

Appendix 1 - Summary of the General Fund Budget and Forecast 2025/26

Directorate/Service	Approved Budget £'000	Budget Changes £'000	Current Budget £'000	Forecast Actuals £'000	Variance to Budget £'000
Communities & Adult Social Care					
Commissioning, Transformation & Performance	(3,334)	(4,681)	(8,015)	(8,015)	0
Adult Social Care Operations	55,437	5,394	60,831	60,981	150
Safeguarding, Quality & Practice	7,103	750	7,853	7,853	0
Community & Adult Social Care Management	1,670	(82)	1,588	1,588	0
Public Health	0	0	0	0	0
Housing & Communities	3,682	(132)	3,550	3,400	(150)
Communities & Adult Social Care	64,558	1,249	65,807	65,807	0
Children's Services					
Family Help & Safeguarding	47,319	1,850	49,169	54,642	5,473
CS Resources	2,500	293	2,793	2,643	(150)
CS Corporate	1,943	(2,189)	(246)	(231)	15
Education	64,697	46	64,743	64,829	86
Dedicated Schools Grant	(58,749)	0	(58,749)	(58,749)	0
Service Level Agreements	6,716	0	6,716	6,716	0
BFFC Contract Funding	0	(401)	(401)	(401)	0
CS Retained by Council	855	0	855	855	0
Children's Services	65,281	(401)	64,880	70,304	5,424
Economic Growth & Neighbourhood Services					
Planning, Transport & Public Protection	(547)	374	(173)	1,891	2,064
Culture	2,648	381	3,029	2,714	(315)
Environmental & Commercial Services	20,877	(2,243)	18,634	19,321	687
Property & Asset Management	(2,447)	348	(2,099)	(2,079)	20
Management & Sustainability	446	760	1,206	956	(250)
Economic Growth & Neighbourhood Services	20,977	(380)	20,597	22,803	2,206
Resources					
Policy, Change & Customer Services	3,256	370	3,626	3,626	0
Human Resources & Organisational Development	1,969	147	2,116	1,973	(143)
Procurement & Contracts	512	(512)	0	0	0
Finance	4,739	1,092	5,831	5,831	0
Legal & Democratic Services	3,276	164	3,440	3,734	294
Digital & IT	6,430	196	6,626	6,626	0
Resources	20,182	1,457	21,639	21,790	151
Chief Executive Services					
Executive Management Team	911	33	944	919	(25)
Communications	597	37	634	628	(6)
Chief Executive Services	1,508	70	1,578	1,547	(31)
Total Service Expenditure	172,506	1,995	174,501	182,251	7,750
Corporate Budgets					
Capital Financing Costs	17,296	0	17,296	16,233	(1,063)
Contingencies	3,238	0	3,238	2,500	(738)
Other Corporate Budgets	(10,986)	(1,995)	(12,981)	(13,118)	(137)
Movement in Reserves	(3,945)	0	(3,945)	(5,789)	(1,844)
Corporate Budgets	5,603	(1,995)	3,608	(174)	(3,782)
Net Budget Requirement	178,109	0	178,109	182,077	3,968
Financed By:					
Council Tax Income	(126,134)	0	(126,134)	(126,134)	0
Business Rates Local Share	(34,330)	0	(34,330)	(34,330)	0
Section 31 Grant (Business Rates Retention Scheme)	(13,514)	0	(13,514)	(13,514)	0
New Homes Bonus	(812)	0	(812)	(812)	0
Revenue Support Grant	(2,771)	0	(2,771)	(2,771)	0
One-off Collection Fund (Surplus)/Deficit - Council Tax	(408)	0	(408)	(408)	0
One-off Collection Fund (Surplus)/Deficit - Business Rates	(140)	0	(140)	(140)	0
Total Funding	(178,109)	0	(178,109)	(178,109)	0
Over/(Under) Budget	0	0	0	3,968	3,968