

Council Fund Variances

MONTH 5 - SUMMARY
2024/25

| Service | Movement between Periods (£m) | Narrative for Movement between Periods greater than £0.025m |
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| Social Services | | |
| Older People | | |
| Localities | 0.395 | Demands on older peoples care services are leading to increased costs. This includes pressures from ensuring safe hospital discharges, this pressure will likely increase during winter. The residential care service cost has increased by £0.196m and the domiciliary service increased by £0.190m. Minor variances account for the balance. |
| Minor Variances | 0.009 | |
| Adults of Working Age | | |
| Resources & Regulated Services | -0.350 | Costs increased through changes in needs and resulting care package alterations by £0.681m. A change to the policy to reduce the level of balances which are held in Direct Payment accounts has reduced the projected spend by £1.031m. |
| Children to Adult Transition Services | -0.086 | Reduction to projected care package costs. |
| Residential Placements | 0.070 | Increased care package costs. |
| Minor Variances | -0.018 | |
| Children's Services | | |
| Residential Placements | 0.216 | Costs have increased due to a regrading of care staff posts and increased staffing to meet the necessary care needs. |
| Professional Support | 0.296 | Successful recruitment has led to additional projected costs of £0.160m for staff. Some additional agency staff were required and the cost impact of these is estimated at £0.115m. There is also an increase to Direct Payments of £0.043m, but a reduction to the Leaving Care budget of £0.029m. There is £0.007m in minor variances. |
| Minor Variances | 0.014 | |
| Safeguarding & Commissioning | | |
| Minor Variances | 0.004 | |
| Total Social Services (excl Out of County) | 0.552 | |
| Out of County Placements | | |
| Children's Services | 0.372 | Numerous residential/UASC placements added to placement caseload |
| Education & Youth | -0.095 | Projected expenditure adjusted to ensure invoices paid prior to the financial year end are correctly accounted for in 2025/26. Current placement caseload remains. |
| Total Out of County Placements | 0.277 | |
| Education & Youth (Non-Schools) | | |
| Inclusion & Progression | -0.048 | Movement due to offsetting a further £0.050m from the LAEG ALN Provision Grant (Local Authority Education Grant - Additional Learning Needs) against the Creative In Excellence costs for pupils who have been permanently excluded or not attending mainstream school due to medical reasons. |
| Minor Variances | -0.048 | |
| Total Education & Youth (Non-Schools) | -0.096 | |
| Schools | 0.001 | |
| Streetscene & Transportation | | |
| Service Delivery | 0.141 | The achievable income from Non-Household Waste has further reduced following Member recommendations and a change to the original proposal. |
| Highways Network | 0.027 | Impact of Street lighting Energy Costs Increasing. |
| Transportation | -0.127 | Maximising 20mph scheme grant funding income by recharging Officer Time and Staff Costs. |
| Regulatory Services | -0.052 | Mix of Vacancy savings and Staff costs Recharges. |
| Total Streetscene & Transportation | -0.012 | |
| Planning, Environment & Economy | | |
| Business | -0.028 | Delays in the recruitment process means that projected expenditure has reduced |
| Management & Strategy | -0.091 | Review of commitments for Staff Costs and vacancy savings part year |
| Minor Variances | -0.008 | |
| Total Planning & Environment | -0.127 | |
| People & Resources | | |
| HR & OD | 0.008 | |
| Corporate Finance | -0.058 | Vacancy savings following staff movements across the Service |
| Total People & Resources | -0.050 | |
| Governance | | |
| Legal Services | -0.042 | Reduction in the estimated cost of Locum Services projected to March, 2025. |
| ICT | 0.040 | Revised commitments for software and licensing costs projected to March, 2025 |
| Minor Variances | -0.023 | |
| Total Governance | -0.024 | |
| Assets | | |
| Minor Variances | -0.042 | |
| Total Assets | -0.042 | |
| Housing and Communities | | |
| Housing Solutions | -0.177 | A positive movement as a result of a reduction in the number of temporary accommodation placements in August |
| Total Housing and Communities | -0.177 | |
| Chief Executive's | 0.007 | |
| Central & Corporate Finance | -0.101 | At Month 5 a further £0.120m favourable movement in the Central Loans & Investment Account (CLIA) has been identified following a further review. This is mitigated in part due to increasing bank charges following the revised Contract with Worldpay. |
| Grand Total | 0.208 | |