



2022/23 Financial Update

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Introduction

Cheshire East Council is the third largest Council in the Northwest of England, supporting over 398,000 local people with annual spending of over £470m.

Local government is going through a period of financial challenges, with a combination of the impact of increasing demand for services and rising costs due to inflation. There is also increasing uncertainty associated with income from business rates and government grants.

Demand for Council services is increasing, with more individuals and families needing support and services than ever before. This reflects an increase in population but also reflects changes in demographics and the national cost of living increases. This demand is resulting in forecast outturn of £336.0m against a net revenue budget of £328.3m, with the most significant impact within the rising complexity of needs in Adult Social Care.

When the 2022/23 budget was set, in February 2022, it was highlighted that the use of reserves was not sustainable in the medium term. Net spending therefore needs to be contained within the estimates of expenditure that form the budget. Early in the year forecasts highlighted pressures due to demand, inflation and pay negotiations. The pressures affecting the medium term finances of the Council have been addressed as part of the MTFS process for 2023 to 2027.

To support openness and transparency, and provide evidence of strong governance, the report has a main section, to provide background and context, and then seven supporting appendices with detailed information about allocation and management of public money during 2022/23:

The **Financial Stability** section provides information on the overall financial stability and resilience of the Council. It demonstrates how spending in 2022/23 is being funded, including the positions on overall service budgets, centrally held budgets, council tax and business rates. Further details are contained in the appendices.

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2022/23 Outturn Forecast - Financial Position

2022/23	Revised Budget	Forecast Outturn	Forecast Variance	For further information please see the following sections
(GROSS Revenue Budget £474.2m)	(NET) £m	£m	£m	
SERVICE DIRECTORATES				
Adults, Health and Integration	121.1	130.0	8.9	Appendix 1 Section 2
Children's Services	74.2	77.7	3.5	Appendix 2 Section 2
Place	81.8	83.7	1.9	Appendix 4, 5 & 7 Section 2
Corporate Services	40.6	41.0	0.4	Appendix 3 Section 2
CENTRAL BUDGETS				
Capital Financing	19.0	19.0	-	Appendix 6 Section 5
Transfer to/(from) Earmarked Reserves	(3.2)	(9.2)	(6.0)	Appendix 6 Section 6
Transfer from MTFS Earmarked Reserve	-	-	-	Appendix 6 Section 6
Corporate Contributions / Central Budgets	(5.2)	(6.2)	(1.0)	Appendix 6 Section 2
TOTAL NET EXPENDITURE	328.3	336.0	7.7	
Business Rates Retention Scheme	(49.1)	(49.1)	-	Section 1 - Paragraphs 21-24
Specific Grants	(24.5)	(24.5)	-	Appendix 6 Section 3
Council Tax	(254.7)	(254.7)	-	Section 1 - Paragraphs 10-20
Net Funding	(328.3)	(328.3)	-	
NET (SURPLUS) / DEFICIT	-	7.7	7.7	

Financial Stability

Introduction

1. The Council has a track record of sound financial management. Nevertheless, in common with all UK local authorities the Council finds itself in a position where pressures on the revenue budget are intensifying as a result of rapid inflation, the legacy impact of the Coronavirus pandemic and increasing cost of living pressure on households. These issues have the effect of increasing the demand for services and increasing costs of services.
 2. Complexity and market sustainability in Adults' and Children's Social Care remains the most significant financial pressure for the Council in the medium term. Rising inflation in fuel, utilities and wage levels are affecting costs across all services.
 3. In December a forecast outturn of £8.7m net overspend was reported at the Corporate Policy Committee (The full report can be found [Agenda for Corporate Policy Committee on Monday, 1 December, 2022, 10.00 am, Item 10 | Cheshire East Council](#)).
 4. The outturn position is now forecast to be an overspend of £7.7m due to the following changes since the second review:
 - Increased care commitments, within Adults, Health and Integration, are being offset by income, for example, from direct payment reimbursements and external grants. This results in no net change to the forecast.
 - The Children and Families Directorate forecast has improved by -£0.5m. Additional costs of home to school transport from increasing SEND demand, fuel costs and contract costs is being offset by charging additional amounts to transformation costs to capital receipts and additional underspending in Strong Start from holding vacancies. This forecast assumes that £1.6m of resettlement funding will be applied to costs incurred in 2022/23. Pressure remains on the DSG high needs block as a result of the growth in the number of pupils with an education, health and care plan. The Council holds an unusable reserve to manage DSG balances without impacting on the Council's General Reserves. The balance on the DSG reserve is forecast to be at least £45.6m deficit as at 31 March 2023.
- Environment and Neighbourhood Services forecast pressures have changed by £1.2m. Environmental services operational costs of £1.3m are partially offset by lower premises costs, and vacancies within the Planning service which will not be filled before the year end.
 - Growth and Enterprise forecast has improved by -£1.0m. Cost reduction in Estates of £0.3m due to deferral of some non-essential maintenance work. £0.5m due to release of reserve for the ELENA project and £0.2m grant received relating to Reopening High Streets Safely.
 - Highways and Infrastructure forecast has improved by -£0.7m. Continuing high levels of income is contributing a further £0.5m in 2022/23, costs of the Ringway Jacobs contract are predicted to be £0.2m lower than budget.
 - Increase in the forecast overspend within the Transactional Service Centre due to additional temporary staff in recruitment and pay, external consultants costs (Agyllis), and additional Governance and Support staff

costs. Fall in the underspend being forecast by Customer Services due to test and trace final grant income no longer being received, and back pay costs for staff regrades in the newly formed Continuous Improvements team (£0.4m).

- Confirmation of new burdens funding within the Elections Service and lower than previously forecast electoral registrations costs (-£0.2m).
 - Improvement within ICT due to the use of capital reserve for laptop replacement and an improved revenue contracts forecast decreasing the ICT Strategy overspend (-£0.2m).
 - No change in forecast for Central Budgets.
5. This forecast may be subject to variation in the final quarter, as budget managers will continue to take robust actions to control costs and reduce non-essential expenditure to improve this position further.
6. Individual pressures identified above are reflected in the MTFS for 2023/24 to 2026/27. Any betterment to the forecast outturn position should be utilised to replenish reserves in line with the priority of the Corporate Plan.

Table 1 - Service Revenue Outturn Forecasts

2022/23	Revised Budget	Forecast Outturn	Forecast Variance
(GROSS Revenue Budget £474.2m)	(NET)		
	£m	£m	£m
SERVICE DIRECTORATES			
Adult Social Care - Operations	117.5	126.1	8.6
Commissioning	3.6	3.9	0.3
Public Health	-	-	-
Adults and Health Committee	121.1	130.0	8.9
Directorate	1.0	0.6	(0.4)
Children's Social Care	47.0	49.5	2.5
Strong Start, Family Help and Integration	7.7	6.0	(1.7)
Education & 14-19 Skills	18.5	21.6	3.1
Children and Families Committee	74.2	77.7	3.5
Directorate	0.8	0.7	(0.1)
Growth & Enterprise	22.8	22.1	(0.7)
Economy and Growth Committee	23.6	22.8	(0.8)
Environment & Neighbourhood Services	44.4	47.3	2.9
Environment and Communities Committee	44.4	47.3	2.9
Highways & Infrastructure	13.8	13.6	(0.2)
Highways and Transport Committee	13.8	13.6	(0.2)
Directorate	1.4	1.3	(0.1)
Finance & Customer Services	12.5	13.1	0.6
Governance & Compliance Services	11.9	11.3	(0.6)
Communications	0.7	0.7	-
HR	2.4	2.2	(0.2)
ICT	9.8	10.5	0.7
Policy & Change	1.9	1.9	-
Corporate Policy Committee	40.6	41.0	0.4
TOTAL SERVICES NET EXPENDITURE	317.7	332.4	14.7
CENTRAL BUDGETS			
Capital Financing	19.0	19.0	-
Transfer to/(from) Earmarked Reserves	(3.2)	(9.2)	(6.0)
Corporate Contributions / Central Budgets	(5.2)	(6.2)	(1.0)
Finance Sub-Committee - Central Budgets	10.6	3.6	(7.0)
TOTAL NET EXPENDITURE	328.3	336.0	7.7
Business Rates Retention Scheme	(49.1)	(49.1)	-
Specific Grants	(24.5)	(24.5)	-
Council Tax	(254.7)	(254.7)	-
Finance Sub-Committee - Net Funding	(328.3)	(328.3)	-
NET (SURPLUS) / DEFICIT	-	7.7	7.7

Outturn Impact

7. It is planned that £5.2m will be used from the MTFs reserve to mitigate the overspend. The residual impact on General Reserves would be a reduction of £2.5m, decreasing the forecast closing balance of £14.9m to a potential closing balance of £12.4m, which is aligned to the risk assessed level of reserves for the 2023/24 Budget.
8. The Council will continue to manage and review the financial forecasts in response to emerging pressures and how this affects the Council's revenue budget.

Collecting Local Taxes for Local Expenditure

9. Cheshire East Council collects Council Tax and Non Domestic Rates for use locally and nationally.

Council Tax

10. Council tax is set locally and retained for spending locally. Council tax was set for 2022/23 at £1,626.24 for a Band D property. This is applied to the taxbase.
11. The taxbase for Cheshire East reflects the equivalent number of domestic properties in Band D that the Council is able to collect council tax from (after adjustments for relevant discounts, exemptions and an element of non-collection). The taxbase for 2022/23 was agreed at 156,607.48 which, when multiplied by the Band D charge, means that the expected income for the year is £254.7m.
12. In addition to this, Cheshire East Council collects council tax on behalf of the Cheshire Police and Crime Commissioner, the Cheshire Fire Authority and Parish Councils. **Table 3** shows these amounts separately, giving a total budgeted collectable amount of £313.8m.

13. This figure is based on the assumption that the Council will collect at least 99% of the amount billed. The Council will always pursue 100% collection, however to allow for non-collection the amount billed will therefore exceed the budget.
14. This figure may also vary during the year to take account of changes to Council Tax Support payments, the granting of discounts and exemptions, and changes in numbers and value of properties. The amount billed to date is £315.6m.

Table 3 – Cheshire East Council collects Council Tax on behalf of other precepting authorities

	£m
Cheshire East Council	254.7
Cheshire Police and Crime Commissioner	36.9
Cheshire Fire Authority	12.9
Town and Parish Councils	9.3
Total	313.8

15. **Table 4** shows collection rates within three years, and demonstrates that 99% collection is on target to be achieved within this period.

Table 4 – 99% of Council Tax is collected in three years

Financial Year	CEC Cumulative			
	2018/19	2019/20	2020/21	2021/22
	%	%	%	%
After 1 year	98.2	97.9	97.4	97.8
After 2 years	99.0	98.8	98.3	**
After 3 years	99.2	98.9	**	**

**data not yet available

16. The council tax in-year collection rate for the period up to the end of December 2022 is 82.9%. This is a small decrease of 0.5% on the previous year, indicating current cost of living pressures. Facilities are in place for residents to extend payments where needed and staff are engaging with residents who need additional support.
17. Council tax support payments were budgeted at £18.4m for 2022/23 and at the end of December the total council tax support awarded was £18.7m.
18. During 2021/22 there was a consultation and review of the Council Tax Support scheme resulting in some amendments being made. The revised scheme was confirmed by full Council in December 2021.
19. Council tax discounts awarded are £29m which is a slight increase in comparison to the same period in 2021/22. A small increase is attributable to work related to raising awareness of the discounts available to residents.
20. Council tax exemptions awarded is £7.7m which although broadly in line with previous years shows a slight increase due to reasons shown at 19.

Non-Domestic Rates (NDR)

21. NDR is collected from businesses in Cheshire East based on commercial rateable property values and a nationally set multiplier. The multiplier changes annually in line with inflation and takes account of the costs of small business rate relief.
22. The small business multiplier applied to businesses which qualify for the small business relief was set at 49.9p in

2022/23. The non-domestic multiplier was set at 51.2p in the pound for 2022/23.

23. **Table 5** demonstrates how collection continues to improve even after year end. The table shows how over 99% of non-domestic rates are collected within three years.
24. The business rates in-year collection rate for the period up to the end of December 2022 is 80.8%. This is a significant increase on last year and begins to revert collection rates back to pre-pandemic figures. A return to standard collection processes and government support through additional reliefs has assisted the recovery in collection.

Table 5 – Over 99% of Business Rates are collected within three years

Financial Year	CEC Cumulative			
	2018/19	2019/20	2020/21	2021/22
	%	%	%	%
After 1 year	98.5	98.2	92.4	95.6
After 2 years	99.4	98.4	97.4	**
After 3 years	99.4	99.2	**	**

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Appendix 1

Adults and Health Committee

1. Changes to Revenue Budget 2022/23 since Financial Review Update

	Second review Net Budget £000	Additional Grant Funding £000	Restructuring & Realignments £000	Revised Net Budget £000
Adults and Health				
Adult Social Care Operations	117,515	-	-	117,515
Commissioning	3,389	-	249	3,638
Public Health	-	-	-	-
	120,904	-	249	121,153

2. Corporate Grants Register

Table 1 – Corporate Grants Register

Corporate Grants Register	National Allocation 2022/23 £m	Revised Forecast 2022/23 £000
SPECIFIC USE (Held within Services)		
Adults and Health Committee⁽¹⁾		
Additional Better Care (for Adult Social Care)	2,039.256	8,706
Market Sustainability and Fair Cost of Care Fund	162.000	979
Market Sustainability and Fair Cost of Care Fund - topup	not available	0
Implementation support grant	15.467	98
Trailblazer support funding	0.805	162
Early assessment funding allocation Part 1	2.127	585
Discharge Fund	3,000	1,200
Multiply - Supported Employment	not available	462
Supported Internship Grant	not available	14
Syrian Resettlement Programme - brought forward	not available	39
Afghan Wrap Around support - brought forward	not available	146
Afghan Resettlement support - brought forward	not available	263
Homes for Ukraine Scheme	not available	9,450
Private Finance Initiative (PFI) credits	not available	4,125
Journey First and Parents First (originally provided by the European Social Fund but now DWP)	not available	2,500
COVID-19 Shielding Grant for the Clinically Extremely Vulnerable Cohort - brought forward	not available	485
COVID-19 Emergency Assistance Grant for Food & Essential Supplies - brought forward	not available	40
Total		29,254

Corporate Grants Register	National Allocation 2022/23 £m	Revised Forecast 2022/23 £000
SPECIFIC USE (Held within Services)		
Adults and Health Committee - Public Health		
Public Health Grant	3,417.400	17,405
CHAMPS TTCE contact tracer staff - ICT Workforce: Contract Extension Funding	not available	149
COVID-19 COMF & T&T - brought forward	not available	5,341
DHSC Additional drug and alcohol treatment funding allocations: 2022 to 2023	101.200	347
North West Probation Service funding for SMS rehabilitative and resettlement interventions	not available	77
CHAMPS Marmot Place Funding - encourage pregnant women to stop smoking	not available	21
CHAMPS SMS - inpatient detox	9.740	30
CHAMPS Mouth Care Matters programme - to be confirmed	not available	10
Total		23,380
GENERAL PURPOSE (Held Corporately)		
Adults and Health Committee		
Social Care Support Grant	2,346.368	11,341
Independent Living Fund	160.600	861
Local Reform & Community Voices	34.410	213
Social Care in Prisons	10.950	71
War Pension Scheme Disregard	12.000	56
Total		12,542
Total Adults and Health Committee		65,176

3.1 Cheshire East Council receives two main types of Government grants; specific use grants and general purpose grants. Specific use grants are held within the relevant service with a corresponding expenditure budget. Whereas general purpose grants are held in central budgets with a corresponding expenditure budget within the allocated service area.

3.2 Spending in relation to specific use grants must be in line with the purpose for which it is provided.

3.3 **Table 2** shows additional grant allocations that have been received over £1m that Council will be asked to approve.

3.4 **Table 3** shows additional grant allocations that have been received which are £500,000 or less and are for noting only.

Table 2 – Note that Council will be asked to Approve Supplementary Revenue Estimates of Additional Grant Funding (Specific Purpose) over £1m

Committee	Type of Grant	£000	Details
Adults and Health	Discharge Fund	3,754	<p>The aim of the grant is to provide patients with faster access to emergency treatment by freeing up hospital beds through quicker discharge, which will also help reduce ambulance handover times. Local authorities and Integrated Care Boards (ICBs) will work together to agree on spending across their regions, introducing tailored solutions which speed up discharge and benefit patients in their area.</p> <p>£300 million will be given to ICBs to improve bed capacity and £200 million for local authorities to bolster the social care workforce, increasing capacity to take on more patients from hospitals.</p> <p>All of the Cheshire East Place money is coming to the Council and is being managed through the Better Care Fund.</p>
Total Specific Purpose Allocation for Council Approval		3,754	

Table 3 – Note Delegated Decision - Supplementary Revenue Estimate Requests for Allocation of Additional Grant Funding (Specific Use) £500,000 or less

Committee	Type of Grant	£000	Details
Adults and Health	Shared Prosperity Fund. Multiply - Supported Employment	462	Multiply is a specific part of the Government's Shared Prosperity Fund. The Multiply element is specifically and only for numeracy courses for people aged 19 and over. UK Shared Prosperity Fund: prospectus - GOV.UK (www.gov.uk)
Adults and Health	North West Probation Service funding for SMS rehabilitative and resettlement interventions	77	Funding from the NWPS to enhance the existing Substance Misuse Service within Public Health.
Adults and Health	Supported Internship Grant	14	This grant is to support all Local Authorities to access, establish and/or develop SEND employment forums to improve the provision of Supported Internships across the country. Supported internships - GOV.UK (www.gov.uk)
Total Specific Purpose Allocations less than £500,000		553	

3. Debt Management

	Debt £000	months old £000
Adults and Health Committee		
Adults, Public Health and Communities	10,862	6,010
	10,862	6,010

4. Capital Strategy

Adults and Health													CAPITAL
CAPITAL PROGRAMME 2023/24 - 2026/27													
Scheme Description	Forecast Expenditure							Forecast Funding					Total Funding £000
	Prior Years £000	Revised Budget 2022/23 £000	Forecast Budget 2023/24 £000	Forecast Budget 2024/25 £000	Forecast Budget 2025/26 £000	Forecast Budget 2026/27 £000	Total Forecast Budget 2023/27 £000	Grants £000	External Contributions £000	Revenue Contributions £000	Capital Receipts £000	Prudential Borrowing £000	
Committed Schemes													
Adult Social Care													
Electronic Call Monitoring System	0	0	389	0	0	0	389	0	0	389	0	0	389
People Planner System	38	1	55	0	0	0	56	56	0	0	0	0	56
Replacement Care4CE Devices	65	0	28	0	0	0	28	28	0	0	0	0	28
Total Adults Social Care Schemes	103	1	472	0	0	0	473	84	0	389	0	0	473

5. Reserves Strategy

Adults and Health Committee

Name of Reserve	Opening Balance 1st April 2022 £000	Forecast Movement in Reserves 2022/23 £000	Forecast Closing Balance 31st March 2023 £000	Notes
Adult Social Care Operations				
Adults Directorate	1,020	(450)	570	To support a number of widespread projects within the Adults and Health Directorate. Connected Community Strategy Developments activity has been delayed due to community team focussing on resettlement schemes. Transformation and Improvement of ASC and Care4ce New Model of Care anticipate phasing of appropriation will match the original business case.
DOL's Assessments	397	(397)	0	Reserve required due to delays in DOLs assessment processing. Anticipated to be fully utilised in 2022/23.
Public Health (LAC funding for 3 years/ Investment in Outcome 5 activities - Adults)	162	(162)	0	Reserve will be fully utilised by the end of 2022/23, matched off against LAC staff as per the original business case.
Adults Social Care Commissioning				
PFI Equalisation - Extra Care Housing	2,715	80	2,795	Surplus grant set aside to meet future payments on existing PFI contract which commenced in January 2009, and the anticipated gap at the end of the agreement.
NHB Community Grants Staffing	132	0	132	To support administrative staffing costs in relation to Central Government's New Homes Bonus guidance for community projects.
Public Health				
Public Health Reserve	3,220	(1,347)	1,873	Ring-fenced underspend to be invested in areas to improve performance against key targets. Including the creation of an innovation fund to support partners to deliver initiatives that tackle key health issues. Anticipated that the carry forward ringfenced grant will be spent across 2022/23 to 2025/26.
ADULTS AND HEALTH TOTAL	7,646	(2,276)	5,370	

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	Second review Net Budget £000	Additional Grant Funding £000	Restructuring & Realignments £000	Revised Net Budget £000
Children and Families				
Directorate	1,006	-	-	1,006
Children's Social Care	47,023	-	-	47,023
Education & 14-19 Skills	18,541	-	-	18,541
Strong Start, Family Help and Integration (Previously Prevention & Early Help)	7,936	-	(249)	7,687
	74,506	-	(249)	74,257

2. Corporate Grants Register

Table 1 – Corporate Grants Register

Corporate Grants Register	National Allocation 2022/23 £m	Revised Forecast 2022/23 £000
SPECIFIC USE (Held within Services)		
Children and Families Committee - Schools		
Dedicated Schools Grant		331,867
Less Academy Recoupment		189,061
Dedicated Schools Grant (Cheshire East)	53,651.489	142,806
Pupil Premium Grant	2,683.555	4,500
Sixth Forms Grant	not available	2,729
Universal Infant Free School Meals (UIFSM)	not available	1,732
Primary Physical Education Sports Grant	324.111	981
Teachers Pay Grant	not available	12
Teachers Pension Grant	not available	99
COVID-19 Recovery Premium	not available	447
School Led Tutoring Grant	not available	279
School Improvement Monitoring & Brokering Grant	not available	98
Milk Subsidy	not available	18
Schools Supplementary Grant	not available	2,072
Senior Mental Health Lead Training Grant	not available	5
Newly Qualified Teachers (Education Recovery 5% Time off Timetable)	not available	58
Delivering Better Value in SEND	not available	45
COVID-19 Workforce Fund	not available	22
Apprentice Incentive Scheme	not available	1
Digital Education Platform	not available	1
Mass Testing	not available	9
Vaccination funding	not available	9
Total		155,923

Corporate Grants Register	National Allocation 2022/23 £m	Revised Forecast 2022/23 £000
Children and Families Committee		
Asylum Seekers	not available	1,411
Tackling Troubled Families (Payments by Results)	not available	238
Supporting Families PBR Upfront Grant	not available	719
Reducing Parental Conflict Grant	not available	36
Adoption Support Fund	not available	36
KS2 Moderation & Phonics	not available	11
NHS Cheshire CCG Grant to fund CEIAS Services	not available	26
Skills & Lifelong Learning	not available	903
Remand Grant	not available	75
Domestic Abuse Safe Accommodation Housing Grant	124.998	650
Holiday Activities & Food Grant Programme	201.100	879
Extension of the Role of Virtual School Heads to children with a social worker Implementation	not available	118
Homes for Ukraine, education and childcare elements	not available	1,508
Household Support Fund	not available	4,408
Hong Kong UK Welcome Programme (British Nationals)	not available	14
Early Years Professional Development programme	not available	21
Early Years - Experts and Mentors Programme	not available	2
Family Hubs Transformation Funding	not available	335
Total		11,390
GENERAL PURPOSE (Held Corporately)		
Children and Families Committee		
Social Care Support Grant	not available	0
Staying Put Implementation Grant	99.834	130
Extended Rights to Free Transport (Home to School Transport)	43.311	250
Extended Personal Adviser Duty Implementation	12.118	57
Extension of the role of Virtual School Heads	not available	61
Total		498
Total Children and Families Committee		167,811

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Committee	Type of Grant	£000	Details
Children and Families	Homes for Ukraine, education and childcare elements	1,270	This grant is from the Education & Skills Funding Agency. Funding to provide education and childcare services for children who have entered England via the Homes for Ukraine scheme 2022 to 2023. Grant conditions .
Total Specific Purpose Allocation for Council Approval		1,270	

Table 3 – Note Delegated Decision - Supplementary Revenue Estimate Requests for Allocation of Additional Grant Funding (Specific Use) £500,000 or less

Committee	Type of Grant	£000	Details
Children and Families	Teachers Pay Grant	12	The teachers' pay grant (TPG) provides funding for schools to support teachers' pay awards. Local authorities must follow the terms and conditions set out in the conditions of grant. Teachers' pay grant: allocations for 2022 to 2023 financial year - GOV.UK (www.gov.uk)
Children and Families	Teachers Pension Grant	99	The teachers' pension employer contribution grant (TPECG) supports schools and local authorities with the cost of the increase in employer contributions to the teachers' pension scheme. Local authorities must follow the terms and conditions set out in the conditions of grant. Teachers' pension grant: 2022 to 2023 allocations - GOV.UK (www.gov.uk)
Children and Families	School Improvement Monitoring & Brokering Grant	3	The grant is allocated to local authorities to allow them to continue to monitor performance of maintained schools, broker school improvement provision, and intervene as appropriate. School improvement monitoring and brokering grant allocations - GOV.UK (www.gov.uk)
Children and Families	Reducing Parental Conflict Grant	36	The grant is to support local authorities to further embed support to address parental conflict in their area, to improve outcomes for children. Reducing Parental Conflict programme and resources - GOV.UK (www.gov.uk)
Children and Families	Early Years - Experts and Mentors Programme	2	The experts and mentors programme supports private, voluntary or independent (PVI) nursery settings, maintained nursery schools and school-based nurseries. Early years experts and mentors programme - GOV.UK (www.gov.uk)
Total Specific Purpose Allocations less than £500,000		152	

3. Debt Management

	Debt £000	months old £000
Children and Families Committee		
Children's Social Care (Incl. Directorate)	6	1
Education and 14-19 Skills	44	16
Strong Start, Family Help and Integration	24	-
Schools	(5)	-
	69	17

4. Capital Strategy

Children and Families										CAPITAL				
CAPITAL PROGRAMME 2023/24-2026/27														
Scheme Description		Forecast Expenditure							Forecast Funding					
	Total							Total						
	Approved Budget £000	Prior Years £000	Forecast Budget 2022/23 £000	Forecast Budget 2023/24 £000	Forecast Budget 2024/25 £000	Forecast Budget 2025/26 £000	Forecast Budget 2026/27 £000	Forecast Budget 2022/27 £000	Grants £000	External Contributions £000	Revenue Contributions £000	Capital Receipts £000	Prudential Borrowing £000	Total Funding £000
Committed Schemes														
Childrens Social Care														
Foster Carers Capacity Scheme	635	349	0	286	0	0	0	286	0	0	0	0	286	286
Crewe Youth Zone	4,200	323	360	2,159	1,358	0	0	3,877	1,677	0	0	0	2,200	3,877
Children's Home Sufficiency Scheme	2,100	0	100	2,000	0	0	0	2,100	0	0	0	0	2,100	2,100
Total Children's Social Care	6,935	672	460	4,445	1,358	0	0	6,263	1,677	0	0	0	4,586	6,263
Strong Start, Family Help & Integration														
Early Years Sufficiency Capital Fund	1,036	913	0	123	0	0	0	123	123	0	0	0	0	123
Total Strong Start, Family Help & Integration	1,036	913	0	123	0	0	0	123	123	0	0	0	0	123
Education and 14-19 Skills														
Adelaide Academy	784	34	5	550	195	0	0	750	580	0	0	0	170	750
Basic Need Grant Allocation	7,319	11	0	2,500	4,808	0	0	7,308	7,308	0	0	0	0	7,308
Congleton Planning Area	5,034	44	50	3,940	1,000	0	0	4,990	2,593	2,397	0	0	0	4,990
Congleton Planning Area - Primary (1)	2,200	0	0	500	1,700	0	0	2,200	1,000	1,200	0	0	0	2,200
Congleton Planning Area - Primary (2)	625	0	100	525	0	0	0	625	625	0	0	0	0	625
Congleton Planning Area - Primary (3)	7,500	0	0	250	1,500	5,750	0	7,500	4,300	3,200	0	0	0	7,500
Devolved Formula Capital	1,330	0	0	350	340	330	310	1,330	1,330	0	0	0	0	1,330
Handforth Planning Area - New School	13,000	0	0	0	500	8,500	4,000	13,000	136	12,864	0	0	0	13,000
Holmes Chapel Planning Area	3,625	770	10	2,845	0	0	0	2,855	2,480	375	0	0	0	2,855
Macclesfield Planning Area - Secondary	4,084	1,106	0	1,500	1,478	0	0	2,978	2,978	0	0	0	0	2,978
Macclesfield Planning Area - Secondary New	600	0	100	0	500	0	0	600	600	0	0	0	0	600
Macclesfield Planning Area - New School	4,000	0	0	0	0	2,000	2,000	4,000		4,000	0	0	0	4,000
Mobberley Primary School	900	0	50	850	0	0	0	900	600	0	0	300	0	900
Nantwich Planning Area (Primary)	7,780	104	200	4,800	2,676	0	0	7,676	4,487	3,189	0	0	0	7,676
Nantwich Planning Area (Secondary)	700	0	0	700	0	0	0	700	700	0	0	0	0	700
Provision of Sufficient School Places - SEND	6,044	16	0	5,028	1,000	0	0	6,028	500	0	0	0	5,528	6,028
Resource Provision - Wistaston	1,400	0	0	1,400	0	0	0	1,400	1,100	0	0	0	300	1,400
Sandbach Planning Area - Primary	3,683	0	0	2,000	1,683	0	0	3,683	3,173	510	0	0	0	3,683
Sandbach Planning Area (secondary - 300 places)	41	3	0	38	0	0	0	38	38	0	0	0	0	38
School Condition Capital Grant	8,868	0	0	2,868	2,000	2,000	2,000	8,868	8,868	0	0	0	0	8,868

Children and Families

CAPITAL

CAPITAL PROGRAMME 2023/24-2026/27

Scheme Description	Total Approved Budget £000	Forecast Expenditure							Forecast Funding					Total Funding £000
		Prior Years £000	Forecast Budget 2022/23 £000	Forecast Budget 2023/24 £000	Forecast Budget 2024/25 £000	Forecast Budget 2025/26 £000	Forecast Budget 2026/27 £000	Total Forecast Budget 2022/27 £000	Grants £000	External Contributions £000	Revenue Contributions £000	Capital Receipts £000	Prudential Borrowing £000	
Committed Schemes														
Sen/High Needs Grant Allocation	2,483	47	46	1,195	1,195	0	0	2,436	2,436	0	0	0	0	2,436
Shavington Planning Area - Primary	8,000	0	10	500	5,114	2,376	0	8,000	5,640	2,360	0	0	0	8,000
Shavington Planning Area - secondary	3,500	70	100	1,773	1,557	0	0	3,430	3,430	0	0	0	0	3,430
Springfield Satellite Site (Dean Row)	6,100	91	50	5,459	500	0	0	6,009	5,209	0	0	0	800	6,009
The Dingle Primary School Expansion	1,385	0	10	990	385	0	0	1,385	1,385	0	0	0	0	1,385
Wilmslow High School BN	13,944	1,658	1,050	7,950	3,286	0	0	12,286	9,551	2,687	0	0	48	12,286
Wilmslow Primary Planning Area	626	1	0	0	625	0	0	625	125	500	0	0	0	625
										0	0	0	0	
Total Education & 14-19 Skills	115,557	3,957	1,781	48,511	32,042	20,956	8,310	111,600	71,171	33,283	0	300	6,846	111,600
														0
Total Committed Schemes	123,527	5,541	2,241	53,079	33,400	20,956	8,310	117,986	72,971	33,283	0	300	11,432	117,986
New Schemes														
Education and 14-19 Skills														
Poynton Planning Area	1,500	0	0	750	750	0	0	1,500	697	803	0	0	0	1,500
Total New Schemes	1,500	0	0	750	750	0	0	1,500	697	803	0	0	0	1,500
Total Children and Families Schemes	125,027	5,541	2,241	53,829	34,150	20,956	8,310	119,486	73,668	34,086	0	300	11,432	119,486

5. Reserves Strategy

Children and Families Committee

Name of Reserve	Opening Balance 1st April 2022 £000	Forecast Movement in Reserves 2022/23 £000	Forecast Closing Balance 31st March 2023 £000	Notes
Directorate				
Childrens Directorate - Transformation Funding	1,079	(365)	714	Expectation of £200k for CSC Court and Care Planning Service Proposals plus £65k for CSC New Beginnings.
Childrens Directorate - C&F ED	422	(68)	354	Potentially reducing this reserve to assist with in year mitigations of £100k. Estimated spend of £30k transport review, £50k Chess review and £30k catering review.
Childrens Social Care				
Domestic Abuse Partnership	112	(61)	51	To sustain preventative services to vulnerable people as a result of partnership funding. This is the current budgeted position, however updates will be provided on future reviews. Service will need to consider in year deficit as this would not be sustainable in 2023/24 based on current assumptions.
Education and 14-19 Skills				
Skills and Lifelong Learning	30	(30)	0	To support adult learning, training and improving skills for the workplace. Need to review likelihood of use in 2022/23.
School Organisation & Capital Service	16	(16)	0	Springfield lease of £28.5k per annum will be a pressure in 2022/23.
SSIF Nexus Programme	9	(9)	0	Reserve drawdown has now been actioned and allocated to School Improvement to continue to support schools with high disadvantaged learners - agreed with CWAC.
Strong Start, Family Help and Integration				
Troubled Fams Initiative	2,215	(375)	1,840	Crewe Youth Zone and ACT have been assigned funding from shared outcomes of the Supporting Families Programme.
Emotional Healthy Schools	71	(71)	0	Funding by partners to deliver service.
Public Sector Transformation – contribution to Early Youth Inclusion Fund	57	(57)	0	Intention to use reserve for in-year mitigation in 2022/23
Complex Dependencies	21	(21)	0	Intention to use reserve for in-year mitigation in 2022/23
CHILDREN AND FAMILIES TOTAL	4,032	(1,073)	2,959	

- 6.1 The Dedicated Schools Grant (DSG) is ring-fenced funding received for: schools; high needs / special educational needs; and early years provision. In recent years there has been a pressure on the DSG high needs block where funding has not kept pace with the increasing numbers and cost of children with an education, health and care plan. This has created a deficit DSG reserve balance which is held in an unusable reserve. The DSG reserve deficit is forecast to be £45.6m at the end of the year. This is in line with the budget gap as determined the Council's DSG Management Plan that was approved by Children and Families Committee in September

2022 and set out the planned expenditure and income on high needs over the medium term.

Table 3 – DSG Deficit

	£m
DSG – Forecast in-year pressure	19.9
DSG – Deficit Balance B/F	25.7
DSG Deficit Balance at 31 March 2023	45.6

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Corporate Policy Committee

1. Changes to Revenue Budget 2022/23 since Financial Review Update

	Second review Net Budget £000	Additional Grant Funding £000	Restructuring & Realignments £000	Revised Net Budget £000
Corporate Policy				
Directorate	1,400	-	(5)	1,395
Finance & Customer Services	12,116	-	400	12,516
Governance and Compliance Services	11,799	-	123	11,922
HR	2,423	-	-	2,423
ICT	9,443	-	309	9,752
Communications	673	-	-	673
Policy and Change	1,918	-	-	1,918
	39,772	-	827	40,599

2. Corporate Grants Register

Table 1 – Corporate Grants Register

Corporate Grants Register	National Allocation 2022/23 £m	Revised Forecast 2022/23 £000
SPECIFIC USE (Held within Services)		
Corporate Policy Committee		
Housing Benefit Subsidy	not available	52,676
Discretionary Housing Payments Grant	98.000	349
Housing Benefit (HB) Award Accuracy Initiative	11.417	31
LADS - VEP (RTI) funding	10.900	29
New Burdens: Universal Credit, maintenance & natural migration	not available	8
LADS - New Burdens - Welfare Reform Changes (S4/2022)	19.500	64
LADS - New Burdens - Supported & Temporary Accommodation Change Request	not available	2
LADS - New Burdens - Supported & Temporary Accommodation	not available	5
LADS - New Burdens - Single Housing Benefit Extract Automation	not available	5
Incapacity Benefit Reassessment (S5/2022)	0.478	2
Council Tax Rebate Scheme - New Burdens on Account Payment	28.047	450
Council Tax Energy Rebate Scheme	3,069.445	19,852
Business Rates Grant NB	not available	19
Democratic Services:	not available	
Police and Crime Commissioner's Panel grant	not available	65
Electoral Integrity Programme - New Burdens	7.478	69
Total		73,626

Corporate Grants Register	National Allocation 2022/23 £m	Revised Forecast 2022/23 £000
GENERAL PURPOSE (Held Corporately)		
Corporate Policy Committee		
Housing Benefit Administration Subsidy	163.721	736
Council Tax Support Administration Subsidy	69.000	344
Unidentified Ministry of Justice Grant	not available	9
NNDR Administration Allowance	not available	587
Council Tax Family Annexe Discount	7.422	25
Revenue Support Grant	1,672.058	7
New Homes Bonus	556.003	6,614
Lower Tier Services Grant	111.000	360
Services Grant	822.000	2,932
Business Rates Reliefs Grant	4,076.389	13,890
Total		25,504
Total Corporate Policy Committee		99,130

3.1 Cheshire East Council receives two main types of Government grants; specific use grants and general purpose grants. Specific use grants are held within the relevant service with a corresponding expenditure budget. Whereas general purpose grants are held in central budgets with a corresponding expenditure budget within the allocated service area.

3.2 Spending in relation to specific use grants must be in line with the purpose for which it is provided.

3.3 **Table 2** shows additional grant allocations that have been received over £1m that Council will be asked to approve.

3.4 **Table 3** shows additional grant allocations that have been received which are £500,000 or less and are for noting only.

Table 2 – Note that Council will be asked to Approve Supplementary Revenue Estimates of Additional Grant Funding (Specific Purpose) over £1m

Committee	Type of Grant	£000	Details
Corporate Policy	Housing Benefit Subsidy	4,071	Increase on MTFS 2022-26 estimate. This grant is from the Department for Work and Pensions. Payment of claims administration within Housing Benefits. Housing Benefit for local authorities: subsidy circulars - GOV.UK (www.gov.uk)
Corporate Policy	Energy Bills Support Scheme Alternative Funding	2,089	Funding provided to be distributed to Cheshire East residents qualifying to receive Alternative Fuel grants in accordance with Government guidance.
Total Specific Purpose Allocations over £1,000,000		6,160	

Table 3 – Note - Supplementary Revenue Estimate Requests for Allocation of Additional Grant Funding (General Purpose) over £500,000 up to £1,000,000

Committee	Type of Grant	£000	Details
Finance Sub-Committee (Corporate Policy to Note)	Council Tax Support Fund	521	This grant is provided Council Tax Reduction Scheme (CTRS) claimants plus discretionary scheme Council Tax Support Fund guidance - GOV.UK (www.gov.uk)
Total General Purpose Allocations over £500,000 up to £1,000,000		521	

Table 4 – Note Delegated Decision - Supplementary Revenue Estimate Requests for Allocation of Additional Grant Funding (Specific Use) £500,000 or less

Committee	Type of Grant	£000	Details
Corporate Policy	Council Tax Rebate Scheme - New Burdens on Account Payment	280	New Burden grant relating to the additional costs resulting from administration of support for energy bills - the council tax rebate 2022-23. Support for energy bills - the council tax rebate 2022-23: billing authority guidance - GOV.UK (www.gov.uk)
Corporate Policy	Business Rates Grants - New Burdens	19	The balance of new burdens funding for administering business rates grants.
Total Specific Purpose Allocations less than £500,000		299	

3. Debt Management

	Debt £000	months old £000
Corporate Policy Committee		
Finance and Customer Services	113	47
Governance and Compliance	3	-
Human Resources	(1)	-
ICT	18	-
	133	47

4. Capital Strategy

Corporate Policy														CAPITAL
CAPITAL PROGRAMME 2023/24 - 2026/27														
Scheme Description	Total Approved Budget	Forecast Expenditure						Total Forecast Budget 2023/27 £000	Forecast Funding					Total Funding £000
		Prior Years £000	Revised Budget 2022/23 £000	Forecast Budget 2023/24 £000	Forecast Budget 2024/25 £000	Forecast Budget 2025/26 £000	Forecast Budget 2026/27 £000		Grants £000	External Contributions £000	Revenue Contributions £000	Capital Receipts £000	Prudential Borrowing £000	
Committed Schemes														
ICT Services														
Care Act Phase 2	2,648	0	510	1,100	1,038	0	0	2,648	0	0	0	0	2,648	2,648
Digital Customer - Delivery Programme Phase 1	250	79	49	122	0	0	0	171	0	0	0	0	171	171
Digital Customer Enablement	2,874	33	967	1,400	474	0	0	2,841	0	0	0	0	2,841	2,841
ICT Device Replacement	120	75	381	0	0	0	0	381	0	0	381	0	0	381
Info' Assurance And Data Mgmt	5,324	0	1533	1,941	1,850	0	0	5,324	0	0	0	626	4,698	5,324
Infrastructure Investment(IIP)	7,773	0	2434	1,869	1,656	1814	0	7,773	0	0	0	0	7,773	7,773
Unified Communications Project	1,206	651	555	0	0	0	0	555	0	0	0	0	555	555
Vendor Management	1,006	730	276	0	0	0	0	276	0	0	0	0	276	276
Total ICT Services Schemes	21,201	1,568	6,705	6,432	5,018	1,814	0	19,969	0	0	381	626	18,962	19,969
Finance & Customer Services														
Core Financials	3,948	0	1,746	741	720	741	0	3,948	0	500	0	13	3,435	3,948
Strategic Capital Projects	12,349	0	535	4,727	4,000	3,087	0	12,349	0	0	0	0	12,349	12,349
Total Finance & Customer Services Schemes	16,297	0	2,281	5,468	4,720	3,828	0	16,297	0	500	0	13	15,784	16,297
Total Committed Schemes	37,498	1,568	8,986	11,900	9,738	5,642	0	36,266	0	500	381	639	34,746	36,266
New Schemes														
ICT Services														
Vendor Management - Phase 2	320	0	19	0	0	151	150	320	0	0	0	150	170	320
Total ICT Services New Schemes	320	0	19	0	0	151	150	320	0	0	0	150	170	320
Total Corporate Policy Schemes	37,818	1,568	9,005	11,900	9,738	5,793	150	36,586	0	500	381	789	34,916	36,586

5. Reserves Strategy

Corporate Policy Committee

Name of Reserve	Opening Balance 1st April 2022 £000	Forecast Movement in Reserves 2022/23 £000	Forecast Closing Balance 31st March 2023 £000	Notes
Directorate				
Corporate Directorate	1,868	(381)	1,487	To support a number of widespread projects within the Corporate Directorate.
Finance and Customer Services				
Collection Fund Management *	27,424	(13,840)	13,584	To manage cash flow implications as part of the Business Rates Retention Scheme. Includes liabilities that will not be paid until future years.
Financing Reserve - Capital Financing Budget *	6,511	1,500	8,011	
Financing Reserve - Corporate Capital Projects	925	(400)	525	
Financing Reserve - People Capital Projects	573	(150)	423	To provide for financing of capital schemes, other projects and initiatives.
Financing Reserve - Place Capital Projects	1,520	(250)	1,270	
MTFS Reserve *	10,068	(6,833)	3,235	To support the financial strategy and risk management. Reserve balance at end of 2026/27 is forecast at £2.7m.
Section 151 Revenue Grants	28	(28)	0	Unspent specific use grant carried forward into 2022/23.
Section 151 Revenue Grants - Covid-19	5,989	(5,989)	0	Covid (Unringfenced) reserve carried forward into 2022/23.
Governance and Compliance				
Insurance Reserve - Cheshire County Fund	130	(187)	(57)	To settle insurance claims and manage excess costs.
Insurance Reserve - Cheshire East Fund	5,164	(1,244)	3,920	To settle insurance claims and manage excess costs.
Elections General	477	225	702	To provide funds for Election costs every 4 years.
Brexit Funding	13	0	13	
Human Resources				
HR (CARE4CE Review, Culture Change, Pay realignment, Learning Mgt System)	59	(59)	0	To fund HR expenditure in relation to the Care4CE review, culture change programme, pay realignment and the Learning Management System.
Pay Structure (M Grade Review)	584	(278)	306	To fund ongoing changes to pay structure.
Policy and Change				
Brighter Future Transformation Programme *	1,780	(279)	1,501	To fund the Council's four year transformation programme and its five outcomes of Culture; Estates and ICT systems; Customer Experience, Commercial Approach and Governance.
CORPORATE POLICY TOTAL	63,113	(28,193)	34,920	

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Economy and Growth Committee

1. Changes to Revenue Budget 2022/23 since Financial Review Update

	Second review Net Budget £000	Additional Grant Funding £000	Restructuring & Realignments £000	Revised Net Budget £000
Economy and Growth				
Directorate	834	-	(2)	832
Growth & Enterprise	22,773	-	49	22,822
	23,607	-	47	23,654

2. Corporate Grants Register

Table 1 – Corporate Grants Register

Corporate Grants Register	National Allocation 2022/23 £m	Revised Forecast 2022/23 £000
SPECIFIC USE (Held within Services)		
Economy and Growth Committee		
Rough Sleeping Initiative	not available	231
Homelessness Prevention Grant	315.800	582
Housing Winter Grant	not available	90
Shared Prosperity Fund	2,600.000	1,226
Local Enterprise Partnership (LEP): Core Funding	not available	375
Local Enterprise Partnership (LEP): Growth Hub Funding	not available	231
Local Enterprise Partnership (LEP): NP (Northern Powerhouse) 11	not available	520
Local Enterprise Partnership (LEP): Skills Advisory Panel	not available	56
Local Enterprise Partnership (LEP): Local Digital Skills Partnership Catalyst grant	not available	56
Local Enterprise Partnership (LEP): Skills Bootcamp	not available	1,037
Innovate UK / Adapt - brought forward	not available	102
First Trenitalia West Coast Rail Limited	not available	50
COVID-19 Welcome Back Fund (Opening High Streets) - brought forward	not available	162
Total		4,718
Total Economy and Growth Committee		4,718

3.5 Cheshire East Council receives two main types of Government grants; specific use grants and general purpose grants. Specific use grants are held within the relevant service with a corresponding expenditure budget. Whereas general purpose grants are held in central budgets with a corresponding expenditure budget within the allocated service area.

3.6 Spending in relation to specific use grants must be in line with the purpose for which it is provided.

3.7 **Table 2** shows additional grant allocations that have been received over £1m. Council approved that authority be delegated to the Executive Director Place to accept the core

UK Shared Prosperity Fund allocation for Cheshire East and approve a Supplementary Revenue/Capital Estimate of up to £11,585,762, (split to be confirmed on approval of the Investment Plan) and to allocate the funding as set out within the Local Investment Plan over the years 2022-23 to 2024-25 (Council, 20 July: UK Shared Prosperity Fund – Cheshire East Allocation report).

3.8 **Table 3** shows additional grant allocations that have been received which are £500,000 or less and are for noting only.

Table 2 – Note Delegated Decision - Supplementary Revenue Estimates of Additional Grant Funding (Specific Purpose) over £1m

Committee	Type of Grant	£000	Details
Economy and Growth	Shared Prosperity Fund (UKSPF) 2022/23 allocation	1,226	UKSPF funding is allocated to each local authority area based on an Investment Plan submitted to the Department of Levelling Up, Housing and Communities. The grant covers three investment priorities: Communities and Place; Supporting Local Business; and People and Skills. UK Shared Prosperity Fund: prospectus - GOV.UK (www.gov.uk)
Total Specific Purpose Allocation for Council Approval		1,226	

Table 3 – Note Delegated Decision - Supplementary Revenue Estimate Requests for Allocation of Additional Grant Funding (Specific Use) £500,000 or less

Committee	Type of Grant	£000	Details
Economy and Growth	Vulnerable Renters / Exceptional Winter Top-up	90	Additional funding to support people who are struggling this winter and protect vulnerable families at risk of homelessness. Homelessness Prevention Grant 2022 to 2023 exceptional winter top-up allocations: technical note - GOV.UK (www.gov.uk)
Total Specific Purpose Allocations less than £500,000		90	

3. Debt Management

	Debt £000	months old £000
Economy and Growth Committee		
Growth and Enterprise	625	237
	625	237

4. Capital Strategy

Economy and Growth

CAPITAL

CAPITAL PROGRAMME 2023/24- 2026/27

Scheme Description	Forecast Expenditure						Total Forecast Budget 2022/27 £000	Forecast Funding					Total Funding £000
	Prior Years £000	Forecast Budget 2022/23 £000	Forecast Budget 2023/24 £000	Forecast Budget 2024/25 £000	Forecast Budget 2025/26 £000	Forecast Budget 2026/27 £000		Grants £000	External Contributions £000	Revenue Contributions £000	Capital Receipts £000	Prudential Borrowing £000	
Committed Schemes													
Culture & Tourism													
Archive Option Development	293	103	0	0	0	0	103	0	0	0	0	103	103
Countryside Capital Projects	601	4	0	0	0	0	4	4	0	0	0	0	4
Countryside Vehicles	0	132	455	193	219	0	999	0	0	47	0	952	999
Public Rights of Way - CMM A6 MARR	2	5	0	0	0	0	5	5	0	0	0	0	5
Public Rights of Way - Flood Damage Investment	15	48	0	0	0	0	48	0	0	0	0	48	48
Public Rights of Way - Capital Works	770	91	93	0	0	0	183	183	0	0	0	0	183
Rural & Green Section 106 Schemes	16	5	28	0	0	0	34	0	34	0	0	0	34
Tatton Park Investment Phase 2	0	264	1205	500	0	0	1,969	0	0	0	0	1,969	1,969
Total Culture & Tourism Committed Schemes	1,697	652	1,781	693	219	0	3,345	193	34	47	0	3,072	3,345
Economic Development													
Connecting Cheshire 2020	0	1,500	2,500	2,238	1,000	0	7,238	7,238	0	0	0	0	7,238
Connecting Cheshire Phase 2	0	0	0	0	883	0	883	0	313	0	0	570	883
Connecting Cheshire	0	0	0	0	595	0	595	0	48	0	0	547	595
Crewe Town Centre Regeneration	11,940	2,966	15,595	0	0	1,517	20,078	0	0	0	850	19,228	20,078
Demolition of Crewe Library Site	13	305	1,077	1,370	0	0	2,752	1,229	0	0	0	1,523	2,752
Future High Street Funding - CEC Innovation Centre	58	0	1,111	0	0	0	1,111	1,111	0	0	0	0	1,111
Future High Street Funding - Christ Church Innovation Centre	71	0	1,863	0	0	0	1,863	1,863	0	0	0	0	1,863
Leighton Green	1,455	10	331	300	0	0	641	0	0	0	0	641	641
Macclesfield Town Centre	1,767	102	349	0	0	0	451	0	0	0	0	451	451
North Cheshire Garden Village	5,491	600	12,300	9,000	37,317	0	59,217	21,700	0	0	21,700	15,817	59,217
South Macclesfield Development Area	3,089	250	1,291	10,000	20,000	0	31,541	10,000	10,000	0	11,541	0	31,541
Total Economic Development Committed Schemes	23,884	5,733	36,418	22,907	59,794	1,517	126,370	43,141	10,361	0	34,091	38,778	126,370
Estates													
Corporate Landlord - Land Acquisitions	963	65	0	0	0	0	65	0	0	0	0	65	65
Farms Strategy	0	8	306	306	1,090	0	1,710	0	0	0	306	1,404	1,710
Malkins Bank Landfill Site	511	200	649	0	0	0	849	0	0	0	0	849	849
Premises Capital (FM)	0	3712	4,982	3,500	2,469	0	14,663	0	0	0	0	14,663	14,663
Public Sector Decarbonisation Fund - FM 1	1,759	96	0	0	0	0	96	96	0	0	0	0	96
Public Sector Decarbonisation Fund - FM 2	389	216	0	0	0	0	216	216	0	0	0	0	216
Red Roofs Hole Farm Alderley Edge - Acquisition	12	3	0	0	0	0	3	0	0	0	0	3	3
Schools Capital Maintenance	0	932	1,650	0	0	0	2,582	2,291	0	0	0	291	2,582
Septic Tanks	250	50	337	0	0	0	387	0	0	0	0	387	387
Total Estates Committed Schemes	3,882	5,282	7,924	3,806	3,559	0	20,571	2,603	0	0	306	17,663	20,571

CAPITAL PROGRAMME 2023/24- 2026/27

Scheme Description	Forecast Expenditure							Forecast Funding					
	Prior Years	Forecast Budget 2022/23	Forecast Budget 2023/24	Forecast Budget 2024/25	Forecast Budget 2025/26	Forecast Budget 2026/27	Total Forecast Budget 2022/27	Grants	External Contributions	Revenue Contributions	Capital Receipts	Prudential Borrowing	Total Funding
	£000	£000	£000	£000	£000	£000	£000	£000	£000	£000	£000	£000	£000
Committed Schemes													
Housing													
Astbury Marsh Caravan Park	143	68	0	0	0	0	68	0	0	0	0	68	68
Disabled Facilities Grant	0	3,845	2,342	2,342	2,342	2,342	13,213	12,285	0	0	0	928	13,213
Future High Street Funding - Chester Street	3	0	5	1,370	0	0	1,375	1,375	0	0	0	0	1,375
Future High Street Funding - Delamere Street	4	3	5	1,447	0	0	1,455	1,455	0	0	0	0	1,455
Green Homes Grants	769	3121	0	0	0	0	3,121	1,452	1,669	0	0	0	3,121
Gypsy and Traveller Sites	1,246	449	2,006	0	0	0	2,455	700	0	0	0	1,755	2,455
Home Repairs for Vulnerable People	0	246	200	200	200	0	846	0	0	0	0	846	846
Social Housing Decarbonisation Fund	0	1565	0	0	0	0	1,565	1,565	0	0	0	0	1,565
Sustainable Warmth - Home Upgrade Grant	4	2806	0	0	0	0	2,806	2,806	0	0	0	0	2,806
Temporary Accommodation	300	658	0	0	0	0	658	0	318	340	0	0	658
Warm Homes Fund	173	66	0	0	0	0	66	66	0	0	0	0	66
Total Housing Committed Schemes	2,642	12,826	4,558	5,359	2,542	2,342	27,627	21,703	1,987	340	0	3,597	27,627
Total Committed Schemes	32,106	24,493	50,682	32,765	66,114	3,859	177,913	67,640	12,381	387	34,397	63,109	177,914
New Schemes													
Culture & Tourism													
Crewe Towns Fund - History Centre Public Realm	0	10	0	0	0	0	10	10	0	0	0	0	10
Crewe Towns Fund - Lyceum Powerhouse	0	260	0	0	0	0	260	260	0	0	0	0	260
New Archive Premises	0	0	4,100	5,699	451	0	10,250	0	0	0	0	10,250	10,250
Rural & Green Section 106 Schemes	0	0	24	0	0	0	24	0	24	0	0	0	24
Economic Development													
Connecting Cheshire Phase 3	0	100	1,500	2,400	4,000	0	8,000	0	8,000	0	0	0	8,000
Handforth Heat Network	0	0	9,910	2,000	1,800	0	13,710	5,420	4,890	0	0	3,400	13,710
Crewe Towns Fund - Mill Street Corridor	3	137	0	0	0	0	137	137	0	0	0	0	137
Crewe Towns Fund	0	1457	3,893	9,000	5,810	0	20,160	20,160	0	0	0	0	20,160
Macclesfield Indoor Market Toilet Refurbishment	0	80	80	0	0	0	160	150	0	10	0	0	160
Estates													
Corporate Landlord - Land Acquisitions	0	0	1,336	0	0	0	1,336	0	0	0	0	1,336	1,336
Public Sector Decarbonisation - 3	0	3714	0	0	0	0	3,714	3,714	0	0	0	0	3,714
Housing													
Crewe Towns Fund - Warm and Healthy Homes	0	26	74	0	0	0	100	100	0	0	0	0	100
Total New Schemes	3	5,784	20,917	19,099	12,061	0	57,861	29,951	12,914	10	0	14,986	57,861
Total Economy and Growth Schemes	32,110	30,277	71,598	51,864	78,175	3,859	235,774	97,591	25,295	397	34,397	78,096	235,774

5. Reserves Strategy

Economy and Growth Committee

Name of Reserve	Opening Balance 1st April 2022 £000	Forecast Movement in Reserves 2022/23 £000	Forecast Closing Balance 31st March 2023 £000	Notes
Directorate				
Place Directorate	1,684	(1,539)	145	To support a number of widespread projects within the Place Directorate. A significant number of these projects are expected to be fully utilised in year, with the remaining reserve to be fully used in 2023/24.
Investment (Sustainability)	680	(126)	554	To support investment that can increase longer term financial independence and stability of the Council. Forecasts based on timelines for individual projects making up the reserve.
Growth and Enterprise				
Legal Proceedings	285	(50)	235	To enable legal proceedings on land and property matters. Hard to gauge the pace of cases but this is the anticipated amount based on current costs.
Investment Portfolio	155	174	329	Total rent, fee costs and the amount the service are allowed to keep (£250k) all stay the same so anticipating a similar contribution to the reserve. Looked at the investment summary to determine 2022/23 MRP and interest costs. Reserve being built up to be used in the future if the site is vacated. Current lease extends beyond 2026.
Homelessness & Housing Options - Revenue Grants	130	(130)	0	To cover costs of purchase and refurbishment of properties to be used as temporary accommodation to house vulnerable families.
Tatton Park Trading Reserve	111	(111)	0	Service anticipating utilising some of the funds for furniture purchased for the Catering Facility at TPE Ltd costing £16k. Full drawdown of the reserve necessary to cover the adverse position for Tatton anticipated at the end of 2022/23
Royal Arcade Crewe	99	(99)	0	Original purpose was to fund vacant possession related costs for the Royal Arcade until demolition. The balance will now be used to pay for ongoing maintenance costs for Crewe Bus station. FM pressures will mean that the reserve will be fully utilised in 2022/23.
ECONOMY AND GROWTH TOTAL	3,144	(1,881)	1,263	

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Appendix 5

Environment and Communities Committee

1. Changes to Revenue Budget 2022/23 since Financial Review Update

	Second review Net Budget £000	Additional Grant Funding £000	Restructuring & Realignments £000	Revised Net Budget £000
Environment and Communities				
Environment & Neighbourhood Service	44,365	-	44	44,409
	44,365	-	44	44,409

2. Corporate Grants Register

Table 1 – Corporate Grants Register

Corporate Grants Register	National Allocation 2022/23 £m	Revised Forecast 2022/23 £000
SPECIFIC USE (Held within Services)		
Environment and Communities Committee		
Bikeability Grant	not available	240
Enforcement Grant (Planning) - brought forward	not available	30
Air Quality Grant - brought forward	not available	18
Air Quality Grant scheme	not available	55
Offensive weapons	not available	4
Cosmetic fillers	not available	7
Food Information Grant - Natasha's Law - brought forward	not available	1
Food Information Grant - Natasha's Law	not available	10
Section 31 grant - Biodiversity net gain	not available	20
Natural England - Stewardship scheme	not available	2
Total		387
GENERAL PURPOSE (Held Corporately)		
Environment and Communities		
Neighbourhood Planning Grant	not available	35
Total		35
Total Environment and Communities Committee		422

3.1 Cheshire East Council receives two main types of Government grants; specific use grants and general purpose grants. Specific use grants are held within the relevant service with a corresponding expenditure budget. Whereas general purpose grants are held in central budgets with a corresponding expenditure budget within the allocated service area.

3.2 Spending in relation to specific use grants must be in line with the purpose for which it is provided.

3.3 **Table 2** shows additional grant allocations that have been received which are £500,000 or less and are for noting only.

Table 2 – Note Delegated Decision - Supplementary Revenue Estimate Requests for Allocation of Additional Grant Funding (General Purpose) £500,000 or less

Committee	Type of Grant	£000	Details
Environment and Communities	Neighbourhood Planning Grant for Local Planning Authorities	25	This grant is from the Department for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities (DLUHC). The conditions of grant mean that this funding could be used across the wider Spatial Planning area. This level of funding would be intended to support a number of Community Neighbourhood Plans across the borough.
Total General Purpose Allocations less than £500,000		25	

3. Debt Management

	Debt £000	months old £000
Environment and Communities Committee		
Environment and Neighbourhood Services	1,141	198
	1,141	198

4. Capital Strategy

Environment and Communities										CAPITAL				
CAPITAL PROGRAMME 2023/24-2026/27														
Scheme Description	Total Approved Budget £000	Forecast Expenditure						Total Forecast Budget 2023/27 £000	Forecast Funding					Total Funding £000
		Prior Years £000	Forecast Budget 2022/23 £000	Forecast Budget 2023/24 £000	Forecast Budget 2024/25 £000	Forecast Budget 2025/26 £000	Forecast Budget 2026/27 £000		Grants £000	External Contributions £000	Revenue Contributions £000	Capital Receipts £000	Prudential Borrowing £000	
Committed Schemes														
Environment Services														
Arnold Rhodes Public Open Space Improvements Phase 2	94	89	0	5	0	0	0	5	0	5	0	0	0	5
Barony Skate Park Refurbishment	100	0	0	100	0	0	0	100	100	0	0	0	0	100
Carbon Offset Investment	1,000	0	125	125	250	500	0	1,000	0	0	0	0	1,000	1,000
Congleton Household Waste Recycling Centre	50	20	15	15	0	0	0	30	0	0	0	0	30	30
Energy Improvements at Cledford Lane	985	825	20	140	0	0	0	160	0	0	0	0	160	160
Fleet Vehicle Electric Charging	585	0	65	225	179	116	0	585	0	0	0	0	585	585
Future High Street Funding - Sustainable Energy Network	2,577	149	153	2,275	0	0	0	2,428	2,428	0	0	0	0	2,428
Green Investment Scheme (Solar Farm)	3,950	64	400	3,486	0	0	0	3,886	0	0	0	0	3,886	3,886
Household Waste Recycling Centres	860	0	50	810	0	0	0	860	0	0	0	0	860	860
Litter and Recycling Bins	208	56	50	50	52	0	0	152	0	0	0	0	152	152
Park Development Fund	946	496	64	236	150	0	0	450	0	0	0	0	450	450
Pastures Wood Decarbonisation	50	27	11	12	0	0	0	23	0	0	23	0	0	23
Solar Energy Generation	14,180	0	20	280	13,880	0	0	14,180	0	0	0	0	14,180	14,180
Victoria Park Pitch Improvements	29	5	12	12	0	0	0	24	0	24	0	0	0	24
Total Environment Services Schemes	25,613	1,732	985	7,770	14,511	616	0	23,882	2,528	29	23	0	21,302	23,882
Neighbourhood Services														
Congleton Leisure Centre	12,225	6,272	5,903	50	0	0	0	5,953	0	0	0	0	5,953	5,953
Macclesfield Leisure Centre Improvements	3,865	3,398		467	0	0	0	467	0	0	0	0	467	467
Libraries - Next Generation - Self Service	374	322	1	51	0	0	0	52	0	0	0	0	52	52
Poynton Leisure Centre	4,606	391		2,000	2,215	0	0	4,215	0	0	0	0	4,215	4,215
Total Neighbourhood Services	21,070	10,383	5,904	2,568	2,215	0	0	10,687	0	0	0	0	10,687	10,687
Planning Services														
Replacement Planning & Building	410	320	45	45	0	0	0	90	0	0	0	0	90	90
Regulatory Services & Environmental Health ICT System	313	240	50	23	0	0	0	73	0	0	0	0	73	73
Total Planning Services	723	560	95	68	0	0	0	163	0	0	0	0	163	163
Total Committed Schemes	47,406	12,674	6,984	10,406	16,726	616	0	34,732	2,528	29	23	0	32,152	34,732
New Schemes														
Environment Services														
Fleet EV Transition	6,897	0		1,605	1,991	3,301	0	6,897	0	0	0	0	6,897	6,897
Total New Schemes	6,897	0	0	1,605	1,991	3,301	0	6,897	0	0	0	0	6,897	6,897
Total Environment and Communities Schemes	54,303	12,674	6,984	12,011	18,717	3,917	0	41,629	2,528	29	23	0	39,049	41,629

5. Reserves Strategy

Environment and Communities Committee				
Name of Reserve	Opening Balance 1st April 2022 £000	Forecast Movement in Reserves 2022/23 £000	Forecast Closing Balance 31st March 2023 £000	Notes
Environment and Neighbourhood Services				
Strategic Planning	568	(287)	281	To meet costs associated with the Local Plan - site allocations, minerals and waste DPD.
Trees / Structures Risk Management	202	(52)	150	New reserve to respond to increases in risks relating to the environment, in particular the management of trees, structures and dealing with adverse weather events.
Spatial Planning - revenue grant	89	(47)	42	Funding IT costs over 4 years.
Neighbourhood Planning	82	(38)	44	To match income and expenditure.
Air Quality	36	0	36	Air Quality Management - DEFRA Action Plan. Relocating electric vehicle chargepoint in Congleton.
Street Cleansing	26	(26)	0	Committed expenditure on voluntary litter picking equipment and electric blowers, due to be fully utilised in 2022/23.
Custom Build & Brownfield Register	19	(19)	0	
Community Protection	17	(17)	0	
Licensing Enforcement	15	(15)	0	Three year reserve to fund a third party review and update of the Cheshire East Council Taxi Licensing Enforcement Policies.
Flood Water Management (Emergency Planning)	2	0	2	Plans to draw down the reserve in 2023/24 relating to Public Information Works.
ENVIRONMENT AND COMMUNITIES TOTAL	1,056	(501)	555	

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Finance Sub-Committee

1. Changes to Revenue Budget 2022/23 since Financial Review Update

	Second review Net Budget £000	Additional Grant Funding £000	Restructuring & Realignments £000	Revised Net Budget £000
Finance Sub-Committee Central Budgets				
Capital Financing	19,000	-		19,000
Corporate Contributions / Central Budgets	(4,740)	-	(507)	(5,247)
Contribution to / from Reserves	(2,801)	-	(411)	(3,212)
	11,459	-	(918)	10,541
Finance Sub-Committee - Central Budgets Funding				
Business Rates Retention Scheme	(49,086)	-	-	(49,086)
Specific Grants	(24,637)	-	-	(24,637)
Council Tax	(254,682)	-	-	(254,682)
Sourced from Collection Fund	-	-	-	-
TOTAL CENTRAL BUDGETS FUNDING	(328,405)	-	-	(328,405)

2. Corporate Grants Register

Government Grant Funding of Local Expenditure

- 3.1 Cheshire East Council receives two main types of Government grants; specific use grants and general purpose grants. The overall total of Government grant budgeted for in 2022/23 was £251.6m.
- 3.2 In 2022/23 Cheshire East Council's specific use grants held within the services was budgeted to be £227.6m based on Government announcements to February 2022.
- 3.3 During the year this has seen an increase in specific use grants of £74.2m to £301.8m.
- 3.4 Spending in relation to specific use grants must be in line with the purpose for which it is provided.
- 3.5 General purpose grants were budgeted to be £24.0m. Further in-year grant announcements have increased the amount received to £38.6m.
- 3.6 **Table 1** provides a summary of the updated forecast position for grants in 2022/23 by type and service.
- 3.7 Further details of general purpose grants are shown in **Table 2**, the Corporate Grants Register.
- 3.8 **Table 3** shows additional grant allocations that have been received which are £500,000 or less and are for noting only.

Table 1 - Summary of Grants

Corporate Grants Register		Revised Forecast 2022/23 £000
SPECIFIC USE (Held within Services)		
TOTAL SPECIFIC USE		301,845
GENERAL PURPOSE (Held Corporately)		
Adults and Health Committee		12,542
Children and Families Committee		498
Corporate Policy Committee		25,504
Environment and Communities		35
Pavement Licensing - New Burdens		13
TOTAL GENERAL PURPOSE		38,592
TOTAL GRANT FUNDING		340,437

Table 2 – Corporate Grants Register

Corporate Grants Register	National Allocation 2022/23 £m	Revised Forecast 2022/23 £000
GENERAL PURPOSE (Held Corporately)		
Adults and Health Committee		
Social Care Support Grant	2,346.368	11,341
Independent Living Fund	160.600	861
Local Reform & Community Voices	34.410	213
Social Care in Prisons	10.950	71
War Pension Scheme Disregard	12.000	56
Total Adults and Health Committee		12,542
Children and Families Committee		
Social Care Support Grant	not available	0
Staying Put Implementation Grant	99.834	130
Extended Rights to Free Transport (Home to School Transport)	43.311	250
Extended Personal Adviser Duty Implementation	12.118	57
Extension of the role of Virtual School Heads	not available	61
Total Children and Families Committee		498

Corporate Grants Register	National Allocation 2022/23 £m	Revised Forecast 2022/23 £000
GENERAL PURPOSE (Held Corporately)		
Corporate Policy Committee		
Housing Benefit Administration Subsidy	163.721	736
Council Tax Support Administration Subsidy	69.000	344
Unidentified Ministry of Justice Grant	not available	9
NNDR Administration Allowance	not available	587
Council Tax Family Annexe Discount	7.422	25
Revenue Support Grant	1,672.058	7
New Homes Bonus	556.003	6,614
Lower Tier Services Grant	111.000	360
Services Grant	822.000	2,932
Business Rates Reliefs Grant	4,076.389	13,890
Total Corporate Policy Committee		25,504
Environment and Communities		
Neighbourhood Planning Grant	not available	35
Total Environment and Communities Committee		35
Highways and Transport		
Pavement Licensing - New Burdens	not available	13
Total Highways and Transport Committee		13
Total General Purpose Grants		38,592

Table 3 – Committee Decision - Supplementary Revenue Estimate Requests for Allocation of Additional Grant Funding over £500,000 up to £1,000,000

Committee	Type of Grant	£000	Details
Finance Sub	Council Tax Support Fund	521	This grant is provided Council Tax Reduction Scheme (CTRS) claimants plus discretionary scheme Council Tax Support Fund guidance - GOV.UK (www.gov.uk)
Total General Purpose Allocations over £500,000 up to £1,000,000		521	

Table 4 – Note Delegated Decision - Supplementary Revenue Estimate Requests for Allocation of Additional Grant Funding £500,000 or less

Committee	Type of Grant	£000	Details
Finance Sub	Council Tax Family Annexe Discount	25	The purpose of the grant is to compensate billing authorities in England for the council tax foregone in 2022/23 due to their implementation of the national council tax discount scheme for family annexes.
Finance Sub	Neighbourhood Planning Grant for Local Planning Authorities	25	This grant is from the Department for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities (DLUHC). The conditions of grant mean that this funding could be used across the wider Spatial Planning area. This level of funding would be intended to support a number of Community Neighbourhood Plans across the borough.
Finance Sub	Unidentified Ministry of Justice Grant	8	Section 31 grant received but it is not clear what it relates to.
Total General Purpose Allocations less than £500,000		58	

3. Debt Management

- 4.1 Sundry debt includes all invoiced income due to the Council except for statutory taxes (Council Tax and Non-Domestic Rates). The balance of outstanding debt has increased by £2.5m since the end of August.
- 4.2 Annually, the Council raises invoices with a total value of over £90m. Around a quarter of the Council's overall sundry debt portfolio relates to charges for Adult Social Care, the remainder being spread across a range of functions including Highways, Property Services, Licensing and Building Control.
- 4.3 The Council's standard collection terms require payment within 28 days of the invoice date, however, services receive immediate credit in their accounts for income due. The Council uses a combination of methods to ensure prompt payment of invoices. Recovery action against unpaid invoices may result in the use of debt collectors, court action or the securing of debts against property.
- 4.4 The Revenue Recovery team (using their experience gained in collecting Council Tax and Non-Domestic Rates) engage with services to offer advice and assistance in all aspects of debt management, including facilitating access to debt collection/enforcement agent services (currently provided by Bristow & Sutor).
- 4.5 After allowing for debt still within the payment terms, the amount of outstanding service debt at the end of December 2022 was £13.9m.
- 4.6 The total amount of service debt over six months old is £7.1m; provision of £7.8m has been made to cover doubtful debt in the event that it needs to be written off.

DEBT SUMMARY

	Debt £000	months old £000
Adults and Health Committee		
Adults, Public Health and Communities	10,862	6,010
Children and Families Committee		
Children's Social Care (Incl. Directorate)	6	1
Education and 14-19 Skills	44	16
Strong Start, Family Help and Integration	24	-
Schools	(5)	-
Highways and Transport Committee		
Highways and Infrastructure	1,025	546
Economy and Growth Committee		
Growth and Enterprise	625	237
Environment and Communities Committee		
Environment and Neighbourhood Services	1,141	198
Corporate Policy Committee		
Finance and Customer Services	113	47
Governance and Compliance	3	-
Human Resources	(1)	-
ICT	18	-
	13,855	7,055

4. Capital Strategy

- 5.1 A summary of the capital programme is shown in Table 1. The forecast Capital Spending of £128.7m against the approved 2022/23 MTFS budget of £185.2m.
- 5.2 Capital programme detail is shown in other service committee **Appendices 1-7, Section 4.**
- 5.3 The full Capital Strategy formed part of the Medium-Term Financial Strategy report presented at Council on 22 February 2023. [Link to Medium-Term Financial Strategy 2023-27](#)
- 5.4 The Medium-Term Financial Strategy also includes sections on Treasury Management Strategy and Investment Strategy which can also be access on the link above.

Table 1: Capital Programme Summary

CHESHIRE EAST COUNCIL CAPITAL PROGRAMME SUMMARY					
CAPITAL PROGRAMME 2023/24 - 2026/27					
	Revised Budget 2022/23 £000	Budget 2023/24 £000	Budget 2024/25 £000	Budget 2025/26 £000	Budget 2026/27 £000
Committed Schemes - In Progress					
Adults and Health	1	472	0	0	0
Children and Families	2,241	53,079	33,400	20,956	8,310
Highways & Transport	75,460	42,572	61,264	108,293	4,014
Economy & Growth	24,493	50,682	32,765	66,114	3,859
Environment & Communities	6,984	10,406	16,726	616	0
Corporate Policy	8,986	11,900	9,738	5,642	0
Total Committed Schemes - In Progress	118,165	169,111	153,893	201,621	16,183
CAPITAL PROGRAMME 2023/24 - 2026/27					
	Revised Budget 2022/23 £000	Budget 2023/24 £000	Budget 2024/25 £000	Budget 2025/26 £000	Budget 2026/27 £000
New Schemes					
Adults and Health	0	0	0	0	0
Children and Families	0	750	750	0	0
Highways & Transport	1,240	21,376	21,980	21,842	15,051
Economy & Growth	5,784	20,917	19,099	12,061	0
Environment & Communities	0	1,605	1,991	3,301	0
Corporate Policy	19	926	627	151	150
Total New Schemes	7,043	45,574	44,447	37,355	15,201
Total Capital Schemes	125,208	214,684	198,340	238,976	31,384

5. Reserves Strategy

Management of Council Reserves

- 6.2 The Council's Reserves Strategy states that the Council will maintain reserves to protect against risk and support investment.
- 6.3 The opening balance at 1 April 2022 in the Council's General Reserves was £12.6m, as published in the Council's Statement of Accounts for 2021/22.
- 6.4 During 2022/23, an additional £2.3m has been transferred into the General Reserves to provide further protection against emerging risks such as inflation and particularly the DSG deficit, which was highlighted in the MTFS as having no alternative funding.
- 6.5 The Council also maintains Earmarked Revenue Reserves for specific purposes. At 31 March 2022 balances on these reserves stood at £80.9m, excluding balances held by Schools.
- 6.6 Unspent schools budgets that have been delegated, as laid down in the Schools Standards Framework Act 1998, remain at the disposal of the school and are not available to the Council to use.
- 6.7 The Collection Fund Reserve includes the appropriation of £12.4m S31 grant, received from DLUHC. This increase is as a result of a timing difference, with the grant being received in 2021/22 to fund the deficit that will be released in 2022/23.
- 6.8 During 2022/23, an estimated £34.8m will be drawn down from earmarked reserves and applied to fund the service expenditure specifically provided for. Service outturn forecasts take account of this expenditure and funding. The closing balance at 31 March 2023 is forecast at £46.1m.
- 6.9 At the end of 2018/19, a central contingency referred to as the MTFS (Medium Term Financial Strategy) Reserve was created to support in-year pressures against the revenue budget. Use of this Earmarked Reserve has been subject to approval of robust business cases.
- 6.10 At 31 March 2022, the opening balance on the MTFS reserve stood at £10.1m. In-year forecasts anticipate £6.8m of this reserve to be utilised in year, resulting in a closing balance at 31 March 2023 of £3.2m. This forecast includes £5.2m use of the MTFS reserve to balance the year end outturn position.
- 6.11 During 2021/22 pressures relating to transport were identified and a specific line within the MTFS reserves was entered to recognise this risk and possible need to use the reserve for this purpose. Approval for the drawdown of £1m from the MTFS reserve is now requested.
- 6.12 The review position presents a pressure of £7.7m (to within budget by 2.4%). Any variation to budget at year-end will be managed through the Council's Medium Term Financial Strategy Earmarked Reserve in the first instance (current forecast £5.2m) prior to using the General Reserve (current forecast £2.5m).

Table 1 – Reserves Position

	£m
General Reserve	14.9
Earmarked Reserves (excluding Schools)	46.1
Total Reserves Balance at 31 March 2023	61.0

6.13 Details of individual reserves are shown in the relevant Service Committee appendix and in summary in **Table 2**.

Table 2 – Earmarked Reserves Summary

Committee Reserves	Opening Balance 1st April 2022 £000	Forecast Movement in Reserves 2022/23 £000	Forecast Closing Balance 31st March 2023 £000
Adults and Health Committee	7,646	(2,276)	5,370
Children and Families Committee	4,032	(1,073)	2,959
Corporate Policy Committee	63,113	(28,193)	34,920
Economy and Growth Committee	3,144	(1,881)	1,263
Environment and Communities Committee	1,056	(501)	555
Highways and Transport Committee	1,936	(905)	1,031
TOTAL EARMARKED RESERVES MOVEMENT	80,927	(34,829)	46,098

**Excluding schools' balances*

6.14 The Dedicated Schools Grant (DSG) is ring-fenced funding received for: schools; high needs / special educational needs; and early years provision. In recent years there has been a pressure on the DSG high needs block where funding has not kept pace with the increasing numbers and cost of children with an education, health and care plan. This has created a deficit DSG reserve balance which is held in an unusable reserve. The DSG reserve deficit is forecast to be £45.6m at the end of the year. This is in line with the budget gap as determined the Council's DSG Management Plan that was approved by Children and Families Committee in September 2022 and set out the planned expenditure and income on high needs over the medium term.

Table 3 – DSG Deficit

	£m
DSG – Forecast in-year pressure	19.9
DSG – Deficit Balance B/F	25.7
DSG Deficit Balance at 31 March 2023	45.6

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Highways and Transport Committee

1. Changes to Revenue Budget 2022/23 since Financial Review Update

	Second review Net Budget £000	Additional Grant Funding £000	Restructuring & Realignments £000	Revised Net Budget £000
Highways and Transport				
Highways & Infrastructure	13,792	-	-	13,792
	13,792	-	-	13,792

2. Corporate Grants Register

Table 1 – Corporate Grants Register

Corporate Grants Register	National Allocation 2022/23 £m	Revised Forecast 2022/23 £000
SPECIFIC USE (Held within Services)		
Highways and Transport Committee		
Bus Service Operators Grant	not available	348
Bus Capacity Grant - brought forward	not available	326
Bus Capacity Grant	not available	574
Better Deal for Buses - Supported Bus Services - brought forward	not available	320
Better Deal for Buses - Rural Mobility Grant - brought forward	not available	5
Bus Service Improvement Fund - brought forward	not available	7
Local Authority Capability Fund - brought forward	15.385	132
Active Travel Social Prescribing Grant - brought forward	2.231	42
Active Travel Capability Fund	not available	143
Mini Holland Feasibility - brought forward	83.395	79
On Street Residential Chargepoint Scheme (ORCS)	not available	0
LTA Enhanced Bus Partnership Grant	10.824	171
Rural Mobility Fund - brought forward	not available	1,020
Total		3,167
GENERAL PURPOSE (Held Corporately)		
Highways and Transport		
Pavement Licensing - New Burdens	not available	13
Total		13
Total Highways and Transport Committee		3,180

3.1 Cheshire East Council receives two main types of Government grants; specific use grants and general purpose grants. Specific use grants are held within the relevant service with a corresponding expenditure budget. Whereas general purpose grants are held in central budgets with a corresponding expenditure budget within the allocated service area.

3.2 Spending in relation to specific use grants must be in line with the purpose for which it is provided.

3.3 **Table 2** shows additional grant allocations that have been received which are £500,000 or less and are for noting only.

Table 2 – Note Delegated Decision - Supplementary Revenue Estimate Requests for Allocation of Additional Grant Funding (Specific Use) £500,000 or less

Committee	Type of Grant	£000	Details
Highways and Transport	Active Travel Capability Fund	143	This revenue grant enables local transport authorities to promote cycling and walking in their areas. Capability fund: local transport authority allocations - GOV.UK (www.gov.uk)
Total Specific Purpose Allocations £500,000 or less		143	

3. Debt Management

	Debt £000	months old £000
Highways and Transport Committee		
Highways and Infrastructure	1,025	546
	1,025	546

4. Capital Strategy

Highways and Transport								CAPITAL					
CAPITAL PROGRAMME 2023/24- 2026/27													
Scheme Description	Forecast Expenditure						Total Forecast Budget 2023/27 £000	Forecast Funding					Total Funding £000
	Prior Years £000	Revised Budget 2022/23 £000	Forecast Budget 2023/24 £000	Forecast Budget 2024/25 £000	Forecast Budget 2025/26 £000	Forecast Budget 2026/27 £000		Grants £000	External Contributions £000	Revenue Contributions £000	Capital Receipts £000	Prudential Borrowing £000	
Committed Schemes													
Strategic Infrastructure													
A500 Dualling Scheme	9,264	1,602	1,627	26,990	49,973	0	80,192	53,285	4,300	0	0	22,607	80,192
A50 / A54 Holmes Chapel	81	25	347	150	0	0	522	0	522	0	0	0	522
A51 / A500 Corridor Nantwich	231	19	0	0	0	0	19	0	0	0	0	19	19
A54 / A533 Leadsmyth Street, Middlewich	134	40	389	0	0	0	429	0	429	0	0	0	429
A556 Knutsford to Bowdon	361	5	40	98	0	0	143	0	143	0	0	0	143
A6 MARR CMM Disley	1,646	15	61	0	0	0	76	0	22	0	0	54	76
A6 MARR CMM Handforth	492	125	184	400	0	0	709	226	48	0	0	434	709
A6 MARR Technical Design	271	53	150	0	0	0	203	70	133	0	0	0	203
Congleton Link Road	69,970	3,047	2,457	6,040	2,915	4,014	18,473	316	15,168	0	0	2,989	18,473
Crewe Green Link Road	26,170	455	0	0	0	0	455	0	455	0	0	0	455
Crewe Green Roundabout	7,053	10	50	190	197	0	447	0	447	0	0	0	447
Flowerpot Phs 1 & Pinchpoint	1,271	360	2,631	3,510	2,265	0	8,766	2,304	726	0	0	5,736	8,766
Future High Streets Fund - Highways	480	935	2,198	2,251	304	0	5,688	5,485	203	0	0	0	5,688
Highway S106 Schemes	0	245	549	168	0	0	962	41	921	0	0	0	962
Infrastructure Scheme Development	0	0	250	0	0	0	250	250	0	0	0	0	250
Middlewich Eastern Bypass	16,176	6,806	11,091	13,817	43,268	0	74,982	46,779	13,341	0	0	14,862	74,982
Middlewich Rail Study	0	20	0	0	0	0	20	20	0	0	0	0	20
M6 Junction 19	23	6	0	0	0	0	6	0	6	0	0	0	6
North-West Crewe Package	7,446	13,044	14,758	3,445	3,658	0	34,905	9,710	12,250	0	1,730	11,215	34,905
Old Mill Road / The Hill Junction	145	40	1,139	0	0	0	1,179	0	1,179	0	0	0	1,179
Poynton Relief Road	29,670	16,202	46	1,355	5,385	0	22,987	8,335	6,200	0	0	8,453	22,987
S106 Davenport Lane, Arclid	60	292	0	0	0	0	292	245	47	0	0	0	292
Sydney Road Bridge	10,103	10	50	140	198	0	398	0	398	0	0	0	398
Total Strategic Infrastructure Schemes	181,046	43,356	38,015	58,554	108,163	4,014	252,102	127,066	56,938	0	1,730	66,369	252,102
Highways													
A532 Safer Road Fund Scheme	260	388	575	0	0	0	963	864	0	0	0	99	963
A536 Safer Road Fund Scheme	1,461	599	344	0	0	0	943	849	0	0	0	94	943
A537 Safer Road Fund Scheme	745	1,988	0	0	0	0	1,988	1,745	0	0	0	243	1,988
Air Quality Action Plan	221	147	0	0	0	0	147	147	0	0	0	0	147
Alderley Edge Bypass Scheme Implementation	60,317	147	147	0	0	0	294	0	0	0	0	294	294
Bridge Maintenance Minor Wks	14,570	3,102	0	0	0	0	3,102	1,685	0	0	0	1,417	3,102
Client Contract and Asset Mgmt	510	631	0	0	0	0	631	631	0	0	0	0	631
Crewe Rail Exchange	6,693	19	0	0	0	0	19	19	0	0	0	0	19
Highway Maintenance Minor Wks	0	17,119	0	0	0	0	17,119	10,685	0	0	0	6,434	17,119
Highway Pothole/Challenge Fund	7,925	446	0	0	0	0	446	0	0	0	0	446	446
Jack Mills Way Part 1 Claims	278	22	0	0	0	0	22	0	22	0	0	0	22
Local Access - Crewe Transport Access Studies	83	517	0	0	0	0	517	517	0	0	0	0	517

Highways and Transport

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CAPITAL PROGRAMME 2023/24- 2026/27

Scheme Description	Forecast Expenditure							Forecast Funding					Total Funding £000
	Prior Years	Revised Budget 2022/23	Forecast Budget 2023/24	Forecast Budget 2024/25	Forecast Budget 2025/26	Forecast Budget 2026/27	Total Forecast Budget 2023/27	Grants	External Contributions	Revenue Contributions	Capital Receipts	Prudential Borrowing	
	£000	£000	£000	£000	£000	£000	£000	£000	£000	£000	£000	£000	
Committed Schemes													
Local Highway Measures	5,546	1,020	0	0	0	0	1,020	1,020	0	0	0	0	1,020
Part 1 Claims	34	79	0	0	0	0	79	79	0	0	0	0	79
Programme Management	784	227	0	0	0	0	227	227	0	0	0	0	227
Road Network & Linked Key Inf	78	5	0	0	0	0	5	5	0	0	0	0	5
Road Safety Schemes Minor Wks	5,056	496	0	0	0	0	496	496	0	0	0	0	496
Traffic Signal Maintenance	17	483	0	0	0	0	483	483	0	0	0	0	483
Traffic Signs and Bollards - LED Replacement	0	1,025	225	0	0	0	1,250	0	0	0	0	1,250	1,250
Winter Service Facility	479	130	130	130	130	0	520	0	0	0	0	520	520
Total Highways Schemes	105,057	28,589	1,421	130	130	0	30,270	19,452	22	0	0	10,796	30,270
Strategic Transport & Parking Services													
Accessibility: Public Transport	907	113	0	0	0	0	113	113	0	0	0	0	113
Active Travel Fund (Covid-19)	436	288	0	0	0	0	288	288	0	0	0	0	288
Active Travel (Cycling / Walking Route) Investment	2,179	576	0	0	0	0	576	576	0	0	0	0	576
Broadway Meadow Carpark	0	48	0	0	0	0	48	0	0	0	0	48	48
Car Parking Improvements (including residents parking)	262	30	30	0	0	0	60	0	0	0	0	60	60
Digital Car Parking Solutions	93	0	47	0	0	0	47	0	0	0	0	47	47
National Cycle Network (NCN) Route 55 Middlewood Way	0	569	0	0	0	0	569	569	0	0	0	0	569
On-street Residential Charging	0	50	205	0	0	0	255	155	0	0	0	100	255
Pay and Display Parking Meters	531	8	41	40	0	0	89	0	0	0	0	89	89
Sustainable Travel Access Prog	1,552	560	1,312	0	0	0	1,872	1,325	309	0	0	238	1,872
Sustainable Modes of Travel to Schools Strategy (SMOTSS)	472	148	0	0	0	0	148	148	0	0	0	0	148
Town Studies	426	125	0	0	0	0	125	125	0	0	0	0	125
Total Strategic Transport & Parking Services Schemes	6,858	2,515	1,636	40	0	0	4,191	3,299	309	0	0	582	4,191
HS2 Programme													
Crewe HS2 Hub Project Development	7,661	1,000	1,500	2,540	0	0	5,040	0	0	0	0	5,040	5,040
Total HS2 Schemes	7,661	1,000	1,500	2,540	0	0	5,040	0	0	0	0	5,040	5,040
Total Committed Schemes	300,622	75,460	42,572	61,263	108,293	4,014	291,602	149,817	57,269	0	1,730	82,787	291,602
New Schemes													
Highways													
Peacock Roundabout Junction	0	0	250	500	0	0	750	0	750	0	0	0	750
Pothole Funding	0	0	5,799	5,799	5,799	5,799	23,196	23,196	0	0	0	0	23,196
Integrated Block - LTP	0	0	2,003	2,003	2,003	2,003	8,012	8,012	0	0	0	0	8,012
Maintenance Block - LTP	0	800	7,345	7,609	7,878	5,799	29,432	23,996	0	0	0	5,436	29,432
Incentive Fund - LTP	0	0	1,450	1,450	1,450	1,450	5,800	5,800	0	0	0	0	5,800
Managing and Maintaining Highways	0	440	4,529	4,619	4,712	0	14,300	0	0	0	0	14,300	14,300
Total Highways New Schemes	0	1,240	21,376	21,980	21,842	15,051	81,490	61,004	750	0	0	19,736	81,490
Total Highways & Transport Schemes	300,622	76,700	63,948	83,244	130,135	19,065	373,092	210,821	58,019	0	1,730	102,523	373,092

5. Reserves Strategy

Highways and Transport Committee

Name of Reserve	Opening Balance 1st April 2022 £000	Forecast Movement in Reserves 2022/23 £000	Forecast Closing Balance 31st March 2023 £000	Notes
Highways and Infrastructure				
HS2	985	(200)	785	To support the Council's ongoing programme in relation to Government's HS2 investment across the borough and Transport for the North's Northern Powerhouse Rail Business Case. £200k to be released in 2022/23
Flood Recovery Works	400	(400)	0	To be released in 2022/23
Well Managed Highway Infrastructure Delay	230	(230)	0	To be released in 2022/23
Parking Pay and Display Machines / Parking Studies	178	(28)	150	To cover contract inflation for P&D machines and for new regulation from DfT on role of parking in decarbonising transport.
Highways Procurement Proj	104	(27)	77	To finance the development of the next Highway Service Contract. Depot mobilisation costs, split over 7 years from start of contract in 2018.
LEP-Local Transport Body	39	(20)	19	To fund the business case work for re-opening the Middlewich rail line. £20k is anticipated to be utilised in 2022/23, with the remaining £19k required in 2023/24.
HIGHWAYS AND TRANSPORT TOTAL	1,936	(905)	1,031	