

Committee(s): Community and Children's Services	Dated: 20 September 2024
Subject: Community & Children's Services (Non-Housing) Revenue Outturn Forecast as at Quarter 1 2024/25	Public
Which outcomes in the City Corporation's Corporate Plan does this proposal aim to impact directly?	1,2,3,4,12.
Does this proposal require extra revenue and/or capital spending?	N
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Summary

- This report sets out the Quarter 1 estimated outturn for the Community & Children's Services Committee budget (excluding the ring-fenced Housing Revenue Account (HRA)).
 - The total local risk projected overspend for the full year is currently £144k, mostly related to adult social care services and the Directorate's budget (see paragraphs 3,4 and 5).
 - The total central risk budget is projected to underspend by £930k, mostly related to higher than anticipated grant income (£1.5m) from the Home Office in relation to the Afghan Resettlement Scheme, offset by the increased cost of benefits administration (£300k) (see paragraphs 6 and 7).

	2024/25 Latest Approved Budget £000	Forecast Outturn £000	Variation Underspend / (Overspend) £000
DCCS Revenue (see details in Table B)			
Net local risk expenditure	(14,600)	(14,744)	(144)
Net central risk expenditure	(1,193)	(263)	930
DCCS Local and Central Risk Net expenditure	(15,793)	(15,007)	786

Recommendation

2. That the Q1 projected outturn report for 2024/25 is noted.

Main Report

Quarter 1 Projected Outturn

Table B below gives the detailed forecast by service area.

	2024/25 Latest Approved Budget £000	Forecast Outturn £000	Variation Underspend / (Overspend) £000	Paragraph
<u>LOCAL RISK</u>				
Supervision and Management	(1,614)	(1,694)	(80)	3
Housing Services				
Other Housing Service	18	18	-	
Supporting People	(538)	(538)	-	
Service Strategy	(5)	(5)	-	
Total Housing	(525)	(525)	-	
People Services				
Older People	(1,774)	(1,604)	170	4
Adult Social Care	(2,705)	(2,982)	(277)	5
Occupational Therapy	(398)	(365)	33	
Homelessness	(3,328)	(3,328)	-	
Housing Benefit	104	104	-	
Children Social Care	(1,986)	(1,986)	-	
Total People Services	(10,087)	(10,161)	(74)	
Education and Skills				
Early Years & Childcare	(657)	(658)	(1)	
Other Schools Related Activity	(307)	(289)	18	
Adult Community Learning	(183)	(203)	(20)	
Total Education and Skills	(1,147)	(1,150)	(3)	
Partnerships				
Commissioning inc. recreation	(786)	(780)	6	
Public Health	28	28	-	
Youth Service	(179)	(172)	7	
Community Safety Team	(290)	(290)	-	
Total Partnerships	(1,227)	(1,214)	13	
TOTAL LOCAL RISK CITY FUND	(14,600)	(14,744)	(144)	

	2024/25 Latest Approved Budget £000	Forecast Outturn £000	Variation Underspend / (Overspend) £000	Paragraph
<u>CENTRAL RISK</u>				
Supervision and Management	(80)	(80)	-	
Commissioning inc. recreation	140	124	(16)	
Early Years and Childcare	(704)	(704)	-	
Other School Related Activity	748	823	75	
Asylum Seekers	(1,260)	(89)	1,171	6
Delegated Budget	30	30	-	
Other Housing Services	-	-	-	
Housing Benefit	(67)	(367)	(300)	7
Total Central Risk	(1,193)	(263)	930	
TOTAL LOCAL RISK & CENTRAL RISK CITY FUND	(15,793)	(15,007)	(786)	

3. The Directorate's local risk budget is projecting an overspend of £80k. There is a further potential spend coming in respect of resolving a long-standing staff dispute case.
4. The Older People local risk budget is projecting an underspend of £170k. It should be noted that we are awaiting agreements for placement costs uplifts, as a result this forecast is subject to change. This process is completed by Commissioning throughout the financial year.
5. The Adult Social Care local risk budget is forecasting an overspend of £277k, mainly due to large temp/agency costs and uplifts for client placements agreed and backdated for 2023/24. Some of these costs however may be able to be offset against specific grants before the year end in discussion with department leads.
6. The Asylum Seekers central risk budget is projected to underspend by £1.171m. This is due to higher than anticipated grant income of £1.5m from the Home Office in relation to the Afghan Resettlement Scheme which has resulted from under accruing the full costs eligible over the prior periods. Furthermore, there was an internal review of staff delivering duties for our Unaccompanied Asylum Seeking Children (UASC) population. As a result of this review asylum related staff costs of £400k are now properly allocated to central risk rather than local risk.
7. Housing Benefit Administration central risk budget is projecting an estimated overspend of £300k. 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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