

2024/25 Revenue Monitoring Summary

APPENDIX 1

Service Area	Appendix	Net Budget	Projected Outturn	Projected Outturn Variance Before Reserve Transactions	(Use of)/ Contribution to Reserves	Projected Outturn Variance
		£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000
Corporate Management	1A	469	399	(70)	0	(70)
Assistant Chief Executive	1B	11,130	11,206	76	(94)	(18)
People - Adult Social Care	1C	86,132	86,722	590	0	590
People - Children's Services	1D	104,355	107,078	2,723	(1,864)	859
People - Public Health	1E	0	4,304	4,304	(4,304)	0
Place - Environment	1F	73,477	75,829	2,352	(246)	2,105
Place - Housing	1G	3,071	3,196	125	0	125
Place - Regeneration	1H	10,311	12,958	2,647	(1,905)	742
Finance and Transformation	1I	26,328	27,122	794	(483)	311
Net Service Expenditure		315,273	328,814	13,541	(8,897)	4,644
Capital Charge Adjustment		(26,461)	(26,461)	0		0
External Interest Payments		20,136	20,136	0		0
Interest/Dividend Receipts		(10,000)	(11,000)	(1,000)		(1,000)
Contingency		3,196	2,325	(871)		(871)
Change in Earmarked Reserves		5,840	4,987	(853)		(853)
Corporate Items	1J	25,024	30,791	5,767	(5,954)	(187)
Centrally Held Budgets		17,735	20,778	3,043	(5,954)	(2,911)
Collection Fund Surplus		(1,107)	(1,107)	0		0
Council Tax		(135,870)	(135,870)	0		0
Business Rates		(114,106)	(114,106)	0		0
Business Rates Top-Up		(42,378)	(42,378)	0		0
Section 31 Grants		(38,123)	(38,123)	0		0
New Homes Bonus		(776)	(776)	0		0
Services Grant		(648)	(648)	0		0
Sources of Funding		(333,008)	(333,008)	0	0	0
Total Net General Fund Expenditure		0	16,585	16,584	(14,851)	1,734
Housing Revenue Account (HRA)	1K	0	2,316	2,316	(2,316)	0
Delegated Schools Grant (DSG)	1L	0	1,922	1,922	(1,922)	0
Total Net Expenditure		0	20,823	20,823	(19,089)	1,734

Corporate Management

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Service Area	Net Budget	Projected Outturn	Projected Outturn Variance Before Reserve Transactions	Contributions to/(from) Reserves	Final Projected Outturn Variance	Reason for Variance
	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	
Chief Executive	432	362	(70)	0	(70)	This area contains a budget for a post that is no longer required.
Corporate Management	37	37	0	0	0	No variation from budget
TOTAL	469	399	(70)	0	(70)	

Assistant Chief Executive

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Service Area	Net Budget	Projected Outturn	Projected Outturn Variance Before Reserve Transactions	Contributions to/(from) Reserves	Final Projected Outturn Variance	Reasons for Variance
	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	
Assistant Chief Executive	(167)	774	941		941	Vacancy management efficiencies target applied to this area, while vacancy management efficiencies achieved across the directorate
Human Resources	4,407	4,026	(381)		(381)	Vacancy management efficiencies of (£0.410m) and training budget efficiencies of (£0.041m) as a result of replacing external provision with in-house delivery, offset in part by reduced SLA and traded income of £0.093m
Strategy and Performance	944	1,190	246	(94)	152	£0.250m unachieved efficiencies, offset in part with vacancy management efficiencies of (£0.099m)
Corporate Customer	1,977	1,861	(116)		(116)	(£0.269m) vacancy management efficiencies, offset in part by £0.068m overspend relating to security costs, £0.060m unachieved efficiencies and £0.025m other supplies and services budget pressures
Communications	817	727	(90)		(90)	Vacancy management efficiencies
Equality, Diversity and Inclusion	417	295	(122)		(122)	Vacancy management efficiencies
Member Services	2,125	1,918	(207)		(207)	Members' allowances are forecast to be lower than budgeted for
Leaders Office	610	415	(195)		(195)	Vacancy management efficiencies
TOTAL	11,130	11,206	76	(94)	(18)	

Adult Social Care

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Service Area	Net Budget	Projected Outturn	Projected Outturn Variance Before Reserve Transactions	Contributions to/(from) Reserves	Final Projected Outturn Variance	Reasons for Variance
	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	
Management Team	1,867	3,195	1,328	0	1,328	Vacancy management efficiencies target applied to this area, while vacancy management efficiencies achieved across the directorate
Social Work & Therapy	5,214	5,537	323	0	323	Budget pressure relating to Best Interest Assessments and Deprivation of Liberty Safeguards Assessments
External Placements	68,148	67,702	(446)	0	(446)	Utilisation of (£0.500m) remaining Contain Outbreak Management Fund grant towards social care placement costs
Direct Services	7,263	6,636	(627)	0	(627)	Vacancy management efficiencies
Commissioning	3,640	3,652	12	0	12	Minor variation from budget
Better Care Fund	0	0	0	0	0	No variation from budget
TOTAL	86,132	86,722	590	0	590	0

Children's Services

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Service Area	Net Budget	Projected Outturn	Projected Outturn Variance Before Reserve Transactions	Contributions to/(from) Reserves	Final Projected Outturn Variance	Reasons for Variance
	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	
Director of Children's Services	15,249	16,507	1,257		1,257	Vacancy management efficiencies target applied to this area, while vacancy management efficiencies achieved across the directorate
Education Services	1,074	793	(281)		(281)	Additional income of (£0.189m) from De-Delegated Services and Early Years DSG funding, plus (£0.050m) reduced supplies and services expenditure and (£0.042m) vacancy management efficiencies
Inclusive Learning	3,061	3,031	(30)		(30)	Vacancy management efficiencies
Children & Education Support Services	13,053	15,474	2,422	(1,400)	1,022	SEND transport budget pressure
Commissioning, Partnerships & Improvement	9,726	9,081	(645)	(464)	(1,109)	(£1.235m) vacancy management efficiencies plus contract management efficiencies of (£0.157m), offset in part by additional costs and a shortfall in income for SRES and SAFL of £0.281m.
Children's Social Care	61,792	61,792	0		0	No variation from budget
Central Items	400	400	0		0	No variation from budget
TOTAL	104,355	107,078	2,723	(1,864)	859	

Public Health

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Service Area	Net Budget	Projected Outturn	Projected Outturn Variance Before Reserve Transactions	Contributions to/(from) Reserves	Final Projected Outturn Variance
	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000
Communicable Disease	3,286	3,248	(38)	0	(38)
Long Term Conditions	3,656	3,518	(138)	0	(138)
Children's	11,528	12,308	780	0	780
Substance Misuse & Smoking	4,484	4,493	9	0	9
Wider Determinants	5,412	4,880	(532)	(2)	(534)
Public Health Management	3,095	3,160	65	(110)	(46)
Public Health Grant	(27,302)	(27,302)	0	0	0
Public Health Reserve	(4,160)	0	4,160	(4,192)	(32)
TOTAL	0	4,304	4,304	(4,304)	0

Environment

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Service Area	Net Budget	Projected Outturn	Projected Outturn Variance Before Reserve Transactions	Contributions to/(from) Reserves	Final Projected Outturn Variance	Reasons for Variance
	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	
Contracts, Projects, Strategy & Policy, Green Services, Green Spaces & Visitor Services	44,516	46,254	1,738	(218)	1,520	£1.650m income shortfall in Green Services, Green Spaces and Visitor Services, £0.416m unachieved efficiencies, £0.162m budget pressure in Fleet Services mainly due to income shortfall, and £0.112m transport budget pressure in Green Services, offset in part by (£0.321m) vacancy management efficiencies, (£0.237m) grant funding for Sandwell Aquatic Centre utility costs, (£0.170m) Places Leisure utility benchmark and (£0.095m) supplies and services efficiencies in Green Services and Green Spaces
Highways Services	19,703	19,520	(183)		(183)	(£0.216m) forecast underspend on engineers, highways consultancy and highways maintenance, plus (£0.121m) forecast additional income, offset in part by £0.154m overspend on employee costs
Public Protection, Community Safety and Events	3,976	4,297	321		321	£0.233m unachievable income budgets relating to POCA and abandoned vehicles, £0.135m unachieved efficiencies, £0.121m forecast income shortfall relating to events, £0.069m events supplies and services budget pressures and £0.047m Public Protection supplies and services budget pressure relating to industrial fly-tipping. Offset in part by (£0.278m) vacancy management efficiencies.
Libraries, Archives and Heritage	4,869	4,721	(148)	(28)	(176)	Vacancy management efficiencies
Directorate Management	413	1,037	624		624	Vacancy management efficiencies target applied to this area, while vacancy management efficiencies achieved across the directorate. Release of (£0.144m) projects budget helping to reduce the budget pressure in this area
TOTAL	73,477	75,829	2,352	(246)	2,105	

Housing

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Service Area	Net Budget	Projected Outturn	Projected Outturn Variance Before Reserve Transactions	Contributions to/(from) Reserves	Final Projected Outturn Variance	Reasons for Variance
	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	
Community Partnerships and Support Services	794	918	124		124	Reprofiling of Disabled Facilities Grant (DFG) fees and loss of HRA income from restructure and SLA review
Housing Solutions	1,623	1,623	0		0	No variation from budget
Income Management and Money Advice	497	497	0		0	No variation from budget
Tenancy & Estate Management	(671)	(671)	0		0	No variation from budget
Management	829	829	0		0	No variation from budget
TOTAL	3,072	3,196	124	0	124	

Regeneration

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	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	
Growth and Spatial Planning Service	2,695	3,937	1,242	(1,527)	(285)	Vacancy management efficiencies of (£0.185m) plus one-off expenditure efficiencies of (£0.100m) due to the use of other time-limited income streams in 2024/25
Development Planning and Building Control Service	558	1,050	492	(30)	462	Reduced income from planning application fees of £0.450m due to the economic slowdown and reduction in work in relation to larger projects for which a higher fee is charged. Reduced income from building regulation fees of £0.200m due to the requirements of the Building Safety Act and the economic slowdown. Pressures offset in part by vacancy management efficiencies of (£0.088m) and a premises efficiency of (£0.100m) from use of a reserve for expenditure in relation to works to make safe dangerous structures.
Strategic Assets and Land Service	6,804	6,947	143	(348)	(205)	Vacancy management efficiencies of (£0.318m) and income of (£0.252m) in relation PMA insurance claims settled in 2024-25 where the associated expenditure was in a prior year. Offset in part by additional premises expenditure due to a rent revaluation of £0.198m in relation to the Rokay Lane building and unbudgeted business rates bills of £0.130m in relation to sites awaiting redevelopment in West Bromwich and at the former Smethwick Enterprise Centre. Other minor overspends of £0.037m.
Management	255	1,024	769	0	769	Vacancy management efficiencies target applied to this area, while vacancy management efficiencies achieved across the directorate
TOTAL	10,312	12,958	2,646	(1,905)	741	

Finance and Transformation

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Service Area	Net Budget	Projected Outturn	Projected Outturn Variance Before Reserve Transactions	Contributions to/(from) Reserves	Final Projected Outturn Variance	Reasons for Variance
	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	
Director	769	1,513	744	0	744	Vacancy management efficiencies target applied to this area, while vacancy management efficiencies achieved across the directorate
Oracle	568	568	0	0	0	No variation from budget
Financial Management	2,777	3,130	353	(405)	(52)	Vacancy management efficiencies
Procurement	802	888	86	(78)	8	Minor variation from budget
Revenues and Benefits	5,744	5,330	(414)	0	(414)	Vacancy management efficiencies
Business Management	3,296	3,053	(243)	0	(243)	Vacancy management efficiencies
ICT	7,687	7,910	223	0	223	Unachieved hybrid print and mail efficiencies of £0.200m plus a further budget pressure relating to hybrid print and mail of £0.208m, offset in part by vacancy management efficiencies of (£0.202m)
Corporate Transformation	715	715	0	0	0	No variation from budget
Legal and Assurance	3,024	3,181	157	0	157	£0.303m additional HM Courts and Tribunals Service costs and external professional fees, offset in part by (£0.160m) projected additional fees and charges income
Elections	1,112	726	(386)	0	(386)	(£0.237m) additional funding eg. new burdens (Election Act) grants, plus (£0.150m) vacancy management efficiencies
Democracy	594	382	(212)	0	(212)	Vacancy management efficiencies
Registration Services	(759)	(273)	486	0	486	£0.354m forecast shortfall in income relating to cremations and burials, plus £0.141m forecast overspend on employee costs
TOTAL	26,328	27,122	794	(483)	311	

Corporate Items

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Corporate Item	Net Budget	Projected Outturn	Projected Outturn Variance Before Reserve Transactions	Contributions to/(from) Reserves	Final Projected Outturn Variance
	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000
West Midlands Transport Levy	14,396	13,916	(480)		(480)
West Midlands Magistrates Court	41	41	0		0
Environment Agency (Flood Defence)	94	94	0		0
Local Authority Subscriptions	104	132	28		28
Wolverhampton: WMCC and WMRE	45	26	(19)		(19)
Combined Authority	2,033	2,033	0		0
Special Events	25	8	(17)		(17)
External Audit Fee	686	627	(59)		(59)
Insurance	(395)	(395)	0		0
Past Service Pension Costs	2,721	3,001	280		280
Bank Charges	335	587	252		252
Airport Rent Income	(100)	(100)	0		0
Apprenticeship Levy	480	559	79		79
Pensions General	4,559	4,308	(251)		(251)
COVID-19 Emergency Funding	0	1,971	1,971	(1,971)	0
COVID-19 Containing Outbreak Management Fund	0	3,983	3,983	(3,983)	0
TOTAL	25,024	30,791	5,767	(5,954)	(187)

Housing Revenue Account

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Service Area	Net Budget	Projected Outturn	Projected Outturn Variance Before Reserve Transactions	Contributions to/(from) Reserves	Final Projected Outturn Variance
	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000
Repairs and Maintenance	45,161	45,496	335	(335)	0
Building Safety and Compliance	6,491	8,406	1,915	(1,915)	0
Business Excellence	1,839	1,839	0	0	0
Services in Borough Economy	3,357	3,357	0	0	0
Corporate HRA	51,177	51,177	0	0	0
Housing Management	17,055	17,047	(8)	8	0
PFI	10,898	10,898	0	0	0
Rents & Other Charges	15,282	15,282	0	0	0
Income	(151,109)	(151,035)	74	(74)	0
Contribution from Reserves	(150)	(150)	0	0	0
TOTAL	0	2,316	2,316	(2,316)	0

Dedicated Schools Grant

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Service Area	Net Budget	Projected Outturn	Projected Outturn Variance Before Reserve Transactions	Contributions to/(from) Reserves	Final Projected Outturn Variance
	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000
Schools Block	158,538	158,538	0	0	0
High Needs Block	70,688	72,610	1,922	(1,922)	0
Early Years Block	38,882	38,882	0	0	0
Central Schools Services Block	2,381	2,381	0	0	0
Dedicated Schools Grant	(270,489)	(270,489)	0	0	0
TOTAL	0	1,922	1,922	(1,922)	0