

Summary Directorate Variances

Community Wellbeing

The Community Wellbeing Directorate is currently forecast to be overspent by £2.268 million.

Community Wellbeing	2023/24 Revised Budget £ million	2023/24 Year-end Forecast £ million	2023/24 Variance £ million
Communications & Customer Services	1.466	1.223	(0.242)
Community Services	3.998	3.937	(0.061)
Environmental Services	10.799	11.924	1.125
Housing Services	1.900	3.391	1.491
North Downs Housing	0.003	(0.041)	(0.045)
Total Community Wellbeing	18.167	20.435	2.268

The key variances are detailed below.

Service Area	Forecast Variance £ million	Explanation
Communications & Customer Services	(0.242)	Saving is mainly due to an underspend on staffing because of vacant posts across the service area.
Community Services	(0.061)	There is an overachievement of income from the help on hand service, from previous periods in addition to a saving on salaries and unbudgeted grant income received.
Environmental Services	1.125	Fleet Management are forecasting to overspend by £0.435 million due to vehicle hire, overtime and material costs. This has moved favourably since month 10 by £0.168 million due to costs being apportioned to services. The crematorium has increased

		costs on asset maintenance due to breakdowns. Both Domestic refuse and recycling and garden waste are forecasting overspends mostly due to increased staffing costs. Street Cleaning and Amenity Horticulture are forecasting a favourable variance due to vacant posts from failed recruitment.
Housing Services	1.491	Building Maintenance is forecasting an overspend of £1.651 million due to the rising costs of materials, labour and staffing costs. Woking Road Depot stores are forecasting an overspend due to use of casuals and reduced income. This is offset by an underspend on staff in housing surveying in addition to increased recharges to capital and projects. Within homelessness the service are monitoring potential homelessness due to the closing of some venues.

Place Directorate

The Place Directorate is currently forecast to be underspent by £0.211 million

Place	2023/24 Revised Budget £ million	2023/24 Year-end Forecast £ million	2023/24 Variance £ million
Assets and Property	(7.397)	(7.956)	(0.559)
Planning & Development	1.351	2.167	0.817
Regeneration & Planning Policy	1.893	1.589	(0.305)
Regulatory Services	1.618	1.453	(0.164)
Total Place	(2.535)	(2.746)	(0.211)

The key variances are detailed below.

Service Area	Forecast Variance £ million	Explanation
Assets and Property	(0.559)	The asset maintenance forecast is adjusted to show an underspent of £0.884 million in the service as expenditure is incurred and forecast across other services (total anticipated overspend £0.304 million). There are salary savings due to vacancies. Investment Property rental income is expected to be considerably lower following a review. Vacant units and higher building maintenance costs at Old Millmead have resulted in an overspend. Woking Road Facilities Management is overspent on equipment, staffing and building maintenance.
Planning & Development	0.817	There is a significant forecasted overspend on consultants and additional agency staff for appeals and planning applications which has been partially offset by vacancies and a transfer from reserves. Planning fees will be under budget by £504,000 in part due to the suspension of pre-application charges but largely due to a significant decrease in planning application fee income. The income from land charges will under achieve due to a downturn in the housing market.
Regeneration & Planning Policy	(0.305)	A favourable forecast due to underspends on major projects, recharges to capital and planned savings and vacancies held to support current financial situation
Regulatory services	(0.164)	Increase income from the Air Quality Active Travel Grant as well as higher

		than expected taxi licence fees this year.
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Transformation & Governance Directorate

The Transformation & Governance Directorate is currently forecasting to be underspent by £1.042 million.

Transformation & Governance	2023/24 Revised Budget £ million	2023/24 Year-end Forecast £ million	2023/24 Variance £ million
Commercial Services	1.667	0.963	(0.704)
Finance	1.540	0.860	(0.680)
Corporate Management	1.964	1.919	(0.044)
Unallocated Costs	3.106	3.345	0.239
Legal & Democratic Services	0.815	0.646	(0.168)
Organisational Development	0.192	0.207	0.015
Total Transformation & Governance	9.284	7.940	(1.342)

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Service Area	Forecast Variance £ million	Explanation
Commercial Services	(0.704)	Overachievement of car park income due to increased usage and increased PCN income. Building control is forecasting an overspend due to unachieved income targets and additional agency costs. Leisure Management is forecasting an overspend due to reduced income from utilities cost recovery.
Corporate Management	(0.044)	Forecast underspend due to savings on staffing from to vacant posts and

		consultancy which has been offset by additional costs of external Audit.
Finance	(0.680)	The forecast underspend is due to Housing benefits where grant due to be received is above the budgeted amount in addition to savings on staffing costs.
Unallocated Costs	0.239	Overspend is due to transfer to reserves for items identified within the budget report for 2024/25 offset by the unused inflationary increase.