

## Section 3: Revenue Grants for approval

- 3.1 Cheshire East Council receives two main types of Government grants; specific purpose grants and general use grants. Specific purpose grants are held within the relevant service with a corresponding expenditure budget. Whereas general use grants are held in central budgets with a corresponding expenditure budget within the allocated service area. Spending in relation to specific purpose grants must be in line with the purpose for which it is provided.
- 3.2 General use grants, also known as unring-fenced grants, are funds provided by the Government to local authorities without specific restrictions on how the money is spent. They allow councils to determine how best to utilise the funding to address local needs and priorities.
- 3.3 **Table 1** shows additional grant allocations that have been received over £1m that **Council** will be asked to approve and grant allocations that have been received which are over £0.5m and up to £1m and are for **Committee** approval.

**Table 1**

Committee	Decision	Reason	Type of Grant	£m	Details
Children & Families - Schools	Council	Core Schools Budget Grant (special schools)	Specific Purpose	2.459	A Department for Education initiative to support special schools, AP settings, and post-16 institutions with rising staffing costs. It consolidates previous grants and introduces new support for employer contributions and anticipated pay increases. Funding is distributed via local authorities with strict conditions on use and full pass-through to eligible settings.