

<b>CABINET</b>	AGENDA ITEM No. 11
<b>13 NOVEMBER 2023</b>	PUBLIC REPORT

Report of:	Executive Director of Corporate Services and S151 Officer	
Cabinet Member(s) responsible:	Councillor Howard, Deputy Leader and Cabinet Member for Corporate Governance and Finance	
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**BUDGET CONTROL REPORT SEPTEMBER 2023 - QUARTER 2**

<b>RECOMMENDATIONS</b>	
<b>FROM:</b> Executive Director of Corporate Services and S151 Officer	<b>Deadline date:</b> N/A
<p>It is recommended that the Cabinet notes:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. The budgetary control position for 2023/24 as at 30 September 2023 which outlines a forecast overspend of £6.4m.</li> <li>2. The key variance analysis and explanations are contained in section 4.2 and Appendix A to the report.</li> <li>3. The Council's performance with respect to Business Rates (NNDR) and Council Tax Collection, as outlined within Appendix B to the report.</li> <li>4. The Council's Capital Programme performance as outlined in section 4.6.</li> </ol>	

**1. ORIGIN OF REPORT**

1.1 This report is submitted to Cabinet to provide an update on the Councils forecast Outturn Position for 2023/24, following review and consideration from the Corporate Leadership Team.

**2. PURPOSE AND REASON FOR REPORT**

2.1 The purpose of this report is to provide Cabinet with an overview of the Councils forecast outturn for 2023/24, as at 30 September 2023.

2.2 This report is for Cabinet to consider under its Terms of Reference No. 3.2.12, *'To be responsible for the Council's overall budget and determine action required to ensure that the overall budget remains within the total cash limit'*.

**3. TIMESCALES**

Is this a Major Policy Item/Statutory Plan?	<b>NO</b>	If yes, date for Cabinet meeting	<b>N/A</b>
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#### 4. BACKGROUND AND KEY ISSUES

##### 4.1 Revenue Summary

At the end of quarter 2, the forecast outturn position for 2023/24 is showing a projected overspend of £6.4m. The key drivers for this include a rise in the number of families and single people requiring temporary accommodation and an increase in the number and complexity of placements within Children's Services, with one single case forecasting to cost the Council in the region of £2.6m.

The Council has identified a number of budgetary risks (covered in section 4.4), which have not yet been reported within the financial position. These are being closely monitored with and are supported by mitigation plans to reduce the financial risk as far as possible. The risks identified are similar to those being highlighted by other Local Authorities and includes the cost of meeting the rising demand for services such as housing, children's and adults social care, delivering elements of the savings programme and inflation.

Inflation remains high at 6.7% and continues to put pressure on the Council's costs. The Council established an inflation reserve which it is using to smooth the impact of any immediate and unavoidable inflationary pressure, while plans for the longer-term are developed as part of the budget setting process.

As outlined in the [June BCR report](#), a number of controls were put in place and will remain in place to support the delivery of a balanced budget by the end of the financial year.

**The following table below sets out the Council's Forecasted Position by expenditure type:**

**Table 1: 2023/24 Forecast Position- Subjective Analysis Excluding DSG**

Subjective (excluding DSG)	Budget £000	Actual £000	Forecast £000	Variance £000
Employees	75,534	33,871	74,063	(1,471)
Premises	17,143	9,118	17,776	634
Transport	7,052	2,715	7,332	280
Supplies and Services	113,396	50,335	118,758	5,363
Third Party Payments	56,011	23,473	56,649	639
Transfer Payments	71,360	41,009	75,597	4,236
Income	(167,002)	(84,117)	(170,240)	(3,237)
Financing Capital Expenditure	34,031	6,837	34,031	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>207,524</b>	<b>83,241</b>	<b>213,968</b>	<b>6,443</b>
Financing	(207,524)	(187,222)	(207,524)	0
<b>Net</b>	<b>(0)</b>	<b>(103,981)</b>	<b>6,443</b>	<b>6,443</b>

- **Employees:** This includes agency and salary costs and is currently underspending by £1.5m due to a number of restructures and vacancies across the organisation

- **Supplies and Services:** spread across all directorates from which highlights Childrens Commercial Operations £2.9m, Place & Economy additional expenditure on refugee support and relocation £1.4m.
- **Transfer Payments:** mainly relates to the pressure reported for Children's Social Care Placements.
- **Income:** Mainly due to Clare Lodge following recent positive Ofsted review the occupancy levels are expected to increase up to 9 in March which will in turn generate a potential income above budget.

## 4.2 DIRECTORATE SUMMARY

The following table summarises the forecast outturn position by directorate:

**Table 2: 2023/24 Forecast Position- Directorate Analysis**

Directorate	Budget £000	Actual £000	Forecast £000	Projected Variance £000	Overall Status
Place & Economy	23,202	7,982	24,479	1,277	Overspend
Children and Young People	48,511	(19,736)	53,879	5,368	Overspend
Adult Social Care	65,651	32,623	65,101	(549)	Underspend
Public Health	(358)	(3,987)	(358)	0	On Budget
Corporate Services	37,392	23,457	37,740	348	Overspend
Capital Financing	33,126	6,437	33,126	0	On Budget
<b>Total Expenditure</b>	<b>207,524</b>	<b>46,776</b>	<b>213,968</b>	<b>6,443</b>	<b>Overspend</b>
Financing	(207,524)	(187,222)	(207,524)	0	On Budget
<b>Net</b>	<b>(0)</b>	<b>(140,446)</b>	<b>6,443</b>	<b>6,443</b>	<b>Overspend</b>

The following section summarises the key variances (see Appendix A for a further breakdown):

### Adult Social Care

- **Pressures:** There is additional demand on accommodated and community-based care packages across most client groups of net £1.2m which has been fully mitigated by utilisation of the additional Workforce Fund grant received in 2023/24, therefore having a net nil impact on the position.
- **Favourable:** The favourable position in this area is largely attributable to staffing costs in the Adults and safeguarding area due difficulties in recruiting to posts and the shared service arrangements due to end.

### Children and Young People Pressures:

- **Children's Commissioning £4.2m** due to Children's Social Care Placements. The main cause of this pressure is a high-cost placement which is forecast to cost around £2.6m.
- **Schools Direct Revenue Financing £0.3m.** due to a change in approach, to reduce borrowing costs, in line with the Capital Strategy. This will be considered as part of the 2024/25 budget planning process.
- **Transport £0.1m** due to increase in the number of Looked after Children placed out of the city.
- **Children's Operations £0.3m** due to the need for additional Social Care agency staff and additional staffing costs resulting from the decoupling of shared Children's Social Care Services with Cambridgeshire County Council.

### Corporate Services Pressures:

- **Legal Services £0.1m** pressure principally due to the additional costs of an Interim Head of Legal Services role and an increase in the use of external solicitors due to staff shortages in certain areas.
- **Peterborough Serco Strategic Partnership £0.2m** due to the inflationary increase on the contract payments exceeding the amount assumed in the budget for contract.

### Place & Economy

#### Pressures:

- **Housing Needs £1m** The Council continues to face higher demand and complexity in Housing Needs. The risk of pressure in the Temporary Accommodation budget has been identified for some time, and the measures to mitigate this are set out in the risks section of this and previous reports. The projection based on the forecast demand and the mitigation plan is that there will be a residual pressure of around £1m.

- **Culture and Leisure £0.4m** This is related to two issues: a net pressure caused by the unexpected closure of the Regional Pool, and delays in establishing the subsidiary company which will run leisure, libraries and heritage services.
- **Safer Communities £0.3m** mainly due to reduced income in on-street parking fees and pedestrian area trading due to a government enforced flat rate. On-street parking fee increases are expected to be implemented in January 2024.

**Favourable:**

- **Safer Communities £0.6m** due to an NNDR rates refund of previous years Car Park.

### 4.3 SAVINGS PROGRAMME

The savings programme is being monitored by the Capital and Invest to Save Board to review, challenge and provide support to each directorate to ensure the Council’s £14.8m savings plan is being delivered.

The following chart summarises the current RAG status of the 2023/24 Savings Plans, outlining:

- 59% are categorised as blue (realised) and green (low risk to achievability in year)
- 37% as amber (moderate risk to achievability in year)
- 4% as red (high risk to achievability in year)



At the end of quarter 2 the Council remains confident it can deliver the full programme by the end of the year and will use the RAG rating to identify where additional oversight and support needs to be focussed. The board is looking at options for mitigation and will keep monitoring this to ensure the savings are delivered in full. The following section outlines the top 5 high risks:

- **Peterborough Ltd (Aragon Direct Services) - Transformation & Company Restructure (£0.250m)** – Progress is being made with officers and Peterborough Ltd meeting regularly to identify saving opportunities, however it is unlikely these will be achieved this year.
- **Waste- Recycling saving as a result of the Education & Communication function (£0.215m)** - The Coordinator is now in post. The current recruitment round is proving to be more successful with three potential candidates secured so far and waiting for interviews to be finalised.
- **Home to School Transport Restructure and Transformation (£0.050m)** – A combination of factors have made this saving difficult to deliver and as noted in section 4.4, a further budget pressure is likely. The factors impacting this include an Increase in number of transport applications, appeals due to lack of school spaces and Increased transport issues due to relatively new operators on DPS, complexities of students and travelling further distances
- **Energy, Environment, Climate Change- Energy measures - Local Energy Advice Partnership Solar Together (£0.018m)** - Cambridgeshire County Council (CCC) were due to consider whether or not to continue to participate in Solar Together at a meeting on 12 October. They decided to withdraw this item from the agenda and instead ask their district councils if they would be willing to participate

individually. As of yet, we do not know the decision of the districts and unfortunately Peterborough is not able to participate in this scheme without the support of a wider geography.

- **HR: Shared Service Arrangement & Apprenticeship Levy (£0.048m)** – a portion of the total saving is unachievable as this relates to a shared recruitment and retention team with CCC. As a result of the redesigned HR service, a recruitment and retention team is being created to focus on Peterborough only. This will support the plan to increase the permanent workforce and reduce reliance on agency staff at a greater cost. It is expected that more significant financial benefits will be achieved across the Council as a result.

#### 4.4 KEY RISKS

The following table outlines the Council’s current known budgetary risks. These have not been fully incorporated within the forecast outturn position as the anticipated pressure has not yet materialised. The strategic direction and approach to mitigating these risks are considered and implemented.

**Table 3: Budgetary Risks at 30 September 2023**

Key Risk	Value	Risk Description	Mitigating Action
Environmental Enforcement income	£0.1m	Underachievement of income on Fixed Penalty Notice income within Environmental Enforcement. At present it is not reported as a projected overspend as there is a focus on reducing this or identifying alternatives to mitigate the financial impact.	The pressure on this budget area currently £0.1m, we have reduced the salary costs, will be removing posts and reducing spend in this area. Work to mitigate the £0.1m pressure will take place across the Safer Communities budget area.
Culture & Leisure Services	£1.2m	There is a risk that service reorganisation will not sufficiently reduce costs to offset expenditure pressures and meet the saving target.  A new risk is yet to be quantified in relation to RAAC being confirmed in the Regional Pool which will impact income. This may be offset in part by savings on running costs and diverting activity to other sites, but impact is yet to be fully understood.	Cabinet approved the proposal to offset this pressure (18 Sept) through the establishment of a Subsidiary to ensure it is able to operate in the most financially viable way. Work is now underway to urgently establish this by Mid – Late October.  This will mitigate this pressure down to £0.4m (as reported within the forecast position)
Housing	£2-3m	Risk of pressure on temporary housing accommodation budget.	A taskforce has been put in place to work towards reducing/eliminating the use of B&B accommodation- focussing on increasing the supply of alternative accommodation through private sector leasing, increase of "move on" accommodation through increased incentivisation, and relationships with private rental sector as well as demand management activity. These actions are expected to mitigate the risk down to the residual £1m pressure reported in the forecast position.
Children's Social Care High-Cost Placements & Short Breaks for Children with disabilities.	unknown	The current level of high-cost complex placements within this area means that the Council is carrying a significant pressure. As noted above, placement searches are ongoing to identify more suitable placements for these young people.	Development of a Children's Transformation Programme underway.  Commissioners are working with providers regarding group provision and to encourage more providers into the market.

		There are more children presenting for short breaks or support from the children with disabilities team with multiple and complex needs.	
Home to School Transport	£1m	Early indication is there is a £1m pressure for Education Home to School Transport. The estimate is currently being validated by the Passenger Transport Team and Finance. There are also over 200 applications for transport which are still to be processed.	Only children who meet the criteria for School Transport under the Council's policies will be provided with transport. Where financially advantageous, Parental Mileage or Personal Transport budgets will be provided.  This risk is also being driven by a shortage of schools places, which will require addressing in the longer term with the creation of new places (new schools or extensions to current schools)  A new system is being implemented from November 2023 (delayed) and savings plan are being developed.
Adults Social Care- Commissioning	Budget Planning work to support the value ongoing.	The volume of uplift requests has continued to grow in number, but also in the level in which providers are asking for. This is coupled with the complexity of care and support plans which need to be commissioned.	Reviewing and challenging each request to understand the inflationary needs of providers and articulate the reasoning. Potential to access the Inflation Reserve being held corporately to manage in-year pressures.
Inflation	£6.5m	Inflation rates have remained high, with the latest ONS forecast rates of 6.7% (CPI). This is impacting the cost to the Council for providing services. Particularly on the following budgets: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Electricity and Gas (inc Street Lighting)- £3m</li> <li>Energy Income (ERF)- £2.6m</li> <li>Pay award (latest employer offer for 2023/24 represents a £0.9m pressure)</li> </ul>	The Council is monitoring the economic position and where possible putting mitigations in place to reduce the risk exposure to these external factors. In addition to the Inflation reserve which is in place to mitigate any immediate inflationary pressures.  Officers are developing an energy reduction strategy to include the impact on ongoing and future activities such as the Locality Asset Review, issues with the Regional Pool, lettings at Sand Martin House and invest to save initiatives.
Savings Plan Delivery	£0.6m-£5.4m	The Council set a budget for 2023/24, which included a £14.8m transformation and savings programme. There is currently £0.6m of the plan identified as High (red) risk and £5.4m as moderate (amber) risk.	Officers and members are committed to the delivery of the savings. Where there are delays in delivery against the plans mitigating savings are being put in place. This is being monitored in a monthly Capital and Savings board attended by the Executive Leadership Team.

The following items are no longer being reported as high risk, the following table provides an update on these:

Key Risk	Value	Risk Description	Mitigating Action
Energy Generator Levy	£2.3m	The Council generates Electricity from its ERF. New legislation for an Electricity Generator Levy, was unclear and it was thought the Council could be liable for the Levy charge from January 2023 (estimated to be £2.3m for 22/23 and 23/24)	Legal advice has now been received which outlines the Council will not be liable for the energy generator levy.

Serco	£1.6m	Savings targets established within the 2022/23 budget were achieved on a one-off basis last year are now carried forward into 2023/24 with the addition of new and increased targets.	In year this savings target has been fully mitigated via other solutions. The Council is in discussion with Serco around the future delivery model for these services, which will support the delivery of this ongoing saving.
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## 4.5 RESERVES

The following section and table summarise the current forecast reserves position:

- General Fund stands at £10.3m, with £0.4m being moved to this reserve in line with the Council reserves strategy.
- The Innovation Fund is used to fund the current overspend which at present is £6.4m and the cost of transformation and the improvement plan.
- Departmental & Grant related reserves are usually grant funds which have been received in advance for specific projects covering multiple years. This includes balances for schemes such as the Ukrainian refugee scheme £0.8m, integrated communities £0.4m and Dedicated Schools Grant (DSG) £4.5m.
- Ring-Fenced Reserves are held for a specific purpose. These include Insurance, Schools Capital Expenditure, Parish Council Burial Ground, Hackney Carriage and Public Health reserves.
- Inflation Reserve was established to provide the Council with a safety blanket to mitigate the financial impact of any immediate inflation related financial pressures.
- Tax Income Reserve is being used to mitigate the pressure from the Business Rates Pool Forecast, which has arisen due to a change in the pool levy rate following the revaluation.

**Table 4: Reserves Position**

	Balance at 31.03.23	Est Bal at 31.03.24	Est Bal at 31.03.25	Est Bal at 31.03.26
	£000	£000	£000	£000
General Fund	9,942	10,342	10,742	11,142
Departmental & Grant Related Reserve	10,300	7,359	5,537	3,847
Innovation Fund Reserve	23,784	3,935	3,402	3,216
Local Taxation Risk Reserve	9,555	8,382	7,982	7,582
Inflation Risk Reserve	11,532	5,014	5,014	5,014
Ring-Fenced Reserves	4,883	4,723	4,322	4,291
<b>TOTAL Earmarked and General Fund Balance</b>	<b>69,996</b>	<b>39,754</b>	<b>36,998</b>	<b>35,092</b>

**Inflation Reserve** - The inflation Reserve was created to mitigate the financial risk resulting from the high rates of inflation. At the end of 2022/23 the Council had £11.5m, but inline with intended use some inflationary risks have been identified for the current year including energy costs, energy income (ERF) and the pay award. To be prudent we have assumed £6.5m (as outlined in table 3) of the reserve may be required to mitigate the financial impact of this year, but this will be monitoring this closely and all options are being reviewed as part of the budget and MTFS process.

**Innovation Fund** - This reserve is held to fund one-off type expenditure, such as service transformation, which will improve the longer-term financial position of the Council as contained in the MTFS. The commitments during 2023/24 cover a range of activity including transformation, phasing the separation of Social Care from their shared services arrangements between Peterborough City Council and Cambridgeshire County Council, the implementation of a refreshed Culture and Leisure service and the start of the local plan development.



Following the budget workshops held throughout September, officers and CLT are reviewing what changes might be needed in order to achieve the best value for money and manage demand in the most effective way. It is likely these proposals will require investment. These requirements will be set out within the budget report alongside an overview of the plans.

## 4.6 CAPITAL PROGRAMME

### Overview

The Council's Capital Programme is set at £149.5m. As at the end of September the Council is forecasting to spend £131.5m, 88% of the programme. At the end of September £65.7m had been spent or committed (purchase orders raised).

The Council's capital strategy is to reduce borrowing and maximise third party grants for capital spend. Given the increase in interest rates and the pressures on the revenue budget it's important that new borrowing is kept to a minimum. Therefore, this will remain under close review over the course of the financial year, and where possible and appropriate schemes will be re-profiled or paused, in order to contribute towards delivering a balanced budget for 2023/24.

The following table outlines the current Capital Programme, with the following sections providing an overview of the scheme performance.

**Table 5: Capital Programme Actual Performance**

	<b>£m</b>
Capital Programme agreed at Council on 22 Feb 2023	82.5
Slippage brought forward from 2022/23	14.1
New Schemes- fully grant funded & Sand Martin House Purchase*	52.9
<b>Total Capital Programme</b>	<b>149.5</b>
<b>Forecast Spend</b>	<b>131.5</b>
<b>Forecast Underspend</b>	<b>18.0</b>

\*as per [report](#) approved at Council on 22 May 2023.

### **Overview of the Key Schemes**

#### **Place & Economy**

The Growth & Regeneration capital programme budget includes £14m in 2023/24 for the University and £4.3m for the Station Quarter projects, supported by Levelling Up Funding (LUF); and £9.8m for the Towns Fund projects for which grant has been secured. These projects remain on track for delivery within the timeframe for overall completion - there will be some re-profiling of funds to later years for Station Quarter and Towns Fund, to reflect the spend plans developed through the detailed business cases.

The Housing and Homelessness programmes include external funding for the ""Local Authority Housing Fund"" schemes and ""Single Homelessness Accommodation Programme"" scheme. Delivery is planned to be completed by March 2024 for the Local Authority Housing Fund scheme, with the first house purchases completed in August 2023. The Single Homelessness Accommodation Programme will extend into 2024/25.

Peterborough Highway Services projects include major works to Nene Parkway (near Serpentine Green), and various access points around the Eastern industrial area (Oxney Road, Eye Road). These works are funded through grant from CPCA and are progressing well and due for completion in Spring 2024. The DfT funded Local

Transport Plan of Integrated Transport Improvements; Highway Improvements; Pothole Prevention; Street Lighting & Bridge works are on track for completion in March 2024. Some grant funding for Active Travel will be re-programmed to 2024/25 due to an extension of the scheme.

### **Children and Young People**

The Children and Young People capital programme includes £1m in 23/24 for the feasibility and planning stages of the building of a new primary school in the Great Haddon area and for the extension of an existing primary school. These projects are in the early stages of feasibility and there may be some reprofiling of this spend into next financial year depending on the progress of the feasibility stage.

£0.5m of the High Needs capital allocation is being used to convert the former St Georges Hydro Pool into teaching space for children at Heltwate school, the remaining £8.3m. of this grant will be used over the next 3 years to provide additional SEND pupil places.

The programme also includes £2.2m of schools' condition grant which is being used to improve the condition of maintained schools and any health and safety works required.

### **Adult Social Care**

The Adults capital programme includes £3m for Disabled Facilities Grant (DFG) projects, all fully grant funded and expected to be spent during 2023/24.

There is also a £1.1m scheme for the adaptations to a house purchased for Vulnerable people and for the purchase of another property. The £750k earmarked for the property purchase is expected to be re-profiled into the 24-25 capital programme.

### **Corporate Services**

The ICT Capital programme of work for 2023/24 includes the following key projects, along with the current status:

- Improvements for Finance, HR & Payroll, and Procurement systems. This programme started in July 2023.
- Core Education system procurement has been delayed as a retender exercise had to be undertaken. Submissions have been received and costs will be known in October 2023.
- A review of the customer journey in a number of departments is being undertaken to ensure that the most efficient touch points for customers.
- The Mosaic system (Adult Social Care) is being migrated to Cloud which improves the resilience of the system for service users.
- Secure Web Gateway is being implemented which ensures greater cyber security for the organisation, especially when working out of the office.

As aforementioned the Council also acquired Sand Martin House in May, which it previously leased from Legal and General. Although this purchase has increased the Capital programme by £50.4m, the business case outlined a significant financial benefit over the remaining 20-year lease.

### **Table 6: Forecast Capital Programme**

<b>Schemes</b>	<b>Budget £000</b>	<b>Forecast £000</b>	<b>Projected Variance £000</b>
<b>Corporate Services</b>			
Crematoria/Cemeteries Development	553	553	-
Hilton Hotel Loan	120	120	-
ICT Projects	4,227	3,110	(1,117)
Installing Solar Photovoltaic Capability on Council Buildings	220	220	-
Leisure Trust - Property	438	438	-
Property Acquisitions	50,596	50,596	-
Strategic Property Portfolio Asset Management Plan	2,502	2,502	-
<b>Place &amp; Economy</b>			
A1260 Nene Parkway Improvements	11,115	10,690	(424)
A14 Cambridge to Huntingdon Improvement Scheme	60	60	-
A16 Norwood Dualling & A47/A15 Lincoln Road Junction 18 Improvements	1,231	952	(279)
Allotments & Neighbourhood Parks (Phase 1)	31	-	-31
Aragon Fleet Replacement Programme	3,632	3,632	-
CCTV	101	101	-
City Centre Counter Terrorism Improvement Works & City Market	240	241	-
Communities - Other Infrastructure	441	441	-
Eastern Industries Access	7,085	5,000	(2,085)
Emergency Active Travel (Grant)	945	425	(520)
Extreme Weather Network Improvements	1,000	1,000	-
Green Wheel Improvements	754	775	20
Highways and Transport minor schemes	106	91	(15)
Housing	9,538	7,128	(2,410)
Leisure Equipment	400	439	39
Local Authority Treescape Fund - Forestry Commission	115	115	-
LTP - Bridges & Structures Improvements	895	895	-
LTP - Highway Improvements	1,234	1,234	-
LTP - Integrated Transport Improvements	1,298	1,298	-
LTP - Pothole Prevention Improvements	1,921	1,921	-
LTP - Street Lighting Improvements	500	500	-
LUF - Station Quarter	4,300	670	(3,630)
LUF - University	14,091	14,091	-
Parking	1,154	1,154	-
Peterborough Builds Back Better/Cafe Culture project	45	44	(1)
Peterborough University Access	1,284	1,284	-
Play Area Improvement Programme	666	666	-
Regeneration Masterplan	550	18	(532)
Renewable Energy Projects (PCC)	714	714	-
Safety Fencing Network	750	750	-
Structural Bridge Works	783	783	-
The Boardwalks Local Nature Reserve Enhancements	120	120	-
Towns Fund	9,820	3,867	(5,953)
Towns Fund - Accelerated Fund	309	309	-
Traffic Signals - Lincoln Road/Taverners Road junction (J19J) Improvement Scheme	345	345	-
<b>Public Health</b>			
Public Health Project	30	30	-

<b>Children and Young People</b>			
Capital Maintenance On Schools	2,227	2,227	-
Eye Primary Expansion	400	400	-
Heltwate School & Second extension to Heltwate Special School	2,344	2,344	-
Manor Drive Schools	270	270	-
Mobiles Purchase/Lease	450	450	-
New School Places	1,140	1,140	-
Other Schools	643	643	-
PFI Condition Works	344	344	-
<b>Adult Social Care</b>			
Aids And Adaptations	825	825	-
Disables Facilities Grant	2,610	2,715	105
Housing for Vulnerable People	1,055	-	(1,055)
Repair Assistance	720	320	(400)
Vulnerable People Property 1	-	305	305
<b>Total</b>	<b>149,505</b>	<b>131,522</b>	<b>(17,983)</b>

## 5. CORPORATE PRIORITIES

- 5.1 Monitoring the Councils in year forecast outturn is a key part of the Council's performance and improvement framework and aims to demonstrate how the Council manages its finances and expenditure throughout the year. This therefore supports all the council's priorities, but it is strongly geared towards enabling the Council to deliver on the following priority:

**Supported by a Sustainable Future City Council - adjust how we work, serve and enable, informed by strong data and insight capability and led by a culture of strong leadership.**

## 6. CONSULTATION

- 6.1 Not Applicable - Performance report, item for information

## 7. ANTICIPATED OUTCOMES OR IMPACT

- 7.1 For Cabinet to review and note the Councils current year forecast Outturn Position for 2023/24.

## 8. REASON FOR THE RECOMMENDATION

- 8.1 To ensure members of the Cabinet are abreast of the Councils current year forecast Outturn Position for 2023/24.

## 9. ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED

- 9.1 Not Applicable - Performance report, item for information.

## 10. IMPLICATIONS

### Financial Implications

- 10.1 Not Applicable - Performance report, item for information.

### **Legal Implications**

- 10.2 There are no legal implications in respect of what is proposed in the report which is a performance report.

### **Equalities Implications**

- 10.3 Not Applicable - Performance report, item for information

## **11. BACKGROUND DOCUMENTS**

## **12. APPENDICES**

- 12.1
- Appendix A – Departmental Variances
  - Appendix B – Council Tax and Business Rates Performance

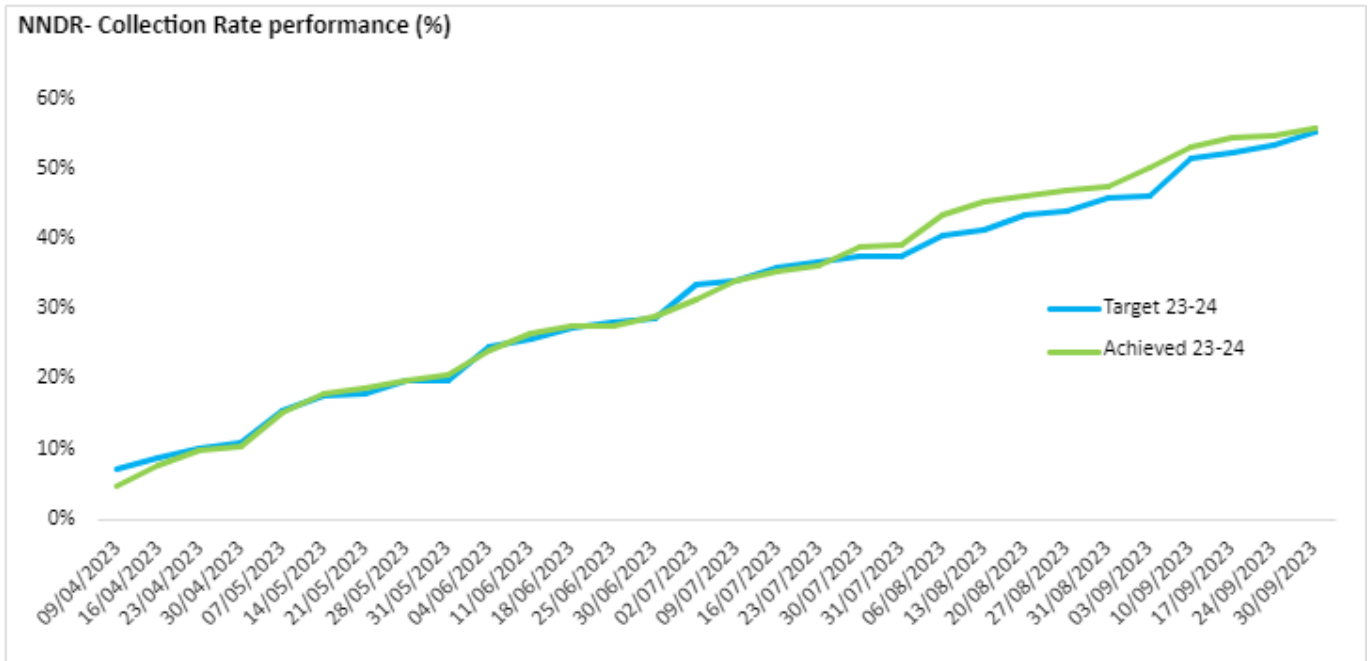
**Appendix A – Departmental Variances**

<b>Budget Group</b>	<b>Budget £000</b>	<b>Actual £000</b>	<b>Forecast S pend £000</b>	<b>Projected Variance £000</b>	<b>Overall Status</b>
Director Place & Economy	56	162	49	(7)	Underspend
Infrastructure & Environment - Highways & Transport	4,711	1,023	4,632	(79)	Underspend
Growth & Regeneration - Planning & Building Control	2,035	455	1,944	(90)	Underspend
Infrastructure & Environment - Environment & Climate Change	8,380	4,074	8,576	196	Overspend
Infrastructure & Environment - Westcombe Engineering	17	129	102	85	Overspend
Housing & Communities - Domestic Abuse Partnership	112	(866)	112	-	On Budget
Growth & Regeneration - Growth & Economic Development	70	143	70	-	On Budget
Housing & Communities - Stronger Communities	6,642	3,379	8,092	1,450	Overspend
Housing & Communities - Safer Communities	(1,041)	(873)	(1,353)	(311)	Underspend
Infrastructure & Environment - Regulatory Services	2,084	316	2,104	21	Overspend
Housing & Communities - Emergency Planning	138	40	150	13	Overspend
<b>Total Place &amp; Economy</b>	<b>23,202</b>	<b>7,982</b>	<b>24,479</b>	<b>1,277</b>	<b>Overspend</b>
Adults - Commissioning	55,032	28,827	54,901	(132)	Underspend
Adults and Safeguarding	9,324	3,686	8,829	(495)	Underspend
Executive Director Adult Social Care	930	52	1,069	139	Overspend
Performance & Strategic Development	159	53	145	(14)	Underspend
Principal Social Worker	206	6	158	(47)	Underspend
<b>Total Adult Social Care</b>	<b>65,651</b>	<b>32,623</b>	<b>65,101</b>	<b>(549)</b>	<b>Underspend</b>
Executive Director of Children's Services	410	(179)	872	462	Overspend
Education	9,007	3,463	9,502	495	Overspend
Children's - Operations	16,189	2,290	16,564	375	Overspend
Children's Commissioning	22,174	11,094	26,357	4,183	Overspend
Commercial Operations	732	60	585	(148)	Underspend
<b>Total Childrens and Young People</b>	<b>48,511</b>	<b>16,728</b>	<b>53,879</b>	<b>5,368</b>	<b>Overspend</b>
Children 0-5 Health Visitors	3,778	1,679	3,778	0	Overspend
Children 5-19 Health Programmes	1,001	461	1,001	-	On Budget
Sexual Health	2,152	1,024	2,137	(15)	Underspend
Substance Misuse	2,407	(486)	2,407	-	On Budget
Smoking and Tobacco	268	36	255	(13)	Underspend
Miscellaneous Public Health Services	-	(0)	-	-	On Budget
Contain Outbreak Management Fund	(0)	(1,269)	-	0	Overspend
DPH Office & Intelligence Team and Projects	1,243	589	1,341	97	Overspend
Health Check Services	155	22	145	(10)	Underspend
Healthy Lifestyles & Publicity	278	138	274	(4)	Underspend
Public Mental Health	10	10	10	(0)	Underspend
Weight Management and Obesity	296	143	241	(56)	Underspend
Public Health Grant	(11,946)	(6,334)	(11,946)	-	On Budget
<b>Total Public Health</b>	<b>(358)</b>	<b>(3,987)</b>	<b>(358)</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>Overspend</b>
Director of Corporate Services	307	150	303	(4)	Underspend

HR & Workforce Development	1,566	703	1,543	(23)	Underspend
Financial Services	2,477	1,237	2,476	(0)	Underspend
Corporate Items	13,470	4,122	13,615	145	Overspend
Peterborough Serco Strategic Partnership	6,232	7,309	6,392	160	Overspend
Digital, Data & Technology Services	7,097	4,224	7,063	(33)	Underspend
Commercial Group	-	-	-	-	On Budget
Cemeteries, Cremation & Registrars	(1,689)	(712)	(1,715)	(26)	Underspend
Corporate Property	781	1,436	781	(0)	Underspend
Marketing & Communications	546	331	550	3	Overspend
Health & Safety	197	80	214	17	Overspend
Internal Audit and Insurance	1,718	1,648	1,710	(8)	Underspend
COVID-19	-	(0)	-	-	On Budget
Chief Executive	325	208	327	2	Overspend
Director of Legal & Governance	229	95	258	29	Overspend
Legal Services	1,858	1,253	2,006	148	Overspend
Information Governance	199	124	211	12	Overspend
Constitutional Services	2,081	1,247	2,006	(75)	Underspend
<b>Total Corporate Services</b>	<b>37,392</b>	<b>23,457</b>	<b>37,740</b>	<b>348</b>	<b>Overspend</b>
Capital Financing	33,126	6,437	33,126	-	On Budget
<b>Total Capital Financing</b>	<b>33,126</b>	<b>6,437</b>	<b>33,126</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>On Budget</b>
<b>Total Expenditure</b>	<b>207,524</b>	<b>83,241</b>	<b>213,968</b>	<b>6,443</b>	<b>Overspend</b>
Funding	(207,524)	(187,222)	(207,524)	-	On Budget
<b>Net</b>	<b>(0)</b>	<b>(103,981)</b>	<b>6,443</b>	<b>6,443</b>	<b>Overspend</b>

**Business Rates**

The Council’s collection rate for Business Rates income is 0.3% ahead of target for 2023/24



**Council Tax**

Collection rate for Council Tax income collection is 0.3% behind target. This performance will remain under dose observation throughout 2023/24 especially in light of the current economic climate.

