

Cabinet

Date: Thursday, 13th July, 2023

Time: 6.30 pm

Venue: Council Chamber - Guildhall, Bath

Agenda

To: All Members of the Cabinet

Councillor Kevin Guy (Leader of the Council, Liberal Democrat Group Leader), Councillor Tim Ball (Cabinet Member for Neighbourhood Services), Councillor Alison Born (Cabinet Member for Adult Services), Councillor Mark Elliott (Cabinet Member for Resources), Councillor Paul May (Cabinet Member for Children's Services), Councillor Matt McCabe (Cabinet Member for Built Environment and Sustainable Development), Councillor Manda Rigby (Cabinet Member for Highways), Councillor Paul Roper (Cabinet Member for Economic and Cultural Sustainable Development), Councillor Sarah Warren (Deputy Council Leader (statutory) and Cabinet Member for Climate Emergency and Sustainable Travel) and Councillor David Wood (Deputy Council Leader (non-statutory) and Cabinet Member for Council Priorities & Delivery)

Chief Executive and other appropriate officers
Press and Public

The agenda is set out overleaf.



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A G E N D A

1. WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS

2. EMERGENCY EVACUATION PROCEDURE

The Democratic Services Officer will read out the emergency evacuation procedure as set out in the notes.

3. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

4. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

At this point in the meeting declarations of interest are received from Members in any of the agenda items under consideration at the meeting. Members are asked to indicate:

- (a) The agenda item number in which they have an interest to declare.
- (b) The nature of their interest.
- (c) Whether their interest is **a disclosable pecuniary interest** or an **other interest**,
(as defined in Part 4.4 Appendix B of the Code of Conduct and Rules for Registration of Interests)

Any Member who needs to clarify any matters relating to the declaration of interests is recommended to seek advice from the Council's Monitoring Officer or a member of his staff before the meeting to expedite dealing with the item during the meeting.

5. TO ANNOUNCE ANY URGENT BUSINESS AGREED BY THE CHAIR

6. QUESTIONS FROM PUBLIC AND COUNCILLORS

Questions submitted before the deadline will receive a reply from an appropriate Cabinet member or an undertaking to respond within 5 working days of the meeting. Councillors may ask one supplementary question for each question they submit, up to a maximum of two per Councillor.

7. STATEMENTS OR PETITIONS FROM PUBLIC OR COUNCILLORS

Councillors and members of the public may register their intention to make a statement if they notify the subject matter of their statement before the deadline. Statements are limited to 3 minutes each. The speaker may then be asked by Cabinet members to answer factual questions arising out of their statement.

8. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS CABINET MEETING - 9TH MARCH 2023 (Pages 7 - 20)

To be confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chair.

9. CONSIDERATION OF SINGLE MEMBER ITEMS REQUISITIONED TO CABINET

This is a standard agenda item, to cover any reports originally placed on the Weekly List for single Member decision making, which have subsequently been the subject of a Cabinet Member requisition to the full Cabinet, under the Council's procedural rules.

10. MATTERS REFERRED BY POLICY DEVELOPMENT AND SCRUTINY BODIES

This is a standing agenda item (Constitution rule 3.3.14) for matters referred by Policy Development and Scrutiny bodies. The Chair of the relevant Policy Development and Scrutiny Panel will have the right to attend and to introduce the Panel's recommendations to Cabinet.

11. SINGLE MEMBER CABINET DECISIONS TAKEN SINCE PREVIOUS CABINET MEETING (Pages 21 - 32)

To note the list of Cabinet Single Member decisions taken and published since the last Cabinet meeting (no debate).

12. UPDATE ON PROGRESS ON DELIVERING THE CORPORATE STRATEGY 2020-24 AND ANNUAL PERFORMANCE REPORT 2022-23 (Pages 33 - 66)

The attached report updates Cabinet on the progress made in delivering the Corporate Strategy 2020-24 and our performance in 2022-23.

13. CORPORATE STRATEGY 2023-2027 (Pages 67 - 82)

The Council's Corporate Strategy provides a framework for the Council's plans over the next four years. The attached report invites Cabinet to approve the draft Corporate Strategy document, as set out in the Appendix, and to recommend its subsequent adoption by Council.

14. TREASURY MANAGEMENT OUTTURN REPORT 2022/23 (Pages 83 - 104)

The attached report gives details of performance against the Council's Treasury Management Strategy for 2022/23.

15. REVENUE AND CAPITAL OUTTURN REPORT 2022/23 (Pages 105 - 146)

The attached report presents the revenue and capital outturn for 2022/23. The report also refers to requests to carry forward specific revenue budget items to 2023/24 and to write-off revenue over budgets where recovery in future years would have an adverse impact on continuing service delivery. It also refers to requests to re-phase specific capital budget items to 2023/24 and to remove net capital underspends.

16. REVENUE & CAPITAL BUDGET MONITORING, CASH LIMITS AND VIREMENTS – APRIL TO JUNE 2023 (Pages 147 - 176)

The attached report presents the financial monitoring information for the Authority as a whole for the financial year 2023/24, using information available as at the end of June 2023.

The Democratic Services Officer for this meeting is Marie Todd who can be contacted on 01225 394414.

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BATH AND NORTH EAST SOMERSET

CABINET

These minutes are draft until confirmed as a correct record at the next meeting.

Thursday, 9th March, 2023

Present:

Councillor Kevin Guy (Ch)	Leader of the Council, Liberal Democrat Group Leader
Councillor Alison Born	Cabinet Member for Adult Services and Council House Building
Councillor Tom Davies	Cabinet Member for Adult Services and Council House Building
Councillor Manda Rigby	Cabinet Member for Transport
Councillor Dine Romero	Cabinet Member for Children and Young People, Communities
Councillor Mark Roper	Cabinet member for Economic Development, Regeneration & Growth
Councillor Richard Samuel	Deputy Council Leader and Cabinet Member for Resources
Councillor Sarah Warren	Deputy Council Leader (statutory) and Cabinet Member for Climate and Sustainable Travel
Councillor David Wood	Cabinet Member for Neighbourhood Services

67 WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS

The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting.

68 EMERGENCY EVACUATION PROCEDURE

The Senior Democratic Services Officer read out the emergency evacuation procedure.

69 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Cllr Tim Ball.

70 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Cllr David Wood declared a non-pecuniary interest in agenda item no. 13 – Climate Annual Report and Ecological Emergency Action Plan. Cllr Wood is a Director of the Charity Avon Needs Trees which is referred to as a partner organisation in the Ecological Emergency Action Plan.

71 TO ANNOUNCE ANY URGENT BUSINESS AGREED BY THE CHAIR

There was no urgent business.

72 QUESTIONS FROM PUBLIC AND COUNCILLORS

There were 4 questions from Councillors and 10 questions from members of the public.

[Copies of the questions and responses, including supplementary questions and responses if any, have been placed on the Minute book as Appendix 1 and are available on the Council's website.]

73 STATEMENTS OR PETITIONS FROM PUBLIC OR COUNCILLORS

Members of the public and Councillors made statements as follows:

- Malcolm Baldwin – Liveable Neighbourhoods – Sometimes less can often mean more! *(A copy of which is attached as appendix 2 to these minutes)*
- Jackie Head – Sustainable Transport *(A copy of which is attached as appendix 3 to these minutes)*
- David Redgewell – Bus Franchising and Public Transport Network *(A copy of which is attached as appendix 4 to these minutes)*
- Jevon Smith – Bus Franchising and Public Transport Network. Mr Smith stressed the importance of public transport to elderly and disabled people and the need for joined up services in the region.
- Luke Emmett – New use for the old King Edwards School, using spaces in the Post Office and other empty shops in Bath *(A copy of which is attached as appendix 5 to these minutes)*
- Bob Goodman – The Real Climate Emergency *(A copy of which is attached as appendix 6 to these minutes)*
- Nicolette Boater – Climate Annual Report & Ecological Emergency Action Plan *(A copy of which is attached as appendix 7 to these minutes)*
- Cllr Lucy Hodge – Building back the B&NES Music Service after COVID *(A copy of which is attached as appendix 8 to these minutes)*

Cabinet members asked some factual questions of the speakers in order to clarify details mentioned in their statements.

74 MINUTES OF PREVIOUS CABINET MEETING - 9TH FEBRUARY 2023

RESOLVED that the minutes of the meeting held on Thursday 9th February 2023 be confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chair.

75 CONSIDERATION OF SINGLE MEMBER ITEMS REQUISITIONED TO CABINET

No single member items were requisitioned to Cabinet.

76 MATTERS REFERRED BY POLICY DEVELOPMENT AND SCRUTINY BODIES

No matters were referred by Policy Development and Scrutiny Panels. Cllr Vic Pritchard informed Cabinet that the six-month pilot system separating the Adult and Children's Services Scrutiny work across alternate meetings has now been completed. This has worked well and there is now a strong argument to operate with two separate panels in the future. This would provide capacity to effectively

scrutinise the transformation programme as a number of community services are brought back in-house.

77 SINGLE MEMBER CABINET DECISIONS TAKEN SINCE PREVIOUS CABINET MEETING

The Cabinet agreed to note the report.

78 OPTIONS FOR BUS FRANCHISING IN THE WEST OF ENGLAND

Cllr Sarah Warren introduced the report, moved the officer recommendation and made the following statement:

“Our bus industry in England is broken almost beyond repair. Along with other parts of the public sector: the NHS, schools and local government - this industry forms part of the very fabric of society that this government is dismantling with alarming and accelerating speed. Yet thousands of people across Bath and North East Somerset rely on buses to get about every day. For many, buses are the vital lifeline connecting them to schools, work, hospitals, shops, to new opportunities, and to each other.

For far too long, residents have been forced to contend with a bus service that’s too confusing, unstable, unreliable, and expensive. This cannot continue and we can no longer afford to accept a public transport service that leaves behind the very people who need it most.

Bus services were deregulated by the Thatcher government in the 1980s, leaving services organised on a commercial, free market basis, and operators (more-or-less uniquely in the developed world) in full control of which services they will run, the fares they will charge, and the vehicles they will use. This has resulted in an uncoordinated network with a confusing array of ticketing options. Councils watch, impotent, as profitable routes are flooded with buses, leaving other areas at risk of becoming public transport “deserts,” with no alternative to the private car.

For public transport to be a viable option for our communities it needs to be frequent, reliable, fast, affordable, accessible, safe, comfortable, and go where people want to go. However, widespread market failure across the industry has led to rapidly increasing subsidy by local authorities of unprofitable but “socially necessary” services (which are no longer permitted cross subsidy from profitable routes). And this at a time when council income is falling. Following covid, we have seen this culminate in a near total collapse in the most socially important bus services across much of the country, including here the West of England.

With transport currently accounting for 29 per cent of carbon emissions in the Bath and North East Somerset area, and buses a vital lifeline for communities, we are committed to enabling more people to travel by bus. Using the powers that devolution has given us, we want to build an integrated transport system that’s faster, cheaper, cleaner, and more reliable.

This starts by taking back control of our buses to give us (rather than the private operators) greater control over fares, routes, vehicle specification and timetables.

That way, we can ensure buses integrate better with other modes of transport and offer simpler and more convenient ticketing.

In the Bus Back Better Strategy of 2021, the Government set out its support for Local Transport Authorities to access franchising powers as a way of rapidly delivering improvements for passengers. A franchise system would effectively mean that every bus service is paid for by the combined authority, who would in turn receive the income from fares, and they would contract with private bus companies like First or Stagecoach, to operate the services.

The model has been used in London for decades and is being introduced in Greater Manchester, whilst – in contrast - the West of England is the only combined authority nationally NOT to be investigating franchising. B&NES council backed franchising when bus services were discussed last October, and we are today joining other councils across the West of England in calling for the Metro Mayor to commission an independent review of options for the franchising of bus operations.

It is true that other Mayoral Combined Authorities have precepting powers, meaning they can raise a precept on Council Tax to fund mayoral responsibilities, including public transport, as part of their budget. That is why we are proposing that Mayor Norris should also explore this option to provide additional vital funding to support the bus network locally.

Franchising will be the most significant change in how buses are operated in the region since they were deregulated in the mid-1980s. We want to put the ‘public’ back into public transport by putting us in control of our bus services, and make these services work for us, rather than as a cash cow for private shareholders.

I say to Mayor Norris, bus franchising was a central plank of your manifesto, and you told us the possibility was “on the table,” but we learnt only this week that no formal analysis has been done on bringing buses back under public control. The power to do this lies with you, and with you alone. It’s time for new thinking that both contributes to our net zero targets and puts the needs of passengers first. Now let’s see you put your money where your mouth is, and commission a review of options, as step 1 on the long road to franchising. I move.”

Cllr Kevin Guy seconded the motion and made the following statement:

“Thank you Cllr Warren for an extremely clear explanation of the issues facing bus services in the West of England and indeed across the country as a whole. Councils are rather stuck in the middle when it comes to services. We have an uninterested government, a near monopoly company running most commercial services and the West of England Combined Authority, which is supposed to be in charge of buses, but which isn’t willing to grasp the bull by the horns.

And as usual it’s residents – particularly the most vulnerable and isolated – who are stuck in the middle. We desperately need better communication from the West of England Combined Authority with information being shared transparently and promptly, rather than being drip fed.

We have written several times to the West of England Mayor asking for engagement and public information around his new minibuses on demand scheme (or DRT) – a scheme we now hear will not be up and running this Spring, but instead will be

implemented in stages. We have also asked him to confirm which new 'spinal' services will be funded. When will North East Somerset residents know what options are available to them so they can plan ahead? (It's a particular problem for children who need public transport to get to school.) We don't know (we do know that the Mayor offered nothing for Bath residents). We want the DRT to work, but it's a big gamble.

Franchising seems to be one tool available to the Combined Authority to help deliver better services in B&NES. So far, the Mayor has been reticent about when – and indeed if – he will get started on franchising. It's a challenging and expensive process, which could take a long time. The Mayor is in charge of the buses and he needs to get on with it as soon as possible."

Cllr Richard Samuel stated that WECA has let the region down and must now consider franchising along with precepting powers. The current transport levy is insufficient to run a franchising system. Certain routes will require funding through a precept.

Cllr Manda Rigby stated that the decisions and communication from WECA regarding bus franchising have been poor. She pointed out that the investigation of franchising was set out in the Mayor's manifesto prior to his election.

RESOLVED (unanimously):

To request the Council's Leader to write formally to the WECA Mayor requesting that the Mayor:

- (a) Commissions an independent review of options for the franchising of bus operations with the West of England, including considering the adoption of precepting powers; and provides a fully costed business case for the recommended changes engaging fully with each of the WECA constituent authorities at all stages of the review.
- (b) Provides regular updates to the Planning, Transport and Housing Board on the progress of the review.

79 CLIMATE ANNUAL REPORT AND ECOLOGICAL EMERGENCY ACTION PLAN

Cllr Sarah Warren introduced the report, moved the officer recommendations and made the following statement:

"Exactly four years ago in March 2019, Bath and North East Somerset Council declared a climate emergency, pledging to provide the leadership for the district to reach net zero by 2030. Since that evening, we have seen an increase in global atmospheric carbon dioxide by around 8ppm from 412 to 420, bearing in mind that scientists consider the safe level for human civilisation to be 350.

And local weather events over the last year, like last summer's record-breaking heatwave which saw UK temperatures above 40°C for the first time ever, have re-emphasised the importance of this declaration. We can now all see the damage being done with our own eyes, telling us we must maintain our urgency for greater and faster action.

B&NES also declared an ecological emergency in 2020, with the objective of being “nature positive” by 2030. Scientists estimate that the world's biodiversity is now just 75% intact, significantly below the 90% threshold [scientists consider safe](#), with the UK languishing in the bottom 10% of countries for biodiversity.

Firstly, Cabinet, we are being asked this evening to note progress against our climate strategy over the last year. We are also asked to note the Climate Action Plan and route map, our updated Climate Strategy. Over that period, the pace of delivery has stepped up substantially with the creation of the Green Transformation Team and filling of a number of new posts.

Of all our many achievements, the one of which we should probably be most proud, is the adoption of our local plan partial update last month, making us the first Council in the UK to require net zero carbon in new build housing. We are also at the leading edge of councils in requiring 10% biodiversity net gain for developments – a year before this becomes mandated nationally.

Installed solar PV in B&NES has doubled in the last four years, assisted by the council's participation in the West of England Combined Authority's Solar Together scheme; we've installed solar PV on council buildings; and we're working with the West of England Combined Authority on their retrofit accelerator to support householders in making their existing homes more energy efficient.

On transport, we've published our Journey to Net Zero strategy; established our new Journey to Net Zero transport stakeholder forum to hear from transport campaigners; built new safe walking / wheeling / cycle routes and published plans for more; we are progressing our 15 liveable neighbourhoods; brought in a bike hangar trial; and opened electric vehicle charge points. And we have plans for much more.

On nature we are caring for 80 hectares of woodland and 100 grassland sites, as well as creating 12 new flower-rich meadows through Bathscape; securing funding to create nature-rich areas across 34 hectares of green space Somer Valley; and changing management practices across 32 hectares of our parks and green spaces to benefit pollinators through our Let's Get Buzzing campaign.

And this evening, we are approving our brand-new Ecological Emergency Action Plan. Highlights of this Plan, include the following priorities:

- Increasing the extent of land and waterways managed positively for nature across B&NES, for which we have secured millions of pounds. This will reverse the decline in wildlife and provide other benefits such as carbon sequestration and flood management. We will be increasing the amount of our own estate managed for nature and working in partnership with local charities to improve our engagement with farmers and landholders.
- Increasing the abundance and distribution of key species across B&NES through reducing: pollution, the use of pesticides, and the impact of infrastructure on wildlife, whilst improving our monitoring of wildlife so as to target our action towards the species most in need.
- Enabling more people to access and engage with nature, benefitting the health and wellbeing of our communities, and encouraging people to take

action for nature. In the next year we plan to secure funding for posts that will support communities in managing their local green spaces for nature.

In summary, the progress on climate and nature that we have made over the last 4 years is significant and impressive, and over the same period we have increased our capacity to do more and faster over the next four years. Adopting the new ecological emergency action plan is an exciting development finally bringing to life our ambitions for nature in our area.”

Cllr Tom Davies seconded the motion and made the following statement:

“As the paper and my colleague Cllr Warren has noted - whilst there is so much more to be done, the report undisputedly shows the significant impact that we are having as a Council in leading our area to the hugely ambitious target of net zero by 2030. I am also very pleased to see the Ecological Emergency Action Plan which I welcome as another very impressive and well considered approach to tackling this crisis.

Taking the Climate Emergency Report - decarbonising and generating locally our energy is an area of notable success which should be celebrated in this report as a collaborative effort across our area - in particular I am pleased to see that the rate at which domestic and business solar PV is being installed has doubled since 2019.

But in my capacity as Cabinet Member for Council House building, I would like to also focus on what is one of the huge challenges in us meeting as our local target - decarbonising our stock of buildings. The requirement for retrofitting our buildings is huge - with 65,000 properties identified as needing some degree of retrofitting to increase energy efficiency.

National Government - especially under this Conservative Government - have a terrible track record in tackling this key aspect of our carbon emissions - with failed and poorly designed retrofitting initiatives. I welcome the progress and the foundations for scaling up the region’s retrofitting work which are detailed in the report, but I am sure that all of us here are cautious and concerned about the scale of the work which is needed to tackle the challenge of our stock of buildings.

However, there are causes for optimism in this area too and I am particularly proud of the work which the Council is doing in its own stock of housing under our B&NES Homes Programme and through our subsidiary Aequus - I think for example of 23 Grosvenor Place - a grade 1 listed building, the recent refurbishment of which included measures that will see emissions drop by 40% - and the exemplar new Sladebrook Road development to name just two schemes.

And perhaps most exciting of all - there was the huge decision taken at the Council meeting in January in which we became the first council in England to adopt an energy-based net zero housing policy that places ambitious targets on housing developments and all new major non-residential developments.

And so yes - there is so much more to be done that will require us all - residents, the Council and the National Government to each play our part - but to those involved in this report tonight, and in particular to Cllr Warren and the leadership she has shown, and for everyone who has already played their part in taking us closer to our

ambitious targets to tackle both the climate and ecological emergencies and we pass on our collective thanks.”

Cllr David Wood highlighted the best ever recycling rates that have been achieved in B&NES, the building of a new recycling centre and also being on target to plant 100,000 trees.

Cllr Richard Samuel thanked Cllr Warren for the work she has undertaken and the progress that has been achieved. He noted that most people want to see action taken regarding the climate and stated that it is important to limit the growth in transport emissions.

RESOLVED (unanimously):

- (1) To note the positive progress and achievements over the last year on implementation of the Council’s Climate Strategy. This is summarised in the Climate Progress Report, at Annex 1, which includes a range of climate and nature case studies and the annual carbon performance dashboard for the whole area.
- (2) To note the particular progress made in understanding renewable energy in Bath and North East Somerset and in the development of the delivery pipeline shown in the renewables section of the Climate Progress Report, at Annex 1.
- (3) To note the Climate Action Plan and Route-map to 2030, at Annex 2.
- (4) To note the updated Climate Strategy, at Annex 3.
- (5) To note the development of the Ecological Emergency Action Plan, at Annex 4.
- (6) To note that the ambition on nature recovery contained in the Ecological Emergency Action Plan will only be fully realised with external investment and through working in partnership.
- (7) To approve the Climate Annual Report and the new Ecological Emergency Action Plan, before submission of the report package to full Council on 16 March 2023.

80 JOINT COMMUNITY SAFETY PLAN

Cllr Dine Romero introduced the report, moved the officer recommendation and made the following statement:

“Overall B&NES is considered a safe place this is reflected in the feedback Avon & Somerset Police received from local communities. But like much of the country there have been challenges, including directly and indirectly the consequences of the pandemic as well as vicariously of other global events. This is picked up in the work of the Violence Reduction Unit (VRU) which is targeting efforts on early trauma informed intervention supporting those children and young people most at risk of being involved in crime.

In 2022 12k recorded crimes which is a 15% increase on the previous year however anti-social behaviour reduced by 11.6% 380 fewer reports. Generally, crime and demand in police is returning to pre pandemic levels.

The Council, Avon & Somerset Police and office of the Police & Crime Commissioner have a clear shared aim which is to take every opportunity to protect and promote safer communities.

This plan focuses on joint working which very much fits with the way we in B&NES fulfil our statutory requirements with one board combining the functions of the local safeguarding children board, the adult board and the responsible authorities group.

The plan identifies key shared priorities and issues and shows how all partners will work together over the next 3 years to protect vulnerable people, prevent crime and build strong resilient communities.

This plan serves as both the community safety plan and local police and crime plan for B&NES. The overarching priorities are to protect vulnerable people from harm and to strengthen local communities and do improve outcomes for local people. “

Cllr Alison Born seconded the motion and made the following statement:

“One of the most striking elements of this report is the recognition of the extent of funding cuts across public services and the impact that has on crime and community safety.

As services have reduced and as crimes have become more complex, the need for agencies to work together and to pool resources and intelligence has never been greater and the B&NES approach to community safety supports that partnership approach. This plan recognises the particular needs of vulnerable people whilst also seeking to prevent crime and to support our communities, helping our residents to feel safe.

I commend the work of the community safety partnership and support the adoption of this report.”

RESOLVED (unanimously):

To agree the Joint Community Safety Plan and to recommend it for adoption at Council.

81 HERITAGE SERVICES BUSINESS PLAN 2023-2028

Cllr Kevin Guy introduced the report, moved the officer recommendation and made the following statement:

“I am very happy to propose the Heritage Services Business Plan for 2023 to 28. This report is the annual update to a rolling five-year plan, and it comes at a very positive and exciting time for the Heritage Services team.

I say positive as we are seeing a significant improvement in visitor numbers at the Roman Baths, following the shock of the pandemic. It's very pleasing to see visitor numbers returning to around two thirds of pre-pandemic levels. This is higher than

anticipated and spending in the Pump Rooms and Heritage Services' shops over the past year has also increased. These figures may be driven by recovering international tourism and domestic 'staycations'.

The report suggests we can expect to see a return to pre-pandemic visitor levels from 2025 – subject to the overall economic situation.

I welcome the ongoing projects to further improve the visitor offer at the Roman Baths and Clore Learning Centre, including an updated audio tour, a revised Audience Development Plan and additional investment in conservation activities.

We also have a lot of detail in the report about exciting projects being led by Heritage Services.

The new Fashion Museum is clearly the highest profile of these projects. Despite the disappointment of not receiving Levelling Up Funding, this council and this administration are fully committed to the Re-Fashioning Bath Project. The process of delivering the Levelling Up Fund bid demonstrated the inherent economic and societal benefits of the scheme, which will be of importance going forwards.

We have already secured the Fashion Museum's new home. The Old Post Office will be a fitting home for one of the world's greatest museum collections and will mean a wider range of people can access and engage with the collection in a more modern, prominent, and flexible location.

Later this evening we'll hear more from Cllr Roper about 'meanwhile uses' for the Old Post Office spaces and I note the Fashion Museum collection is now being protected at a high spec and secure storage facility owned by Dents glovemakers on the outskirts of Warminster. We are working closely with Bath Spa University on plans for the Fashion Collection Archive at Locksbrook.

We have a fantastic team in place to deliver the project, and I was very pleased to meet the new lead last month – Sophie McKinlay has joined us from the V and A Dundee.

Sophie joins a Heritage Services team with a solid track record of raising capital funding and delivering major capital projects, as demonstrated by the successful recent Archway project. Resources – from the West of England Combined Authority – are in place to develop a full vision, business case and funding strategy over the coming financial year. So, we can have the utmost confidence that the Fashion Museum will reopen in 4 or 5 years and will form the centrepiece of a new fashion destination in the Milson Quarter.

I would like to thank the Climate Emergency and Sustainability PDS panel for their work in scrutinising the business plan last week. Panel members raised some queries about the Victoria Art Gallery. It is clear that there has been a change in visitor behaviour from the Gallery's current visitor base and the figures are not yet where we would wish them to be.

The council continues to be fully committed to supporting and improving the Victoria Art Gallery to increase its appeal to residents and visitors. We have recently appointed a new senior curator and planned investment in the gallery includes:

- 230 thousand pounds to fix the roof;
- 75 thousand pounds – from external funding – to create new spaces and encourage community, family and commercial activation;
- the appointment of a new community engagement post – explicitly to deliver programming to appeal to a wider cross-section of local people and diversify the visitor base.

One of the greatest assets we have as a council is our staff. So, I'm pleased to see that the new Heritage Services strategy emphasises investment in staff development, engagement and welfare to ensure we can attract and retain the brightest and best officers.

I will turn to income generation in a moment, but I'll just mention some other objectives from the strategy which include:

- A clear focus on care of the monuments, buildings and collections in our care;
- Investment in the journey to net zero, which is something every council department is involved in;
- Continued distribution of Discovery Cards – with a focus on less well-off local communities – and I'm pleased that the council has issued 26,000 Discovery Cards since the scheme was relaunched in May 2022;
- Community engagement and audience development – and especially delivering direct benefit to local people
- Engaging with initiatives to improve the Destination and Culture across B&NES and the wider region – I particularly note the proposals around developing products with partners to encourage more overnight stays.

Clearly the focus of Heritage Services is the guardianship of our treasured historic assets and encouraging residents and visitors to make the most of them.

But the income from the council's heritage attractions helps fund the vital public services residents rely on. I'm delighted with the strong recovery of the department in this respect. Income is expected to return to pre-pandemic levels over the next financial year and this is a key aim of the service.

The figures in the report anticipate an £8.2 million pound surplus being returned to the council in 2023/24. This marks Heritage Services as one of the most commercially successful heritage organisations in the UK and I'd like to congratulate the whole team on this achievement.

Finally, as we're talking about heritage, I'd also like to take this opportunity to say how pleased we were to welcome the second General Assembly of the Great Spa Towns of Europe last week.

Bath's rare second UNESCO World Heritage Site inscription is a massive achievement, and I was very proud to accept the official UNESCO certificate confirming the city's inscription as one of the 11 Great Spa Towns of Europe on behalf of the community.

Cllr Richard Samuel seconded the motion. He noted the income stream provided from the Heritage Services Team which is very important to the Council. He stated that the heritage assets in the city provide a showcase to the world.

RESOLVED (unanimously):

To approve the Heritage Services Business Plan.

82 QUARTER 3 CORPORATE STRATEGIC PERFORMANCE REPORT 2022/23

Cllr Richard Samuel introduced the report and moved the officer recommendation. He stressed the importance of receiving regular reports on performance and to connect this with what the Council is doing in terms of finance. The report provides a spotlight on performance which enables the Council to improve.

Cllr Kevin Guy seconded the motion and stated that he was very pleased that the Council has implemented this new system for tracking progress against its corporate strategy, this is an important aspect of improving transparency and a good opportunity to highlight achievements.

He was very pleased to see the continuing engagement with residents through the Voicebox survey and the indication that 84% of residents are happy with the local area as a place to live and 59% are satisfied with the Council.

Cllr Tom Davies noted that this was Cllr Samuel's last Cabinet meeting. He thanked Cllr Samuel for his hard work and range of knowledge relating to his portfolio.

The Cabinet then unanimously passed a vote of thanks to Cllr Samuel in appreciation of all his work over the last four years.

RESOLVED (unanimously):

To note progress on the delivery of key aspects of the Council's service delivery, details of which are highlighted in section 3.6 and Annex 1 of the report.

83 MILSOM QUARTER UPDATE

Cllr Mark Roper introduced the report, moved the officer recommendation and made the following statement:

"This paper covers two topics relating to the Milsom Quarter project – the Post Office and the Old King Edwards School building – iconic properties in the city centre that all Bath residents know well - and many have watched and wandered at the sad state of the latter for far too long.

The Post Office conversion to the new and exciting Fashion Museum is a work in progress and there are solid plans being developed to raise the finance needed to create a fabulous new asset for our city. Proposal 3 in this paper delegates the decision on meanwhile uses for the Post Office whilst that plan is implemented – giving officers the ability to make quick decisions on short term lets and other usage for the building, raising revenue for the museum and offering local organizations the opportunity to, for example, run art exhibitions or pop-up sales by local makers – similar to No 11 New Bond Street, which has been hugely successful. Incidentally

colleagues may like to know that we will shortly be moving No 11 to a unit next door to the Post Office – because the demand for retail property in the centre is such that we need to release it to the open market- we are running out of stock of shops! The current vacancy rate in the centre is around 3% compared to a national rate of over 10% and footfall in the centre is nearly at 2019 levels – despite what you may read on some dubious Twitter feeds.

Proposal 1 and 2 are the follow up to work requested by this Cabinet last autumn where we asked for a workable solution to the long-term thorn in the side of our city that is the old King Edward School building. This architecturally important handsome property has sat empty for nearly 40 years. It is at risk. Visual inspections of the exterior show a deterioration in its condition. The paper outlines a methodology for the Council to help bring the old school back to its former glory. We can do this by our preferred route of working with the owner Samuel Smiths Brewery – and yet again I appeal to them to engage with us - but there are several other options available to us outlined in section 3.3 – and if all else were to fail then ultimately there is the last resort of a Compulsory Purchase Order (CPO). That however would be our least favoured option – and in effect a failure by the owner and the Council - and would be in no-one's interest – apart from our respective lawyers. We know that there was a very similar situation in Bristol – and Samuel Smiths Brewery and Bristol City Council negotiated - and got the building back into use. We would be delighted to do that with you Samuel Smiths.

The recommendations in section 3.4 of this report are there for all to see and I commend them to cabinet. Yet again, this administration is tackling head on a difficult issue that previous ones have chosen to ignore.

Thank you to the officers involved in preparing this excellent report. It has been a pleasure working with you over the last 6 months.”

Cllr Richard Samuel seconded the motion and moved an amendment to the motion to add the following additional wording:

“Officers are requested to produce a public report on the internal and external condition of the building for consideration at the next scheduled meeting of the Cabinet.”

The amendment was accepted by Cllr Roper, mover of the original motion.

Cllr Samuel then stated that the King Edwards School building is deteriorating and has water damage. It is on the national at-risk register. The building is important to the Milsom Quarter regeneration and progress must be made to safeguard it.

RESOLVED (unanimously):

- (1) To confirm the Council objectives with regards to the King Edward's School building as being the following:
 - (a) To assist in expediting the delivery of a suitable scheme for the King Edward's School building to bring it back into use;
 - (b) To safeguard its listed building status;

- (c) To ensure that the building makes a positive contribution to the broader regeneration of Milsom Quarter and Bath city centre in general;
 - (d) To avoid excessive cost and risk for the Council.
 - (e) Officers are requested to produce a public report on the internal and external condition of the building for consideration at the next scheduled meeting of the Cabinet.
- (2) To delegate approval to the Director of Sustainable Communities, in consultation with the s151 Officer, to agree to “meanwhile use” lettings (as described in paragraph 3.7 of the report) of vacant units within the Old Post Office block at less than open market value for regeneration purposes, on the basis that the benefit of the regeneration-led meanwhile use proposals outweighs the need to achieve best consideration on a case-by-case lettings basis.

The meeting ended at 8.00 pm

Chair _____

Date Confirmed and Signed _____

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Bath & North East Somerset Council

Cabinet Single-Member Decisions and Responses to Recommendations from PDS Panels

published from 2 March 2023 until 4 July 2023

Further details of each decision can be seen on the Council's Single-member Decision Register at <http://democracy.bathnes.gov.uk/mgDelegatedDecisions.aspx?&dm=3>

Hygge Park and Sulis Down Support Provider Procurement

Accommodation for new supported living schemes is currently being built at two sites: Hygge Park in Keynsham and Sulis Down in Bath. Both will house five individuals with support needs in individual flats, have some communal space, and office/ living space for a support member of staff 24/7. The schemes will be open to individuals with a learning disability and/or autism with Care Act eligible care and support needs.

The Specialist Commissioning Team is responsible for commissioning a support provider to provide core support for all the individuals who will make these flats their homes. We propose to complete a competitive tender to appoint one core provider across both schemes. This approach offers the market a viable contract and an opportunity to grow their business and position within B&NES.

Decision Maker: Cabinet Member for Adult Services

Decision published: 26/06/2023

Effective from: 04/07/2023

Decision:

To agree that:

(1) The proposed commissioning of specialist care and support across two supported living schemes for adults with a learning disability and/or autism aged 18-64 can go ahead.

(2) Any annual decision-making regarding funding arrangements for this commission will be delegated to the Director of Adult Social Care.

Wards affected: Keynsham North; Odd Down; Bathavon South

Lead officer: Victoria Allan

Roman Baths Forward Plan 2023 - 2026

A Museum Forward Plan is a requirement of the Arts Council England's Accreditation Scheme. The Accreditation Scheme is the UK industry standard for museums and galleries. It helps everyone involved with a museum to do the right things, helping people to access and engage with collections, and protect them for future generations. The Accreditation Scheme does this by making sure museums

manage their collections properly, engage with visitors, and are governed appropriately by encouraging all museums and galleries to meet an agreed standard in:

- how they are run;
- how they manage their collections; and
- how they engage with their users.

Decision Maker: Council Leader

Decision published: 19/06/2023

Effective from: 27/06/2023

Decision:

To approve the Roman Baths Forward Plan 2023-2026.

Wards affected: All Wards

Lead officer: Amanda Hart

Amendment to Current Policy on Hackney Carriage and Private Hire Licensing Standards For Drivers, Vehicles and Operators

To agree an amendment to the above policy to inform new applicants and existing licensees of the Council's statutory obligation to record decisions to refuse new or revoke existing combined Hackney Carriage & Private Hire drivers' licences on the national NR3 database.

Decision Maker: Cabinet Member for Planning and Licensing

Decision published: 02/05/2023

Effective from: 11/05/2023

Decision:

To agree that an amendment can be made to the current Policy to inform new applicants and existing licensees of the Council's statutory obligation to record decisions to refuse new or suspend or revoke existing combined Hackney Carriage and Private Hire drivers' licences on the national NR3S database.

Wards affected: All Wards

Lead officer: John Dowding

Radstock Regeneration

Decision to formally wind up Norton Radstock Regeneration Ltd following delivery of the Regeneration project.

Decision Maker: Cabinet Member for Economic Development, Regeneration & Growth

Decision published: 12/04/2023

Effective from: 20/04/2023

Decision:

(1) To note the intention of Norton Radstock Regeneration Company (NRR), to wind up their company, noting that their legal liabilities, obligations and planning conditions have been mainly fulfilled and thanking the NRR Board Members for their work to deliver the regeneration scheme in Radstock.

(2) To approve the acquisition of the Brunel Shed, for £1, and provide agreement, in principle, to delegate responsibility to the Director of Regeneration and Housing, in consultation with the Cabinet Member for Resources, the s151 Officer and the Monitoring Officer, to:

(a) Resolve the financial terms associated with the acquisition of the Brunel Shed by B&NES Council, to form part of the corporate estate. The property acquisition costs, further legal advice and a full building survey (structural, utilities and environmental) will be funded by NRR remaining budget to be transferred to B&NES.

(b) Complete the due diligence to confirm the condition of the building and land, legal issues associated with the property title and any related holding costs and liabilities.

(3) To fully approve a capital budget of £50k funded by third-party contribution to support regeneration projects identified in the forthcoming Radstock Town Centre Regeneration Action Plan, acquisition of the Brunel Shed and potentially including some capital costs associated with the redevelopment of the Brunel Shed and/or Trinity Church.

(4) To fully approve a capital budget of £54.5k funded from the Changing Places UK Government grant for provision of an accessible toilet in Tom Huyton Park, Radstock. This will be owned by B&NES and managed by Radstock Town Council with B&NES the accountable organisation administering the grant.

(5) To fully approve a capital budget of £100k to be grant funded towards capital costs of retrofitting Trinity Church for use as a community hub, to be funded by a strategic CIL provisional budget allocation for 2023/24.

In addition to note that we anticipate further capital funding for Trinity Church to be funded by grant from the UK Shared Prosperity Fund for 2023-25.

Wards affected: Radstock

Lead officer: Simon Martin, Cleo Newcombe-Jones

Adoption of the Air Quality Action Plan: Temple Cloud and Farrington Gurney

This Air Quality Action Plan (AQAP) has been produced as part of our statutory duties required by the Local Air Quality Management framework. It outlines the action we will take to reduce the concentrations of nitrogen dioxide (NO₂) in the villages of Farrington Gurney and Temple Cloud in Bath and North East Somerset between 2022 and 2027.

Decision Maker: Cabinet Member for Neighbourhood Services

Decision published: 06/04/2023

Effective from: 18/04/2023

Decision:

To adopt the Air Quality Action Plan (AQAP) which has been derived from the monitoring of Nitrogen Dioxide (NO₂) in Temple Cloud and Farrington Gurney.

Wards affected: High Littleton; Mendip

Lead officer: Tiago Roque

Service Level Agreement for School Admission Appeals – Democratic Services

To obtain agreement to the charges for School Admission Appeals, outlined in the Service Level Agreement (SLA) provided by Democratic Services for the year April 2023 – March 2027 for local authority schools (community and voluntary controlled) and those academy, foundation and voluntary aided schools that use the service.

Decision Maker: Cabinet Member for Children and Young People and Communities

Decision published: 29/03/2023

Effective from: 06/04/2023

Decision:

The Cabinet Member agrees that:

(1) The charge for a school admission appeal to be set at £230 per appeal from April 2023 to reflect the cost of living.

(2) The charges outlined in the SLA for the school admission appeal services - as set out in Appendix 1 – will be reviewed annually in light of the UK Consumer Price Index (“CPI”) and amended on an upwards only basis from 1 April 2024 until 31 March 2027.

Wards affected: All Wards

Lead officer: Enfys Hughes

School Term and Holiday Dates 2024/25 Academic Year

Following consultation to fully approve the school term and holiday dates for the 2024/25 academic year.

Decision Maker: Cabinet Member for Children and Young People and Communities

Decision published: 21/03/2023

Effective from: 29/03/2023

Decision:

To approve the Council's preferred calendar of school term and holiday dates and to recommend these to all schools for the 2024-25 academic year.

Wards affected: All Wards

Lead officer: Josephine Rees

Mount Road Liveable Neighbourhood Area

To agree the shortlist items to be taken forward to preliminary design and engagement for the Mount Road Liveable Neighbourhood Area.

Decision Maker: Cabinet Member for Climate and Sustainable Travel

Decision published: 21/03/2023

Effective from: 29/03/2023

Decision:

(1) To proceed with the shortlist of interventions set out in paragraph 3.8 of the report:

(a) Controlled crossing in the Roundhill Grove junction area; and

(b) Mini roundabout (improvements) along Mount Road.

With reference to 3.8(a) it is proposed to provide a raised zebra crossing between Mount Grove and Roundhill Grove.

And 3.9:

(a) Speed cushions along Mount Road and outside the primary school.

(b) Continuous crossings along the side roads which meet Mount Road, supported by narrowing the side road junctions;

(c) Widening the western footway to the southern end of Mount Road, and around the existing bus stops; and

(d) Extend the school "Keep clear" zig zags and double yellow lines outside the primary school.

With reference to 3.9(a) raised pedestrian crossing points across Mount Road are proposed in lieu of speed cushions.

Now taking them forward to preliminary design and engagement.

(2) To note that the proposed shortlist is based on work done with communities to first identify their needs and then co-design potential solutions to address those needs, as summarised in Appendix A of the report.

(3) To note that the proposed shortlist was next subject to technical review, both in terms of alignment with the Liveable Neighbourhoods strategy and other factors such as cost, practicalities and timelines, as summarised in Appendix B of the report.

(4) To note that the proposed shortlist was then referenced back to the application put forward by the primary school in Spring 2021 to ensure that the package of interventions satisfied the aims of the original proposal.

(5) To note that the ability to proceed is subject to funding being available for the design, engagement, consultation and implementation work required as a result of this decision.

For clarity the proposed scheme contains no modal filters at either end of Mount Road.

Wards affected: Southdown

Lead officer: Joanna Sammons

A37 Whitchurch Crossing

Approval of progression to the detailed design and implementation stage.

Decision Maker: Cabinet Member for Climate and Sustainable Travel

Decision published: 21/03/2023

Effective from: 29/03/2023

Decision:

(1) To proceed to final design, consultation and implementation for the measures comprising the proposed A37 crossing.

(2) To advertise a Notice of Intent in relation to the proposed controlled crossing, informing the public of the proposals. Subject to any objections or representations received, to agree that officers proceed to a Notice of Construction.

(3) To approve the spend for this phase of the programme, which is in part covered by a Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) contribution of £338,310.

Wards affected: Publow with Whitchurch

Lead officer: Joanna Sammons

Transfer of Leased Properties

There are 40 residential properties owned Freehold by the Council and currently leased to another organisation. This decision would, and with the full agreement of the lessee, terminate the leases and transfer the properties back into the full ownership of the Council.

Decision Maker: Cabinet Member for Adult Services and Council House Building

Decision published: 20/03/2023

Effective from: 28/03/2023

Decision:

- (1) To authorise the Head of Housing to complete the transfer of the remaining Curo leased residential properties to full Council ownership including agreement of post transfer housing management arrangements.
- (2) To authorise the continued use of these properties as social rented accommodation as part of the wider B&NES Homes programme.
- (3) To fully approve £430k of capital funding from unallocated Right to Buy receipts to support the transfer and purchase of these units.

Wards affected: Bathwick; Kingsmead; Lansdown

Lead officer: Graham Sabourn

RULE 3.5.16 - Two month extension of supported bus service 672

To set out the case for a further 2-month extension to the supported bus service 672.

Decision Maker: Cabinet Member for Climate and Sustainable Travel

Decision published: 17/03/2023

Effective from: 17/03/2023

Decision:

The Cabinet Member agrees to:

Release up to £70,000 from the Council's earmarked public transport reserves to enable a 2-month extension to the 672 supported bus service until 30 July 2023.

Wards affected: Chew Valley; Mendip

Lead officer: Pam Turton

EV Charging - Cable Channel Trial

Proposal for trial of footway cable channels which enable on-street EV home charging.

Decision Maker: Cabinet Member for Climate and Sustainable Travel

Decision published: 14/03/2023

Effective from: 22/03/2023

Decision:

- To delegate approval to the Director of Sustainable Communities, in consultation with the S151 Officer, to accept £182,250 of the Green Recovery Fund grant from the West of England Combined Authority. These funds will be spent in line with a change request to an approved full business case for an electric vehicle project.

- To delegate approval to implement the proposals set out within the report to the Director of Sustainable Communities, in consultation with the Cabinet member for Climate and Sustainable Travel, and the S151 Officer in accordance with the requirements of the Grant Funding Agreement.
- To agree that the council conducts a trial of EV cable channel products, which is currently proposed to the following details:
 - Up to three different cable channel models trialled in-situ on public footways.
 - Up to twenty units/model trialled, making a maximum of sixty participants in the trial.
 - Trial units in-situ for up to twelve months, to be subject to full annual weather cycle.
 - Trial project is expected to take 18 months in total, to start when funding is released, expected April 2023 at the earliest.
 - Trial monitoring and participant surveys to inform decisions on the nature of a cable channel offer and council approval of offering to residents.
 - Participants may be required to open chargers to the public via 3rd party community charging services where feasible, to increase trial impact to public EV users.
- To facilitate required oversight, trial criteria be delegated to the Director of Sustainable Communities, in consultation with the member with responsibility for Climate and Sustainable Travel.

Wards affected: All Wards

Lead officer: Alex Rowbotham

Shortlist for the Temple Cloud Liveable Neighbourhood Area

To agree the shortlist items to be taken forward to preliminary design and engagement for the Temple Cloud Liveable Neighbourhood Area.

Decision Maker: Cabinet Member for Climate and Sustainable Travel

Decision published: 09/03/2023

Effective from: 17/03/2023

Decision:

(1) To proceed with the shortlist of interventions set out in paragraphs 3.8 of the report:

- a) Improvements to the footpath between Temple Cloud and Clutton;
- b) Provision of benches and other furniture around Temple Cloud Playing Field;
- c) Pedestrian priority crossings on Temple Inn Lane;

- d) A controlled crossing on the A37 in the South of the village;
- e) Improvements to the footpath between Cameley Surgery and the north of the village (Camley Surgery to Village Hall);
- f) The provision of street lighting along the St Barnabas' Church footpath and Brandown Close;
- g) A reduces speed limit of 30mph through Temple Bridge;
- h) A community gateway at the Temple Inn Lane entrance to the village; and
- i) Link Temple Cloud to Temple Bridge to help facilitate a circular route and better connectivity.

And in paragraph 3.9 of the report:

- a) Extend the 30mph speed limit on Temple Inn Lane; and
- b) Improvements to the footpath between the north-east and south of the village (Eastcourt Road to Village Hall)

Now taking them forward to preliminary design and engagement.

- (2) To note that the proposed shortlist is based on work done with these communities to first identify their needs and then co-design potential solutions to address those needs, as summarised in Appendix A of the report.
- (3) To note that the proposed shortlist was next subject to technical review, both in terms of alignment with the Liveable Neighbourhoods strategy and other factors such as cost, practicalities and timelines, as summarised in Appendix B of the report.
- (4) To note that the proposed shortlist was then referenced back to the applications put forward by ward councillors in Spring 2021 to ensure that the package of interventions satisfied the aims of the original proposals.
- (5) To note the opportunity to “fast track” the shortlisted interventions set out in paragraph 3.12 of the report:
 - a) Improvement to the footpath between Cameley Surgery and the north of the village (Camley Surgery to Village Hall);
 - b) Improvements to the footpath between the north-east and south of the village (Eastcourt Road to Village Hall); and
 - c) The provision of street lighting along the St Barnabas' Church footpath and Brandown Close.

(6) To note that the ability to proceed is subject to funding being available for the design, engagement, consultation and implementation work required because of this decision.

(7) Note that the ability to proceed is subject to funding being available for the design, engagement, consultation and implementation work required because of this decision.

Wards affected: Mendip

Lead officer: Joanna Sammons

CIL for Bath Advisory Board Recommendations Round Thirteen

This request is for the Leader of the Council to agree the recommendations from the CIL for Bath Advisory Board that relate to the thirteenth allocation of funding from Neighbourhood CIL for Bath Community Infrastructure Levy.

Decision Maker: Council Leader

Decision published: 08/03/2023

Effective from: 16/03/2023

Decision:

To agree the following allocations:

(1) An allocation of £20,000 up to £75,000 to provide a new Zebra Crossing at Hope House on Lansdown Road in Bath.

(2) An allocation of £99,304 to support improvements of the infrastructure at Bath BMX Club in the Odd Down Ward.

Wards affected: Lansdown; Odd Down

Lead officer: Mark Hayward

RULE 3.5.16 - Appendix J to the Discretionary Rates Relief Policy

To agree an update to the Discretionary Rates relief policy to allow officers to be able to make awards of Business Rates Relief to qualifying ratepayers in respect of the 2023/24 financial year.

Decision Maker: Cabinet Member for Resources

Decision published: 02/03/2023

Effective from: 02/03/2023

Decision:

To approve the proposal relating to these reliefs in Appendix J attached to the report.

Wards affected: All Wards

Lead officer: Rob Brunton

B&NES Response to Bristol Local Plan Review, Further Consultation Document November 2022

Bristol City Council published its Local Plan Review, Draft Policies and Development Allocations document in November 2022 for public consultation. As a neighbouring authority the Bristol Local Plan is likely to affect communities in B&NES. This report seeks endorsement by the Cabinet Member for Planning and Licensing of B&NES response relating to cross boundary strategic matters.

Decision Maker: Cabinet Member for Planning and Licensing

Decision published: 02/03/2023

Effective from: 10/03/2023

Decision:

To endorse the comments set out in Appendix 1 of the report and to agree that these should be submitted to Bristol City Council as the formal response of B&NES Council to the Bristol Local Plan Review – Further Consultation Document, November 2022.

Wards affected: All Wards

Lead officer: Richard Daone

Additional Discretionary Charges in Planning

To Introduce new additional charges for:

Invalid planning applications
Meetings about site allocations
History searches and historic documentation
Confirmation that conditions have been discharged

Decision Maker: Cabinet Member for Planning and Licensing

Decision published: 27/02/2023

Effective from: 07/03/2023

Decision:

To agree to the implementation of:

- A charge for requests to confirm that conditions have been discharged on a specific site/property.
- A charge for Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) advice.
- A new range of charges for history searches and historic document provision.
- A charge for requests from developers/landowners to meet with Planning Policy about land and site allocations.

Wards affected: All Wards

Lead officer: Sarah Jefferies

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MEETING / DECISION MAKER:	Cabinet	
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1 THE ISSUE

- 1.1 This report updates Cabinet on the progress made in delivering our Corporate Strategy 2020-24 and our performance in 2022-23.

2 RECOMMENDATION

The Cabinet is asked to:

- 2.1 Note the progress in delivering the Corporate Strategy and the highlights of Council performance and activity during 2022-23.

3 THE REPORT

- 3.1 Full Council adopted a new four-year Corporate Strategy at its meeting on 25th February 2020. The document set a new direction for the Council, reflecting the aims of the administration elected in May 2019, and providing a clear approach to the Council's activities and priorities.
- 3.2 The Corporate Strategy is the Council's overarching strategic plan. It sets out what we plan to do, how we plan to do it, and how we will measure performance over the next four years. The Corporate Strategy framework is set out below:

- 1) We have one overriding purpose - **to improve people's lives**. This brings together everything we do, from cleaning the streets to caring for our older people. It is the foundation for our strategy, and we will ensure that it drives our commitments, spending, and service delivery.
- 2) We have two core policies - **tackling the climate and ecological emergency** and **giving people a bigger say**. These will shape our work.
- 3) To translate our purpose into commitments, we have identified three principles. We want to **prepare for the future, deliver for residents** and **focus on prevention**. These, in turn, help us to identify specific delivery commitments across our services.

Work has now started on a refresh to the Corporate Strategy and an update report is also on the agenda of the Cabinet meeting today.

This report brings together the work undertaken to deliver the Corporate Strategy in 2022/23, as well as the key elements of Council performance during this period.

- 3.3 Despite the challenges of still recovering from the Covid-19 pandemic, which placed significant pressures on the Council, our communities, local businesses and partner organisations, good progress was made in delivering the Corporate Strategy last year. A snapshot of achievements is set out below with a more detailed account in Annex 1:



The Council has also published its response to the COVID pandemic and extracts of this report are shown in Annex 1.

The Council has been guiding local communities on how to live safely with COVID. **The B&NES Living Safely and Fairly with COVID-19 Plan** sets out a framework for how individuals, employers and institutions can collectively prevent, protect and respond to COVID-19 in the coming years.

The plan is part of the Council's overall response to emergencies and does not replace the existing Major Incident Plan. Its aim is to harness the capacity of the Council, working with communities and partners, to enable residents of Bath and North East Somerset to live safely and fairly with COVID-19, while retaining resilience and capabilities to respond to new variants, outbreaks, and any resurgence of COVID-19.

3.4 The Council has also continued to deliver its wide range of services and an activity analysis of some of the key services are shown in Annex 2, some of the highlights include:

- The number of looked after children has risen to 231, a 20% increase from 2019.
- The number of children on a child protection plan has increased by 53% since 2019 to 139.
- Over 1,900 planning applications were decided during 2022/23
- The number of fly tipping instances cleared has risen to over 1,700, an increase of over 350 since 2019
- Over 335 kg of residual waste per household was collected
- Over 400,000 visitors visited the Bath Christmas market after a two-year suspension because of COVID.

A full breakdown of key activity is shown in Annex 2.

4 STATUTORY CONSIDERATIONS

4.1 The Council has a wide range of powers which allow it to deliver the Corporate Strategy adopted in February 2020. It should be noted however that the government has introduced an extensive range of new legislation, regulations and guidance during the last 3 years, which may influence how certain aspects of the Strategy are delivered.

5 RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS (FINANCE, PROPERTY, PEOPLE)

5.1 A full report on the Council's approach to financial recovery from the COVID pandemic was presented to Cabinet on 2nd July 2020.

- 5.2 The Council's financial planning and budget setting process is the key resource mechanism for delivering the Corporate Strategy. Council agreed the resourcing requirements for the 2022/23 at its Budget meeting in February 2022.

6 RISK MANAGEMENT

- 6.1 A risk assessment related to the issues and recommendations has been undertaken, in compliance with the Council's decision-making risk management guidance.

7 CLIMATE CHANGE

- 7.1 The Climate Emergency Annual Report was presented to Council in March 2022 on our progress in tackling the climate and ecological emergency. The current report provides an opportunity to re-emphasise how these commitments are reflected as "core policies" in delivering the Corporate Strategy.
- 7.2 Monitoring the effectiveness of delivering on Climate Change is one of the key components of the strategic report. Indicators are being developed to allow further monitoring against the Council's target.

8 OTHER OPTIONS CONSIDERED

- 8.1 None

9 CONSULTATION

- 9.1 This report has been cleared by the S151 Officer and Monitoring Officer.

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Background papers	Corporate Strategy 2020-2024
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Corporate Strategy - End of Year Review 2022/23

This document provides an end of year review of the Council's progress against the Corporate Strategy. In particular, it captures the successes and achievements in what has been a rebuilding year for local government following three years of Covid-19 driving management and response.

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Executive Summary

2022/23 is the first full Council year since 2019/20 that residents and businesses across Bath and North East Somerset have been free from the restrictions imposed on their lives and livelihoods to manage the pandemic.

This review sets out the progress we have made over the last 12 months as we transitioned from response mode to living safely with COVID, while continuing to deliver the commitments set out in the Corporate Strategy to improve people's lives. This includes rebuilding the local economy, managing new and emerging challenges around the cost of living crisis, and addressing the legacy issues left by the pandemic on health and community services.

In common with local authorities up and down the country, the Council spent 2020/21 and 2021/22 delivering an effective and dynamic response to the Covid-19 pandemic to protect life, contain and mitigate the impact of the emergency, and build the conditions for an effective and sustainable recovery, particularly for our local economy.

Three years on, we have transitioned to living safely with covid as part of our everyday lives, allowing us to look back over the last 12 months and share some notable achievements:



1. Introduction and Context

This section provides a brief overview of the Corporate Strategy, setting out the priority areas for delivery, with this review focusing on the final year of the 2020-2024 strategy.

1.1 Corporate Strategy 2020-2024

The Council has **ONE** overriding purpose - to **improve people's lives**. This may sound simple but it brings together **everything** we do, from cleaning the streets to caring for our older people. It is the foundation for our **Corporate Strategy** and we ensure that it drives our commitments, spending and service delivery.

Since 2020, the Strategy has formed the overarching strategic guide for future changes, setting out in partnership with other local public sector agencies what we plan to do, how we plan to do it, and how we will measure our performance. To translate our purpose into commitments, we identified **TWO core policies** - **tackling the climate and ecological emergency** and **giving people a bigger say**, and **THREE principles** - **preparing for the future**, **delivering for local residents** and **focusing on prevention**. Collectively, these shape everything we do.



The Strategy was originally adopted by Full Council in February 2020 and subsequently updated to incorporate the Council's response to the impacts of COVID-19 through its core policies and commitments. 2023/24 marks the final year of the current Strategy. With the local election in May and a new set of manifesto commitments to consider, a new Strategy will be drafted in the latter half of 2023 however it's core purpose will remain the same - to **improve people's lives**.

1.2 Links to the Council's Financial Strategy and Priorities

Full Council agreed the Medium Term Financial Strategy and Budget for 2023/24 at its meeting on 12th February 2023. The budget focuses on delivery of the Corporate Strategy to ensure our commitments are realistic and achievable, with areas of strategic priority and focus over the next two years to include:

- ➔ Further investment to deliver more **effective transport schemes** across the council area, with a particular focus on creating liveable neighbourhoods, prioritising active travel and reducing reliance on the car for commuting and short journeys.
- ➔ Continued investment to **support the most vulnerable** people in our communities.
- ➔ Continued commitment to address the **climate and ecological emergency**, investing in energy and reductions in vehicle usage.
- ➔ Focus on **supporting the local economy** to recover from the impact of the pandemic and rising inflation, regenerate local high streets and increase the diversification of the economy away from dependence on retail, hospitality and tourism.
- ➔ Support the **Business Change programme** to modernise the Council with a focus on improved asset management and flexible working.

1.3 Community Contribution Fund

The **Community Contribution Fund** was launched in March 2021 as a pilot scheme offering residents the chance to pay into a good causes fund to help local charity, community and voluntary groups reduce inequalities in the area.

As of 10th January 2023, over **460** individual donations had been received, with the total amount donated reaching **£36,095.32**. The scheme attracted more donations within the first financial year, however this downward trend in charitable giving has been seen across the sector. The table below summaries the donations and grants that have been made in the two years that the fund has been running:

Year of Scheme	Grants Allocated by Panel of Councillors
2021/22 Total Donated £30,019.55	Grants allocated to 14 community organisations working to reduce inequalities. Projects funded included those that supported people's mental health; provided emergency medical supplies; invested in refurbishment of community facilities; mentoring; support for families; training; group therapy and youth provision.
2022/23 Total Donated £6,075.55 (as at 10/01/2023)	Grants of £250 offered to community organisations from October 2022 in support of community-run Warm Spaces registered with the Council. Applicants can use these to help support their additional utility costs or to help run activities. 20 applications have been approved by the panel and further applications are expected.

It is recommended that the scheme continues into 2023/24.

2. Delivering our Commitments

The Corporate Strategy contains 24 commitments under its three corporate principles. A selection of success stories for each principle are set out below:

Preparing for the Future

Council's first new social rent properties in 30 years ready for tenants

- The first affordable homes for social rent owned directly by the Council in nearly three decades are being advertised to potential tenants. The former council offices at 117 Newbridge Hill have been converted into seven one and two-bed affordable and energy efficient apartments.

Keynsham Recycling Hub contractor supports the local economy

- Apprenticeship opportunities, skills training, community support and engaging with educational and community initiatives are being provided by the contractor Farrans working on the new Keynsham Recycling Hub as part of a deal with the Council.

Our future ambition: new prospectus for Bath and North East Somerset

- A celebration of Bath and North East Somerset and the ambition for the district in the future is captured in a new [Place Prospectus](#). Intended as a 'living' record to be updated as projects develop, it outlines the key regeneration schemes already under way and a vision to realise the potential of the area.

Council partners with Bath College to help employees improve their maths skills

- Businesses are being encouraged to help staff develop their numeracy skills and confidence by signing up for a new national training initiative to be delivered by Bath College in partnership with the Council.

Delivering for Local Residents

New separated cycle lanes and bus stops opened

- New separated cycle lanes have been opened in Bath on the A36 Beckford Road, and the A4 Upper Bristol Road. A new type of bus stop called a bus stop boarder has also come into use at both locations. This operates by the cycle lane running between the bus stop and the pavement. Pedestrians have priority at the bus stops and people using the cycle lane must stop to allow bus passengers to get on or off the bus.

New bike hangars to be installed in Bath

- New lockable storage hangars for 24 bikes will be installed in three Bath residential areas as part of a £30,000 two-year trial funded by the Transport Improvement Plan to provide secure, on-street parking facilities for residents. Each hangar can accommodate six bikes, with each parking space costing £42 a year to rent during the trial period.

Free internet access for all with new 'Hublets' at council libraries

- Thirty self-service Samsung tablets or 'Hublets' have been installed at the Council's three main libraries. Residents with Libraries West membership can use them for free internet browsing, access to e-books, newspapers and magazines and other library apps. The tablets are ideal for people who are new to using touch-screen technology and will help more people to access digital services.

Relaunch of Discovery Card Programme

- The Council has relaunched the Discovery Card programme, giving residents of Bath and North East Somerset free access to Council owned Heritage Sites, including the Roman Baths, Fashion Museum, Parade Gardens and Victoria Art Gallery, as well discounts with participating local attractions and businesses.

Focusing on Prevention

Libraries offer warm welcome - Libraries across Bath and North East Somerset are offering a warm welcome to residents struggling with rising energy costs this winter. As well as offering a warm space where people can access free Wi-Fi, browse books and download eMagazines and eAudiobooks, the libraries can provide information on how to save energy at home and signpost people to partner services offering advice and information on money matters, benefits, jobs, wellbeing services and food support.

Help available for rough sleepers in Bath and North East Somerset - All year round is being offered across the area for people who sleep rough or are at risk of becoming homeless. The Council and Homeless Partnership agencies are offering a room for anyone who needs it in severe weather at any time of the year, while a number of cafés have signed up to help rough sleepers by providing warm spaces and a hot drink during the day, while Manvers Street Hostel is providing takeaway breakfast, lunch and dinner.

Results of B&NES school health and wellbeing survey - A survey of children in the area shows around two thirds of students across Bath and North East Somerset are satisfied with their lives at the moment. The survey covered topics such as mental and emotional health and wellbeing, including bullying; relationships and sexual health; substance use; healthy eating; physical activity; and future aspirations. More than 6,500 pupils from more than 50 schools across the district participated in the survey.

Positive outcomes for thousands of families in B&NES - The Connecting Families team is celebrating ten years of success helping families improve their lives. Since it was set up in 2012, the team has supported 1,723 families including 1,365 children and 927 adults, with support ranging from getting children back into education, housing support and help with issues such as alcohol and substance misuse, with the aim of achieving better outcomes for the whole family.

3. Our Core Policies

Our core policies are embedded in everything we do and as we have responded to the pandemic and prepared for our recovery, we have ensured our work on the climate and ecological emergency and giving people more say has been embedded in our response.

The following achievements are based on the [Climate & Ecological Emergency Progress Report 2022/23](#).

Headline Figures for B&NES	Baseline	Latest	Change
Area-wide Emissions	1063.3 ktCO₂ (2005)	599.6 ktCO₂ (2020)	44% ↓
Council Emissions	8,330 tCO₂ (2010/11)	2,644 tCO₂ (2021/22)	68% ↓
Renewable Energy Capacity	21 MW (2019)	29 MW (2022)	8 MW ↑

Average per person emissions in B&NES are **3.1 tCO₂** (2020), 20% lower than the UK average of 3.8

Tackling the Climate and Ecological Emergency

Council adopts ground-breaking planning framework

- Bath and North East Somerset has become the first council in England to successfully adopt an energy-based net zero housing policy as part of its commitment to tackle the climate emergency. The Council will also impose net zero operational carbon standards for new major non-residential developments.

Roman Baths - An innovative emissions-reduction scheme means that spa water from the Roman Baths is being used to decrease the Council's carbon footprint. Installation of high-grade stainless steel energy blades in the King's Spring have allowed for a new 100 kilowatt heat system (the equivalent of heating 20 or 30 average domestic homes) to provide carbon neutral heat to the Baths Complex and the Clore Learning Centre.

Council to use low emission thermal road repair technology

- The Council has invested in a new carbon saving road repair system to help reduce emissions as it improves and maintains roads in the area. The process reuses existing road surface material and there is no excavation of material that then needs to be disposing of, making the process zero waste. By eliminating the need for power tools road repairs can be made faster, noise levels are reduced, and carbon emissions are significantly lower.

Bathscape - The council-led Bathscape Landscape Partnership Scheme has continued to deliver nature, heritage, equal access, health and education outcomes. Three new areas of wildflower meadow have been sown, habitat management practical volunteer days run weekly, and a programme of outdoor wildlife, walking and training events have attracted over 2000 local residents. In addition, the sixth Bathscape Walking Festival took place in September, with over 1,400 people joining one or more of the 60+ walks, supported by over 30 volunteers giving 350 plus hours of their time.

Phase 1 of new Recycling Hub completed

- The Council is developing a state-of-the-art waste and recycling facility at Pixash Lane, Keynsham. The first phase has been completed and the new Reuse and Recycling Centre opened on 17 April 2023. The hub will expand public recycling provision, make it easier for people to recycle and help reduce general waste and operational costs.

Expansion of electric vehicle charging points

- 30 new electric charging points have been made available following the expansion of the Revive vehicle charging network to help reduce transport emissions. The charging points are being installed at eight locations across the district including 16 rapid (50kW) and 14 fast (22kW) public charging bays. The new charge points bring the total number of charging bays provided by the Council across Bath & North East Somerset to 50.

Work to start on B&NES Liveable

Neighbourhoods - Extensive public engagement has taken place on the introduction of 'Liveable Neighbourhoods'. Residents have put forward a range of measures to be considered, including safer crossings, wider pavements, improved seating and public space, and a range of traffic-calming measures. Three pilot road closures are in place, and five residents' parking zones have been implemented. Detailed designs for 15 neighbourhoods are almost ready for publication.

Somer Valley Social Prescribing - The Council has been awarded £1.6m from Active Travel England to deliver an innovative new Active Travel Social Prescribing Hub in the Somer Valley. The new hub will promote social prescribing (supports mental health and physical wellbeing in a holistic way) through health professionals and self-referrals into a range of active travel interventions, such as walking and cycling, as an alternative or in addition to prescribing medication. There are additional benefits from encouraging behavioural change away from using cars, i.e., reduced carbon emissions, traffic congestion, improved air quality.

[Chew Valley Trail](#) - A new 2.7km all-weather path allows more people to take in the sights of Chew Valley Lake and enjoy the benefits of being outside. The new path on the northern section of the lake opened in spring 2022 and has made the Chew Valley Trail accessible for pedestrians and cyclists to enjoy. A 840m off-road shared use path gives people of all ages traffic free access to the section between Woodford Lodge and Walley Court Road.

[Great Avon Litter Pick](#) - More than 120 bags of litter were collected from the banks of the River Avon in Bath and North East Somerset by volunteers and local organisations as part of the Great British Spring Clean 2022. One hundred and seventy people of all ages came together to clear the litter using equipment provided by the Council including 70 litter pickers, 30 children's pickers, sacks, gloves and high vis jackets.

Examples of successful consultations to **Give People a Bigger Say** are set out below:

Giving People a Bigger Say	
<p><u>North East Somerset Area Forums explore preparing for the future and community resilience</u> - Residents in Chew Valley joined local partners to discuss key issues for their community including the cost-of-living crisis and planning for the future. It also explored what liveable neighbourhoods mean for the area and how the local plan links with a new Health and Wellbeing Strategy to make it easier to live healthier lives.</p>	<p><u>Have your say on new sports facilities at Odd Down</u> - The Council has allocated £700k of investment to upgrade Odd Down Sports Ground and is asking residents to have their say on which facilities they think are most important - proposed improvements include a new gym, a fitness studio that will double as a community space, a climbing facility and Padel tennis courts.</p>
<p><u>Residents help allocate more than £420k for community projects</u> - Eleven neighbourhood projects in Bath will share over £420,000 in community funding following a public consultation to help choose the recipients. Projects supported include a new food pantry, parks improvements and better community facilities for carers.</p>	<p><u>Cabinet considers Citizens' Panel report on active travel schemes</u> - The Citizens' Panel was commissioned earlier this year to consider active travel in and around Bath. Their report requests adoption of four guiding principles developed by the panel, along with confirmation of next steps for Bath Valley Floor to Claverton Down cycle route.</p>
<p><u>Tell us what young children need from library services in B&NES</u> - Parents and carers of children aged 0 to 11 have been invited to have their say on what they want from library and information services across the area.</p>	<p><u>Help shape the new designs for five Bath parks</u> - Proposed improvements for five council-owned green spaces in the Foxhill area of Bath have been revealed with residents invited to have their say on the new designs.</p>

4. **Council Achievements and Performance**

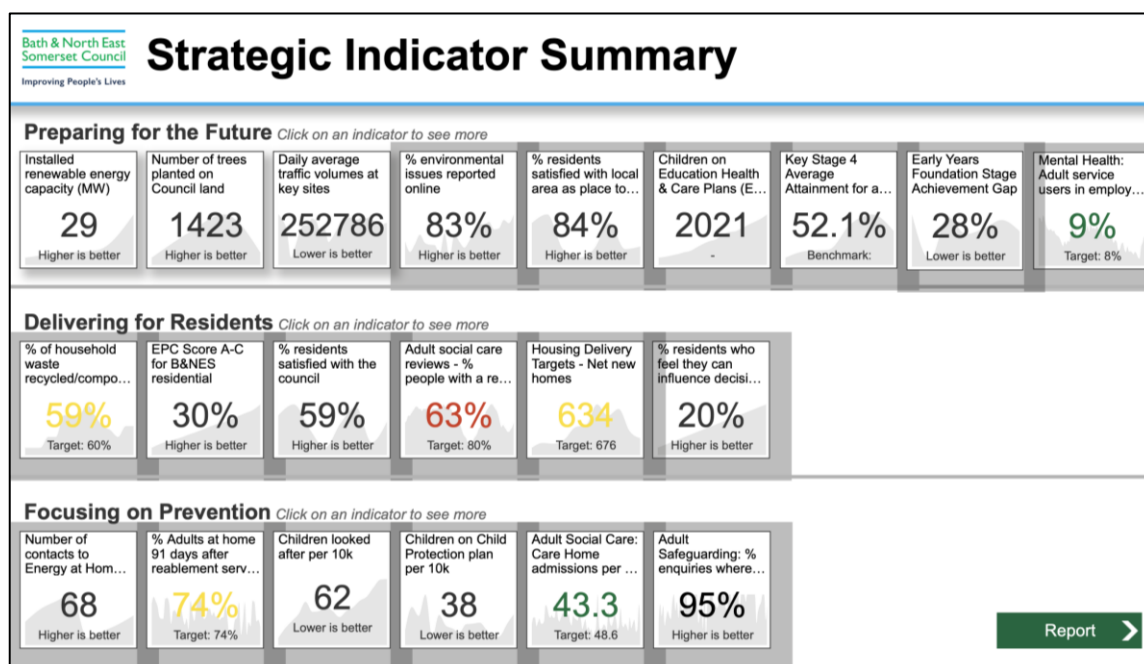
4.1 **Achievements and Successes**

2022/23 has been a rebuilding year, both for the Council and for Bath and North East Somerset, and we are doing a great job! **Appendix 1** captures our Achievements and Successes over the last 12 months, with the following table highlighting notable achievements for each Directorate:

Directorate	Achievements and Success in 2022/23
Adult Social Care	➔ 5 Extra Care Housing units rated as good by CQC
Business Change & Customer Services	➔ Libraries for Life initiative created, creating pathways for the lifetime of a customer
Children & Young People and Education	➔ Ofsted has undertaken several school inspections this year, all judged as 'good'
Finance	➔ Distributed £1.9m in Household Support Fund payments to help residents with energy costs and free school meals
People & Policy	➔ Community Wellbeing Hub support with cost-of-living crisis and helping people out of hospital
Place Management	➔ First Bath Christmas market since 2019 with over 200 traders, 500,000 visitors, £50m city-wide income and its highest ever approval rating - 95% of visitors would consider returning to visit again
Public Health	➔ Success in securing a programme of free holiday activities for all children and young people aged 5-16 years old who receive benefits related free school meals
Regeneration & Housing	➔ Opened Bath Quays South and bridge bringing new businesses and jobs to Bath
Sustainable Communities	➔ Opened World Heritage Centre and education zone with strong post-Covid recovery for Roman Baths

4.2 Strategic Performance Indicators

The **Strategic Performance Indicator Set** (SPIS) is a set of 21 indicators selected by Directors from over 200 national and local performance measures to enable Members to focus on some key areas of delivery. They are part of the Council's Integrated Reporting Framework and themed to follow the key principles in the Corporate Strategy.



The chart above summaries the end of year returns for the SPIS, while the full Q4 Strategic Indicator Performance Report is available in **Appendix 2**. With the exception of data for traffic volumes, all of the indicators are as up to date as they can be. Key points to note:

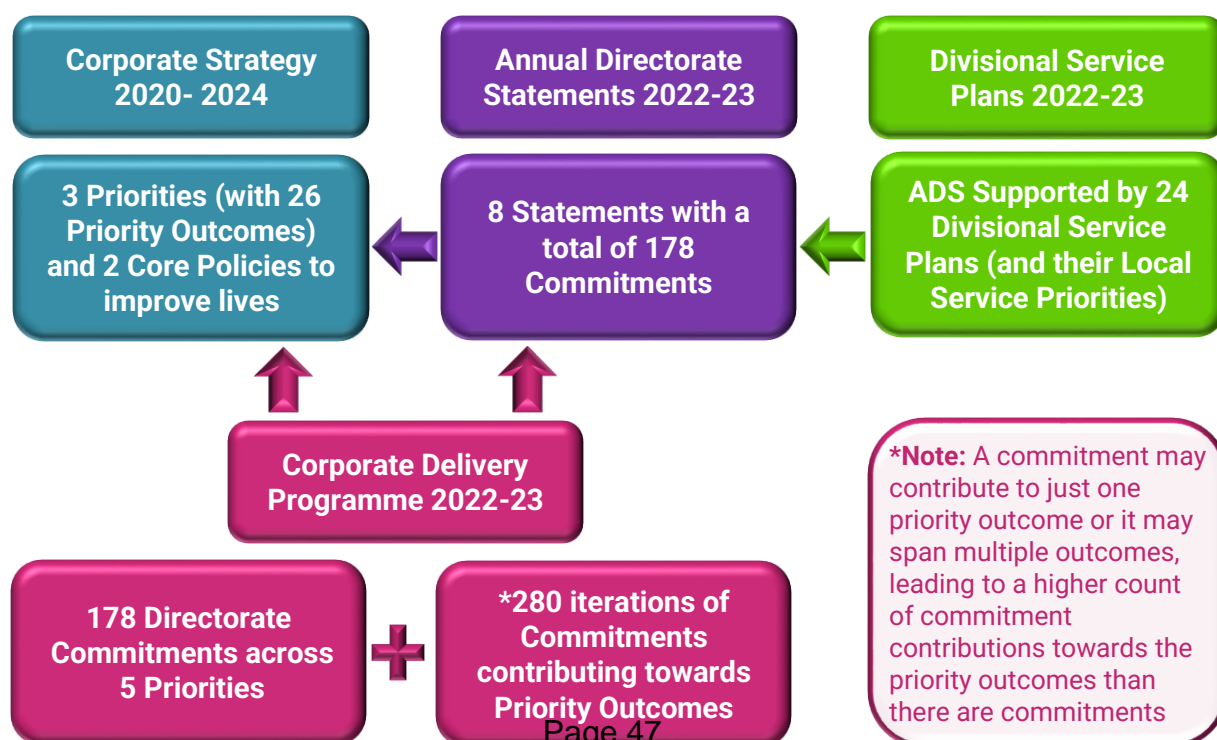
- ➔ The tree planting indicator has seen a huge decrease. Planting over the last two years has utilised the sites that could accommodate large numbers of trees. The focus now is on planting more individual high value specimens to maintain the quality of tree stock.
- ➔ Installed renewable energy capacity has new data for the first time since the methodology was reviewed and has increased as anticipated. A combination of the Council's own initiatives and large planning applications moving to development have delivered additional capacity.
- ➔ Admissions to care homes have reduced slightly compared to the last published figure, while the rate of Adult Safeguarding enquiries has dropped to 90% compared to 95%. A lot of data cleansing took place prior to the statutory submission, which is likely to be the cause.

We have recently undertaken a quality assurance review of the indicator set to ensure the measures remain relevant and representative of the priorities and core policies in the Corporate Strategy, and also reflect the Council's response to emerging issues around the national cost-of-living crisis. This is likely to result in a revised and expanded set of indicators for the 2023/24 financial year to align with next year's revised budget. Any revisions to the set will be finalised as part of the new Corporate Strategy in 2023/24.

4.3 Corporate Delivery Programme 2022/23

Nearly three quarters of the Directorates' 178 commitments have been completed, successfully delivering 208 contributions towards the Corporate Strategy's priority outcomes.

The **Annual Directorate Statements** set out the high level commitments by Directorates to help achieve delivery of **Corporate Strategy's** key priorities (with the support of their respective **Divisional Service Plans**), with the **Corporate Delivery Programme** reporting progress against the commitments, providing a direct monitoring and reporting link to the Corporate Strategy.



Directors provided a RAG rating and commentary for each of the commitments in their Annual Directorate Statements (ADS) setting out their progress at the end of March 2023. These updates have been used to create an end of year report for the Corporate Delivery Programme.

A summary of overall performance is shown below. The figures under the 'status of commitments column' represent the percentage of Directorate commitments that are red, amber or green, with the corresponding count in brackets:

Corporate Strategy Priority	No of Commitments in ADS	Status of Commitments at End Q4		
		Red	Amber	Green
Preparing for the Future	37	2.7% (1)	27.0% (10)	70.3% (26)
Delivering for Local Residents	27	3.7% (1)	18.5% (5)	77.8% (21)
Focusing on Prevention	51	3.9% (2)	31.4% (16)	64.7% (33)
Climate and Ecological Emergency	25	0	20.0% (5)	80.0% (20)
Giving People a Bigger Say	38	0	26.3% (10)	73.7% (28)
Total	178	2.2% (4)	25.8% (46)	72.0% (128)

A few highlights from the Corporate Delivery Programme report are captured below:

- ➔ **New school buildings planned and developed in line with our climate priorities** - The Two Rivers School has been completed and is one of the most environmental schools in the country. All other school expansions are planned in line with the Council's climate change expectations.
- ➔ **Increased outreach opportunities** - Over 400 outreach events took place in 2022/23 with the Mobile Library making nearly almost 1,000 stops across B&NES, 1,000 hours were spent reading to people at home through the Libraries at Home service and 60 Volunteers gave us almost 3,000 hours of their time to support Council initiatives.
- ➔ **Libraries for Life initiative** - many events and initiatives have been put in place to create a community offer to follow the lifecycle of a resident:
 - New sensory space in Bath Central Library as well as a lego room
 - Warm welcome initiatives in place and well used (see Section 5.3 for more details)
 - Supported our Ukrainian refugees with various activities and resources
 - Over 300,000 people visited our Libraries and Information & Advice centres in 2022/23, taking out over 400,000 books and other items, while over 8,000 new members joined the library
 - Over 150,000 eBooks, eMagazines and eNewspapers were checked out
 - We reached over 600,000 residents across all key social media platforms.

4.4 Inspections

Ofsted - Children's Services were inspected by [Ofsted](#) in March 2022, resulting in an overall effectiveness rating of **Good**. Ofsted concluded that children in Bath and North East Somerset receive a **good service** and that despite the challenges of COVID-19 and increasing demand, senior leaders have been effective in strengthening services since Ofsted's last inspection in 2017. Substantial investment by political and senior leaders and an effective model of social work practice have played a key part in this. Practitioners are creative, thoughtful and effective in making children safer, and keeping families together whenever possible.

Ofsted Judgement	Grade
The impact of leaders on social work practice with children and families	Good
The experiences and progress of children who need help and protection	Good
The experiences and progress of children in care and care leavers	Good
Overall effectiveness	Good

In addition to the above Ofsted rating, all of the schools inspected in 2022/23 have been rated as **Good**.

Local Government Association (LGA) - In May 2022, the LGA completed a peer review of the B&NES Community Safety & Safeguarding Partnership (BCSSP), with the following key messages:

- ➔ B&NES has been brave and innovative combining the three partnerships of adults, children and community safety. In doing this, it had demonstrated its ambition for an all-age approach, brought partners together and broken down silos with an aspiration of achieving better outcomes for all.
- ➔ The strength of the partnership through the challenging period of the pandemic was evident and the commitment by all partners to this approach is aspirational for B&NES residents and was commended.
- ➔ The reality and challenge of delivering and balancing the three areas was not underestimated, and credit is given to the committed, hard working and passionate colleagues who are making a difference.
- ➔ Partners should remain committed and continue to evolve and provide evidence of good practice from which others can learn. The LGA has stated it wishes to use this peer review as a case study and to share good practice nationally.

There were no surprises in the findings and it is reassuring that the BCSSP recognises its strengths and areas for consideration, and had already started addressing some of these areas. The BCSSP agreed with the recommendations and has developed an action plan, which will be implemented and monitored by the Executive Group.

Care Quality Commission (CQC) - There are 38 active care homes in Bath and North East Somerset, eight of which are managed and run by the Council (3 care homes and 5 extra care homes). The CQC has carried out inspections on seven of the care homes in B&NES over the last 12 months, resulting in three homes being rated as 'Good', three as 'Requires Improvement', and one as 'Inadequate'.

Care homes inspected in 2022/23:

Care Home	Type of Care Provided	Date of Inspection	CQC Rating	Council Run?
Kingfisher Lodge	Residential and Nursing Care	06/06/2022	Good	N
Avondown House	Extra Care Housing with Personal Care	20/06/2022	Good	Y
Stratton House	Residential with Personal Care	12/08/2022	Good	N
Whitehaven	Residential with Personal Care	25/04/2022	Requires Improvement	N
Combe Lea CRC	Residential with Nursing and Personal Care	26/09/2022	Requires Improvement	Y
Greenhill House	Nursing Care for Physical Disabilities	18/10/2022	Requires Improvement	N
Charlton House CRC*	Residential with Nursing and Personal Care	31/10/2022	Inadequate	Y

*The inspection of Charlton House was prompted by a number of safeguarding concerns. The Council has subsequently taken remedial action including immediate staffing changes to improve the quality of care provided, reporting concerns about the actions of agency staff to the relevant regulatory body, and closing the home to new admissions focus on delivering the best possible care to permanent residents. The issues raised in the CQC report have been discussed with residents and their families, and an action plan has been agreed, which has been approved by the CQC.

Two further care homes in Bath and North East Somerset have a rating of **Requires Improvement** (Bloomfield and St Teresa's Nursing Home), however they were inspected on 15th and 29th September 2020 respectively and are awaiting further inspection. Neither home is run by the Council.

The rest of the care homes in B&NES are currently rated as **Good**.

4.5 Resident Satisfaction

Satisfaction with Local Area

Between October and December 2022, the Council carried out its Voicebox 31 Survey to obtain residents' views on a range of topics to help shape the area and improve local services. The survey was sent to a random sample of 3,977 residents, resulting in 1,063 completed surveys, a response rate of 27%.

Summary of findings:

84% = The percentage of those **satisfied with their local area** as a place to live **remained the same** as the previous year. This is higher than the national rate (75%), while the level of satisfaction locally has been broadly stable since 2017.

59% = The percentage of those **satisfied with the way the Council runs things** **increased** from 52% in 2021 and is similar to the level reported in 2019 (58%).

34% = The percentage of those **agreeing that the Council provides value for money** **increased** from 31% in 2021 and is similar to the level reported in 2019 (35%)

Relative Priorities

The table below shows which things the respondents think are **most important in making their local area a good place to live** and those that are **most in need of improving**:

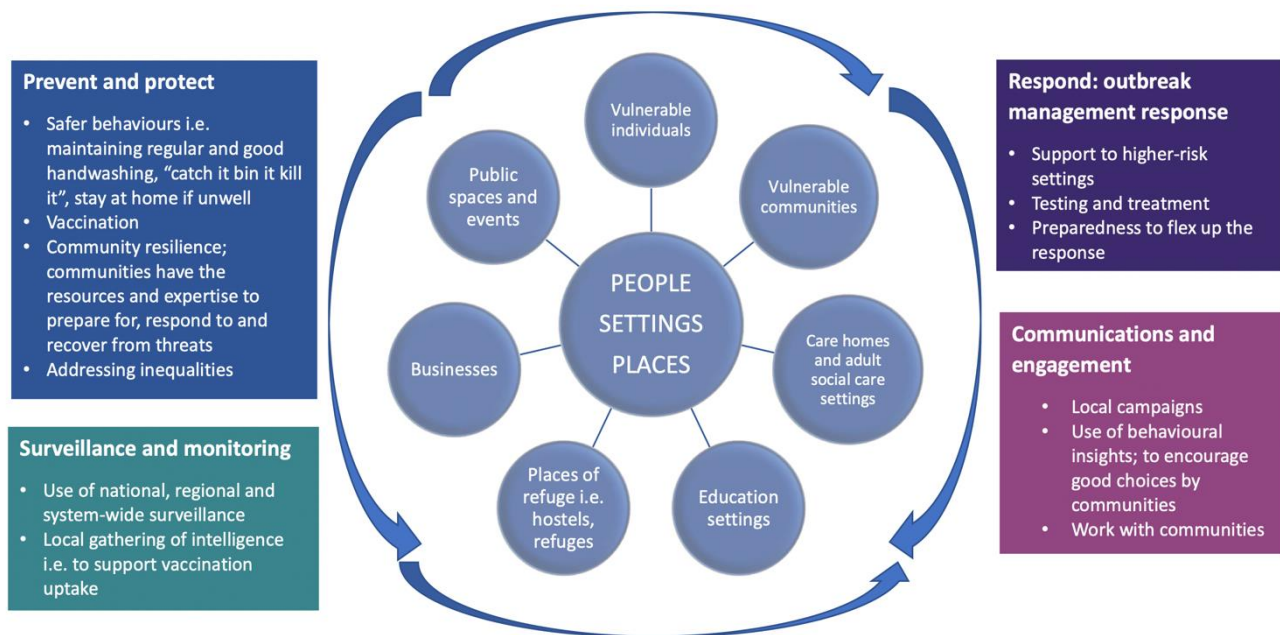
Most Important	Least Important
Access to nature and green spaces	Social inequalities
Most in Need of Improving	Least in Need of Improving
Road and and pavement quality	Cultural and heritage facilities
Most Important AND Most in Need of Improvement	Least Important AND Least in Need of Improvement
1. Public transport	1. Cultural and heritage facilities
2. Affordable decent housing	2. Social inequalities
3. Health services	3. Sports and leisure facilities

5. Health and Wellbeing

5.1 Living Safely with COVID-19

Over the last 12 months, the Council has been guiding local communities on how to live safely with covid. The [B&NES Living Safely and Fairly with COVID-19 Plan](#) sets out a framework for how individuals, employers and institutions can collectively prevent, protect and respond to COVID-19 in the coming years.

The plan is part of the Council's overall response to emergencies and does not replace the existing Major Incident Plan. It's aim is to harness the capacity of the Council, working with communities and partners, to enable residents of Bath and North East Somerset to live safely and fairly with COVID-19, while retaining resilience and capabilities to respond to new variants, outbreaks and any resurgence of COVID-19.



It is also vital to maintain and build upon what was achieved during the pandemic, such as strong partnerships and new ways of working, and nurture the considerable capacity and resilience provided by volunteers and volunteer networks and the wider community. These will continue to be essential in responding to existing and future threats, including the cost of living crisis that is undoubtedly impacting upon people's health and wellbeing. Increasing prices, food and fuel poverty, debt, and the loneliness and social isolation that come with these pose a very real threat to public health, and will again have the biggest impact on the most vulnerable.

Public Health's annual report, '[Extraordinary Times, Extraordinary People - A Time Like No Other](#)', summaries the devastating impact of the pandemic, describing it as “the largest and most enduring pandemic in living memory”, and explains how “COVID-19 has exposed and magnified health inequalities, resulting in poorer health outcomes for some of the worst off in our society”.

As we've shifted to living safely with COVID-19, the lasting challenges for the NHS and social care are considerable. There are significant consequences for all essential service delivery, with very high unmet demand in health and social care for patients, while health and social care professionals are coping with the cumulative stress of the pandemic and impact on their own mental health and wellbeing.

Conversely, the challenge of the situation has brought about rapid change and innovation of a scale that would have been unimaginable just two years ago. New ways of working have been adopted at pace, and communities and partners across sectors have pulled together with unity and determination. So, the pandemic is also a story of hope, with huge collective action by residents and communities to look after one another.

In common with local authorities across the country, we are currently in the process of gathering evidence to support the Covid-19 public inquiry.

5.2 Support for Refugees

Following the Russian invasion of Ukraine last February, the Council provided a swift and co-ordinated response to welcome Ukrainian refugees in our area, working with a wide range of services and partners, including schools, local health services, and groups such as Julian House and Bath Welcomes Refugees. The **Homes for Ukraine** scheme has seen a generous response from local residents who have offered their homes to support people in need, building on the success of the Council's previous work with our partners on the Syrian and Afghan refugee resettlement. The latest scheme figures are as follows:

142 = **Sponsor homes** across Bath and North East Somerset

240 = **Ukrainian guests** being hosted in 126 sponsor homes

24 = **Ukrainian guests** on their way to 16 sponsor homes

55 = **Ukrainian guests** (19 families) have moved into private rented accommodation

54 = **Ukrainian guests** have decided to return to Ukraine / leave UK / leave B&NES

There is a comprehensive **checking process** in place for all sponsor homes and to date, **84%** (119) of the current active sponsors have passed all the necessary checks. Within the scheme, the Council has completed circa **800** checks: 400+ DBS checks on over 200 households, 200+ accommodation checks, and 180+ welfare checks. There is also **sponsor support** available and 16 host families have signed up to Refugee Host Support, while 54 sponsors have requested additional support with cost of living payments.

As mentioned above, Bath and North East Somerset continues to provide safe haven to Syrian and Afghan refugees. So far **105** refugees from Syria and Afghanistan have been welcomed to the area under the UK Resettlement Scheme and Afghan Resettlement and Assistance Programme. Six more people are due to arrive in the coming weeks.

5.3 Community Wellbeing Hub and Warm Spaces

Initially established to provide help and assistance during the Covid pandemic, the [Community Wellbeing Hub](#) now provides a central place for local residents to access a range of services to improve their health and wellbeing, including support with the cost-of-living crisis and helping people out of hospital.

A key initiative is the provision of Warm Spaces, designated public areas within the local community that offer people a space to stay warm. Around 50 organisations across the district, ranging from churches and libraries to sports clubs and more, have pledged to welcome anybody needing somewhere warm (see [directory](#) of warm spaces). Local people using Warm Spaces can expect a guarantee of respect, dignity and warmth. All registered 'Warm Spaces' agree to the [B&NES Warm Spaces Charter](#) upon registering:

- ➔ You'll get a warm welcome as well as Warm Space
- ➔ Everyone is treated equally, with dignity and respect
- ➔ Your Warm Space will be a safe space
- ➔ We'll not tell anyone about you needing a Warm Space
- ➔ It doesn't matter why you need a Warm Space.

6. Local Economy

In light of a challenging global and national economic backdrop, Bath and North East Somerset saw a small decline in business stocks and the employment rate for residents in 2022. The number of economically inactive residents has also risen in the past year, including those who want a job. More positively, unemployment and claimant count rates continue to fall, while both jobs and wage levels in B&NES increased.

Economic output data is not available for 2022, but the most recent release shows COVID having a relatively larger negative impact on the local economy compared to the national average.

6.1 Economic Output

Economic output data is not readily available at local authority level. The latest Office for National Statistics (ONS) estimate of Gross Value Added (GVA) for Bath and North East Somerset was £4.21 bn in 2020. GVA was estimated to have dropped by 5.7% from 2019 to 2020, while GVA for the UK as a whole dropped by 3.6% over the same time period, indicating that B&NES economic output was more affected by COVID-19 than the average for the UK.

Source: *ONS Regional GVA and GVA estimates for other areas (2020)*

6.2 Business Stocks

There were a total of 8,535 businesses located in B&NES as of 2022, a reduction of 100 compared with the previous year. This 1.2% reduction in our business stock was slightly higher than the 1.1% reduction for the West of England, while the UK as a whole saw a negligible rise of 0.1% in the same time period. The size breakdown of businesses in B&NES is broadly in line with both the West of England and UK.

Size	B&NES	West of England	UK
Micro (0-9)	88.5%	88.2%	89.5%
Small (10-49)	9.7%	9.6%	8.6%
Medium (50-259)	1.5%	1.7%	1.5%
Large (250+)	0.5%	0.5%	0.4%

Source: *ONS Inter-Departmental Business Register (2022)*

6.3 Employment

The Business Register and Employment Survey showed B&NES' employment grow from 89,000 in 2020 to 94,000 in 2021, a 5.6% increase which was significantly higher than jobs growth in both the West of England (3.6%) and Great Britain (3%) .

Using a separate data source to track 2022 employment growth, (the Inter-Departmental Business Register), employment in B&NES grew from 86,550 in 2021 to 89,450 in 2022, a 3.4% increase. While this figure is positive for B&NES, regional and national figures are unavailable for comparison.

The top six employment sectors in B&NES are:

1. human health and social work activities
2. education
3. wholesale and retail trade
4. accommodation and food services
5. professional, technical and scientific activities
6. information and communication

Health, accommodation and food services, and information and communication are the three sectors that have experienced the most significant employment growth in the past decade.

ONS Annual Population Survey shows the employment rate for B&NES residents has fallen from 79.7% in 2021 to 74.8% in 2022, while the employment rates for both the West of England (80.9%) and UK (75.4%) have risen in the past year. Whilst this data is of concern, it should be noted that the Annual Population Survey is an estimate and subject to large confidence intervals, especially at a more localised level.

Sources: *ONS Inter-Departmental Business Register (2021 and 2022), ONS Business Register and Employment Survey (2020 and 2021), ONS Annual Population Survey (2022)*

6.4 Wages

Median full-time weekly wages for workplace jobs in B&NES rose to £635 in 2022, a 10.4% increase on the previous year. This growth led to B&NES' workplace wages closing the gap with both the West of England (£662) and UK (£640).

Likewise for residential jobs in B&NES, median full-time wages increased by an impressive 19.9% to £699. This growth far outpaced both the West of England (£652) and UK (£640), with median full-time weekly pay now higher for B&NES residents. This trend is likely to be at least partially explained by opportunities arising from remote working, allowing more B&NES residents to access higher paid employment opportunities both in London and abroad. More information on this should come to light following full publication of the 2021 Census results.

Please note that like the Annual Population Survey, the Annual Survey of Hours of Earnings is liable for large confidence intervals at local authority level, hence it gives indications of trends rather than precise data.

Source: ONS Annual Survey of Hours and Earnings (2021 and 2022)

6.5 Economic Inactivity

While the B&NES employment rate has fallen in the past year, this is not down to rises in unemployment. The primary driver of fallen employment has been a rise of economically inactive* B&NES residents. The Annual Population Survey estimates there to be 27,700 economically inactive residents in B&NES in 2022, 23.3% of the working age population. The economically inactive rate was 17.9% in 2021. In the West of England (19.7%) and Great Britain (21.6%), economic inactivity stayed relatively constant. 71.8% of those who are economically inactive in B&NES do not want a job, while 28.2% would like a job. The percentage of economically inactive residents wanting a job has increased in the past year.

**Economically inactive include students, carers, people who are long-term sick and retirees, among other groups.*

Source: ONS Annual Population Survey (2022).

6.6 Claimant Count

The B&NES JSA claimant rate has fallen in the past year and currently stands at 1.8%, very close to pre-COVID levels. The claimant rate in both the West of England and UK sit higher than B&NES, and have not fallen as quickly since COVID.

Date	JSA Claimant Rate		
	B&NES	West of England	UK
February 2020	1.7%	2.1%	3.0%
February 2021	4.0%	5.0%	6.4%
February 2022	2.4%	3.1%	4.2%
February 2023	1.8%	2.5%	3.7%

Source: ONS Claimant Count - Claimant rate = proportion of population aged 16-64 claiming Job Seekers Allowance.

Appendix 1 - Achievements and Successes during 2022/23

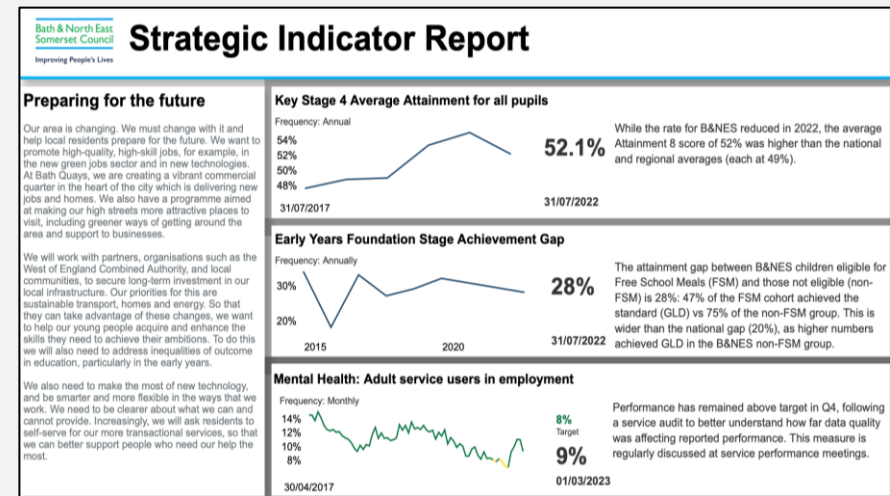
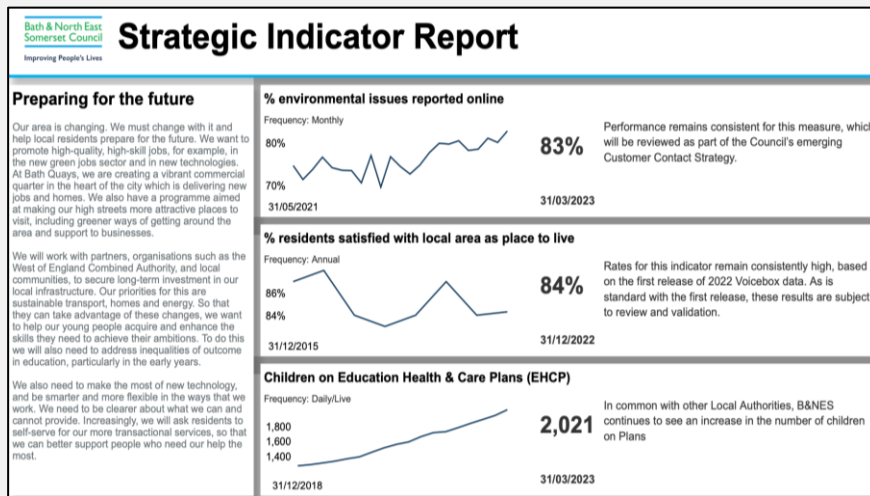
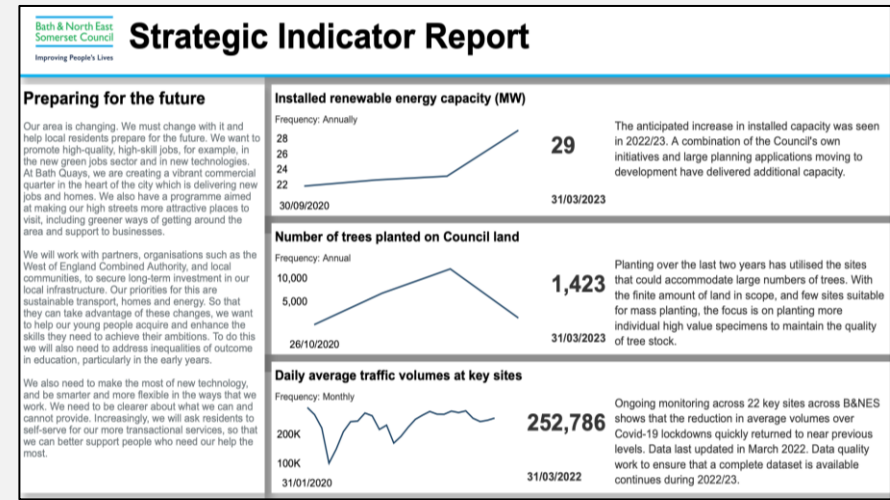
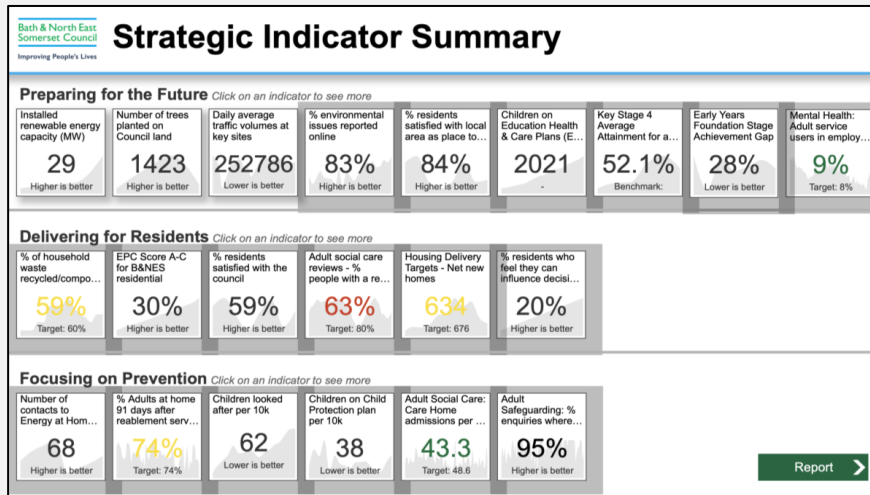
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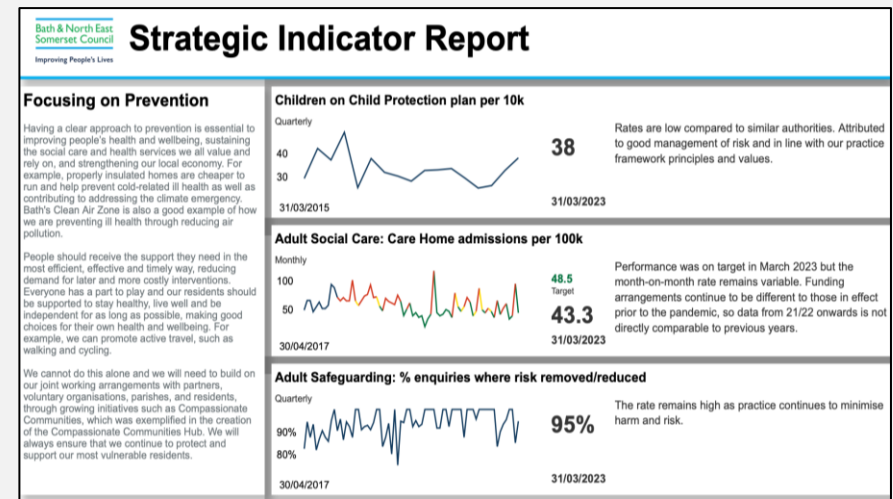
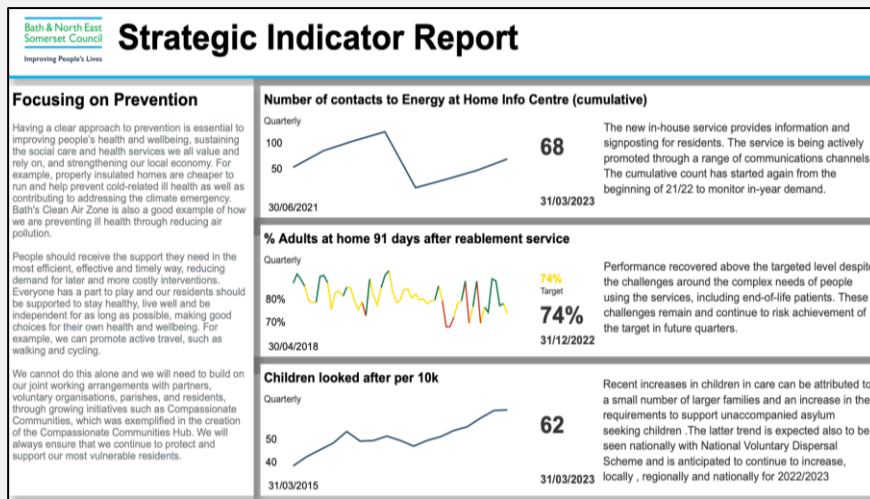
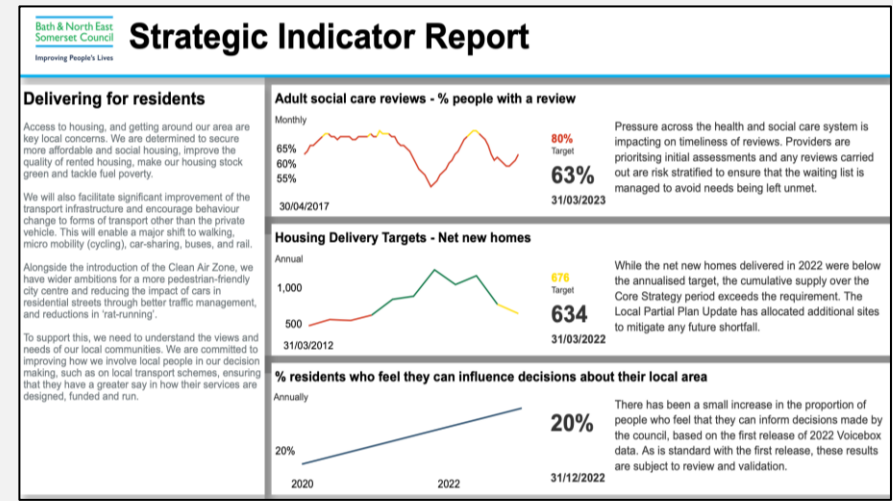
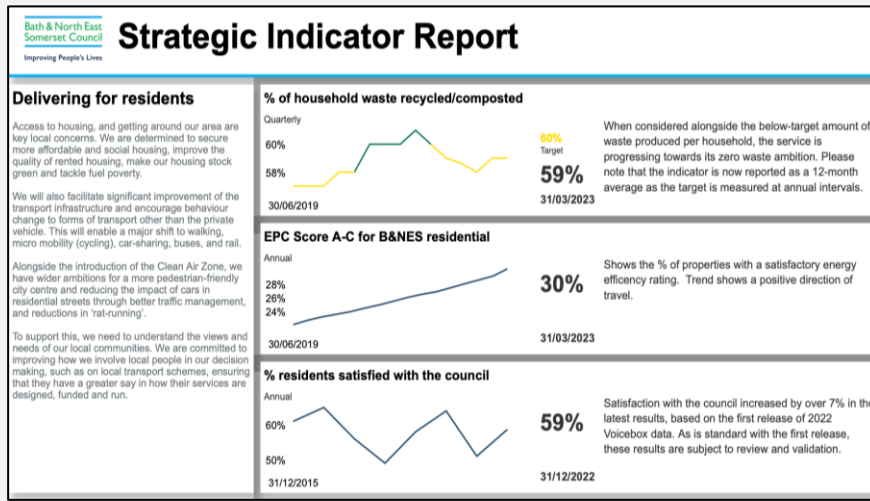
Directorate	Achievements and Success in 2022/23
Adult Social Care	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➔ Extra Care Housing - 5 x units rated as good by CQC ➔ Started community service transfer arrangements following Cabinet decision ➔ Built good relationships with Integrated Care Board and HCRG
Business Change & Customer Services	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➔ Keynsham Civic Centre - on time, on budget, changing our culture ➔ Business Change Hub established ➔ Highways redesign seeing more people go online ➔ Libraries for Life initiative created, creating pathways for the lifetime of a customer ➔ Created warm spaces in our libraries and delivered a 'winter welcome' ➔ More community spaces and events in our libraries and more mobile library outreach
Children & Young People and Education	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➔ Youth Offending has changed to Youth Justice following engagement with young people ➔ 'Good' Ofsted rating received in April ➔ Ofsted has undertaken several school inspections this year - all judged as 'good' ➔ 2 x LGA peer reviews have come back as a good rating ➔ Fostering families - request from DfE to include in care review as an example of good practice ➔ Council to become a foster-friendly employer
Finance	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➔ Completed roll out of 2,000 laptops ➔ Attracted 27 new tenants generating £852k of new income ➔ Distributed £1.9m in Household Support Fund payments to help residents with energy costs and free school meals ➔ Provided £162k in Welcome Payments to all families housed under the Homes for Ukraine scheme ➔ Processed over 5,000 Local Welfare Support applications, an increase of 33% from 2021
People & Policy	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➔ Homes 4 Ukraine Scheme - 350 guests welcomed

Directorate	Achievements and Success in 2022/23
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➔ Community Wellbeing Hub support with cost-of-living crisis and helping people out of hospital ➔ Constitution Refresh agreed by full Council ➔ Implementation of Clear Review to 2000 staff ➔ Successful recommission of Domestic Abuse IDVA services
Place Management	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➔ In figures, 17,612 FixMyStreet reports completed, 21,800 tonnes of recycling collected, 2,638 potholes repaired, and 114,995m² of highways resurfaced, ➔ CAZ Stage 2 Air Quality requirements met ➔ Cleveland Bridge successfully reopened ➔ Active travel schemes in Lower Bristol Road and Beckworth Road ➔ Successful outcome from York St public inquiry as part of City Centre Security scheme
Public Health	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➔ Review of Health and Wellbeing Board arrangements complete ➔ Creation of Health and Wellbeing Strategy ongoing with excellent cross-council and wider partner working ➔ Also excellent joint working across Public Health and Sustainable Communities on Local Plan and Economic Strategy ➔ Funding secured for active travel social prescribing initiative in the Somer Valley, working with Active Travel team ➔ Significant national funding secured to work through local partnership to improve drug and alcohol treatment and recovery system ➔ Success in securing a programme of free holiday activities for all children and young people aged 5-16 years old who receive benefits related free school meals ➔ Work with the Integrated Care Alliance to agree use of Integrated Care System health inequalities funding for B&NES - good network of proposals developed and good links with Integrated Care Board developing ➔ Success in securing an operator to provide golf in the Approach open space in Bath ➔ Management of Covid - advice and support to prevent and manage outbreaks, and significant distribution of COMF to community organisations and council teams to support the transition to living safely with Covid
Regeneration & Housing	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➔ Opened 2 x high street hubs in Keynsham and Midsomer Norton and completed cultural activity programme ➔ Completed Keynsham Civic Centre construction project budget

Directorate	Achievements and Success in 2022/23
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➔ Completed purchase of post office for Fashion Museum and secured feasibility work ➔ Established and launched our affordable housing RP brand B&NES Homes ➔ Completed first Council housing for social rent at 117 Newbridge ➔ Opened Bath Quays South and bridge bringing new businesses and jobs to Bath ➔ Redesigned property function and recruited into Heads of Service to establish a Corporate landlord model ➔ Published Place Prospectus and Milsom Quarter Master Plan
Sustainable Communities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➔ Opened World Heritage Centre and education zone ➔ Strong post-Covid recovery for Roman Baths ➔ First Ecological Emergency action plan ➔ Local Plan Partial Update adopted, new Local Plan started and Economic Strategy underway ➔ Held Equalities summit - video ➔ Opened Chew Valley Lake trail ➔ Renewable energy care homes ➔ Worked with 15 communities to design neighbourhood

Appendix 2 - Q4 2022/23 Strategic Performance Indicator Report





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B&NES Activity Report 2022/23

All data 2022/23 totals except where indicated below or where referenced in the Notes pane

 Notes

Report Details 

Adult Social Care: service users at 31/03/23



Adult Social Care: care planning



803 Care Act assessments -8%

2,007 Referrals to Brokerage +8%

1,248 Social Care reviews

Versus 21/22

Children's Services

0-17 population: 38,413



1,928 Children on Education, Health & Care Plans^ | +13% vs. 2021/22


139 Children on Child Protection Plans* | +30% vs. 2021/22

231 Looked After Children* | +17% vs. 2021/22


1,462 Referrals to Early Help services | -4% vs. 2021/22

9,647 Contacts to Social Care | +2% vs. 2021/22

Child Health (21/22)

 1,947
-2% vs. 20/21

Two doses of
MMR (aged 5)

 889
-8% vs. 20/21
Face-to-face
antenatal contacts

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Planning



1,973

Applications decided
-13% versus 21/22

Fly-tipping



1,724

Instances cleared
+4% versus 21/22

Health improvement



185 +47% versus 19/20

Successful completions of
alcohol treatment



325 -11% versus 18/19

Smokers who quit successfully
at 4 weeks



1,060 -6% versus 20/21

Adults in Substance Misuse
Treatment Services

Streetworks



10,311

Permits issued
+10% versus 21/22

Homes for Ukraine*



190

Hosting arrangements

349

Guests hosted

Residual waste



335

Kilograms
per household

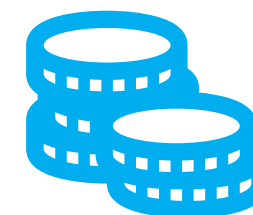
Recycling



21.8k

Tonnes collected
-8% versus 21/22

Revenues and Benefits caseloads*



4,457

Housing Benefit

9,549

Council Tax Support

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Social media interactions

20k Engagements

20k Engagements

53k Views

1.1M Impressions

Webinars and forums

1,840
Webinar and forum views

IT services

2,380 Users supported*

36k Teams meetings[†]

952k Teams chat messages[†]

Newsletters and articles

402 Newsroom articles

345k E-connect emails sent

Customer Services

154k Calls offered
-18% versus 21/22

Library and Information Services

408k Items issued
+27% versus 21/22

Organisational Development

415 +15% versus 21/22
Guided learning courses completed

6,181 +52% versus 21/22
eLearning courses completed

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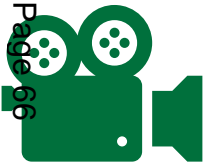
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City & Town Centre



400k
Total visitors to
Bath Christmas Market
December 2022



133
Number of days
filming

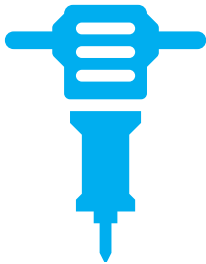


86
Assisted Arrests



476
Number of event
days booked

Highways



2,638
Potholes repaired
2022



115k
Highway resurfaced (m2)

Council tree stock



1,423
Number of trees planted
on Council land

Environmental Health



1,139
Food hygiene
inspections
2022

Health screening



22,976
Cancer screening
bowel cancer
People screened in the 2.5 years to March 2022

Burial & Cremation



1,800
Burials and cremations
facilitated

Bath & North East Somerset Council		
MEETING/ DECISION MAKER:	Cabinet	
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1 THE ISSUE

- 1.1 The council's Corporate Strategy provides a framework for the council's plans over the next four years. This report invites cabinet to approve the draft Corporate Strategy document, as set out in the Appendix, and to propose its subsequent adoption by Council.

2 RECOMMENDATION

The Cabinet is asked to:

- 2.1 Approve the draft Corporate Strategy 2023-2027 attached at Appendix One and recommend it to Council for adoption**
- 2.2 Delegate authority to the Chief Executive in consultation with Deputy Leader (Council Priorities and Delivery) to develop and implement an organisational decision framework tool to support implementation of the Corporate Strategy**

3 THE REPORT

- 3.1 The Corporate Strategy sets out a framework for how Bath & North East Somerset Council will deliver its purpose of improving people's lives over the next four years. Following its adoption, appropriate delivery plans and associated

key performance indicators will be developed to progress and monitor implementation of the framework.

3.2 The proposed Corporate Strategy builds on the current Corporate Strategy, which was adopted in 2020; delivery of which is being considered in a separate report to [cabinet](#) - 13 July 2023. It retains the council's purpose, core policies and principles. It further refines these into a framework identifying more detailed priorities for the council, working with partners and communities, to 2027. This follows the May elections and the subsequent formation of a new cabinet.

3.3 The draft Corporate Strategy is set out in full in Appendix One. It remains based on the following existing framework:

- (i) We have **one** overriding purpose – to **improve people's lives**. This brings together everything we do, from cleaning the streets to caring for our older people. It continues to be the foundation of the Strategy and drives commitments, spending and service delivery.
- (ii) We have **two** core policies – tackling the climate and nature emergency and giving people a bigger say. These shape our work and have been expanded in the new Strategy with the following commitments:
 - We will lead the UK in climate and nature action, building a sustainable future for Bath and North East Somerset- net zero, nature positive- for by 2030
 - We will listen to and work with residents to act on their concerns

These core policies are also broken down to provide a series of themes around which delivery will be organised. For the climate and ecological emergency commitment, these themes: are biodiversity, air, climate, water, soil, land and environmental assets, and materials and resources. For our commitment relating to giving people a bigger say these are: equality and respect, community priorities and decisions informed by evidence.

- (iii) We have **three** principles – preparing for the future, delivering for local residents and focusing on prevention. These are retained and the following commitments attached to them.
 - a. **preparing for the future** – we will work towards a resilient, sustainable, economy that is fair, green, creative and connected
 - b. **delivering for local residents** – we will continue to improve front-line services across our communities, whilst protecting the most vulnerable
 - c. **focusing on prevention** – we will invest in prevention across all services to tackle inequalities and improve local areas

3.4 Within this framework, the Strategy also introduces nine priorities which set out how people's lives will be improved through its delivery. These are reflective of the ambitions of the new administration, elected in May, and build upon the current strategy. They are:

- **The right homes in the right places**
- **More travel choices**
- **Clean, safe and vibrant neighbourhoods**
- **Support for vulnerable adults and children**
- **Delivering for our children and young people**
- **Healthy lives and places**
- **Good jobs**
- **Skills to thrive**
- **Cultural life**

3.5 All of these elements are brought together in a clear outcomes framework set out in the Strategy document. They reflect aims for our area which contribute to delivering a number of shared outcomes with our partners, working through the Future Ambition Board and the Health and Wellbeing Board. These include tackling inequalities (such as in educational attainment and health), improving housing affordability and widening travel choices.

3.6 The outcomes framework provides a clear way of assessing plans and activities; drawing on the 'doughnut economics' model it contains:

- A climate, ecological and environmental ceiling – linked to the core policy of tackling the climate and ecological emergency
- A social and economic foundation- linked to the commitments identified for each of our three principles
- The “space” for local communities and organisations to collaborate and innovate- linked to the core policy of giving people a bigger say.

3.7 The outcomes framework enables policy and other decisions to be assessed clearly against the council priorities so that opportunities to improve people's lives can be maximised within the climate, ecological and environmental constraints. It also highlights the opportunities to work with local communities and third sector organisations through a focus towards area working.

3.8 As well as the Corporate Strategy and other council plans and strategies we also have those which are shared by partners. The relationship between these plans is also set out in the Strategy document.

The council's four values – bold, empowered, transparent and supportive continue to underpin all of the council's work.

4 STATUTORY CONSIDERATIONS

4.1 The Corporate Strategy is the council's overarching strategic document and forms a key part of the Policy and Budget Framework. It provides a clear

framework for officers and members to work within. It aims to guide activity and decision making.

5 RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS (FINANCE, PROPERTY, PEOPLE)

- 5.1 The Corporate Strategy outlines the council's key priorities over the next 4 years. This forms a key consideration in the allocation of council resources as part of the annual budget setting process and development of the Medium-Term Financial Strategy.

6 RISK MANAGEMENT

- 6.1 A risk assessment related to the issue and recommendations has been undertaken, in compliance with the Council's decision-making risk management guidance.

7 EQUALITIES

- 7.1 The draft Corporate Strategy Outcomes Framework 2023-2027 includes 'giving people a bigger say' as a core principle. As part of the detail of how the council will deliver this outcome, the Strategy calls for a focus across the organisation towards 'equality and respect' and to meet our statutory duties under the Equality Act. This is reinforced by the Equality Impact Assessment that has been developed in conjunction with the Strategy.

8 CLIMATE CHANGE

- 8.1 The draft Corporate Strategy continues to establish the climate and ecological emergency as a core policy driver for the council – with the expanded commitment to lead the UK in our response to the joint emergencies.

9 OTHER OPTIONS CONSIDERED

- 9.1 None

10 CONSULTATION

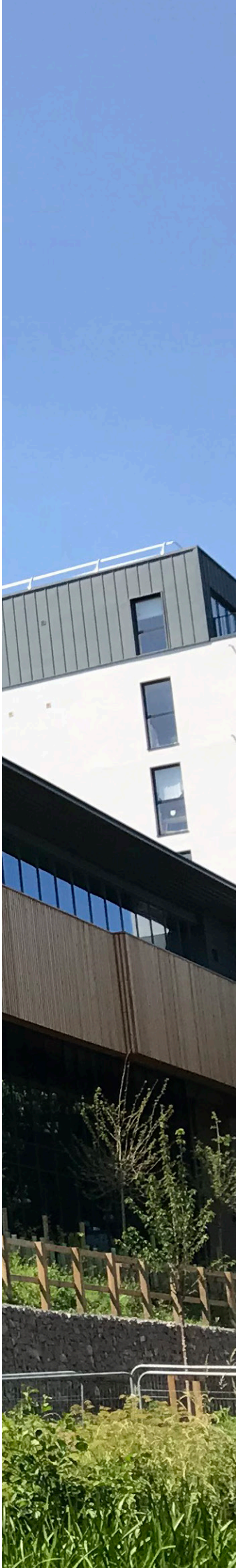
- 10.1 The Leader and Cabinet Member for Priorities and Delivery have been consulted on the drafting of this report as well as the S151 Officer and Monitoring Officer. The draft Strategy was also reviewed by the Corporate Policy Development and Scrutiny Panel on 11 July. Area Forums have also been briefed on the council's future priorities.

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Background papers	Corporate Strategy Equality Impact Assessment
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Draft Corporate Strategy 2023-2027

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1. Introduction

Bath & North East Somerset Council exists for one clear purpose - to improve people's lives. The 2023-2027 Corporate Strategy sets out how we will continue to do this over the next four years.

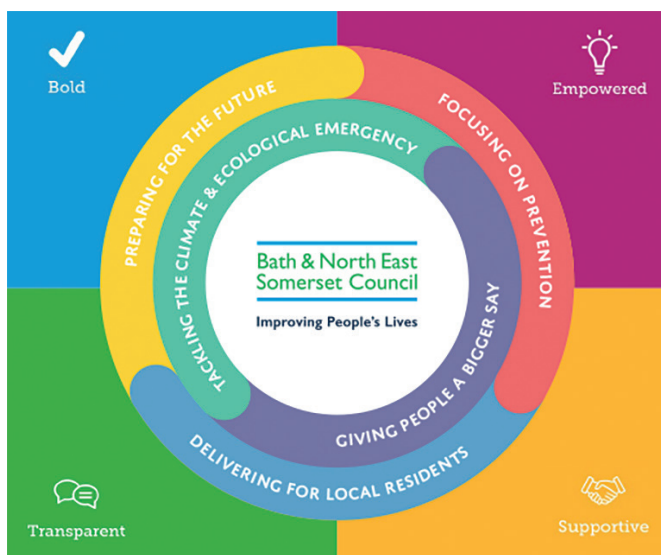
2. Our Strategy 2023-2027

The Corporate Strategy 2023-2027 retains the purpose, policy and principles set out in the Corporate Strategy adopted in February 2020.

- **One:** We have one overriding purpose
– to improve people's lives.
- **Two:** We have two core policies
– tackling the climate and ecological emergency and giving people a bigger say. These will shape everything we do.
- **Three:** To translate our purpose into commitments, we have identified three principles. We want to prepare for the future, deliver for local residents and focus on prevention.

Our **four** values - bold, empowered, transparent and supportive - continue to underpin all of our work.

Our Corporate Strategy to 2027 builds on our achievements and reflects the ambitions and priorities of the council's administration elected in May 2023. It provides a clear and ambitious framework for delivery, it also sets out how shared outcomes will be embedded through partnerships such as our Future Ambition Board and Health and Wellbeing Board.



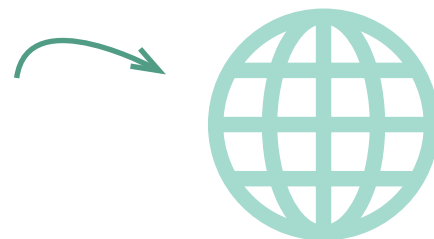
3. How we have improved people's lives through delivering our previous Corporate Strategy

This Corporate Strategy sets out the council's high-level aims, against which specific projects will be assessed and more detailed plans made. Since we adopted our Corporate Strategy in 2020 we have made significant progress in delivering the commitments it set out. Detailed progress reports have highlighted what we have achieved and our council [newsroom](#) regularly updates on the work we are doing to improve people's lives.

The examples below - set out according to core policies and principles - highlight some of the key achievements that we build on as we deliver our Corporate Strategy to 2027.

Tackling The Climate & Ecological Emergency

In January 2023 Bath and North East Somerset became the first council in England to successfully adopt an energy-based net zero policy for new housing developments.



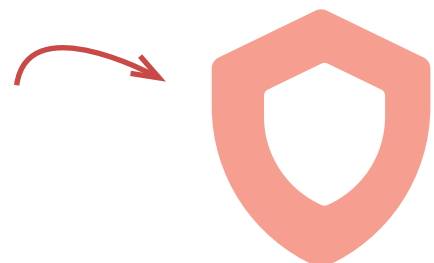
Giving People a Bigger Say

In November 2022 we launched 3 Liveable Neighbourhood trials. We are working with communities to improve residential streets and encourage safe, active and more sustainable forms of travel, such as walking, wheeling and cycling.



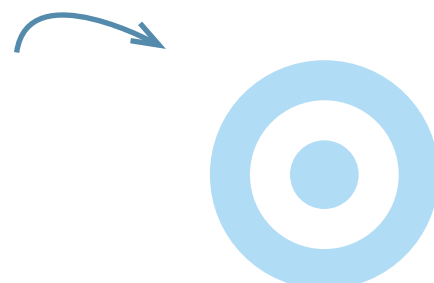
Focusing On Prevention

In March 2023 a new 'outreach base' run by the Community Wellbeing Hub, opened at the Royal United Hospital. Extra support is being provided for those being discharged from hospital. The hub received 1,803 referrals during 2022-2023. In 2022 the council's Welfare Support Team provided a total of £2.2 million in support for residents who needed help.



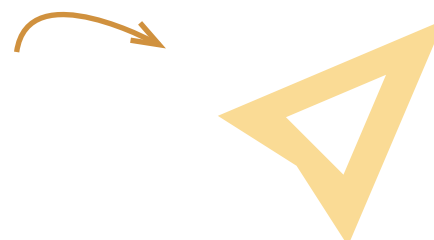
Delivering For Local Residents

In December 2022 the first affordable homes for social rent owned directly by Bath and North East Somerset Council in nearly three decades were advertised to potential tenants. The former council offices at 117 Newbridge Hill have been converted by the council's housing company Aequus Construction into seven one and two-bed affordable and energy efficient apartments.



Preparing for the future

The Employment and Skills Pod offers a free service available to all residents of Bath and North East Somerset Council aged over 18 who wish to get back to work, change careers or up-skill in their current jobs.



4. Ambitious for Bath and North East Somerset - our framework for improving people's lives to 2027

i) We have one overriding **purpose** – to improve people's lives. It continues to be the foundation of our Corporate Strategy and shapes our plans, spending and service delivery. This purpose is fundamental to who we are and what we do and remains unchanged.

(ii) We continue to have two **core policies** – tackling the climate and nature emergency and giving people a bigger say. Building on our ground-breaking work to tackle the climate and ecological emergency since declaring a Climate Emergency in March 2019, we are now proposing a new commitment under this core policy, as follows:

We will lead the UK in climate and nature action, building a sustainable future for Bath and North East Somerset - net zero, nature positive, by 2030

Under the “giving people a bigger say” core policy we continue to emphasise the need for working with local residents through the following commitment:

We will listen to and work with residents to act on their concerns

These core policies each have a number of themes. For the climate and ecological emergency commitment, these themes are: **biodiversity, air, climate, water, soil, land and environmental assets, and materials and resources**. For our commitment relating to giving people a bigger say these are: **equality and respect, decisions informed by evidence and community priorities**, the latter of which will lead to area working with tailor-made solutions.

(iii) Our three **principles** – preparing for the future, delivering for local residents and focusing on prevention- are retained, with the following commitments added to amplify them.

a. preparing for the future – we will work towards a resilient, sustainable, economy that is fair, green, creative and connected

b. delivering for local residents – we will continue to improve front-line services across our communities, whilst protecting the most vulnerable

c. focusing on prevention – we will invest in prevention across all services to tackle inequalities and improve local areas

We will lead the UK in climate and nature action, building a sustainable future for Bath and North East Somerset - net zero, nature positive, by 2030

We will listen to and work with residents to act on their concerns

(iv) Within this framework, the new Corporate Strategy also introduces nine priorities which set out how people's lives will be improved over the next four years. These reflect the priorities of administration elected in May and build on work to implement the current Corporate Strategy over the last three years. They also reflect how the council will pursue the delivery of shared outcomes agreed with partners through our Health and Wellbeing Strategy and the Future Ambition Board's "one Shared Vision".

They are:

- **The right homes in the right places** - improving availability of affordable housing, accessible to local jobs and services
- **More travel choices** – making it easier for people to walk, wheel and use public transport to reduce transport emissions
- **Clean, safe and vibrant neighbourhoods** - working with local communities to promote civic pride and preventative approaches
- **Support for vulnerable adults and children** – securing safe, effective services that meet the needs of our changing population
- **Delivering for our children and young people** – working with our partners to narrow the early years attainment gap
- **Healthy lives and places** – working with health and other partners to tackle inequalities, promote healthy places, and support people to live healthier lives
- **Good jobs** - aiming to increase the median wage in a regenerative economy
- **Skills to thrive** - an inclusive economy where prosperity is shared
- **Cultural life** - valuing and developing its contribution to Bath and North East Somerset.



This framework is set out below:

Our Corporate Strategy Framework for Improving People's Lives - 2023 to 2027

Core Policy:



Tackling the climate & ecological emergency

(The climate, ecological and environmental ceiling)

Our Commitment:

We will lead the UK in climate and nature action, building a sustainable future for Bath and North East Somerset – net-zero, nature positive by 2030

We will deliver under the following themes:

- **Biodiversity** – increasing abundance and diversity of species by creating and improving habitats including woodlands
- **Air** - improving air quality
- **Climate**- area and council-wide scope 1 and 2 emissions neutrality by 2030, including through increased renewable energy capacity across the district and a reduction in the carbon footprint of the area's housing stock
- **Water** – improving the quantity and quality of water resources
- **Soil** – retaining soil and improving soil health
- **Land and environmental assets** - better use of land for people and nature, including stewardship of our environmental assets
 - respecting, balancing, conserving and enhancing our heritage assets and their landscape settings, in particular the World Heritage Site of Bath
- **Materials and resources** increasing circularity of materials and resources in the local economy

Core Policy:



Giving people a bigger say

(The space for local communities and organisations to collaborate and innovate)

Our Commitment:

We will listen to and work with residents to act on their concerns

We will deliver under the following themes:

- **Equality and respect** – championing equality, diversity and inclusion, ensuring our services are shaped by our diverse communities and reflect local needs, and ensuring we meet Equality Act duties
- **Community priorities** – communicating clearly, with area working to develop tailor-made solutions, building on our Parish and Community Engagement Charters
- **Decisions informed by evidence** - using feedback and data to evaluate our services, shape priorities and tackle inequalities

Principle



Delivering for local residents

(The social and economic foundation)

Our Commitment:

We will continually improve frontline services across our communities, whilst protecting the most vulnerable

Priorities

The right homes in the right places - improving availability of affordable housing, accessible to local jobs and services

More travel choices

– making it easier for people to walk, wheel and use public transport to reduce transport emissions

Clean, safe and vibrant neighbourhoods

- working with local communities to promote civic pride and preventative approaches

Principle



Focusing on prevention

(The social and economic foundation)

Our Commitment:

We will invest in prevention across all services to tackle inequalities and improve local areas

Priorities

Support for vulnerable adults and children – securing safe, effective services that meet the needs of our changing population

Delivering for our children and young people – working with our partners to narrow the early years attainment gap

Healthy lives and places – working with health and other partners to tackle inequalities, promote healthy places, and support people to live healthier lives

Principle



Preparing for the future

(The social and economic foundation)

Our Commitment:

We will work towards a resilient, sustainable economy that is fair, green, creative and connected

Priorities

Good jobs - aiming to increase the median wage in a regenerative economy

Skills to thrive - an inclusive economy where prosperity is shared

Cultural life - valuing and developing its contribution to Bath and North East Somerset

5. Delivering our Corporate Strategy - how it fits together

As we have developed this framework we have drawn on our work with partners to identify key challenges for our area and shared outcomes.

These partnerships share a number of important aims for our area, which are reflected in our Corporate Strategy framework. These include tackling inequalities (such as in educational attainment and health), improving housing affordability and widening travel choices. We also work closely with the West of England Combined Authority (WECA) to help deliver our aims, for example through investment in transport improvements such as the City Region Sustainable Transport Settlement (CRSTS) programme.

The outcomes framework provides a clear way of assessing plans and activities; drawing on the 'doughnut economics' model it contains:

- A climate, ecological and environmental ceiling – linked to the core policy of tackling the climate and ecological emergency
- A social and economic foundation - linked to the council's priorities
- A space for local communities and organisations to collaborate and innovate - linked to the core policy of giving people a bigger say.

To further embed the Corporate Strategy into our decision making, the council will prepare 'a decision wheel' similar to that adopted by other councils such as Cornwall, which is being drawn-up based on the above framework.

As well as the Corporate Strategy and other high-level strategies we also have those which are shared with our partners. These are set out below:

High-level strategies agreed with our partners

These contain shared outcomes which we are working together to deliver:

Name	Status	Owner
Health and Wellbeing Strategy	Adopted	Health and Wellbeing Board
Economic Strategy	Under development	Future Ambition Board
Integrated Care Strategy	Adopted	BSW Together
Children and Young People Plan	Adopted	Health and Wellbeing Board

The Future Ambition Board comprises key local organisations including our two Universities, Curo, the 3SG, the Royal United Hospital Bath, the Bath BID, Bath Unlimited and the Chamber of Commerce. This has developed the “One Shared Vision” for our area to be “fair, green, creative and connected”. A new Economic Development Strategy is also currently being worked on by the Board.

The Health and Wellbeing Board (comprising health and other partners) has recently adopted a new Health and Wellbeing Strategy, with a Delivery Plan also currently in development.

Key Council Strategies

These incorporate the high-level outcomes Bath & North East Somerset Council is seeking to achieve and influence our decisions and delivery plans. In many cases- particularly on tackling inequalities, improving housing affordability and better travel choices they demonstrate how the council's approach reflects the shared outcomes in the strategies above.

Name	Status	Owner
Corporate Strategy	2023-27 document in draft form	Bath & North East Somerset Council
Climate Emergency Strategy	Adopted	Bath & North East Somerset Council

Key Bath & North East Somerset Council Delivery Plans

These set out how the outcomes set out in the strategy documents will be delivered, reflecting the budgets, statutory frameworks and context of the council and its partner organisations.

Name	Status	Owner
Local Plan	In development	Bath & North East Somerset Council
Health and Wellbeing Strategy Implementation Plan	In development	Bath & North East Somerset Council
BSW Implementation Plan	Adopted	BSW Together
Health Improvement Plan	Under development	Bath & North East Somerset Council
Climate and Nature Action Plan	Adopted	Bath & North East Somerset Council
Journey to Net Zero Transport Plan	Adopted	Bath & North East Somerset Council
Housing Delivery Plan	Under development	Bath & North East Somerset Council
Transport Delivery Plan	Under development	Bath & North East Somerset Council
Medium Term Financial Plan	Prepared annually	Bath & North East Somerset Council
Service Plans	Prepared annually	Bath & North East Somerset Council

A number of partnerships also produce joint delivery plans to focus on specific outcomes. For example, the Bath and North East Somerset Community Safety and Safeguarding Partnership has adopted, alongside the Office of the Avon and Somerset Police and Crime Commissioner, a Joint Community Safety Plan. Other joint plans across our partners are in development, including work with our Universities to develop a Civic Agreement.

A delivery plan will set out how the Corporate Strategy will be implemented, including milestones and progress monitoring. Cabinet will continue to receive quarterly reports against the integrated reporting framework (IRF).



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<p>List of attachments to this report:</p> <p>Appendix 1 – Performance Against Prudential Indicators</p> <p>Appendix 2 – The Council’s Investment Position at 31st March 2023</p> <p>Appendix 3 – Average monthly rate of return for 2022/23</p> <p>Appendix 4 – The Council’s External Borrowing Position at 31st March 2023</p> <p>Appendix 5 – Arlingclose’s Economic & Market Review of 2022/23</p> <p>Appendix 6 – Interest & Capital Financing Budget Monitoring 2022/23</p> <p>Appendix 7 – Summary Guide to Credit Ratings</p> <p>Appendix 8 – Extract from Treasury Management Risk Register</p>		

1 THE ISSUE

- 1.1 Treasury risk management at the Authority is conducted within the framework of the Chartered Institute of Public Finance and Accountancy's Treasury Management in the Public Services: Code of Practice 2021 Edition (the CIPFA Code), which requires the Council to approve a Treasury Management Strategy before the start of each financial year, review performance during the year, and approve an annual report within six months after the end of each financial year.
- 1.2 This report gives details of performance against the Council's Treasury Management Strategy for 2022/23.

2 RECOMMENDATION

The Cabinet agrees that;

- 2.1 The Treasury Management Report to 31st March 2023, prepared in accordance with the CIPFA Treasury Code of Practice, is noted.
- 2.2 The Treasury Management Indicators to 31st March 2023 are noted.

3 THE REPORT

Summary

- 3.1 The average rate of investment return for 1st April 2022 to 31st March 2023 is 2.09%, which is in 0.21% below the benchmark rate of 2.30% over the period.
- 3.2 The Council's Prudential Indicators for 2022/23 were agreed by Council in February 2022 and performance against the key indicators is shown in **Appendix 1**. All indicators are within target levels.
- 3.3 The Council's revenue budget for interest & capital financing costs for 2022/23 is £2.803m under budget, due to higher than budgeted investment returns due to interest rate rises during the year, a delay to borrowing requirements and associated interest costs, and a saving on Minimum Revenue Provision payments due to capital reprofiling. The breakdown of the 2022/23 revenue budget for interest and capital financing, and the forecast year end position is included in **Appendix 6**.

Summary of Returns

- 3.4 The Council's investment position as at 31st March 2023 is given in **Appendix 2**. The balance of deposits as at 31st March 2023 are set out in the charts in this appendix, along with the equivalent details for the previous quarters including quarter 4 2021/22 for comparison. The reduction in investment balances over the year includes the unwinding of government support grants the Council received during the pandemic, distribution of the energy rebate grant prepayment in quarter 1 2022/23 and capital project spend made in advance of borrowing.
- 3.5 Gross interest earned on investments totalled £1.38m. **Appendix 3** details the investment performance, showing the average rate of interest earned over this period was 2.09%, which is below the benchmark rate of average 7 day SONIA (2.30%). This shortfall is mainly due to existing short-term loans being locked in at a lower rate prior to the Bank of England base rate rises. The strategic funds have consistently out performed the benchmark which has helped to reduce the variance between average rate of return and the benchmark.
- 3.6 The average rate of return of 2.09% in 2022/23 was higher than the 0.36% achieved in 2021/22 as the Bank of England have continued to raise interest rates during the year from 0.75% in April 2022 to 4.25% in March 2023 as it deals with inflationary pressures.

Summary of Borrowings

- 3.7 The Council's external borrowing as at 31st March 2023 totalled £210.25 million and is detailed in **Appendix 4**. Due to the levels of cash balances held by the Council, no new borrowing has been taken out during the year, and a fixed term loan of £5m was repaid in December 2022. A summary of the movement in borrowing during the final quarter and over the full year is shown in the following tables:

Borrowing Portfolio Movements	Quarter 4 2022/23	Financial Year 2022/23
	£m	£m
Balance as at 1st April 2022	-	219.403
Balance as at 31st December 2022	211.211	-
New Loans Taken	0.000	0.000
Loans Repaid	0.000	(5.000)
PWLB Annuity Loan principal repayments	(0.957)	(4.149)
Balance as at 31st March 2023	210.254	210.254

3.8 The Council's Capital Financing Requirement (CFR) as at 31st March 2023 was £341.0 million. This represents the Council's underlying need to borrow to finance capital expenditure and demonstrates that the borrowing taken to date relates to funding historical capital spend.

3.9 The CFR represents the underlying need to borrow and the difference from the current borrowing of £210.3million represents re-investment of the internal balances including reserves, reducing the in-year borrowing costs in excess of the potential investment returns.

3.10 Following Local Government Reorganisation in 1996, Avon County Council's residual debt is administered by Bristol City Council. All successor Unitary Authorities make an annual contribution to principal and interest repayment, for which there is a provision in the Council's revenue budget. The amount of residual debt outstanding as at 31st March 2023 apportioned to Bath & North East Somerset Council is £10.1m. Since this borrowing is managed by an external body and treated in the Council's Statement of Accounts as a deferred liability, it is not included in the borrowing figures referred to in paragraph 3.7.

Strategic & Tactical Decisions

3.11 As shown in the charts in **Appendix 2**, the investment portfolio of £42.30 million as at 31st March 2023 is diversified across Money Market Funds, Local Authorities, Strategic funds and in highly rated UK Banks. The Council uses AAA rated Money Market funds to maintain short term liquidity.

3.12 The Council does not hold any direct investments with banks in countries within the Eurozone reflecting both on the underlying debt issues in some Eurozone countries and the low levels of interest rates.

3.13 £10m of the Council's investments are in externally managed strategic pooled funds where the objectives are regular revenue income and long term price stability. These investments have been made in the knowledge that there is a risk that capital value could move both up and down on a frequent basis.

This investment includes £5m in Environmental Social and Governance (ESG) focused funds and £5m in a property fund, as listed below

- £5m CCLA Local Authorities Property Fund.
- £3m FP Foresight UK Infrastructure Income Fund.
- £2m VT Gravis Clean Energy Income Fund.

2022 was a very difficult year for investors, against a backdrop of high and sticky inflation, rapid policy rates tightening and an increased risk of recession. Bonds had their worst year for performance in several decades with government bonds in particular having their worst year on record. Equities have also had a volatile year with periods of large sell off's during the year. Commercial property has not been immune either with higher bond yields and challenges in some segments of commercial real estate resulting in falling property values.

This has resulted in a decrease in valuations of the Council's strategic funds from a fair value of £10.30m at the end of 2021/2022 to £8.78m at the end of 2022/23. As shown in the table below:

	CCLA Local Authorities Property Fund	FP Foresight UK Infrastructure Income Fund	VT Gravis Clean Energy Income Fund	Total
Historic Cost	5,000,000	3,000,000	2,000,000	10,000,000
Fair Value as at:				
31/03/2023	4,342,727	2,586,831	1,852,212	8,781,770
31/03/2022	5,199,881	3,065,260	2,045,847	10,310,988

This change in valuation does not have an impact on the revenue account due to a statutory override and will instead go to an unusable reserve and will only be charged to revenue if/when the Council's holding in the pooled funds are sold or if the government removes the override. The next review of the statutory override will take place prior to the end of 2024/25.

- 3.14 The Council's average investment return for short-term investments was 1.77%, which is 1.52% above the budgeted level of 0.25%. The average return for the £10m long-term strategic investments is 4.17%, 0.67% above the budgeted rate of 3.50%. The combined average return on all investments is 2.09%.

Investment Type	Average YTD Investment Return
Short Term Investments Total	1.77%
Long Term Strategic Investments:	
CCLA Local Authorities Property Fund	3.76%
FP Foresight UK Infrastructure Income Fund	4.82%
VT Gravis Clean Energy Income Fund	4.20%
Long Term Strategic Investments Total (Est.)	4.17%
Overall Total	2.09%

- 3.15 The combined impact of the higher than budgeted returns, along with the Council investment balances being higher than forecast and additional interest received from non-treasury activity, resulted in £957k of additional interest income above the budgeted level.

Future Strategic & Tactical Issues

- 3.16 The Council's Treasury Management Advisor's economic and market review for 2022/23 is included in **Appendix 5**.
- 3.17 Interest rates ended the financial year at 4.25% up 3.50% since April 2022 as the Bank of England's Monetary Policy Committee tackles inflation, while inflation is expected to fall in 2023 it is still expected to exceed the 2% target rate. As a result, Arlingclose's current interest rate forecast is for interest rate to continue to rise, peaking at 4.75% over the summer of 2023.
- 3.18 CPI headline inflation reached a high of 11.1% in October before falling back to 10.1% in March 2023, showing tentative signs it may have peaked.
- 3.19 Bond markets have been extremely volatile so far this year and are expected to remain so, driven by high inflation, high interest rates and continuing uncertainty. This has resulted in a high level of volatility in PWLB rates with the 5 year maturity certainty rate rising from 2.30% on 1st April 2022 to 4.31% on 31 March 2023, having peaked at 5.43% in September. Over the same period the 30-year maturity certainty rate rose from 2.62% to 4.66%.
- 3.20 The Council did not take out any borrowing in 2022/23 and was instead able to make use of internal borrowing. However with cash balances forecasted to continue to decrease, external borrowing is expected to be required in 2023/24. Any borrowing decisions will be discussed with our treasury advisors in terms of duration and timing given current market conditions.
- 3.21 As mentioned in 3.13 Strategic Investment valuations do not currently have an impact on the revenue account as a result of a statutory override, although this override is currently due to run out on 31 March 2025. Current indications are that this is unlikely to be extended, so from 2025/26 any unrealised gains or losses will be charged against revenue. With this in mind, the Council has in place a Capital Financing Reserve which can be used to help mitigate any future revenue impacts should the statutory override be removed. This reserve is being topped up when strategic investment income exceeds the amount budgeted, in line with the Treasury Management Strategy, as it did in 2022/23 resulting in £60,000 being added to the reserve.

Budget Implications

- 3.22 The breakdown of the 2022/23 revenue budget and the year end position for interest and capital financing, is included in **Appendix 6**. An overall underspend of £2.803m is reported towards the Council's net revenue outturn, as a result of higher than budgeted investment income, a delay in borrowing and a saving on MRP due to capital reprofiling.

4 STATUTORY CONSIDERATIONS

- 4.1 This report is for information only.

5 RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS (FINANCE, PROPERTY, PEOPLE)

5.1 The financial implications are contained within the body of the report.

6 RISK MANAGEMENT

6.1 A risk assessment related to the issue and recommendations has been undertaken, in compliance with the Council's decision-making risk management guidance.

6.2 The Council's lending & borrowing list is regularly reviewed during the financial year and credit ratings are monitored throughout the year. All lending/borrowing transactions are within approved limits and with approved institutions. Investment and borrowing advice is provided by our Treasury Management consultants, Arlingclose.

6.3 The CIPFA Treasury Management in the Public Services: Code of Practice requires the Council nominate a committee to be responsible for ensuring effective scrutiny of the Treasury Management Strategy and policies. The Corporate Audit Committee carries out this scrutiny.

6.4 In addition, the Council maintain a risk register for Treasury Management activities, which is regularly reviewed and updated where applicable during the year. An extract from the risk register, detailing how the top 5 risks are managed, is included as **Appendix 8**.

7 EQUALITIES

7.1 As this report contains performance information for noting only, an Equality Impact Assessment is not considered necessary.

8 CLIMATE CHANGE

8.1 The Council will continue to avoid any direct treasury management investments in fossil fuel related companies and will engage with its advisors to explore and assess the potential for any future investment opportunities in funds with a Renewable Energy & Sustainability focus as these products continue to be developed by the market in response to the Climate & Nature Emergency agenda.

8.2 An ESG section has been included the Treasury Management Strategy document for 2022/23 and 2023/24, with the treasury team monitoring investment options permitted under the new guidelines.

8.3 The Council holds £5m in longer term investments, split across two ESG focussed Strategic Funds, as detailed under 3.13.

9 OTHER OPTIONS CONSIDERED

9.1 None

10 CONSULTATION

10.1 Consultation has been carried out with the Cabinet Member for Resources, Chief Finance Officer and Monitoring Officer.

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Background papers	2022/23 Treasury Management & Investment Strategy
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APPENDIX 1

Performance against Treasury Management Indicators agreed in Treasury Management Strategy Statement

1. Treasury Borrowing limits

These limits include current commitments and proposals in the budget report for capital expenditure, plus additional headroom over & above the operational limit for unusual cash movements.

The Authorised limits for external debt include current commitments and proposals in the budget report for capital expenditure, plus additional headroom over and above the operational limit for unusual cash movements.

The Operational boundary for external debt is based on the same estimates as the authorised limit but without the additional headroom for unusual cash movements. This level also factors in the proposed approach to use internal cash-flow and future capital receipts as the preferred financing method for the capital programme.

	2022/23 Prudential Indicator	Actual as at 31st March 2023
Operational boundary – borrowing	£435m	£210.3m
Operational boundary – other long-term liabilities	£4m	£0m
Operational boundary – TOTAL	£439m	£210.3m
Authorised limit – borrowing	£464m	£210.3m
Authorised limit – other long-term liabilities	£4m	£0m
Authorised limit – TOTAL	£468m	£210.3m

2. Security: Average Credit Rating*

The Council has adopted a voluntary measure of its exposure to credit risk by monitoring the value-weighted average credit rating of its investment portfolio. A summary guide to credit ratings is set out at **Appendix 7**.

	2022/23 Prudential Indicator	Actual as at 31st March 2023
	Rating	Rating
Minimum Portfolio Average Credit Rating	A-	AAA-

* The calculation excludes the strategic investment in the CCLA Local Authority Property Fund and ESG focussed Investment Funds, which are unrated.

3. Liquidity

The Authority has adopted a voluntary measure of its exposure to liquidity risk by monitoring the amount of cash available to meet unexpected payments within a rolling three-month period, without additional borrowing.

Liquidity risk indicator	2022/23 Prudential Indicator	Minimum During year	Date of minimum
Minimum total Cash Available within 3 months	£15m	£17.4m	29-Mar-23

4. Interest rate exposures

This indicator is set to control the Council's exposure to interest rate risk. The upper limit represents the maximum one-year revenue impact of a 1% rise or fall in interest rates.

	2022/23 Prudential Indicator	Actual as at 31 st Mar 2023
Upper limit on one-year revenue impact of a 1% rise in interest rates	+/- £1m	£0.298m
Upper limit on one-year revenue impact of a 1% fall in interest rates	+/- £1m	£0.298m

The impact of this limit is that the Council should never be holding a maturity adjusted net debt / investment position on variable rates of more than £100m.

The impact of a change in interest rates is calculated on the assumption that maturing loans and investments will be replaced at new market rates, which includes amounts which are maturing each year in PWLB annuity loans.

5. Maturity Structure of borrowing

This indicator is set to control the Council's exposure to refinancing risk.

	Upper Limit	Lower Limit	Actual as at 31 st March 2023
	%	%	%
Under 12 months	50	Nil	0
12 months and within 24 months	50	Nil	0
24 months and within 5 years	75	Nil	0
5 years and within 10 years	75	Nil	7.1
10 years and within 25 years	100	25	54.7
Over 25 years	100		38.2

Time periods start on the first day of each financial year. The maturity date of borrowing is the earliest date that the lender can demand repayment. For LOBO's, this is shown at the date of maturity.

* The CIPFA Treasury management Code now requires the prudential indicator relating to Maturity of Fixed Rate Borrowing to reference the maturity of LOBO loans to the earliest date on which the lender can require payment, i.e. the next call date (which are at 6 monthly intervals for the £20m of LOBO's). However, the Council would only consider repaying these loans if the Lenders exercised their options to alter the interest rate.

6. Upper limit for total principal sums invested for over 364 days

The purpose of this indicator is to control the Authority's exposure to the risk of incurring losses by seeking early repayment of its investments. The limits on the long-term principal sum invested to final maturities beyond the period end will be:

Price risk indicator	2022/23 Prudential Indicator	Actual as at 31 st March 2023
Limit on principal invested beyond 31 st March 2023	£50m	£15m*
Limit on principal invested beyond 31 st March 2024	£20m	£10m*
Limit on principal invested beyond 31 st March 2025	£10m	£10m*

*The Council includes the CCLA LA Property Fund & two long term ESG focussed Investment Funds against this indicator as they are both held as Long Term Strategic Investments.

APPENDIX 2

The Council's Investment position at 31st March 2023

The term of investments is as follows:

Term Remaining	Balance at 31 st March 2023	Comparator	
		Balance at 31 st December 2022	Balance at 31 st March 2022
	£m	£m	£m
Notice (instant access funds)	27.3	29.8	49.2
Up to 1 month	5.0	0	0
1 month to 3 months	0.0	10.0	20.0
3 months to 6 months	0.0	5.0	0
6 months to 12 months	0.0	0	5.0
Strategic Funds	10.0	10.0	10.0
Total	42.3	54.8	84.2

The investment figure is made up as follows:

	Balance at 31 st March 2023	Comparator	
		Balance at 31 st December 2022	Balance at 31 st March 2022
	£m	£m	£m
B&NES Council	40.45	51.71	82.30
Schools	1.86	3.09	1.90
Total	42.30	54.80	84.20

The Council had a total average net positive balance of £74.6 during the period April 2022 to March 2023.

Chart 1: Council Investment Balances

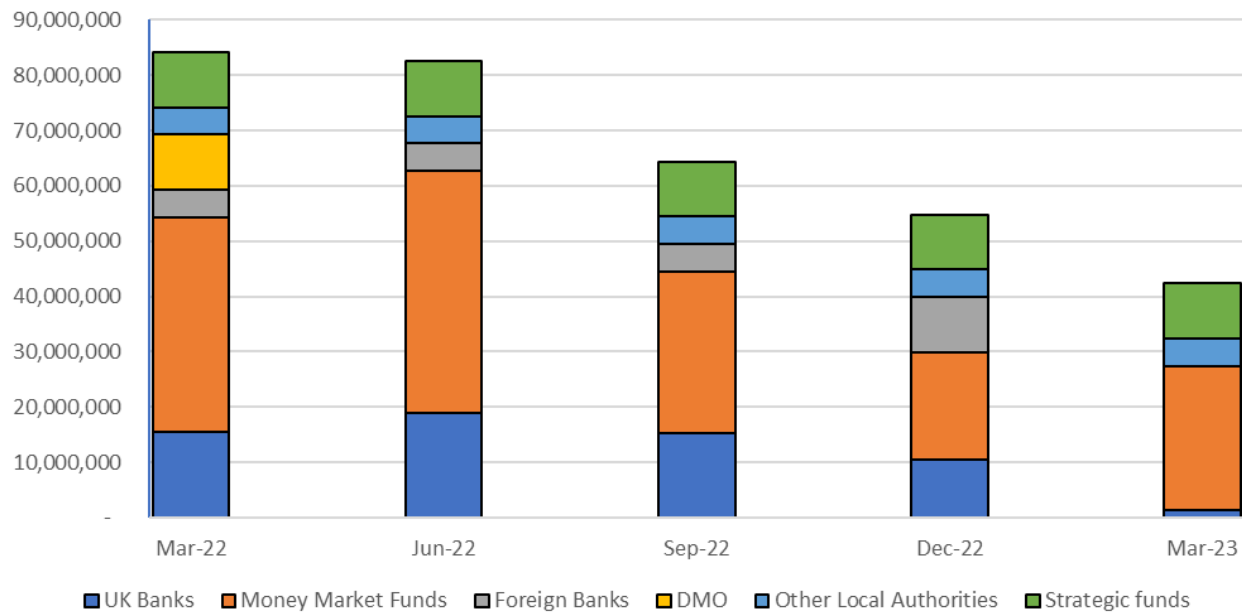


Chart 1a: Council Investments as at 31st March 2023 - £42.3m

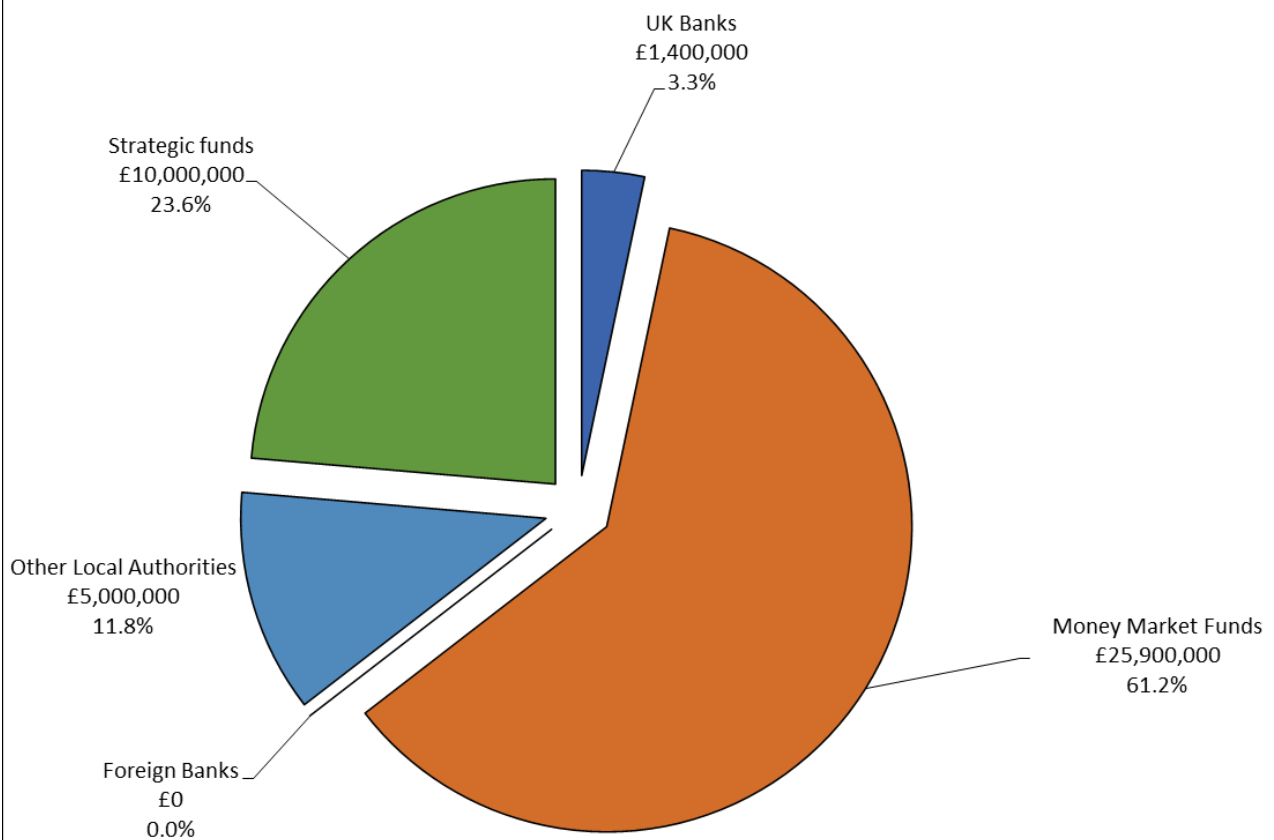


Chart 2: Council Investments Per Lowest Equivalent Long Term Credit Rating

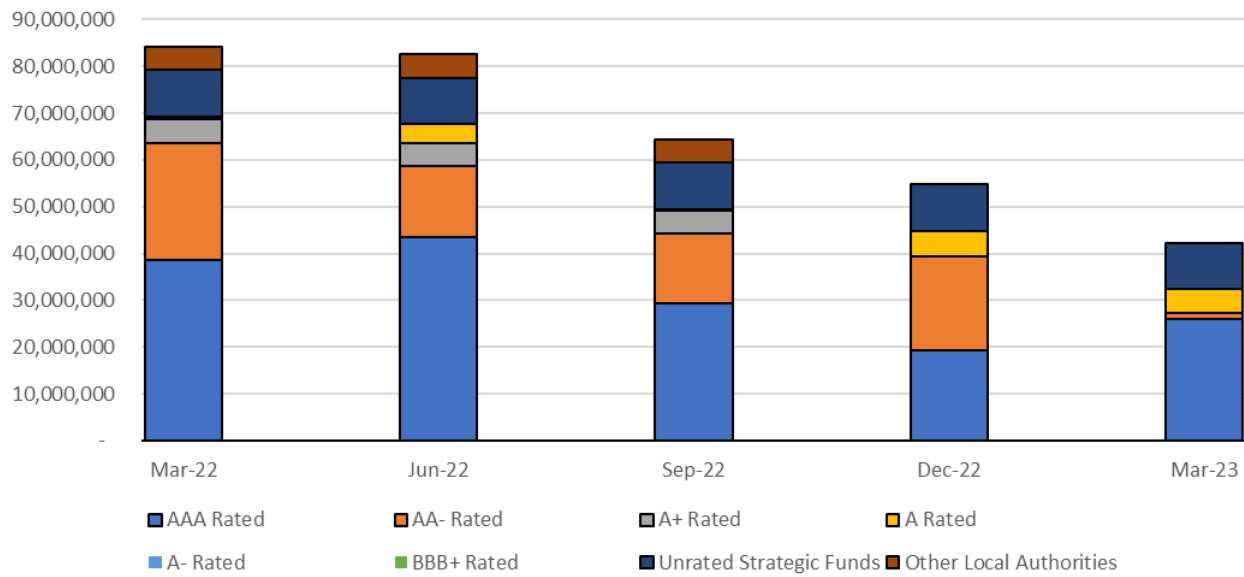
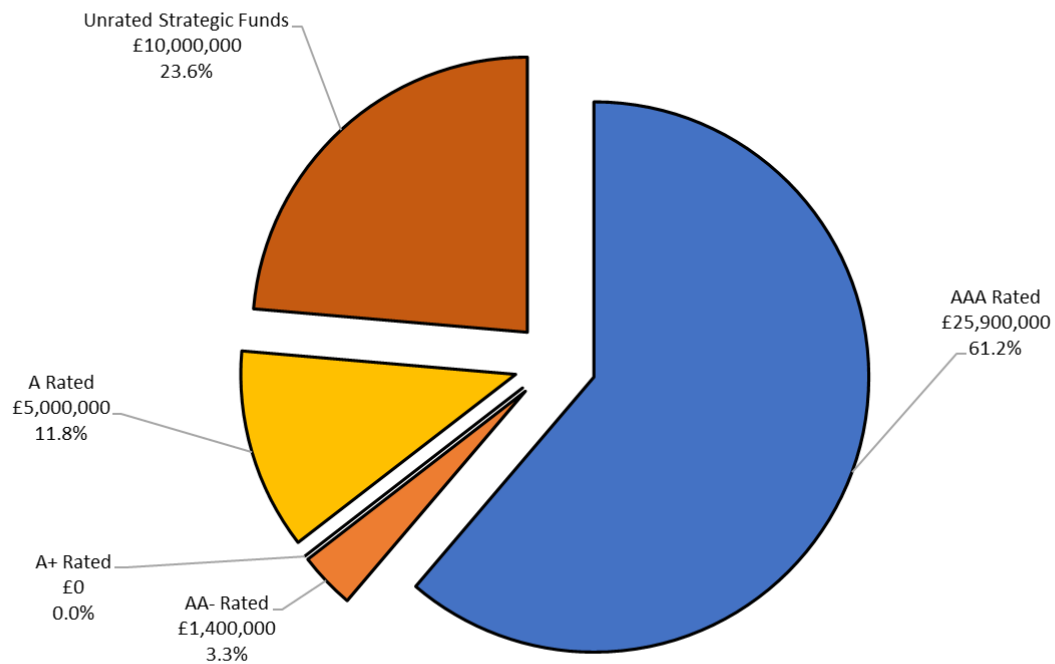


Chart 2a: Council Investments Per Lowest Equivalent Long Term Credit Rating as at 31st March 2023 £42.3m



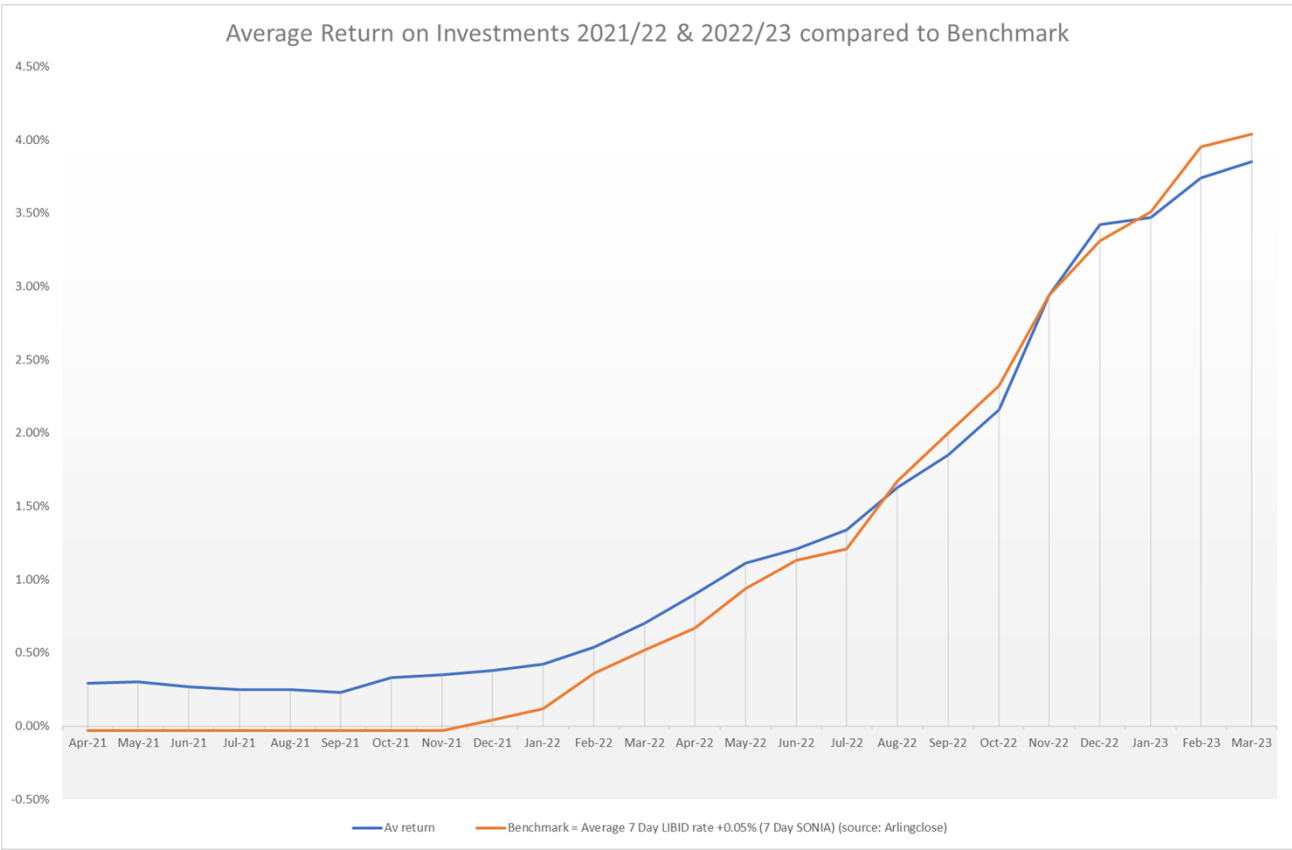
APPENDIX 3

Average rate of return on investments for 2022/23

	Average rate of interest earned	Benchmark = Average 7 Day SONIA rate	Performance against Benchmark
April 2022	0.90%	0.67%	+0.23%
May 2022	1.11%	0.94%	+0.18%
June 2022	1.21%	1.13%	+0.08%
July 2022	1.34%	1.21%	+0.13%
August 2022	1.63%	1.67%	-0.04%
September 2022	1.85%	2.00%	-0.15%
October 2022	2.16%	2.32%	-0.16%
November 2022	2.94%	2.94%	0.00%
December 2022	3.42%	3.31%	+0.11%
January 2023	3.47%	3.51%	-0.04%
February 2023	3.74%	3.95%	-0.21%
March 2023	3.85%	4.04%	-0.19%
Average#	2.09%	2.30%	-0.21%

For Comparison, the average rate of return on investments for 2021/22 was as follows:

	Average rate of interest earned	Benchmark = Average 7 Day LIBID rate +0.05% (7 Day SONIA – 0.08%)	Performance against Benchmark %
April 2021	0.29%	-0.03%	+0.32%
May 2021	0.30%	-0.03%	+0.33%
June 2021	0.27%	-0.03%	+0.30%
July 2021	0.25%	-0.03%	+0.28%
August 2021	0.25%	-0.03%	+0.28%
September 2021	0.23%	-0.03%	+0.27%
October 2021	0.33%	-0.03%	+0.36%
November 2021	0.35%	-0.03%	+0.38%
December 2021	0.38%	0.04%	+0.34%
January 2022	0.42%	0.12%	+0.30%
February 2022	0.54%	0.36%	+0.18%
March 2022	0.70%	0.52%	+0.18%
Average	0.36%	0.06%	+0.30%



APPENDIX 4

Council's External Borrowing at 31st March 2023

Lender	Amount outstanding @ 30th Dec. 2022	Change in Quarter	Amount outstanding @ 31st March 2023	Start date	End date	Interest rate
	£	£	£			
Long term						
PWLB489142	10,000,000	-	10,000,000	15/10/2004	15/10/2034	4.75%
PWLB497233	5,000,000	-	5,000,000	12/05/2010	15/08/2035	4.55%
PWLB497234	5,000,000	-	5,000,000	12/05/2010	15/02/2060	4.53%
PWLB498834	5,000,000	-	5,000,000	05/08/2011	15/02/2031	4.86%
PWLB498835	10,000,000	-	10,000,000	05/08/2011	15/08/2029	4.80%
PWLB498836	15,000,000	-	15,000,000	05/08/2011	15/02/2061	4.96%
PWLB503684	5,300,000	-	5,300,000	29/01/2015	08/04/2034	2.62%
PWLB503685	5,000,000	-	5,000,000	29/01/2015	08/10/2064	2.92%
PWLB505122	15,869,860	(0)	15,869,859	20/06/2016	20/06/2041	2.36%
PWLB508126	8,607,342	0	8,607,342	06/12/2018	20/06/2043	2.38%
PWLB508202	9,531,537	(0)	9,531,537	12/12/2018	20/06/2068	2.59%
PWLB508224	4,293,391	0	4,293,391	13/12/2018	20/06/2043	2.25%
PWLB505744	8,004,402	(194,061)	7,810,341	24/02/2017	15/08/2039	2.28%
PWLB505966	8,254,813	(169,611)	8,085,202	04/04/2017	15/02/2042	2.26%
PWLB506052	7,014,998	(144,283)	6,870,715	08/05/2017	15/02/2042	2.25%
PWLB506255	6,599,366	0	6,599,366	10/08/2017	10/04/2067	2.64%
PWLB506729	8,438,087	(0)	8,438,087	13/12/2017	10/10/2042	2.35%
PWLB506995	8,467,200	0	8,467,200	06/03/2018	10/10/2042	2.52%
PWLB506996	8,825,459	(0)	8,825,459	06/03/2018	10/10/2047	2.62%
PWLB507749	8,775,184	(161,555)	8,613,628	10/09/2018	20/07/2043	2.42%
PWLB508485	19,253,502	(112,085)	19,141,417	11/02/2019	20/07/2068	2.52%
PWLB509840	8,975,845	(174,899)	8,800,947	04/09/2019	20/07/2044	1.40%
KBC Bank N.V *	5,000,000	-	5,000,000	08/10/2004	08/10/2054	4.50%
KBC Bank N.V *	5,000,000	-	5,000,000	08/10/2004	08/10/2054	4.50%
Commerzbank AG Frankfurt*	10,000,000	-	10,000,000	27/04/2005	27/04/2055	4.50%
Medium term						
Portsmouth C.C.	-	-	-	19/12/2019	19/12/2022	1.65%
Total Borrowing	211,210,986	(956,494)	210,254,492			

*All LOBO's (Lender Option / Borrower Option) have reached the end of their fixed interest period and have reverted to the variable rate of 4.50%. The lender has the option to change the interest rate at 6 monthly intervals. Should the lender use the option to change the rate, then at this point the borrower has the option to repay the loan without penalty.

The "Change in Quarter" movement on some of the PWLB loans reflects that these loans have an annuity repayment profile, so repayments of principal are made on a 6 monthly basis throughout the life of the loans.

APPENDIX 5: Arlingclose Economic & Market Review

Economic background: The war in Ukraine continued to keep global inflation above central bank targets and the UK economic outlook remained relatively weak with the chance of a mild recession. The economic backdrop during the January to March period continued to be characterised by high energy and commodity prices, high inflation, and the associated impact on household budgets and spending.

Central Bank rhetoric and actions remained consistent with combatting inflation. The Bank of England, US Federal Reserve, and European Central Bank all increased interest rates over the period, even in the face of potential economic slowdowns in those regions.

Starting the financial year at 5.5%, the annual CPI measure of UK inflation rose strongly to hit 10.1% in July and then 11.1% in October. Inflation remained high in subsequent months but appeared to be past the peak, before unexpectedly rising again in February. Annual headline CPI registered 10.4% in February, up from 10.1% in January, with the largest upward contributions coming from food and housing. RPI followed a similar pattern during the year, hitting 14.2% in October. In February RPI measured 13.8%, up from 13.4% in the previous month.

Following the decision by the UK government under Rishi Sunak and Jeremy Hunt to reverse some of the support to household energy bills announced under Liz Truss, further support in the form of a cap on what energy suppliers could charge household was announced in the March Budget to run from April until end June 2023. Before the announcement, typical household bills had been due to rise to £3,000 a year from April.

The labour market remained tight albeit with some ongoing evidence of potential loosening at the end of the period. The unemployment rate 3mth/year eased from 3.8% April-June to 3.6% in the following quarter, before picking up again to 3.7% between October-December. The most recent information for the period December-February showed an unemployment rate of 3.7%.

The inactivity rate was 21.3% in the December-February quarter, slightly down from the 21.4% in the first quarter of the financial year. Nominal earnings were robust throughout the year, with earnings growth in December-February at as 5.7% for both total pay (including bonuses) and 6.5% for regular pay. Once adjusted for inflation, however, both measures were negative for that period and have been so throughout most of the year.

Despite household budgets remaining under pressure, consumer confidence rose to -36 in March, following readings of -38 and -45 in the previous two months, and much improved compared to the record-low of -49 in September. Quarterly GDP was soft through the year, registering a 0.1% gain in the April-June period, before contracting by (an upwardly revised) -0.1% in the subsequent quarter. For the October-December period was revised upwards to 0.1% (from 0.0%), illustrating a resilient but weak economic picture. The annual growth rate in Q4 was 0.6%.

The Bank of England increased the official Bank Rate to 4.25% during the financial year. From 0.75% in March 2022, the Monetary Policy Committee (MPC) pushed through rises

at every subsequent meeting over the period, with recent hikes of 50bps in December and February and then 25bps in March, taking Bank Rate to 4.25%. March's rise was voted by a majority of 7-2, with two MPC members preferring to maintain Bank Rate at 4.0%. The Committee noted that inflationary pressures remain elevated with growth stronger than was expected in the February Monetary Policy Report. The February vote was also 7-2 in favour of a hike, and again with two members preferring to keep Bank Rate on hold.

After reaching 9.1% in June, annual US inflation slowed for eight consecutive months to 6% in February. The Federal Reserve continued raising interest rates over the period with consecutive increases at each Federal Open Market Committee meetings, taking policy rates to a range of 4.75%- 5.00% at the March meeting.

From the record-high of 10.6% in October, Eurozone CPI inflation fell steadily to 6.9% in March 2023. Energy prices fell, but upward pressure came from food, alcohol, and tobacco. The European Central Bank continued increasing interest rates over the period, pushing rates up by 0.50% in March, taking the deposit facility rate to 3.0% and the main refinancing rate to 3.5%.

Financial markets: Uncertainty continued to be a key driver of financial market sentiment and bond yields remained relatively volatile due to concerns over elevated inflation and higher interest rates, as well as the likelihood of the UK entering a recession and for how long the Bank of England would continue to tighten monetary policy. Towards the end of the period, fears around the health of the banking system following the collapse of Silicon Valley Bank in the US and purchase of Credit Suisse by UBS caused further volatility.

Over the period the 5-year UK benchmark gilt yield rose from 1.41% to peak at 4.70% in September before ending the financial year at 3.36%. Over the same timeframe the 10-year gilt yield rose from 1.61% to peak at 4.51% before falling back to 3.49%, while the 20-year yield rose from 1.82% to 4.96% and then declined to 3.82%. The Sterling Overnight Rate (SONIA) averaged 2.24% over the period.

Credit review: Early in the period, Moody's affirmed the long-term rating of Guildford BC but revised the outlook to negative. The agency also downgraded Warrington BC and Transport for London.

In July Fitch revised the outlook on Standard Chartered and Bank of Nova Scotia from negative to stable and in the same month Moody's revised the outlook on Bayerische Landesbank to positive. In September S&P revised the outlook on the Greater London Authority to stable from negative and Fitch revised the outlook on HSBC to stable from negative.

The following month Fitch revised the outlook on the UK sovereign to negative from stable. Moody's made the same revision to the UK sovereign, following swiftly after with a similar move for a number of local authorities and UK banks including Barclays Bank, National Westminster Bank (and related entities) and Santander.

During the last few months of the reporting period there were only a handful of credit changes by the rating agencies, then in March the collapse of Silicon Valley Bank (SVB) in the US quickly spilled over into worries of a wider banking crisis as Credit Suisse encountered further problems and was bought by UBS.

Credit Default Prices had been rising since the start of the period on the back of the invasion of Ukraine, and in the UK rose further in September/October at the time of the then-government's mini budget. After this, CDS prices had been falling, but the fallout from SVB caused a spike on the back of the heightened uncertainty. However, they had moderated somewhat by the end of the period as fears of contagion subsided, but many are still above their pre-March levels reflecting that some uncertainty remains.

On the back of this, Arlingclose reduced its recommended maximum duration limit for unsecured deposits for all UK and Non-UK banks/institutions on its counterparty list to 35 days as a precautionary measure. No changes were made to the names on the list.

As market volatility is expected to remain a feature, at least in the near term and, as ever, the institutions and durations on the Authority's counterparty list recommended by Arlingclose remains under constant review.

Local authorities remain under financial pressure, but Arlingclose continues to take a positive view of the sector, considering its credit strength to be high. Section 114 notices have been issued by only a handful of authorities with specific issues. While Arlingclose's advice for local authorities on its counterparty list remains unchanged, a degree caution is merited with certain authorities.

APPENDIX 6

Interest & Capital Financing Costs – Budget Monitoring 2022/23

April 2022 to March 2023	YEAR END POSITION			ADV/FAV
	Budgeted Spend or (Income) £'000	Actual Spend or (Income) £'000	Actual over or (under) spend £'000	
Interest & Capital Financing				
- Debt Costs	8,031	6,921	(1,110)	FAV
- Internal Repayment of Loan Charges	(14,008)	(14,208)	(200)	FAV
- Ex Avon Debt Costs	980	948	(32)	FAV
- Minimum Revenue Provision (MRP)	9,678	9,174	(504)	FAV
- Interest on Balances*	(425)	(1,382)	(957)	FAV
Total	4,256	1,455	(2,803)	FAV

*this is after the transfer of £60,000 to the Capital Financing Reserve to go towards smoothing any gains or losses on valuation of the strategic funds should the statutory override not be extended when it currently runs out on 31/05/2025

APPENDIX 7

Summary Guide to Credit Ratings

Rating	Details
AAA	Highest credit quality – lowest expectation of default, which is unlikely to be adversely affected by foreseeable events.
AA	Very high credit quality - expectation of very low default risk, which is not likely to be significantly vulnerable to foreseeable events.
A	High credit quality - expectations of low default risk which may be more vulnerable to adverse business or economic conditions than is the case for higher ratings.
BBB	Good credit quality - expectations of default risk are currently low but adverse business or economic conditions are more likely to impair this capacity.
BB	Speculative - indicates an elevated vulnerability to default risk, particularly in the event of adverse changes in business or economic conditions over time.
B	Highly speculative - indicates that material default risk is present, but a limited margin of safety remains. Capacity for continued payment is vulnerable to deterioration in the business and economic environment.
CCC	Substantial credit risk - default is a real possibility.
CC	Very high levels of credit risk - default of some kind appears probable.
C	Exceptionally high levels of credit risk - default is imminent or inevitable.
RD	Restricted default - indicates an issuer that has experienced payment default on a bond, loan or other material financial obligation but which has not entered into bankruptcy filings, administration, receivership, liquidation or other formal winding-up procedure, and which has not otherwise ceased operating.
D	Default - indicates an issuer that has entered into bankruptcy filings, administration, receivership, liquidation or other formal winding-up procedure, or which has otherwise ceased business.

APPENDIX 8

Extract from Treasury Management Risk Register – Top 5 Risks

			Current Risk Score										Trend			Management Action	
	Risk Nr	Description	Likelihood					Impact					This Period	Periods Ago			
			1	2	3	4	5	1	2	3	4	5					
			L	M	H	L	M	H									
1	R01	Liquidity Risk - The risk that cash will not be available when it is needed, that ineffective management of liquidity creates additional unbudgeted costs, and that the organisation's business/service objectives will be thereby compromised.		2					3			6	6	6	6	Obtain approval of annual Treasury Management Strategy by February Council. Carry out weekly reviews of investment portfolio and planned actions. Carry out monthly dashboard meeting with Chief Finance Officer. Consider short and medium term cash balances and cashflows to inform any short - medium term borrowing requirement.	
2	R02	Interest Rate Risk - The risk that fluctuations in the levels of interest rates create an unexpected or unbudgeted burden on the organisation's finances, against which the organisation has failed to protect itself adequately				4			3			12	12	9	9	Monitor interest rates on a monthly basis and compare with budget to determine impact on Council finances and report through monthly Treasury Dashboard. Report implication of interest rate changes to Cabinet as part of quarterly Treasury Management Performance Report. Explore alternative potential investment products following new freedoms - including corporate bonds, gilts, Certificate of Deposits etc. Discussion with our treasury advisors on any new borrowing in terms of duration and timing given the current volatility in the gilt market and PWLB interest rates.	
3	R04	Inflation Risk - The risk that prevailing levels of inflation cause an unexpected or unbudgeted burden on the organisation's finances, against which the organisation has failed to protect itself adequately.				4				4		16	12	12	12	Liaise with Chief Finance Officer to ensure Inflation both current and projected forms part of the medium term financial planning framework.	
4	R05	Credit and Counterparty Risk - The risk of failure by a third party to meet its contractual obligations to the organisation under an investment, borrowing, capital, project or partnership financing, particularly as a result of the third party's diminished creditworthiness, and the resulting detrimental effect on the organisation's capital or current (revenue) resources.			3					4		12	12	12	12	Complete annual review of Counterparty List with external advisors to feed into Treasury Management Strategy. Regular review of counterparty financial standing through use of credit ratings, credit default swap rates and national press coverage and liaison with Chief Finance Officer and external advisors to consider any issues / change in circumstances of counterparties.	
5	R09	Key Personnel - There is a risk that staff absence results in the inability to process Treasury Management transactions.			3				3			9	9	9	9	Produce & maintain a Business Continuity Plan to manage staff absences Provide refresher training and periodically ask secondary process operators to run the treasury process to ensure that there are a number of people able to perform the treasury activity	

Bath & North East Somerset Council		
MEETING	Cabinet	
MEETING DATE:	13 July 2023	EXECUTIVE FORWARD PLAN REFERENCE:
		E 3466
TITLE:	Revenue & Capital Outturn 2022/23	
WARD:	All	
AN OPEN PUBLIC ITEM		
List of attachments to this report: Appendix 1: Detailed Revenue Budget Outturn Appendices 2(i) & 2(ii): Proposed Revenue Virements & Revised Revenue Cash Limits 2022/23 Appendix 3: Detailed Capital Variance & Rephasing Requests 2022/23 Appendices 4(i) & 4(ii): Capital Virements & Capital Programme by Portfolio 2022/23		

1 THE ISSUE

- 1.1 The report presents the revenue and capital outturn for 2022/23, highlighting a favourable outturn position of £0.06m after allowing for agreed transfers to/from reserves and carry forwards. This is an improvement of £1.54m from the reported position in the Quarter 3 forecast, primarily driven by increased parking income, reduced borrowing costs, higher interest earned on cash balances, and the release of corporate contingencies.
- 1.2 The report refers to requests to carry forward specific revenue budget items to 2023/24 and to write-off revenue over budgets where recovery in future years would have an adverse impact on continuing service delivery.
- 1.3 It is proposed that the £0.06m favourable variance is transferred to the Revenue Budget Contingency earmarked reserve.
- 1.4 The report also refers to requests to re-phase specific capital budget items to 2023/24 and to remove net capital underspends.

2 RECOMMENDATION

The Cabinet is asked to;

- 2.1 Note the revenue budget outturn on budget position for 2022/23, after allowing for carry forwards and transfers to reserves.**
- 2.2 Approve the revenue carry forward proposals listed in the tables in paragraph 3.7.**
- 2.3 Approve that all other over budgets are written-off as an exception to the Budget Management Rules for 2022/23.**
- 2.4 Approve the transfer of £0.06m to corporate earmarked reserves**
- 2.5 Note the revenue virements for 2022/23 reported for information in Appendix 2(i)**
- 2.6 Note the reserve positions and the use of flexible capital receipts shown in paragraph 3.21**
- 2.7 Note the outturn position of the 2022/23 capital programme in paragraph 3.30, and the funding outlined in paragraph 3.32;**
- 2.8 Approve the capital rephasing and write-off of net underspends as listed in Appendix 3. This reflects the outturn spend position on projects against final budgets as detailed in Appendix 4(ii).**

3 THE REPORT

- 3.1 This report provides information about the Council's financial performance against its revenue and capital budgets in 2022/23.**

Revenue Budgets

- 3.2 The report identifies that, after allowing for carry forwards and transfers to corporate reserves, the Council delivered a favourable outturn position of £0.06m in 2022/23.**
- 3.3 Considering the pay award was in excess of £2.6m higher than budgeted, combined with significant financial pressures in Children and Education services, to end the year at a favourable outturn position showed strong financial management across the organisation.**

3.4 The table below shows the overall revenue outturn position by portfolio:

Portfolio	Revised Budget £m	Outturn £m	Variance Over / (Under) £m
Leader of Council	(4.12)	(4.74)	(0.62)
Resources	7.51	3.18	(4.32)
Economic Development, Regeneration and Growth	0.80	0.86	0.06
Climate and Sustainable Travel	1.36	1.12	(0.24)
Adult Services and Council House Building	65.01	65.35	0.34
Children and Young People, and Communities	37.45	42.90	5.44
Neighbourhood Services	26.87	27.58	0.71
Transport	(5.10)	(6.95)	(1.84)
Planning and Licensing	2.38	2.63	0.25
Total (before Carry Forwards)	132.15	131.93	(0.22)
Carry Forward Requests (underspends)			0.16
Total (including Carry Forwards)			(0.06)

Note1: Some of the figures in this table are affected by rounding.

3.5 The main areas of over/under budget and change against the April to December outturn forecast position are as follows:

Leader of the Council (£0.62m under budget, £0.06m adverse movement)

World Heritage and External Affairs and Partnerships budgets came within £0.01m of break-even, while the Events service had a small overspend of £0.04m due to staffing pressures. Heritage Services ended the year with a £0.66m favourable position resulting from stronger than anticipated visitor numbers across the year, resulting in higher admissions and retail income than budgeted.

Resources (£4.33m under budget, £1.36m favourable movement)

Costs associated with void properties, including the vacant former school site at Culverhay, result in an adverse variance of £0.43m for the Corporate Estate. In addition the Housing Benefit Subsidy ended the year £0.48m over budget due to high cost temporary accommodation requirement throughout the year.

These pressures were more than offset by savings on licensing, contracts and borrowing costs in ICT (£0.51m), lower borrowing costs associated with delays in borrowing for capital projects, and increased interest earned on cash balances (£2.8m). In addition, the pension deficit contribution was over and above budget as a result of the higher than budgeted pay award, coupled with the release of corporate

contingencies meant the portfolio ended the year with a significantly under budget position.

A one-off budget adjustment of £0.85m has been made to realign the Housing Company dividend income to the company approval and payment cycle. This reflects that the dividend relating to the companies activities in 2022/23 will be received after the company and shareholder meetings in the first half of 2023/24 where the 2022/23 accounts and dividend payment will be approved. The one-off impact of realigning the income budget has been funded by release from the Capital Financing Reserve following approval of the S151 officer and this will realign future income budgets in line with the annual dividend approval cycle going forward.

Economic Development, Regeneration and Growth (£0.06m over budget, £0.11m adverse movement)

Regeneration ended the year with a £0.09m overspend predominantly relating to unbudgeted running costs associated with Bath Quays South in advance of the property being let. Business and Skills had a small underspend of £0.03m due to staffing vacancies and recharges to projects.

Climate and Sustainable Travel (£0.24m under budget, £0.06m favourable movement)

Vacancies and charging staff time to projects were the key reasons for the underspends across Environmental Monitoring (£0.13m), Green Transformation (£0.10m) and Transport Planning, Policy and Sustainable Transport (£0.04m) services.

The Clear Air Zone scheme sits within this portfolio and its performance to date is detailed in paragraph 3.39.

Adult Services and Council House Building (£0.34m over budget, £0.15m favourable movement)

The outturn position for Adult Social Care is an overspend variance of £0.48m. Whilst the number of package placements has continued to be below previous levels seen, the cost has increased during the year due to the economic and market factors experienced through 2022/23. Arrangements for hospital discharges were in place all year, funding for these arrangements was jointly provided with Health and made use of the discharge grants received in 2022/23. Whilst this spend remained in line with previous years the impact of the expected ongoing demand from the ending of these arrangements was reduced. These arrangements are planned to continue in 2023/24.

The level of future demand remains undetermined but is expected to cause pressure on budgets. To balance this, work will continue on the delivery of the service transformation plans, and in partnership with health, to ensure services can be provided to meet and sustain this demand.

Housing ended the year with a favourable outturn position of £0.14m due to additional grant funding for domestic abuse services.

Children and Young People, and Communities (£5.44m over budget, £0.67m favourable movement)

The Children and Young People segment of this Portfolio (£5.12m over budget) continued to be affected by demand pressures and packages of care and support costs as a direct result of accommodating additional needs.

£2.7m of this variance is due to demand-led placement and package budgets including Joint Agency panel (JAP), residential, Disabled Children, Children in Care, Staying Put Placement, Care leavers, Foster Carers, Unaccompanied Asylum Seeker Children and other client expenditure across Children's Services. In addition, increased costs of existing packages due to the increased needs our Children and Young People are presenting with, many because of Covid, have added further financial pressure. There are also increased costs as a result of the complex packages of care needed for those with the highest need in the Disabled Children's Team. The outturn position also includes £0.60m as a result of delayed delivery of cashable savings in relation to the planned transformation. The outturn position includes £1.2m of one-off in year mitigations from the use of additional health and covid reserve funding.

Staffing pressures across all areas total £1.8m. This is the result of covering absences within teams, whilst also responding to increasing demand levels and complexity of need.

The Home to School Transport (HTST) service includes a £1.2m over budget position. This is due to significant pressure from ongoing market forces creating cost pressures when procuring HTST, including reduced availability of drivers, increased fuel costs and reduced tendering activity for many routes.

Neighbourhood Services (£0.71m over budget, £0.03m favourable movement)

Regrading exercises within both the Waste and Fleet service, and the Parks and Bereavement service were the main driver for the overspend in this portfolio. Furthermore, the closure of the main crematorium chapel for capital improvement works between April and October meant income for the service was lower than budgeted. Increased recyclates income, along with reduced waste treatment and disposal contracts helped mitigate some of the increased staffing costs in the Waste service, while vacancies in Highways Maintenance and additional income in the Registrars services also helped reduce the portfolio overspend.

Transport (£1.84m under budget, £0.85m favourable movement)

Parking (£0.2m), street works (£0.2m), and traffic management (£0.3m) income exceeded budgeted expectations over the course of the year. The strong income performance, coupled with staff vacancies (£0.7m) and running cost underspends (£0.4m) across the portfolio have resulted in a significant favourable variance for the portfolio.

Planning and Licensing (£0.25m over budget, £0.03m favourable movement)

Planning income is down nationally compared to the previous financial year and B&NES income has followed the same trend. Both pre-application and direct planning application fee income received was less than budgeted. Similarly pressures on building control, land charges and licensing income also had an

adverse affect on the portfolio outturn position, although staff vacancies across the services have partially mitigated the overspend position.

3.6 Further detail of outturn budget variances is attached at Appendix 1.

Carry Forward Requests

3.7 The following carry forward requests have been made for approval:

Request and Reason for Request	£
Climate and Sustainable Travel – Energy Study Procurement on the planned update to our Energy Study was paused in Autumn 2022 as a result of the council-wide freeze on discretionary expenditure. Due to staff sickness absence in the last quarter, it has not been possible to progress procurement to spend in year as planned, and costs will fall in 2023/24.	30,000
Adult Services – In-House Home Care Team (UCB) Adult Social Care are jointly working with Royal United Hospital to develop an in-house homecare team (UCB) to support hospital discharge. The service needs to grow before it can become financially self-sufficient. The carry forward of specifically allocated funds will provide interim funding and give service time to expand and develop.	47,909
Children’s Services 1. Carry forward of pooled budget balance for Youth Justice Service (£63,481) 2. The Police & Crime Commissioner Grant for Community Safety initiatives has been underspent this year. The unspent funding is needed to enable us to access data to complete our VAWG and perpetrator strategy which are now national requirements (£2,025)	65,506
Building Control and Public Protection – Land Charges HM Land Registry provided one-off funding to offset the loss of Land Charge income due to transfer of work from the local authority. The funding was received in 2022/23, but the financial impact of the transfer of duties will not be felt until 2023/24.	15,000
Total	158,415

3.8 After allowing for the above carry forwards, it is proposed that the net under budget position of £0.06m, is transferred to the Revenue Budget Contingency Reserve, which is used to fund unbudgeted revenue pressures which are unable to be mitigated by management and recovery actions.

- 3.9 It is recommended that all other over budgets are written off as an exception to the Budget Management Scheme Rules to retain budget stability in 2023/24.

Delivery of Savings and Recovery Plans

- 3.10 The 2022/23 revenue budget approved savings of £11.87m. Of these savings 90% (£10.63m) were delivered in full, 1% (£0.09m) have been mitigated through savings elsewhere in the respective service, and 9% (£1.15m) of savings are delayed until 2023/24. The most significant delayed saving is £0.92m of Children's Transformation Project savings, which have been reprofiled to future years in the 2023/24 – 2025/26 Budget Proposals Report.

Schools

- 3.11 The overall Dedicated Schools Grant for 2022/23 was £167.758m, however of this sum £118.513m was returned to the DFE to be allocated to academies, £12.131m was allocated to schools through funding formula, with the remaining £37.114m (after the prior year overspend of £13.437m) retained by the LA to support Special Educational Needs, central expenditure, and Early Years.
- 3.12 The centrally held elements of the Dedicated Schools Grant (DSG) were over budget by £7.696m, due to significant increases in numbers and cost of placements for children with SEND which is funded from the high needs block within the Dedicated Schools Grant. This Overspend will be carried forward along with the accumulated deficit on the DSG of £13.437m giving a total overspend to be carried forward of £21.133m. In line with Government guidance any overspend is carried forward for recovery against future DSG funding. Therefore, the Council cannot fund this pressure from its own general fund revenue budget (unless permission is given by the Secretary of State to disregard the requirement to fund from the DSG). Year-end budgets have been adjusted to reflect the transfer of the £7.696m overspend into a specific unusable reserve for recovery against future DSG funding. This treatment is in line with recently announced government guidance stating that DSG in-year and cumulative deficits should no longer be held as a negative earmarked reserve and should instead be held in an unusable reserve called the Dedicated Schools Grant Adjustment Account. This accounting treatment has the effect of separating schools budget deficits from the Councils' general fund and, following the recently announced extension, covers the period to 31st March 2026.
- 3.13 In March 2023 the LA entered into a Safety Valve Agreement recovery plan to bring spending in line with budget over the next 6 years with the DFE. The Safety valve agreement is a process set up to support Local Authorities with DSG deficits, whereby the LA will show its ability to ensure that spending is controlled within the DSG and the DFE will look to support the accumulated overspend. The agreement signed by the LA and the DFE sets out the recovery of the cumulative overspend with the DFE providing additional funding to the LA as set out in the table below.

Year	The Department agrees to pay to the authority the additional £'m of DSG by each year end
2022/23	£7.68m
2023/24	£1.65m

2024/25	£1.65m
2025/26	£1.65m
2026/27	£1.65m
2027/28	£1.65m
2028/29	£3.29m
Total	£19.22m

- 3.14 The 2022-23 payment of £7.68m was received during March 2023 and was netted off the cumulative deficit. The cumulative deficit on the Dedicated Schools Grant Adjustment Account unusable reserve currently stands at £13.453m.
- 3.15 The seven schools maintained by the Local Authority have balances that have decreased by £252k to £834k at the year-end. This decrease is partly due to some schools utilising their balances for capital projects that had been planned for some time. These balances are closely monitored by Schools Forum which has adopted an excessive balances policy in line with continued DFE best practise guidance. All schools with balances deemed to be excessive are challenged to explain their position. Most large balances are retained as part of plans for capital projects in schools.

Public Health

- 3.16 The Public Health budget is currently ringfenced. The year-end outturn was in line with the value of the grant funding, resulting in a balanced position against the value of this funding, including transfers from the Public Health reserve of £0.245m. The revised balance held in the reserve is £0.571m as at 31st March 2023. Budgets have been adjusted to reflect the transfer from reserves.

Clear Air Zone

- 3.17 The Clean Air Zone (CAZ) scheme has generated £11.84m since launch from charges and penalty charge notices (to the end of March 2023). This is expected to drop year on year as compliance continues to increase. The scheme has generated £5.00m through entry charges paid on time and those on receipt of penalty charge notices. A further £6.84m has been generated through fines for late payment. The operating costs of the scheme in 22/23 were £2.49m, and since entry total £6.04m, some of which have been offset against grants with the rest covered by income received. In line with the CAZ operating agreement, any surplus funds after covering scheme costs and the allowance for decommissioning costs are ringfenced for transport investment. At the end of March 2023 £3.85m has been added to smoothing and decommissioning reserves to cover future year costs and the CAZ transport investment reserve stands at £5.1m. At this stage £3.7m of this reserve has been allocated. £2.5m will be used over the next two years to fund transport improvements through the City Region Sustainable Transport Settlement, and £1.2m will go towards transportation capital spending and other related transport and air quality projects.

Reserves and Flexible Capital Receipts

3.18 The year-end position of earmarked reserves, taking into account the 2022/23 outturn, are shown in the table below.

Council's Earmarked Reserves	2021/22	2022/23	Movt
	£'m	£'m	£m
Corporate Earmarked Reserves			
Insurance Fund	0.911	1.041	0.130
Capital Financing Reserve	9.961	10.214	0.253
Revenue Budget Contingency	3.742	3.469	(0.273)
Transformation Investment Reserve	2.403	1.887	(0.517)
Business Rates Reserve	3.739	1.301	(2.437)
City Deal Smoothing Reserve	1.831	2.203	0.372
Restructuring & Severance Reserve	1.900	1.806	(0.094)
Financial Planning and Smoothing Reserve	7.558	3.200	(4.358)
Invest to Save Reserve	0.212	0.000	(0.212)
Public Health Grant Reserve	0.816	0.571	(0.245)
Community Empowerment Fund	0.324	0.324	0.000
Revenue Grants Unapplied	0.822	4.712	3.890
Revenue Funding of Capital Reserve	0.772	0.616	(0.156)
Covid19 Outbreak Management Fund Grant Reserve	2.810	0.308	(2.502)
Covid 19 Test & Trace Reserve	0.152	0.152	(0.000)
Covid 19 General Reserve	4.568	3.354	(1.214)
City Region Sustainable Transport Settlement Contribution Reserve	3.000	3.000	0.000
Energy Inflation Reserve	0.000	1.082	1.082
Other	0.624	0.601	(0.023)
Sub Total	46.145	39.840	(6.305)
S31 Business Rate Retail Relief Compensation Grant Reserve	18.506	0.000	(18.506)
Schools Balances	1.086	0.834	(0.252)
Service Specific Reserves	3.226	1.893	(1.333)
General Service Reserves	26.484	28.257	1.774
Total Earmarked Reserves	95.447	70.824	(24.622)
Reserve balances excludes any 2023/24 transfers agreed as part of the 2023/24 Budget Report and the transfers proposed in paragraph 3.xx.			

Note: Some of the figures in this table are affected by rounding.

3.19 The S31 Business Rate Retail Relief Compensation Grant Reserve is a temporary reserve to manage the timing difference between the receipt of government grant funding in 2021/22 and the use of this grant to fund the associated Business Rate Collection Fund Deficit in 2022/23 as required under Collection Fund accounting regulations.

- 3.20 The year-end position of uncommitted non-earmarked reserves was £12.6m in line with the risk assessed requirements of a range of £11.9m to £13.2m agreed in the 2022/23 Budget Report.

Flexible Use of Capital Receipts

- 3.21 Council approved a revised Efficiency Strategy in February 2023 as part of the 2023/24 budget. This enables the authority to utilise capital receipts for once-off spend such as severance costs that result in the delivery of ongoing savings. Flexible capital receipts of £0.162m were utilised in 2022/23 taking the total used to £8.251m and it is estimated that this spend will contribute to the release of ongoing revenue savings of £12.815m by 2023/24. Further details of spend and savings are shown in the following tables.

Category	Spend			
	2017/18 - 2020/21	2021/22	2022/23	Total
	£m	£m	£m	£m
Restructuring & Severance Costs	7.220	0.155	0.162	7.537
Procurement, Commissioning and other service redesign	0.714	0.000	0.000	0.714
Total	7.934	0.155	0.162	8.251

Category	Cumulative Savings			
	2017/18 - 2020/21	2021/22	2022/23	2023/24
	£m	£m	£m	£m
Restructuring & Severance Costs	6.091	6.219	6.387	6.525
Procurement, Commissioning and other service redesign	6.290	6.290	6.290	6.290
Total	12.381	12.509	12.677	12.815

Council Tax, Business Rates and Collection Fund

Council Tax

- 3.22 The number of people claiming Local Council Tax Support (LCTS) has continued to fall since the peak experienced in 2020/21 as a result of the economic impact of the pandemic. The 2022/23 tax base allowed for the same number of recipients as at the end of November 2021 to continue into 2022/23 with budgeted costs of LCTS set at £10.56m. The cost at the beginning of April was £10.20m and there has been a gradual reduction over the year, in line with a fall in working age claimants, with the cost at the end of March £9.73m. This is £0.83m below the budget estimate and has contributed to a Council Tax surplus at year end. The number of working age claimants at the end of March was 5,797 compared to the budget assumption of 6,385. The reduction is due to claimants ceasing to be entitled to LCTS, for example where they have returned to employment, or their income has increased.

3.23 The surplus from LCTS has been partly offset by an increase in Council Tax exemptions, mainly relating to student occupied dwellings, during the final quarter of the year and an increase in the Bad Debt provision following a review of the arrears position at year end. Taking all these factors into account the final in-year surplus on the Collection Fund in respect of Council Tax is £0.44m, of which the Council's share is £0.36m. This represents a positive variance of 0.3% against the 2022/23 forecast income.

3.24 The Council's share of the final position on the Collection Fund, including the net deficit carried forward from 2021/22, is a surplus of £0.08m. This represents a reduction of £0.34m from the estimated surplus provision made in the 2023/24 Budget Report.

Business Rates

The outturn position for the Business Rate element of the collection fund is a surplus of £1.58m, after allowing for the impacts of s31 grant funded reliefs in respect of retail relief and the Covid Additional Relief Fund. The table below shows the Council's share of the surplus is £1.49m, which represents an improvement over the Quarter 3 forecast position of £0.73m. The main reasons for the improved position are due to:

- Lower than forecast Bad Debt Provision requirement (£0.5m) following final analysis of the year end arrears position.
- Reduction in forecast appeals provision of £0.4m following the settlement of a number of appeals in the final quarter of the year.

Business Rates Collection Fund	Outturn Position		Qtr3 Forecast		Change
	Total (£m)	B&NES Share (£m)	Total (£m)	B&NES Share (£m)	B&NES Share (£m)
Collection Fund - 2022/23 In Year Surplus	(2.11)	(1.98)	(1.45)	(1.36)	(0.62)
<i>Less impacts of reliefs funded through s31 grant:</i>					
Reduced Retail Relief	4.48	4.21	4.58	4.31	(0.10)
Covid Additional Relief Fund	(3.96)	(3.72)	(3.95)	(3.71)	(0.01)
(Surplus) / Deficit after Extended Retail Relief & CARF s31 grant funding	(1.58)	(1.49)	(0.81)	(0.76)	(0.73)
2021/22 Surplus carried Forward	(4.89)	(4.59)	(4.89)	(4.59)	0.00
3 Year Deficit Spreading Adjustment	0.99	0.93	0.99	0.93	0.00
Total Surplus	(5.48)	(5.15)	(4.71)	(4.43)	(0.73)

- 3.25 The 2022/23 Retail, hospitality and leisure business rate scheme provides a 50% business rate relief, capped at £110,000 per business for eligible properties. The Council is recompensed for the reduction in business rate income arising from this relief via a section 31 compensation grant. The final relief granted during the year was £4.5m which is £4.5m lower than the £9.0m budget estimate, due to changes in the eligibility criteria received after the original estimate was made. This has led to a Collection Fund surplus in 2022/23 with a corresponding reduction in section 31 compensation grant income which has been smoothed through the business rate reserve.
- 3.26 The government announced a new £1.5bn Covid-19 Additional Relief Fund (CARF) in March 2021. The fund is available to support those businesses affected by the pandemic, but that are ineligible for existing support linked to business rates. Guidance on the fund was issued on 19 December 2021 and the relief has been processed during 2022/23. The CARF allocation for Bath & North East Somerset area is £4.3m of which the Council's share is £4.0m. The actual allocations made as at the end of March were £3.96m. The negative impact on the Collection Fund of granting the relief will be fully mitigated by s31 compensation grant received from the government.
- 3.27 As set out in the Budget Report, any surplus or deficit on the Business Rate Collection Fund and associated income is transferred to or from the Business Rates Reserve for consideration as part of the Business Rates calculations for future years. The balance on the Business Rate Reserve is £1.3m as at 31st March 2023. The 2023/24 budget included a transfer of £7.4m to the reserve which will increase the balance to £8.7m which equates to around 12% of the annual net rates income (excluding retail relief).

Overall Collection Fund

- 3.28 The following table shows the overall estimated position, for which provision was made in the 2023/24 Budget Report, and the actual outturn position for the Council share of the Collection Fund for 2022/23. These figures exclude preceptor shares:-

	Estimated (Surplus)/ Deficit £'m	Actual (Surplus)/ Deficit £'m	Difference £'m
Council Tax	(0.415)	(0.076)	0.339
Business Rates	(5.027)	(5.647)	(0.620)
Total	(5.442)	(5.723)	(0.281)

- 3.29 At an overall level, the outturn position on the Collection Fund improved by £0.281m over the estimated position. The overall difference will be taken into consideration

when estimating the closing 2023/24 Collection Fund position as part of the 2024/25 Budget process.

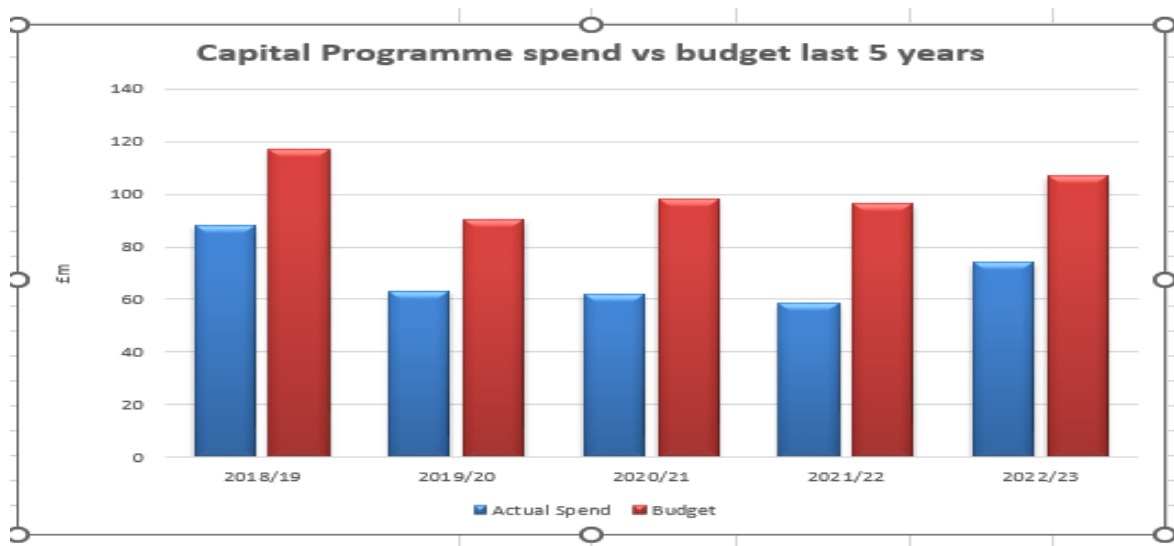
Capital Programme

3.30 The capital spend in 2022/23 was £74.160m (69%) against a budget of £106.908m giving a variance of £32.748m, primarily reflecting the delivery time to complete projects moving into future financial periods.

Portfolio Summary	2022/2023 Outturn Position			
	Capital Budget £'m	Outturn £'m	Variance £'m	Rephasing to 2023/24 Requested £'m
Leader of Council	0.990	0.648	0.342	0.342
Resources	25.281	14.965	10.316	10.316
Economic Development, Regeneration and Growth	17.823	11.306	6.516	6.516
Climate and Sustainable Travel	4.957	3.668	1.289	1.341
Adults and Council House Building	7.002	5.594	1.408	1.409
Children and Young People, Communities and Culture	6.522	2.264	4.258	4.258
Neighbourhood Services	38.433	31.411	7.022	6.963
Transport	5.901	4.304	1.598	1.546
TOTAL	106.908	74.160	32.748	32.690

Note: Some of the figures in this table are affected by rounding.

3.31 Of this variance, £32.690m is requested for carry forward to 2023/24 to cover re-phased costs of capital projects. The detailed outturn position and re-phasing of each individual project is attached at Appendix 3. The delivery of the capital spend compared to budget over the last five years is shown in the following graph:



3.32 The funding of the capital programme for 2022/23 is as follows:-

	£'m
Total Capital Spending:	74.160
Funded by:	
Capital Receipts	2.755
Capital Grants	39.650
3 rd Party Receipts (inc S106 & CIL)	5.162
Revenue	1.026
Prudential Borrowing (Implied Need)	25.567
Total	74.160

3.33 The Council's provisional Capital Financing Requirement (CFR) as at 31st March 2023 is £341.0 million. This represents the Council's requirement to borrow to finance capital expenditure and demonstrates that total borrowing of £210.3 million remains well below this requirement as at 31st March 2023. This illustrates the extent to which the Council is currently cash-flowing capital projects in line with the Treasury Management Strategy to minimise borrowing costs.

4 STATUTORY CONSIDERATIONS

4.1 The annual Medium-Term Financial Strategy and planning process allocates resources across services with alignment of these resources towards the Council's corporate priorities. This report monitors how the Council has performed against the budget and Capital Programme set in February 2022.

5 RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS (FINANCE, PROPERTY, PEOPLE)

5.1 These are contained throughout the report and appendices.

6 RISK MANAGEMENT

- 6.1 A risk assessment related to the issue and recommendations has been undertaken, in compliance with the Council's decision-making risk management guidance.
- 6.2 The substance of this report is part of the Council's risk management process. The key risks in the Council's budget were assessed by each Director, with these risks re-assessed on a monthly basis as part of the budget monitoring process.

7 CLIMATE CHANGE

- 7.1 The Medium Term Financial Strategy and budget process aligns resources towards the corporate priorities and objectives set out in the Corporate Strategy, which includes tackling the climate emergency. This report monitors the Council's financial performance against those budgets.

8 OTHER OPTIONS CONSIDERED

- 8.1 The option to carry forward over budgeted spend could be considered which would mean that services would have to make up any deficits in 2023/24 with a considerable impact on service delivery especially in light of the challenging economic environment in 2023/24 and possibly beyond.

9 CONSULTATION

- 9.1 Consultation has been carried out with the Cabinet Member for Resources, Directors, Section 151 Finance Officer, Chief Executive, Chief Operating Officer and Monitoring Officer.
- 9.2 The provisional outturn position has been discussed at Senior Leadership Team and Corporate Management Team in May.

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Portfolio Number and Description		Cashlimit Number and Description		Current Budget £000	Actuals to date £000	2022/23 Outturn Variance Over / (Under) £000	Outturn Variance Analysis
Detailed Analysis of Budgets for Leader of Council							
P04	Leader of Council	1018	Heritage Services	(5,062)	(5,717)	(656)	Visitors to the Roman Baths were ahead of budget through the second half of the year. This was driven by the return of international tourists, in particular US tourists. The strong visitor numbers translated to income through admissions and retail. Private hire income performed well, with demand for weddings remaining high and also leading to an over-achievement of income.
P04	Leader of Council	1109	World Heritage	161	156	(5)	Not a material variance
P04	Leader of Council	1121	Events and Active Lifestyles	492	528	36	Events have an unbudgeted pressure on expenditure which has been reduced, due to savings on staffing and a slight increase in events income.
P04	Leader of Council	1126	Visit Bath	114	113	(1)	Not a material variance
P04	Leader of Council	1136	External Affairs & Partnerships	170	180	9	Not a material variance
P04	Leader of Council			(4,124)	(4,740)	(616)	
Detailed Analysis of Budgets for Resources							
P26	Resources	1032	Information Technology	5,912	5,369	(544)	Under budget position due to holding vacancies, contract savings realised in year and service supported borrowing (SSB) savings. The 2023/24 budget has incorporated the recurrent impact of the SSB saving.
P26	Resources	1037	Property Services	577	582	5	Not a material variance
P26	Resources	1038	Corporate Estate Including R&M	4,906	5,336	430	The main overspends are holding costs for Culverhay and Lewis House, with lower income than projected, and higher repairs and maintenance costs across the Commercial Estate. This has been offset against underspends on staffing in the Corporate Estate team because of vacancies held while the team is restructured.
P26	Resources	1039	Traded Services	0	(0)	(0)	Not a material variance
P26	Resources	1040	Finance	2,488	2,417	(71)	Vacant posts in Capital Team and Corporate Finance
P26	Resources	1041	Revenues & Benefits	1,557	1,221	(336)	Underspend relates to Department for Work and Pension (DWP) funding in relation to administering the Housing Support Funds and Test and Trace schemes
P26	Resources	1042	Risk & Assurance Services	1,340	1,323	(17)	Some underspends in discretionary spend categories
P26	Resources	1047	Human Resources & Organisational Development	2,702	2,647	(54)	Underspend due to staff vacancy savings in the Health, Safety and Wellbeing team.
P26	Resources	1053	Council Solicitor & Democratic Services	2,648	2,691	43	Limited staff turnover throughout the year meant the staff turnover budget was not met
P26	Resources	1054	Hsg / Council Tax Benefits Subsidy	(195)	284	479	Overspend is due in part to pressures from high cost temporary accommodation need through the year which has been negated as far as possible through the creation of additional provision for rough sleepers.
P26	Resources	1055	Capital Financing / Interest	4,171	1,368	(2,803)	There was a £500k underspend against the budget for MRP (Minimum Revenue Provision), following the final calculation of the 2022/23 charge. In addition, there was an additional £950k of investment interest income earned due to the increase in interest rates since the budget was set, along with the temporary high levels of cash balances held following the advance payment of grants and the profiling of capital expenditure. The remainder of the favourable outturn position related to lower borrowing costs due to the associated delay in borrowing requirements.
P26	Resources	1056	Unfunded Pensions	1,488	1,404	(84)	There were lower than budgeted costs in respect of historic pension liabilities.
P26	Resources	1057	Corporate Budgets including Capital, Audit and Bank Charges	(14,539)	(15,924)	(1,385)	The outturn position includes £480k of unused revenue contingency budget, a £415k favourable position on pension deficit contributions, £270k of unbudgeted income received during the year and £345k income above budget for the Bath Spa profit share (including the release of some bad debt provisions). This was partially offset against smaller overspends in E-Transaction costs and Apprenticeship Levy payments.
P26	Resources	1058	Magistrates	12	7	(5)	A minor year end underspend.
P26	Resources	1059	Coroners	370	450	80	There were unavoidable on-going cost pressures of £40k, which have been addressed in the 2023/24 budget, along with one-off pressures of £40k as a result of the backlog of jury inquests that were previously delayed due to Covid-19.
P26	Resources	1060	Environment Agency	254	254	(0)	Not a material variance
P26	Resources	1061	West of England Combined Authority Levy	5,194	5,194	0	Not a material variance
P26	Resources	1081	Commercial Estate	(10,812)	(10,732)	80	The end of year financial position for the whole commercial estate cash limit was an unfavourable £80k, against a budgeted income target of £14.8million. The key reasons for the unfavourable position was a contractual rent free in a lease, and outstanding rental settlement, which has been accrued to the following year.
P26	Resources	1112	Housing Delivery Vehicle	(1,321)	(1,321)	0	Not a material variance
P26	Resources	1118	Procurement & Commissioning	345	280	(66)	Vacant post due to retirement and reduction in stationery spend
P26	Resources	1130	Corporate Governance	1,764	1,815	51	Limited staff turnover throughout the year meant the staff turnover budget was not met
P26	Resources	1131	Corporate Strategy and Communications	(2,294)	(2,421)	(128)	Underspend due to officer time recharge on grant funded Homes for Ukraine scheme
P26	Resources	1132	Business Change	938	938	(0)	Not a material variance
P26	Resources Total			7,506	3,181	(4,325)	

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Portfolio Number and Description		Cashlimit Number and Description		Current Budget £000	Actuals to date £000	2022/23 Outturn Variance Over / (Under) £000	Outturn Variance Analysis
Detailed Analysis of Budgets for Economic Development, Regeneration and Growth							
P31	Economic Development, Regeneration and Growth	1052	Regeneration	381	466	86	Bath Quays South revenue pressure of £93k, including £60k capital reversion confirmed late at year end. Plus £21k Regeneration options study with no project budget to cover it which is offset with small favourable movements in staffing.
P31	Economic Development, Regeneration and Growth	1128	Business & Skills	422	397	(25)	Not a material variance
P31	Economic Development, Regeneration and Growth Total			803	864	60	
Detailed Analysis of Budgets for Climate and Sustainable Travel							
P27	Climate and Sustainable Travel	1127	Environmental Monitoring (Air Pollution)	189	61	(128)	A favourable variance across service due to vacancies and staff recharges.
P27	Climate and Sustainable Travel	1129	Clean Air Zone	0	0	0	Income levels are slightly exceeding budgeted levels with entry charge income slightly down on original budgets but remaining fairly consistent, offset by increased levels of penalty charge notice income and recoveries through debt enforcement. Future budgets assume continuing trends, which at this point seem to be aligning close to forecast levels. Any overall shortfall should be covered by the New Burdens Principle.
P27	Climate and Sustainable Travel	1135	Transport Planning, Policy and Sustainable Transport	358	319	(39)	Not a material variance
P27	Climate and Sustainable Travel	1137	Green Transformation	815	739	(75)	Overall favourable position achieved through underspend on salaries (natural lag in recruitment to vacancies, plus intentional freeze; partially offset by small underperformance on income targets) plus deferral of planned contract spend.
P27	Climate and Sustainable Travel Total			1,362	1,120	(242)	
Detailed Analysis of Budgets for Adult Services and Council House Building							
P28	Adult Services and Council House Building	1029	Housing	1,346	1,204	(142)	Domestic Abuse expenditure for the year can now be covered by grant income, which has resulted in a saving against general fund budget of £97k. Small expenditure underspends make up the remainder of the variance.
P28	Adult Services and Council House Building	1073	Adults & Older People-Mental Health Commissioning	8,423	7,750	(672)	Actual savings from reviewing joint package higher than anticipated. Demand for long term support from the council was lower than previously seen and has resulted in a favourable outturn
P28	Adult Services and Council House Building	1086	Adult Care Commissioning	1,205	1,283	78	Project Spend resulted in an adverse outturn variance
P28	Adult Services and Council House Building	1088	Older People & Physically Disabled Purchasing	12,477	11,299	(1,178)	Whilst Hospital discharge pathways remained very busy, the number of people needing long term support from the Council was below estimates. Reablement interventions and signposting has helped to manage demand for Council services.
P28	Adult Services and Council House Building	1091	Learning Disabilities Commissioning	19,209	20,075	866	Children with higher costs/ more complex needs have transitioned to Adults during the last year resulting in an adverse variance on the Pooled Funding arrangements.
P28	Adult Services and Council House Building	1093	Physical Disability, Hearing & Vision	3,367	2,823	(544)	Demand for long term support from the Council was below estimates expected for the year, resulting in a favourable variance.
P28	Adult Services and Council House Building	1110	Better Care Fund	9,227	9,521	294	Initial costs from the community transformation are reflected and offset by underspends in other areas within the Adult Social Care Budgets.
P28	Adult Services and Council House Building	1113	CCG B&NES CHC and FNC Payments	0	0	0	Not a material variance
P28	Adult Services and Council House Building	1114	Community Equipment	220	220	(0)	The pressures linked to insourcing of the Community Equipment Store have been covered by the ICB and Council in line with the agreed contribution split of 70%/30%, resulting in a balanced position.
P28	Adult Services and Council House Building	1123	Safeguarding Adults	2,387	2,185	(203)	Lower demand for Best Interest Assessors and advocates below expectations and staffing vacancies have resulted in a favourable outturn variance.
P28	Adult Services and Council House Building	1124	Community Resource Centres & Extra Care Income	7,144	8,987	1,843	The difficulties in recruiting and retaining skilled staff resulted in a need for the use of agency staff to safely run the service. The cost of agency can be up to twice that of a Council employee and the necessary long term use has resulted in an adverse variance outturn.
P28	Adult Services and Council House Building Total			65,006	65,349	343	

Appendix 1 - Revenue Monitoring Commentary Outturn 2022/23

Portfolio Number and Description		Cashlimit Number and Description		Current Budget £000	Actuals to date £000	2022/23 Outturn Variance Over / (Under) £000	Outturn Variance Analysis
Detailed Analysis of Budgets for Children and Young People, and Communities							
P29	Children and Young People, and Communities	1019	Leisure	672	971	299	One off costs linked to Entry Hill cycle park as project will not now be progressed, a rent review and a lower management fee income have resulted in an adverse variance at outturn.
P29	Children and Young People, and Communities	1036	Adults Substance Misuse (DAT)	193	193	(0)	Not a material variance
P29	Children and Young People, and Communities	1076	Children, Young People & Families	18,995	22,472	3,478	£2.7m of the forecast pressure is due to demand led budgets. These include Joint Agency Panel (JAP), Residential, Disabled Children (DCT), Children in Care (CIC), Staying Put placements, Care Leavers, Foster Carers and all other client expenditure across Children's Services. Pressure in this area continues from 2021/22 due to the increased demand and packages of care and support costs needed as a direct result of accommodating additional needs. New pressures from supporting unaccompanied asylum seeker children is included in this total of £0.3m. The transformation projects produced cashable savings in 22/23 of £0.6m within the demand led budgets, which left a pressure of £0.6m from cost avoidance savings achieved that will become cashable in future years. Across all salary areas there is a pressure of £1.4m as a result of the cost of covering vacancies in teams whilst also responding to increasing demand and complexity of need. There is £1.2m of one-off in year mitigation from additional health funding and use of Covid reserves.
P29	Children and Young People, and Communities	1077	Inclusion & Prevention	2,086	1,933	(153)	Carry Forward requests of £0.06m not reflected. £0.03m savings delivered across Children's Centres. Balance of £0.06m savings across cashlimit including departmental reductions in spend.
P29	Children and Young People, and Communities	1078	Education Transformation	9,113	10,872	1,759	£1.2m pressure from ongoing market forces cost pressure when procuring Home To School Transport, net of one-off funding of £0.3m. £0.2m staffing pressures across SEN and Psychology, some from agency use to cover vacancies. £0.2m pressure from Early Years Inclusion Support costs.
P29	Children and Young People, and Communities	1079	Schools Budgets	(1,435)	(1,435)	0	Although shown on budget, the Dedicated Schools Grant (DSG) carried forward a deficit balance of £13.44m into 2022/23. This deficit is held on the balance sheet in line with Government guidance. A further increase to this deficit of £7.70m occurred during 2022/23, increasing the deficit to £21.13m, this excludes the Safety Value Programme funding received in year. These pressures are in relation to SEND costs.
P29	Children and Young People, and Communities	1089	Community Safety	194	199	6	No material variance
P29	Children and Young People, and Communities	1094	Public Health	2,516	2,516	(0)	Not a material variance
P29	Children and Young People, and Communities	1116	Integrated Commissioning - CYP	2,574	2,619	45	Increased charges for equipment purchase have caused an adverse variance at outturn.
P29	Children and Young People, and Communities	1117	Safeguarding - CYP	84	78	(6)	Small favourable variance due to underspends across the service.
P29	Children and Young People, and Communities	1122	Customer Services (Including Libraries)	2,461	2,477	16	Vacancy saving not fully achieved
P29	Children and Young People, and Communities			37,452	42,896	5,444	
Detailed Analysis of Budgets for Neighbourhood Services							
P05	Neighbourhood Services	1101	Neighbourhoods & Environment - Waste & Fleet Services	18,445	18,902	456	Across waste services we have seen pressures on staffing and fleet budgets. This has been partly mitigated by an increase in both recycling and garden waste income, combined with savings across general expenditure, and reduced treatment and disposal contracts costs.
P05	Neighbourhood Services	1102	Neighbourhoods & Environment - Parks & Bereavement Services	1,594	2,049	455	Bereavement Services have had a reduction in income this financial year, due to the main crematorium chapel closing between April and October 2022 for major capital improvement works. The Parks service have had unbudgeted pressures across staffing. These have been the main drivers for the adverse position.
P05	Neighbourhood Services	1115	Registrars Service	(30)	(140)	(110)	Income exceeded budget for ceremonies, certificates and citizenship ceremonies
P05	Neighbourhood Services	1134	Highway Maintenance	6,865	6,771	(95)	Vacancies across the service and savings on expenditure combined and a slight increase in income
P05	Neighbourhood Services Total			26,875	27,581	706	

Portfolio Number and Description		Cashlimit Number and Description		Current Budget £000	Actuals to date £000	2022/23 Outturn Variance Over / (Under) £000	Outturn Variance Analysis
Detailed Analysis of Budgets for Transport							
P25	Transport	1103	Transport & Parking Services - Parking	(7,454)	(8,312)	(858)	A strong year for Parking with the service seeing improved parking income, due to an increase in visitors to Bath, along with the implementation of new parking charges, this combined with savings on expenditure across the service has resulted in a favourable position at year end.
P25	Transport	1104	Public & Passenger Transport	520	125	(395)	Passenger Transport have a favourable variance across service due to vacancies, reduced fleet and facilities costs, and increased income. Public Transport have seen a reduction in expenditure.
P25	Transport	1119	Emergency Planning	699	718	19	Slight pressures on staffing budgets
P25	Transport	1133	Network & Traffic Management	1,130	519	(611)	Vacancies across the service and an increase in income largely from Streetworks and Traffic Management.
P25	Transport Total			(5,104)	(6,949)	(1,844)	
Detailed Analysis of Budgets for Planning and Licensing							
P30	Planning and Licensing	1005	Building Control & Public Protection	1,118	1,141	23	During the year we have seen pressures on Building Control, Land Charges and Licencing income, this has been reduced by a favourable variance across the service due to vacancies.
P30	Planning and Licensing	1106	Development Management	1,260	1,491	231	The adverse variance is due to an underachievement of planning income from both discretionary and statutory planning fees. Planning income is down across the country compared to the previous year. The adverse variance has been substantially offset with a net favourable variance in the staffing budget from vacancy management.
P30	Planning and Licensing Total			2,378	2,633	254	
	Council Total (before carry forward requests)			132,152	131,934	(218)	
	Carry Forward Requests					158	
	Council Total (after carry forward requests)					(60)	

2022/23 Revenue Virements for INFORMATION

Appendix 2 (i)

REF NO	REASON / EXPLANATION	CABINET PORTFOLIO	TRANSFER FROM	Income	Expenditure	CABINET MEMBER	TRANSFER TO	Income	Expenditure	DESCRIPTION	ONGOING EFFECTS
			CASHLIM	(£'s)	(£'s)		CASHLIM	(£'s)	(£'s)		
The following virements have either been previously approved, are technical in nature or are below limits within BMS that require approval, and therefore are reported for information only.											
INFO 22#29a	Revenue Contingency Budget Distribution	Resources	Corporate Budgets incl. Capital, Audit & Bank Charges		565,530	Resources	Human Resources & Organisational Development		259,095	Allocation of individual Revenue Contingency earmarking from corporately held budget to match spend.	Budget virement is one- off.
							Corporate Strategy & Communications		9,950		
							Corporate Governance		15,000		
							Information Technology		47,367		
							Corporate Budgets incl. Capital, Audit & Bank Charges		29,889		
						Leader	Events & Active Lifestyles		138,936		
						Economic Development, Regeneration & Growth	Regeneration		6,505		
INFO 22#30	Social Care Contingency	Resources	Corporate Budgets incl. Capital, Audit & Bank Charges		2,000,000	Children and Young People & Communities	Children, Young People & Families		1,506,362	Distribution of corporately held Social Care contingency budget.	Budget virement is on- going.
							Education Transformation		493,638		
INFO 22#31	Revenue Budget Contingency Reserve Drawdowns	Resources	Balances (Revenue Budget Contingency Reserve)		273,393	Adult Services & Council House Building	Housing		32,980	Drawdown from Revenue Budget Contingency Reserve.	Budget virement is one- off.
						Neighbourhood Services	Neighbourhoods & Environment - Parks & Bereavement Services		240,413		

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			CASHLIM	(£'s)	(£'s)		CASHLIM	(£'s)	(£'s)		
INFO 22#32	Financial Planning Reserve Transfers	Resources	Balances (Financial Planning Reserve)		370,958	Leader	External Affairs & Partnerships		70,958	Transfers to/from Financial Planning Reserve.	Budget virement is one- off.
						Resources	Human Resources & Organisational Development		300,000		
		Economic Development, Regeneration & Growth	Regeneration		13,229	Resources	Balances (Financial Planning Reserve)		13,229		
INFO 22#33	Transformation Investment Reserve Drawdowns	Resources	Balances (Transformation Investment Reserve)		516,835	Leader	Visit Bath		38,229	Drawdown from Transformation Investment Reserve.	Budget virement is one- off.
							External Affairs & Partnerships		69,412		
						Resources	Business Change		409,194		
INFO 22#34	Severance Reserve Drawdown	Resources	Balances (Severance Reserve)		93,632	Children and Young People & Communities	Customer Services (including Libraries)		56,295	Drawdown of funding from Severance Reserve.	Budget virement is one- off.
						Neighbourhood Services	Neighbourhoods & Environment - Parks & Bereavement Services		4,332		
							Highway Maintenance		33,005		

REF NO	REASON / EXPLANATION	CABINET PORTFOLIO	TRANSFER FROM CASHLIM	Income (£'s)	Expenditure (£'s)	CABINET MEMBER	TRANSFER TO CASHLIM	Income (£'s)	Expenditure (£'s)	DESCRIPTION	ONGOING EFFECTS
INFO 22#35	COVID-19 Reserve Transfers	Resources	Balances (Earmarked Reserve)		2,493,134	Resources	Various		282,273	Drawdown of funding from / Transfers to Un-ringfenced COVID- 19 Reserve.	Budget virement is one- off.
						Leader	Heritage Services		663,112		
							Events & Active Lifestyles		51,990		
						Children & Young People, Communities & Culture	Children, Young People & Families		119,811		
							Education Transformation		109,834		
							Leisure		183,779		
						Neighbourhood Services	Neighbourhoods & Environment - Waste & Fleet Services		550,000		
							Neighbourhoods & Environment - Parks & Bereavement Services		79,923		
							Highway Maintenance		300,000		
						Transport Services	Emergency Planning		152,412		
INFO 22#36	COVID-19 Contain Outbreak Management Fund	Resources	Balances (Earmarked Reserve)		2,471,046	Revenues & Benefits		261,632		Drawdown from Contain Outbreak Management Fund Reserve.	Budget virement is one- off.
						Corporate Budgets incl. Capital, Audit & Bank Charges		17,080			
INFO 22#37	Adult Social Care	Resources	Balances (Earmarked Reserve)		206,886	Resources	Balances (Earmarked Reserve)		278,712	Drawdown from Adult Social Care Reserve.	Budget virement is one- off.
						Children & Young People, Communities & Culture	Customer Services (including Libraries)		2,471,046		
INFO 22#38	High Littleton Housing Zones	Resources	Balances (Earmarked Reserve)		2,773	Adult Services & Council House Building	Adult Services		206,886	Drawdown from Housing Zones Reserve.	Budget virement is one- off.
						Adult Services & Council House Building	Housing		2,773		

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			<u>CASHLIM</u>	<u>(£'s)</u>	<u>(£'s)</u>		<u>CASHLIM</u>	<u>(£'s)</u>	<u>(£'s)</u>		
INFO 22#39	Drug Action Team Reserve Transfer	Resources	Balances (Earmarked Reserve)		32,725	Children & Young People, Communities & Culture	Adult Substance Misuse (Drug Action Team)		32,725	Drawdown from Drug Action Team Reserve	Budget virement is one-off.
INFO 22#40	Combe Down Stone Mine Interpretation Centre	Resources	Balances (Earmarked Reserve)		5,458	Resources	Property Services		5,458	Drawdown of funding from CDSM Interpretation Centre Reserve.	Budget virement is one-off.
INFO 22#41	Combe Down Stone Mine 100 Year Grant Reserve Drawdown	Resources	Balances (Earmarked Reserve)		21,177	Resources	Corporate Estate Including R&M		21,177	Drawdown of funding from Combe Down Stone Mine Reserve.	Budget virement is one-off.
INFO 22#42	Waste Reprovision Finance Support	Resources	Balances (Earmarked Reserve)		21,177	Resources	Finance		21,177	Drawdown of funding from Waste Reprovision Reserve.	Budget virement is one-off.
INFO 22#43	One West Income	Resources	Risk & Assurance Services		16,936	Resources	Balances (Earmarked Reserve)		16,936	Transfer to Audit Partnership Reserve.	Budget virement is one-off.
INFO 22#44	Bath Quays	Resources	Balances (Earmarked Reserve)		221,471	Economic Development, Regeneration & Growth	Regeneration		221,471	Drawdown of funding from Invest to Save Reserve.	Budget virement is one-off.
INFO 22#45	Capital Financing	Resources	Capital Financing / Interest		955,882	Resources	Balances (Earmarked Reserve)		955,882	Transfer to Capital Financing Reserve	Budget virement is one-off.
INFO 22#46	Capital Financing (EDF)	Resources	Capital Financing / Interest		84,984	Resources	Balances (Earmarked Reserve)		84,984	Transfer to Capital Financing Reserve	Budget virement is one-off.
INFO 22#47	Insurance Provision Release	Resources	Corporate Budgets incl. Capital, Audit & Bank Charges		144,061	Resources	Balances (Earmarked Reserve)		144,061	Transfer to Insurance Fund Reserve	Budget virement is one-off.
INFO 22#48	VAT Recovery	Resources	Corporate Budgets incl. Capital, Audit & Bank Charges		25,893	Resources	Balances (Earmarked Reserve)		25,893	Transfer to VAT Reserve	Budget virement is one-off.

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INFO 22#49	Community Contribution Fund	Resources	Balances (Earmarked Reserve)		23,369	Resources	Corporate Budgets incl. Capital, Audit & Bank Charges		23,369	Drawdown from Community Contribution Fund Reserve.	Budget virement is one-off.
INFO 22#50	Children's Social Care	Resources	Balances (Earmarked Reserve)		677,773	Children & Young People, Communities & Culture	Children, Young People & Families		677,773	Drawdown from Integrated Care System Transformation Reserve	Budget virement is one-off.
INFO 22#51	Education Music Services	Children & Young People, Communities & Culture	Education Transformation		32,187	Resources	Balances (Earmarked Reserve)		32,187	Transfer to Music Services Reserve	Budget virement is one-off.
INFO 22#52	Commercial Estate Surveyors	Resources	Balances (Earmarked Reserve)		337,329	Resources	Commercial Estate		337,329	Drawdown from Commercial Estate Reinvestment Reserve	Budget virement is one-off.
INFO 22#53	Public Health Reserve Transfer	Resources	Balances (Earmarked Reserve)		44,993	Children & Young People, Communities & Culture	Public Health		44,993	Drawdown from Public Health Reserve	Budget virement is one-off.
INFO 22#54	Waste Reprovision	Resources	Balances (Earmarked Reserve)		60,000	Neighbourhood Services	Neighbourhoods & Environment - Waste & Fleet Services		60,000	Drawdown of funding from Waste Reprovision Reserve.	Budget virement is one-off.
INFO 22#55	Park & Ride Income Smoothing	Resources	Balances (Earmarked Reserve)		365,402	Transport	Transport & Parking Services - Public & Passenger Transport		365,402	Drawdown of funding from Park & Ride Smoothing Reserve.	Budget virement is one-off.
INFO 22#56	HD Spot & Block	Resources	Balances (Earmarked Reserve)		1,944,445	Adult Services & Council House Building	Adult Services		1,944,445	Drawdown from Integrated Care System Transformation Reserve	Budget virement is one-off.
INFO 22#57	Village Agent	Resources	Balances (Earmarked Reserve)		51,000	Resources	Corporate Strategy & Communications		51,000	Drawdown from Housing Zones Reserve.	Budget virement is one-off.
INFO 22#58	ADL Dividend Timing	Resources	Balances (Earmarked Reserve)		848,069	Resources	Housing Delivery Vehicle		848,069	Drawdown from Capital Financing Reserve.	Budget virement is one-off.

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			CASHLIM	(£'s)	(£'s)		CASHLIM	(£'s)	(£'s)		
INFO 22#59	Parade Gardens Café	Neighbourhood Services	Neighbourhoods & Environment - Parks & Bereavement Services		9,478	Resources	Balances (Earmarked Reserve)		9,478	Repayment to Invest to Save Reserve	Budget virement is one-off.
INFO 22#60	Revenue Grants Unapplied Reserve	Resources	Corporate Strategy & Communications	3,212,258		Resources	Balances (Earmarked Reserve)		4,030,857	Transfer to Unused Revenue Grants Reserve	Budget virement is one-off.
			Corporate Budgets incl. Capital, Audit & Bank Charges	198,666							
		Adult Services & Council House Building	Housing	133,669							
		Children and Young People & Communities	Children, Young People & Families	93,758							
			Integrated Commissioning - CYP	23,101							
			Inclusion & Prevention	235,504							
			Education Transformation	124,455							
		Climate & Sustainable Travel	Green Transformation	9,446							
INFO 22#61	Schools' Reserve Transfer	Resources	Balances (Earmarked Reserve)		251,826	Children & Young People, Communities & Culture	Schools Budgets		251,826	Drawdown of funding from Schools' Reserves	Budget virement is one-off.
INFO 22#62	DSG Overspend Reserve	Resources	Balances (Earmarked Reserve)		7,695,499	Children & Young People, Communities & Culture	Schools Budgets		7,695,499	Transfer of 2022/23 gross DSG overspend to DSG Overspend Reserve	Budget virement is one-off.
INFO 22#63	DSG Safety Valve	Children & Young People, Communities & Culture	Schools Budgets	7,680,000		Resources	Balances (Earmarked Reserve)		7,680,000	Transfer of 2022/23 DSG Safety Valve receipt to DSG Overspend Reserve to reduce overspend carried forward.	Budget virement is one-off.
OVERALL TOTALS				11,989,569	22,878,550			0	34,868,119		
					34,868,119				34,868,119		

Portfolio Cash Limits 2022/23 - Revenue Budget
Appendix 2 (ii)

CABINET PORTFOLIO	Service	Feb'23 Revised Cash Limits £'000	Technical Adjustments, below BMS limits or already agreed - shown for information £'000	Total Virements for Approval £'000	Jul'23 Final Cash Limits £'000
Leader	World Heritage	161			161
	Heritage Services	(5,725)	663		(5,062)
	Visit Bath	76	38		114
	Events & Active Lifestyles	301	191		492
	External Affairs & Partnerships	30	140		170
	PORTFOLIO SUB TOTAL	(5,157)	1,033		(4,124)
Resources	Property Services	572	5		577
	Corporate Estate Including R&M	4,841	65		4,906
	Business Change	491	447		938
	Human Resources & Organisational Development	2,143	559		2,702
	Council Solicitor & Democratic Services	2,648			2,648
	Corporate Strategy & Communications	858	(3,151)		(2,294)
	Finance	2,389	99		2,488
	Revenues & Benefits	1,819	(262)		1,557
	Risk & Assurance Services	1,268	71		1,340
	Procurement & Commissioning	304	42		345
	Corporate Governance	1,749	15		1,764
	Information Technology	5,853	59		5,912
	Commercial Estate	(11,149)	337		(10,812)
	Housing Delivery Vehicle	(2,169)	848		(1,321)
	Hsg / Council Tax Benefits Subsidy	(195)			(195)
	Capital Financing / Interest	5,212	(1,041)		4,171
	Unfunded Pensions	1,488			1,488
	Corporate Budgets incl. Capital, Audit & Bank Charges	(9,603)	(2,898)		(12,501)
	New Homes Bonus Grant	(2,038)			(2,038)
	Magistrates	12			12
	Coroners	370			370
	Environment Agency	254			254
	West of England Combined Authority Levy	5,194			5,194
	PORTFOLIO SUB TOTAL	12,309	(4,803)		7,506
Economic Development, Regeneration & Growth	Regeneration	166	215		381
	Business & Skills	422			422
	PORTFOLIO SUB TOTAL	588	215		803
Adult Services & Council House Building	Adult Services	61,509	2,151		63,660
	Housing	1,443	(98)		1,346
	PORTFOLIO SUB TOTAL	62,952	2,053		65,006
Children and Young People & Communities	Children, Young People & Families	16,785	2,210		18,995
	Integrated Commissioning - CYP	2,597	(23)		2,574
	Safeguarding - CYP	84			84
	Inclusion & Prevention	2,322	(236)		2,086
	Education Transformation	8,666	447		9,113
	Schools Budget	(1,703)	267		(1,435)
	Adult Substance Misuse (Drug Action Team)	161	33		193
	Public Health		2,516		2,516
	Customer Services (including Libraries)	2,351	109		2,461
	Leisure	488	184		672
	Community Safety	194			194
	PORTFOLIO SUB TOTAL	31,945	5,508		37,452
Climate & Sustainable Travel	Environmental Monitoring (Air Pollution)	189			189
	Clean Air Zone				
	Transport Strategy	358			358
	Green Transformation	824	(9)		815
	PORTFOLIO SUB TOTAL	1,371	(9)		1,362
Neighbourhood Services	Neighbourhoods & Environment - Waste & Fleet Services	17,835	610		18,445
	Neighbourhoods & Environment - Parks & Bereavement Services	1,279	315		1,594
	Highway Maintenance	6,532	333		6,865
	Registrars Service	(30)			(30)
	PORTFOLIO SUB TOTAL	25,617	1,258		26,875

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		£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000
Transport	Network & Traffic Management	1,130			1,130
	Transport & Parking Services - Parking	(7,459)	6		(7,454)
	Transport & Parking Services - Public & Passenger Transport	155	365		520
	Emergency Planning	547	152		699
	PORTFOLIO SUB TOTAL	(5,628)	524		(5,104)
Planning & Licensing	Building Control & Public Protection	1,118			1,118
	Development Management	1,260			1,260
	PORTFOLIO SUB TOTAL	2,378			2,378
	NET BUDGET	126,374	5,778		132,152

Sources of Funding

Council Tax	106,890			106,890
Retained Business Rates	13,293			13,293
Collection Fund Deficit (-) or Surplus (+)	3,550			3,550
Business Rates Collection Fund Deficit (21/22) - s31 Funded Relief Element	(22,542)			(22,542)
	22,542			22,542
Transfer from Business Rates Relief s31 Grant Reserve				
Transfers (to) / from Reserves	2,641	5,778		8,419
TOTAL FUNDING	126,374	5,778		132,152

Approved Schemes - Detailed Capital Variance and Re-phasing Requests from 2022/23 into 2023/24

Capital Scheme	Final Budget at Outturn	Outturn 22/23	Variance (Budget vs Outturn)	Re-phase Request	Commentary
	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	
Resources					
Agresso System Development & Upgrade	33	34	-1	-1	Multi year programme; re-phasing to 2023/24
Capital Contingency	2,735	0	2,735	2,735	Multi year programme; re-phasing to 2023/24
Carrswood Day Centre	50	6	44	44	Multi year programme; re-phasing to 2023/24
CCTV Camera Replacement	83	55	28	28	Multi year programme; re-phasing to 2023/24
Cleveland Pools Grant	619	613	6	6	Multi year programme; re-phasing to 2023/24
Commercial Estate Refurbishment Programme	5,666	1,469	4,197	4,197	Rolling programme, delivery continues into 2023/24
Corporate Estate Planned Maintenance	4,350	2,405	1,945	1,945	Rolling programme, delivery continues into 2023/24
Corporate Property Acquisition	8,068	7,900	168	168	Multi year programme; re-phasing to 2023/24
Customer Payments Security and Channel Shift	18	0	18	18	Multi year programme; re-phasing to 2023/24
Equality Act Works	25	15	10	10	Multi year programme; re-phasing to 2023/24
Flax Bourton Mortuary Extension	206	31	175	175	Multi year programme; re-phasing to 2023/24
Flexible Use of Capital Receipts	500	162	338	338	Rolling programme, delivery continues into 2023/24
Freshford Village Memorial Hall Grant	50	50	0	0	Multi year programme; re-phasing to 2023/24
Haycombe Cemetery Top Chapel Refurbishment	0	2	-2	-2	Multi year programme; re-phasing to 2023/24
IT Asset Refresh	117	96	22	22	Multi year programme; re-phasing to 2023/24
Keynsham Memorial Park Bridge	319	99	220	220	Multi year programme; re-phasing to 2023/24
Keynsham Regeneration & New Build	68	0	68	68	Multi year programme; re-phasing to 2023/24
Office Reconfiguration Costs	848	713	135	135	Multi year programme; re-phasing to 2023/24
Preparing for the Future - New Technology	1,018	954	64	64	Multi year programme; re-phasing to 2023/24
Property Disposals	150	64	86	86	Multi year programme; re-phasing to 2023/24
Property Improvement – Bath Library	76	67	9	9	Multi year programme; re-phasing to 2023/24
Property Improvement - Orange Grove Structural Works	150	117	33	33	Multi year programme; re-phasing to 2023/24
Public Sector Decarbonisation Scheme	114	114	0	0	Multi year programme; re-phasing to 2023/24
Saw Close RIF Repayment	19	0	19	19	Multi year programme; re-phasing to 2023/24
Subtotal Full Approval - Resources	25,281	14,965	10,316	10,316	
Economic Development, Regeneration & Growth					
Active Travel Prescribing Project	92	0	92	92	Multi year programme; re-phasing to 2023/24
Bath City Centre Renewal	887	231	656	656	Multi year programme; re-phasing to 2023/24
Bath River Line	20	19	1	1	Multi year programme; re-phasing to 2023/24
Bath Quays North	2,000	187	1,813	1,813	Multi year programme; re-phasing to 2023/24
Bath Quays South, Bridge & Linking Infrastructure	6,008	5,359	649	649	Multi year programme; re-phasing to 2023/24
BWR - Infrastructure	-421	-421	0	0	Scheme completed; no re-phasing required
BWR Phase 2	5,312	3,408	1,903	1,903	Multi year programme; re-phasing to 2023/24
Digital B&NES	200	0	200	200	Multi year programme; re-phasing to 2023/24
Innovation Quay - Strategic Flooding Solution	143	85	57	57	Multi year programme; re-phasing to 2023/24
Keynsham High Street Renewal Programme	702	549	153	153	Multi year programme; re-phasing to 2023/24
Local Centres Renewal Programme	43	34	9	9	Multi year programme; re-phasing to 2023/24
Midsomer Norton High Street Renewal Programme	947	620	327	327	Multi year programme; re-phasing to 2023/24
Milsom Quarter Masterplan Delivery	50	0	50	50	Multi year programme; re-phasing to 2023/24
North Keynsham SDL	5	0	5	5	Multi year programme; re-phasing to 2023/24
NRR Infrastructure	21	0	21	21	Multi year programme; re-phasing to 2023/24
Radstock & Westfield Implementation Plan	3	0	3	3	Multi year programme; re-phasing to 2023/24
Radstock Healthy Living Centre	556	258	298	298	Multi year programme; re-phasing to 2023/24
Somer Valley Enterprise Zone - Infrastructure	984	702	282	282	Multi year programme; re-phasing to 2023/24
York Street Vaults Phase 2	272	275	-3	-3	Multi year programme; re-phasing to 2023/24
Subtotal Full Approval - Economic Development, Regeneration & Growth	17,823	11,306	6,516	6,516	

Approved Schemes - Detailed Capital Variance and Re-phasing Requests from 2022/23 into 2023/24

Capital Scheme	Final Budget at Outturn	Outturn 22/23	Variance (Budget vs Outturn)	Re-phase Request	Commentary
	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	
Leader					
Bath Area Forum - CIL Funded Schemes	567	274	292	292	Rolling programme, delivery continues into 2023/24
Bath Christmas Market	39	26	13	13	Rolling programme, delivery continues into 2023/24
Heritage Collections Centre	41	41	0	0	Multi year programme; re-phasing to 2023/24
Heritage Infrastructure Development	140	103	37	37	Rolling programme, delivery continues into 2023/24
Heritage Services Energy Capture Scheme	197	197	0	0	Multi year programme; re-phasing to 2023/24
Roman Baths Archway Centre	5	5	0	0	Scheme completed; no re-phasing required
Subtotal Full Approval - Leader	990	648	342	342	
Climate and Sustainable Travel					
Air Quality Management Area and AQ Monitors	16	11	4	4	Multi year programme; re-phasing to 2023/24
Bathscape	85	65	20	20	Multi year programme; re-phasing to 2023/24
Canal Tow Path: Bathwick Hill to Deeplock, Widcombe	94	0	94	94	Multi year programme; re-phasing to 2023/24
Chew Valley Recreational Trail	-2	50	-52	0	Scheme completed; no re-phasing required. Overspend funded from Transport Improvement Programme
Clutton Depot Solar Panels	65	65	0	0	Multi year programme; re-phasing to 2023/24
Clean Air Zone	1,605	1,025	580	580	Multi year programme; re-phasing to 2023/24
Cycling and Walking Design and Business Case	604	373	231	231	Multi year programme; re-phasing to 2023/24
Liveable Neighbourhoods	1,921	1,521	400	400	Multi year programme; re-phasing to 2023/24
Cleeve Court and Combe Lea Heating Upgrades	18	18	0	0	Multi year programme; re-phasing to 2023/24
Renewable Energy Development Fund	473	473	0	0	Multi year programme; re-phasing to 2023/24
Renewable energy in B&NES	67	67	0	0	Multi year programme; re-phasing to 2023/24
Somer Valley Rediscovered	12	0	12	12	Multi year programme; re-phasing to 2023/24
Subtotal Full Approval - Climate and Sustainable Travel	4,957	3,668	1,289	1,341	
Adults and Council House Building					
Adult Social Care Database Replacement	93	93	0	0	Multi year programme; re-phasing to 2023/24
Affordable Housing	682	75	606	606	Multi year programme; re-phasing to 2023/24
Affordable Warmth Grant Scheme	-84	-83	-1	0	Scheme completed; no re-phasing required
Carrswood View Travellers Site	20	20	0	0	Scheme completed; no re-phasing required
Community Resource Centre Capital Investment	48	7	41	41	Multi year programme; re-phasing to 2023/24
Disabled Facilities Grant	1,962	1,791	172	172	Rolling programme, delivery continues into 2023/24
Englishcombe Lane Supported Housing	100	29	71	71	Multi year programme; re-phasing to 2023/24
Housing Delivery Vehicle	159	80	79	79	Multi year programme; re-phasing to 2023/24
Next Steps Accommodation Programme	306	301	5	5	Multi year programme; re-phasing to 2023/24
Social Rent Programme	2,232	2,461	-229	-229	Multi year programme; re-phasing to 2023/24
Supported Housing Scheme	1,484	821	663	663	Multi year programme; re-phasing to 2023/24
Subtotal Full Approval - Adults and Council House Building	7,002	5,594	1,408	1,409	
Children and Young People and Communities					
Basic Needs - School Improvement / Expansion	3,536	1,155	2,381	2,381	Rolling programme, delivery continues into 2023/24
CIL - Library Hublets	80	67	13	13	Multi year programme; re-phasing to 2023/24
Schools' Capital Maintenance Schemes	2,074	822	1,252	1,252	Rolling programme, delivery continues into 2023/24
Schools Devolved Capital	149	-16	165	165	Rolling programme, delivery continues into 2023/24
Southside Youth Centre	0	12	-12	-12	Multi year programme; re-phasing to 2023/24
Special Education Needs & Disability (SEND) Education Provision	658	224	434	434	Rolling programme, delivery continues into 2023/24
Special Education Needs & Disability (SEND) - Residential Provision at Bath College	25	0	25	25	Multi year programme; re-phasing to 2023/24
Subtotal Full Approval - Children and Young People and Communities	6,522	2,264	4,258	4,258	

Approved Schemes - Detailed Capital Variance and Re-phasing Requests from 2022/23 into 2023/24

Capital Scheme	Final Budget at Outturn	Outturn 22/23	Variance (Budget vs Outturn)	Re-phase Request	Commentary
	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	
Neighbourhood Services					
Alice Park - Skate Park	9	0	9	9	Multi year programme; re-phasing to 2023/24
Beechen Cliff Woodland & Other Open Spaces Improvements	2	0	2	2	Multi year programme; re-phasing to 2023/24
CIL - Social (Inc Recreation & Leisure)	50	50	0	0	Multi year programme; re-phasing to 2023/24
Cleveland Bridge Refurbishment	3,567	3,194	374	374	Multi year programme; re-phasing to 2023/24
Clutton Depot Refurbishment	0	-2	2	0	Scheme completed; no re-phasing required
Entry Hill Facilities	29	-22	51	0	Scheme not continued. Revenue Reversion of prior year spend
Haycombe Crematorium	18	9	9	9	Multi year programme; re-phasing to 2023/24
Highways Maintenance Programme	9,000	8,501	499	492	Rolling programme, delivery continues into 2023/24. Funding transfer for Street Lighting LED Replacements
Improvements at Victoria Park, Bath	5	12	-7	-7	Multi year programme; re-phasing to 2023/24
Keynsham Memorial Park	40	7	33	33	Multi year programme; re-phasing to 2023/24
Leisure - Council Client / Contingency	26	0	26	26	Multi year programme; re-phasing to 2023/24
Leisure Facility Modernisation - Keynsham Sports Centre	12	-145	157	157	Multi year programme; re-phasing to 2023/24
Leisure – Approach Golf Course Kiosks	51	51	0	0	Scheme completed
Neighbourhood Services - Asset & Vehicle Replacement Programme	2,336	1,505	830	830	Rolling programme, delivery continues into 2023/24
Neighbourhoods Bin & Bench Replacement	4	4	0	0	Rolling programme, delivery continues into 2023/24
Odd Down Sports Ground and Other Leisure Feasibility	59	3	56	56	Multi year programme; re-phasing to 2023/24
Parks and Bereavement Infrastructure	1	0	1	0	Scheme completed; no re-phasing required
Parks Equipment Replacement Programme	25	26	-1	-1	Rolling programme, delivery continues into 2023/24
Parks S106 Projects	225	56	169	169	Rolling programme, delivery continues into 2023/24
Pixash Site Redevelopment	21,300	17,062	4,238	4,238	Multi year programme; re-phasing to 2023/24
Play Area Refurbishment / Equipment	300	241	59	59	Rolling programme, delivery continues into 2023/24
Public Tennis Improvements	4	0	4	0	Scheme completed; no re-phasing required
Street Lighting LED Replacement Programme	-1	5	-6	0	Scheme completed; no re-phasing required. Overspend funded from Highway Maintenance Block
Sydney Gardens	430	430	0	0	Scheme completed; no re-phasing required
Tree Planting	152	141	11	11	Multi year programme; re-phasing to 2023/24
Waste Collection Vehicles In Cab Technology	24	24	1	0	Scheme completed; no re-phasing required
Waste Depot Relocation	328	68	260	260	Multi year programme; re-phasing to 2023/24
Waste Service Redesign	142	84	58	58	Multi year programme; re-phasing to 2023/24
Waste Infrastructure Modernisation	240	107	133	133	Multi year programme; re-phasing to 2023/24
Waste Welfare Facilities	55	0	55	55	Multi year programme; re-phasing to 2023/24
Subtotal Full Approval - Neighbourhood Services	38,433	31,411	7,022	6,963	
	38,433	31,411	7,022	6,963	
Transport					
ANPR Enforcement Camera Replacement	1	0	1	1	Multi year programme; re-phasing to 2023/24
City Centre Security - Highways Scheme	1,353	1,607	-254	-254	Multi year programme; re-phasing to 2023/24
Manvers Street Remediation	667	5	662	662	Multi year programme; re-phasing to 2023/24
Office for Low Emission Vehicles (OLEV) Bid	389	10	379	379	Multi year programme; re-phasing to 2023/24
Transport Improvement Programme	3,491	2,682	810	757	Rolling programme, delivery continues into 2023/24 - Funding transfer for Chew Valley Recreational Trail
Subtotal Full Approval - Transport	5,901	4,304	1,598	1,546	
TOTAL CAPITAL SCHEME BUDGET	106,908	74,160	32,748	32,690	

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REF NO	REASON / EXPLANATION	TRANSFER / FUNDING FROM	Income (£'s)	Expenditure (£'s)	TRANSFER TO	Income (£'s)	Expenditure (£'s)	Notes
CAP2223#069	Play Area Refurbishment / Equipment	s106	3,000		Neighbourhood Services		3,000	Technical Adjustment by Director of Finance to uplift project budget using S106 funding.
CAP2223#070	Manvers Street Remediation	WECA grant	667,000		Transport		667,000	Officer Delegated Decision by Director of Place Management on 15/2/2023 for remediation works from CRSTS Challenge Fund.
CAP2223#071	Keynsham Memorial Park	CIL	20,000		Neighbourhood Services		20,000	Technical Adjustment by Director of Place Management to allocate £20k CIL funding to Keynsham Memorial Park from from Keynsham Parks & Green Spaces.
CAP2223#072	Active Travel Prescribing Project	Revenue	91,600		Economic Development, Regeneration & Growth		91,600	Officer Delegated Decision by Director of Sustainable Communities on 31/1/2023 to approve funding for a range of schemes aimed at boosting health and wellbeing through active travel.
CAP2223#073	Schools Devolved Capital Grant	Govt grant	62,870		Children and Young People, Communities and Culture		62,870	Officer Delegated Decision by Education and Safeguarding Director on 24/1/2023 for grant to improve energy efficiency.
CAP2223#074	Somer Valley Rediscovered	WECA grant	12,000		Climate and Sustainable Travel		12,000	Officer Delegated Decision by Director of Sustainable Communities on 16/03/2023 for Somer Valley Rediscovered.
CAP2223#075	Digital B&NES	WECA grant	-6,848		Economic Development, Regeneration & Growth		-6,848	Technical Adjustment by Director of Finance to reflect reconciliation of grant claims.
CAP2223#076	Carrswood Day Centre	CSB	50,000		Resources		50,000	Officer Delegated Decision by Director of Regeneration & Housing on 22/3/23 for Carrswood Day Centre roof replacement.
CAP2223#077	Disabled Facilities Grant	Revenue	10,000		Adults and Council House Building		10,000	Technical Adjustment by Director of Finance to add a contribution from a revenue grant for works supporting hospital discharge.
CAP2223#078	BWR Phase 2	WECA grant	300,000		Economic Development, Regeneration & Growth		300,000	Technical Adjustment to reflect alignment of scheme delivery of works on West Pipe Bridge.
CAP2223#079	Highways Maintenance Block	WECA grant	-300,000		Neighbourhood Services		-300,000	Technical Adjustment to reflect alignment of scheme delivery of works on West Pipe Bridge.
CAP2223#080	Transport Improvement Programme	WECA grant, S106	-43,667		Transport		-43,667	Officer Delegated Decision by Director of Sustainable Communities on 17/03/2023 for Canal Tow Path – Bathwick Hill to Deeplock, Widcombe.
CAP2223#081	Canal Tow Path: Bathwick Hill to Deeplock, Widcombe	WECA grant, S106, CIL	93,667		Climate and Sustainable Travel		93,667	Officer Delegated Decision by Director of Sustainable Communities on 17/03/2023 for Canal Tow Path – Bathwick Hill to Deeplock, Widcombe.
CAP2223#082	Parks S106 Projects	WECA grant, S106	104,777		Neighbourhood Services		104,777	Officer Delegated Decision by Director of Place Management on 7/02/2023 to provide new pollinator habitats in open spaces and improve habitats in closed cemeteries.
CAP2223#083	Leisure – Approach Golf Course Kiosks	CSB	40,000		Neighbourhood Services		40,000	Officer Delegated Decision by Director of Place Management on 7/02/2023 to fund works at RVP Approach Golf Course before transfer to a third party operator.
CAP2223#084	Leisure - Council Client / Contingency	SSB	-385,000		Neighbourhood Services		-385,000	SMD E3433 on 11/02/2023 -Identified unspent leisure capital budget funded from revenue borrowing, now to be used to repay Entry Hill reversion costs.
CAP2223#085	Office for Low Emission Vehicles (OLEV) Bid	Govt grant	-147,804		Transport		-147,804	Technical Adjustment by Director of Finance to reflect reconciliation of grant claims.
CAP2223#086	Transport Improvement Programme	Revenue	8,640		Transport		8,640	Technical Adjustment by Director of Place Management for funding for a Bike Hangar Pilot, funded from the CAZ Revenue Reinvestment Reserve.
CAP2223#087	Transport Improvement Programme	WECA grant	163,500		Transport		163,500	Officer Delegated Decision by Director of Place Management on 1/3/2023 to identify, procure and deliver 20 new bike hangars in BANES.
CAP2223#088	Transport Improvement Programme	WECA grant	16,722		Transport		16,722	Technical Adjustment by Director of Place Management to allocate grant funding for e-cycle works.
CAP2223#089	Basic Needs - School Improvement / Expansion	Govt grant, S106, CIL	8,430		Children and Young People, Communities and Culture		8,430	Technical Adjustment approved by Director of Finance to align funding balances in line with capital budgets.
CAP2223#090	Bath River Line	WECA grant	20,000		Economic Development, Regeneration & Growth		20,000	Officer Delegated decision by Director of Sustainable Communities on 4/4/2023 for Bath River Line Phase 1 Funding.
CAP2223#091	Supported Housing Scheme	Revenue	144,295		Adults and Council House Building		144,295	Technical Adjustment approved by Director of Finance to align funding.
CAP2223#092	Carrswood View Travellers Site	Revenue	618		Adults and Council House Building		618	Technical Adjustment approved by Director of Finance to align funding.
CAP2223#093	Walking and Cycling	WECA grant	71,700		Transport		71,700	Officer Delegated decision by Director of Sustainable Communities on 17/04/2023 for development of Scholars Way Cycling and Walking Scheme.
CAP2223#094	CCTV Camera Replacement	Revenue	12,754		Resources		12,754	Technical Adjustment approved by Director of Finance to align funding.
CAP2223#095	Tree Planting	CIL, Revenue	35,602		Neighbourhood Services		35,602	Technical Adjustment approved by Director of Finance to align funding balances and capital budgets.
CAP2223#096	Liveable Neighbourhoods	WECA grant	150,000		Climate and Sustainable Travel		150,000	Technical Adjustment approved by Director of Finance to accept WECA Capacity Grant Award.
CAP2223#097	Leisure – Approach Golf Course Kiosks	Revenue	10,590		Neighbourhood Services		10,590	Technical Adjustment approved by Director of Finance to align funding.
CAP2223#098	Cleeve Court and Combe Lea Heating Upgrades	CSB	18,108		Climate and Sustainable Travel		18,108	Officer Delegated decision by Director of Sustainable Communities on 19/04/2023 for Cleeve Court and Combe Lea heating upgrades.
CAP2223#099	Corporate Estate Planned Maintenance	CSB	-18,108		Resources		-18,108	Officer Delegated decision by Director of Sustainable Communities on 19/04/2023 for Cleeve Court and Combe Lea heating upgrades.
CAP2223#100	Bath Quays South, Bridge and Linking Infrastructure	WECA grant	-320,221		Economic Development, Regeneration & Growth		-320,221	Technical Adjustment approved by Director of Finance to align funding balances.

REF NO	REASON / EXPLANATION	TRANSFER / FUNDING FROM	Income (£'s)	Expenditure (£'s)	TRANSFER TO	Income (£'s)	Expenditure (£'s)	Notes
CAP2223#101	BWR - Relocation of Gas Holders	Govt grant	-1,535,905		Economic Development, Regeneration & Growth		-1,535,905	Technical Adjustment by Director of Finance reflecting final grant claims.
CAP2223#102	BWR Phase 2	Govt grant	45,880		Economic Development, Regeneration & Growth		45,880	Technical Adjustment by Director of Finance reflecting final grant claims.
CAP2223#103	Heritage Services Energy Capture Scheme	SSB	108,284		Leader		108,284	Officer Delegated decision by Director of Sustainable Communities on 22/06/2023 to align budget to outturn.
CAP2223#104	Roman Baths Archway Centre	SSB	61,955		Leader		61,955	Officer Delegated Decision by Director of Sustainable Communities on 22/06/2023 to align budget to outturn.
CAP2223#105	Heritage Collections Centre	CSB	40,907		Leader		40,907	Officer Delegated Decision by Director of Sustainable Communities on 16/05/2023 to approve funding for Fashion Museum and Study Collection Centre business case development.
CAP2223#106	Midsomer Norton High Street Renewal Programme	WECA grant	145,000		Economic Development, Regeneration & Growth		145,000	Officer Delegated Decision by Director of Regeneration & Housing on 16/06/2023 for Midsomer Norton and Radstock additional regeneration funding.
CAP2223#107	BWR - Infrastructure	CSB, Govt grant	-330,772		Economic Development, Regeneration & Growth		-330,772	Technical Adjustment by Director of Finance to re-align BWR funding to outturn.
CAP2223#108	BWR - Council Project Team	CSB	59,582		Economic Development, Regeneration & Growth		59,582	Technical Adjustment by Director of Finance to re-align BWR funding to outturn.
CAP2223#109	BWR Phase 2	CSB	161,190		Economic Development, Regeneration & Growth		161,190	Technical Adjustment by Director of Finance to re-align BWR funding to outturn.
CAP2223#110	Neighbourhood Services Asset & Vehicle Replacement	Govt grant, Capital Receipt	64,400		Neighbourhood Services		64,400	Technical Adjustment by Director of Finance to uplift budget to fund the purchase of 4 vehicles in 22/23 with capital receipts and CAZ Grants.
CAP2223#111	Sydney Gardens (Round 2)	Govt grant, s106	175,882		Neighbourhood Services		175,882	Technical Adjustment by Director of Finance reflecting final grant claims.
CAP2223#112	Renewable Energy Development Fund	SSB	15,299		Climate and Sustainable Travel		15,299	Technical Adjustment by Director of Finance re-align funding within Renewable Energy Budgets.
CAP2223#113	Public Sector Decarbonisation Scheme	SSB	-74,338		Resources		-74,338	Technical Adjustment by Director of Finance returning net underspends on two completed renewable schemes to the Renewable Energy Development Fund provisional budget.
CAP2223#114	Shared Ownership Housing Programme	SSB	-2,813		Adults and Council House Building		-2,813	Technical Adjustment by Director of Finance returning net underspend to provisional budget.
Total			-171,223				-171,223	

Capital Virements - Additions & Reductions Future Years

FY CAP2223#013	Active Travel Prescribing Project	Revenue	53,000		Economic Development, Regeneration & Growth		53,000	Officer Delegated Decision by Director of Sustainable Communities on 31/1/2023 to approve funding for a range of schemes aimed at boosting health and wellbeing through active travel in 2023/24.
FY CAP2223#014	Haycombe Cemetery Top Chapel Refurbishment	CIL	100,000		Resources		100,000	Officer Delegated Decision by Director of Regeneration & Housing on 22/03/2023 for Haycombe Cemetery Top Chapel Refurbishment.
FY CAP2223#015	Transport Improvement Programme	Revenue	21,360		Transport		21,360	Technical Adjustment by Director of Place Management for funding for a Bike Hangar Pilot, funded from the CAZ Revenue Reinvestment Reserve.
FY CAP2223#016	Bath Area Forum Grants	Bath CIL	174,304		Leader		174,304	SMD at 8/03/23, E3444. CIL for Bath Advisory Board Recommendations Round Thirteen for Zebra Crossing on Lansdown Rd in Bath and improvement of infrastructure at Bath BMX Club.
FY CAP2223#017	Pay & Display Machines - New Coin Acceptance	SSB	530,000		Transport		530,000	Officer Delegated Decision by Director of Place Management 29/03/2023 to replace and upgrade obsolete Pay & Display assets across on street and car park locations.
FY CAP2223#018	Commercial Estate Refurbishment Programme	CSB	500,000		Resources		500,000	Officer Delegated Decision by Director of Finance on 30/03/2023 for Fire Safety Improvements.
FY CAP2223#019	Bath River Line	WECA grant, S106, CSB, CIL	1,436,936		Economic Development, Regeneration & Growth		1,436,936	Officer Delegated decision by Director of Sustainable Communities on 4/4/2023 for Bath River Line - Phase 1 Funding.
FY CAP2223#020	Supported Housing Scheme	Revenue	-144,295		Adults and Council House Building		-144,295	Technical Adjustment approved by Director of Finance to align funding.
FY CAP2223#021	Radstock Regeneration	CIL, Govt grant, 3rd party contributions	205,000		Economic Development, Regeneration & Growth		205,000	SMD E3340 on 12/04/2023 approved capital budget for Radstock Regeneration.
FY CAP2223#022	LAHF (Ukrainian/Afghan) Homes Scheme	Govt grant	250,000		Economic Development, Regeneration & Growth		250,000	Officer Delegated decision by Director of Regeneration and Housing on 11/04/2023 for LAHF (Ukrainian/Afghan) Homes Scheme.
FY CAP2223#023	Walking and Cycling	WECA grant	508,600		Transport		508,600	Officer Delegated decision by Director of Sustainable Communities on 17/04/2023 for development of Scholars Way Cycling and Walking Scheme.
FY CAP2223#024	CCTV Camera Replacement	Revenue	33,246		Resources		33,246	Technical Adjustment approved by Director of Finance to align funding.
FY CAP2223#025	Liveable Neighbourhoods	CSB, WECA grant	1,640,000		Climate and Sustainable Travel		1,640,000	SMD E3405 approved capital budget for project on 24/12/2022.
FY CAP2223#026	Neighbourhood Services Asset & Vehicle Replacement	Capital Receipts, Revenue	204,446		Neighbourhood Services		204,446	Technical Adjustment approved by Director of Finance for replacement vehicle, funded by insurance write-off costs and revenue contribution.
FY CAP2223#027	Cleeve Court and Combe Lea Heating Upgrades	CSB, Govt grant	771,805		Climate and Sustainable Travel		771,805	Officer Delegated decision by Director of Sustainable Communities on 19/04/2023 for Cleeve Court and Combe Lea heating upgrades.
FY CAP2223#028	Corporate Estate Planned Maintenance	CSB	-232,343		Resources		-232,343	Officer Delegated decision by Director of Sustainable Communities on 19/04/2023 for Cleeve Court and Combe Lea heating upgrades.

REF NO	REASON / EXPLANATION	TRANSFER / FUNDING FROM	Income (£'s)	Expenditure (£'s)	TRANSFER TO	Income (£'s)	Expenditure (£'s)	Notes
FY CAP2223#029	BWR Phase 2	WECA grant	-703,150		Economic Development, Regeneration & Growth		-703,150	Technical Adjustment by Director of Finance reflecting final grant claims.
FY CAP2223#030	Heritage Collections Centre	CSB	459,093		Leader		459,093	Officer Delegated Decision by Director of Sustainable Communities on 16/05/2023 to approve funding for Fashion Museum – Study Collection Centre development.
FY CAP2223#031	Midsomer Norton High Street Renewal Programme	WECA grant, CIL	542,000		Economic Development, Regeneration & Growth		542,000	Officer Delegated Decision by Director of Regeneration & Housing on 16/06/2023 for Midsomer Norton and Radstock additional regeneration funding in years 2023/24 to 2026/27.
FY CAP2223#032	Radstock Regeneration	WECA grant	250,245		Economic Development, Regeneration & Growth		250,245	Officer Delegated Decision by Director of Regeneration & Housing on 16/06/2023 for Midsomer Norton and Radstock additional regeneration funding in years 2023/24 to 2026/27.
FY CAP2223#033	Innovation Quay - Strategic Flooding Solution	WECA grant	120,288		Economic Development, Regeneration & Growth		120,288	Technical Adjustment by Director of Finance reflecting final grant claims.
Total			6,720,535				6,720,535	

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Capital Programme by Portfolio - 2022/23
Revised Capital Cash Limits by Portfolio

Capital Scheme	Revised Budget After February Cabinet	Approvals To Outturn	Final Budget at Outturn
	£'000	£'000	£'000
Full Approval			
Resources			
Agresso System Development & Upgrade	33	0	33
Capital Contingency	2,735	0	2,735
Carrswood Day Centre	0	50	50
CCTV Camera Replacement	70	13	83
Cleveland Pools Grant	619	0	619
Commercial Estate Refurbishment Programme	5,666	0	5,666
Corporate Estate Planned Maintenance	4,368	-18	4,350
Corporate Property Acquisition	8,068	0	8,068
Customer Payments Security and Channel Shift	18	0	18
Equality Act Works	25	0	25
Flax Bourton Mortuary Extension	206	0	206
Flexible Use of Capital Receipts	500	0	500
Freshford Village Memorial Hall Grant	50	0	50
Haycombe Cemetery Top Chapel Refurbishment	0	0	0
IT Asset Refresh	117	0	117
Keynsham Memorial Park Bridge	319	0	319
Keynsham Regeneration & New Build	68	0	68
Office Reconfiguration Costs	848	0	848
Preparing for the Future - New Technology	1,018	0	1,018
Property Disposals	150	0	150
Property Improvement – Bath Library	76	0	76
Property Improvement - Orange Grove Structural Works	150	0	150
Public Sector Decarbonisation Scheme	188	-74	114
Saw Close RIF Repayment	19	0	19
Subtotal Full Approval - Resources	25,311	-30	25,281

Capital Programme by Portfolio - 2022/23
Revised Capital Cash Limits by Portfolio

Capital Scheme	Revised Budget After February Cabinet	Approvals To Outturn	Final Budget at Outturn
	£'000	£'000	£'000
Economic Development, Regeneration & Growth			
Active Travel Prescribing Project	0	92	92
Bath City Centre Renewal	887	0	887
Bath River Line	0	20	20
Bath Quays North	2,000	0	2,000
Bath Quays South, Bridge & Linking Infrastructure	6,329	-320	6,008
BWR - Council Project Team	-60	60	0
BWR - Infrastructure	-91	-331	-421
BWR - Relocation of Gas Holders	1,536	-1,536	0
BWR Phase 2	4,805	507	5,312
Digital B&NES	207	-7	200
Innovation Quay - Strategic Flooding Solution	143	0	143
Keynsham High Street Renewal Programme	702	0	702
Local Centres Renewal Programme	43	0	43
Midsomer Norton High Street Renewal Programme	802	145	947
Milsom Quarter Masterplan Delivery	50	0	50
North Keynsham SDL	5	0	5
NRR Infrastructure	21	0	21
Radstock & Westfield Implementation Plan	3	0	3
Radstock Healthy Living Centre	556	0	556
Somer Valley Enterprise Zone - Infrastructure	984	0	984
York Street Vaults Phase 2	272	0	272
Subtotal Full Approval - Economic Development, Regeneration & Growth	19,193	-1,370	17,823
Leader			
Bath Area Forum - CIL Funded Schemes - Approved	567	0	567
Bath Christmas Market	39	0	39
Heritage Collections Centre	0	41	41
Heritage Infrastructure Development	140	0	140
Heritage Services Energy Capture Scheme	89	108	197
Roman Baths Archway Centre	-57	62	5
Subtotal Full Approval - Leader	778	211	990

Capital Programme by Portfolio - 2022/23
Revised Capital Cash Limits by Portfolio

Capital Scheme	Revised Budget After February Cabinet	Approvals To Outturn	Final Budget at Outturn
	£'000	£'000	£'000
Climate and Sustainable Travel			
Air Quality Management Area and AQ Monitors	16	0	16
Bathscape	85	0	85
Canal Tow Path: Bathwick Hill to Deeplock, Widcombe	0	94	94
Chew Valley Recreational Trail	-2	0	-2
Clutton Depot Solar Panels	65	0	65
Clean Air Zone	1,605	0	1,605
Cycling and Walking Design and Business Case	532	72	604
Liveable Neighbourhoods	1,778	143	1,921
Cleeve Court and Combe Lea Heating Upgrades	0	18	18
Renewable Energy Development Fund	457	15	473
Renewable energy in B&NES	67	0	67
Somer Valley Rediscovered	0	12	12
Subtotal Full Approval - Climate and Sustainable Travel	4,603	354	4,957
Adults and Council House Building			
Adult Social Care Database Replacement	93	0	93
Affordable Housing	682	0	682
Affordable Warmth Grant Scheme	-84	0	-84
Carrswood View Travellers Site	20	1	20
Community Resource Centre Capital Investment	48	0	48
Disabled Facilities Grant	1,952	10	1,962
Englishcombe Lane Supported Housing	100	0	100
Housing Delivery Vehicle	159	0	159
Next Steps Accommodation Programme	306	0	306
Shared Ownership Housing Programme	3	-3	0
Social Rent Programme	2,232	0	2,232
Supported Housing Scheme	1,340	144	1,484
Subtotal Full Approval - Adults and Council House Building	6,850	152	7,002
Children and Young People and Communities			
Basic Needs - School Improvement / Expansion	3,528	8	3,536
CIL - Library Hublets	80	0	80
Schools' Capital Maintenance Schemes	2,074	0	2,074
Schools Devolved Capital	86	63	149
Southside Youth Centre	0	0	0
Special Education Needs & Disability (SEND) Education Provision	658	0	658
Special Education Needs & Disability (SEND) - Residential Provision at Bath College	25	0	25
Subtotal Full Approval - Children and Young People and Communities	6,451	71	6,522

Capital Programme by Portfolio - 2022/23
Revised Capital Cash Limits by Portfolio

Capital Scheme	Revised Budget After February Cabinet	Approvals To Outturn	Final Budget at Outturn
	£'000	£'000	£'000
Neighbourhood Services			
Alice Park - Skate Park	9	0	9
Beechen Cliff Woodland & Other Open Spaces Improvements	2	0	2
CIL - Social (Inc Recreation & Leisure	50	0	50
Cleveland Bridge Refurb	3,567	0	3,567
Clutton Depot Refurbishment	0	0	0
Entry Hill Facilities	29	0	29
Haycombe Crematorium	18	0	18
Highways Maintenance Programme	9,300	-300	9,000
Improvements at Victoria Park, Bath	5	0	5
Keynsham Memorial Park	20	20	40
Leisure - Council Client / Contingency	411	-385	26
Leisure Facility Modernisation - Keynsham Sports Centre	12	0	12
Leisure – Approach Golf Course Kiosks	0	51	51
Neighbourhood Services - Asset & Vehicle Replacement Programme	2,271	64	2,336
Neighbourhoods Bin & Bench Replacement	4	0	4
Odd Down Sports Ground and Other Leisure Feasibility	59	0	59
Parks and Bereavement Infrastructure	1	0	1
Parks Equipment Replacement Programme	25	0	25
Parks S106 Projects	120	105	225
Pixash Site Redevelopment	21,300	0	21,300
Play Area Refurbishment / Equipment	297	3	300
Public Tennis Improvements	4	0	4
Street Lighting LED Replacement Programme	-1	0	-1
Sydney Gardens	254	176	430
Tree Planting	116	36	152
Waste Collection Vehicles In Cab Technology	24	0	24
Waste Depot Relocation	328	0	328
Waste Service Redesign	142	0	142
Waste Infrastructure Modernisation	240	0	240
Waste Welfare Facilities	55	0	55
Subtotal Full Approval - Neighbourhood Services	38,664	-231	38,433

Capital Programme by Portfolio - 2022/23
Revised Capital Cash Limits by Portfolio

Capital Scheme	Revised Budget After February Cabinet	Approvals To Outturn	Final Budget at Outturn
	£'000	£'000	£'000
Transport			
ANPR Enforcement Camera Replacement	1	0	1
City Centre Security - Highways Scheme	1,353	0	1,353
Manvers Street Remediation	0	667	667
Office for Low Emission Vehicles (OLEV) Bid	530	-141	389
Transport Improvement Programme	3,346	145	3,491
Subtotal Full Approval - Transport	5,230	671	5,901
TOTAL CAPITAL SCHEME BUDGET	107,079	-171	106,908

Sources of Funding			
Grants	44,016	1,492	45,508
Council Support including Borrowing & Capital Receipts	56,805	-5,641	51,164
S106	432	2,712	3,144
CIL	3,873	692	4,565
3rd Party	683	483	1,165
Revenue	1,271	92	1,363
Total Sources of Funding	107,079	-171	106,908

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Bath & North East Somerset Council

MEETING:	Cabinet	
MEETING DATE:	13 th July 2023	EXECUTIVE FORWARD PLAN REFERENCE:
		E 3467
TITLE:	Revenue and Capital Budget Monitoring, Cash Limits and Virements – April 2023 to June 2023	
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AN OPEN PUBLIC ITEM		
<p>List of attachments to this report:</p> <p>Appendix 1 – Revenue Monitoring Commentary</p> <p>Appendix 2 – Key Scheme Capital Monitoring Commentary</p> <p>Appendix 3 (i) & 3 (ii) – Proposed Revenue Virements & Revised Revenue Cash Limits 2021/22</p> <p>Appendix 4 (i) & 4 (ii) – Capital Virements & Capital Programme by Portfolio 2023/24</p>		

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

a) Revenue budget

The Revenue budget outturn is currently forecast to be £3.96m over budget.

Demand-led placement and package costs continue to cause a significant pressure in Children's Services. Combined with pressures on Home to Schools Transport arising from market pressures, including reduced availability of drivers, cost inflation and reduced tendering activity for many routes, the service is currently forecasting a £3.2m overspend.

Pressures in the Corporate Estate service linked to the holding costs of vacant buildings and the costs of maintaining the estate, alongside temporary accommodation costs exceeding that which can be offset through housing benefit subsidy, are further adding to the adverse forecast financial position.

High levels of visitor numbers to Bath city centre have resulted in a strong start to the year for both Heritage and Parking services income, while higher interest rates and reprofiling of borrowing costs have resulted in favourable forecast capital financing and interest variances, which partially mitigate the aforementioned pressures.

In addition, there is an in-year SEND placement pressure of £6.9m on the Dedicated Schools Grant (DSG). The local Authority has agreed with the DFE a Safety Valve Programme plan that will provide additional support and funding to the Local Authority to eradicate the deficit over a number of years.

Savings of £14.4m were included in the 2023/24 budget. At present £10.3m savings are forecast as delivered, with the remainder either being mitigated through alternative measures, or included as unachievable in the service forecasts. Savings delivery will be monitored closely through the year and management action plans identified when delivery is at risk.

In light of the forecast over budget position, Directors are actively developing mitigation plans to manage this position in year, and an update will be provided in the Quarter 2 monitoring report.

b) Capital budget

The current position of the 2022/23 Capital Programme is a forecast of £92.8m against a budget of £95.0m. The variance of £2.2m reflects anticipated rephasing of Aequus housing delivery loan drawdowns into future years.

c) Council Tax and Business Rates

The cost of the Local Council Tax Support Scheme over the first quarter is in line with budget at £9.3m.

The government announced a new 2023/24 scheme to provide eligible retail, hospitality and leisure properties in England with business rates relief of 75%, capped at £110,000 per business. As at the end of June, relief of £6.4m had been granted under this scheme. The loss of income will be compensated by government grant.

Empty property relief following business closures is £3.8m at the end of the first quarter of the year. This is £1.0m below the £4.8m allowance for empty property relief included when setting the business rate income forecast for 2023/24.

d) Council Reserves

The Council holds general unearmarked reserves of £12.6m, this is held corporately to manage in year financial pressures that cannot be mitigated within existing budget levels.

1 THE ISSUE

- 1.1 This report presents the financial monitoring information for the Authority as a whole for the financial year 2023/24, using information available as at the end of June 2023.

2 RECOMMENDATION

The Cabinet is asked:

- 2.1 To note the 2023/24 revenue budget position (as at the end of June 2023).
- 2.2 To note the revenue virements listed for information only in Appendix 3(i).
- 2.3 To note the capital year-end forecast detailed in paragraph 3.19 of this report;
- 2.4 To note the changes in the capital programme including capital schemes that have been agreed for full approval under delegation listed in Appendix 4(i).

3 THE REPORT

- 3.1 The Budget Management Scheme requires that the Cabinet consider the revenue and capital monitoring position four times per year.

REVENUE BUDGET

- 3.2 Service Directors have been asked to outline the actual expected outturn for the year and the reasons to date for over / under budget forecasts. For revenue budgets which are forecast to be over budget, the Directors are expected to seek compensating savings to try and bring budgets back to balance.
- 3.3 A summary by Portfolio of the revenue position as at the end of the first quarter is shown in the table below:

Portfolio	Revised Budget £'m	Year End Forecast £'m	Variance Over / (Under) £'m
Leader of Council	(0.42)	(0.41)	0.01
Climate Emergency and Sustainable Travel	1.33	1.23	(0.11)
Council Priorities and Delivery	9.03	9.07	0.04
Resources	10.21	10.30	0.09
Economic And Cultural Sustainable Development	(2.04)	(1.71)	0.33
Adult Services	59.70	59.87	0.17
Children's Services	31.65	34.94	3.29
Highways	(1.31)	(1.93)	(0.62)
Neighbourhood Services	24.29	24.76	0.47
Built Environment and Sustainable Development	2.61	2.90	0.29
Quarter 1 Forecast Outturn Variance	135.06	139.01	3.96

Note 1: Some of the figures in this table are affected by rounding.

- 3.4 The current **year-end** forecast is £3.96m over budget position.
- 3.5 In light of the forecast over budget position, Directors are actively developing mitigation plans to manage this position in year, and an update will be provided in the Quarter 2 monitoring report.

Portfolio Commentary

- 3.6 Key variances and associated actions by Portfolio are as follows, a more detailed breakdown can be found in Appendix 1:

Leader of the Council (£0.01m over budget)

The Leader of the Council portfolio holds the Housing Delivery Vehicle, Emergency Planning and External Affairs and Partnerships budgets. There is a minor staffing pressure forecast within Emergency Planning.

Climate Emergency and Sustainable Travel (£0.11m under budget)

Recovery of staff costs from projects in the Environmental Monitoring team is causing a favourable financial position for the portfolio.

Council Priorities and Delivery (£0.04m over budget)

Some minor staffing pressures in Human Resources (£0.04m) and Corporate Governance (£0.04m) are partially offset by a small salary underspend in Corporate Strategy and Communications (£0.04m).

Resources (£0.09m over budget)

Unmet savings targets in Legal services are contributing to a £0.20m pressure within the service, while increased use of temporary accommodation for the homeless is provided at a cost higher than the claimable subsidy, resulting in a forecast £0.45m overspend in Housing Benefit Subsidy. This is partially offset by an under budget forecast on borrowing costs as a result of reprofiling capital programme spend (£0.50m), and increased income from investment interest (£0.20m) as a result of higher interest rates than anticipated at budget setting.

Economic And Cultural Sustainable Development (£0.33m over budget)

The Corporate Estate is forecasting an adverse budget position of £0.94m resulting from high costs of un-let buildings and an ongoing savings target to reduce maintenance costs across the estate. This is partially offset by a strong start to the year in Heritage Services, where retail and admission income net of costs is forecast to be £0.64m in excess of budget.

Adult Services inc Leisure (£0.17m over budget)

The current forecast position for Adult Social Care at this early stage of the year, is a balanced position as underlying variances will be covered by a transfer from the Adult Social Care Reserve funds (£2.4m). The forecast use of reserves is to cover adverse variances in the Learning Disability and Autism Pooled Service (£2.7m) which are partially offset by underspends within other areas of the specialist service. This adverse variance reflects the impact of both the increase in the number of packages in 2022/23 (activity and cost) and the known demand in year. Work continues to review this activity.

The increased level of cost demand being seen in 2022/23 is continuing into 2023/24 and commissioners are working with providers on this to determine future requirements and the planning to meet them.

An established interim pathway is in place and is a continuation from the last 2 years, whilst the numbers currently in this arrangement have been high, this was forecast for the first quarter and a reducing trend is now being seen. This pathway continues to support the reduced activity need for long term care.

Leisure Services are currently forecasting an overspend of £0.17m, this is due to the level of fee income being received being below the expected value.

Children's Services (£3.29m over budget)

There are two main drivers of this over budget position, one the continuing pressures from 2022/23 across the demand-led placement and package budgets, and two the increasing pressures from ongoing cost increases across Home to School Transport (HTST).

Demand-led placement pressures are due to a mix of increased demand, especially in the area of Unaccompanied Asylum Seeker Children (UASC) and increased packages of care and support costs needed, due to the increased needs our Children and Young People continue to present with. There are also continued increased costs as a result of the complex packages of care needed for those with the highest need in the Disabled Children's Team (DCT). In total these areas are £2.3m over budget, with the majority of overspend from the areas of Residential, UASC and DCT.

HTST has a pressure of £0.8m. This is due to significant pressure from ongoing market forces creating cost pressures when procuring HTST, including reduced availability of drivers, cost inflation and reduced tendering activity for many routes.

Schools DSG (£6.9m over budget, plus an overspend of £13.45m carried forward from 2022/23)

The DSG has a forecast overspend of £6.9m in 22/23 made up of significant pressures on SEND. The SEND pressures are estimated based on current pupils identified with Education, Health and Care (EHC) Plans of £8m however mitigating actions have identified £1.1m of savings.

The local Authority has agreed with the DFE a Safety Valve Programme plan that will provide additional support and funding to the Local Authority to eradicate the deficit over a number of years. In 2022-23 the DFE provided an additional £7.68m of DSG funding to support the pressures in SEN and have committed to providing a further £11.54m over the next 6 years including £1.65m in 2023-24.

Further work on opening the provision of local SEND places at schools in the area will help reduce the pressure and extensive analysis of the specific cost pressures is being conducted to look to reduce the overspend.

Capital Bids for new free schools as part of a DFE programme have been successful for a new Special School and funding towards a new residential special school has also been agreed. A further bid for an Alternative provision school is in the pipeline and an outcome to this bid is expected shortly. These

capital projects will result in significant additional provision locally that will ease the financial burden of utilising independent specialist provision.

Any overspend on the DSG is currently ringfenced to the grant allocation and the Department for Education (DFE) have issued guidance to restrict the supporting of the pressures from council revenue funding. This ring fence has been extended by the DFE and DCLG until March 2026.

Highways (£0.62m under budget)

Parking income is exceeding budget across the majority of locations. This, combined with a number of staff vacancies means the service is forecasting a £0.62m favourable budget position at this early stage in the year.

Neighbourhood Services (£0.47m over budget)

Pressure on both staffing budgets and recycles sales is creating a £0.26m pressure in the Waste service, while staffing pressures also exist in the Parks and Bereavement service (£0.13m) and Customer Services (£0.07m).

Built Environment and Sustainable Development (£0.29m over budget)

Market conditions are having an adverse impact on both Planning (£0.11m) and Building Control (£0.16m) income.

REVENUE BALANCES, CONTINGENCY AND RESERVES

- 3.7 The current Employer's national pay offer for 2023/24 is estimated at 7%, which is significantly higher than the 4% increase included in the budget. Consequently, all corporate contingency budgets have been earmarked to fund the gap which is currently estimated at £2.4m. Service budgets will be adjusted once the final pay award is agreed.
- 3.8 The current forecast revenue position includes planned and approved use of earmarked reserves as set out in the table below.

Key Reserves

- 3.9 The following table shows the balances of key reserves at the beginning of the year, planned use, and expected balance at the year-end based on current forecast:

	Balance as at 01/04/2023 £'m	Projected Use / Commitments £'m	Estimated Balance 31/03/2024 £'m
Revenue Budget Contingency	3.47	(0.33)	3.14
Financial Planning and Smoothing Reserve	3.20	(0.69)	2.51

Transformation Investment Reserve	1.89	(1.89)	0.00
Covid Contingency Reserve (Govt grant)	3.35	(3.35)	0.00
Restructuring & Severance Reserve	1.81	0.00	1.81

Reserves and Flexible Capital Receipts

Flexible Capital Receipts are being utilised for revenue spend that results in ongoing revenue savings. A five-year estimated use of £11.5m was agreed as part of budget setting in February 2023, this has now been updated to reflect the re-profiled requirement and re-phasing into 2023/24 as follows:

	Actual Usage 2017/18 to 2021/22 £'m	Actual Usage 2022/23 £'m	Available Balance £'m	Est Total Usage £'m
Flexible Capital Receipts	8.09	0.16	3.25	11.50

3.10 Commitment has been approved to allocate £1.35m to the Council's "Being our Best" programme that will identify future organisational efficiencies.

3.11 Unapplied capital receipts of £3.842m were carried forward from 2022/23, with no receipts in 2023/24 received so far and £9m budgeted for.

General Fund Un-Earmarked Reserve

3.12 The General Fund Un-Earmarked Reserve is retained to meet the Council's key financial risks. The risk assessment has set a range of between £11.6m and £12.8m to meet those risks in the 2023/24 financial year. The reserve has a current uncommitted balance of £12.6m in line with the level reported in the 2023/24 Budget Report.

SAVINGS PERFORMANCE

3.13 The 2023/24 revenue budget approved savings of £14.38m. Delivery of these savings will be monitored throughout the year, with £10.29m forecast as achieved at the end of June, representing 72% delivery. Of the £4.09m not currently achieved, £2.97m are being mitigated through savings elsewhere in the respective service, £0.12m of savings are delayed and £1.00m are resulting in unavoidable pressures.

3.14 The Council's financial position, along with its financial management arrangements and controls, are fundamental in continuing to plan and provide services in a managed way, particularly in light of the medium-term financial challenge. Close monitoring of the financial situation provides information on new

risks and pressures in service areas, and appropriate management actions are then identified and agreed to manage and mitigate those risks.

Revenue Budget Virements

- 3.15 Any revenue budget virements which require Cabinet approval are listed in Appendix 3(i). Technical budget adjustments are also shown in Appendix 3(i) for information purposes, as required by the Budget Management Scheme. Appendix 3(ii) details the allocation of cashlimits to the new Cabinet Portfolio structure following the Council Annual Meeting on 25th May 2023.

COUNCIL TAX, COUNCIL TAX SUPPORT AND BUSINESS RATES

- 3.16 The 2023/24 tax base allowed for the same number of recipients as at the end of November 2022 to continue into 2023/24 with budgeted costs of LCTS set at £9.27m. The cost at the end of June is broadly in line with budget at £9.28m. The number of working age claimants at the end of June was 5,864 compared to the budget assumption of 5,803 and the number of Pensioner claimants was 3,432 compared to the budget assumption of 3,469.
- 3.17 The actual outturn position on LCTSS and the impact on the Council Tax collection fund will depend on a number of variables, including the change in number of claimants and the period claimants remain eligible for support whilst seeking employment and this will continue to be monitored closely during the year.

Business Rates

- 3.18 The government announced, as part of the Chancellor's Autumn Statement in November 2022, that it would introduce a new retail, hospitality, and leisure business rate relief scheme for 2023/24. This follows previous relief schemes for these businesses that operated since 2020/21. The 2023/24 scheme provides for 75% business rates relief, capped at £110,000 per business for eligible properties.
- 3.19 The Council will be recompensed for the reduction in business rate income arising from this relief via a s31 compensation grant. As at the end of June, retail relief of £6.4m had been granted.
- 3.20 Empty property relief was £3.8m at the end of the first quarter which is below the £4.8m allowance included when setting the business rate income forecast for 2023/24. The forecast overall impact on the business rates collection fund position will be reviewed during the second quarter and the position in relation to reliefs will be closely monitored.
- 3.21 As set out in the Budget Report, any surplus or deficit on the Business Rate Collection Fund and associated income will be transferred to or from the Business Rates Reserve for consideration as part of the Business Rates calculations for future years and this position will be reflected in the 2024/25 budget. The balance on the Business Rate Reserve as at 1st April 2023 was £8.7m, this includes the £7.24m transfer from the reserve approved in the 2023/24 budget report.

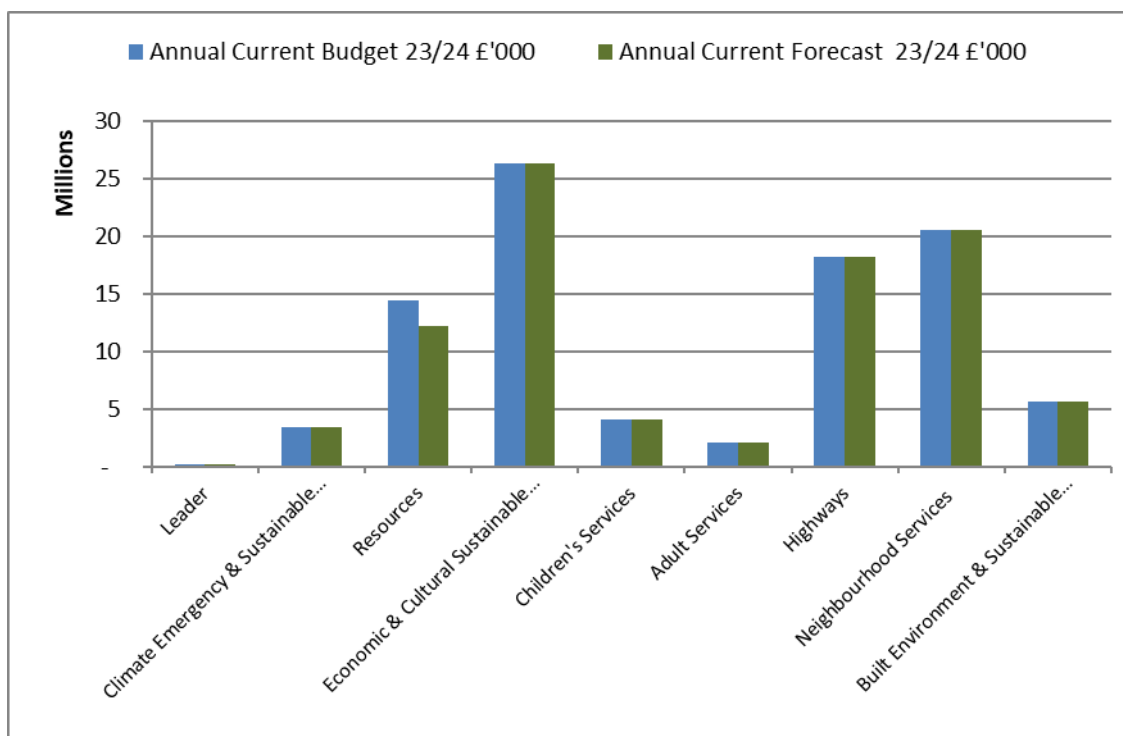
CAPITAL BUDGET

3.22 The current position of the 2023/24 Capital Programme is a forecast of £92.8m against a budget of £95.0m. The variance of £2.2m in the Resources portfolio reflects the revised profile of forecast future loan drawdowns by the Council's housing company moving to 2024/25 and future years. The following table show a summary of the current position by Cabinet Portfolio. The full breakdown of the Capital Programme by Portfolio can be found in Appendix 4(ii) with key scheme commentary in Appendix 2. Appendix 4(i) sets out budget changes actioned since the February Budget setting. Appendix 4(ii) also illustrates the rephasing from 2022/23 reported for approval in the Revenue & Capital Outturn 2022/23 report, which is also on this meeting's agenda.

Portfolio Summary Monitor	Annual Current Budget 2023/24	Forecast 2023/24	In-Year Variance 2023/24	Forecast Re-phasing to 2024/25
	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000
Leader	174	174	-	-
Climate Emergency & Sustainable Travel	3,364	3,364	-	-
Resources	14,428	12,228	(2,200)	(2,200)
Economic & Cultural Sustainable Development	26,399	26,399	-	-
Children's Services	4,116	4,116	-	-
Adult Services	2,085	2,085	-	-
Highways	18,269	18,269	-	-
Neighbourhood Services	20,594	20,594	-	-
Built Environment Sustainable Development	5,584	5,584	-	-
Grand Total	95,014	92,814	(2,200)	(2,200)

Note2: Some of the figures in this table are affected by rounding

The graph below illustrates the value and forecast against budget for all in year capital budgets by Cabinet Portfolio:



Capital Commentary

3.23 Programmes are reporting to budget at this early stage of the year, the key in-year variance on the programme being:

- **Economic Development and Resources-** £2.2m variance for Property Company Investment, where the current Aequus Construction activity forecast expects some schemes to progress from 2024/25 onwards, resulting in later draw-down of loans from the Council.

RISKS

The key risks to the budget were outlined in the Council's 2023/24 Budget Report, in compliance with the Council's decision-making risk management guidance. These have been reviewed and are listed below, along with any additional emerging risks:

Risk	Likelihood	Impact	Risk Management Update
Operational budget pressures due to latent demand and backlog	Possible	High	There is the risk of built-up demand on Council services and backlog post pandemic. This may result in one-off cost pressures to clear the backlog.
Long term impacts on the Council's Commercial Estate over and above anticipated levels.	Likely	High	There are continuing risks in the retail & hospitality sector from rising inflation and a challenging labour market, so this is impacting market rent levels and the income from Council tenants.
Contract inflationary pressure	Likely	High	With increase in wage, energy and fuel costs, Council contracted services are at risk of above budget price increases. This is an economic risk that has been recognised in the budget with a corporate inflation contingency for known areas that cannot be mitigated through activity management.

Volatility in income from Heritage Services.	Possible	Medium	Continue to monitor income levels and impact on business plan in light of changing customer expectations and international travel.
Impact on Reserves	Possible	High	Without additional government grant in recognition of unfunded inflationary pressures there is the risk that Council reserve levels are not enough to manage in-year and future years risk.
Interest rates increase	Likely	Medium	A reserve is available for borrowing to manage market risk and long-term borrowing costs have been factored into the longer-term MTFS. Borrowing rates have continued to increase since the budget was set, as the Bank of England tackles more persistent inflation pressures. The latest forecast from our treasury management advisors is that longer term borrowing rates will eventually start to fall from current levels once service inflation and wage growth eases, with Bank of England rate cuts forecast from Q2 of 2024. However, rates will remain relatively higher than in the past with continued elevated volatility. The Council will continue to consider shorter term borrowing options alongside the PWLB.
Volatility and uncertainty around business rates	Likely	High	The impacts of the current economic challenges will increase the volatility and uncertainty around business rate income. In 2023/24 this risk will be partly offset by the extension of the business rate relief scheme for Retail, Leisure and Hospitality businesses. We continue to monitor arrears, CVAs, and liquidations with a specific reserve held to manage in-year volatility.
Capital projects not delivered resulting in revenue reversion costs or liabilities from underwriting agreements	Possible	High	The Council has a number of projects within this category. These risks will continue to be monitored and reported. An assessment is made as part of the budget process to ensure that revenue reserves are sufficient to meet these risks. The capital programme methodology looks to de-risk projects wherever possible.
Changes to Government Policy that affects future funding	Likely	High	Need to monitor and continue to highlight impact
Brexit risks	Likely	Medium	The short to medium term impacts of Brexit on the Councils supply chain and labour market may result in contractual cost pressures from customs tariffs that previously did not apply.
Funding pressures through WECA, CCG and other partners	Possible	Medium	Ensure good communication links with partner organisations.
Capital receipts in the areas identified are insufficient to meet target	Possible	Medium	There is a risk that a depressed market will impact on current values.

4 STATUTORY CONSIDERATIONS

- 4.1 The annual medium-term financial planning process allocates resources across services with alignment of these resources towards the Council's corporate priorities. This report monitors how the Council is performing against the financial targets set in February 2023 through the Budget setting process.

5 RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS (FINANCE, PROPERTY, PEOPLE)

5.1 The financial implications are contained within the body of the report.

6 RISK MANAGEMENT

6.1 A risk assessment related to the issue and recommendations has been undertaken, in compliance with the Council's decision-making risk management guidance.

6.2 The substance of this report is part of the Council's risk management process. The key risks in the Council's budget are assessed annually by each Director, with these risks re-assessed regularly as part of the budget monitoring process.

7 CLIMATE CHANGE

7.1 The Medium Term Financial Strategy and budget process aligns resources towards the corporate priorities and objectives set out in the Corporate Strategy, which includes tackling the climate emergency. This report monitors the Council's financial performance against those budgets, and therefore does not include any decisions that have a direct impact on Climate Change.

8 OTHER OPTIONS CONSIDERED

8.1 None

9 CONSULTATION

9.1 Consultation has been carried out with the Cabinet Member for Economic Development & Resources, Directors, Section 151 Finance Officer, Chief Executive and Monitoring Officer.

9.2 Consultation was carried out at meetings and via e-mail.

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Detailed Analysis of Budgets for Leader of Council									
P04	Leader of Council	1112	Housing Delivery Vehicle	(1,000)	0	(1,000)	0	No variance reported	Not applicable
P04	Leader of Council	1119	Emergency Planning	581	140	592	12	Pressures on staffing budgets across the service	Staffing levels being closely monitored and any savings will be forecast
P04	Leader of Council	1136	External Affairs & Partnerships	0	23	0	0	No variance reported	Not applicable
P04 Leader of Council				(419)	163	(408)	12		
Detailed Analysis of Budgets for Climate Emergency and Sustainable Travel									
P27	Climate Emergency and Sustainable Travel	1127	Environmental Monitoring (Air Pollution)	191	23	84	(107)	Favourable staffing variance due to vacancies and recovery of staff time charged to projects	Not applicable
P27	Climate and Sustainable Travel	1135	Transport Planning, Policy and Sustainable Transport	381	729	381	0	No variance reported	Not applicable
P27	Climate and Sustainable Travel	1137	Green Transformation	760	386	760	0	No variance reported	Not applicable
P27 Climate Emergency and Sustainable Travel Total				1,333	1,139	1,226	(107)		
Detailed Analysis of Budgets for Council Priorities and Delivery									
P32	Council Priorities and Delivery	1047	Human Resources & Organisational Development	2,192	973	2,227	35	Staff turnover savings partially offset by net vacancy saving in Health & Safety team	Both staffing and running costs will be monitored closely throughout the year to establish any opportunities to mitigate the current adverse variance forecast
P32	Council Priorities and Delivery	1130	Corporate Governance	1,769	343	1,809	40	Vacancy saving not expected to be delivered	Both staffing and running costs will be monitored closely throughout the year to establish any opportunities to mitigate the current adverse variance forecast
P32	Council Priorities and Delivery	1131	Corporate Strategy and Communications	4,249	857	4,212	(37)	Underspend due to recharging of officer time to Homes For Ukraine Grant	Not applicable
P32	Council Priorities and Delivery	1132	Business Change	821	182	821	0	No material variance	Not applicable
P32 Council Priorities and Delivery Total				9,031	2,354	9,068	37		
Detailed Analysis of Budgets for Resources									
P19	Resources	1032	Information Technology	5,434	1,822	5,475	41	Over budget position due to contract inflation, partially mitigated through holding vacancies.	Not applicable
P19	Resources	1040	Finance	2,181	149	2,268	88	Adverse variance due to revised timetable for efficiency savings with delivery in Quarter 4.	Recurrent savings to be delivered in Q4.
P19	Resources	1041	Revenues & Benefits	1,879	1,097	1,875	(5)	No material variance	Not applicable
P19	Resources	1042	Risk & Assurance Services	1,284	68	1,284	0	No variance reported	Not applicable
P19	Resources	1053	Council Solicitor & Democratic Services	2,655	543	2,853	198	Unmet savings target in Legal and Democratic Services and vacancy savings target. This projected overspend will be mitigated over the year by a reduction in external legal spend costs across Council services	Projected overspend will be mitigated over the year by a reduction in external legal spend costs across Council services
P19	Resources	1054	Hsg / Council Tax Benefits Subsidy	(195)	2,559	255	450	Ongoing budget pressure due to temporary accommodation being provided at a cost higher than the claimable subsidy.	Cost management actions to be implemented by Housing team to bring placement costs in line with subsidy.
P19	Resources	1055	Capital Financing / Interest	4,789	1,042	4,079	(710)	There is a £500k underbudget forecast on borrowing costs, mainly due to reprofiling of borrowing requirements throughout the year. Income from investment interest is currently forecast to be £200k in excess of budgeted levels due to the further increases in interest rates since the budget was set. There is also a small under budget position on the Ex-Avon Debt repayments.	Not applicable
P19	Resources	1056	Unfunded Pensions	1,388	0	1,388	0	No variance reported	Not applicable
P19	Resources	1057	Corporate Budgets including Capital, Audit and Bank Charges	(2,779)	5,008	(2,779)	0	No variance reported	Not applicable
P19	Resources	1058	Magistrates	12	2	12	0	No variance reported	Not applicable
P19	Resources	1059	Coroners	450	331	450	0	No variance reported	Not applicable
P19	Resources	1060	Environment Agency	258	129	258	0	No variance reported	Not applicable
P19	Resources	1061	West of England Combined Authority Levy	5,194	1,558	5,194	0	No variance reported	Not applicable
P19	Resources	1081	Commercial Estate	(12,650)	(2,735)	(12,625)	24	No material variance	Not applicable
P19	Resources	1118	Procurement & Commissioning	313	687	316	3	No material variance	Not applicable
P19 Resources Total				10,211	12,261	10,302	90		

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Detailed Analysis of Budgets for Economic And Cultural Sustainable Development									
P33	Economic And Cultural Sustainable Development	1018	Heritage Services	(8,233)	(543)	(8,874)	(641)	Strong start to the year reflected in outturn forecast, headroom in winter budget, due to the budget being set ahead of last winter (where performance was stronger than budget). Additional income forecast partially offset by pay pressure, the weighting of grade 1-7 staff in the service means pay award is higher than budgeted).	Not applicable
P33	Economic And Cultural Sustainable Development	1037	Property Services	580	13	594	14	No material variance	Not applicable
P33	Economic And Cultural Sustainable Development	1038	Corporate Estate Including R&M	4,789	2,719	5,733	944	Ongoing un-let buildings along with an ongoing target to reduce costs of £500k result in an adverse financial position being reported. Plans to reduce costs have yet to be finalised and therefore we are declaring the risk that this will not happen in this financial year.	Work is ongoing to identify potential opportunities to reduce running costs and also to attract prospective tenants into our estate.
P33	Economic And Cultural Sustainable Development	1039	Traded Services	0	23	0	0	No variance reported	Not applicable
P33	Economic And Cultural Sustainable Development	1052	Regeneration	(33)	711	(28)	5	No material variance	Not applicable
P33	Economic And Cultural Sustainable Development	1109	World Heritage	120	49	120	0	No variance reported	Not applicable
P33	Economic And Cultural Sustainable Development	1121	Events and Active Lifestyles	273	42	278	5	Pressures on staffing budgets across the service	Staffing levels being closely monitored and any savings will be forecast
P33	Economic And Cultural Sustainable Development	1126	Visit Bath	76	0	76	0	No variance reported	Not applicable
P33	Economic And Cultural Sustainable Development	1128	Business & Skills	385	213	392	7	No material variance	Not applicable
P33	Economic And Cultural Sustainable Development Total			(2,043)	3,228	(1,709)	334		
Detailed Analysis of Budgets for Adult Services									
P20	Adult Services	1019	Leisure	342	125	511	169	Management fee income forecast below budget	The Council is exploring ways of reducing energy bills (energy efficiency measures etc) and increasing income on GLL contract.
P20	Adult Services	1036	Adults Substance Misuse (DAT)	64	(176)	64	0	No variance reported	Not applicable
P20	Adult Services	1073	Adults & Older People-Mental Health Commissioning	9,009	2,174	8,481	(528)	Projected future self-funding contributions have resulted in favourable projected outturn position Closed Residential packages from 2022/23 have increased this favourable variance (budget set on 2022/23 position) Staff recruitment actively being advertised	Not applicable
P20	Adult Services	1086	Adult Care Commissioning	1,197	271	1,197	0	No variance reported	Not applicable
P20	Adult Services	1088	Older People & Physically Disabled Purchasing	12,405	1,783	12,389	(16)	Fee income recovery has been better than forecast and is now expected to exceed 2022-23 levels. This increase in income has fully funded the budget pressure identified on homecare and allowed a small saving to be shown.	Not applicable
P20	Adult Services	1091	Learning Disabilities Commissioning	15,312	3,154	15,608	296	The variance reflects increase in cost of care packages (c.£0.8m uplifts on Supported Living) Opportunities for cost avoidance are being explored Commissioning are using CareCubed (Cost control IT package) in their drive to control costs	Supported Living schemes (with effect from January 2024) are being progressed with aim to offset expensive spot purchase packages
P20	Adult Services	1093	Physical Disability, Hearing & Vision	3,499	668	3,717	218	Adverse variance reflects 2 new residential placements that have transferred to the service.	Commissioners to run packages through Care Cubed with aim to negotiate reduced package
P20	Adult Services	1094	Public Health	0	(555)	0	0	No variance reported	Not applicable
P20	Adult Services	1110	Better Care Fund	6,781	19,106	6,784	2	No material variance	Not applicable
P20	Adult Services	1113	CCG B&NES CHC and FNC Payments	0	788	0	0	No variance reported	Not applicable
P20	Adult Services	1114	Community Equipment	237	268	237	0	No variance reported	Not applicable
P20	Adult Services	1123	Safeguarding Adults	2,497	380	2,485	(12)	Demand for Best Interest Assessors is below forecast and budget provision	Not applicable
P20	Adult Services	1124	Community Resource Centres & Extra Care Income	8,356	1,359	8,396	40	Demand for agency to maintain safe staffing levels is creating a budget pressure. Management are taking action to mitigate this demand and cover internally wherever possible.	Management are working with HR to improve and streamline recruitment processes. Strict monitoring and controls are in place to limit use of agency.
P20	Adult Services Total			59,699	29,345	59,868	169		

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Detailed Analysis of Budgets for Children's Services									
P21	Children's Services	1076	Children, Young People & Families	17,020	19,060	19,369	2,349	£2.3m pressure across the demand led budget areas. The majority of this pressure resulting from the cost of supporting Children and Young People in Residential care, Disabled Children and Unaccompanied Asylum Seeker Children (UASC). £1.9m demand led budget pressures, continuing from 22/23, due to ongoing increased demand and complexity of supporting our children and young people.	Detailed monitoring of UASC numbers and costs. Continued monitoring and scrutiny of High Risk Areas, predominantly demand led Budgets and Savings Targets.
P21	Children's Services	1077	Inclusion & Prevention	2,522	305	2,498	(25)	Salary savings.	Not applicable
P21	Children's Services	1078	Education Transformation	11,131	576	11,953	822	Main pressure £770,000 on Home to School Transport; primarily due to inflationary increases.	HTST process is being reviewed from end to end to ensure the most efficient and effective delivery of our statutory responsibility in a challenging market place; new Routing software being introduced. Longer term cost savings will be achieved when additional more local education placements are available as part of the Safety Value Project (SEN Recovery Plan).
P21	Children's Services	1079	Schools Budgets	(1,767)	(4,377)	(1,767)	0	Schools DSG (£ 6.9m over budget, plus an overspend of £13.45m carried forward from 2022/23) The DSG has a forecast overspend of £6.9m in 23/24 made up of significant pressures on SEND. The SEND pressures are estimated based on current pupils identified with Education, Health and Care (EHC) Plans of £8m however mitigating actions have identified £1.1m of savings. The local Authority has agreed with the DFE a Safety Valve Programme plan that will provide additional support and funding to the Local Authority to eradicate the deficit over a number of years. In 2022-23 the DFE provided an additional £7.68m of DSG funding to support the pressures in SEN and have committed to providing a further £11.54m over the next 6 years including £1.65m in 2023-24. Further work on opening the provision of local SEND places at schools in the area will help reduce the pressure and extensive analysis of the specific cost pressures is being conducted to look to reduce the overspend. Capital Bids for new free schools as part of a DFE programme have been successful for a new Special School and funding towards a new residential special school has also been agreed. A further bid for an Alternative provision school is in the pipeline and an outcome to this bid is expected shortly. These capital projects will result in significant additional provision locally that will ease the financial burden of utilising independent specialist provision. Any overspend on the DSG is currently ringfenced to the grant allocation and the Department for Education (DFE) have issued guidance to restrict the supporting of the pressures from council revenue funding. This ring fence has been extended by the DFE and the DCLG until March 2026.	Recovery Plan via Safety Valve Project, being monitored by Department for Education, alongside B&NES.
P21	Children's Services	1116	Integrated Commissioning - CYP	2,662	2,097	2,807	145	Increased contract costs to ensure statutory services are provided.	Review of all contract and departmental costs ongoing.
P21	Children's Services	1117	Safeguarding - CYP	85	(15)	84	(1)	No material variance	Not applicable
P21 Children's Services Total			31,654	17,647	34,944	3,290			
Detailed Analysis of Budgets for Highways									
P34	Highways	1103	Transport & Parking Services - Parking	(8,668)	(953)	(9,296)	(627)	Income levels for on street and off street parking are exceeding budget across the majority of locations (£417k). Combined with a number of vacancies within the service has led to a favourable movement.	Not applicable
P34	Highways	1104	Public & Passenger Transport	216	578	233	17	Pressures on staffing budgets across the service	Staffing levels being closely monitored and any savings will be forecast
P34	Highways	1129	Clean Air Zone	0	(1,072)	0	0	Income levels are slightly exceeding budgeted levels with entry charge income slightly down on original budgets but remaining fairly consistent, offset by increased levels of penalty charge notice income and recoveries through debt enforcement. Future budgets assume continuing trends, which at this point seem to be aligning close to forecast levels. Any overall shortfall should be covered by the New Burdens Principle.	Not applicable
P34	Highways	1133	Network & Traffic Management	750	386	702	(48)	Favourable movement across the service due to staff vacancies.	Not applicable
P34	Highways	1134	Highway Maintenance	6,394	406	6,428	34	Pressures on staffing budgets across the service.	Staffing levels being closely monitored and any savings will be forecast
P34 Highways Total			(1,308)	(655)	(1,933)	(624)			

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Detailed Analysis of Budgets for Neighbourhood Services									
P05	Neighbourhood Services	1089	Community Safety	194	277	200	6	No material variance	Not applicable
P05	Neighbourhood Services	1101	Neighbourhoods & Environment - Waste & Fleet Services	19,105	(146,185)	19,365	259	Pressures on staffing budgets across the service (£165k) Pressures on recycle income sales due to current market conditions.	Staffing levels being closely monitored and any savings will be forecast
P05	Neighbourhood Services	1102	Neighbourhoods & Environment - Parks & Bereavement Services	1,575	502	1,702	127	Pressures on staffing budgets across the service (£127k)	Staffing levels being closely monitored and any savings will be forecast
P05	Neighbourhood Services	1115	Registrars Service	(98)	(254)	(97)	1	No material variance	Not applicable
P05	Neighbourhood Services	1122	Customer Services (Including Libraries)	2,405	464	2,476	71	Vacancy saving not expected to be delivered	Both staffing and running costs will be monitored closely throughout the year to establish any opportunities to mitigate the current adverse variance forecast
P05	Neighbourhood Services	1139	Public Protection	1,107	118	1,111	5	No material variance	Not applicable
P05 Neighbourhood Services Total				24,289	(145,079)	24,756	468		
Detailed Analysis of Budgets for Built Environment and Sustainable Development									
P35	Built Environment and Sustainable Development	1029	Housing	1,441	(154)	1,462	21	No material variance	Not applicable
P35	Built Environment and Sustainable Development	1106	Development Management	1,208	1,706	1,321	113	Potential adverse position in 23/24 due to predicted underachievement of Planning income if this year follows the same pattern as last year.	To help recover the financial position, in year mitigations are planned including new income streams and vacancy management and an expected national increase to planning fees in the autumn.
P35	Built Environment and Sustainable Development	1138	Building Control	(39)	(46)	117	156	Pressures on Building Control and Land charges income due to current market conditions, slightly reduced due to a vacant post.	Limited scope to find savings within the service
P35 Built Environment and Sustainable Development Total				2,611	1,506	2,900	289		
Council Total				135,056	(78,092)	139,014	3,957		

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Neighbourhood Services					
Parks S106 Projects	Updates on projects funded mainly from s106 planning contributions include :- •Foxhill green space improvements - The second stage of consultation has now been completed on the masterplan for open spaces, play areas and allotments. The Council is progressing plans for additional allotment facilities, with new provision near the Mulberry Park Development and existing allotment expansion elsewhere. •Sullis Meadows - Negotiations between B&NES and Historic England continue for the necessary permissions for works including new footpaths and a play area refurbishment. •Projects are also continuing at Weston Rec and Brickfield (c/f pending £169k)	536	536	-	
Pixash Site Redevelopment	The new Reuse and Recycling Centre opened on 17th April 2023. Work on Phase 2 development of Depot Operations continues, with services programmed to relocation later in 2023/24. (c/f pending £4.238m)	16,963	16,963	-	
Resources					
Commercial Estate Refurbishment Programme	This programme of works is under regular review and prioritisation with the focus to ensure empty properties are refurbished ready for new tenant occupation. Preliminary works undertaken in 2022/23 should mean full delivery of 2023/24 programme. Commercial Property assets are historic and aging with a need for maintenance and refurbishment work that can be complex. For each asset included within the capital programme, an assessment is undertaken to ensure the investment in that asset delivers value for money and a return on that investment over a reasonable period on time. (c/f pending £4.197m)	4,297	4,297	-	
Property Company Investment - Council (Loan): Developments	Budget requirement for 2023/24 of £3m is predominately for the Local Authority Housing Fund and the remaining budget will be rolled forward into future years in line with indicative future loan requirements.	5,200	3,000	2,200	2,200
Economic & Cultural Sustainable Development					
Bath Quays North	Options to secure delivery continue to be pursued with the Councils development partner. Market risks from occupier interest and construction inflation have increased delivery risk. (c/f pending £1.813m)	13,972	13,972	-	
BWR Phase 2	The masterplan was developed by Aequus and outline planning application submitted. The majority of major gas network rationalisation works is complete and site remediation is on-going. The budget was increased for planned demolition in 2023/24 of a Council owned Pipe Bridge which is a life expired asset previously used for delivery of gas over the River Avon and is at high risk of failure, with removal needed for future site development. (c/f pending £1.903m)	4,730	4,730	-	
Corporate Estate Planned Maintenance	The annual programme of planned work to ensure continued compliance with statutory obligations is underway. Planned, preventative maintenance work scheduled for 2023/24 includes upgrades to the lifts in the care homes, resurfacing at Station Road Car Park Keynsham and improvements at several parks. Planning is already in progress for work to Victoria Art Gallery and the Colonnades near Pulteney Weir in Bath. (c/f pending £1.945m)	3,152	3,152	-	

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Somer Valley Enterprise Zone - Infrastructure	The statutory consultation for the Local Development Order (LDO) promoting the development of the SVEZ successfully concluded in February 2023. Responses to statutory consultee feedback are being developed. (c/f/ pending £282k)	100	100	-	
Keynsham High Street Renewal Programme	Phase 2 is underway and on target to deliver a masterplan, shopfront improvements and community engagement and Temple Street public realm improvements. Phase 1 is now complete with final remediation works on site in June 2023. (c/f pending £153k)	191	191	-	
Midsomer Norton High Street Renewal Programme	HAZ (High Street Action Zone) project works continues to budget. The Town Hall transformation project is on site with good progress being made, phase 1 completion is due in October 2023. Technical approval is underway for the new Town Square and the implementation of that programme of work is under review. (c/f pending £327k)	1,147	1,147	-	
Bath City Centre Renewal Programme	The Bath High Street Renewal programme is moving forward well with good progress against project milestones. We are currently procuring new "pattern book" benches to improve accessibility to the city centre. Public realm improvements to Kingsmead Street are in progress. (c/f pending £656k)	248	248	-	
Milsom Quarter Masterplan Delivery	We have accepted a £2.475m WECA grant to support the Milsom Quarter Masterplan Delivery, £808.5k capital funding and £1.6665m revenue funding. Programme governance, plans and resourcing are in place. Initial project work on the Fashion Museum, Public Realm and Broad Street Yards to identify project requirements is being carried out. Compliance works for the meanwhile uses at the Old Post Office are planned for summer 2023. (c/f pending £50k)	736	736	-	
Radstock Regeneration	Capital funding was approved for regeneration projects, a Changing Places toilet for Tom Huyton Park and towards the cost of retrofitting Trinity Church. This is an opportunity to improve Radstock Town Centre with provision of new facilities for the community.	330	330	-	
Children's Services					
Basic Needs - School Improvement / Expansion	Scheme Highlights are :- - St Keyna Primary - Expansion by one form entry to a 420 place school. A new 6 classroom block, kitchen extension and some remodelling existing accommodation to complete by October 2024. The new classroom block will be built to Passivhaus standard. Planning consent targeted for July 2023. Progressing to programme and budget. - Somervale School SEND Resource Base. £800k BN contribution to the project, funding fully approved. Council to deliver the project. Appointment of Design Team June 2023. Once Design Team appointed next steps are pre construction work on detailed design, tendering for contractor and planning application submission and determination. Anticipated to start on site July 2024 with completion achieved by May 2025. Build programme to be updated once contractor appointed. - Oldfield School - £250k allocated as a contribution for the Academy Trust to build a new design & technology block. Planning application has been submitted with a Target Decision Date of 26.06.23. (c/f pending of £2.381m)	3,807	3,807	-	
Schools Capital Maintenance Schemes	Schools Condition Grant is received for maintained schools that we as an LA are responsible for. Some budget is reserved for small urgent projects, including roof repairs at Newbridge Primary and maintenance to the caretaker's bungalow at St Martin's Garden Primary. Full condition surveys are being carried out over May/June to all to inform future priority schemes to take forward. (c/f pending £1.252m)	270	270	-	-
SEND (Special Education Needs & Disability) Capital Programme	The programme focus is currently on various feasibility studies for additional SEND placements to bring forward new proposals later in the year. (c/f pending £434k)	39	39	-	

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Special Education Needs & Disability (SEND) - Residential Provision at Bath College	Proposals for Bath College SEND residential provision continue to be developed, including an outline design and funding proposals for formal agreement to pursue this project. (c/f pending £25k)	-	-	-	-
Climate Emergency & Sustainable Travel					
Bath River Line	The Bath River Line will create a linear park following the River Avon from Batheaston to Newbridge. The first approved phase is the western section from Newbridge to Bath Quays. Procurement is under way for consultants and landscape contractors for this	1,437	1,437	-	
Cleeve Court and Combe Lea Heating Upgrades	These measures are part of a decarbonisation package for the two care homes following the Charlton House example. We were awarded £539k Public Sector Decarbonisation Scheme grant in February 2023 for air source heat pumps at two care homes which together with B&NES match funding gives total project value of £790k. There is expected to be an underspend following identification of early opportunities for value engineering. Work has commenced on site and the heat pumps have been ordered with expected arrival by July 2023.	772	772	-	
Highways					
City Centre Security - Highways Scheme	Protective measures including sliding/ static bollards in York Street were completed in May 2023. Works in Cheap Street and Hot Bath Street have now commenced with completion due in October 2023, with final works for Upper Borough Walls and Lower Borough Walls programmed thereafter. Costs pressures on contingency are continuing particularly for traffic management requirements. (c/f recovery £254k)	5,318	5,318	-	-
Clean Air Zone	The Clean Air Zone objective to be compliance with NO2 limit values is being achieved, with sign and camera infrastructure operational, bus retrofit schemes complete and the financial assistance scheme winding down. (c/f pending £580k)	1,099	1,099	-	
Highways Maintenance Block	Resurfacing programme already well underway and planning in place to deliver on all other projects in 2023/24 with the exception of the structures element (£0.75m) this has been delayed due to lack of resource and we are seeking to appoint a Project Manager to assist delivery. (c/f pending 492k)	8,626	8,626	-	-
Transport Improvement Programme	23/24 schemes are progressing with no issues identified at this stage. We are planning on delivering all schemes during 23/24. (c/f Pending £757k)	1,426	1,426	-	
Liveable Neighbourhoods	There are two themes within this programme, under which a number of interventions will be delivered. The first theme is a series of 8 Residential Parking Zones (RPZs), six of which are operational and the remaining two are due to be operational by the end of July 2023. Secondly, 15 Liveable Neighbourhoods (LNs) schemes are being advanced, including 3 no-through traffic restriction trials in Church Street, Widcombe, Southlands, Weston and Queen Charlton Lane, Queen Charlton. A full business case is being completed to access the allocated CRSTS funds from WECA to support delivery of these schemes. (c/f Pending £400k)	1,640	1,640	-	

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Built Environment & Sustainable Development					
Affordable Housing	The Council's contribution towards Pemberley Place extra care scheme with 72 units of affordable elderly persons accommodation has been delayed but is now expected to complete & be paid during Q2 of the 2023/24 financial year. (c/f pending £606k)	-	-	-	-
Supported Housing Scheme	Refurbishment of Crescent Garden Lodge and Westgate Street is completed. Theobald House refurbishment works are on course to complete for Summer 2023. (c/f pending £663k)	53	53	-	
Social Rent Programme	Scheme development work is taking place on several sites. Newbridge Road refurbishment completed during 2022/23 and a planning application has been submitted for a scheme for the former Argyle Works. An approval is in progress to add 6-8 Cottrell Court in the programme. The budget is being re-profiled into future financial years to reflect the planned programme of works on schemes. (c/f recovery £229k)	4,561	4,561	-	-
Local Authority Housing Fund (Ukrainian/Afghan homes)	The Council has accepted £3.04m of government Local Authority Housing Fund grant to obtain and refurbish property in order to provide sustainable housing for those unable to secure their own accommodation and are here under specific schemes for people from Ukraine and Afghanistan. This early stage approval of £250k is for initial technical design works required to support a planning application to repurpose the upper floors of three commercial properties and three vacant flats. Design work is proceeding.	250	250	-	

2023/24 Revenue Virements for INFORMATION

Appendix 3 (i)

REF NO	REASON / EXPLANATION	CABINET PORTFOLIO	TRANSFER FROM	Income	Expenditure	CABINET MEMBER	TRANSFER TO	Income	Expenditure	DESCRIPTION	ONGOING EFFECTS
			CASHLIM	(£'s)	(£'s)		CASHLIM	(£'s)	(£'s)		

The following virements have either been previously approved, are technical in nature or are below limits within BMS that require approval, and therefore are reported for information only.

INFO 23#01	Revenue Grants Unapplied Reserve	Resources	Balances (Earmarked Reserve)		4,030,857	Council Priorities & Delivery	Corporate Strategy & Communications		3,212,258	Technical accounting adjustment to fully recognise unconditional revenue grants in year of receipt, which were transferred into the Unapplied Revenue Grant reserve at 2022/23 year-end.	Budget virement is one- off.
						Resources	Corporate Budgets incl. Capital, Audit & Bank Charges	198,666			
						Built Environment & Sustainable Development	Housing		133,669		
						Children's Services	Children, Young People & Families		93,758		
							Integrated Commissioning - CYP		23,101		
							Inclusion & Prevention		235,504		
							Education Transformation		124,455		
						Climate Emergency & Sustainable Travel	Green Transformation		9,446		
INFO 23#02	Social Care Contingency	Resources	Corporate Budgets incl. Capital, Audit & Bank Charges		2,000,000	Children's Services	Children, Young People & Families		1,506,362	Distribution of corporately held Social Care contingency budget.	Budget virement is on- going.
							Education Transformation		493,638		
INFO 23#03	Voicebox Survey	Resources	Corporate Budgets incl. Capital, Audit & Bank Charges		15,000	Council Priorities & Delivery	Corporate Governance		15,000	Approved allocation from corporately held Revenue Contingency budget.	Budget virement is on- going.
INFO 23#04	Clear Review	Resources	Corporate Budgets incl. Capital, Audit & Bank Charges		51,700	Council Priorities & Delivery	Human Resources & Organisational Development		51,700	Approved allocation from corporately held Revenue Contingency budget.	Budget virement is one- off..
INFO 23#05	SACRE (Standing Advisory Council on Religious Education)	Resources	Corporate Budgets incl. Capital, Audit & Bank Charges		5,000	Children's Services	Education Transformation		5,000	Approved allocation from corporately held Revenue Contingency budget.	Budget virement is on- going.

<u>REF NO</u>	<u>REASON / EXPLANATION</u>	<u>CABINET PORTFOLIO</u>	<u>TRANSFER FROM</u>	<u>Income</u>	<u>Expenditure</u>	<u>CABINET MEMBER</u>	<u>TRANSFER TO</u>	<u>Income</u>	<u>Expenditure</u>	<u>DESCRIPTION</u>	<u>ONGOING EFFECTS</u>
			<u>CASHLIM</u>	<u>(£'s)</u>	<u>(£'s)</u>		<u>CASHLIM</u>	<u>(£'s)</u>	<u>(£'s)</u>		
INFO 23#06	Hybrid Mail	Resources	Information Technology		157,350	Economic & Cultural Sustainable Development	Corporate Estate Including R&M		157,350	Transfer of management of budget for Hybrid Mail, as approved by Chief Finance Officer & Director of Regeneration & Housing.	Budget virement is ongoing.
INFO 23#07	Western Gateway Subscription	Highways	Networks & Traffic Management		20,000	Climate Emergency & Sustainable Travel	Transport Strategy		20,000	Transfer between budget managers of responsibility for Western Gateway subscription.	Budget Virement is ongoing.
INFO 23#08	Children's Commissioning	Children's Services	Children, Young People & Families		36,000	Children's Services	Integrated Commissioning - CYP		36,000	Re-alignment of Commissioning budgets within Children's Services.	Budget Virement is ongoing.
INFO 23#09	Fairfield House	Adult Services	Adult Services		43,769	Economic & Cultural Sustainable Development	Corporate Estate Including R&M		43,769	Transfer of premises budget for Fairfield House from Adult Services following lease to Community Interest Company.	Budget Virement is ongoing.
OVERALL TOTALS				0	6,359,676			198,666	6,161,010		
					6,359,676				6,359,676		

Portfolio Cash Limits 2023/24 - Revenue Budget

Appendix 3(ii)

CABINET PORTFOLIO	Service	2023/24 Approved Budget	May 2023 Cabinet Portfolio Changes: Cash Limit Rebased	2023/24 Approved Budget - Rebased to New Portfolios	Technical Adjustments, below BMS limits or already agreed - shown for information	Total Virements for Approval	Jul'23 Revised Cash Limits
		£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000
Leader	World Heritage	120	(120)				
	Heritage Services	(8,233)	8,233				
	Visit Bath	76	(76)				
	Events & Active Lifestyles	273	(273)				
	Housing Delivery Vehicle		(1,000)	(1,000)			(1,000)
	Emergency Planning		581	581			581
	External Affairs & Partnerships						
	PORTFOLIO SUB TOTAL	(7,764)	7,345	(419)			(419)
Climate Emergency & Sustainable Travel	Environmental Monitoring (Air Pollution)	191		191			191
	Clean Air Zone						
	Transport Strategy	361		361	20		381
	Green Transformation	751		751	9		760
	PORTFOLIO SUB TOTAL	1,303		1,303	29		1,333
Council Priorities & Delivery (New)	Human Resources & Organisational Development		2,141	2,141	52		2,192
	Business Change		821	821			821
	Corporate Governance		1,754	1,754	15		1,769
	Corporate Strategy & Communications		1,037	1,037	3,212		4,249
	PORTFOLIO SUB TOTAL		5,752	5,752	3,279		9,031
Resources	Property Services	580	(580)				
	Corporate Estate Including R&M	4,588	(4,588)				
	Business Change	821	(821)				
	Human Resources & Organisational Development	2,141	(2,141)				
	Council Solicitor & Democratic Services	2,655		2,655			2,655
	Corporate Strategy & Communications	1,037	(1,037)				
	Finance	2,181		2,181			2,181
	Revenues & Benefits	1,879		1,879			1,879
	Risk & Assurance Services	1,284		1,284			1,284
	Procurement & Commissioning	313		313			313
	Corporate Governance	1,754	(1,754)				
	Information Technology	5,591		5,591	(157)		5,434
	Commercial Estate	(12,650)		(12,650)			(12,650)
	Housing Delivery Vehicle	(1,000)	1,000				
	Hsg / Council Tax Benefits Subsidy	(195)		(195)			(195)
	Capital Financing / Interest	4,789		4,789			4,789
	Unfunded Pensions	1,388		1,388			1,388
	Corporate Budgets incl. Capital, Audit & Bank Charges	(481)		(481)	(1,873)		(2,354)
	New Homes Bonus Grant	(425)		(425)			(425)
	Magistrates	12		12			12
	Coroners	450		450			450
	Environment Agency	258		258			258
	West of England Combined Authority Levy	5,194		5,194			5,194
	PORTFOLIO SUB TOTAL	22,162	(9,920)	12,242	(2,030)		10,211
Economic Development, Regeneration & Growth (Deleted)	Regeneration	(33)	33				
	Business & Skills	385	(385)				
	PORTFOLIO SUB TOTAL	352	(352)				
Economic & Cultural Sustainable Development (New)	Property Services		580	580			580
	Corporate Estate Including R&M		4,588	4,588	201		4,789
	Regeneration		(33)	(33)			(33)
	Business & Skills		385	385			385
	Heritage Services		(8,233)	(8,233)			(8,233)
	World Heritage		120	120			120
	Visit Bath		76	76			76
	Events & Active Lifestyles		273	273			273
	PORTFOLIO SUB TOTAL		(2,244)	(2,244)	201		(2,043)
Adult Services & Council House Building (Deleted)	Adult Services	59,337	(59,337)				
	Housing	1,307	(1,307)				
	PORTFOLIO SUB TOTAL	60,644	(60,644)				
Adult Services (New)	Adult Services		59,337	59,337	(44)		59,293
	Public Health						
	Adult Substance Misuse (Drug Action Team)		64	64			64
	Leisure		342	342			342
	PORTFOLIO SUB TOTAL		59,743	59,743	(44)		59,699

CABINET PORTFOLIO	Service	2023/24 Approved Budget	May 2023 Cabinet Portfolio Changes: Cash Limit Rebasing	2023/24 Approved Budget - Rebased to New Portfolios	Technical Adjustments, below BMS limits or already agreed - shown for information	Total Virements for Approval	Jul'23 Revised Cash Limits
		£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000
Children and Young People & Communities (Deleted)	Children, Young People & Families	15,456	(15,456)				
	Integrated Commissioning - CYP	2,603	(2,603)				
	Safeguarding - CYP	85	(85)				
	Inclusion & Prevention	2,287	(2,287)				
	Education Transformation	10,444	(10,444)				
	Schools Budget	(1,703)	1,703				
	Adult Substance Misuse (Drug Action Team)	64	(64)				
	Public Health						
	Customer Services (including Libraries)	2,405	(2,405)				
	Leisure	342	(342)				
	Community Safety	194	(194)				
	PORTFOLIO SUB TOTAL	32,177	(32,177)				
Children's Services (New)	Children, Young People & Families		15,456	15,456	1,564		17,020
	Integrated Commissioning - CYP		2,603	2,603	59		2,662
	Safeguarding - CYP		85	85			85
	Inclusion & Prevention		2,287	2,287	236		2,522
	Education Transformation		10,444	10,444	623		11,067
	Schools' Budget		(1,703)	(1,703)			(1,703)
	PORTFOLIO SUB TOTAL		29,172	29,172	2,482		31,654
Highways (New)	Transport & Parking Services - Parking		(8,668)	(8,668)			(8,668)
	Transport & Parking Services - Public & Passenger Transport		216	216			216
	Network & Traffic Management		770	770	(20)		750
	Highway Maintenance		6,394	6,394			6,394
	Clean Air Zone						
	PORTFOLIO SUB TOTAL		(1,288)	(1,288)	(20)		(1,308)
Neighbourhood Services	Neighbourhoods & Environment - Waste & Fleet Services	19,105		19,105			19,105
	Neighbourhoods & Environment - Parks & Bereavement Services	1,575		1,575			1,575
	Highway Maintenance	6,394	(6,394)				
	Customer Services (including Libraries)		2,405	2,405			2,405
	Public Protection		1,107	1,107			1,107
	Community Safety		194	194			194
	Registrars Service		(98)	(98)			(98)
	PORTFOLIO SUB TOTAL	26,977	(2,688)	24,289			24,289
Transport (Deleted)	Network & Traffic Management	770	(770)				
	Transport & Parking Services - Parking	(8,668)	8,668				
	Transport & Parking Services - Public & Passenger Transport	216	(216)				
	Emergency Planning	581	(581)				
	PORTFOLIO SUB TOTAL	(7,102)	7,102				
Planning & Licensing (Deleted)	Building Control & Public Protection	1,068	(1,068)				
	Development Management	1,208	(1,208)				
	PORTFOLIO SUB TOTAL	2,276	(2,276)				
Built Environment & Sustainable Development (New)	Building Control		(39)	(39)			(39)
	Development Management		1,208	1,208			1,208
	Housing		1,307	1,307	134		1,441
	PORTFOLIO SUB TOTAL		2,477	2,477	134		2,611
	NET BUDGET	131,026		131,026	4,031		135,056

Sources of Funding

Council Tax	113,474		113,474			113,474
Retained Business Rates	19,254		19,254			19,254
Collection Fund Deficit (-) or Surplus (+)	5,442		5,442			5,442
Transfers (to) / from Reserves	(7,145)		(7,145)	4,031		(3,114)
TOTAL FUNDING	131,026		131,026	4,031		135,056

Capital Virements Apr-Jun - Additions & Reductions 2023/24
Appendix 4 (i)

REF NO	REASON / EXPLANATION	TRANSFER / FUNDING FROM	Income (£'s)	Expenditure (£'s)	TRANSFER TO	Income (£'s)	Expenditure (£'s)	Notes
CAP2223#001	Highways Maintenance Block	WECA grant	791,962		Highways		791,962	Officer Delegated Decision by the Director of Place on 28/04/2023 for £792k for allocation of Pothole Funding Grant 2023/24.
CAP2223#002	Parks S106 Projects	s106	-13,710		Neighbourhood Services		-13,710	Revisited the use of Open Space allocations and identified the YourPark (revenue) project as a better fit with S106 terms.
CAP2223#003	Basic Needs - School Improvement / Expansion	s106	-10,000		Children's Services		-10,000	Re-alignment of S106 money for St Nicolas Primary Bridge to support revenue rather than capital spend.
Total			768,252				768,252	

Capital Virements - Additions & Reductions Future Years

THERE ARE NO FUTURE YEARS ADJUSTMENTS IN Q1 23/24

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Capital Scheme	Total Approved Budget 2023/24	Feb-Mar Virements	Apr-Jun Virements	Revised Budget at July 2023 Cabinet	Re-phasing Request at July 2023 Cabinet	Budget after July 2023 Cabinet
Full Approval						
Resources						
Agresso System Development & Upgrade	37	0	0	37	-1	36
Capital Contingency	0	0	0	0	2,735	2,735
Cleveland Pools Grant	48	0	0	48	6	54
Commercial Estate Refurbishment Programme	3,797	500	0	4,297	4,197	8,494
Customer Payments Security and Channel shift	0	0	0	0	18	18
Flax Bourton Mortuary Extension	0	0	0	0	175	175
Flexible Use of Capital Receipts (Transformation)	2,911	0	0	2,911	338	3,249
IT Asset Refresh	670	0	0	670	22	692
Keynsham Memorial Park Bridge	431	0	0	431	220	651
Keynsham Regeneration & New Build	0	0	0	0	68	68
Office Reconfiguration Costs (project - Preparing for the future)	0	0	0	0	135	135
Orange Grove	607	0	0	607	33	639
Preparing for the Future - New Technology	0	0	0	0	64	64
Property Company Investment - Council (Loan): Developments	5,200	0	0	5,200	0	5,200
Property Disposals (Disposals Programme (Minor))	228	0	0	228	86	313
Saw Close RIF Repayment	0	0	0	0	19	19
Subtotal Full Approval - Resources	13,928	500	0	14,428	8,114	22,542
Full Approval						
Economic & Cultural Sustainable Development						
Bath City Centre Renewal Programme	248	0	0	248	656	904
Bath Quays North	13,972	0	0	13,972	1,813	15,785
Bath Quays South	0	0	0	0	649	649
BWR Phase 2	5,433	-703	0	4,730	1,903	6,633
Carrswood Day Centre Roof	0	0	0	0	44	44
Corporate Estate Planned Maintenance	3,384	-232	0	3,152	1,945	5,097
Corporate Property Acquisition	40	0	0	40	168	208
Digital B&NES	0	0	0	0	200	200
Equality Act Works	70	0	0	70	10	80
Grand Parade & Undercroft	117	0	0	117	0	117
Haycombe Cemetery Top Chapel Refurbishment	0	100	0	100	-2	98
Heritage Collections Centre	0	459	0	459	0	459
Heritage Infrastructure Development	65	0	0	65	37	101
Heritage Services Retail System	100	0	0	100	0	100
Innovation Quay - Strategic Flooding Solution	73	120	0	193	57	251
Keynsham High Street Renewal Programme	191	0	0	191	153	344
Local Centres Renewal Programme	35	0	0	35	9	44
Major Projects NRR Infrastructure - HCA	30	0	0	30	21	51
Midsomer Norton High Street Renewal Programme	842	305	0	1,147	327	1,474
Milsom Quarter Masterplan Delivery	736	0	0	736	50	785
North Keynsham SDL - External Fees	535	0	0	535	5	540
Radstock and Westfield Implementation Plan	0	0	0	0	3	3
Radstock Healthy Living Centre	0	0	0	0	298	298
Radstock Regeneration	0	330	0	330	0	330
Somer Valley Enterprise Zone - Infrastructure	100	0	0	100	282	382
York Street Vaults Phase 2	50	0	0	50	-3	47
Subtotal Full Approval - Economic & Cultural Sustainable Development	26,020	379	0	26,399	8,626	35,025
Full Approval						
Leader						
Bath Area Forum - CIL Funded Schemes - Approved	0	174	0	174	292	467
Subtotal Full Approval - Leader	0	174	0	174	292	467

Capital Scheme	Total Approved Budget 2023/24	Feb-Mar Virements	Apr-Jun Virements	Revised Budget at July 2023 Cabinet	Re-phasing Request at July 2023 Cabinet	Budget after July 2023 Cabinet
Full Approval						
Climate Emergency & Sustainable Travel						
Active Travel Prescribing Project	0	53	0	53	92	145
Bath River Line	0	1,437	0	1,437	1	1,438
Bathscape	174	0	0	174	20	194
Canal Tow Path: Bathwick Hill to Deeplock, Widcombe	0	0	0	0	94	94
Cleeve Court and Combe Lea Heating Upgrades	0	772	0	772	0	772
Clutton Depot Solar Panels	79	0	0	79	0	79
Cycling and Walking Design and Business Case	0	509	0	509	231	740
Renewable energy in B&NES	67	0	0	67	0	67
Somer Valley Rediscovered	187	0	0	187	12	199
Waterspace Connected	87	0	0	87	0	87
Subtotal Full Approval - Climate Emergency & Sustainable Travel	594	2,770	0	3,364	449	3,814
Full Approval						
Built Environment & Housing Sustainable Development						
Affordable Housing	0	0	0	0	606	606
Englishcombe Lane Supported Housing	220	0	0	220	71	291
Housing Delivery Vehicle/ Schemes (Capital Disposals ADL)	500	0	0	500	79	579
Local Authority Housing Fund (Ukrainian/Afghan homes)	0	250	0	250	0	250
Next Steps Accommodation Programme	0	0	0	0	5	5
Social Rent Programme	4,561	0	0	4,561	-229	4,331
Supported Housing Scheme	197	-144	0	53	663	716
Subtotal Full Approval - Built Environment & Sustainable Development	5,478	106	0	5,584	1,196	6,780
Full Approval						
Adult Services						
Community Resource Centre Capital Investment	0	0	0	0	41	41
Community Resource Centre Equipment Replacement	105	0	0	105	0	105
Disabled Facilities Grant	1,980	0	0	1,980	172	2,152
Subtotal Full Approval - Adult Services	2,085	0	0	2,085	213	2,298
Full Approval						
Children's Services						
Basic Needs - School Improvement / Expansion	3,817	0	-10	3,807	2,381	6,189
Schools Capital Maintenance Schemes	270	0	0	270	1,252	1,522
Schools Devolved Capital	0	0	0	0	165	165
SEND (Special Education Needs & Disability) Capital Programme	39	0	0	39	434	472
Southside Youth Centre	0	0	0	0	-12	-12
Special Education Needs & Disability (SEND) - Residential Provision at Bath College	0	0	0	0	25	25
Subtotal Full Approval - Children's Services	4,126	0	-10	4,116	4,245	8,361

Capital Scheme	Total Approved Budget 2023/24	Feb-Mar Virements	Apr-Jun Virements	Revised Budget at July 2023 Cabinet	Re-phasing Request at July 2023 Cabinet	Budget after July 2023 Cabinet
Full Approval						
Neighbourhood Services						
Air Quality Management Area and AQ Monitors	0	0	0	0	4	4
Alice Park - Skate Park	0	0	0	0	9	9
Bath Christmas Market	20	0	0	20	13	33
Beechen Cliff Woodland & Other Small Projects	0	0	0	0	2	2
CCTV Camera Replacement	0	33	0	33	28	61
CIL – Library Hublets	0	0	0	0	13	13
Cleveland Bridge Refurbishment	0	0	0	0	374	374
Emergency Response Equipment	12	0	0	12	0	12
Haycombe Crematorium	0	0	0	0	9	9
Improvements at Victoria Park, Bath	51	0	0	51	-7	44
Keynsham Memorial Park	203	0	0	203	33	236
Leisure - Council Client / Contingency	0	0	0	0	26	26
Leisure Facility Modernisation - Keynsham Sports Centre	0	0	0	0	157	157
Neighbourhood Services - Asset & Vehicle Replacement Programme	1,247	204	0	1,451	830	2,282
Odd Down Sports Ground and Other Leisure Feasibility	0	0	0	0	56	56
Parks Equipment Replacement Programme	0	0	0	0	-1	-1
Parks S106 Projects	550	0	-14	536	169	705
Pay & Display Machines - New Coin Acceptance	0	530	0	530	0	530
Pixash Site Redevelopment	16,963	0	0	16,963	4,238	21,202
Play Area Refurbishment / Equipment	164	0	0	164	59	222
Property Improvement – Bath Library	0	0	0	0	9	9
Tree Planting	0	0	0	0	11	11
Waste Depot Relocation	0	0	0	0	260	260
Waste Infrastructure Modernisation	600	0	0	600	133	733
Waste service Re-Design	31	0	0	31	58	89
Waste Welfare Facilities	0	0	0	0	55	55
Subtotal Full Approval - Neighbourhood Services	19,840	768	-14	20,594	6,537	27,132
Full Approval						
Highways						
ANPR Enforcement Camera Replacement	109	0	0	109	1	110
City Centre Security - Highways Scheme	5,318	0	0	5,318	-254	5,064
Clean Air Zone	1,099	0	0	1,099	580	1,679
Highways Maintenance Block	7,834	0	792	8,626	492	9,118
Liveable Neighbourhoods	0	1,640	0	1,640	400	2,040
London Road Modification	51	0	0	51	0	51
Manvers Street Remediation	0	0	0	0	662	662
Office for Low Emission Vehicles (OLEV) Bid -GULW	0	0	0	0	379	379
Transport Improvement Programme	1,404	21	0	1,426	757	2,183
Subtotal Full Approval - Highways	15,816	1,661	792	18,269	3,017	21,286
TOTAL CAPITAL SCHEME BUDGET	87,887	6,359	768	95,014	32,690	127,704

Sources of Funding						
Grants	19,003	2,541	792	22,336	6,033	28,369
Council Support including Borrowing & Capital Receipts	63,622	2,786	0	66,408	22,521	88,929
S106	714	435	-24	1,125	1,537	2,663
CIL	1,665	533	0	2,198	1,900	4,099
3rd Party	2,523	50	0	2,573	360	2,933
Revenue	360	14	0	374	338	711
Total Sources of Funding	87,887	6,359	768	95,014	32,690	127,704

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