

## 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
People - Adult Social Care	1A	84,899	84,843	(56)	0	(56)
People - Children's Services	1B	105,255	103,295	(1,960)	(464)	(2,424)
People - Public Health	1C	0	3,593	3,593	(3,592)	0
Place - Environment	1D	73,477	75,479	2,002	(309)	1,693
Place - Housing	1E	4,304	4,902	598	(598)	0
Place - Regeneration	1F	10,311	12,701	2,390	(2,401)	(11)
Assistant Chief Executive	1G	11,130	11,250	120	(116)	4
Finance and Transformation	1H	26,328	26,937	609	(609)	0
Corporate Management	1I	469	399	(70)	0	(70)
<b>Net Service Expenditure</b>		<b>316,173</b>	<b>323,399</b>	<b>7,226</b>	<b>(8,089)</b>	<b>(863)</b>
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		2,296	2,296	0		0
Change in Earmarked Reserves		5,840	5,840	0		0
Corporate Items	1J	25,024	30,713	5,689	(5,954)	(265)
<b>Centrally Held Budgets</b>		<b>16,835</b>	<b>21,524</b>	<b>4,689</b>	<b>(5,954)</b>	<b>(1,265)</b>
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
<b>Sources of Funding</b>		<b>(333,008)</b>	<b>(333,008)</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>Total Net General Fund Expenditure</b>		<b>0</b>	<b>11,915</b>	<b>11,915</b>	<b>(14,043)</b>	<b>(2,128)</b>
Housing Revenue Account (HRA)	1K	0	(514)	(514)	514	(0)
Delegated Schools Grant (DSG)	1L	0	4,442	4,442	(4,442)	0
<b>Total Net Expenditure</b>		<b>0</b>	<b>15,843</b>	<b>15,843</b>	<b>(17,971)</b>	<b>(2,128)</b>

Adult Social Care

APPENDIX 1A

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	1,512	2,860	1,348	0	1,348	Vacancy management efficiencies target applied to this area, while vacancy management efficiencies achieved across the directorate.
Social Work & Therapy	5,319	5,847	528	0	528	£0.383m budget pressures in social work teams due to use of agency staff and overtime to cover vacancies pending recruitment, and £0.145m budget pressure relating to Best Interest Assessments and DoLS Assessments
External Placements	68,148	67,000	(1,148)	0	(1,148)	(£0.707m) additional free nursing care income from the ICB and (£0.500m) use of the residual Contain Outbreak Management Fund grant to fund placement costs, offset in part by £0.059m operational variances
Direct Services	7,263	6,641	(622)	0	(622)	Vacancy management efficiencies
Commissioning	2,657	2,495	(162)	0	(162)	(£0.118m) vacancy management efficiencies, (£0.024m) additional income and (£0.020m) operational variances across commissioned contracts
Better Care Fund	0	0	0	0	0	No variation from budget
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>84,899</b>	<b>84,843</b>	<b>(56)</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>(56)</b>	<b>0</b>

## Children's Services

## APPENDIX 1B

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	16,149	17,458	1,308	0	1,308	Vacancy management efficiencies target applied to this area, while vacancy management efficiencies achieved across the directorate.
Education Services	1,074	621	(453)	0	(453)	Additional income from de-delegated services and Early Years DSG funding. Staffing vacancies to meet the vacancy management efficiencies target.
Inclusive Learning	3,061	3,027	(34)	0	(34)	Vacancy management efficiencies
Children & Education Support Services	13,053	11,080	(1,972)	0	(1,972)	Impact of SEND3 procurement, where the cost of home to school transport per day has reduced significantly.
Commissioning, Partnerships & Improvement	9,726	8,918	(808)	(464)	(1,272)	Vacancy management efficiencies and additional income for the Sandwell Adult Family Learning (SAFL) service
Children's Social Care	61,792	61,792	0	0	0	No variation from budget
Central Items	400	400	0	0	0	No variation from budget
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>105,255</b>	<b>103,295</b>	<b>(1,960)</b>	<b>(464)</b>	<b>(2,424)</b>	

## Public Health

## APPENDIX 1C

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	
Communicable Disease	3,286	3,222	(64)	0	(64)	Contracts started later than originally planned
Long Term Conditions	3,656	3,190	(467)	0	(467)	Staffing underspend due to delayed recruitment, and underspend on health checks contract, due to reduced number of health checks expected to be carried out
Children's	11,528	12,335	807	0	807	Forecast overspend on co-operative working agreement
Substance Misuse & Smoking	4,484	4,481	(3)	0	(3)	Minor variations from budget
Wider Determinants	5,412	4,760	(652)	(2)	(654)	Delays in recruitment to vacant budgeted posts and underspends on redirects for various programmes
Public Health Management	3,095	2,907	(188)	(39)	(228)	Staffing underspend in management team
Public Health Grant	(27,302)	(27,302)	0	0	0	No variation from budget
Public Health Reserve	(4,160)	0	4,160	(3,551)	609	Draw from reserve adjusted to balance directorate position to nil variance
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>3,593</b>	<b>3,593</b>	<b>(3,592)</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>

Environment

APPENDIX 1D

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	44,558	45,890	1,332	(277)	1,055	£1.835m non-staffing budget pressures and unachieved efficiencies within Green Spaces, Visitor Services and Green Services, mostly due to income budget pressures but also due to premises, transport and supplies and services costs over the budgeted level, partly offset by (£0.375m) vacancy management efficiencies within the same group of services. (£0.253m) in year savings relating to Leisure utilities costs, and (£0.186m) vacancy management efficiencies within Contracts, Projects, Strategy and Policy.
Highways Services	19,738	19,534	(205)		(205)	(£0.139m) underspend in Highways Maintenance and Engineers & Highways Consultancy, plus underspend in employees (£0.055m), and projected higher recharging income & Bikeability grant (partly offset by income shortfall in car parking) of (£0.011m)
Public Protection, Community Safety and Events	3,976	4,203	227	(3)	224	£0.249m non-staffing budget pressures and unachieved efficiencies in Events, and £0.195m forecast unachievable income budgets within Public Protection, relating to Proceeds of Crime Act and abandoned vehicles, and £0.050m unachieved pest control efficiency, offset in part by (£0.283m) vacancy management efficiencies
Libraries, Archives and Heritage	4,869	4,827	(43)	(28)	(71)	Pressures due to unachievable premises efficiency £0.068m; emergency archives treatment £0.055m; Tipton utilities £0.018m and income shortfall, offset by employee underspend (£0.197m) and use of reserve (£0.028m)
Directorate Management	336	1,025	689		689	Vacancy management efficiencies target applied to this area, while vacancy management efficiencies achieved across the directorate.
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>73,477</b>	<b>75,479</b>	<b>2,002</b>	<b>(309)</b>	<b>1,693</b>	

## Housing

## APPENDIX 1E

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	793	700	(93)		(93)	(£0.116m) vacancy management efficiencies and (£0.031m) other efficiencies, offset in part by £0.054m unachieved community centres efficiency
Housing Solutions	2,856	3,509	653	(598)	55	£0.750m budget pressure relating to use of temporary accommodation, offset in part by (£0.598m) use of legacy grant income held in reserves and (£0.095m) vacancy management efficiencies
Income Management and Money Advice	497	399	(98)		(98)	(£0.070m) income from NHS re welfare rights service, and (£0.028m) vacancy management efficiencies
Tenancy & Estate Management	(671)	(489)	182		182	Budget pressure relates to loss of garages income due to high void rates, and the write off of invoiced debt from previous years
Management	829	783	(46)		(46)	Vacancy management efficiencies
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>4,304</b>	<b>4,902</b>	<b>598</b>	<b>(598)</b>	<b>0</b>	

Regeneration

APPENDIX 1F

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	
Growth and Spatial Planning Service	2,694	3,789	1,095	(1,585)	(490)	Vacancy management efficiencies of (£0.275m), plus one-off expenditure efficiencies of (£0.175m) due to the use of other time-limited streams and income from a one-off management fee of (£0.040m) charged against the UK Shared Prosperity Fund
Development Planning and Building Control Service	558	1,072	514	(110)	404	Reduced income from planning application fees of £0.450m and reduced income of £0.200m from building regulation fees due to the requirements of the Building Safety Act and the economic slowdown. Pressures offset by vacancy management efficiencies of (£0.146m) and a premises in-year saving of (£0.100m) from use of a reserve for expenditure in relation to works to make safe dangerous structures
Strategic Assets and Land Service	7,005	7,175	170	(706)	(536)	Additional premises expenditure due to a rent revaluation of £0.062m, and unbudgeted business rates bills of £0.140m in relation to sites awaiting redevelopment. Pressures offset by vacancy management efficiencies of (£0.405m) and income of (£0.252m) in relation to insurance claims settled in 2024-25 where the associated expenditure was in a prior year. Other minor in-year savings of (£0.081m)
Management	54	665	611	0	611	Vacancy management efficiencies target applied to this area, while vacancy management efficiencies achieved across the directorate.
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>10,311</b>	<b>12,701</b>	<b>2,390</b>	<b>(2,401)</b>	<b>(11)</b>	

## Assistant Chief Executive

## APPENDIX 1G

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)	744	911	0	911	Vacancy management efficiencies target applied to this area, while vacancy management efficiencies achieved across the directorate.
Human Resources	4,407	4,030	(377)	0	(377)	Vacancy management efficiencies of (£0.367m) and training budget efficiencies of (£0.128m) as a result of replacing external provision with in-house delivery, offset in part by reduced SLA and traded income of £0.082m and supplies and services budget pressures of £0.040m
Strategy and Performance	944	1,106	162	(26)	136	£0.250m unachieved efficiencies, offset in part with vacancy management efficiencies of (£0.114m)
Corporate Customer	1,977	1,980	3	(90)	(87)	(£0.204m) vacancy management efficiencies, offset in part by £0.069m overspend relating to security costs and £0.052m other supplies and services budget pressures
Communications	817	756	(61)	0	(61)	(£0.097m) vacancy management efficiencies, and (£0.017m) additional income received, offset in part by £0.053m overspend relating supplies and services budgets
Equality, Diversity and Inclusion	417	291	(126)	0	(126)	Vacancy management efficiencies
Member Services	2,125	1,944	(181)	0	(181)	Members' allowances are forecast to be lower than budgeted for
Leaders Office	610	399	(211)	0	(211)	Vacancy management efficiencies
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>11,130</b>	<b>11,250</b>	<b>120</b>	<b>(116)</b>	<b>4</b>	



Finance and Transformation

APPENDIX 1H

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	1,505	736	0	736	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	3,272	495	(483)	12	Minor variation from budget
Procurement	802	1,145	343	(111)	232	Additional staff costs due to use of interim staff to fill vacancies
Revenues and Benefits	5,744	5,105	(639)	(15)	(654)	(£0.441m) vacancy management efficiencies and (£0.199m) additional recovery of council tax and NNDR court costs
Business Management	3,296	2,973	(323)	0	(323)	Vacancy management efficiencies
ICT	7,687	7,435	(252)	0	(252)	(£0.358m) underspend as a result of delays to the ICT modernisation programme and (£0.325m) vacancy management efficiencies, partly offset by unachieved hybrid print and mail efficiencies of £0.200m plus a further budget pressure relating to hybrid print and mail of £0.208m
Corporate Transformation	715	715	0	0	0	No variation from budget
Legal and Assurance	3,024	3,069	45	0	45	£0.120m budget pressure as a result of third party counsel and court costs and external legal fees, and £0.114m additional staff costs, offset in part by (£0.189m) additional income
Elections	1,112	898	(214)	0	(214)	(£0.151m) vacancy management efficiencies and receipt of (£0.069m) new burdens (Election Act) grant funding
Democracy	594	329	(265)	0	(265)	Vacancy management efficiencies
Registration Services	(759)	(76)	683	0	683	£0.483m forecast shortfall in income relating to cremations and burials, plus £0.200m forecast overspend on employee costs, supplies and services and utilities costs
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>26,328</b>	<b>26,937</b>	<b>609</b>	<b>(609)</b>	<b>0</b>	

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)		(70)	This area contains a budget for a post that is no longer required.
Corporate Management	37	37	0		0	No variation from budget.
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>469</b>	<b>399</b>	<b>(70)</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>(70)</b>	

Corporate Items

APPENDIX 1J

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	2,052	19		19
Special Events	25	25	0		0
External Audit Fee	686	771	85		85
Insurance	(395)	-395	0		0
Past Service Pension Costs	2,721	2,878	157		157
Bank Charges	335	466	131		131
Airport Rent Income	(100)	-92	8		8
Apprenticeship Levy	480	549	69		69
Pensions General	4,559	4,296	(263)		(263)
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
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>25,024</b>	<b>30,713</b>	<b>5,689</b>	<b>(5,954)</b>	<b>(265)</b>

## Housing Revenue Account

## APPENDIX 1K

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
Housing Management	17,055	16,340	(715)	715	0
Asset Management	51,517	51,738	221	(221)	0
Corporate HRA	51,162	51,067	(95)	95	0
PFI	10,898	10,898	0	0	0
Recharges	20,478	20,478	0	0	0
Rents and other charges	(151,109)	(151,035)	74	(74)	0
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>(514)</b>	<b>(514)</b>	<b>514</b>	<b>0</b>

## Dedicated Schools Grant

## APPENDIX 1L

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	158,371	(167)		(167)
High Needs Block	70,688	75,452	4,764		4,764
Early Years Block	38,882	38,727	(155)		(155)
Central Schools Services Block	2,381	2,381	0		0
Dedicated Schools Grant	(270,489)	(270,489)	0	(4,442)	(4,442)
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>4,442</b>	<b>4,442</b>	<b>(4,442)</b>	<b>0</b>