the total number of placements, there has been a significant shift towards higher cost placements due to increased complexity of needs.

		31s	t March 2023	31st	March 2022
Provision	Weekly Costs	No. Placed	Estimated cost for the year £	No. Placed	Estimated cost for the year £
Residential	£2000 - £3000	6	429,036	5	680,242
Residential	£3001 - £4000	9	2,169,293	16	2,609,248
Residential	£4001 - £5000	12	2,809,768	13	2,795,770
Residential	£5001 - £9600	21	5,655,316	11	2,506,839
Secure	£6397 - £8137	1	379,458	4	1,627,186
Leaving Care	£443 - £8225	17	2,265,326	18	2,073,212
Parent & Child	£2000 - £4500	7	779,282	3	191,170
Total:		73	14,487,479	70	12,483,667

(ii) Adult Social Care Department:-

The Adult Social Care Department has the Council's largest departmental net budget of £53.020m. The Department's total net expenditure for the year was £1.817m over budget.

Care Homes

Overspends within the Care Homes Division was the main contributing factor to spend exceeding budget within the Department. In particular, the cost of employees exceeded budget for the year by £1.478m

Agency costs incurred within the Division during the year totalled ± 3.974 m. Recruitment of staff at all levels continues to be extremely difficult across the care homes and this has resulted in the use of expensive agency staff and overtime to cover vacancies. A proactive rolling recruitment process has recently

been introduced across the care homes and this has led to the successful recruitment of a number of posts. Further recruitment is taking place and start dates for staff are waiting to be confirmed. The ongoing recruitment will help to reduce current vacancies resulting in the reduction of agency staff costs.

Community Care

Demand led pressures across community care are possibly the greatest financial risk for the Department. However, outturn spend for year was only £0.125m above budget, which compares with a forecast position of £1.130m estimated at the end of quarter 3. The position was helped by utilisation of surplus funds on the Pooled Budget, achieved from additional one-off funding received, being shared between the Partners. The Council's share of the surplus was utilised to fund the Community Care overspend in terms of Direct Payments and Residential/Nursing Care. The pressures on this budget will continue and the Pooled Budget cannot be relied upon to fund any overspends going forward.

There are currently 498 residents (including joint funded) in permanent residential/nursing care as at the end of the financial year compared to 475 residents in April 2022. This is an increase of 4.8%. The average cost of a package of care has increased since April 2022 from £741.11 to £778.73, an increase of 5.08%. There are currently 71 service users with a package of care costing more than £1,000 per week, albeit some of those are jointly funded with Health. Of those 38 service users are placed outside the borough.

Currently there are 691 service users (including joint funded) receiving a package of care at home, compared to 682 in April 2022 an increase of 1.32%. The average cost of a package of care has decreased from £468.17 to £419.95, a reduction of 10.3%.

The demand for Direct Payments is slowly decreasing. This may be linked to day services reopening after the Covid pandemic closure. At the end of the financial year there are 580 service users (including joint funded) in receipt of a direct payment compared with 574 in April 2022, which is a 1.05% decrease.

(iii) Education, Inclusion & Provision:-

Net Departmental expenditure is $\pounds 0.452m$ over budget as at 31 March 2023, this compares with the overspend position of $\pounds 0.571m$ forecast at the end of quarter 3.

As has been the case in recent years, the cost of school transport is the main budget pressure for the Department. The Council has a statutory responsibility to provide Special Educational Needs (SEN) pupils with transport. The budget can be split into two main areas; between SEN pupils attending schools within the Borough and those attending schools outside the Borough. The demand for the School Transport service is increasing in line with the increasing number of pupils with SEN within the Borough.

	2022-23					
Area	No. of Users	Budget £'000	Actual Spend £'000	Variance £'000	Average Cost per User £	
In Borough	384	944	1160	(216)	£3,021	
Out of						
Borough	126	394	892	(498)	£7,079	
Total	510	1,355	2,052	(714)		

The table below presents the split between in-Borough and out-of-Borough pupils and the transport costs compared to budget.

Core funded employee expenditure is £0.285m under budget at year end. There were a number of vacant positions across the Department during the year which helped contribute to this position. It had been forecast that the majority of these vacancies would be filled by the end of the financial year, however, there are still a number of vacant positions which will be filled early in 2023/24, resulting in a small one-off saving during the new financial year.

(iv) ICT & Support Services :-

The Department's financial position at year-end shows net income as being $\pounds 0.532m$ higher than budgeted. There are two main areas for this positive variance:

The £0.384m over achievement of income in respect of external client income for ICT traded services, primarily from Agresso implementation and support at partner sites.

Spending on supplies and services budgets within the Administration Division is £0.243m below budget, due to reduced spending across the Council on printing, office furniture, equipment and general computer expenditure.

(viii) Corporate and Democracy:-

As at 31 March 2023 the net spend against Corporate and Democracy was £5.516m below budget.

The main contribution to this underspend position was the contingency budget which the Council had set aside, primarily to offset the expected additional demand within Children's Social Care. The contingency has contributed a £3.686m underspend to the outturn position.

The Council's treasury management function has once again performed well over the past year and the Council took advantage of available cash reserves and increasing interest rates. The net position for investment interest receivable and borrowing interest payable was \pounds 1.014m better than had been forecast when the budget was set at the start of the year.

During March 2023 Government announced the sharing of the surplus position on the national business rate retention levy. This was an unexpected gain of £0.300m to the Council. In addition business rate relief grant received at year-end was £1.3m greater than had been forecast throughout the year.

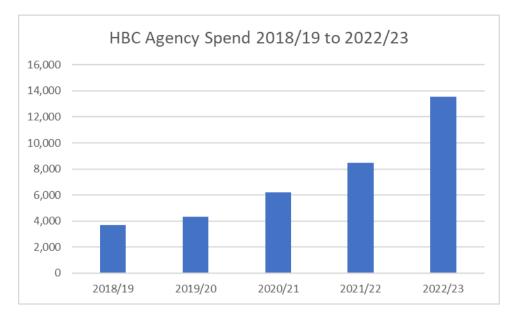
Agency Costs

3.7 Reliance on agency employees over the past year has been extremely high. Whilst this has helped with short term recruitment difficulties it has come at a high cost, as detailed in the table below. The main areas of agency expenditure include Children & Families Department and the Care Homes Division. Work is ongoing in both of these areas to place less reliance on agency by implementing alternative recruitment and retention initiatives. Agency expenditure for 2022/23 on a quarterly basis is listed below together with a comparison to 2021/22 agency costs.

	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Total 2022/23	Total 2021/22
	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000
Adult Social Care	1,234	1,434	1,550	1,460	5,677	4,347
Policy, People, Performance &						
Efficiency	0	1	6	15	23	13
Children & Family Services	1,224	1,774	1,534	1,782	6,315	2,846
Community & Greenspace	26	29	41	33	130	86
Economy, Enterprise & Property	83	106	131	132	452	247
Education, Inclusion & Provision	3	4	0	24	31	55
Finance	0	0	6	25	31	25
Legal & Democratic Services	68	115	143	147	473	193
Planning & Transportation	114	17	54	41	225	111
Public Health & Public Protection	89	88	56	15	249	531
Total	2,843	3,566	3,522	3,674	13,605	8,454

Agency Costs 2022/23 (per quarter)

3.8 During the past five years there has been a growing reliance upon agency staffing. Over this period costs have increased by 270% as illustrated in the chart below.



Bad Debt Provision

- 3.9 Outstanding debt across all services areas as at 31 March 2023 totalled £18.339m, an increase of £5.648m (45%) over the past year. The majority of this increase in outstanding debt relates to three areas:
 - Adult Social Care £3.260m (42%) increase in debt to £11.046m.
 - Children & Family Services £0.658m (236%) increase in debt to £0.937m.
 - Education, Inclusion & Provision £0.505m (183%) increase in debt to £0.781m.
- 3.10 Given the age ranges of the debt and the value, the Council has had to increase the provision set aside to account for the possibility of the debt becoming irrecoverable. The increase in bad debt provision as at 31 March 2023 is an additional cost of £1.018m, which has been funded from reserves.
- 3.11 Given the significant increase in the value and volume of debt, it is proposed that consideration be given to partnering with external enforcement agencies, to help reduce outstanding debt levels and speed debt collection. This is a practice currently used as part of collection of council tax and business rates.

Collection Fund

- 3.12 Council tax collection for the final quarter of the year is 93.9%, down by 0.23% on this point last year. Cash collection for the year to date is £70.6m, which includes £2.0m collected in relation to previous years' debt.
- 3.13 Business rates collection for the final quarter of the year is 97.6%, up by 0.25% on this point last year. Cash collected for the year to date is £54.4m, which includes £1.7m collected in relation to previous years' debt.

Capital Programme

3.14 Capital spending at 31st March 2023 totalled £27.455m, which is 94% of the planned spending of £29.418m (which assumes a 20% slippage between years). Appendix 3 presents details of spending against all capital schemes.

Review of Reserves

- 3.15 As at 31 March 2023 the Council's General Reserve is £5.149m. This is considered to be a reasonable level given the size of the Council's total net budget. Within the Council's medium term financial forecast it is important that recognition is given to replenishing the Council's reserves given the resources which have been utilised in balancing the Council's budgets and funding overspend positions.
- 3.16 The total earmarked reserves at year-end stand at £95.1m, having utilised £6.9m to help balance the 2023/24 budget. Whilst the earmarked reserve total may appear high, it should be noted that £73.5m of this relates to Mersey Gateway grant funding set aside for repayment to the Department for Transport. The Council's remaining earmarked reserves therefore total £21.6m.

4.0 CONCLUSIONS

- 4.1 The net outturn position for the Council is better than has been forecast throughout the year. This is due to close monitoring and the efforts of all departments to restrict spending to essential items only. Wherever possible departments have also taken opportunities to fund spending through grant and to capitalise costs, which have all contributed to minimising the final overspend position. In addition, a number of favourable financial outcomes were received during the final quarter of the year, as outlined in paragraph 3.4 above.
- 4.2 Despite the outturn overspend being lower than forecast, the £5.1m overspend against budget is a considerable concern, especially set against the backdrop of depleted reserves and ongoing service demand pressures. This makes expediting the work of the Transformation Programme even more important, to bring forward changes in service delivery which will help to control and reduce future costs.

5.0 POLICY AND OTHER IMPLICATIONS

5.1 None.

6.0 IMPLICATIONS FOR THE COUNCIL'S PRIORITIES

6.1 There are no direct implications, however, the revenue budget and capital programme support the delivery and achievement of all the Council's priorities.

7.0 RISK ANALYSIS

7.1 There are a number of financial risks within the budget. However, the Council has internal controls and processes in place to ensure that spending remains in line with budget as far as possible.

8.0 EQUALITY AND DIVERSITY ISSUES

- 8.1 None.
- 9.0 **CLIMATE CHANGE IMPLICATIONS**
- 9.1 None

10.0 LIST OF BACKGROUND PAPERS UNDER SECTION 100D OF THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 1072

10.1 There are no background papers under the meaning of the Act

Summary of Revenue Spending to 31 March 2023

APPENDIX 1

Directorate / Department	Annual Budget	Actual Net Spend	Variance (Overspend)
Directorate / Department	(£'000)	£'000	£'000
Adults (excl care homes and community care)	20,898	20,876	22
Community Care	19,872	19,997	(125)
Care Homes	8,633	10,427	(1,794)
Complex Care Pool	3,617	3,617	0
Adults Directorate	53,020	54,917	(1,897)
Finance	4,071	3,586	485
ICT & Support Services	-1,729	-2,261	532
Legal & Democratic Services	502	506	(4)
Policy, People, Performance & Efficiency	19	99	(80)
Chief Executives Directorate	2,863	1,930	933
Children & Families	27,957	37,671	(9,714)
Education, Inclusion & Provision	9,171	9623	(452)
Children Services Directorate	37,128	47,294	(10,166)
Community & Greenspace	27,554	27,808	(254)
Economy, Enterprise & Property	3,713	3,640	73
Policy, Planning & Transportation	16,853	16,375	478
Environment & Regeneration Directorate	48,120	47,823	297
Public Health Directorate	253	96	157
Corporate & Democracy	-37,693	-43,208	5,515
Mersey Gateway	8,028	8,028	0
Total Net Expenditure	111,719	116,880	(5,161)

APPENDIX 2

Adults (including Care Homes and Community Care)

	Full Year	Actual	Variance
	Budget		(Overspend)
	£'000	£'000	£'000
Expenditure			
Employees	15,699	15,520	179
Premises	451	475	
Supplies & Services	1,211	1,202	
Aids & Adaptations	55	61	(6)
Transport	232	297	(65)
Food Provision	186	198	
Agency	768	773	· · · /
Supported Accommodation and Services	1,463	1,463	
Emergency Duty Team	105	98	
Contacts & SLAs	687	678	-
Contacts & SLAS	007	078	9
Housing Solutions Grant Funded Schemes			
LCR Immigration Programme	320	318	2
Homelessness Prevention	147	147	
Rough Sleepers Initiative	71	71	0
Total Expenditure	21,395	21,301	94
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Income			
Fees & Charges	-760	-700	(60)
Sales & Rents Income	-420	-456	· · · · ·
Reimbursements & Grant Income	-2,112	-2,193	
Capital Salaries	-121	-119	
Housing Schemes Income	-629	-629	· · · ·
Transfer From Reserves	-1,131	-1,131	0
Total Income	-5,173	-5,228	•
		0,0	
Net Operational Expenditure Excluding			
Homes and Community Care	16,222	16,073	149
Care Homes Net Expenditure	8,633	10,427	(1,794)
Community Care Expenditure	19,872	19,997	(1,734)
Net Operational Expenditure Including	10,012	10,007	(123)
Homes and Community Care	44,727	46,497	(1,770)
		-10,101	(1,110)
Recharges			
Premises Support	460	460	0
Transport Support	587	714	(127)
Central Support	3,562	3,562	
Asset Rental Support	189	189	
Recharge Income	-122	-122	
Net Total Recharges	4,676	4,803	
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Net Departmental Expenditure	49,403	51,300	(1,897)

	Annual Budget	Actual	Variance (Overspend)
	£'000	£'000	£'000
Expenditure			
Madeline Mckenna			
Employees	541	759	(218)
Premises	53	98	
Supplies & Services	13	26	(13)
Food Provision	40	39	1
Transfer from Reserves	-27	-27	0
Total Madeline Mckenna Expenditure	620	895	(275)
Millbrow			
Employees	1,673	2,038	(365)
Premises	79	130	(51)
Supplies & Services	45	59	(14)
Food Provision	63	77	(14)
Transfer from Reserves	-79	-79	0
Reinbursement & Other Grant Income	-3	-3	0
Total Milbrow Expenditure	1,778	2,222	(444)
St Luke's		· · · · · ·	
Employees	2,568	2,920	(352)
Premises	105	155	
Supplies & Services	39	43	
Food Provision	112	133	
Transfer from Reserves	-107	-107	0
Reinbursement & Other Grant Income		-4	4
Total St Luke's Expenditure	2,717	3,140	(423)
St Patrick's			
Employees	1,590	2,152	(562)
Premises	94	140	(46)
Supplies & Services	33	62	
Food Provision	102	136	
Transfer from Reserves	-68	-68	0
Total St Patrick's Expenditure	1,751	2,422	(671)
Care Home Management Divison			
Employees	255	236	19
Supplies & Services	72	72	0
Transfer from Reserves	-113	-113	0
Total Home Management Divison	214	195	19
Net Operational Expenditure	7,080	8,874	(1,794)
Recharges		•	
Premises Support	324	324	0
Central Support	992	992	
Asset Rental Support	237	237	0
Net Total Recharges	1,553	1,553	
	1,000	1,000	0
Net Departmental Expenditure	8,633	10,427	(1,794)

Care Homes Division

Community Care

	Annual Budget	Actual	Variance (Overspend)
	£'000	£'000	£'000
Expenditure			
Residential & Nursing	14,634	14,956	(322)
Domicilary Care & Supported living	12,501	12,133	368
Direct Payments	10,569	10,778	(209)
Day Care	335	474	(139)
Consultancy	62	59	3
Infection Control Grant	-	17	(17)
Total Expenditure	38,101	38,417	(316)
Income			
Residential & Nursing Income	-10,276	-10,468	192
Community Care Income	-2,491	-2,459	(32)
Direct Payments Income	-886	-845	(41)
ILF Grant	-656	-656	0
Income from other CCGs	-225	-225	0
Transfer from reserve	-162	-221	59
Market sustainability & FCC Grant	-431	-431	0
Adult Social Care Support Grant	-3,035	-3,035	0
War Pension Disregard Grant	-67	-67	0
Other Income		-13	13
Total Income	-18,229	-18,420	191
Net Operational Expenditure	19,872	19,997	(125)

	Annual Actual	Variance (Overspend)	
	Budget		(Overspend)
	£'000	£'000	£'000
Expenditure			
Employees	6,000	5,798	202
Premises	0	14	(14)
Insurances	894	982	(88)
Supplies & Services	315	353	(38)
Rent Allowances	31,198	31,198	0
Non HRA Rent Rebates	70	65	5
Discretionary Social Fund	191	201	(10)
Discretionary Social Fund Household Support	2,373	2,373	0
Discretionary Housing Payments	300	288	12
Covid Isolation Expenditure	0	-9	9
Concessionary Travel	1,898	1,587	311
LCR Levy	2,241	2,241	0
Transfer to Reserves	262	245	17
Bad Debt Provision	77	86	(9)
Total Expenditure	45,819	45,422	397
Income			
Clerical Error Recovery	-400	-142	(258)
Rent Allowances	-30,598	-30,355	
Other Fees & Charges	-30,398	-30,355 -399	135
Non HRA Rent Rebate	-204	-399 -96	
		-90	
Burdens Grant	-60		_
Dedicated schools Grant	-111	-111	0
Discretionary Housing Payment Grant	-300	-279	(21)
Housing Benefits Admin Grant	-515	-515	0
Universal Credits	-5	-5	0
Council Tax Admin Grant	-204	-211	(10)
Household Support Fund Grant	-2,373	-2,363	· · · /
Council Tax Liability Order	-501	-482	(19)
Business Rates Admin Grant	-155	-155	_
VEP Grant	-9	-9	0
Council Tax Rebate Scheme Admin Grant	0	-79	79
Covid Isolation Grant Income	0	36	
Energy Bills Support Scheme	-330	-330	
Family Annexe Council Tax Discount	0	-2	2
Alternative Fuel Payment Fund	0	-42	
Schools SLAs	-278	-282	
LCR Reimbursement	-2,241	-2,241	0
Reimbursements & Other Grants	-111	-135	
CCG McMillan Reimbursement	-82	-85	
Transfer from Reserves	-133	-238	
Total Income	-38,740	-38,828	88
Net Operational Expenditure	7,079	6,594	485
Recharges			
Premises Support	227	227	0
Central Support Services	2,518	2,518	0
HBC Support Costs Income	-5,753	-5,753	0
Net Total Recharges	-3,008	-3,008	0

Finance Department

	Annual Budget	Actual	Variance (Overspend)
	Dudget		(Overspend)
	£'000	£'000	£'000
Expenditure			
Employees	1,913	1,814	99
Premises Related Expenditure	0	0	0
Supplies & Services	322	264	58
Civic Catering & Functions	39	20	19
Legal Expenses	218	419	(201)
Legal Expenses Locums	0	473	(473)
Transport Related Expenditure	10	12	(2)
Capital Financing	0	19	(19)
Total Expenditure	2,502	3,021	(519)
Income			
Land Charges	-84	-66	(18)
School SLA's	-85	-82	(3)
Licence Income	-263	-293	30
Government Grant	0	-32	32
Reimbursement & Other Grants	0	-10	10
Fees & Charges Income	-65	-126	61
Transfer from Reserves	-17	-420	403
Total Income	-514	-1,029	515
Net One vetice of Evene vetices	4.000	4 000	(4)
Net Operational Expenditure	1,988	1,992	(4)
Recharges			
Premises Support	58	58	0
Central Support Recharges	351	351	0
Asset Rental Support Costs	-1,895	-1,895	0
Net Total Recharges	-1,486	-1,486	0
Net Departmental Expenditure	502	506	(4)

Legal and Democratic Services Department

ICT & Support Services Department

	Annual Budget	Actual	Variance (Overspend)
	£'000	£'000	£'000
Expenditure			
Employee Expenditure	7,773	7,803	(30)
Supplies & Services Expenditure	1,012	769	243
Capital Finance	78	52	26
Computer Repairs & Software	1,149	1,122	27
Communication Costs	122	122	0
Premises Expenditure	99	141	(42)
Transport Expenditure	3	2	1
Transfer to Reserves	121	150	(29)
Other Expenditure	0	8	(•)
Total Expenditure	10,357	10,169	188
Income			
Fees & Charges	-624	-1,008	384
Schools SLA Income	-565	-526	
Reimbursements & Other Grant Income	-106	-106	()
Transfer From Reserves	-485	-485	0
Total Income	-1,780	-405	
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Net Operational Expenditure	8,577	8,044	533
Recharges			
Premises Support	389	389	0
Transport	19	23	(4)
Central Support Services	1,593	1,593	
HBC Asset Rental Support Costs	805	805	
HBC Support Costs Income	-13,112	-13,115	3
Net Total Recharges	-10,306	-10,305	(1)
Net Departmental Expenditure	-1,729	-2,261	532

	Annual Budget	Actual	Variance (Overspend)
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	£'000	£'000	£'000
Expenditure			
Employees	2,147	2,116	31
Employee Training	123	188	(65)
Apprenticeship Levy	300	322	(22)
Supplies & Services	144	193	(49)
Agency	11	3	8
Other Expenditure	0	1	(1)
Contribution to Reserves	87	87	0
Total Expenditure	2,812	2,910	(98)
Income	100	4.40	
Fees & Charges	-132	-140	8
Reimbursements & Other Grants	0	-6	-
Schools SLA	-448	-452	4
Transfer from Reserves	-70	-70	0
Total Income	-650	-668	18
Net Operational Expenditure	2,162	2,242	(80)
Recharges			
Premises Support	72	72	0
Central Support	1,037	1,037	0
Recharge Income	-3,252	-3,252	0
Net Total Recharges	-2,143	-2,143	0
Net Departmental Expenditure	19	99	(80)

Policy, People, Performance & Efficiency Department

	Annual Budget	Actual	Variance (Overspend)
	£'000	£'000	£'000
Expenditure			
Employees	12,628	14,590	(1,962)
Other Premises	329	343	
Supplies & Services	977	2,199	
Transport	113	222	
Direct Payments	944	772	
Commissioned services to Vol Orgs	233	212	
Residential Care	11,349	15,956	
Out of Borough Adoption	89	0	89
Out of Borough Fostering	2,503	2,892	
In House Adoption	427	459	· · ·
Special Guardianship Order	1,780	2,209	· · · ·
In House Foster Carer Placements	2,589	3,046	
Lavender House	219	219	
Home Support & Respite	70	443	
Care Leavers	249	213	()
Family Support	53	58	
Contracted services	3	3	· · · ·
Early Years	203	447	(244)
Emergency Duty	118	183	
Youth Offending Services	261	337	· · · ·
Capital Finance	201	210	()
Total Expenditure	35,347	45,013	
	35,547	45,015	(9,666)
Income			
Fees & Charges	-24	-21	(2)
Sales Income	-24	-21	(3)
Rents	-4	-73	(3)
Reimbursement & other Grant Income		-1,150	
Transfer from reserve	-1,209 -2,388		
		-2,388	
Dedicated Schools Grant	-50	-50	-
Government Grants	-6,806	-6,806	
Total Income	-10,539	-10,489	(50)
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Net Operational Expenditure	24,808	34,524	(9,716)
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Recharges			
Premises Support	235	235	
Transport	18	16	
Central Support Recharges	3,036	3,036	
Internal Recharge Income	-140	-140	
Net Total Recharges	3,149	3,147	2
Net Departmental Expenditure	27,957	37,671	(9,714)

Education, Inclusion & Provision Department

	Annual Budget	Actual	Variance (Overspend)
	£'000	£'000	£'000
Expenditure			
Employees	7,130	6,845	285
Premises	32	28	4
Supplies & Services	2,661	2,732	(71)
Transport	43	46	(3)
School Transport	1,338	2,052	(714)
Commissioned Services	1,771	1,612	159
Grants to Voluntary Organisations	1,380	1,435	(55)
Independent School Fees	6,875	6,875	0
Inter Authority Special Needs	359	359	0
Pupil Premium Grant	92	92	0
Nursery Education Payments	5,906	5,906	0
Capital Finance	2,271	2,271	0
Total Expenditure	29,858	30,253	(395)
Income			
Fees & Charges Income	-93	-149	56
Government Grant	-5,348	-5,348	
Reimbursements & Other Grant Income	-869	-822	· · · ·
Schools SLA Income	-358	-432	
Transfer from Reserves	-1,047	-1,047	0
Dedicated Schools Grant	-17,840	-17,840	0
Inter Authority Income	-421	-421	0
Total Income	-25,976	-26,059	83
Net Operational Expenditure	3,882	4,194	(312)
Recharges			
Premises Support	127	127	0
Transport Support	438	578	(140)
Central Support	2,308	2,308	
Asset Rental Support	2,437	2,437	0
Recharge Income	-21	-21	0
Net Total Recharges	5,289	5,429	(140)
Net Departmental Expenditure	9,171	9,623	(452)

Community & Greenspace Department

	Annual Budget £'000	Actual £'000	Variance (Overspend) £'000
Expenditure	~ 000	~ 000	~ 000
Employees	15,756	14,936	820
Premises	2,544	2,841	(297)
Supplies & Services	1,488	1,655	. ,
Hired & Contracted Services	453	475	· · · ·
Book Fund	147	142	· · · ·
Food Provisions	354	371	(17)
School Meals Food			· · · ·
	1,872	2,069	
Miscellaneous Transport Costs	115	133	· · · ·
Other Agency Costs	209	204	
Other Expenditure	0	15	· · · ·
Waste Disposal Contracts	6,538	6,438	
Grants to Voluntary Organisations	57	16	
Grant to Norton Priory	172	173	· · · · ·
Rolling Projects	0	20	· · · ·
Capital Financing	1,077	1,094	· · · ·
Total Expenditure	30,782	30,582	200
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Income			
Sales Income	-1,196	-1,199	3
School Meals Sales	-2,730	-2,739	9
Fees & Charges Income	-5,351	-5,299	(52)
Rental Income	-209	-171	(38)
Government Grant Income	-359	-363	4
Reimbursements & Other Grant Income	-792	-818	26
SLA Income	-2,227	-1,785	(442)
Catering Fees	-88	-108	20
Internal Fees Income	-227	-289	62
Capital Salaries	-106	-75	
Transfers From Reserves	-1,221	-1,314	. ,
Total Income	-14,506	-14,160	
		,	(****)
Net Operational Expenditure	16,276	16,422	(146)
Recharges			
Premises Support	1,496	1,496	0
· ·		2,433	
Transport Support	2,325		
Central Support	4,449	4,449	
Asset Rental Support	3,519	3,519	0
Support Costs Income	-511	-511	0
Net Total Recharges	11,278	11,386	(108)
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Net Departmental Expenditure	27,554	27,808	(254)

Economy, Enterprise & Property Department

	Annual Budget	Actual	Variance (Overspend)
	£'000	£'000	£'000
Expenditure			
Employee Related Expenditure	5,605	5,460	145
Repairs & Maintenance	2,211	2,285	(74)
Premises	92	102	(10)
Energy & Water Costs	1,059	1,059	0
NNDR	549	664	(115)
Rents	192	161	31
Economic Regeneration Activities	17	0	17
Security	486	548	(62)
Supplies & Services	822	621	201
Supplies & Services - Grant	740	740	0
Grants to Voluntary Organisations	162	162	0
Capital Finance	30	30	0
Transfer to Reserves	1,007	1,007	0
Total Expenditure	12,972	12,839	133
Income			
Fees & Charges Income	-906	-913	7
Rent - Commercial Properties	-801	-785	(16)
Rent - Investment Properties	-44	-44	0
Rent - Markets	-793	-766	(27)
Government Grant	-1,042	-1,042	0
Reimbursements & Other Grant Income	-1,612	-1,615	3
Schools SLA Income	-384	-362	(22)
Recharges to Capital	-153	-149	(4)
Transfer from Reserves	-2,248	-2,248	0
Total Income	-7,983	-7,924	(59)
Net Operational Expenditure	4,989	4,915	74
Recharges			
Premises Support	1,474	1,474	
Transport Support	27	28	
Central Support	2,082	2,082	
Asset Rental Support	1,399	1,399	
Recharge Income	-6,258	-6,258	
Net Total Recharges	-1,276	-1,275	0
Net Departmental Expenditure	3,713	3,640	74

Planning and Transportation Department

	Annual Budget	Actual	Variance (Overspend)
	£'000	£'000	£'000
Expenditure			
Employees	4,834	4,823	11
Efficiency Savings	-100	-100	
Premises	187	139	
Hired & Contracted Services	333	506	
Supplies & Services	217	419	(173)
Other Expenditure	0	2	(202)
Street Lighting	1,713	1,414	299
	1,713	1,414	299
Highways Maintenance - Routine & Reactive	1,130	1,478	(348)
Highways Maintenance - Programmed Works	1,512	1,304	208
Fleet Transport	1,392	1,526	
Bus Support - Halton Hopper Tickets	50	15	35
Bus Support	498	486	12
Capital Financing	0	0	0
Grants to Voluntary Organisations	31	31	0
NRA Levy	69	69	0
LCR Levy	882	882	0
Contribution to Reserves	984	984	0
Total Expenditure	13,732	13,978	
Total Experiature	13,732	13,970	(240)
Income			
Sales & Rents Income	-93	-123	30
	-93	-123	354
Planning Fees			
Building Control Fees	-224	-235	11
Other Fees & Charges	-936	-1,047	111
Grants & Reimbursements	-343	-343	
Government Grant Income	-175	-175	0
Halton Hopper Income	-50	-13	
School SLA's	-46	-43	
Recharge to Capital	-317	-155	(162)
LCR Levy Reimbursement	-882	-882	0
Contribution from Reserves	-755	-755	0
Total Income	-4,384	-4,688	304
Net Operational Expenditure	9,348	9,290	58
Recharges			
Premises Recharges	534	534	0
Transport Recharges	662	746	
Asset Charges	9,839	9,839	· · ·
Central Recharges	1,581	1,583	
Transport Recharge Income	-4,240	-4,746	. ,
Central Recharge Income	-871	-871	0
Net Total Recharges	7,505	7,085	-
	7,000	7,000	
Net Departmental Expenditure	16,853	16,375	478

Public Health

	Annual Budget	Actual	Variance Underspend
	£'000	£'000	£'000
Expenditure			
Employees	4,260	4,158	102
Premises	5	5	0
Supplies & Services	434	390	44
Contracts & SLA's	7,103	7,110	(7)
Transport	13	13	0
Other Agency - Port Levies	21	21	0
Transfer to Reserves	635	635	0
Total Expenditure	12,471	12,332	139
Income			
Fees & Charges	-221	-239	18
Reimbursements & Grant Income	-436	-436	0
Transfer from Reserves	-1,050	-1,050	0
Government Grant Income	-11,525	-11,525	0
Total Income	-13,232	-13,250	18
Net Operational Expenditure	-761	-918	157
Recharges			
Premises Support	126	126	0
Transport Support	30	30	0
Central Support	1,340	1,340	0
Recharge Income	-482	-482	0
Net Total Recharges	1,014	1,014	0
Net Departmental Expenditure	253	96	157

	Annual Budget	Actual	Variance Underspend
	£'000	£'000	£'000
Expenditure			
Employees	342	358	(16)
Contracted Services	38	24	14
Supplies & Services	129	256	(127)
Premises Expenditure	5	18	(13)
Transport Costs	0	4	(4)
Members Allowances	901	893	8
Interest Payable - Treasury Management	1,373	1,138	235
Interest Payable - Other	1,550	1,619	(69)
Bank Charges	137	184	(47)
Audit Fees	135	169	(34)
Contingency	4,436	750	3,686
Capital Financing	3,216	3,216	0
Contribution to Reserves	4,391	4,391	0
Debt Management Expenses	20	24	(4)
Precepts & Levies	210	229	
Agency Related Expenditure	253	253	
Business Support Grants	0	-16	16
Total Expenditure	17,136	13,510	
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Income			
Interest Receivable - Treasury Management	-578	-1,406	828
Interest Receivable - Other	-545	-565	
Other Fees & Charges	-119	-314	
Grants & Reimbursements	-1,811	-1,856	
Government Grant Income	-12,054	-12,450	
Transfer from Reserves	-13,933	-14,338	
Total Income	-29,040	-30,929	
Net Operational Expenditure	-11,904	-17,419	5,515
Recharges			
Premises Recharges	4	4	0
Central Recharges	1,297	1,297	0
Support Services Income	-27,090	-27,090	
Net Total Recharges	-25,789	-25,789	
Net Department Expenditure	-37,693	-43,208	5,515

Mersey Gateway

	Annual Budget	Actual	Variance (Overspend)
	£'000	£'000	£'000
Expenditure			
Premises	91	84	7
Legal Expenses	0	140	(140)
Hired & Contracted	0	5	(5)
Unitary Charge	40,225	39,410	815
DMPA Fee	9,303	11,776	(2,473)
MGCB Ltd	1,920	1,173	747
Insurances	715	635	80
MGET	302	313	(11)
Bus Support	250	205	45
Highways Maintenance	0	3	(3)
External Interest	5,305	5,290	15
Finance Charges	161	165	(4)
Bad Debt provision	0	9,964	(9,964)
Direct Revenue Financing	288	0	288
Transfer to Reserves	9,747	9,421	326
Total Expenditure	68,307	78,584	(10,277)
Income			
Toll Income	-45,267	-55,396	10,129
Reimbursements & Grant Income	0	-50	
Transfer from Reserves	-215	-9,313	
Government Grant Income	-22,940	-13,940	
Total Income	-68,422	-78,699	,
	445	445	
Net Operational Expenditure	-115	-115	0
Recharges			
Central Support	115	115	0
Asset Rental Support	8,028	8,028	
Recharge Income	0,020	0,020	0
Net Total Recharges	8,143	8,143	
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Net Departmental Expenditure	8,028	8,028	0

Capital Programme as at 31 March 2023

Directorate/Department	2022/23 Capital Allocation	Actual Spend to 31 March 2023	Total Allocation Remaining
•	£'000	£'000	£'000
Adult Directoarate			
Grants – Disabled Facilities	580	575	5
Stair Lifts	220	217	3
Joint Funding RSL Adaptations	300	280	20
Millbrow Care Home	180	122	58
Madeline McKenna	100	138	-38
St Lukes	20	40	-20
St Patricks	150	119	31
Telehealthcare Upgrade	400	100	300
Total Adult Directoarate	1,950	1,591	359
Children Services Directorate			
Asset Management Data	6	3	3
Capital Repairs	1,155	1,046	109
Asbestos Management	29	20	9
Schools Access Initiative	36	23	13
The Grange	0	8	-8
Fairfield Primary School	20	0	20
Kitchen Gas Safety	1	1	0
Small Capital Works	124	66	58
SEMH Free School	237	231	6
Cavendish School Extension	469	36	433
Family Hubs	34	0	34
Total Children Services			
Directorate	2,111	1,434	677
Chief Executive Directorate			
IT Rolling Programme	700	493	207
Total Chief Executive			
Directorate	700	493	207

	2022/23	Actual	Total
	Capital	Spend to 31	Allocation
Directorate/Department	Allocation	March 2023	Remaining
Environment & Regeneration			
Directorate			
Stadium Minor Works	37	16	21
Stadium Decarbonisation Scheme	0	145	-145
Open Spaces Schemes	450	170	280
Upton Improvements	13	0	13
Crow Wood Park	39	28	11
Brookvale Pitch Refurbishment	70	42	28
Halton Leisure Centre	3,296	3,239	57
Children's Playground Equipment	80	40	40
Landfill Tax Credit Schemes	340	0	340
Runcorn Town Park	256	282	-26
Widnes Crematorium			
Replacement Cremator	200	242	-42
Spike Island / Wigg Island	60	1	59
Litter Bins	20	20	0
3MG	164	25	139
Murdishaw redevelopment	31	1	30
Equality Act Improvement Works	200	248	-48
Widnes Market Refurbishment	6	6	0
Broseley House	21	12	9
Solar Farm Extension	11	3	8
Foundary Lane Residential Area	2,117	3,569	-1,452
Kingsway Learning Centre			
Improved Facilities	36	0	36
Halton Lea TCF	388	353	35
Property Improvements	213	189	24
Astmoor Regeneration	14	14	0
Runcorn Town Centre Fund	3,239	1,451	1,788
Woodend, Unit 10 Catalyst	500	518	-18
St Paul's Mews	500	515	-15
Runcorn Station Quarter	110	60	50
UK Shared Prosperity Fund	45	28	17
Waterloo Building	0	7	-7

	2022/23	Actual	Total
	Capital	Spend to 31	Allocation
Directorate/Department	Allocation	March 2023	Remaining
Bridge and Highway Maintenance	2,448	1,182	1,266
Integrated Transport	1,553	689	864
EATF Runcorn Busway	1,546	1,628	-82
CRSTS Funded Schemes	3,306	2,680	626
Street Lighting - Structural			
Maintenance	853	178	675
Street Lighting - Upgrades	530	261	269
SUD Green Cycle / Walk Corridors	517	534	-17
Runcorn East Connectivity	1,500	1,290	210
Risk Management	495	38	457
Fleet Replacements	2,500	686	1,814
Silver Jubilee Bridge - Major			
Maintenance Scheme	321	0	321
Silver Jubilee Bridge - Decoupling /			
Runcorn Station Quarter	275	275	0
Widnes Loops	17	18	-1
Silver Jubilee Bridge - Lighting	0	10	-10
LCWIP (Local cycling and walking			
infrastructure plan) / Dukesfield	1,800	3,169	-1,369
A56 Reconstruction	950	3	947
MG Land Acquisition			0
MG Development Costs	904	65	839
MG Handback Land	40	7	33
Total Environment &			
Regeneration Directorate	32,011	23,937	8,074
TOTAL CAPITAL PROGRAMME	36,772	27,455	9,317
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Slippage (20%) Carried Forward	-7,354		
Slippage Brought Forward			
TOTAL	20 110	97 AEE	1 062
TUTAL	29,418	27,455	1,963