

<b>Committee(s):</b> Community and Children's Services	<b>Dated:</b> 13 December 2023
<b>Subject:</b> Community & Children's Services (Non-Housing) Revenue Outturn Forecast as at Quarter 2 2023/24	<b>Public</b>
<b>Which outcomes in the City Corporation's Corporate Plan does this proposal aim to impact directly?</b>	1,2,3,4,12.
<b>Does this proposal require extra revenue and/or capital spending?</b>	<b>N</b>
<b>Report of:</b> The Director of Community and Children's Services and the Chamberlain	<b>For Information</b>
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### Summary

- This report sets out the Quarter 2 estimated outturn for the Community & Children's Services Committee budget (excluding the ring-fenced Housing Revenue Account (HRA) Repairs and Maintenance budget, which will be reported with the Budget Estimates and the updated 5 year plan at the next Committee) for the year 2023/24.
  - The total local risk projected overspend for the full year is currently £263k, mostly related to children's services.
  - The total central risk budget is projected to overspend by £274k, mostly related to the increased cost of benefits administration and increased numbers of asylum seekers who are 18 years and above for whom we receive minimal government funding.

	<b>2023/24 Latest Approved Budget £000</b>	<b>Forecast Outturn £000</b>	<b>Variation Underspend / (Overspend) £000</b>
DCCS Revenue (see details in Table B)			
Net local risk expenditure	(13,451)	(13,714)	(263)
Net central risk expenditure	(1,227)	(1,501)	(274)
<b>DCCS Local and Central Risk Net expenditure</b>	<b>(14,678)</b>	<b>(15,215)</b>	<b>(537)</b>

## Recommendation

2. That the Q2 projected outturn report for 2023/24 is noted.

### Main Report

#### Quarter 2 Projected Outturn

Table B below gives the detailed forecast by service area.

<b>Table B - DCCS – City Fund Budget Monitoring Budget and Projected Outturn 2023/24</b>					
	<b>2023/24 Latest Approved Budget £000</b>	<b>Actuals to Q2 £000</b>	<b>Forecast Outturn £000</b>	<b>Variation Underspend / (Overspend) £000</b>	<b>Paragraph</b>
<b><u>LOCAL RISK</u></b>					
<b>Supervision and Management</b>	<b>(1,397)</b>	<b>(634)</b>	<b>(1,397)</b>	-	
<b>Housing Services</b>					
Other Housing Service	5	(61)	5	-	
Supporting People	(577)	(254)	(577)	-	
Service Strategy	(6)	(20)	(6)	-	
<b>Total Housing</b>	<b>(578)</b>	<b>(335)</b>	<b>(578)</b>	-	
<b>People Services</b>					
Older People	(1,576)	(599)	(1,309)	267	3
Adult Social Care	(2,716)	(722)	(2,632)	84	
Occupational Therapy	(354)	(173)	(388)	(34)	
Homelessness	(3,192)	(1,394)	(3,185)	7	
Housing Benefit	104	20	104	-	
Children Social Care	(1,521)	(858)	(1,928)	(407)	4
<b>Total People Services</b>	<b>(9,255)</b>	<b>(3,726)</b>	<b>(9,338)</b>	<b>(83)</b>	
<b>Education and Skills</b>					
Early Years & Childcare	(648)	(235)	(638)	10	
Other Schools Related Activity	(253)	(135)	(354)	(101)	
Adult Community Learning	(191)	12	(162)	29	
<b>Total Education and Skills</b>	<b>(1,092)</b>	<b>(358)</b>	<b>(1,154)</b>	<b>(62)</b>	
<b>Partnerships</b>					
Commissioning inc. recreation	(683)	(638)	(797)	(114)	5
Public Health	30	789	30	-	
Youth Service	(173)	(69)	(177)	(4)	
Community Safety Team	(303)	7	(303)	-	
<b>Total Partnerships</b>	<b>(1,129)</b>	<b>89</b>	<b>(1,247)</b>	<b>(118)</b>	
<b>TOTAL LOCAL RISK CITY FUND</b>	<b>(13,451)</b>	<b>(4,964)</b>	<b>(13,714)</b>	<b>(263)</b>	

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<b><u>CENTRAL RISK</u></b>					
Supervision and Management	(80)	-	(80)	-	
Commissioning inc. recreation	140	6	106	(34)	
Early Years and Childcare	(472)	(377)	(472)	-	
Other School Related Activity	516	2,417	516	-	
Asylum Seekers	(1,254)	(521)	(1,294)	(40)	6
Delegated Budget	30	(1,203)	30	-	
Other Housing Services	(40)	-	(40)	-	
Housing Benefit	(67)	(257)	(267)	(200)	7
<b>Total Central Risk</b>	<b>(1,227)</b>	<b>65</b>	<b>(1,501)</b>	<b>(274)</b>	
<b>TOTAL LOCAL RISK &amp; CENTRAL RISK CITY FUND</b>	<b>(14,678)</b>	<b>(4,899)</b>	<b>(15,215)</b>	<b>(537)</b>	

3. The Older People local risk budget is projecting an underspend of £267k. It should be noted that we are awaiting agreements for placement costs uplifts which may be backdated to begin in April, as a result this forecast is subject to change throughout the year as package uplifts agreed.
4. The Children's Social Care local risk budget is expected to overspend by a net £407k. This is due to the continued presence of a number of high cost placements which includes a new client in 2023/24 with an estimated cost of £415k per annum.
5. The Commissioning local risk budget is expected to overspend by £114k mainly due to higher than expected removal cost relating to the Mansell Street Community Centre.
6. The Asylum Seekers central risk budget is projected to overspend by £40k. There are increasing number of asylum seekers turning 18 years old for which we have a carers responsibility, but which attract little or no government funding from the Home Office.
7. Housing Benefit Administration central risk budget is projecting an overspend of £200k. This is largely attributable to a shortfall between housing benefits awarded for temporary accommodations and what the Department for Work and Pensions paid. Some of the accommodations are over their limit and

shortage of temporary accommodation at reasonable prices led to the increasing shortfall in this area.

8. The Homes for Ukraine Scheme continues during the year. The costs involved with these programmes are fully met from government grants and have no impact on the Directors overall net forecast outturn.
9. In general it should be noted that both the social care and asylum budgets are very volatile and a small change in client numbers has a major effect on the eventual full year outturn.

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