

Appendix 1: 2023/24 Key Variances - Quarter 2

GENERAL FUND DIRECTORATE/DIVISION	VARIANCE TYPE	DESCRIPTION	Overspend/ (Underspend) Quarter 2 2023/24 £m
ADULT SOCIAL CARE			
Operations Team	Overspend	Unavailability of Care Home Beds	2.554
Operations Team	Overspend	Increase in placement cost primarily driven by increasing needs of existing service users.	1.978
Operations Team	Overspend	Savings Slippage	1.464
Operations Team	Overspend	Full Year impact Progression to Adulthood Cases and NRPF Case from 2022/23	0.610
Operations Team	Overspend	Increase in placement costs primarily driven by increasing needs of existing service users.	0.818
Operations Team	Overspend	Savings Slippage	0.602
Operations Team	Underspend	Underspend on mental health placements	(0.115)
Operations Team	Additional Income	Market Sustainability and Improvement Fund (MSIF) Workforce fund and North Central London Intergrted Care Board one-off discharge funding.	(3.000)
Total Adult Social Care			4.911
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	0.101
Learning and Achievement	Overspend	Structural shortfall in the budget for Cardfields and Schools HR and shortfall in traded income	0.223
Learning and Achievement	Overspend	Increased demand for SEND transport and personal transport budgets and impact of increased costs from new taxi contract	0.973
Learning and Achievement	Overspend	Structural shortfall in the budget following centralisation of Business Support	0.183
Learning and Achievement	Overspend	Staffing and income pressures in Children's Centres	0.101
Learning and Achievement	Underspend	Reduced demand for universal free school meals	(0.075)
Safeguarding and Family Support	Overspend	Wrap around support cost pressures in relation to children in care (majority of this pressure is court ordered taxi transport to schools)	0.115
Safeguarding and Family Support	Overspend	Demand pressure on personal budgets in the Disabled Children's Service	0.293
Safeguarding and Family Support	Overspend	Legal costs for care proceedings. Use of agency staff for backlog of cases	0.148
Safeguarding and Family Support	Overspend	Net forecast staffing pressures in Children's Social Care	0.047
Safeguarding and Family Support	Overspend	Forecast temporary accommodation pressure in the Leaving Care Service	0.250
Safeguarding and Family Support	Overspend	Net underspend against the Children's Social Care placements budget after demographic growth	(0.201)
Safeguarding and Family Support	Overspend	Estimated SEND transport related cost pressure in relation looked after children in out of borough provision	0.110
Young Islington	Overspend	Net staffing pressures in Young Islington	0.022
Young Islington	Overspend	Cost pressure from bring youth provision at Platform back in-house	0.227
Young Islington	Overspend	Estimated overspend against the budget for secure remand	0.109
Young Islington	Underspend	Underspend against the Youth Council budget	(0.029)
Young Islington	Underspend	Contract efficiencies and underspend against Isleddon contract	(0.182)
Health Commissioning	Overspend	Net staffing pressures and loss of ISCB funding in Health Commissioning	0.055
Directorate	Overspend	Net staffing pressure	0.010
Total Children and Young People			2.480
COMMUNITY WEALTH BUILDING			
Corporate Landlord Services	Income	Commercial Income Shortfall	0.500
Corporate Landlord Services	Overspend	Future Work Saving Delivery	0.682
Inclusive Economy and Jobs	Overspend	Staffing cost pressure	0.073
Total Community Wealth Building			1.255
Community Engagement and Wellbeing			
Resident Experience	Unachieved Saving	Unmet savings due to proposed alignment of Resident Experience and Libraries management structures being abandoned	0.300
Resident Experience	Cost Pressure	Agency and Overtime costs to fund the clearing of the Backlog of Complaints, including Compensation payments due to fault of the Complaints Service.	0.278
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	Underspend	Staffing efficiencies across the service due to recruitment delays	(0.246)
Libraries	Cost Pressure	Unmet vacancy factor savings due to full establishment	0.189
Policy and Equalities	Cost Pressure	Staffing overspend due to secondment replacement being recruited to and the seconded staff member returning to substantive role	0.060
Policy and Equalities	Cost Pressure	Structural shortfall in relation to budgeted section 106 income and expected rental income	0.090
Cross-Department	Underspend	Adhoc underspends due to recruitment delays	(0.113)
Communications	Cost Pressure	Islington Life Magazine external printing	0.020
Management	Cost Pressure	Adhoc overspends across the service due to one-off costs	0.088
Management	Cost Pressure	Senior Management overspend	0.020
Total Community Engagement and Wellbeing			0.741
ENVIRONMENT & CLIMATE CHANGE			
Business Performance & Improvement	Underspend	Net underspend on employee costs due to vacancies offset by shortfall in naming & numbering income	(0.012)
Civic Services	Cost Pressure	Additional staff costs within Registrars and additional storage costs within the Mortuary service	0.115
Directorate	Underspend	Net underspend on employee costs due to part year vacancies	(0.151)
Fleet	Underspend	Net additional recharge income for workshop services	(0.146)
Greenspace & Leisure	Underspend	Higher levels of CPI rental income on the Leisure contract and parks event income offset by vacancy factor within grounds maintenance	(0.081)
Parking	Overspend	Net shortfall in Parking income streams and overspend on pay/non pay lines.	9.094
Street Operational Services	Overspend	Shortfall in income around rental / sale of containers and additional IT spend, offset by litter enforcement income as part of a new pilot contract arrangement.	0.265
Total Environment & Climate Change			9.084
HOMES & NEIGHBOURHOODS			
Housing Needs	Underspend	Temporary Accommodation: Nightly Booked/PSL	(0.265)
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.	0.081
Housing Needs	Underspend	Other Housing Needs	(0.440)
CSSR	Overspend	Compliance, ASB, private sector housing, commercial services and community safety.	0.340
Total H&N			0.083
PUBLIC HEALTH			
Obesity & Physical Activity	Overspend	Commissioning of 2 year pilot programme for Adult Weight Management Get Active Service.	0.089
NHS Health Checks	Overspend	Increase in activity for GP Health Checks.	0.057
Smoking & Tobacco	Underspend	Low activity numbers for stop smoking services, figures based on 2022/23	(0.045)
Public Health	Underspend	Underspend from remaining PH divisions.	(0.102)
Total Public Health			(0.000)
RESOURCES DIRECTORATE			
Law and Governance	Overspend	Staffing pressures in Business Support	0.176
Law and Governance	Overspend	Delayed delivery of 'back office efficiency' saving	0.428
Total Resources			0.604
Directorates Total			19.158
CORPORATE			
Levies	Underspend	Reduced payments for London Pension Fund Authority levy	(0.646)
Levies	Underspend	Reduced payments for Transport for London Concessionary Fares	(0.357)
Provisions	Underspend	Unused Energy Provision	(1.835)
Other	Overspend	Cross-cutting savings delivery	1.423
Other	Underspend	Other Corporate variances	(0.014)
Total Corporate			(1.429)
GROSS GENERAL FUND			17.729
Less: Inflation, Energy and Demand Provision			(6.962)
Less: General Corporate Contingency			(5.000)
NET GENERAL FUND			5.767

HOUSING REVENUE ACCOUNT DIRECTORATE/DIVISION	VARIANCE TYPE	DESCRIPTION	Overspend/ (Underspend) Quarter 2 2023/24 £m
HOUSING REVENUE ACCOUNT			
Housing Property Services	Overspend	Establishment of Damp, condensation and mould taskforce	2.363
Housing Property Services	Overspend	New burdens in relation to New Building Safety Regulations	1.620
Housing Property Services	Overspend	Rising number of Housing disrepair claims	3.687
Housing Property Services	Overspend	Increased use of Repairs and Maintenance sub-contractors	0.274
Finance	Income overachievement	Dwelling rents and tenant service charge income	-1.105
Finance	Overspend	Increased Leaseholder buidling insurance premium	2.850
Finance	Additional Income	Increased Leaseholder service charges income recovery	-2.850
Total Housing Revenue Account			6.839