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## **SCRUTINY COMMITTEE - CORPORATE AND RESOURCES**

**Monday, 28 October 2024**

**2.00 pm**

**John Meikle Room, The Deane House,  
Belvedere Road, Taunton TA1 1HE**

### **SUPPLEMENT TO THE AGENDA**

To: The members of the Scrutiny Committee - Corporate and Resources

We are now able to enclose the following information which was unavailable when the agenda was published:

Agenda Item 6            2024/25 General Fund Revenue Budget Monitoring Report - Month 5 (Pages 3 - 68)

To receive the 2024/25 General Fund Revenue Budget Monitoring Report – Month 5

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## Somerset Council

Committee: Scrutiny for Resources & Corporate

Meeting or Proposed Decision Date – 28 October 2024

Key Decision – No



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### 2024/25 General Fund Revenue Budget Monitoring Report – Month 5 – End of August 2024

Chair of Committee: Cllr Bob Filmer, Chair Scrutiny Corporate & Resources

Executive Member(s): Cllr Liz Leyshon Deputy Leader of the Council and Lead Member for Finance, Procurement and Performance

Local Member(s) and Division(s) affected: All

Executive Director: Maria G Christofi Interim Chief Finance Officer (S151 Officer)

#### Executive Summary

1. This report is the General Fund Revenue Budget Monitoring Report for the end of August 2024, (Month 5). The last report the Executive received was for Month 4, as at the end of July 2024, which reported a forecast net overspend of £2.300m.
2. The Council is now **forecasting a revenue overspend of £5.324m within Service Directorates** for 2024/25. This is offset by the £6m unallocated Corporate Contingency, leading to a **total revenue forecast underspend of £0.736m**, which equates to 0.1% of the net budget for the year.
3. There has been a **decrease of £3.127m** in the revenue forecast overspend position of £2.300m reported for month 4. The main movements are reported in the following areas:

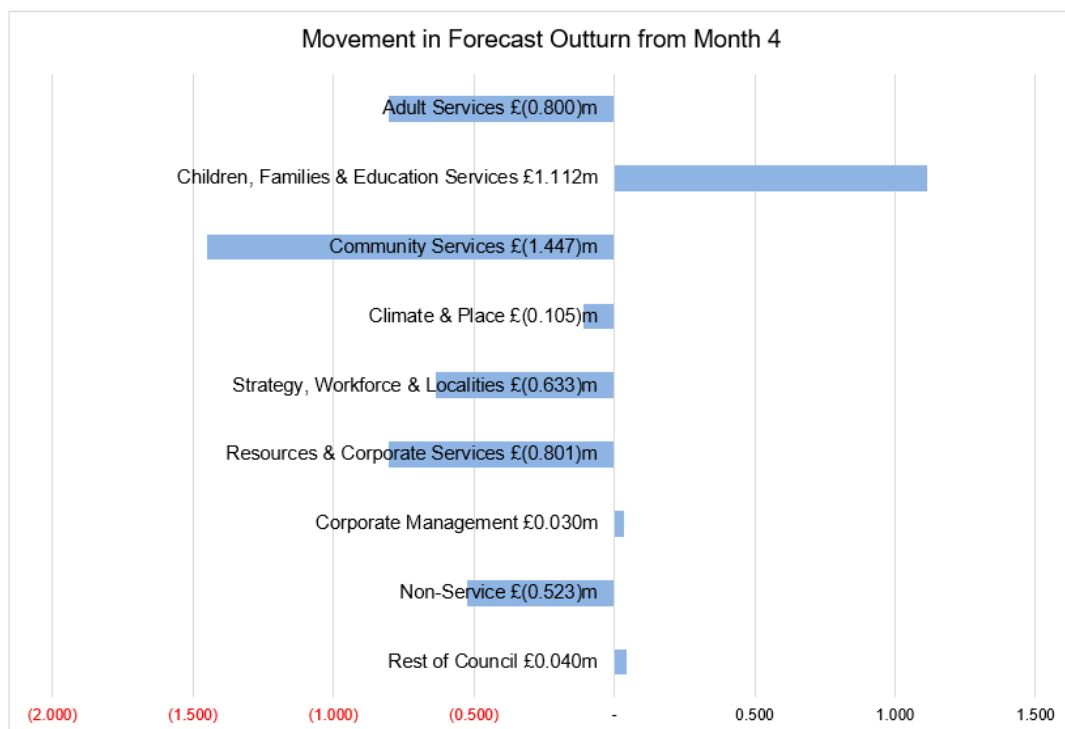
#### Positive movements in forecast outturn

- Within the Adult Services Budget, there is an **increase in the forecast outturn underspend of £1.159m** in the Learning Disabilities budget, due to demand growth being less than originally anticipated.
- Within Community Services, work has been undertaken to fully review the Leisure Sports Centre budget, under Cultural Services, following its amalgamation at unitisation, which has identified that **£1.200m of this budget will not be fully utilised** in 2024/25.
- **Vacancy savings** have also been identified within the Workforce budget under Strategy, Workforce & Localities of **£0.546m**, and the Information, Communications Technology budget within Resources & Corporate Services of **£0.793m**. This helps to mitigate against the forecast overspend outturn in Legal Services, within Strategy, Workforce & Localities as in Month 4.

- Within the Financing Transactions budget under Non-Service, a review of leased buildings was completed which led to further **income of £0.684m**.

Negative movements in forecast outturn

- The **forecast overspend** in Children, Families and Education has **increased by a further £1.112m** since Month 4 and is now estimated to be **£7.512m**. The main driver is the rising numbers of children coming into care, with many of these children moving into high cost residential and unregistered placements.
4. Continued work to ensure that the assumptions within the forecast are relevant and robust continues with Directorates especially those areas where there is demand led budgets, and pressures.
  5. The Council continues to have Spend Control Boards in place, and the monitoring and outcomes of these boards are included in the quarterly monitoring reports to Executive. Having these Spend Control Boards in place has encouraged the whole organisation to think differently, and their continuance is essential in order to maintain control over the Council’s budget.
  6. **Chart 1**, is a graph showing the largest changes in Revenue forecast outturn position from Month 4, reported to the Executive on the 07 October 2024, and Month 5.



**Recommendations**

7. That the Executive:

- a) Notes the Service Directorate Revenue forecast overspend of **£5.324m** for the year, shown in **Table 1**.
- b) Agree that mitigating actions are to be identified and implemented to pull back the forecast overspend in Service Directorates on an ongoing basis by outturn.
- c) Notes the total Council Revenue forecast underspend of **£0.736m** for the year, due to contingency being released into the forecast outturn, shown in **Table 1**.
- d) Note the progress and delivery of the approved savings programme as set out in Table 2.
- e) Note the in-year overspend on the Dedicated Schools Grant of £7.509m, an increase of £2.100m from Month 4. Further details in **Appendix B**.
- f) Note the total forecast Dedicated Schools Grant year-end deficit of £61.780m. Further details in **Appendix B**.
- g) Agree that the Council continues with the aim of avoiding a section 114 notice by taking all of the necessary actions and continuing to operate as if one had been issued.

**Reasons for Proposals**

To ensure that the Council continues to work to a balance revenue outturn and to maintain tight financial control over its budget.

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## Main report and supporting information

### Background and purpose of report

8. Full Council approved the 2024/25 budget in February 2024, and **Table 1** provides a summary of budget, projections, and variances on a service-by-service basis as at the end of August 2024. This table shows a breakdown of the budget into expenditure and income to give the net budget for each service. Further details and mitigations being taken by the responsible director are outlined in **Appendices A to H**.

**Table 1: 2024/25 Budget Monitoring Report as at the end of August 2024 (Month 5)**

Service Area	Current Expenditure Budget £m	Current Income Budget £m	Current Net Budget £m	Full Year Projection £m	Month 5 Variance £m	Overspend / (Underspend)	RAG Status	Movement From Month 4 £m
<b>Adult Services</b>								
Adult Social Care Operations:								
Physical Disability/Sensory Loss/65 Plus	166.109	(27.873)	138.236	135.340	(2.896)	Underspend	Green	0.004
Mental Health	43.367	(6.348)	37.019	36.176	(0.843)	Underspend	Green	0.257
Learning Disabilities	145.383	(7.802)	137.581	136.022	(1.559)	Underspend	Green	(1.159)
Adult Social Care - Commissioning	21.595	(94.900)	(73.305)	(70.816)	2.489	Underachievement	Red	0.089
<b>Adult Services Total</b>	<b>376.454</b>	<b>(136.923)</b>	<b>239.531</b>	<b>236.722</b>	<b>(2.809)</b>	<b>Underspend</b>	<b>Green</b>	<b>(0.800)</b>
<b>Children, Families &amp; Education Services</b>								
Children & Families	114.348	(16.360)	97.988	105.106	7.118	Overspend	Red	0.818
Commissioning & Performance	19.100	(7.959)	11.141	10.752	(0.389)	Underspend	Green	(0.089)
Education	59.278	(26.877)	32.401	33.184	0.783	Overspend	Red	0.383
Childrens Services	0.353	(0.001)	0.352	0.352	-	On-budget	Green	-
<b>Children, Family &amp; Education Services Total</b>	<b>193.079</b>	<b>(51.197)</b>	<b>141.882</b>	<b>149.394</b>	<b>7.512</b>	<b>Overspend</b>	<b>Red</b>	<b>1.112</b>
<b>Community Services</b>								
Housing	14.484	(7.865)	6.619	6.641	0.022	Overspend	Amber	0.022
Customer Services	8.856	(3.321)	5.535	5.535	-	On-budget	Green	-
Cultural Services	12.714	(3.625)	9.089	7.889	(1.200)	Underspend	Green	(1.200)
Regulatory & Operational Services	24.741	(11.599)	13.142	13.873	0.731	Overspend	Red	(0.269)
<b>Community Services Total</b>	<b>60.795</b>	<b>(26.410)</b>	<b>34.385</b>	<b>33.938</b>	<b>(0.447)</b>	<b>Underspend</b>	<b>Green</b>	<b>(1.447)</b>
<b>Climate &amp; Place</b>								
Climate, Environment & Sustainability	67.015	(8.899)	58.116	61.178	3.062	Overspend	Red	(0.038)
Infrastructure & Transport	49.688	(26.960)	22.728	23.663	0.935	Overspend	Red	(0.065)
Economy, Employment & Planning	20.107	(10.317)	9.790	10.088	0.298	Overspend	Red	(0.002)
Accountable Bodies	4.157	(0.559)	3.598	3.598	-	On-budget	Green	-
<b>Climate &amp; Place Total</b>	<b>140.967</b>	<b>(46.735)</b>	<b>94.232</b>	<b>98.527</b>	<b>4.295</b>	<b>Overspend</b>	<b>Red</b>	<b>(0.105)</b>
<b>Strategy, Workforce &amp; Localities</b>								
Partnership & Localities	3.109	(0.225)	2.884	2.884	-	On-budget	Green	-
Strategy & Performance	7.591	(1.106)	6.485	6.484	(0.001)	Underspend	Green	(0.001)
Workforce	10.125	(3.902)	6.223	5.677	(0.546)	Underspend	Green	(0.546)
Governance, Democratic & Legal Services	11.213	(1.424)	9.789	11.003	1.214	Overspend	Red	(0.086)
<b>Strategy, Workforce &amp; Localities Total</b>	<b>32.038</b>	<b>(6.657)</b>	<b>25.381</b>	<b>26.048</b>	<b>0.667</b>	<b>Overspend</b>	<b>Red</b>	<b>(0.633)</b>
<b>Resources &amp; Corporate Services</b>								
Finance & Procurement	120.475	(106.088)	14.387	14.748	0.361	Overspend	Red	(0.039)
Strategic Asset Management	19.457	(24.027)	(4.570)	(4.239)	0.331	Underachievement	Red	0.031
Information Communication Technology	20.145	(2.891)	17.254	15.761	(1.493)	Underspend	Green	(0.793)
<b>Resources &amp; Corporate Services Total</b>	<b>160.077</b>	<b>(133.006)</b>	<b>27.071</b>	<b>26.270</b>	<b>(0.801)</b>	<b>Underspend</b>	<b>Green</b>	<b>(0.801)</b>
<b>Public Health</b>	<b>24.039</b>	<b>(23.000)</b>	<b>1.039</b>	<b>1.039</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>On-budget</b>	<b>Green</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Corporate Management</b>	<b>1.567</b>	<b>(0.103)</b>	<b>1.464</b>	<b>1.494</b>	<b>0.030</b>	<b>Overspend</b>	<b>Amber</b>	<b>0.030</b>
<b>Non-Service</b>	<b>78.586</b>	<b>(10.912)</b>	<b>67.674</b>	<b>64.551</b>	<b>(3.123)</b>	<b>Underspend</b>	<b>Green</b>	<b>(0.523)</b>
<b>Traded Services</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>On-budget</b>	<b>Green</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Total Service Position</b>	<b>1,067.602</b>	<b>(434.943)</b>	<b>632.659</b>	<b>637.983</b>	<b>5.324</b>	<b>Overspend</b>	<b>Red</b>	<b>(3.167)</b>
Corporate Contingency	6.000	-	6.000	-	(6.000)	Underspend	Green	-
<b>Total After Contingencies</b>	<b>1,073.602</b>	<b>(434.943)</b>	<b>638.659</b>	<b>637.983</b>	<b>(0.676)</b>	<b>Underspend</b>	<b>Green</b>	<b>(3.167)</b>
Council Tax	-	(361.071)	(361.071)	(361.071)	-	On-budget	Green	-
Business Rates	-	(128.447)	(128.447)	(128.447)	-	On-budget	Green	-
Grants	-	(65.997)	(65.997)	(66.057)	(0.060)	Overachievement	Green	0.040
Collection Fund (Surplus)/Deficit	-	(7.713)	(7.713)	(7.713)	-	On-budget	Green	-
<b>Total After Funding</b>	<b>1,073.602</b>	<b>(998.171)</b>	<b>75.431</b>	<b>74.695</b>	<b>(0.736)</b>	<b>Underspend</b>	<b>Green</b>	<b>(3.127)</b>
Earmarked Reserves	-	(38.547)	(38.547)	(38.547)	-	On-budget	Green	-
Capitalisation Direction	-	(36.884)	(36.884)	(36.884)	-	On-budget	Green	-
<b>Total Position</b>	<b>1,073.602</b>	<b>(1,073.602)</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>(0.736)</b>	<b>(0.736)</b>	<b>Underspend</b>	<b>Green</b>	<b>(3.127)</b>

## Key Variances and Movements

9. The bottom section of **Table 1** above shows the different sources of funding to balance the budget for 2024/25. The financial challenges facing the Council are significant and the 2024/25 budget was set with significant one-off resources. Use of Earmarked Reserves of £38.547m, and Exceptional Financial Support with a Capitalisation Directive of £36.884m from Ministry of Housing Communities and Local Government (MHCLG) have been used to close the budget gap and set a balanced budget for 2024/25.

10. The main revenue variances at Month 5 are: -

- Adult Services has **increased the forecast underspend by £0.800m** from Month 4 to a forecast **underspend of £2.809m** (1.2% of service budget). This underspend is due to the commissioning work carried out with the market to reduce residential and nursing weekly fees. The **decrease of £1.159m** within the Learning Disabilities budget since Month 4 is due to the demand growth being less than originally anticipated.
- Children's Services are forecasting an **overspend of £7.512m** (5.3% of budget). This is mainly due to an **overspend of £7.584m (£10.384m gross less £2.8m contingency)** on the external placements budget due to the rising numbers of children coming into care with many of these children moving into high cost residential and unregistered placements. This has been an **increase of £1.112m** since Month 4.
- Community Services are forecasting an **underspend of £0.447m** (1.3% of budget) this is an **increase of £1.447m** since Month 4. This is mainly due to confirmation that **£1.2m** of legacy budgets are still being held within Leisure and are no longer required. This has been offset by increased costs in statutory services for Environmental Health through Dog Control, Public Funerals, and Coroners. Further overspends are seen in Regulatory and Operational Services due to unbudgeted contract costs.
- Climate & Place is forecasting an **overspend of £4.295m** (4.6% of budget). This is mainly due to increases in Waste Services contract costs. Additional pressures are also seen in Highways through safety defects, vehicle, and salary costs. Infrastructures Programme Group is due to uncertainties of being able to capitalise salary costs against capital projects. Land Charges are forecasting a **pressure of £0.300m** due to the income budget not being achieved yet. This is a **decrease of £0.105m** since Month 4.
- Strategy, Workforce & Localities are forecasting an **overspend of £0.667m** (2.6% of budget). This is mainly due to forecast overspends in Legal due to reliance on locum/agency lawyers because of recruitment challenges. There is a continuation of the review of budgets across the wider Directorate to help mitigate this overspend as much as possible. There has been a **decrease of £0.633m** since Month 4 due to vacancy savings within Human Resources & Organisation Development.
- There is a forecast outturn **underspend of £3.123m** (4.6% of budget) due to financing costs being lower than budgeted. This is an **increase of £0.523m** from Month 4, due to a review of leased buildings which has been completed for 2024/25.
- The Corporate Contingency budget remains unallocated, however **all £6.000m has been released into the forecast outturn.**



11. The DSG budget for Month 5 forecasts an in year **overspend of £7.509m** against the High Needs Block above the budgeted deficit of £18.853m for 2024/25. This is an increase of £2.100m to the forecast overspend reported at Month 4. This is mainly because the Mainstream Top Ups and Costed Plans budgets have seen an increase to the average rate of a costed plan of approximately 10%, as well as a shift in the profile of need to higher banded children. Also, the average number of places is higher than anticipated for the financial year within the INMS & CLA Pre-16 budget. Please see Appendix B for further information.

## Mitigations

12. To pull back the revenue overspend forecast within Service Directorates, to a balanced position for outturn, and protect the Council's reserves position, the following elements of the budget are being reviewed:

- Capital programme
- Alternative funding sources
- Recharges across to Housing Revenue Account, Dedicated Schools Grant, Public Health Grant
- Invoiced income versus alternative payment methods
- Fees and charges
- Annual underspends (review from 2023/24 outturn)

## Savings

13. The Council's 2024/25 revenue budget included **£34.977m** of approved MTFP savings proposals. In addition to this **£3.9m** of savings which were unachievable in 2023/24 have been rolled forward to 2024/25. Therefore, the total savings to be delivered in 2024/25 is **£38.877m**. At Month five current forecasts are:

- 9% has been achieved
- 75% is forecast as on-track to be delivered
- 16% is at risk of being delivered
- 1% is unachievable

14. Delivery of the savings is vital to ensure the current and future financial viability of the Council. Where savings are not forecast to be achieved then the relevant service directors are working on the development of alternative recovery or mitigation measures. These measures will be listed in future reports.

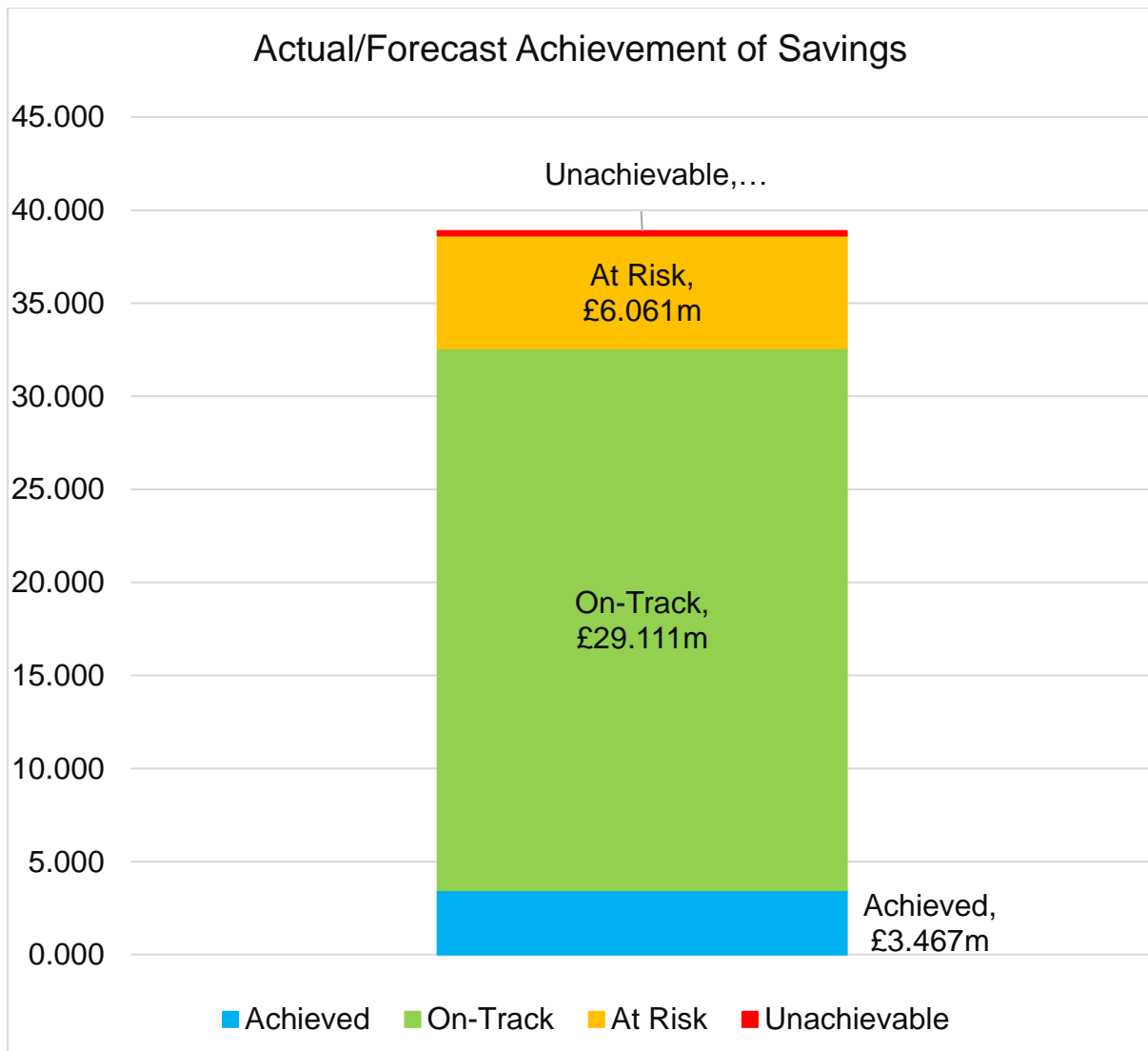
15. **Table 2** shows the forecast achievement of savings against the original approved amounts. Services monitor these monthly based on their achievement to date and the forecast profile for realising the savings over the year. The forecast positions are reflected in the outturn position.

**Table 2: Performance of Agreed Savings Proposals as at end of August 2024 (Month 5)**

Service Area	Total Saving to be Delivered	Achieved	On-track	At Risk	Unachievable
	£m	£m	£m	£m	£m
Adults Services	(13.708)	(0.908)	(12.800)	-	-
Children & Family Services	(9.570)	(0.631)	(4.782)	(4.032)	(0.125)
Community Services	(2.866)	(0.115)	(2.412)	(0.339)	-
Climate and Place Services	(5.637)	(0.727)	(3.227)	(1.683)	-
Strategy, Workforce & Localities	(0.484)	(0.402)	(0.082)	-	-
Resources and Corporate	(2.564)	(0.684)	(1.760)	(0.007)	(0.113)
Public Health	-	-	-	-	-
Non-Service	(4.048)	-	(4.048)	-	-
<b>Total</b>	<b>(38.877)</b>	<b>(3.467)</b>	<b>(29.111)</b>	<b>(6.061)</b>	<b>(0.238)</b>

Percentages	100%	9%	75%	16%	1%
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**Chart 2: Actual/Forecast Achievement of Savings during 2024/25**



## Links to Council Plan and Medium-Term Financial Plan

16. The 2024/25 Budget was approved by Council in February 2024 as part of the Medium-Term Financial Plan (MTFP) and is the financial resourcing plan to deliver the Council Plan.

## Other options considered

17. No other options were considered as continuing to monitor the budget on a monthly basis is considered best practice.

## Key considerations for the Council

### Scrutiny comments / recommendations:

18. This report was presented to Scrutiny for Corporate & Resources Committee, on 28 October 2024.

## Consultation and feedback

19. A consultation is not required for this report.

## Financial and Risk Implications

Current Risk Score:

There are two relevant Strategic Risks which are ORG0070 Budget overspend in the current financial year and ORG0057 Sustainable Medium Term Financial Plan.					
<b>ORG0057 Sustainable Medium Term Financial Plan</b>					
<b>Likelihood</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>Impact</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>Risk Score</b>	<b>25</b>
This has a current risk score of 25 which is an increase to the previous score of 20. The increase is in recognition of the issues set out in this report, and the Medium Term Financial Plan & Strategy Update report, which went to Executive on 7 October. Despite all the actions taken and mitigations put in place, the risk is set at 25, the highest risk score possible.					
<b>ORG0070 Budget overspend in the 2024/25 financial year</b>					
<b>Likelihood</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>Impact</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>Risk Score</b>	<b>12</b>
This has a risk score of 12 and reflects the fact that although the overall forecast position for the Council is an underspend of £0.736m, there remains an overspend of £5.324m within Service Directorates which is being offset by the unutilised Corporate Contingency of £6.000m.					

Projected risk score if recommended actions are agreed and delivered:

<b>Likelihood</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>Impact</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>Risk Score</b>	<b>12</b>
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### **Legal and Procurement Implications**

- There are no specific legal implications arising from this report.

### **HR / Workforce Implications**

- There are no specific HR /Workforce implications arising from this report.

### **Equalities Implications**

- There are no specific equalities implications arising from this report.

### **Community Safety Implications**

- There are no community safety implications arising from this report.

### **Climate Change and Sustainability Implications**

- There are no climate change and sustainability implications arising from this report.

### **Health and Safety Implications**

- There are no health and safety implications arising from this report.

### **Health and Wellbeing Implications**

- There are no health and wellbeing implications arising from this report.

### **Social Value**

- There are no Social Value implications arising from this report.

### **Background Papers**

- Medium Term Financial Strategy (MTFS) 2025/26 to 2029/30 report to Executive and Council April 2024.
- 2024/25 Budget, Medium-Term Financial Plan & Council Tax Setting report to Council in February 2024.
- 2024/25 General Fund Revenue Budget Monitoring Outturn Report to Scrutiny for Corporate & Resources and Executive in September 2024
- Budget Monitoring Report – 2024/25 Emerging Issues & 2023/24 Provisional Outturn to Executive and Scrutiny for Corporate & Resources in July 2024

- 2024/25 General Fund Capital Budget Monitoring Report - Qtr1 to Scrutiny in August 2024 and to Executive in September 2024.

## Appendices

Appendix A: Adults Services

Appendix B: Children, Families & Education Services

Appendix C: Community Services

Appendix D: Climate & Place (including Accountable Bodies)

Appendix E: Strategy, Workforce & Localities

Appendix F: Resources & Corporate Services

Appendix G: Public Health

Appendix H: Other service areas (including Collection Fund)

Appendix I: MTFP Savings Monitoring

## Report assurance checklist ahead of report publication (for Audit, Executive, Full Council and Scrutiny Committees)

	Officer Name	Date Completed
Legal & Governance Implications	David Clark	17/10/2024
Finance & Procurement	Nicola Hix	17/10/2024
Workforce (*)	Dawn Bettridge	17/10/2024
Asset Management (*)	Simon Lewis	21/10/2024
Executive Director	Maria G Christofi	17/10/2024
Executive Lead Member	Cllr Liz Leyshon	18/10/2024
<b>Consulted:</b>		
Local Division Members	All	
Opposition Spokesperson(s)	Cllr Mandy Chilcott Deputy Leader of the Opposition and Opposition Spokesperson for Resources and Performance	Sent report 21/10/2024
Relevant Scrutiny Chair(s)	Cllr Bob Filmer, Chair - Scrutiny Corporate & Resources Committee	Sent report 21/10/2024

Note:

Directors may nominate additional officers to act on their behalf

(\*) – these areas only need to be consulted on proposals if the proposals have workforce or asset management implications

Reports will not be published if assurance checklist has not been adequately completed – report author to liaise with Democratic Services well ahead of publication deadline

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## Appendix A - Adult Services

Lead Member for Adult Services, Housing and Homelessness: Cllr Sarah Wakefield  
Executive Director: Mel Lock

Service Directors

- Adult Social Care Operations: Emily Fulbrook
- Adult Social Care Commissioning: Paul Coles
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**Table 1: 2024/25 Adult Services as at the end of August 2024 (Month 5)**

- 2024/25 net budget £239.531m is forecasting an underspend of £2.809m, an increase of £0.800m from Month 4
- 2023/24 net budget £190.8m, outturn overspend £17.5m

Service Area	Current Expenditure Budget £m	Current Income Budget £m	Current Net Budget £m	Full Year Projection £m	Month 5 Variance £m	Overspend / (Underspend)	RAG Status	Movement From Month 4 £m
<b>Adult Social Care Operations</b>								
<b>Physical Disability/Sensory Loss/65 Plus</b>								
PD/SL/65P Residential & Nursing	95.764	(21.831)	73.933	64.694	(9.239)	Underspend	Green	0.061
Home Care	29.816	(2.263)	27.553	33.974	6.421	Overspend	Red	(0.179)
Direct Payments	19.134	(2.096)	17.038	16.260	(0.778)	Underspend	Green	(0.078)
Staffing Costs	16.605	(0.366)	16.239	15.852	(0.387)	Underspend	Green	0.613
Transport, Daycare & Other	4.790	(1.317)	3.473	4.560	1.087	Overspend	Red	(0.413)
<b>sub total</b>	<b>166.109</b>	<b>(27.873)</b>	<b>138.236</b>	<b>135.340</b>	<b>(2.896)</b>	<b>Underspend</b>	<b>Green</b>	<b>0.004</b>
<b>Mental Health</b>								
MH Residential & Nursing	27.625	(4.218)	23.407	22.076	(1.331)	Underspend	Green	(0.231)
Home Care/Supported Living	10.210	(1.894)	8.316	7.875	(0.441)	Underspend	Green	0.259
Staffing/Deprivation of Liberty, Safeguards	3.141	(0.011)	3.130	3.157	0.027	Overspend	Amber	0.227
Direct Payments, Day Care & Transport	2.391	(0.225)	2.166	3.068	0.902	Overspend	Red	0.002
<b>sub total</b>	<b>43.367</b>	<b>(6.348)</b>	<b>37.019</b>	<b>36.176</b>	<b>(0.843)</b>	<b>Underspend</b>	<b>Green</b>	<b>0.257</b>
<b>Learning Disabilities</b>								
LD Residential & Nursing	36.212	(2.200)	34.012	30.779	(3.233)	Underspend	Green	(0.233)
Supported Living/Home Care	46.076	(2.003)	44.073	45.711	1.638	Overspend	Red	(0.062)
Direct Payments/In Control	13.423	(1.317)	12.106	12.802	0.696	Overspend	Red	0.096
Day Care	8.107	(0.124)	7.983	8.229	0.246	Overspend	Red	(0.054)
Discovery	35.140	(1.118)	34.022	33.034	(0.988)	Underspend	Green	(0.388)
Transport, Shared Lives & Other	4.032	(1.040)	2.992	2.650	(0.342)	Underspend	Green	0.158
Central & Salaries	2.393	-	2.393	2.817	0.424	Overspend	Red	(0.676)
<b>sub total</b>	<b>145.383</b>	<b>(7.802)</b>	<b>137.581</b>	<b>136.022</b>	<b>(1.559)</b>	<b>Underspend</b>	<b>Green</b>	<b>(1.159)</b>
<b>Adult Social Care - Commissioning</b>								
ASC Commissioning	6.115	(0.351)	5.764	6.153	0.389	Overspend	Red	0.089
Intermediate Care	8.805	(2.849)	5.956	8.055	2.099	Overspend	Red	(0.001)
Staffing Costs	3.106	(0.192)	2.914	2.915	0.001	Overspend	Amber	0.001
Grants & Pooled Budget Income	3.569	(91.508)	(87.939)	(87.939)	-	On-budget	Green	-
<b>sub total</b>	<b>21.595</b>	<b>(94.900)</b>	<b>(73.305)</b>	<b>(70.816)</b>	<b>2.489</b>	<b>Underachievement</b>	<b>Red</b>	<b>0.089</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>376.454</b>	<b>(136.923)</b>	<b>239.531</b>	<b>236.722</b>	<b>(2.809)</b>	<b>Underspend</b>	<b>Green</b>	<b>(0.800)</b>

### Adult Services - key explanations, actions & mitigating controls

Overall Adult Services is currently projecting to be underspent by £2.809m. This is mainly due to the commissioning work carried out within the market to reduce residential and nursing weekly fees. This links to international recruitment and the change in use of costly agency staff, and CPI/energy costs coming down. We are also seeing a reduction in residential care placements in line with our promoting independence transformation programme, and an increase in domiciliary care, supporting individuals to live in their own homes.

### Adult Social Care - Physical Disability/Sensory Loss/65 Plus

This area of Adult Services is currently projected to be £2.896m underspent. Since April 2024 we have started to see new placements within residential and nursing homes coming either just below or around the budgeting figure built into the budget as part of the MTFP process. As people move services or services cease, we will start to see the overall average cost of placements reduce across the year.

### Mental Health

This budget includes individuals who have a diagnosis of dementia. The budget continues to be an area of growth for the past few years, and this has been recognised in the MTFP for 2024/25 with an increase of £11.700m. Currently Mental Health is projecting to be £0.843m underspent. Homecare and Supported Living continues to be an area of growth, this is in line with allowing people to remain in their homes.

### Learning Disabilities

Overall, the cost of Learning Disabilities is currently projected to be £1.559m underspent. However, this is a pooled budget 75/25 and therefore any underspend will be split with Integrated Care Board (ICB). The movement since Month 4 is due to the growth being less than originally anticipated, and the Service will continue to monitor this throughout the financial year.

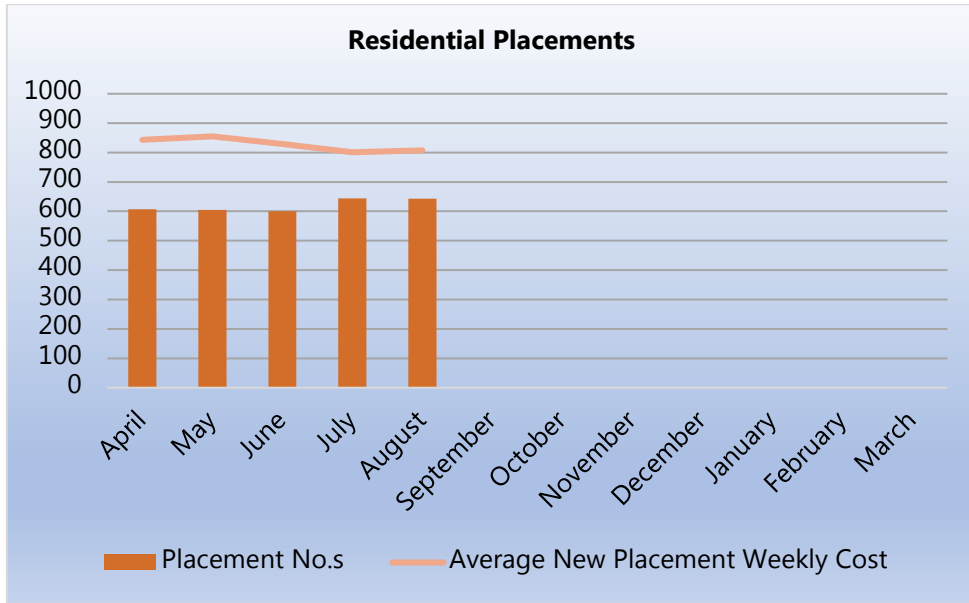
### Commissioning

Commissioning is projecting an overspend of £2.489m, due to continued demand with intermediate care. This mainly relates to pathway beds which are used to support discharges from acute hospitals. Adult Social Care (ASC) commissioning is working with system partners over the design of intermediate care services and delivery. As part of this process, the service will be focussing on optimising pathway one (reablement at home) delivery to reduce the need for bedded capacity, this in turn will reduce the spend on beds, enabling the current forecasted overspend to be brought back into financial tolerance. The Service is in the process of closing several pathway 2 beds which will reduce the overspend.

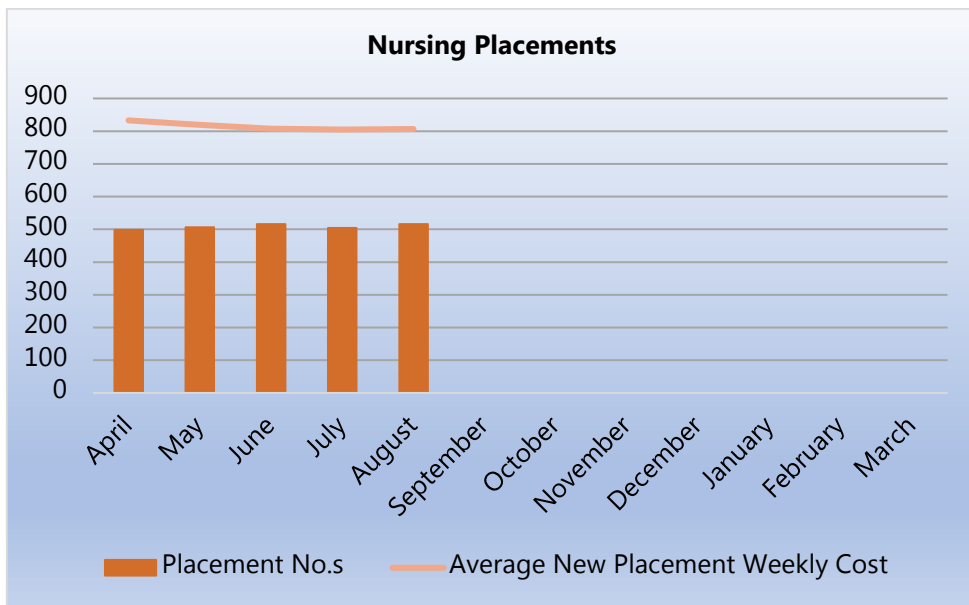
### **Adult Services - key performance cost drivers**

The Service has a target of 52 placements per month, across residential and nursing over 65's. We are below our current target taking into consideration those that leave the service. The savings attached to this is reported as part of the My Life, My Future transformation programme.

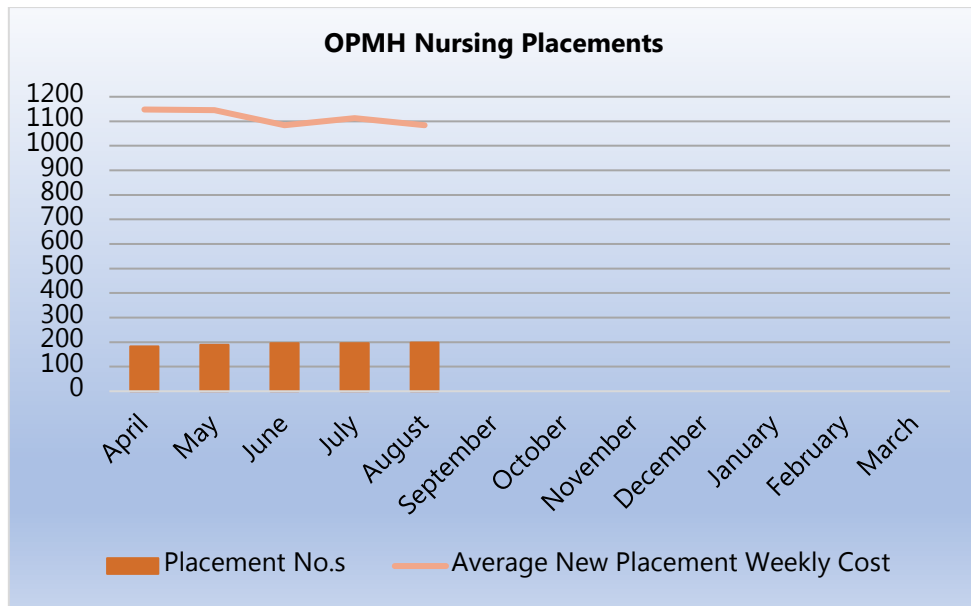




Since the beginning of the 2024/25 financial year, the Council has seen the number of people placed within a residential setting increase by thirty-six from 607 to 643. The current weekly average cost of a residential placement is £807 per week.



Nursing placements increased by eighteen since April 2024 from 498 to 516. The current new placement cost for Nursing is £807 per placement.



The number of Older People Mental Health (OPMH) Nursing placements has increased by fifteen placements from 183 to 198 placements since April 2024. The current weekly average cost for OPMH Nursing is £1,084 per placement.

### Adult Services - key risks, future issues & opportunities

90% of the ASC budget is spent on individual care and support needs. Therefore, there is a risk that expenditure could increase. The international recruitment impact of this is yet to be seen both locally and nationally, this could influence the market cost.

## Appendix B – Month 5 Children, Families & Education Services

### Children & Family Services

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- Education: Amelia Walker

**Table 2: 2024/25 Children & Family Services as at the end of August 2024 (Month 5)**

- 2024/25 net budget £141.882m, is forecasting an overspend of £7.512m, an increase of £1.112m from Month 4.
- 2023/24 net budget £127.1m, outturn overspend £12.3m

Service Area	Current Expenditure Budget £m	Current Income Budget £m	Current Net Budget £m	Full Year Projection £m	Month 5 Variance £m	Overspend / (Underspend)	RAG Status	Movement From Month 4 £m
<b>Children &amp; Families</b>								
Prevention Services	7.320	(1.139)	6.181	6.124	(0.057)	Underspend	Green	0.043
Fostering and Permanence	13.508	(0.032)	13.476	12.962	(0.514)	Underspend	Green	0.286
External Placements	60.049	(14.133)	45.916	56.300	10.384	Overspend	Red	0.484
Fieldwork East	4.978	-	4.978	4.819	(0.159)	Underspend	Green	0.041
Fieldwork West	5.753	-	5.753	5.642	(0.111)	Underspend	Green	0.089
Disabilities	8.035	(0.333)	7.702	7.296	(0.406)	Underspend	Green	(0.006)
Partnership, Audit & Quality	3.206	(0.405)	2.801	2.794	(0.007)	Underspend	Green	(0.007)
CLA East	2.947	-	2.947	2.855	(0.092)	Underspend	Green	(0.092)
CLA West	2.135	-	2.135	2.397	0.262	Overspend	Red	(0.038)
Leaving Care	2.719	(0.318)	2.401	2.516	0.115	Overspend	Red	0.015
CSC Management	3.698	-	3.698	1.401	(2.297)	Underspend	Green	0.003
<b>sub total</b>	<b>114.348</b>	<b>(16.360)</b>	<b>97.988</b>	<b>105.106</b>	<b>7.118</b>	<b>Overspend</b>	<b>Red</b>	<b>0.818</b>
<b>Commissioning &amp; Performance</b>								
C&P Commissioning	10.379	(7.822)	2.557	2.661	0.104	Overspend	Red	0.004
Performance and Transformation	3.423	-	3.423	3.019	(0.404)	Underspend	Green	(0.004)
Business Support	5.298	(0.137)	5.161	5.072	(0.089)	Underspend	Green	(0.089)
<b>sub total</b>	<b>19.100</b>	<b>(7.959)</b>	<b>11.141</b>	<b>10.752</b>	<b>(0.389)</b>	<b>Underspend</b>	<b>Green</b>	<b>(0.089)</b>
<b>Education</b>								
Special Educational Needs and Disabilities	4.980	(2.006)	2.974	3.513	0.539	Overspend	Red	0.439
Vulnerable Learners	5.479	(5.353)	0.126	0.223	0.097	Overspend	Red	0.097
Educational Psychology	3.068	(1.150)	1.918	1.918	-	On-budget	Green	-
Inclusion Transformation and Partnerships	13.735	(0.354)	13.381	13.381	-	On-budget	Green	(0.100)
Inclusion Strategic Management	1.653	(1.750)	(0.097)	0.479	0.576	Underachievement	Red	(0.024)
Education Leadership	1.488	(1.617)	(0.129)	(0.287)	(0.158)	Overachievement	Green	(0.058)
Education Operations	4.824	(5.371)	(0.547)	(0.644)	(0.097)	Overachievement	Green	0.003
Curriculum and Literacy	3.825	(3.935)	(0.110)	(0.107)	0.003	Underachievement	Amber	0.003
Education Places	15.858	(2.227)	13.631	13.129	(0.502)	Underspend	Green	0.098
EPS Management	4.368	(3.114)	1.254	1.579	0.325	Overspend	Red	(0.075)
<b>sub total</b>	<b>59.278</b>	<b>(26.877)</b>	<b>32.401</b>	<b>33.184</b>	<b>0.783</b>	<b>Overspend</b>	<b>Red</b>	<b>0.383</b>
<b>Children Services</b>								
Children, Families & Education Team	0.353	(0.001)	0.352	0.352	-	On-budget	Green	-
<b>sub total</b>	<b>0.353</b>	<b>(0.001)</b>	<b>0.352</b>	<b>0.352</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>On-budget</b>	<b>Green</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Children, Families &amp; Education Services Total</b>	<b>193.079</b>	<b>(51.197)</b>	<b>141.882</b>	<b>149.394</b>	<b>7.512</b>	<b>Overspend</b>	<b>Red</b>	<b>1.112</b>

### Children & Family Services - key explanations, actions, and mitigating controls

#### Children and Families

#### External Placements

The table below provides a breakdown of the external placements budget by placement type.

<b>External Placements</b>	<b>24/25 Budget</b>	<b>Full Year Outturn</b>	<b>Overall Variance Over / (Under) £m</b>	<b>Movement from Month 4 £m</b>
	<b>£m</b>	<b>£m</b>	<b>£m</b>	<b>£m</b>
Residential Placements	29.704	34.221	4.517	(0.281)
Independent Fostering Agencies	7.915	8.090	0.175	(0.020)
16+ Supported Accommodation	5.630	4.523	(1.107)	0.449
Homes & Horizons	5.943	5.943	-	-
Unregistered Placements	0.818	3.415	2.597	0.764
UASC Placements	2.472	3.000	0.527	(0.181)
Residential Parent & Child	0.748	2.279	1.531	0.182
Secure	1.333	0.764	(0.569)	0.035
Thrive 16+	4.065	3.636	(0.428)	(0.428)
Other	1.421	2.784	1.363	(0.055)
<b>Total Expenditure</b>	<b>60.049</b>	<b>68.655</b>	<b>8.606</b>	<b>0.464</b>
DSG Grant	(6.500)	(5.311)	1.189	-
UASC Grant	(2.305)	(2.392)	(0.087)	0.012
NHS Funding	(4.511)	(3.888)	0.624	(0.046)
Other	(0.817)	(0.764)	0.053	0.053
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>(14.133)</b>	<b>(12.355)</b>	<b>1.778</b>	<b>0.019</b>
<b>Net Expenditure</b>	<b>45.916</b>	<b>56.299</b>	<b>10.384</b>	<b>0.484</b>

The external placements budget has a total overspend of £10.384m which is partly offset by the £2.800m external placements contingency fund held in Children's Social Care (CSC) Management resulting in a net pressure of £7.584m. This is an increase from Month 4 of £0.484m.

Of this overall variance, the unregistered placement overspend is £2.597m and the residential overspend is £6.330m (including the DSG Grant and NHS income pressures).

Whilst the base budget for children looked after in external placements has increased, rising numbers of children coming into care are now above those modelled. The recent increase is shared between under 2's and the 10-15 age group. The increase in cost pressures mainly relates to the 10-15 age group, where serious youth violence, linked to criminal exploitation, is a key factor. The potential risks that these children's experiences bring to wherever they live, means that the only option initially is often high-cost residential crisis care. As children begin to recover, some move to more standard residential care, or a therapeutic offer such as Homes and Horizons. However, this can take many months to achieve. There are also delays in opening Homes and Horizons homes 6, 7 and 8 due to planning and construction delays.

Projected savings from a newly commissioned contract for supported accommodation for young people aged 16 plus (Thrive 16 plus) are in part currently at risk due to

insufficiency of social housing for young people to move on to and high costs in the private rental sector.

### **Fostering and Permanence**

The fostering and permanence budget has an overall underspend of £0.514m. In Month 5. This has decreased significantly particularly in relation to kinship care allowances where family members are supported financially to offer both short- and longer-term care for children who are looked after by the local authority. Whilst financial modelling accounted for some lag in fostering sufficiency, the increase in numbers of children coming into care also impacts negatively against the external placements budget.

### **Children's Commissioning**

Underspends across this service of £0.389m relate to vacancy savings and contract costs being less than anticipated.

### **Education**

Dedicated Schools Grant pressures remain as in previous months. Further details on the Dedicated Schools Grant forecasts is provided below.

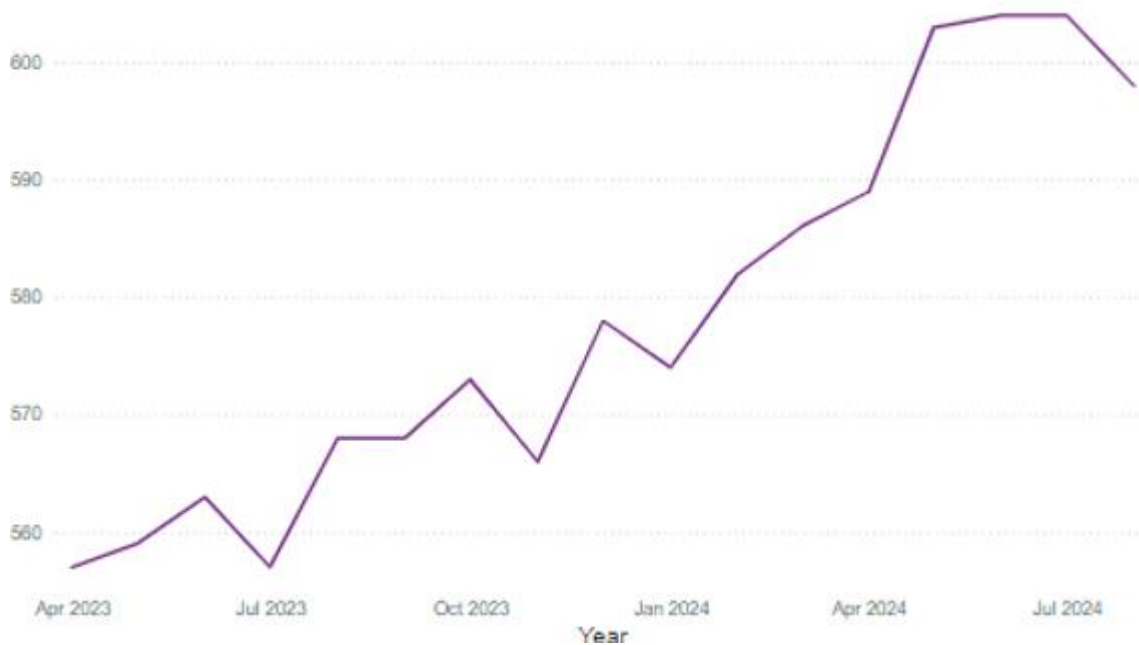
There is an overall forecast pressure to Local Authority education budgets of £0.783m as of Month 5 (an increase of £0.383m from month 4). This overspend is largely due to increasing costs from mediation and Local Government Ombudsman fines within SEND services. Where fault has resulted in a loss of educational provision, the Ombudsman usually recommend a remedy payment of between £900 to £2,400 per term to acknowledge the impact of that loss. The increase at Month 5 reflects the addition of a full year forecast which was not incorporated at Quarter 1, alongside the additional forecast for mediation costs.

### **Home to Schools Transport for Mainstream and SEN**

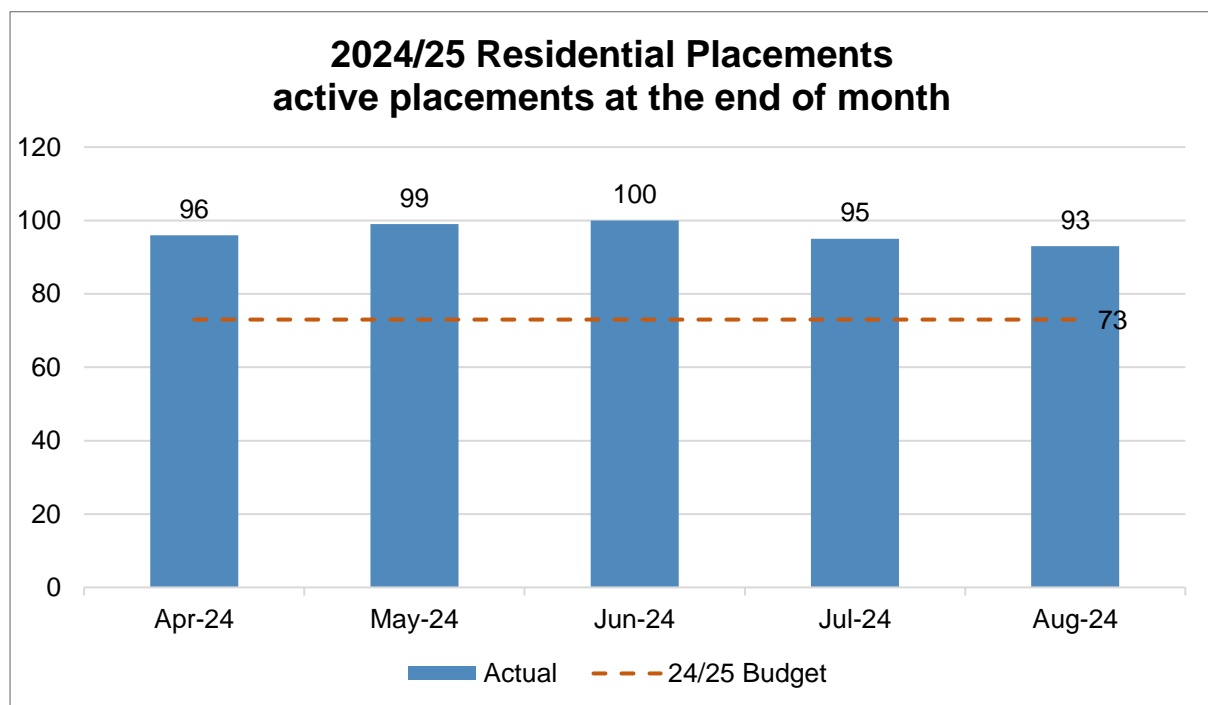
Budget monitoring undertaken on mainstream and SEN school transport indicates that budget will be met for 2024/25, and therefore the spend is forecast to budget. There is no change to this position as at Month 5. We are forecasting additional income of £0.502m on our Extended Rights to Travel grant for 2024/25 due to additional unbudgeted grant expected to be received. Indications remain that transport working groups are over-delivering on the MTFP projected savings and cost avoidance.

## Children's Services - key performance cost drivers

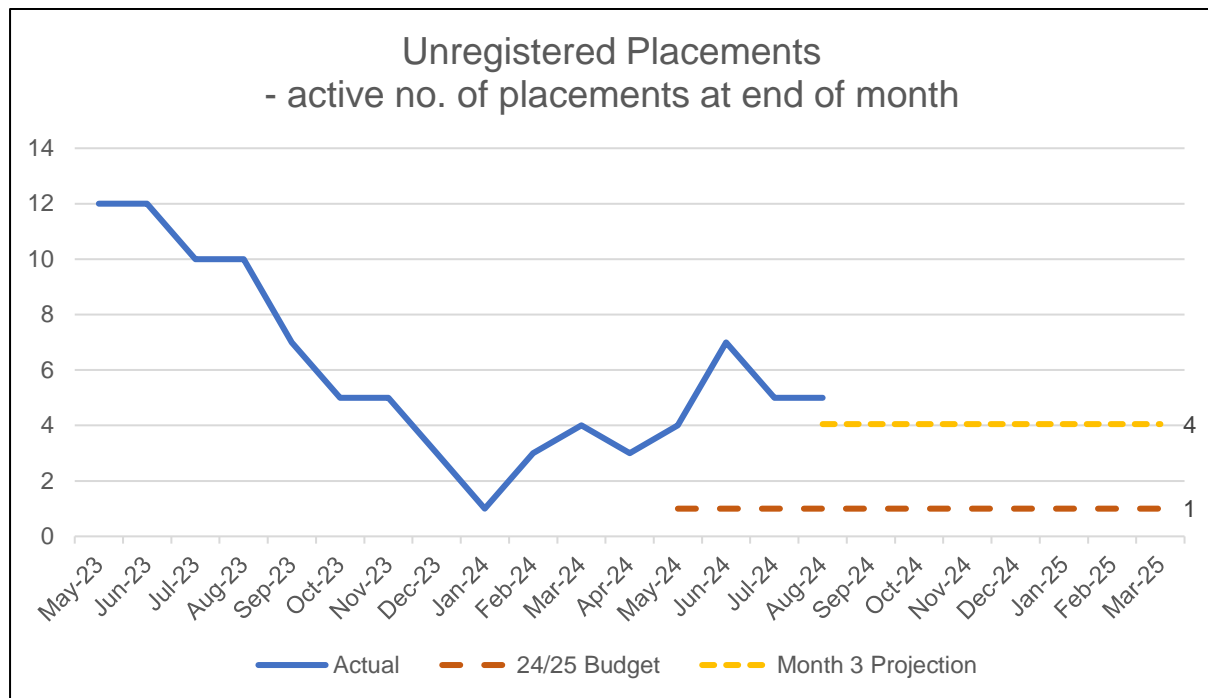
### CLA Total by Month



In the last 12 months up to August 2024, we have seen a rise of 30 children looked after (CLA) with the more recent numbers coming into care moving into high-cost residential placements. The graph below shows the trend in the number of active residential placements, excluding Homes and Horizons, at the end of each month during 2024/25. The budgeted number of residential placements for 2024/25 is 73.



Although we have seen a decline in unregistered placements throughout 2023/24 this is gradually starting to increase with active number of placements at the end of August 2024 being 5. The budgeted number of unregistered placements for 2024/25 is 1.



### **Children, Families and Education Service – Dedicated Schools Grant (DSG)**

The DSG brought forward deficit as of 1 April 2024 amounts to **£35.940m**. Forecasts for Month 5 project that there will be an in year **overspend of £7.509m** on the High Needs Block above the **budgeted deficit of £18.853m** for 2024/25. This is an increase to the forecast overspend of £2.100m from month 4. The DSG is now forecast to be **£25.840m overspent** on a budget of £134.709m as shown below. The projected DSG deficit as of 31 March 2025 is **now £61.780m**.

	Balance b/fwd at 1 Apr 2024 surplus/ (deficit)	Forecast in- year variance (over)/ under spend	Forecast carry forward 31 Mar 2025
Forecast deficit carry forward	£m	£m	£m
Schools	1.090	-	1.090
Central Schools	5.977	0.002	5.979
Early Years	1.878	0.520	2.398
High Needs	(44.885)	(26.362)	(71.247)
Total	(35.940)	(25.840)	(61.780)

There continues to be significant pressure on costs within the High Needs Block, which relates to low inflationary increases to mainstream school funding, a range of factors putting pressures on school budgets and historic underfunding of Special Educational Needs (SEND). These factors combined along with lack of sufficient appropriate places are driving higher use of Independent Non-Maintained School (INMS) provision.

The DSG will also be monitored on a quarterly basis against the deficit management plan (DMP).

### DSG forecast at the end of August 2024 (Month 5)

The DSG is monitored monthly, and the table below shows the 2024/25 full year forecast, with a comparative position showing the movement to month 4. Note that any Early Years Block surplus is ringfenced and will be drawn down for distribution to Early Years providers in the following year.

	Original budget £m	Current budget £m	Full year projection £m	Month 5 Variance £m	RAG Status	Movement from prior month £m
Movement from Prior month						
Schools	2.082	2.082	2.082	-	Green	-
Central Schools	4.689	4.689	4.687	(0.002)	Green	-
Early Years	51.283	50.443	49.923	(0.520)	Green	-
High Needs	77.421	77.496	103.858	26.362	Red	2.100
Total	135.474	134.709	160.549	25.840	Red	2.100

### DSG Allocations 2024/25

The gross DSG funding allocation as of Month 5 amounted to £520.242m.

From this final allocation, the amounts shown in the table below have been allocated to Mainstream and Special School Academies and Local Authority Maintained Schools.



The amounts allocated to Academies shown below are recouped by the Department for Education prior to payment to the Local Authority. The remaining balance is the funding available for services for 2024/25. The remaining £2.082m on the Schools Block represents the remaining Growth Fund allocation for the year.

In year allocations	Gross DSG			Funding available	
	funding allocation 2024/25	Transfers between blocks	Allocated to Academies	Allocated to LA Schools	for services 2024/25
	£m	£m	£m	£m	£m
Schools	387.699	(0.085)	(267.900)	(117.633)	2.082
Central Schools	4.604	0.085	-	-	4.689
Early Years	50.443	-	-	-	50.443
High Needs	77.496	-	-	-	77.496
<b>Total</b>	<b>520.242</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>(267.900)</b>	<b>(117.633)</b>	<b>134.709</b>

### High Needs Block budget 2024/25

The main risk area for the DSG Block is within the High Needs Block. A detailed summary of the High Needs Block budget and the forecast outturn position is set out below:

	Current Budget 2024/25	Forecast Outturn 2024/25	Variance Over/ (Under)	%
	£m	£m	£m	
Special Schools	24.728	25.500	0.772	3%
INMS & CLA Pre 16	32.842	34.841	1.999	6%
Post 16	8.883	8.989	0.106	1%
Mainstream	12.510	17.038	4.528	27%
Pupil Referral Units	8.916	8.916	-	0%
Autism Spectrum Disorder Bases	2.152	2.172	0.020	1%
Advisory Services and Virtual School	4.063	4.063	-	0%
Other	2.255	2.339	0.084	4%
<b>Total</b>	<b>96.349</b>	<b>103.858</b>	<b>7.509</b>	<b>7%</b>
Allocation after deductions	77.496	77.496	-	0%
In year deficit	(18.853)	(26.362)	(7.509)	28%

The most significant variances are within Independent Non-Maintained Schools and education for Children Looked After pre-16, and mainstream top ups and costed plans. Explanations for these variances are set out below:

### INMS & CLA Pre-16 (£1.999m overspent at Month 5)

The budget for INMS placements forecast an average number of placements of 415 for the financial year 2024/25. Current forecasts project an average of 454 for the year, at an average cost of £68,000 per new placement.

### **Mainstream top ups and costed plans (£4.528m overspent at Month 5)**

The budget was prepared on the basis that the average cost of mainstream top ups and costed plans was £5,889 per child. However, the average cost of top ups and costed plans for the year to date is £7,706, for 2,066 children. Several factors have contributed to this increase including: a backlog of prior year claims from 2023/24, an increase in the average cost of a costed plan of approximately 10%, and a shift in the profile of need to higher banded children.

## **Children and Family Services – Local Authority (LA) Maintained Schools Revenue Reserves**

### **LA Maintained Schools - key risks, issues, and mitigations**

As of 31 March 2024, 14 schools shared a cumulative revenue reserve deficit position of £2.433m and 104 schools shared a cumulative surplus of £23.657m.

Budget plans submitted by schools for 2024/25 show significant budgetary pressures with 98 out of 109 plans submitted showing in year deficits totalling £8.9m. More schools are reporting a likely deficit in their budgets by year end due to increased costs and inflationary issues, which had been expected. Whilst previously there was flex in education funding to be able to mitigate the impact of these deficits, this is no longer the case, although additional funding for teachers pay should reduce these deficits by an estimated £2.3m.

Deficit recovery plans have been received from 29 schools with projected closing deficits, and the Local Authority has recruited additional finance resource to review and challenge these plans over the next six to twelve months.

Nine schools with the most significant overall deficits have met with Local Authority representatives to discuss mitigations to their overspends. School Resource Management Advisers (SRMA's) have also met with five schools with significant deficits. We await

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## Appendix C – Community Services

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- Customers: Jan Stafford
- Regulatory and Operational: Sarah Dowden

### 2024/25 Community Services as at the end of August 2024 (Month 5)

- 2024/25 net budget £34.385m, is forecasting an underspend of £0.447m, an increase £1.447m from Month 4
- 2023/24 net budget £37.4m, outturn underspend of £3.9m

Service Area	Current Expenditure Budget £m	Current Income Budget £m	Current Net Budget £m	Full Year Projection £m	Month 5 Variance £m	Overspend / (Underspend)	RAG Status	Movement From Month 4 £m
<b>Housing</b>								
Service Director - Housing	0.146	-	0.146	0.146	-	On-budget	Green	-
Housing Strategy	0.407	(0.285)	0.122	0.243	0.121	Overspend	Red	0.021
Housing Options	10.827	(5.545)	5.282	5.282	-	On-budget	Green	0.100
Housing Enabling	0.682	(0.143)	0.539	0.440	(0.099)	Underspend	Green	(0.099)
Private Sector Support/ DFG's (SIP)	1.353	(0.823)	0.530	0.530	-	On-budget	Green	-
Displaced Person Service	1.069	(1.069)	-	-	-	On-budget	Green	-
<b>sub total</b>	<b>14.484</b>	<b>(7.865)</b>	<b>6.619</b>	<b>6.641</b>	<b>0.022</b>	<b>Overspend</b>	<b>Amber</b>	<b>0.022</b>
<b>Customer Services</b>								
Customer Services	6.619	(0.721)	5.898	5.898	-	On-budget	Green	-
Somerset Lifeline	2.237	(2.600)	(0.363)	(0.363)	-	On-budget	Green	-
<b>sub total</b>	<b>8.856</b>	<b>(3.321)</b>	<b>5.535</b>	<b>5.535</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>On-budget</b>	<b>Green</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Cultural Services</b>								
Service Director - Cultural Services	0.146	-	0.146	0.146	-	On-budget	Green	-
Library Service	4.924	(0.738)	4.186	4.186	-	On-budget	Green	-
Heritage Service	1.749	-	1.749	1.749	-	On-budget	Green	-
Leisure - Sports Centre	2.864	(0.494)	2.370	1.170	(1.200)	Underspend	Green	(1.200)
Museums	0.050	(0.003)	0.047	0.047	-	On-budget	Green	-
Theatres	2.587	(1.975)	0.612	0.612	-	On-budget	Green	-
Visitor Centres	0.262	(0.404)	(0.142)	(0.142)	-	On-budget	Green	-
Tourism	0.111	(0.010)	0.101	0.101	-	On-budget	Green	-
(wellbeing) Community Grants	0.021	(0.001)	0.020	0.020	-	On-budget	Green	-
<b>sub total</b>	<b>12.714</b>	<b>(3.625)</b>	<b>9.089</b>	<b>7.889</b>	<b>(1.200)</b>	<b>Underspend</b>	<b>Green</b>	<b>(1.200)</b>
<b>Regulatory &amp; Operational Services</b>								
Service Director - Regulatory & Operational Services	0.153	-	0.153	0.153	-	On-budget	Green	-
Registration	1.985	(2.047)	(0.062)	(0.062)	-	On-budget	Green	-
Environmental Health	4.343	(0.328)	4.015	4.072	0.057	Overspend	Amber	(0.043)
Bereavement Services	1.055	(2.444)	(1.389)	(1.377)	0.012	Underachievement	Amber	0.012
Harbours	0.066	(0.028)	0.038	0.037	(0.001)	Underspend	Green	(0.001)
Ports	0.230	(0.148)	0.082	0.082	-	On-budget	Green	-
Street Cleansing	5.761	(0.872)	4.889	4.966	0.077	Overspend	Amber	0.177
Open Spaces	5.890	(2.550)	3.340	3.745	0.405	Overspend	Red	(0.195)
Public Conveniences	0.560	(0.474)	0.086	0.094	0.008	Overspend	Red	0.008
(wellbeing) Community Safety	0.012	-	0.012	0.011	(0.001)	Underspend	Green	(0.001)
CCTV	0.841	(0.594)	0.247	0.288	0.041	Overspend	Red	0.041
Licensing	0.759	(1.058)	(0.299)	(0.298)	0.001	Underachievement	Amber	0.001
Resorts	0.386	(0.204)	0.182	0.225	0.043	Overspend	Red	(0.057)
Coroners	1.344	-	1.344	1.464	0.120	Overspend	Red	(0.180)
Operational Support	0.689	(0.103)	0.586	0.586	-	On-budget	Green	-
Scientific Services	0.437	(0.414)	0.023	0.007	(0.016)	Underspend	Green	(0.016)
Markets	0.230	(0.335)	(0.105)	(0.120)	(0.015)	Overachievement	Green	(0.015)
<b>sub total</b>	<b>24.741</b>	<b>(11.599)</b>	<b>13.142</b>	<b>13.873</b>	<b>0.731</b>	<b>Overspend</b>	<b>Red</b>	<b>(0.269)</b>
<b>Community Services Total</b>	<b>60.795</b>	<b>(26.410)</b>	<b>34.385</b>	<b>33.938</b>	<b>(0.447)</b>	<b>Underspend</b>	<b>Green</b>	<b>(1.447)</b>

## Community Services - key explanations, actions & mitigating controls

Community Services is reporting a projected underspend of £0.447m for the financial year 2024/25. Key explanations, mitigating actions, and risks for each area are listed below:

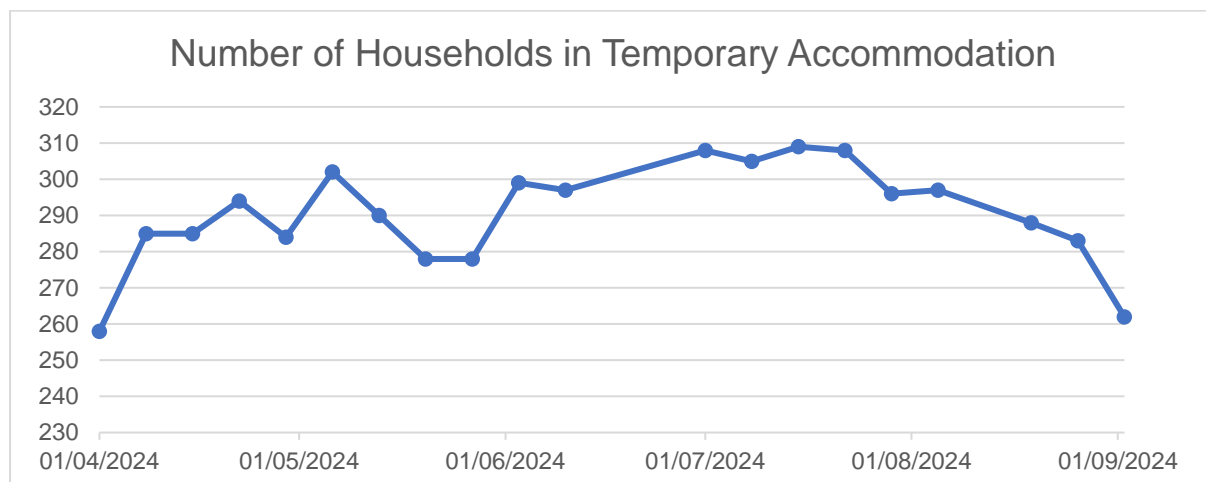
### Housing

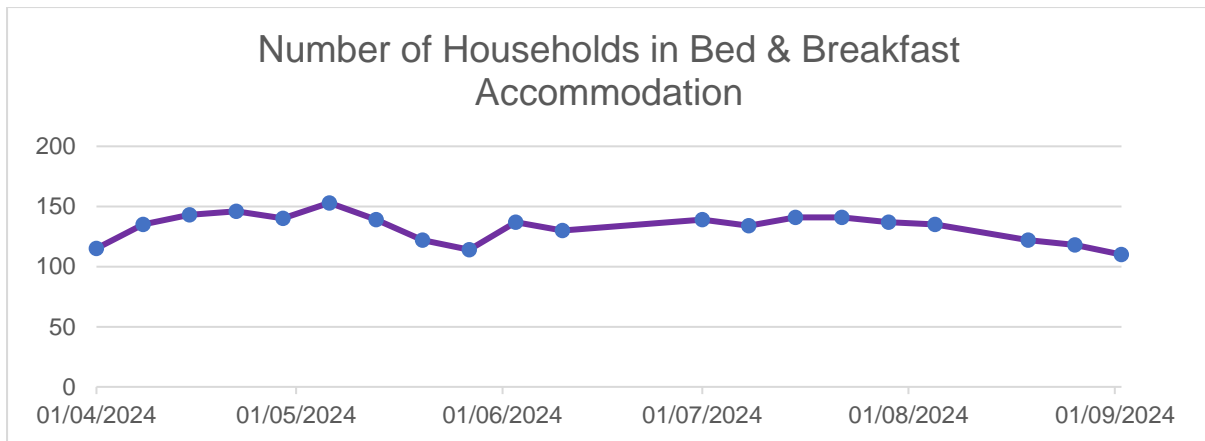
The General Fund Housing Service is currently forecasting a balanced outturn position for the 2024/25 financial year. Work is ongoing to ensure that current service establishment and service demands align with the budget within each service area, and to determine whether the pressures within the Housing Options service can be alleviated with savings elsewhere within the service.

The service has five service areas:

- Housing Options including Homelessness, Rough Sleeper Service, and Homefinder
- Displaced Persons Service
- Housing Strategy
- Housing Development Enabling
- Private Sector Support / Somerset Independence Plus

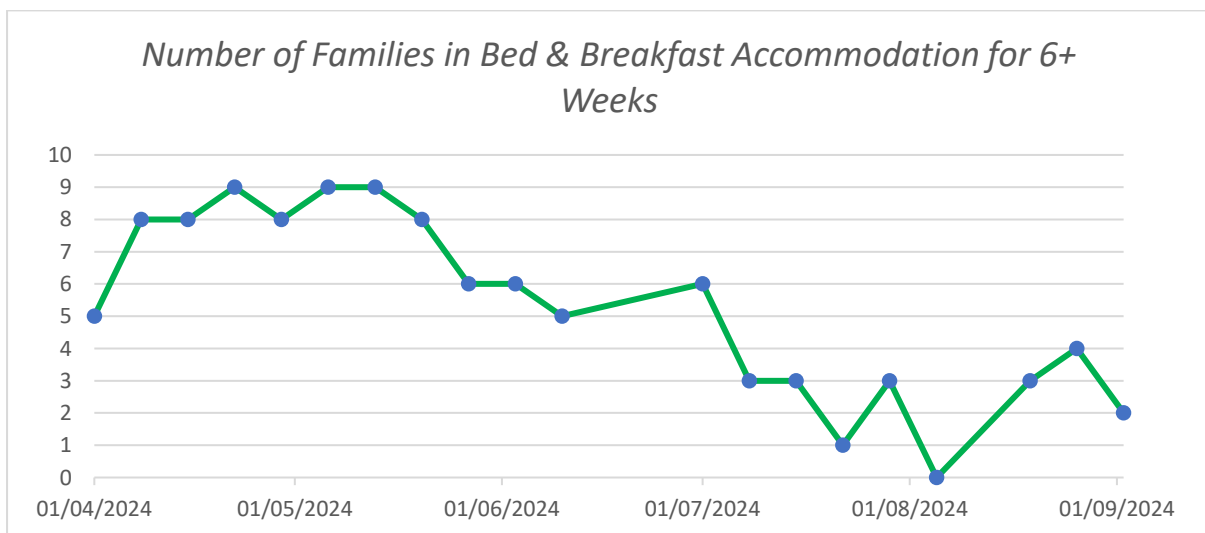
The Housing Options service has seen an increase in the numbers approaching the service and the number of cases which the Council has a responsibility to provide relief or main duty accommodation. As a result, the current supply of temporary accommodation available to the Council through contracts with third parties or its own stock is increasingly insufficient, and the use of less appropriate and expensive Bed & Breakfast accommodation has continued to increase. This increase in demand throughout the financial year is demonstrated as follows:





Actions are being progressed by the service to mitigate the need for temporary accommodation, and they are striving towards reducing the necessity of temporary staffing following the restructure and streamlining processes within the service. Without actions being undertaken by the service, and alternative accommodation being identified, this could result in a pressure of £0.9m on Bed & Breakfast accommodation costs within 2024/25. Earmarked reserves ringfenced for this service area can offset pressures within the current financial year, but the continuation of this increased demand would result in pressures which are unsustainable for the Housing Options team.

Despite seeing an increase in demand on Bed & Breakfast accommodation, the service is endeavouring to remove this as a long-term option for families, demonstrated as follows:



The Housing Options team continues to operate in four localities and although many working practices have sought to strengthen a single approach, the service requires the formal restructure planned later this year to enable working practices to be efficient. Some localities have managed the pressure better than others but the reliance on agency staff to ensure homelessness is minimised remains, with £0.2m already spent on temporary staffing costs in the last five months. The core budget within the Housing Options service will be significantly inflated with an additional £2.6m from the Homelessness Prevention Grant, and the Homelessness Prevention Top Up

Grant, and £1.6m from the Rough Sleepers Initiatives Grant, and the Rough Sleeping Accommodation Programme Grant. Additional income will also be achieved via rental income, Housing Benefit, and Homefinder advertisement.

The Housing Options team has also inherited the Thrive 16+ contract with the YMCA from Childrens Social Care. The forecasted budget position assumes that the agreed budget is also transferred from Childrens Social Care, although this virement has yet to take place.

The Housing Enabling and Housing Director services are currently forecasting £0.2m savings on permanent staffing costs. This has offset pressures within the Housing Enabling and Housing Strategy services derived from unachievable historical income targets within both service areas.

The Private Sector Support / Somerset Independence Plus service are striving towards delivering a fully cost neutral service by 2025/26. Actions are being undertaken to ensure that the service will utilise the Disabled Facilities Grant to eliminate the dependence on the core council funding, and the additional £0.3m funding received from Adult Social Care. Permanent savings are expected to be identified within Somerset Independence Plus which could be used to alleviate the pressures elsewhere within the Housing service.

### Cultural Services

For the financial year 2024/25 cultural services are reporting a projected underspend of £1.200m, this is a reduction of £1.200m since Month 4. This relates to underspends within the Leisure-Sports Centres, in the main is due to legacy budgets which have continued into the current financial year. These will be reviewed in the next MTFP process, and any underutilised budgets will be released.

Cultural Services have transferred some of its functions to Yeovil Town Council as part of the Yeovil Devolution package. It is therefore important to note that further analysis is required to completely understand the budgetary impact of the transfer. Work continues to understand the financial position, impact to operational changes and any risk associated with the deal, to ensure MTFP savings attributed to the budget are accurate. This may result in further savings being realised.

### Regulatory & Operational Services

Regulatory & Operational Services are currently projecting an overspend of £0.731m for 2024/25. Work is continuing within the service to reduce this pressure and have been able to reduce the pressure by £0.269m since Month 4.

The current pressure within the service is due to the following:

**Open spaces** – Current projections suggest an overspend of £0.405m at outturn. Historically a budget reduction was incorrectly applied to this budget, and the service continues to try and find mitigating actions to offset this reduction. However, as a



contract is in place with agreed contractual price increases, the impact of the reduced budget and CPI applied annually, makes this difficult. The service continues to review service delivery across the area to help mitigate the pressure and has also looked at service devolution to Town Councils to mitigate costs.

**Coroners service** – forecasts are currently suggesting an overspend of £0.120m for 2024/25. It is important to note this is a statutory service and is facing pressures associated with increased costs for pathology services; mortuary costs; conveyancing of bodies, and other service pressures. Work continues to understand the nature of the pressures within the service. Whilst costs are controlled as much as possible, it is unlikely that any mitigating actions will not be enough to cover increasing cost, and a pressure will remain.

**Environmental Health** – is currently forecasting an overspend of £0.057m, due to pressures in dog control, and public health funerals. These are demand led, statutory services, and therefore the need for these services can be unpredictable. Current projections have been based on previous years' costs and will be reviewed throughout the year. The service continues to monitor pressures and will continue to mitigate costs where possible.

**Street Cleaning** – current projected forecasts suggest that there is an overspend of £0.077m for the service. Like open spaces, expenditure budgets have historically been reduced, however contracts are in place with agreed contractual price increases and therefore pressures are being reported in this area. Further pressures are due to a reduction of budgeted income from external sweeping. The service has been able to mitigate the overspend by rebasing estimated costs, due to the devolution of services to town councils.

Regulatory & Operational services continue to review all areas to establish if any in year savings can be identified to mitigate the current pressure of £0.731m.

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## **Appendix D – Climate & Place, (including Accountable Bodies)**

### **Climate & Place**

Lead Members:

- Public Health, Climate Change and Environment: Cllr Graham Oakes
- Transport and Waste Services: Cllr Richard Wilkins
- Economic Development, Planning & Assets: Cllr Mike Rigby

Executive Director: Mickey Green

Service Directors:

- Climate, Environment & Sustainability: Kirsty Larkins
- Infrastructure & Transport: Mike O'Dowd-Jones
- Economy, Employment & Planning: Paul Hickson

### **Accountable Bodies**

Lead Members:

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- Somerset Rivers Authority: Kirsty Larkins
- Local Enterprise Partnership and Connecting Devon & Somerset: Paul Hickson

### **2024/25 Climate & Place, (including Accountable Bodies) as at the end of August 2024 (Month 5)**

- 2024/25 Current net budget £94.232m, is forecasting an overspend of £4.295m, a decrease of £0.105m from Month 4
- 2023/24 Final net budget £90.9m, outturn underspend of £14.1m

Service Area	Current Expenditure Budget £m	Current Income Budget £m	Current Net Budget £m	Full Year Projection £m	Month 5 Variance £m	Overspend / (Underspend)	RAG Status	Movement From Month 4 £m
<b>Climate, Environment &amp; Sustainability</b>								
Climate & Place Management	0.304	-	0.304	0.304	-	On-budget	Green	-
Business Support	0.976	(0.018)	0.958	0.958	-	On-budget	Green	-
Waste Services	58.103	(6.769)	51.334	54.434	3.100	Overspend	Red	-
Drainage Board Levy	2.295	-	2.295	2.295	-	On-budget	Green	-
Climate & Natural Environment	4.089	(2.071)	2.018	1.980	(0.038)	Underspend	Green	(0.038)
Resilience & Adaptation	1.248	(0.041)	1.207	1.207	-	On-budget	Green	-
<b>sub total</b>	<b>67.015</b>	<b>(8.899)</b>	<b>58.116</b>	<b>61.178</b>	<b>3.062</b>	<b>Overspend</b>	<b>Red</b>	<b>(0.038)</b>
<b>Infrastructure &amp; Transport</b>								
Highways & Transport Commissioning	2.167	(0.735)	1.432	1.432	-	On-budget	Green	-
Infrastructure Programmes Group	1.293	(1.061)	0.232	0.507	0.275	Overspend	Red	(0.025)
Highways	18.604	(0.832)	17.772	18.432	0.660	Overspend	Red	(0.040)
Traffic Management	5.167	(4.668)	0.499	0.499	-	On-budget	Green	-
Transporting Somerset	15.568	(6.277)	9.291	9.291	-	On-budget	Green	-
Car Parks	6.008	(13.042)	(7.034)	(7.034)	-	On-budget	Green	-
Fleet Management	0.881	(0.345)	0.536	0.536	-	On-budget	Green	-
<b>sub total</b>	<b>49.688</b>	<b>(26.960)</b>	<b>22.728</b>	<b>23.663</b>	<b>0.935</b>	<b>Overspend</b>	<b>Red</b>	<b>(0.065)</b>
<b>Economy, Employment &amp; Planning</b>								
Development Control	7.849	(5.351)	2.498	2.498	-	On-budget	Green	-
Planning Policy	3.313	(0.139)	3.174	3.174	-	On-budget	Green	-
Economic Development	5.724	(2.005)	3.719	3.663	(0.056)	Underspend	Green	(0.056)
Building Control	2.187	(1.533)	0.654	0.653	(0.001)	Underspend	Green	(0.001)
Regeneration and Major Projects	0.389	(0.157)	0.232	0.287	0.055	Overspend	Red	0.055
Land Charges	0.645	(1.132)	(0.487)	(0.187)	0.300	Underachievement	Red	-
<b>sub total</b>	<b>20.107</b>	<b>(10.317)</b>	<b>9.790</b>	<b>10.088</b>	<b>0.298</b>	<b>Overspend</b>	<b>Red</b>	<b>(0.002)</b>
<b>Accountable Bodies</b>								
Somerset Rivers Authority	3.079	(0.020)	3.059	3.059	-	On-budget	Green	-
Connecting Devon & Somerset (CDS)	1.078	(0.539)	0.539	0.539	-	On-budget	Green	-
<b>sub total</b>	<b>4.157</b>	<b>(0.559)</b>	<b>3.598</b>	<b>3.598</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>On-budget</b>	<b>Green</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Climate &amp; Place Total</b>	<b>140.967</b>	<b>(46.735)</b>	<b>94.232</b>	<b>98.527</b>	<b>4.295</b>	<b>Overspend</b>	<b>Red</b>	<b>(0.105)</b>

## Climate & Place - key explanations, actions, & mitigating controls

Climate and Place (including Accountable Bodies) provisional outturn shows a projected overspend of £4.295m at Month 5, this has reduced by £0.105m since Month 4.

The key explanation, actions and mitigating controls are as follows:

### Climate, Environment and Sustainability

**Waste Service** is forecasting to be £3.100m overspent at outturn, due to the pressure on the service via the negotiations with the Waste collection contract. The settlement will include increased contractor payments for the remaining six years of the contract totalling £47.000m, this is currently an unfunded pressure for the service. Work will continue to understand how this will be funded, and a pressure bid will be included in the Medium-Term Financial Plan (MTFP).

It is worth noting that the service is volatile and is subject to fluctuating demands with outside influences such as the weather, impacting the volumes of waste presented at both the kerbside, and recycling centres.

It is important to note that the Waste Services budget includes an MTFP saving of £0.883m, and work is ongoing to identify this saving. It is currently unknown if the full saving will be achieved in this financial year. If this is not achieved the forecasted overspend will increase, and the Finance team will continue to work with the service and highlight the additional pressure as early as possible.

## Infrastructure and Transport

**Highways** is forecasting an overspend of £0.660m. In the main, this is due to forecasted overspends within the safety defects budget, increased vehicle costs, and an increase to the Insurance Premium for Public Liability. The service can slightly offset the overspend due to forecasted underspends in Street Lighting, and an updated forecast for staff costs.

It is important to note that winter maintenance, salt purchase, and emergency budgets are all currently forecast as on budget. The budgets are impacted by extreme weather throughout the year, and it is difficult to know the true impact until later on in the year. Finance will continue to monitor these budgets with the service and will adjust forecasts accordingly.

**Infrastructure Programmes Group** is forecasting an overspend of £0.275m. The service currently has an MTFP saving of this value to capital salary costs against project. The service and Finance are currently reviewing what salary costs can be truly capitalised and until the work is completed it is not possible to confirm how much of this MTFP is achievable.

## Economy, Employment and Planning

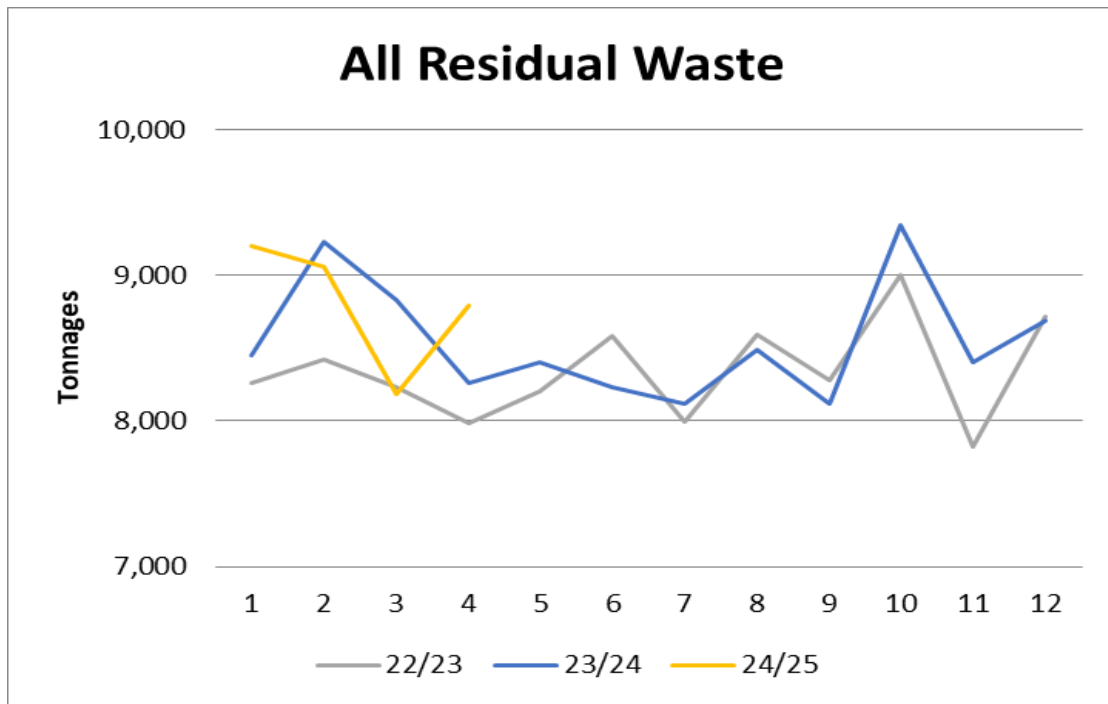
**Land Charges** is currently forecasting an overspend of £0.300m, this is due a recurring structural pressure in the budget resulting from over-estimation of income for the service. Land Charges has moved into the service from April 2024 and had a similar under recovery of income in 2023/24 which was mostly likely due to Covid-19 and the artificial inflation of the housing market. Work has started to look at this area, but it is dependent on the number of applications received so it is difficult to increase income easily.

All other areas within Economy, Employment and Planning are reporting to be within budget, however it is important to note that there are risks associated with them which will impact the outturn position of the service:

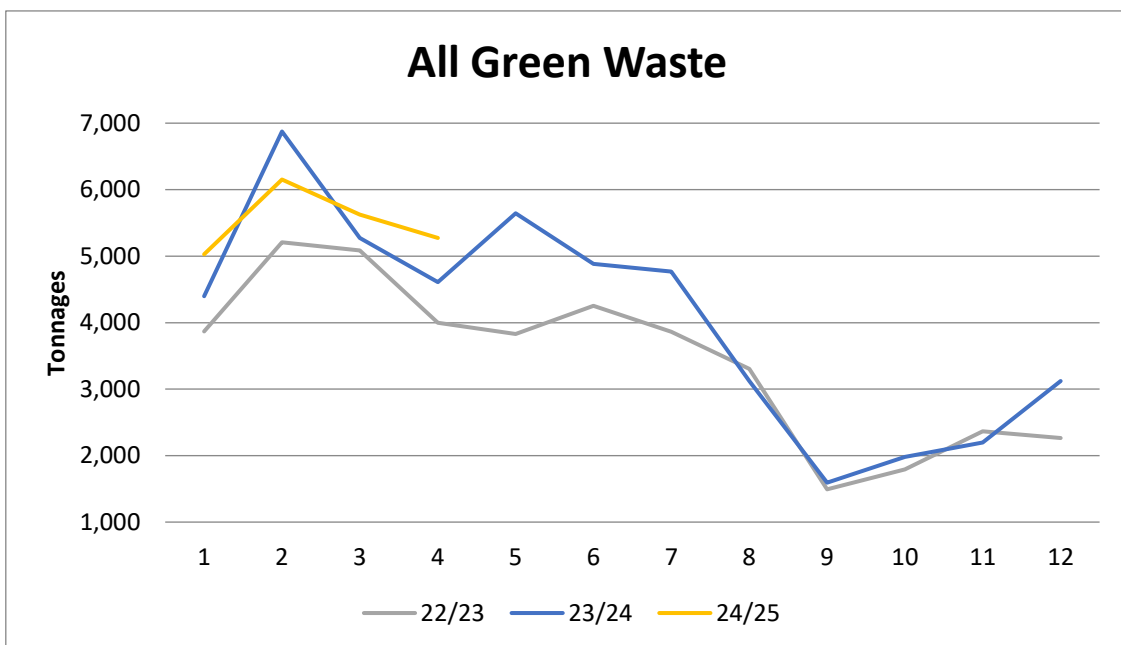
**Building Control** - fee income is still slightly lower than the anticipated budget for the period, if this continues it may be possible to mitigate this by reducing expenditure within the building control service.

**Development management** – at present the service has achieved its target for the first five months of 2024/25. It is important to note that this budget area is dependent on numbers of applications submitted, therefore this will be monitored carefully and should applications reduce the impact will be seen in the outturn position. Agency costs are increasing due to the staff turnover within the service.

**Climate & Place - key performance cost drivers**



The above graph shows the residual waste (per tonnage) per Month. The residual waste includes Kerbside collected waste and waste deposited at the recycling centre. The graph shows a reduction in tonnages for June with a “bounce back” in July.



The above graph shows the green waste (per tonnage) per month. Green waste volumes are significantly impacted by the weather conditions during the growing season. The trends for the current year are higher than budgeted.

### **Climate & Place - key risks, future issues & opportunities**

Due to the current economic climate, there are several key risks and future issues that need to be taken into consideration:

- **Contract inflation** is applied at various times throughout the year, as the increase in contract could be led by RPI or CPI it is currently difficult to predict accurately what the impact for each contract might be.
- **Staff vacancy levels.** Difficulties in recruiting permanent staff across Climate and Place continue to impact on the ability to deliver services, where possible agencies have been used to fill critical roles. However, this has a financial impact as generally the cost of these staff is higher than budgeted for. This reflects the national picture and is the same across several sectors.
- **Income generation.** Many Climate and Place services are financed wholly or in part by fees and charges. Throughout the MTFP process savings have been based on additional income projections. These services are typically demand driven and dependant and, in many cases, influenced by the economic cycle and construction rates. In some cases, changes to government policy have given users and customers of the services additional powers to seek the return of income linked to service delivery timescales. All these factors imply risks for climate and place services meeting income targets.
- **Commercial viability of public transport services.** The future financial sustainability of public transport bus services remains uncertain. Any reduction in public transport grants by the incoming Government could trigger significant withdrawal of commercial services and increase pressure on the council to subsidise services that are no longer commercially viable.

Risks can be identified due to the change in climate. It is exceedingly difficult to be able to identify financially what the impact of climate change will be year on year, but risks with a potential financial impact include:

- Icy conditions will see a high demand on the Highways service to grit primary and secondary routes.
- Increased rainfall which has raised the risk of flooding across the County. This will require input from the Emergency Planning department, Highways and Traffic Management to help ensure residents can safely navigate around the affected areas.
- The extreme changes in weather will impact the road surfaces which continues to increase the safety defects reported and increases the costs of investigation and corrective action for potholes.

## **Accountable Bodies**

### Somerset Rivers Authority (SRA)

Current forecasts suggest that the SRA are to be within budget, any overspends will be funded from the SRA reserve.

### Local Enterprise Partnership (LEP)

The LEP disbanded in April 2024 and will now report under Economy, Employment and Planning, the service is forecasting to be within budget.

### Connecting Devon & Somerset (CDS)

The Connecting Devon and Somerset (CDS) programme expects to be on budget. CDS are continuing to monitor and review their position as the Superfast Contracts move forward:

- The contract with Wessex Internet is continuing to move at pace with most of the remaining milestones planned for technical and financial assurance in this financial year. To expedite the remaining M0 and M1 milestones regular onsite meetings are taking place to enable CDS and Wessex to work through any issues together. The remaining 10 M0 milestones and 2 further M1's are currently expected to go through Technical and Financial assurance in the next 4 weeks.
- Contractor Airband has been through a period of restructure and the CDS team are working with Airband to determine the timeline for this contract. 1 milestone has recently been through financial assurance with a further 3 expected to go through Technical and Financial assurance in the next 4-6 weeks.
- Build recently completed on the Openreach contract and it is going through the final closure process, CDS are working with the contractor and BDUK on this process. The final position on the clawback position from this contract will be known shortly as the contract moves towards closure.
- The next phase of the Mobile Booster scheme has launched and is expected to run until late 2024/25.
- The CDS Team continue to work closely with the external funders as the contracts move forward.



## Appendix E – Strategy, Workforce and Localities

Lead Members:

- Governance and Communications: Cllr Bill Revans
- Finance, Procurement and Performance: Cllr Liz Leyshon
- Transformation, Human Resources, Localities and Digital: Cllr Theo Butt Philip

Executive Director: Alyn Jones

Service Directors:

- Partnership and Localities: Sara Skirton
- Strategy and Performance: Sara Cretney
- Governance, Democratic and Legal Services: David Clark
- Workforce (interim): Dawn Bettridge

### **2024/25 Strategy, Workforce and Localities as at the end of August 2024 (Month 5)**

- 2024/25 net budget £25.381m, overspend of £0.667m, this is an improvement of £0.633m since month 4.
- 2023/24 net budget £25.7m, outturn favourable variance £0.8m.

Service Area	Current Expenditure Budget £m	Current Income Budget £m	Current Net Budget £m	Full Year Projection £m	Month 5 Variance £m	Overspend / (Underspend)	RAG Status	Movement From Month 4 £m
<b>Partnership &amp; Localities</b>								
Localities	1.509	(0.224)	1.285	1.285	-	On-budget	Green	-
Strategic Partnerships	1.600	(0.001)	1.599	1.599	-	On-budget	Green	-
<b>sub total</b>	<b>3.109</b>	<b>(0.225)</b>	<b>2.884</b>	<b>2.884</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>On-budget</b>	<b>Green</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Strategy &amp; Performance</b>								
Communications	1.799	(0.302)	1.497	1.497	-	On-budget	Green	-
Transformation & Change	4.950	(0.782)	4.168	4.167	(0.001)	Underspend	Green	(0.001)
Performance	0.842	(0.022)	0.820	0.820	-	On-budget	Green	-
<b>sub total</b>	<b>7.591</b>	<b>(1.106)</b>	<b>6.485</b>	<b>6.484</b>	<b>(0.001)</b>	<b>Underspend</b>	<b>Green</b>	<b>(0.001)</b>
<b>Workforce</b>								
Human Resources & Organisational Development	7.236	(2.045)	5.191	4.645	(0.546)	Underspend	Green	(0.546)
Learning & Development	2.889	(1.857)	1.032	1.032	-	On-budget	Green	-
<b>sub total</b>	<b>10.125</b>	<b>(3.902)</b>	<b>6.223</b>	<b>5.677</b>	<b>(0.546)</b>	<b>Underspend</b>	<b>Green</b>	<b>(0.546)</b>
<b>Governance, Democratic &amp; Legal Services</b>								
Democratic Services	4.508	(0.428)	4.080	3.988	(0.092)	Underspend	Green	0.008
Legal Services	4.976	(0.791)	4.185	5.585	1.400	Overspend	Red	-
Info Governance	0.794	(0.195)	0.599	0.505	(0.094)	Underspend	Green	(0.094)
Elections	0.935	(0.010)	0.925	0.925	-	On-budget	Green	-
<b>sub total</b>	<b>11.213</b>	<b>(1.424)</b>	<b>9.789</b>	<b>11.003</b>	<b>1.214</b>	<b>Overspend</b>	<b>Red</b>	<b>(0.086)</b>
<b>Strategy, Workforce &amp; Localities Total</b>	<b>32.038</b>	<b>(6.657)</b>	<b>25.381</b>	<b>26.048</b>	<b>0.667</b>	<b>Overspend</b>	<b>Red</b>	<b>(0.633)</b>

### **Strategy, Workforce & Localities – key explanations, actions, & mitigating controls**

#### Workforce

The forecast underspend in Human Resources & Organisational Development is mainly due to in year savings within staffing achieved from vacant positions because of the impending implementation of proposed restructure.

### Governance Democratic and Legal Services

The forecast underspends in Democratic Services and Information Governance are due to in year savings within staffing through vacancies.

The forecast overspend of £1.4m in Legal Services mainly relates to the provision of the legal childcare support, which is a statutory and demand led service. It is an area of specialism which is extremely difficult to recruit to meaning the council is currently reliant on locums. The uncertainty of the wider transformation and improvement programme has led to further staff departures across the wider legal service, these positions are also difficult to recruit to, thereby inevitably increasing reliance on a temporary or locum workforce. As was the case in previous years, the use of remote locums tends to lead to an increase in Counsel fees (note: the use of local counsel can be a cost-effective way to cover some in person hearings).

To mitigate the impact of the overspend in Legal there is an ongoing review of employee related budgets. As reported this month vacancy savings have been confirmed as the directorate continues to hold vacancies and it is anticipated that there could be further savings across the other service areas which will mitigate the overspend in Legal. This is in keeping with the 2023/24 outturn position.

The Legal service is also working with HR to develop a strategy to aid successful permanent recruitment.

## Appendix F - Resources & Corporate Services

### Lead Members:

- Economic Development, Planning & Assets: Cllr Mike Rigby
- Finance, Procurement and Performance: Cllr Liz Leyshon
- Transport and Waste Services: Cllr Richard Wilkins

### Executive Directors:

- Maria G Christofi Interim Chief Finance Officer (Section 151): (Finance & Procurement)
- Alyn Jones (Strategic Asset Management and Information, Communication, Technology)

### Service Directors:

- Finance & Procurement: Nicola Hix
- Strategic Asset Management: Ollie Woodhams
- Information, Communication, Technology: Andy Kennell

### 2024/25 Resources & Corporate Services as at the end of August 2024 (Month 5)

- 2024/25 net budget £27.071m, underspend of £0.801m, this is an improvement of £0.801m since month 4.
- 2023/24 net budget £23.6m, outturn favourable variance £2.3m.

Service Area	Current Expenditure Budget £m	Current Income Budget £m	Current Net Budget £m	Full Year Projection £m	Month 5 Variance £m	Overspend / (Underspend)	RAG Status	Movement From Month 4 £m
<b>Finance &amp; Procurement</b>								
Finance	11.159	(2.238)	8.921	9.918	0.997	Overspend	Red	(0.003)
Procurement	14.564	(12.278)	2.286	1.925	(0.361)	Underspend	Green	(0.061)
Revenues	5.019	(2.522)	2.497	2.197	(0.300)	Underspend	Green	-
Housing Benefits	89.733	(89.050)	0.683	0.708	0.025	Overspend	Amber	0.025
<b>sub total</b>	<b>120.475</b>	<b>(106.088)</b>	<b>14.387</b>	<b>14.748</b>	<b>0.361</b>	<b>Overspend</b>	<b>Red</b>	<b>(0.039)</b>
<b>Strategic Asset Management</b>								
Property Services	18.495	(7.668)	10.827	11.158	0.331	Overspend	Red	0.031
Commercial Investment Properties	0.962	(16.359)	(15.397)	(15.397)	-	On-budget	Green	-
<b>sub total</b>	<b>19.457</b>	<b>(24.027)</b>	<b>(4.570)</b>	<b>(4.239)</b>	<b>0.331</b>	<b>Underachievement</b>	<b>Red</b>	<b>0.031</b>
<b>Information Communication Technology</b>								
Hardware & Software	9.679	(0.003)	9.676	8.695	(0.981)	Underspend	Green	0.019
ICT General	9.263	(2.521)	6.742	6.047	(0.695)	Underspend	Green	(0.695)
ICT Traded	0.496	(0.367)	0.129	0.134	0.005	Overspend	Amber	0.005
Telecommunications	0.707	-	0.707	0.885	0.178	Overspend	Red	(0.122)
<b>sub total</b>	<b>20.145</b>	<b>(2.891)</b>	<b>17.254</b>	<b>15.761</b>	<b>(1.493)</b>	<b>Underspend</b>	<b>Green</b>	<b>(0.793)</b>
<b>Resources &amp; Corporate Services Total</b>	<b>160.077</b>	<b>(133.006)</b>	<b>27.071</b>	<b>26.270</b>	<b>(0.801)</b>	<b>Underspend</b>	<b>Green</b>	<b>(0.801)</b>

### Resources & Corporate Services – key explanations, actions & mitigating controls

#### Finance & Procurement

A legacy internal income budget within Corporate Accounting will not be achievable and will be adjusted for the 2025/26 budget. One-off costs of External Audit from the legacy authorities' prior year audits have led to a projected overspend.

These pressures have been partly offset by the Mendip 5C contract forecasting an underspend. However, this will depend on contract exit costs not being exceeded.

The underspend reported in Revenues is due to a forecast over-recovery of court cost income.

### Strategic Asset Management

#### **Property Services**

The council is holding many surplus sites and at some there are significant security and health and safety risks which are costly to address, this is putting pressure on available budgets.

There is also a forecast pressure in post and scanning and the reason for the overspend is being investigated. The service will be reviewing and redesigning the Digital Mailroom Service and as part of this, recharge policies will be reviewed to deal with this pressure.

The above pressures are partly offset by income forecast to be higher than budget due to property rationalisation, in the main because of the Taunton accommodation review and the resultant income from partners.

#### **Commercial Investment Properties**

The income for the Commercial Investment Properties has been forecast to budget as the phased sale of properties is progressing as expected. There is a £0.2m overspend on Northgate Yard due to voids and this will be covered by a transfer from the Investment Risk Reserve.

### Information Communication Technology

Successful negotiations over Microsoft products have forced down costs and produced a net underspend within ICT. The forecast underspend now includes the full-year effect of staff vacancies, offset by one-off transformation costs.

## **Appendix G - Public Health**

Lead Member for Public Health, Climate Change and Environment: Cllr Graham Oakes

Executive Director: Professor Trudi Grant

Deputy Director Public Health: Lou Woolway

### **2024/25 Public Health as at the end of August 2024 (month 5)**

- 2024/25 Net Budget £1.039m, forecasting to be on budget
- 2023/24 Net Budget £1.3m, outturn underspend £0.1m

Service Area	Current Expenditure Budget £m	Current Income Budget £m	Current Net Budget £m	Full Year Projection £m	Month 5 Variance £m	Overspend / (Underspend)	RAG Status	Movement From Month 4 £m
Public Health Grant	23.000	(23.000)	-	-	-	On-budget	Green	-
Somerset Council Budget	1.039	-	1.039	1.039	-	On-budget	Green	-
<b>Public Health Total</b>	<b>24.039</b>	<b>(23.000)</b>	<b>1.039</b>	<b>1.039</b>	-	<b>On-budget</b>	<b>Green</b>	-

### **Public Health - key explanations, actions & mitigating controls**

The Public Health budget is currently projected to be on budget for both the ringfenced grant and the Somerset Council budget.

### **Public Health - key risks, future issues & opportunities**

Both the Public Health Grant and the Somerset Council funding managed by Public Health are facing significant future pressures caused by unfunded contract and pay inflationary increases. The Council have not yet been notified of the Public Health Grant for the 2025/26 financial year.

There is a systemic underfunding of public health in Somerset. The Public Health Grant is significantly below the national average being 141<sup>st</sup> out of 153 local authorities nationally. Improvements in whole population health are not achievable within the constraints of the public health budget. A new operating model for public health is underway which focuses the activity of the Public Health Team towards influencing policy, commissioning and spend right across the Somerset system to improve health and tackle inequalities. This new model puts a significant focus on the need to maintain a well-resourced and specialist public health team as opposed to using the grant to fund nonmandated services.

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## Appendix 8 – Other Service Areas (including Collection Fund)

### Corporate Management

Lead Member for Non-Service: Cllr Liz Leyshon

Interim Chief Finance Officer (s151): Maria G Christofi

### **2024/25 Corporate Management as at the end of August 2024 (Month 5)**

2024/25 net budget £1.464m, projected overspend of £0.030m, an increase in overspend of £0.030m from month 4

2023/24 net budget £0.8m, outturn overspend of £0.8m

Service Area	Current Expenditure Budget £m	Current Income Budget £m	Current Net Budget £m	Full Year Projection £m	Month 5 Variance £m	Overspend / (Underspend)	RAG Status	Movement From Month 4 £m
Apprenticeship Levy	0.478	-	0.478	0.478	-	On-budget	Green	-
Central Redundancies	-	-	-	-	-	On-budget	Green	-
Corporate Subscriptions	0.149	-	0.149	0.179	0.030	Overspend	Red	0.030
Executive Directors	0.940	(0.103)	0.837	0.837	-	On-budget	Green	-
<b>Corporate Management Total</b>	<b>1.567</b>	<b>(0.103)</b>	<b>1.464</b>	<b>1.494</b>	<b>0.030</b>	<b>Overspend</b>	<b>Amber</b>	<b>0.030</b>

### **Corporate Management - key explanations, actions, & mitigating controls**

The Corporate Subscriptions budget is forecast to be £0.030m overspent due to inflationary increases on combined LGA subscriptions costs for Somerset Council.

### Non-Service

Lead Member for Non-Service: Cllr Liz Leyshon

Interim Chief Finance Officer (s151): Maria G Christofi

### **2024/25 Non-Service as at the end of August 2024 (Month 5)**

2024/25 net budget £67.674m, projected underspend of £3.123m, an increase in underspend of £0.523m from month 4

2023/24 net budget £55.3m, outturn underspend £10.1m

Service Area	Current Expenditure Budget £m	Current Income Budget £m	Current Net Budget £m	Full Year Projection £m	Month 5 Variance £m	Overspend / (Underspend)	RAG Status	Movement From Month 4 £m
Corporate Costs	8.282	(0.172)	8.110	7.771	(0.339)	Underspend	Green	0.161
Contributions	0.902	(0.134)	0.768	0.768	-	On-budget	Green	-
Financing Transactions	59.696	(6.251)	53.445	50.661	(2.784)	Underspend	Green	(0.684)
Pay Award	9.060	-	9.060	9.060	-	On-budget	Green	-
Local Government Reorganisation	0.646	(4.355)	(3.709)	(3.709)	-	On-budget	Green	-
<b>Non-Service Total</b>	<b>78.586</b>	<b>(10.912)</b>	<b>67.674</b>	<b>64.551</b>	<b>(3.123)</b>	<b>Underspend</b>	<b>Green</b>	<b>(0.523)</b>

### **Non-Service - key explanations, actions, & mitigating controls**

#### Financing Transactions

The £2.784m underspend relates to the Council’s debt charges being lower than anticipated at this point in the year, whilst investment income being higher than expected. As interest rates are volatile there is a risk that investment income could fall later in the year. Depending on the debt requirements of the Capitalisation Direction, this could also put the debt charges budget at risk due to being at a 1% surplus of the market interest rate when taken.

A review of leased buildings has been completed and the figures confirmed for 2024/25. This has led to an increase underspend of £0.684m.

**Corporate Costs and Non-Distributed Costs (CDC/NDC):**

The outturn position for Corporate Costs is a £0.339m underspend. This is due to the general fund proportion of the Pension Deficit charge being lower than anticipated at budget setting, leading to a £0.500m underspend. This underspend is partly offset by an overspend of £0.161m within the Discontinued Services budget, due to increased costs arising from a variation in the number of individuals for whom the SCC Pension Fund charges SCC for compensation for loss of office.

**Traded Services**

Lead Member for Traded Services: Cllr Heather Shearer  
Executive Director: Claire Winter

**2024/25 Traded Services as at the end of August 2024 (Month 5)**

Traded Services are required to set a net nil budget with full costs offset by income generated.

Service Area	Current Expenditure Budget £m	Current Income Budget £m	Current Net Budget £m	Full Year Projection £m	Month 5 Variance £m	Overspend / (Underspend)	RAG Status	Movement From Month 4 £m
Dillington	-	-	-	-	-	On-budget	Green	-
<b>Traded Services Total</b>	-	-	-	-	-	<b>On-budget</b>	<b>Green</b>	-

**Traded Services - key explanations, actions, & mitigating controls**

There is currently no variance projected for outturn.

**Contingencies**

Lead Member for Contingencies: Cllr Liz Leyshon  
Interim Chief Finance Officer (s151): Maria G Christofi

**2024/25 Corporate Contingency as at the end of August 2024 (Month 5)**

2024/25 net budget £6.000m, projected underspend of £6.000m, no movement from month 4

2023/24 net budget £6.0m, outturn underspend £0.6m



Service Area	Current Expenditure Budget £m	Current Income Budget £m	Current Net Budget £m	Full Year Projection £m	Month 5 Variance £m	Overspend / (Underspend)	RAG Status	Movement From Month 4 £m
Corporate Contingency	6.000	-	6.000	-	(6.000)	Underspend	Green	-
<b>Contingencies Total</b>	<b>6.000</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>6.000</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>(6.000)</b>	<b>Underspend</b>	<b>Green</b>	<b>-</b>

## Contingencies – key risks, mitigations, future issues, and opportunities

The contingency budget is unutilised at month five.

### Core Revenue Funding

Lead Member for Core Revenue Funding: Cllr Liz Leyshon  
Interim Chief Finance Officer (s151): Maria G Christofi

### 2024/25 Core Revenue Funding as at the end of August 2024 (Month 5)

2024/25 net budget (£638.659m), projected overachievement of £0.060m, a decrease in overachievement by £0.040m from month 4  
2023/24 net budget (£651.3), outturn overachievement of £0.5m

Service Area	Current Expenditure Budget £m	Current Income Budget £m	Current Net Budget £m	Full Year Projection £m	Month 5 Variance £m	Overspend / (Underspend)	RAG Status	Movement From Month 4 £m
Use of Reserves	-	(38.547)	(38.547)	(38.547)	-	On-budget	Green	-
Council Tax	-	(361.071)	(361.071)	(361.071)	-	On-budget	Green	-
Business Rates	-	(128.447)	(128.447)	(128.447)	-	On-budget	Green	-
Grants	-	(65.997)	(65.997)	(66.057)	(0.060)	Overachievement	Green	0.040
Collection Fund Surplus/Deficit	-	(7.713)	(7.713)	(7.713)	-	On-budget	Green	-
Capitilisation Direction	-	(36.884)	(36.884)	(36.884)	-	On-budget	Green	-
<b>Core Revenue Funding Total</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>(638.659)</b>	<b>(638.659)</b>	<b>(638.719)</b>	<b>(0.060)</b>	<b>Overachievement</b>	<b>Green</b>	<b>0.040</b>

## Core Revenue Funding - key explanations, actions, & mitigating controls

### Grants

The overachievement of £0.060m forecast for grants is due to receiving confirmation that the 2024/25 Services grant will be more than budgeted as the grant confirmation was received after the budget setting process.

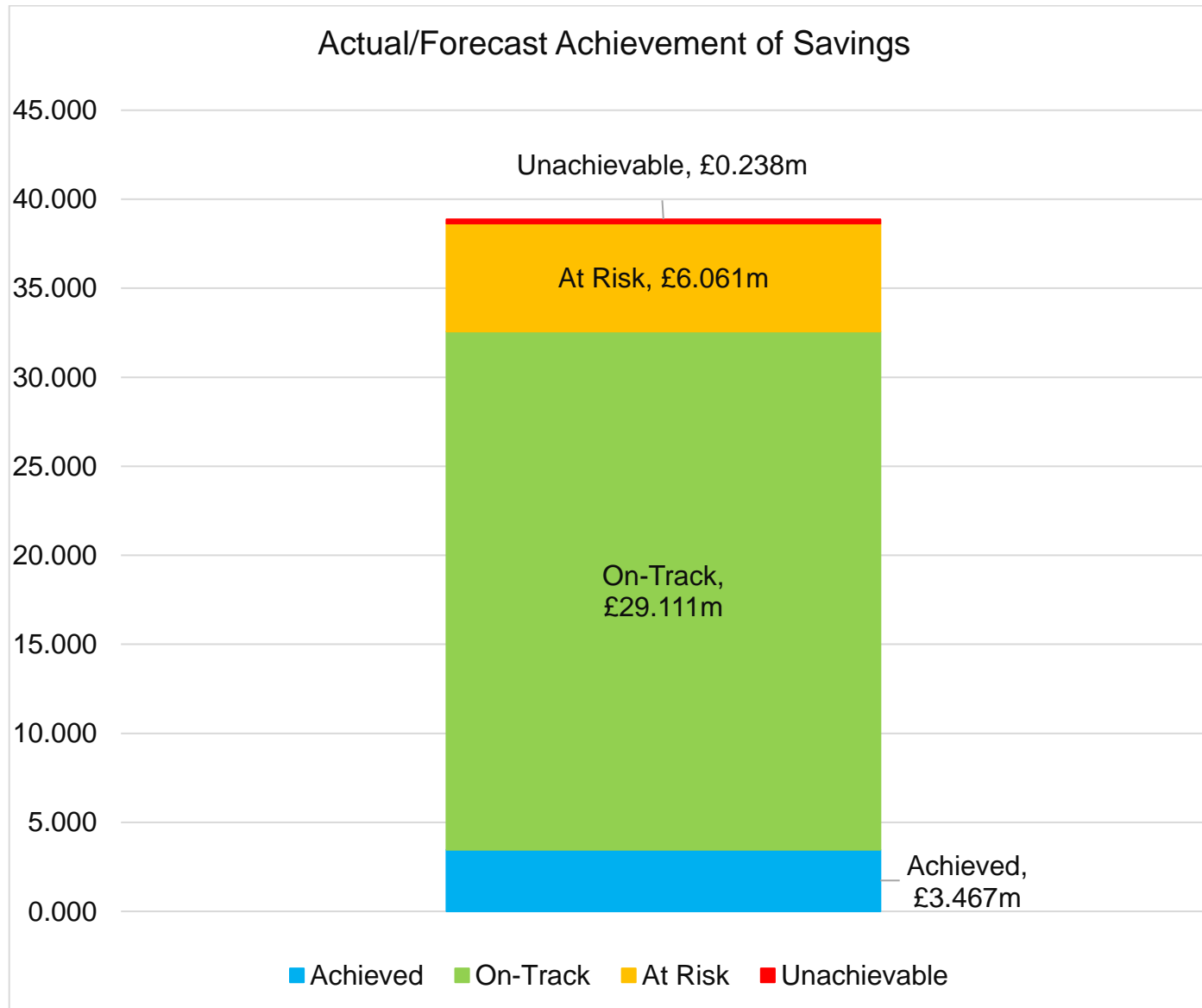
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## Appendix I – Update on Savings Proposals

Table 1: Performance of Agreed Savings Proposals as at the end of August 2024 (Month 5)

Service Area	Rolled Forward Savings from 2023/24 £m	New Savings for 2024/25 £m	Total Saving to be Delivered £m	Achieved £m	On-track £m	At Risk £m	Unachievable £m
Adults Services	(3.900)	(9.808)	(13.708)	(0.908)	(12.800)	-	-
Children & Family Services	-	(9.570)	(9.570)	(0.631)	(4.782)	(4.032)	(0.125)
Community Services	-	(2.866)	(2.866)	(0.115)	(2.412)	(0.339)	-
Climate and Place Services	-	(5.637)	(5.637)	(0.727)	(3.227)	(1.683)	-
Strategy, Workforce & Localities	-	(0.484)	(0.484)	(0.402)	(0.082)	-	-
Resources and Corporate	-	(2.564)	(2.564)	(0.684)	(1.760)	(0.007)	(0.113)
Public Health	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Non-Service	-	(4.048)	(4.048)	-	(4.048)	-	-
<b>Total</b>	<b>(3.900)</b>	<b>(34.977)</b>	<b>(38.877)</b>	<b>(3.467)</b>	<b>(29.111)</b>	<b>(6.061)</b>	<b>(0.238)</b>
Percentages			100%	9%	75%	16%	1%

**Chart 1: Actual and forecast achievement of savings:**



**Table 2: Detailed Savings Tracker**

Year Approved	Saving Reference	Service	Title	Rolled Forward Savings from 2023/24 £m	New Savings for 2024/25 £m	Total Saving to be Delivered £m	Achieved £m	On-track £m	At Risk £m	Unachievable £m
<b>Adults Services</b>										
2022/23	AD-2324-LTSIGP-02	Adults & Health Operations	To support people to live independent lives.	(3.900)	(5.000)	<b>(8.900)</b>	-	(8.900)	-	-
2023/24	TSIGP-2425-ADS-014	Adults & Health Operations	Maximising fees and charges across Adult Social Care	-	(3.400)	<b>(3.400)</b>	-	(3.400)	-	-
2023/24	TSIGP-2425-ADS-004	Adults & Health Operations	Service that supports people with a combination of mental health need and substance misuse.	-	(0.420)	<b>(0.420)</b>	(0.420)	-	-	-
Page 53	2023/24	TSIGP-2425-ADS-002	Adults & Health Operations	Reviewing support for individuals	-	(0.300)	<b>(0.300)</b>	-	(0.300)	-
	2023/24	TSIGP-2425-ADS-001	Adults & Health Operations	Reviewing our Supported Living accommodation and Extra Care Housing	-	(0.200)	<b>(0.200)</b>	-	(0.200)	-
	2023/24	TSIGP-2425-ADS-005	Adults & Health Operations	Learning Disability Supporting Employment Service	-	(0.141)	<b>(0.141)</b>	(0.141)	-	-
	2023/24	TSIGP-2425-ADS-007	Adults & Health Operations	Floating Dementia Support Services	-	(0.117)	<b>(0.117)</b>	(0.117)	-	-
	2023/24	TSIGP-2425-ADS-012	Adults & Health Operations	Citizens advice - local assistance scheme	-	(0.107)	<b>(0.107)</b>	(0.107)	-	-

Year Approved	Saving Reference	Service	Title	Rolled Forward Savings from 2023/24 £m	New Savings for 2024/25 £m	Total Saving to be Delivered £m	Achieved £m	On-track £m	At Risk £m	Unachievable £m
2023/24	TSIGP-2425-ADS-013	Adults & Health Operations	Information and guidance and support for Older People	-	(0.061)	<b>(0.061)</b>	(0.061)	-	-	-
2023/24	TSIGP-2425-ADS-006	Adults & Health Operations	Employment Service - for Carers and individuals with Mental Health needs	-	(0.034)	<b>(0.034)</b>	(0.034)	-	-	-
2023/24	TSIGP-2425-ADS-008	Adults & Health Operations	Key Ring Service	-	(0.028)	<b>(0.028)</b>	(0.028)	-	-	-
<b>Adults Services Total</b>				<b>(3.900)</b>	<b>(9.808)</b>	<b>(13.708)</b>	<b>(0.908)</b>	<b>(12.800)</b>	-	-
<b>Children &amp; Family Services</b>										
2023/24	TSIGP-2425-CFE-016	Commissioning & Performance	New homes for young people aged 16 to 25 years who are ready to live in supported accommodation on their journey towards independent living	-	(3.386)	<b>(3.386)</b>	-	(1.482)	(1.904)	-
2023/24	TSIGP-2425-CFE-017	Commissioning & Performance	Support children and young people in a loving Homes & Horizons home	-	(1.715)	<b>(1.715)</b>	-	(1.715)	-	-
2023/24	TSIGP-2425-CFE-018	Commissioning & Performance	Support eight young people in care who are currently living in residential homes, who are ready to live in supported accommodation on their journey towards independent living	-	(1.586)	<b>(1.586)</b>	-	-	(1.586)	-
2022/23	CS-2324-LTSIGP-05	Children & Families Operations	Reduction in the cost of providing residential placements for Children in Care	-	(1.109)	<b>(1.109)</b>	-	(0.692)	(0.417)	-
2023/24	TSIGP-2425-CFE-005	Inclusion	Fund the Virtual School for Children in Care using the Pupil Premium Plus grant	-	(0.410)	<b>(0.410)</b>	-	(0.285)	-	(0.125)

Year Approved	Saving Reference	Service	Title	Rolled Forward Savings from 2023/24 £m	New Savings for 2024/25 £m	Total Saving to be Delivered £m	Achieved £m	On-track £m	At Risk £m	Unachievable £m
2023/24	TSIGP-2425-CFE-003	Education, Partnerships & Skills	The Council will deliver a greater proportion of the support provided to Early Years settings through centrally retained funding, reducing its use of external partners.	-	(0.398)	<b>(0.398)</b>	-	(0.398)	-	-
2023/24	TSIGP-2425-CFE-001	Inclusion	More efficient delivery of home to school travel	-	(0.325)	<b>(0.325)</b>	(0.217)	(0.108)	-	-
2023/24	TSIGP-2425-CFE-007	Inclusion	Educational Psychology Service Budget Reduction	-	(0.141)	<b>(0.141)</b>	(0.141)	-	-	-
2023/24	TSIGP-2425-CFE-006	Inclusion	Reduction of four of nine vacant posts in the Special Educational Needs (SEND) team.	-	(0.132)	<b>(0.132)</b>	(0.132)	-	-	-
2023/24	TSIGP-2425-CFE-009	Inclusion	SEND delivery of Education Health & Care Plans	-	(0.125)	<b>(0.125)</b>	-	-	(0.125)	-
2023/24	TSIGP-2425-CFE-008	Inclusion	External funding for the service to support young people who are at risk of not being in education, training or employment post 16	-	(0.100)	<b>(0.100)</b>	(0.100)	-	-	-
2023/24	TSIGP-2425-CFE-015	Commissioning & Performance	Support five children in care who are currently living in residential homes to move to a foster family so they experience a caring family home	-	(0.067)	<b>(0.067)</b>	-	(0.067)	-	-

Year Approved	Saving Reference	Service	Title	Rolled Forward Savings from 2023/24	New Savings for 2024/25	Total Saving to be Delivered	Achieved	On-track	At Risk	Unachievable
				£m	£m	£m	£m	£m	£m	£m
2023/24	TSIGP-2425-CFE-012	Commissioning & Performance	Stop out of hours security checks for three Somerset Council supported accommodation homes for young adults aged 18+	-	(0.035)	<b>(0.035)</b>	-	(0.035)	-	-
2023/24	TSIGP-2425-CFE-013	Children & Families Operations	Special Guardianship Support	-	(0.030)	<b>(0.030)</b>	(0.030)	-	-	-
2023/24	TSIGP-2425-CFE-010	Children & Families Operations	Mind of My Own	-	(0.011)	<b>(0.011)</b>	(0.011)	-	-	-
<b>Children &amp; Family Services Total</b>				-	<b>(9.570)</b>	<b>(9.570)</b>	<b>(0.631)</b>	<b>(4.782)</b>	<b>(4.032)</b>	<b>(0.125)</b>
<b>Community Services</b>										
2023/24	TSIGP-2425-CMS-053	Regulatory & Operational Services	Contributions towards the CCTV Service	-	(0.489)	<b>(0.489)</b>	-	(0.489)	-	-
2023/24	TSIGP-2425-CMS-018	Regulatory & Operational Services	Closure of all Council owned public toilets.	-	(0.301)	<b>(0.301)</b>	-	(0.301)	-	-
2023/24	TSIGP-2425-CMS-041	Regulatory & Operational Services	Reduction in operational budgets in Operational Services	-	(0.199)	<b>(0.199)</b>	-	(0.199)	-	-
2022/23	NS-2324-TSIGP-226	Customer Services	Lifeline Services - alignment of fees and charges for new customers from April 2023	-	(0.195)	<b>(0.195)</b>	-	(0.089)	(0.106)	-
2023/24	TSIGP-2425-CMS-029	Cultural Services	Continued temporary closure of the Octagon Theatre in Yeovil	-	(0.174)	<b>(0.174)</b>	-	(0.174)	-	-
2023/24	TSIGP-2425-CMS-040	Regulatory & Operational Services	Pause of Play Area Replacement Programme across Somerset	-	(0.168)	<b>(0.168)</b>	-	(0.168)	-	-



Year Approved	Saving Reference	Service	Title	Rolled Forward Savings from 2023/24	New Savings for 2024/25	Total Saving to be Delivered	Achieved	On-track	At Risk	Unachievable
				£m	£m	£m	£m	£m	£m	£m
2023/24	TSIGP-2425-CMS-005	Regulatory & Operational Services	Registration Ceremony inflationary fees and charges increase from 1st April 2024	-	(0.150)	<b>(0.150)</b>	-	(0.150)	-	-
2023/24	TSIGP-2425-CMS-050	Cultural Services	Westlands Entertainment Venue - changes to operation of service	-	(0.116)	<b>(0.116)</b>	-	(0.116)	-	-
2023/24	TSIGP-2425-CMS-034	Cultural Services	Funding for Taunton Visitor Information centre	-	(0.114)	<b>(0.114)</b>	-	-	(0.114)	-
2023/24	TSIGP-2425-CMS-026	Cultural Services	Devolve Yeovil Recreation ground to Yeovil Town Council	-	(0.110)	<b>(0.110)</b>	-	(0.110)	-	-
2023/24	TSIGP-2425-CMS-047	Regulatory & Operational Services	Taunton Crematorium Fee Increase	-	(0.108)	<b>(0.108)</b>	-	(0.108)	-	-
2023/24	TSIGP-2425-CMS-045	Cultural Services	Unused sport and development budget	-	(0.085)	<b>(0.085)</b>	-	(0.085)	-	-
2023/24	TSIGP-2425-CMS-032	Cultural Services	Reduce discretionary cultural budget	-	(0.071)	<b>(0.071)</b>	-	(0.071)	-	-
2023/24	TSIGP-2425-CMS-033	Cultural Services	Closure of South Somerset Visitor Information Centre	-	(0.053)	<b>(0.053)</b>	-	(0.053)	-	-
2023/24	TSIGP-2425-CMS-051b	Regulatory & Operational Services	Closure of Yeovil Nursery and reducing planting across Somerset Council Parks	-	(0.052)	<b>(0.052)</b>	-	(0.052)	-	-
2022/23	NS-2324-TSIGP-260	Regulatory & Operational Services	Contract rationalisation for grounds maintenance contracts	-	(0.050)	<b>(0.050)</b>	-	-	(0.050)	-
2022/23	NS-2324-TSIGP-262	Regulatory & Operational Services	Contract rationalisation for street cleansing contracts	-	(0.050)	<b>(0.050)</b>	-	-	(0.050)	-
2023/24	TSIGP-2425-CMS-051a	Regulatory & Operational Services	Closure of Taunton Nursery and reducing planting across Somerset Council Parks	-	(0.047)	<b>(0.047)</b>	-	(0.047)	-	-
2023/24	TSIGP-2425-CMS-001	Regulatory & Operational Services	Remove historical (Somerset West and Taunton) grants to Parishes for open spaces maintenance	-	(0.040)	<b>(0.040)</b>	(0.040)	-	-	-

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2023/24	TSIGP-2425-CMS-004	Regulatory & Operational Services	Cease funding for Operation Clean Sweep	-	(0.040)	<b>(0.040)</b>	(0.040)	-	-	-
2023/24	TSIGP-2425-CMS-049	Regulatory & Operational Services	Increase in Environmental Health Fees and Charges	-	(0.036)	<b>(0.036)</b>	-	(0.036)	-	-
2023/24	TSIGP-2425-CMS-007	Cultural Services	Remove Relief Staff Budget in Statutory Libraries	-	(0.025)	<b>(0.025)</b>	-	(0.025)	-	-
2023/24	TSIGP-2425-CMS-044	Regulatory & Operational Services	Environmental Health budget reductions	-	(0.024)	<b>(0.024)</b>	-	(0.024)	-	-
2023/24	TSIGP-2425-CMS-003	Regulatory & Operational Services	Somerset Scientific Services inflationary fees and charges increase for analysing samples from 1st April 2024	-	(0.023)	<b>(0.023)</b>	-	(0.023)	-	-
2023/24	TSIGP-2425-CMS-002	Regulatory & Operational Services	Remove historical (Somerset West and Taunton) Grants to Parishes for bereavement services	-	(0.020)	<b>(0.020)</b>	(0.020)	-	-	-
2023/24	TSIGP-2425-CMS-025	Cultural Services	Minor Reductions to Statutory Library Service budgets	-	(0.018)	<b>(0.018)</b>	-	(0.018)	-	-
2023/24	TSIGP-2425-CMS-052	Regulatory & Operational Services	Funding for Parish Ranger scheme (South area)	-	(0.016)	<b>(0.016)</b>	-	(0.016)	-	-

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2023/24	TSIGP-2425-CMS-014	Regulatory & Operational Services	Funding for overnight locking and morning reopening of Wellington, Blenheim and Vivary parks	-	(0.015)	<b>(0.015)</b>	(0.015)	-	-	-
2023/24	TSIGP-2425-CMS-031	Cultural Services	Phased reduction of funding to Taunton Brewhouse	-	(0.013)	<b>(0.013)</b>	-	(0.013)	-	-
2023/24	TSIGP-2425-CMS-028	Cultural Services	Cease funding to Burnham swimming pool	-	(0.012)	<b>(0.012)</b>	-	(0.012)	-	-
2022/23	NS-2324-TSIGP-125	Regulatory & Operational Services	Increased Berrow & Brean Beach Parking fees	-	(0.012)	<b>(0.012)</b>	-	-	(0.012)	-
2023/24	TSIGP-2425-CMS-042	Regulatory & Operational Services	Fees and Charges - Annual inflationary increases Minehead Harbour Fees	-	(0.011)	<b>(0.011)</b>	-	(0.011)	-	-
2023/24	TSIGP-2425-CMS-022	Regulatory & Operational Services	Cease provision of temporary toilets for Bridgwater Carnival	-	(0.009)	<b>(0.009)</b>	-	(0.009)	-	-
2023/24	TSIGP-2425-CMS-023	Regulatory & Operational Services	Cease providing barrier protection around some of the open spaces around the Bridgwater Carnival route during the procession.	-	(0.007)	<b>(0.007)</b>	-	(0.007)	-	-
2023/24	TSIGP-2425-CMS-043	Regulatory & Operational Services	Fees and Charges - Beach Parking at Berrow and Brean Beaches	-	(0.007)	<b>(0.007)</b>	-	-	(0.007)	-
2023/24	TSIGP-2425-CMS-048	Regulatory & Operational Services	Cemeteries Fee Increase - Somerset East	-	(0.006)	<b>(0.006)</b>	-	(0.006)	-	-

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<b>Community Services Total</b>				-	(2.866)	(2.866)	(0.115)	(2.412)	(0.339)	-
<b>Climate and Place Services</b>										
2023/24	TSIGP-2425-CAP-015	Climate, Environment & Sustainability	Make savings from the Core Contract for Household Waste Recycling Centres	-	(0.883)	(0.883)	-	-	(0.883)	-
2023/24	TSIGP-2425-CAP-045	Infrastructure & Transport	Increase in fees for Traffic Regulation Orders (TROs) to cover corporate overheads	-	(0.460)	(0.460)	-	(0.460)	-	-
2023/24	TSIGP-2425-CAP-014	Economy, Employment & Planning	Economic Development activity spend reduction	-	(0.450)	(0.450)	(0.450)	-	-	-
2023/24	TSIGP-2425-CAP-041	Infrastructure & Transport	Increasing parking charges in line with inflation	-	(0.400)	(0.400)	-	(0.400)	-	-
2023/24	TSIGP-2425-CAP-013	Economy, Employment & Planning	Planning fees income	-	(0.300)	(0.300)	-	-	(0.300)	-

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2023/24	TSIGP-2425-CAP-035	Infrastructure & Transport	Recover costs of infrastructure programmes through an increase in rates	-	(0.275)	<b>(0.275)</b>	-	-	(0.275)	-
2023/24	TSIGP-2425-CAP-051	Infrastructure & Transport	Taunton Park and Ride Service	-	(0.220)	<b>(0.220)</b>	-	(0.220)	-	-
2023/24	TSIGP-2425-CAP-046	Economy, Employment & Planning	Capitalisation of staff costs - regeneration programmes	-	(0.216)	<b>(0.216)</b>	-	(0.216)	-	-
2023/24	TSIGP-2425-CAP-019	Climate, Environment & Sustainability	Income generation - Waste	-	(0.205)	<b>(0.205)</b>	-	(0.205)	-	-
2023/24	TSIGP-2425-CAP-016	Climate, Environment & Sustainability	Reduction in the number of Waste Vehicles	-	(0.202)	<b>(0.202)</b>	(0.202)	-	-	-
2023/24	TSIGP-2425-CAP-056	Infrastructure & Transport	Fleet - Consolidation, Rationalisation and reallocation	-	(0.200)	<b>(0.200)</b>	-	(0.200)	-	-
2023/24	TSIGP-2425-CAP-005	Infrastructure & Transport	Reduction in maintenance budget for 20 miles an hour when lights show signs	-	(0.175)	<b>(0.175)</b>	-	(0.175)	-	-
2023/24	TSIGP-2425-CAP-036	Economy, Employment & Planning	Tourism Related Savings	-	(0.169)	<b>(0.169)</b>	-	(0.169)	-	-
2023/24	TSIGP-2425-CAP-057	Climate, Environment & Sustainability	Contractual Changes - Waste EfW	-	(0.153)	<b>(0.153)</b>	-	(0.153)	-	-
2023/24	TSIGP-2425-CAP-043	Infrastructure & Transport	Reduction in Road Safety (& Transport data) budget	-	(0.150)	<b>(0.150)</b>	-	(0.150)	-	-
2023/24	TSIGP-2425-CAP-044	Infrastructure & Transport	Forecasted increase in income for Street Works	-	(0.110)	<b>(0.110)</b>	-	(0.110)	-	-

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2023/24	TSIGP-2425-CAP-010	Infrastructure & Transport	Reduction of Highways Assets Commissioning Posts	-	(0.102)	<b>(0.102)</b>	-	(0.102)	-	-
2023/24	TSIGP-2425-CAP-033	Economy, Employment & Planning	Building Control income	-	(0.100)	<b>(0.100)</b>	-	-	(0.100)	-
2023/24	TSIGP-2425-CAP-048	Infrastructure & Transport	Reallocating funding so that Two Active Travel Posts are funded from a Department for Transport capability Fund instead of through the Somerset Council revenue budget	-	(0.090)	<b>(0.090)</b>	-	(0.090)	-	-
2023/24	TSIGP-2425-CAP-058	Infrastructure & Transport	Funding two posts from time-limited Levelling up grant	-	(0.090)	<b>(0.090)</b>	-	(0.090)	-	-
2023/24	TSIGP-2425-CMS-054	Climate, Environment & Sustainability	Devolve Yeovil Country Park to Yeovil Town Council	-	(0.080)	<b>(0.080)</b>	-	(0.053)	(0.027)	-
2023/24	TSIGP-2425-SWL-018	Economy, Employment & Planning	Reduction in contract costs for Land Charges	-	(0.075)	<b>(0.075)</b>	(0.075)	-	-	-
2023/24	TSIGP-2425-CAP-018	Climate, Environment & Sustainability	Contractual change - Waste	-	(0.070)	<b>(0.070)</b>	-	(0.070)	-	-

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2022/23	NS-2324-TSIGP-180	Economy, Employment & Planning	Economic Development - integrated operating model for workspace	-	(0.060)	<b>(0.060)</b>	-	(0.060)	-	-
2023/24	TSIGP-2425-CAP-049	Infrastructure & Transport	Reallocating funding so that a Commissioning Service manager post is funded from a Department for Transport Public Transport Capability Grant instead of the Somerset Council Revenue Budget.	-	(0.054)	<b>(0.054)</b>	-	(0.054)	-	-
2023/24	TSIGP-2425-CAP-038	Climate, Environment & Sustainability	Recharge of Salary to LNRS Grant	-	(0.053)	<b>(0.053)</b>	-	(0.053)	-	-
2023/24	TSIGP-2425-CAP-001	Climate, Environment & Sustainability	Replacement of Black Recycling Box with a lower cost alternative.	-	(0.050)	<b>(0.050)</b>	-	-	(0.050)	-
2023/24	TSIGP-2425-CAP-017	Climate, Environment & Sustainability	Introduction of a countywide booking/permit scheme for household recycling centres	-	(0.044)	<b>(0.044)</b>	-	-	(0.044)	-
2022/23	NS-2324-TSIGP-202	Infrastructure & Transport	Bridges - Contract Inflation	-	(0.036)	<b>(0.036)</b>	-	(0.036)	-	-
2023/24	TSIGP-2425-CAP-047	Infrastructure & Transport	Reduction in transport policy posts	-	(0.035)	<b>(0.035)</b>	-	(0.035)	-	-
2021/22	EC-TSIGP-2223-02	Infrastructure & Transport	Advertising on roundabouts and Council vehicles.	-	(0.025)	<b>(0.025)</b>	-	(0.025)	-	-
2023/24	TSIGP-2425-CAP-039	Climate, Environment & Sustainability	Recharge of Salary – BNG	-	(0.023)	<b>(0.023)</b>	-	(0.023)	-	-
2023/24	TSIGP-2425-CAP-012	Infrastructure & Transport	School Crossing Patrols	-	(0.020)	<b>(0.020)</b>	-	(0.020)	-	-

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2023/24	TSIGP-2425-CAP-011	Infrastructure & Transport	Reduce funding for Transport Assessment Review and Modelling Advice	-	(0.017)	(0.017)	-	(0.017)	-	-
2022/23	NS-2324-TSIGP-229	Infrastructure & Transport	Additional Park and Ride income	-	(0.017)	(0.017)	-	(0.017)	-	-
2023/24	TSIGP-2425-CAP-034	Economy, Employment & Planning	Do I need planning permission - reintroduce charge	-	(0.010)	(0.010)	-	(0.010)	-	-
2023/24	TSIGP-2425-CAP-029	Infrastructure & Transport	Internal order advertising	-	(0.004)	(0.004)	-	-	(0.004)	-
2022/23	NS-2324-TSIGP-179	Economy, Employment & Planning	Economic Development - fees and charges from the Somerset Business Hub	-	(0.004)	(0.004)	-	(0.004)	-	-
2022/23	NS-2324-TSIGP-174	Economy, Employment & Planning	Trading Standards - reduced premises requirements at Chelston Depot	-	(0.003)	(0.003)	-	(0.003)	-	-
2022/23	NS-2324-TSIGP-77	Economy, Employment & Planning	Charging for Fire Risk Assessments	-	(0.002)	(0.002)	-	(0.002)	-	-
2022/23	NS-2324-TSIGP-78	Economy, Employment & Planning	Charging for Standard Assessment Procedures (SAP) & Air Testing	-	(0.002)	(0.002)	-	(0.002)	-	-
2022/23	NS-2324-TSIGP-79	Economy, Employment & Planning	Charging Simplified Building Energy Model (SBEM)	-	(0.002)	(0.002)	-	(0.002)	-	-
2022/23	NS-2324-TSIGP-80	Economy, Employment & Planning	Charging for Energy Performance Certificates	-	(0.001)	(0.001)	-	(0.001)	-	-
<b>Climate &amp; Place Total</b>				-	(5.637)	(5.637)	(0.727)	(3.227)	(1.683)	-
<b>Strategy, Workforce &amp; Localities</b>										
2023/24	TSIGP-2425-SWL-001	Workforce	Remove the budget for the Pathway to Employment Scheme	-	(0.113)	(0.113)	(0.113)	-	-	-



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2023/24	TSIGP-2425-SWL-020	Strategy & Performance	Software Licence Fees	-	(0.100)	<b>(0.100)</b>	(0.100)	-	-	-
2023/24	TSIGP-2425-SWL-005	Governance, Democratic & Legal Services	Electoral services savings - non staffing budgets	-	(0.075)	<b>(0.075)</b>	-	(0.075)	-	-
2023/24	TSIGP-2425-SWL-017	Partnerships & Localities	Decision not to provide a directly funded community grants scheme and not to renew community grants that had been provided by predecessor authorities	-	(0.070)	<b>(0.070)</b>	(0.070)	-	-	-
2023/24	TSIGP-2425-SWL-015	Governance, Democratic & Legal Services	Reduction in membership of the Executive	-	(0.040)	<b>(0.040)</b>	(0.040)	-	-	-
2023/24	TSIGP-2425-SWL-004	Workforce	Reduction of £30k from Learning and Development Budgets for Somerset Council Staff.	-	(0.030)	<b>(0.030)</b>	(0.030)	-	-	-
2023/24	TSIGP-2425-SWL-002	Workforce	Removal of Rapid Access to Physiotherapy Contract for staff	-	(0.025)	<b>(0.025)</b>	(0.025)	-	-	-
2023/24	TSIGP-2425-SWL-013	Governance, Democratic & Legal Services	Reduction in elected member training and support	-	(0.013)	<b>(0.013)</b>	(0.013)	-	-	-
2023/24	TSIGP-2425-SWL-003	Workforce	Staff Recognition/Long Service Awards Budget	-	(0.011)	<b>(0.011)</b>	(0.011)	-	-	-
2023/24	TSIGP-2425-SWL-019	Strategy & Performance	Increase Fees & Charges in relation to Street Naming and Numbering (SNN)	-	(0.007)	<b>(0.007)</b>	-	(0.007)	-	-
<b>Strategy, Workforce &amp; Localities Total</b>				-	<b>(0.484)</b>	<b>(0.484)</b>	<b>(0.402)</b>	<b>(0.082)</b>	-	-
<b>Resources and Corporate</b>										
2023/24	TSIGP-2425-RCS-016	Finance & Procurement	Increase in the Government Council Tax admin grant	-	(0.570)	<b>(0.570)</b>	-	(0.570)	-	-

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2023/24	TSIGP-2425-RCS-018	Strategic Asset Management	Reduction in energy costs - Electricity	-	(0.350)	<b>(0.350)</b>	-	(0.350)	-	-
2023/24	TSIGP-2425-RCS-019	Strategic Asset Management	Reduction in energy costs (gas) - decarbonisation and energy efficiency	-	(0.325)	<b>(0.325)</b>	-	(0.325)	-	-
2022/23	NS-2324-TSIGP-282	Strategic Asset Management	Property Rationalisation and running costs	-	(0.225)	<b>(0.225)</b>	(0.225)	-	-	-
2023/24	TSIGP-2425-RCS-017	Strategic Asset Management	Reduce cleaning specification at larger sites	-	(0.188)	<b>(0.188)</b>	(0.188)	-	-	-
2023/24	TSIGP-2425-RCS-008	Information Communication Technology	Change the support contract for Microsoft software	-	(0.100)	<b>(0.100)</b>	(0.100)	-	-	-
2023/24	TSIGP-2425-RCS-021	Finance & Procurement	Council Tax & Business Rate Court Costs	-	(0.100)	<b>(0.100)</b>	-	(0.100)	-	-
2023/24	TSIGP-2425-RCS-002	Finance & Procurement	Revenues & Benefits Budget Realignment from LGR	-	(0.100)	<b>(0.100)</b>	(0.100)	-	-	-
2023/24	TSIGP-2425-RCS-007	Information Communication Technology	Reduction in Microsoft licences to reflect a smaller workforce	-	(0.090)	<b>(0.090)</b>	-	(0.090)	-	-
2023/24	TSIGP-2425-RCS-012	Information Communication Technology	Removal of BT Exchange lines	-	(0.076)	<b>(0.076)</b>	-	-	-	(0.076)
2023/24	TSIGP-2425-RCS-010	Information Communication Technology	Consolidation of support for the Environmental Health case management system	-	(0.075)	<b>(0.075)</b>	-	(0.075)	-	-
2023/24	TSIGP-2425-RCS-006	Information Communication Technology	Reduce ICT Operational support contracts	-	(0.050)	<b>(0.050)</b>	(0.050)	-	-	-
2022/23	NS-2324-TSIGP-12	Strategic Asset Management	Consolidation of Maintenance and Facilities Management Services.	-	(0.050)	<b>(0.050)</b>	-	(0.050)	-	-

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2022/23	NS-2324-TSIGP-270	Information Communication Technology	Use of new communication software	-	(0.050)	<b>(0.050)</b>	-	(0.050)	-	-
2023/24	TSIGP-2425-RCS-005	Information Communication Technology	Consolidation of County Hall Internet connectivity	-	(0.036)	<b>(0.036)</b>	-	(0.036)	-	-
2023/24	TSIGP-2425-RCS-004	Information Communication Technology	Consolidation of data centre infrastructure	-	(0.036)	<b>(0.036)</b>	-	(0.036)	-	-
2023/24	TSIGP-2425-RCS-009	Information Communication Technology	Reduction in the number of staff mobile phones	-	(0.036)	<b>(0.036)</b>	-	(0.036)	-	-
2023/24	TSIGP-2425-RCS-003	Information Communication Technology	Migrate Azure (Microsoft Cloud Storage) to a more cost effective contract	-	(0.025)	<b>(0.025)</b>	-	-	-	(0.025)
2023/24	TSIGP-2425-RCS-020	Strategic Asset Management	Reduce post, print and digital mail costs	-	(0.025)	<b>(0.025)</b>	-	(0.025)	-	-
2022/23	NS-2324-TSIGP-34	Information Communication Technology	Reduction in the number of licences for the email security software	-	(0.017)	<b>(0.017)</b>	-	(0.017)	-	-
2022/23	NS-2324-TSIGP-03	Strategic Asset Management	Additional Rental Income from Yeovil Town Football club and Avon and Somerset Police	-	(0.016)	<b>(0.016)</b>	(0.016)	-	-	-
2022/23	NS-2324-TSIGP-55	Information Communication Technology	E-mail security contract	-	(0.012)	<b>(0.012)</b>	-	-	-	(0.012)
2023/24	TSIGP-2425-RCS-023	Strategic Asset Management	Increase in fees for the Asbestos team in line with inflation.	-	(0.007)	<b>(0.007)</b>	-	-	(0.007)	-
2022/23	NS-2324-TSIGP-35	Information Communication Technology	Consolidation of the Firewall contract that protects the Councils IT systems	-	(0.003)	<b>(0.003)</b>	(0.003)	-	-	-

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2022/23	NS-2324-TSIGP-36	Information Communication Technology	Sedgemoor District Council - FortiAnalyzer	-	(0.001)	(0.001)	(0.001)	-	-	-
2022/23	NS-2324-TSIGP-37	Information Communication Technology	Sedgemoor District Council - FortiGate VPN	-	(0.001)	(0.001)	(0.001)	-	-	-
<b>Resources &amp; Corporate Services Total</b>				-	(2.564)	(2.564)	(0.684)	(1.760)	(0.007)	(0.113)
<b>Non-Service</b>										
2022/23	NS-2324-TSIGP-271	Local Government Reorganisation	Expected saving in staffing costs from Local Government Reorganisation	-	(4.000)	(4.000)	-	(4.000)	-	-
2022/23	NS-2324-TSIGP-129	Non-Service	Savings in the cost of Internal Audit	-	(0.048)	(0.048)	-	(0.048)	-	-
<b>Non-Service Total</b>				-	(4.048)	(4.048)	-	(4.048)	-	-
<b>TOTAL</b>				(3.900)	(34.977)	(38.877)	(3.467)	(29.111)	(6.061)	(0.238)