

Appendix 1: 2023/24 Key Variances - Quarter 1

GENERAL FUND DIRECTORATE/DIVISION	VARIANCE TYPE	DESCRIPTION	Overspend/ (Underspend) Quarter 1 2023/24 £m
ADULT SOCIAL CARE			
Operations Team	Overspend	Unavailability of Care Home Beds	2.070
Operations Team	Overspend	Older People - Increase in placement costs primarily driven by increasing needs of existing service users	0.508
Operations Team	Overspend	Older People - Slippage in the delivery of savings	1.041
Operations Team	Overspend	Full Year impact Progression to Adulthood Cases and NRPf Case from 2022/23	0.610
Operations Team	Overspend	Learning Disabilities - Increase in placement costs primarily driven by increasing needs of existing service users	0.457
Operations Team	Overspend	Learning Disabilities - Slippage in the delivery of savings	0.503
Total Adult Social Care			5.189
CHIEF EXECUTIVE			
No variances to report			0.000
Total Chief Executive			0.000
CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE			
Learning and Achievement	Overspend	Net forecast staffing pressures across the division	0.100
Learning and Achievement	Overspend	Structural shortfall in the budget for Cardfields and Schools HR and shortfall in income	0.076
Learning and Achievement	Overspend	Increased demand for SEND transport and personal transport budgets and impact of increased costs from new taxi contract	0.608
Learning and Achievement	Overspend	Structural shortfall in the budget following centralisation of Business Support	0.200
Safeguarding and Family Support	Overspend	Demand pressure on personal budgets in the Disabled Children's Service	0.441
Safeguarding and Family Support	Overspend	Legal costs for care proceedings	0.025
Safeguarding and Family Support	Overspend	Net forecast staffing pressures in Children's Social Care	0.020
Safeguarding and Family Support	Overspend	Foster carer advertising	0.022
Safeguarding and Family Support	Overspend	Forecast temporary accommodation pressure in the Leaving Care Service	0.250
Safeguarding and Family Support	Overspend	Pressure against the Children's Social Care placements budget due to increased demand	0.253
Safeguarding and Family Support	Overspend	Increased demand for parent / child contact services	0.031
Safeguarding and Family Support	Overspend	Estimated SEND transport related cost pressure in relation looked after children in out of borough	0.050
Young Islington	Overspend	Net forecast staffing underspends across the division	(0.022)
Young Islington	Overspend	Cost pressure from bring youth provision at Platform back in-house	0.192
Young Islington	Overspend	Estimated overspend against the budget for secure remand	0.123
Young Islington	Underspend	Underspend against the Youth Council budget	(0.030)
Total Children and Young People			2.339
COMMUNITY WEALTH BUILDING			
Corporate Landlord Services	Overspend	Commercial Income Shortfall	0.638
Total Community Wealth Building			0.638
Community Engagement and Wellbeing			
Resident Experience	Overspend	Agency and Overtime costs to fund the clearing of the Backlog of Complaints, including Compensation payments due to fault of the Complaints Service.	0.221
Resident Experience	Overspend	Cost of three temporary full time Customer Service agents to support the Council's Cost of Living Campaign	0.055
Resident Experience	Underspend	Staffing efficiencies across the service due to recruitment delays	(0.093)
Libraries	Overspend	Unmet vacancy factor savings due to full establishment	0.100
Policy and Equalities	Overspend	Staffing overspend due to secondment replacement being recruited to and the seconded staff member returning to substantive role	0.060
Policy and Equalities	Overspend	Structural shortfall in relation to budgeted section 106 income and expected rental income	0.090
Management	Overspend	Adhoc overspends across the service due to other overspends and one-off costs	0.139
Civic Services	Overspend	Mortuaries Service Level Agreement and ad hoc one-off costs	0.020
Total Community Engagement and Wellbeing			0.592
HOMES & NEIGHBOURHOODS			
Housing Needs	Underspend	Temporary Accommodation: Nightly Booked/PSL	(0.596)
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.	0.368
Housing Needs	Overspend	Islington Lettings - Charges for voids and uncollected rent.	0.077
Housing Needs	Underspend	Other Housing Needs	(0.520)
Housing Needs	Overspend	Increase in commercial income related to NRPf Connect.	0.077
CSSR	Overspend	Compliance, ASB, private sector housing, commercial services and community safety.	0.347
Parking	Overspend	Net shortfall in Parking income streams and overspend on pay/non pay lines.	4.000
Greenspace	Overspend	Pressure within the grounds maintenance service as a result of the vacancy factor	0.200
Leisure	Underspend	Additional rental income from leisure contract	(0.200)
Tree Service	Overspend	Backlog of tree works	0.200
Total H&N			3.954
PUBLIC HEALTH			
Obesity & Physical Activity	Overspend	Commissioning of 2 year pilot programme for Adult Weight Management Get Active Service.	0.089
Public Health	Overspend	Overspend from remaining PH divisions.	0.057
Smoking & Tobacco	Underspend	Activity numbers for stop smoking services based on 2022/23	(0.058)
Substance Misuse	Underspend	Activity numbers for substance misuse services based on 2022/23	(0.088)
Total Public Health			0.000
RESOURCES DIRECTORATE			
Law and Governance	Overspend	Additional interim management costs	0.110
Law and Governance	Overspend	Delayed delivery of 'back office efficiency' saving	0.371
Total Resources			0.481
Directorates Total			13.193
CORPORATE			
Levies	Underspend	Reduced payments for LPFA and concessionary fares	(1.031)
Total Corporate			(1.031)
GROSS GENERAL FUND			12.162
Less: Inflation, Energy and Demand Provision			(5.000)
NET GENERAL FUND			7.162

HOUSING REVENUE ACCOUNT DIRECTORATE/DIVISION	VARIANCE TYPE	DESCRIPTION	Overspend/ (Underspend) Quarter 1 2023/24 £m
HOUSING REVENUE ACCOUNT			
Housing Property Services	Overspend	Establishment of damp, condensation and mould taskforce	2.016
Housing Property Services	Overspend	New burdens in relation to New Building Safety Regulations	2.220
Housing Property Services	Overspend	Rising number of housing disrepair claims	2.646
Total Housing Revenue Account			6.882