

ANNEX B TO ITEM **10**

COMMENTARY ON DIRECTORATE VARIANCES

Movements from P11 forecast

Children and Young People's Services

Net General Fund overspend of £3,887k [£334k to end P7; £3,553k post-P7].

Service area	General Fund variance £'000	DSG variance £'000	Narrative
Variance to P7	334	n/a	
Variance P8-P11	457	n/a	
Variance at P11	791	(464)	
Children's Social Care - VFM	495		GF: VFM allocation not made £495k
External Placements	136		GF: Backdated invoices for Additional Placements £136k
Home To School Transport	(121)		GF: Correction of previous error in forecasting overspend £(121k)
School Specific Contingency		(246)	DSG: Refunds of NNDR for Foundation and VA schools returned to contingency, plus requirement for Gatehouse previously overestimated £(246k)
Social Care Training	(135)		GF: Additional underspend £(135k) . [Carry forward of £70k requested].
Giles Brook School	(107)		GF: Costs incurred on Giles Brook School totally funded by grant £(107k)
Property Support Team	117		GF: Salaries could not be charged to capital, therefore moved to revenue £117k
Radcliffe Project	1,812		GF: Abortive capital costs written off to revenue £1,812k
Radcliffe School deficit	966		GF: Radcliffe School deficit now represents a significant risk to the Council £966k
Budget rollovers	178		GF: See paragraph 3.6 of main report £178k
Other General Fund	(245)		GF: Significant smaller variance movements include Social Care agency staff £88k; Home To College Transport £(80k); Children's Social Care legal advice £(76k);
Other DSG		(6)	DSG: No individual movement larger than £45k
Carry forward of DSG		716	DSG: DSG surplus carried forward £716k
OUTTURN VARIANCE	3,887	0	

Learning, Leisure and Culture

Net General Fund overspend of £1,089k [*£(5k) underspend to end P7; £1,094k post-P7*].

Service area	General Fund variance £'000	Narrative
Variance to P7	(5)	
Variance P8-P11	25	
Variance at P11	20	
Pension Strain – former Group Director and PA	180	Accrual required for pension strain £180k
MK Theatre Grant	(122)	Ongoing grant to Theatre ceased mid-year £(122k)
Radcliffe Project	730	Abortive project capital costs written off to revenue £730k
Other	281	Significant smaller movements include Adult & Community Education Service £69k and Cultural Grant Aid £62k
OUTTURN VARIANCE	1,089	

Environment (excluding Architecture MK)

Net overspend of £21k [*£526k to end P7; £(505k) post-P7*].

Service area	Variance £'000	Narrative
Variance to P7	526	
Variance P8-P11	(779)	
Variance at P11	(253)	
Strategic Management	123	Movement largely arises from revision to Access MK outturn
Administration Buildings	(188)	Realisation of savings on Insurance £(100k) and Security recharges £(65k)
Development Control	118	Recognition of additional professional services costs including legal fees.
Building Control	120	Energy Management overspend £75k ; additional BDP £23k
Traffic & Transportation	371	Shortfall in carparking income £257k ; Additional costs of traffic schemes and cycling facilities £90k ; Other movements £24k
Waste & Energy Management	(213)	£(213k) net movement after taking account of Waste Project cfwd as per paragraph 3.6
Streetcare – Trading Organisations	(367)	Improved trading positions relative to P11.
Other	310	Various smaller service area movements
TOTAL VARIANCE	21	

Architecture MK

Net overspend of £1,812k [£954k to end P7; £858k post-P7].

Service area	Variance £'000	Narrative
Variance to P7	954	
Variance P8-P11	389	
Variance at P11	1,343	
Architecture (MK)	471	Further costs processed and fees agreed since P11
Development & Design Management	(2)	Not material
TOTAL VARIANCE	1,812	

Neighbourhood Services

Net underspend of £(986k) [£(355k) to end P7; £(631k) post-P7].

Service area	Variance £'000	Narrative
Variance to P7	(355)	
Variance P8-P11	(832)	
Variance at P11	(1,187)	
Directorate Management	59	Additional Pension Strain £40k , plus miscellaneous net other £19k
Head of Adult Social Care	222	AIDS Support Grant – cfwd of grant £76k ; JV rolled over per paragraph 3.7 £50k ; various smaller items £96k
Learning Disability	(332)	Increased underspend on External Living Support £(328k) ; various smaller items £(4k) .
Other	252	Aggregate smaller service area movements, including Radcliffe IEB carry forward £46k and SEN Review carry- forward £62k
TOTAL VARIANCE	(986)	

Strategy, Governance and Performance

Net underspend of £(586k) [£191k to end P7; £(777k) post-P7].

Service area	Variance £'000	Narrative
Variance to P7	191	
Variance P8-P11	(318)	
Variance at P11	(127)	
Strategic Finance	(427)	Removal of GRIR balance post-P11 £(241k) ; unspent contingency £(110k) ; unpresented cheques written back £(76k)
Human Resources	19	Unused Corporate Training budgets £(164k) ; carry forwards per paragraph 3.6 £183k .
Other	(51)	Various smaller service area movements
TOTAL VARIANCE	(586)	

Housing Benefits and Council Tax

Net underspend of £(999k) [£(425k) to end P7; £(574k) post-P7].

Service area	Variance £'000	Narrative
Variance to P7	(425)	
Variance P8-P11	86	
Variance at P11	(339)	
Rent allowances	(59)	Improvement in recovery percentage since P11
Council tax	(104)	Additional 1.04% recovery rate due to overpayments
Overpayments recovered	(493)	Overpayments recovered from sundry debtors for rent rebates and rent allowances, not previously in forecast
Other	(4)	
TOTAL VARIANCE	(999)	