

Appendix 1: 2022/23 Key Variances - Month 9

DIRECTORATE/DIVISION	VARIANCE TYPE	DESCRIPTION	OVER/(UNDER)SPEND M9 2022/23 £m
ADULT SOCIAL SERVICES			
Integrated Community Services	Overspend	Service Users from Hospital Discharge Schemes in previous financial years	0.760
Integrated Community Services	Overspend	Demand over Demographic Growth to date	1.139
Integrated Community Services	Overspend	Demand over Demographic Growth forecast for the rest of the year	0.139
Integrated Community Services	Overspend	Late Authorisations of Care Packages relating to 2021-22	1.545
Integrated Community Services	Income	Additional Client Contributions	(0.500)
Integrated Community Services	Income	Direct Payments Surplus	(0.500)
In House Provider Services	Saving Slippage	In House Transformation Slippage	0.850
Mental Health	Saving Slippage	Delays in mental health accommodation moves from out of borough back to Islington	0.170
Adult Social Care	Overspend	Senior Leadership Team Staffing	0.344
Adult Social Care	Overspend	Social Work Staffing	0.348
Adult Social Care	Underspend	Non pay underspends	(0.237)
Strategic Commissioning	Overspend	Delay to Opening of Beaumont Rise	0.257
Adult Social Care	Income	Use of Fair Cost of Care and Adult Social Care Discharge Grants	(1.000)
Total Adult Social Services			3.315
CHIEF EXECUTIVE			
Communications	Overspend	Unfunded costs relating to mandatory project relating to accessible documents	0.070
Communications	Overspend	Net overspend on employee and supplies / services costs	0.086
Communications	Overspend	Overspend on print costs on Islington Life	0.013
Communications	Loss of income	Shortfall in advertising income for Islington Life	0.010
Print Services	Overspend	Net overspend on employee costs	0.014
Print Services	Underspend	Underspend forecast on paper and print due to less reliance on external printing	(0.060)
Total Chief Executive			0.133
CHILDREN'S SERVICES			
Early Intervention and Prevention	Timing issue	Commitments in Early Help against the multi-year budget provision. Income recognised in full in previous year's, therefore this is a timing issue.	0.173
Early Intervention and Prevention	Loss of income	Potential loss of income from paid for childcare provision post Covid-19 due to reduced demand	0.112
Early Intervention and Prevention	Underspend	Staffing and other net underspends in Children's Centres	(0.122)
Early Intervention and Prevention	Underspend	Unallocated grant aid budget	(0.061)
Early Intervention and Prevention	Income	Use of Holiday Activities and Food funding to meet eligible costs of Lunch Bunch	(0.100)
Early Intervention and Prevention	Income	Shortfall in funding for the young black men and mental health project offset by staffing underspends	0.070
Learning and Culture	Overspend	Structural shortfall in the budget for Cardfields and Schools HR and shortfall in income	0.343
Learning and Culture	Loss of income	Loss of income at Laycock due to capital works	0.069
Learning and Culture	Overspend	Increased demand for SEND transport and personal transport budgets	0.100
Learning and Culture	Underspend	Reduced demand for universal free school meals	(0.167)
Learning and Culture	Loss of income	Cut in School Improvement Monitoring and Brokering grant that cannot be mitigated in-year	0.077
Learning and Culture	Underspend	Net staffing underspend and commissioning efficiencies	(0.060)
Safeguarding and Family Support	Overspend	Forecast pressure against the Children's Social Care placements budget due to increased demand	2.481
Safeguarding and Family Support	Overspend	Estimated pressure against the budget for care proceedings due to a sustained increase in activity levels in the last 2 financial years that does yet appear to be reducing	0.379
Safeguarding and Family Support	Overspend	Estimated SEND transport related cost pressure in relation looked after children in out of borough provision	0.127
Safeguarding and Family Support	Overspend	Staffing cost pressures in Children's Social Care	0.553
Safeguarding and Family Support	Overspend	Non-staffing cost pressures in Children's Social Care	0.371
Safeguarding and Family Support	Overspend	Increased demand for parent / child contact services	0.069
Safeguarding and Family Support	Overspend	Demand pressure on personal budgets	0.259
Safeguarding and Family Support	Income	Net Home Office income in relation to Unaccompanied Asylum Seeking Children	(0.565)
Health Commissioning	Overspend	Staffing pressures in health commissioning	0.033
Young Islington	Overspend	Forecast cost in relation to underwriting income losses while income levels continue to recover at Lift and Rosebowl	0.241
Young Islington	Overspend	Cost pressure from bring youth provision at Platform back in-house offset by staffing underspends	0.281
Young Islington	Overspend	Estimated overspend against the budget for secure remand	0.094
Young Islington	Loss of income	In-year cut in Youth Justice Board Remand grant funding	0.057
Total Children's Services			4.814
COMMUNITY WEALTH BUILDING			
Corporate Landlord	Overspend	Increased energy costs on contract	1.816
Inclusive Economy	Overspend	Staffing cost pressures	0.182
Corporate Landlord	Income	Commercial Property Income shortfall	0.890
Total CWB			2.888
ENVIRONMENT			
Business Performance & Improvement	Underspend	Net underspend within the division	(0.057)
Street Lighting	Overspend	Increased energy costs on PFI contract	0.639
Highways	Overspend	Additional tree works required for claims prevention	0.090
Leisure	Overspend	Energy risk share for leisure centres	0.576
Greenspace	Overspend	Vacancy Factor pressure within the Grounds Maintenance Service	0.168
Tree Service	Overspend	Net overspend forecast within the service	0.050
Parking	Loss of Income	Lower levels of pay and display income, and other parking income lines previously forecast to be offset by additional suspension income	2.341
Commercial Waste	Loss of Income	Reduced volume of activity	0.802
Commercial Waste	Saving	Reduction in levy due to reduced tonnages	(0.393)
Street Services Operations	Overspend	Additional staff costs as a result of the two extra bank holidays this year	0.090
Street Services Operations	Overspend	Net employee / supplies & services overspend forecast throughout the rest of the division	0.035
Total Environment			4.341
Fairer Together			
We Are Islington	Cost Pressure	Cost of COVID-19 response 'We Are Islington', wound down in Q2. Additional overtime/salary related expenditure incurred due to extra support and assistance provided to vulnerable, isolating and communities	0.040
Resident Experience	Cost Pressure	Staffing overspend across Resident Experience due to vacancy factor saving, nature of service	0.095
Resident Experience	Cost Pressure	Cost of three temporary full time Customer Service agents to support the Council's Cost of Living Campaign	0.055
Resident Experience	Cost Pressure	Overtime for Chief Executive and Ombudsman Complaints, in order to ensure an orderly handling of complaints so Ombudsman action is avoided	0.021
Resident Experience	Loss of income	Unmet income targets from courses supplied by Resident Experience	0.013
Fairness and Equalities	Underspend	Planned programmes and projects across Fairer Together not mobilised into 2022-23	(0.080)
Total Fairer Together			0.144
HOMES & NEIGHBOURHOODS			
Housing Needs	Underspend	Temporary Accommodation: Nightly Booked/PSL	(0.879)
Housing Needs	Overspend	Bad Debt/Arrears: Case numbers in TA are rising and due to the impact of cost of living, other priorities will conflict with TA rent, resulting in increased arrears.	0.247
Housing Needs	Overspend	Islington Lettings - Charges for voids and uncollected rent.	0.174
Housing Needs	Underspend	Other Housing Needs	(0.184)
Housing Needs	Underspend	Increase in commercial income related to NRPf Connect.	(0.126)
Community Safety	Underspend	Community Safety Underspend	(0.032)
Total H&N			(0.800)
PUBLIC HEALTH			
Obesity & Physical Activity	Overspend	Commissioning of 2 year pilot programme for Adult Weight Management Get Active Service	0.076
NHS Health Checks	Underspend	Activity numbers using this service continues to be low in 22/23.	(0.062)
Public Health	Overspend	Overspend from remaining PH divisions.	0.050
Smoking & Tobacco	Underspend	Activity numbers for stop smoking services continue to be low in 22/23.	(0.064)
Total Public Health			0.000
RESOURCES DIRECTORATE			
Human Resources	Underspend	Projected underspend against the organization development training and activities budgets	(0.296)
Human Resources	Overspend	Maternity cover and staffing costs of clearing the Disclosure and Barring Service backlog	0.255
Human Resources	Overspend	Cost pressure from the human resources system development work	0.092
Business Support	Underspend	Net staffing pressure in business support	0.010
Law and Governance	Overspend	Use of agency staff to cover vacant posts	0.256
Director of Resources	Underspend	Net staffing underspend due to vacancies	(0.378)
Finance	Overspend	Increase in cost of external audit fees	0.070
Finance	Underspend	Forecast underspend against bank charges	(0.040)
Digital Services	Overspend	Device replacement costs	0.300

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Digital Services	Overspend	Agency spend in Digital Services	0.313
Digital Services	Underspend	Net underspend against software licenses partially offset by pressures on digital projects	(0.360)
Total Resources			0.222
Directorates Total			15.057
CORPORATE			
Pay Award	Cost Pressure	Pay Award (Latest Offer)	5.756
Total Corporate			5.756
GROSS GENERAL FUND			
			20.813
Less: Corporate Energy Provision			(1.400)
Less: Corporate Energy and Inflation Reserve			(5.509)
Less: Social Care Reserve			(3.315)
General Contingency			(5.000)
NET GENERAL FUND			5.589

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HOUSING REVENUE ACCOUNT			
Finance	Additional Income	Favourable rent and service charges income projections	(0.843)
Finance	Additional Income	Parking Income	(0.128)
Finance	Additional Income	Favourable Non Dwelling rents income projections	(0.117)
Finance	Underspend	PFI 2 mobilisation costs lower than anticipated	(0.450)
Finance	Underspend	Migration of tenants on housing benefit to universal credit works not progressing as anticipated resulting in reduced costs	(0.400)
Finance	Underspend	HRA pension deficit contributions	(1.600)
Finance	Underspend	Reduced capital financing costs resulting from a reduction in borrowing	(3.080)
Housing Property Services	Underspend	Repairs and maintenance PFI2 street properties	(1.000)
Finance	Loss of income	Reduction in interest receivable on HRA reserve balances	0.716
Housing Revenue Account	Overspend	2022/24 staff Pay award	0.403
Finance	Overspend	Technical overspend resulting from an anticipated increase in depreciation charges	3.487
Homes and Communities	Overspend	Increasing energy costs for landlord supplies and community centres (not recoverable from tenants and leaseholders) & Communal electricity and gas costs	0.220
Total Housing Revenue Account			(2.792)