



Financial Review 2022/23

November 2022

This report receives scrutiny and approval from Members of Cheshire East Council. As a public report, the Council welcomes feedback to the information contained here.

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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 £340.0m against a net revenue budget of £328.4m, 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. The forecasts at first review highlight pressures due to demand, inflation and pay negotiations. These will almost certainly affect the medium term finances of the Council. This situation must be addressed now and 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 nine 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
(GROSS Revenue Budget £474.2m)	(NET)
	£m
SERVICE DIRECTORATES	
Adult, Health and Integration	120.9
Children's Services	74.5
Place	81.7
Corporate Services	39.8
CENTRAL BUDGETS	
Capital Financing	18.9
Transfer to/(from) Earmarked Reserves	(2.7)
Corporate Contributions / Central Budgets	(4.7)
TOTAL NET EXPENDITURE	328.4
Business Rates Retention Scheme	(49.1)
Specific Grants	(24.6)
Council Tax	(254.7)
Net Funding	(328.4)
NET (SURPLUS) / DEFICIT	-

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. **Table 1** provides a service summary of financial performance. The current forecast is that services will be £18.6m over budget in the current year. The Action Plans provide further details and changes to service net budgets since the Medium-Term Financial Strategy are analysed in the **Appendices 1-7**.
4. Further items impacting on the level of the Council's balances are detailed in **Table 2** below on Central Budgets and Funding.

Table 1 - Service Revenue Outturn Forecasts

2022/23	Revised Budget	Forecast Outturn	Forecast Variance	FOR INFO COVID Costs Included in Totals
(GROSS Revenue Budget £474.2m)	(NET)			
	£m	£m	£m	£m
SERVICE DIRECTORATES				
Adult Social Care - Operations	117.5	128.5	11.0	4.9
Commissioning	3.4	4.1	0.7	-
Public Health	-	-	-	-
Adult, Health and Integration	120.9	132.6	11.7	4.9
Directorate	1.0	0.9	(0.1)	-
Children's Social Care	46.6	48.5	1.9	0.1
Strong Start, Family Help and Integration	8.3	8.3	-	0.1
Education & 14-19 Skills	18.6	20.3	1.7	0.5
Children's Services	74.5	78.0	3.5	0.7
Directorate	0.8	0.7	(0.1)	-
Environment & Neighbourhood Services	44.3	46.2	1.9	2.3
Growth & Enterprise	22.8	23.1	0.3	0.1
Highways & Infrastructure	13.8	14.3	0.5	1.6
Place	81.7	84.3	2.6	4.0
Directorate	1.9	1.9	-	-
Finance & Customer Services	11.9	12.3	0.4	-
Governance & Compliance Services	11.7	11.2	(0.5)	-
Communications	0.7	0.7	-	-
HR	2.4	2.2	(0.2)	-
ICT	9.3	10.4	1.1	-
Policy & Change	1.9	1.9	-	-
Corporate Services	39.8	40.6	0.8	-
				<i>For Info</i>
TOTAL SERVICES NET EXPENDITURE	316.9	335.5	18.6	9.6

Table 2 – Central Budgets and Funding Outturn Forecasts

2022/23	Revised Budget	Forecast Outturn	Forecast Variance
(GROSS Revenue Budget £474.2m)	(NET)		
	£m	£m	£m
CENTRAL BUDGETS			
Capital Financing	18.9	18.9	-
Transfer to/(from) Earmarked Reserves	(2.7)	(8.7)	(6.0)
Corporate Contributions / Central Budgets	(4.7)	(5.7)	(1.0)
Central Budgets	11.5	4.5	(7.0)
Business Rates Retention Scheme	(49.1)	(49.1)	-
Specific Grants	(24.6)	(24.6)	-
Council Tax	(254.7)	(254.7)	-
Net Funding	(328.4)	(328.4)	-

Outturn Impact

- The financial impact of the outturn forecast could decrease balances by £11.6m. This is over 75% of the Council's General Reserves balance, so mitigating actions must be taken to reduce the pressure during the year. Any deficit at the end of the year will be drawn down from the Medium-Term Financial Strategy Earmarked Reserve in the first instance, but drawdowns from that reserve are already factored in to the MTFs to manage the effects of variations in spending and income in specific years.
- 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

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

Council Tax

- 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.
- 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.
- 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.
- 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.
- 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 £315.3m.

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

13. **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

14. The council tax in-year collection rate for the period up to the end of September 2022 is 56.1%. This is a small decrease of 0.2% on the previous year, possibly indicating current cost of living pressures. Additionally, significant numbers of council tax staff have been supporting the government's energy

rebate payments which has impacted resource normally involved in collection.

15. Council tax support payments were budgeted at £18.4m for 2022/23 and at the end of September the total council tax support awarded was £18.9m.
16. 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.
17. Council tax discounts awarded are £28.6m which are comparable to the same period in 2021/22. A small increase is attributable to work related to raising awareness of the discounts available to residents.
18. Council tax exemptions awarded is £7.2m which although broadly in line with previous years shows a slight increase due to reasons shown at 17.

Non-Domestic Rates (NDR)

19. 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.
20. 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.
21. **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.

22. The business rates in-year collection rate for the period up to the end of September 2022 is 58.6%. 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 2

Children and Families Committee

1. Changes to Revenue Budget 2022/23 since Medium Term Financial Strategy

	MTFS Net Budget £000	Additional Grant Funding £000	Restructuring & Realignments £000	Revised Net Budget £000
Children and Families				
Directorate	899	-	107	1,006
Children's Social Care	46,464	187	-	46,651
Education & 14-19 Skills	18,197	311	24	18,532
Strong Start, Family Help and Integration (Previously Prevention & Early Help)	8,217	-	91	8,308
	73,777	498	222	74,497

2. Action Plan 2022/23 as reported to Corporate Policy Committee 6 Oct 2022

Children and Families Committee	Exp £m	Inc £m	Net Revised Budget £m	MTFS Proposal	Value 2022/23 £m	MTFS Ref	RAG Rating	Comments	Variance from MTFS 2022/23 £m
C&F Committee				Pay Inflation	1.548	3&4	Red (will not achieve)	Represents current estimate of the impact on Committee services in excess of the MTFS, from a nationally negotiated pay award.	1.368
				Use of EMRs		New		Additional use of earmarked reserves above MTFS level.	-0.208
				Transformation		New		Flexible use of Capital Receipts.	-1.000
Directorate	1.3	-0.3	1.0						
Strong Start, Family Help and Integration	14.7	-6.3	8.3	A redesign of Early Help Services into a Locality model	-0.424	48	Green (on track and should achieve)	A restructure is scheduled for March 2023. A significant amount of vacancies have been held in the service pending the restructure and they allow the saving to be delivered in 2022/23.	0.000
				Staff Travel and related savings	-0.062	29	Red (will not achieve)	At this stage the service is working to resume pre COVID-19 delivery levels and is not able to deliver savings from less travel or a reduced mileage rate. To be considered as part of wider recruitment and retention issue.	0.050
				Development and		50	Amber (not on track but	Under discussion to confirm any required changes.	0.000

Children and Families Committee	Exp £m	Inc £m	Net Revised Budget £m	MTFS Proposal	Value 2022/23 £m	MTFS Ref	RAG Rating	Comments	Variance from MTFS 2022/23 £m
				Partnerships service			may still achieve)		
				Revenue costs for Crewe Youth Zone		43	Green (on track and should achieve)		0.000
				Restructure Early Help budget to fund Crewe Youth Zone (CYZ)		44	Green (on track and should achieve)	Ringfenced reserves from the Supporting Families Programme (SFP) will be used to fund the Crewe youth zone. This will enable shared outcomes from the SFP programme with the outcomes of the Crewe youth zone. This will prevent any need to restructure within the early help budget. Depends on progress of the CYZ.	0.000
				P&S use of Troubled families		New			-0.300
				Use of COMF grant		New		Activity within Strong Start that may be funded from the ringfenced Contain Outbreak Management Fund.	-0.013
				In Year pressures		New		Difference from policy proposals and team plan related to other ongoing mitigation proposals.	-0.080

Children and Families Committee	Exp £m	Inc £m	Net Revised Budget £m	MTFS Proposal	Value 2022/23 £m	MTFS Ref	RAG Rating	Comments	Variance from MTFS 2022/23 £m
Education and 14-19 Skills	61.3	-42.7	18.6	Establish a traded service for non-statutory elements of Attendance Service	-0.035	22	Green (on track and should achieve)	Income is being generated and using it to fund a single post - broadly net nil.	0.000
				Establish an Education Psychologist traded service to enable a proactive early support and intervention offer	-0.025	23	Green (on track and should achieve)	Income is being generated. Need to confirm position related to team capacity.	0.000
				Increase capacity to support Statutory SEND service	0.400	42	Amber (on track but may not achieve all)	Legal costs continue to highlight pressure in this area.	0.000
				Increase capacity to support Statutory Education Psychology Service	0.125	47	Amber (on track but may not achieve all)	Growth is not sufficient to match pressures in 2022/23, but procurement activity has to continue to meet demand. Expectation is that financial pressure could increase.	0.531

Children and Families Committee	Exp £m	Inc £m	Net Revised Budget £m	MTFS Proposal	Value 2022/23 £m	MTFS Ref	RAG Rating	Comments	Variance from MTFS 2022/23 £m
				School Transport	1.200	62	Red (will not achieve)	MTFS identified there might be £1m further pressure to be funded from the MTFS reserve, which is being utilised. Independent review has completed (July 22) with recommendations for potential cost savings. These need to be considered and decisions reached to determine whether growth needs to be built in for future years. Expectation that the SEND growth is increasing each year so additional pressures likely. Need to establish what the transport review outcome will recommend.	1.537
				Staff Travel and related savings	-0.050	29	Red (will not achieve)	This is a challenge to deliver as the reduction in travel is too much and the mileage rate has not been changed. Low numbers of regular user allowances in this service.	0.098
				SEND Staffing – both core services and specialist teams supporting reduction in SEND needs assessments		New		To be established.	
				EP Staffing		New		To be established.	

Children and Families Committee	Exp £m	Inc £m	Net Revised Budget £m	MTFS Proposal	Value 2022/23 £m	MTFS Ref	RAG Rating	Comments	Variance from MTFS 2022/23 £m
				School catering – implications on outcome of external catering review		New		To consider the recommendations of the APSE external review in terms of future delivery models and implications of budgets.	
				Skills agenda – shaping a strategic direction of support for young people		New		To consider the wider implications of how we support young people in terms of skills and preparation for employment.	
				Use of Public Health grant		New		Activity within Education and Skills that may be funded from the ringfenced Public Health Grant	-0.200
				Use of COMF grant		New		Activity within Education and Skills that may be funded from the ringfenced Contain Outbreak Management Fund	-0.110
				E&S Cell		New			-0.030
				In Year pressures		New		Covid expenditure - catering staff absence.	
Children's Social Care	48.2	-1.6	46.7	Children's Social Care Transformation and OFSTED Response	-1.500	2	Green (on track and should achieve)	In light of improvement work needed at pace it would be helpful to extend the timescale for this funding. Balance held in earmarked reserves.	0.000

Children and Families Committee	Exp £m	Inc £m	Net Revised Budget £m	MTFS Proposal	Value 2022/23 £m	MTFS Ref	RAG Rating	Comments	Variance from MTFS 2022/23 £m
				Investment in Cared for Children and Care Leavers and other pressures	4.000	41	Amber (not on track but may still achieve)	This has been allocated to the placements budget pressure – with a full review of budgets pending. Regular review / deep dive into placements. Opportunities in the other budgets will be considered but they are under pressure.	2.310
				Safeguarding Children – legacy staffing pressure	0.390	45	Green (on track and should achieve)	This was growth that has corrected a legacy issue.	0.000
				Growth in Children & Families Commissioning Contracts	0.180	46	Green (on track and should achieve)	This was growth that has corrected a legacy issue. The budget has been significantly reduced in earlier years so options for further reductions are limited. Review budgets for 2023/24.	0.000
				Staff Travel and related savings	-0.261	29	Red (will not achieve)	This will be a pressure on the requirement to travel. Impact on workforce to be considered and how savings can be delivered. Review for MTFS 2023/24. Part of the essential user allowance item will be delivered but unlikely that less mileage / lower mileage rate will be achieved.	0.113

Children and Families Committee	Exp £m	Inc £m	Net Revised Budget £m	MTFS Proposal	Value 2022/23 £m	MTFS Ref	RAG Rating	Comments	Variance from MTFS 2022/23 £m
				Growth in Children's social care – average 10% per annum growth in spend (on £20m placement budget) less already agreed.		New		Possible scope for this to reduce in line with ambition to refocus activity and realising savings here through roll out of residential children's homes project. But likely to be double spend during transition phase.	
				Continuation of Transformation funding considering July 2022 inspection and wider improvement work.		New		Transformation work ongoing to realise ambition to draw down demand and reduce high cost provision.	
				Removal of high needs DSG contribution to Direct payments and replace with base budget funding.		New			
				Growth in direct payments budget to reflect activity levels.		New			

Children and Families Committee	Exp £m	Inc £m	Net Revised Budget £m	MTFS Proposal	Value 2022/23 £m	MTFS Ref	RAG Rating	Comments	Variance from MTFS 2022/23 £m
				Growth in the service to manage resettlement activity – children stay in the system and staff are needed.		New			
				Workforce		New		Revise vacancy forecasts to reflect recruitment difficulties. Slow down in year recruitment where feasible/safe. Use specific reserves for exit costs (per MTFS).	
				Further Mitigations		New		Forensic review of projected deficit budget lines to identify in-year mitigations. Acquire domestic property for Children’s Homes. Review all high cost-low outcome placements.	-0.475
				Use of COMF grant		New		Activity within Childrens Social Care that may be funded from the ringfenced Contain Outbreak Management Fund	-0.044
				Care and Early Intervention		New		Review all high cost-low outcome placements.	

Children and Families Committee	Exp £m	Inc £m	Net Revised Budget £m	MTFS Proposal	Value 2022/23 £m	MTFS Ref	RAG Rating	Comments	Variance from MTFS 2022/23 £m
				Other		New		Reduce opening hours or close for under-utilised facilities. Work across partnerships to identify any additional funding streams for use of facilities.	
Total	125.4	-50.9	74.5		5.486				3.547

3. Corporate Grants Register

Table 1 – Corporate Grants Register

Grants 2022/23	Revised Forecast FR1 2022/23 £000	Latest Forecast 2022/23 £000	Change from FR1 2022/23 £000	Treatment of Grant <i>Notes 2 - 5</i>
CHILDREN & FAMILIES				
Specific Use (Held within Services)¹	165,406	166,408	1,002	
General Purpose (Held Corporately)				
Staying Put Implementation Grant	130	130	0	
Extended Rights to Free Transport (Home to School Transport)	250	250	0	
Extended Personal Adviser Duty Implementation	57	57	0	
Extension of the role of Virtual School Heads	61	61	0	
TOTAL CHILDREN & FAMILIES	165,904	166,906	1,002	

Notes

1 The Dedicated Schools Grant, Pupil Premium Grant, Sixth Form Grant and Other School Specific Grant from the Education Funding Agency (EFA) figures are based on actual anticipated allocations. Changes are for in-year increases / decreases to allocations by the DfE and conversions to academy status.

2 SRE - Supplementary Revenue Estimate requested by relevant service.

3 ODR - Officer Decision Record to approve immediate budget change to relevant service.

4 Reserves - transfer to reserves at year end.

5 Balances - amount will be included as a variance to budget.

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 The increase in specific grants relates mainly to Asylum Seekers, Ukraine Resettlement Funding and the COVID-19 Recovery Premium grants reflecting the latest allocations. Other additional specific grants have been received and are detailed in **Table 2 and Table 3**.

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

Table 2 – Recommend to Service Committee to Approve Supplementary Revenue Estimate Requests for Allocation of Additional Grant Funding (Specific Use) over £500,000 up to £1m

Committee	Type of Grant	£000	Details
Children and Families	Asylum Seekers	535	Increase on MTFs 2022-26 estimate. This grant is from the Department for Education. Based on clients' claims so therefore will fluctuate based on age / numbers of claims – we are also receiving some additional funding from those that move through the National Transfer Scheme. Looking at claims in the current year there have been additions to the UASC population, therefore this has likely seen an increase in the amount receiving the higher rate. In addition, possibly an element of being cautious with MTFs items as this can vary significantly purely based on the numbers as said above. Unaccompanied asylum seeking children and leaving care: funding instructions - GOV.UK (www.gov.uk)
Specific Purpose Allocations over £500,000		535	

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 - Schools	Sixth Forms Grant (Specific Purpose)	3	Increase on Financial Review 1 forecast. This grant is from the Education and Skills Funding Agency. Funding is based on Pupil Numbers which makes up the main funding profile, the MTFs estimate will have been based on pupils in 2021/22 being forecast for the remainder of financial year. This will now have been updated for 2022/23 pupil numbers. Sixth Form providers also receive a High Value Course Premium based on the number of pupils taking high value

Committee	Type of Grant	£000	Details
			courses. 16 to 19 education: funding allocations - GOV.UK (www.gov.uk)
Children and Families - Schools	COVID-19 Recovery Premium (Specific Purpose)	180	Increase on Financial Review 1 forecast. This grant is from the Department for Education. Recovery premium received on behalf of schools and allocated out as per funding schedule (breakdown by school).
Children and Families - Schools	School Led Tutoring Grant (Specific Purpose)	154	Increase on Financial Review 1 forecast. This grant is from the Department for Education. This grant will give schools and academy trusts the flexibility in determining how best to provide tutoring intervention to support catch-up for lost education due to the coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic. Grant conditions .
Children and Families - Schools	Senior Mental Health Lead Training Grant (Specific Purpose)	1	<p>Increase on Financial Review 1 forecast. This grant is from the Department for Education.</p> <p>The Department for Education (DfE) is offering a grant of £1,200 for eligible state-funded schools and colleges in England to train a senior mental health lead to develop and implement a whole school or college approach to mental health and wellbeing. This training is not compulsory, but it is part of the government's commitment to offer this training to all eligible schools and colleges by 2025.</p> <p>Eligible schools and colleges are now able to apply for a senior mental health lead training grant to commence training within the 2022 to 2023 financial year, up to 31st March 2023. Grants will be provided to cover (or contribute to) the cost of attending a quality assured course and may also be used to hire supply staff whilst leads are engaged in learning. Senior mental health lead training - GOV.UK (www.gov.uk)</p>

Committee	Type of Grant	£000	Details
Children and Families - Schools	Newly Qualified Teachers - Education Recovery 5% Time off Timetable (Specific Purpose)	16	<p>Increase on Financial Review 1 forecast. This grant is from the Department for Education. Eligible schools will receive a one-off payment to support NQTs who completed induction between the summer of 2021 and spring 2022. This funding will be made available to cover the cost of providing these teachers an additional 5% off timetable for the 2021 to 2022 academic year so they have additional time to invest in their development.</p> <p>This time off timetable has been designed to be used flexibly so that as many new teachers as possible can benefit from this additional support.</p> <p>Funding has been calculated as equivalent to 5% off timetable every week for an NQT over the academic year 2021 to 2022 and equates to 44 hours. [Withdrawn] Additional funding for newly qualified teachers completing induction between summer 2021 and spring 2022 - GOV.UK (www.gov.uk)</p>
Children and Families - Schools	Apprentice Incentive Scheme (Specific Purpose)	2	<p>This grant is from the Department for Education. Incentive payments available for hiring a new apprentice. Employers are able to use their levy funds to cover the cost of an apprentice's training and assessment. Payments passported to schools. Grant conditions.</p>
Children and Families - Schools	Digital Education Platform (Specific Purpose)	2	<p>This grant is from the Department for Education. When schools and colleges closed due to the coronavirus pandemic, teachers needed a way to continue teaching students at home. The solution was to provide digital education platforms. This is the name we give to a set of tools and technologies that together enable pupils to learn online in virtual classrooms. Digital education platforms are purpose-built for remote learning and they are so much more than just a school website. Funding is available for</p>

Committee	Type of Grant	£000	Details
			schools to help them get set up on one of two platforms, either G Suite for Education (Google Classroom) or Office 365 Education (Microsoft Teams). Both are free to use. Payments passported to schools.
Children and Families - Schools	Mass Testing (Specific Purpose)	9	This grant is from the Department for Education. This is the final payment allocation Phase 8 & 9 for this funding. It provides funding to cover the initial roll-out of rapid mass testing. Payments passported to schools. Grant conditions .
Children and Families - Schools	Vaccination funding (Specific Purpose)	9	This grant is from the Department for Education. Healthy 12 to 15 year olds in England are now being offered two doses of the PfizerBioNTech COVID-19 vaccine, 12 weeks apart. These vaccinations are available through school immunisation services or by booking through the national booking service to attend a vaccination site outside of school hours. At this critical point in the vaccine programme, it is particularly important that schools and immunisation teams work closely together to maximise effectiveness of the vaccination programme. Funding is provided to schools with a one-off payment to support schools in hosting vaccinations and ensuring that the COVID-19 vaccine is accessible to pupils. Payments passported to schools. Grant conditions .
Children and Families	Tackling Troubled Families (Payments by Results) (Specific Purpose)	139	Increase on Financial Review 1 forecast. This grant is from the Department for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities (DLUHC). In April 2012, the Government launched the Troubled Families Programme, a £448m scheme to incentivise local authorities and their partners to turn around the lives of 120,000 troubled families by May 2015. This programme worked with families where children are not attending school, young people are committing crime,

Committee	Type of Grant	£000	Details
			<p>families are involved in anti-social behaviour and adults are out of work.</p> <p>In June 2013, the Government announced plans to expand the Troubled Families Programme for a further five years from 2015/16 and to reach up to an additional 400,000 families across England. £200 million has been committed to fund the first year of this five year programme.</p>
Children and Families	<p>NHS Cheshire CCG Grant to fund CEIAS Services</p> <p>(Specific Purpose)</p>	26	<p>This grant is from the NHS Cheshire CCG Education.</p> <p>For children and young people aged 0 – 25 years with Special Educational Needs and/or Disabilities (SEND) and their parent/carers who are normally resident in Cheshire East local authority. CEIAS works with families from the moment a concern is identified with a child’s education, or development, and continues to support whether statutory thresholds for an Education Health and Care plan are met or not up to and including Tribunal, complaints etc. The service also supports families whose children and young people are excluded from school, or at threat of exclusion.</p>
Children and Families	<p>Remand Grant</p> <p>(Specific Purpose)</p>	55	<p>Increase on MTFs 2022-26 estimate. This grant is from the Home Office. Funding allocation towards remands to youth secure accommodation of children and young people (under 18 years of age). This payment is in respect of children detained on remand in YOIs and the treatment of such children as “looked after”, and to meet the costs of escorting remanded children to and from youth detention accommodation. Such payments reflect a reasonable estimate of demand using the most recently available data and the YOI remand sector price.</p>

Committee	Type of Grant	£000	Details
Children and Families	Ukraine Resettlement Funding (Specific Purpose)	238	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 .
Children and Families	Hong Kong UK Welcome Programme - British Nationals (Specific Purpose)	9	Increase on Financial Review 1 forecast. This grant is from the Department for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities (DLUHC). Funding is being provided as part of the Hong Kong UK Welcome Programme which is intended to provide funding to local authorities in England to provide targeted support to BN(O) status holders who need additional English language support and destitution support for those whose circumstances change. Hong Kong British Nationals (Overseas) welcome programme – information for local authorities - GOV.UK (www.gov.uk)
Specific Purpose Allocations less than £500,000		843	

4. Debt Management

	Outstanding Debt £000	Over 6 months old £000
Children and Families Committee		
Children's Social Care (Incl. Directorate)	8	6
Education and 14-19 Skills	70	-
Prevention and Early Help	9	-
Schools	47	-

5. Capital Strategy

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CAPITAL PROGRAMME 2022/23-2025/26														
Scheme Description	Total Approved Budget	Prior Years	Forecast Expenditure				Total Forecast Budget 2022/26	Forecast Funding					Total Funding	
			Forecast Budget 2022/23	Forecast Budget 2023/24	Forecast Budget 2024/25	Forecast Budget 2025/26		Grants	External Contributions	Revenue Contributions	Capital Receipts	Prudential Borrowing		
Committed Schemes in progress														
Childrens Social Care														
Foster Carers Capacity Scheme	634	348	0	286	0	0	286						286	286
Crewe Youth Zone	4,800	342	650	2,450	1,358	0	4,458	2,258					2,200	4,458
Strong Start, Family Help & Integration														
Ash Grove Nursery Expansion	230	225	5	0	0	0	5	5						5
Beechwood Nursery Expansion	868	836	33	0	0	0	33			33				33
Early Years Sufficiency Capital Fund	1,036	913	0	123	0	0	123	123						123
Education and 14-19 Skills														
Adelaide Academy	784	34	50	700	0	0	750	580					170	750
Congleton Planning Area	5,034	44	300	4,690	0	0	4,990	2,593	2,397					4,990
Devolved Formula Capital	2,179	350	954	300	290	285	1,829	1,829						1,829
Future Years Basic Need Allocation	4,192	11	2,652	1,529	0	0	4,180	4,180						4,180
Holmes Chapel Planning Area	3,625	770	750	2,105	0	0	2,855	2,480	375					2,855
Macclesfield Planning Area - secondary	4,084	1,106	100	2,400	478	0	2,978	2,978						2,978
Malbank High School	1,922	1,856	66	0	0	0	66	66						66
Monks Coppenhall Sen Expansion	127	2	125	0	0	0	125	25					100	125
Nantwich Planning Area (Primary)	7,080	104	400	4,600	1,976	0	6,976	3,787	3,189					6,976
Nantwich Planning Area (Secondary)	700	0	200	500	0	0	700	700						700
Park Lane Expansion	4,400	4,226	174	0	0	0	174	174						174
Provision of Sufficient School Places - SEND	6,006	16	2,490	3,500	0	0	5,990	500					5,490	5,990
Puss Bank SEN Expansion	532	509	23	0	0	0	23						23	23
Sandbach High School - Basic Need	1,704	1,702	2	0	0	0	2	2						2
Sandbach Boys School - Basic Need	1,776	1,773	3	0	0	0	3	3						3
Sandbach Planning Area (secondary)	38	0	38	0	0	0	38	38						38
School Condition Grant	4,356	42	1,595	2,761	0	0	4,356	4,301		55				4,356
Sen/High Needs Grant Allocation	3,866	0	46	3,820	0	0	3,866	3,866						3,866
Sen Placement Expn - Phase 2	38	0	38	0	0	0	38						38	38

CAPITAL PROGRAMME 2022/23-2025/26

Scheme Description	Total Approved Budget	Prior Years	Forecast Expenditure				Total Forecast Budget 2022/26	Forecast Funding					Total Funding
			Forecast Budget 2022/23	Forecast Budget 2023/24	Forecast Budget 2024/25	Forecast Budget 2025/26		Grants	External Contributions	Revenue Contributions	Capital Receipts	Prudential Borrowing	
Committed Schemes in progress													
Education and 14-19 Skills													
Shavington Planning Area (1)	3,125	70	400	2,655	0	0	3,055	3,055					3,055
Special Provision Grant Allocation	908	46	863	0	0	0	863	857		6			863
Springfield Satellite Site (Dean Row)	4,120	91	2,030	2,000	0	0	4,030	3,230				800	4,030
To Expand 'In Borough' Sen Placement Capacity - Springfield Special School	149	91	58	0	0	0	58					58	58
Little Angels Satellite Sites	1,100	1,074	26	0	0	0	26	26					26
Wilmslow Basic Need Scheme	13,944	1,658	4,000	5,000	3,286	0	12,286	9,551	2,687			48	12,286
Wilmslow Primary Planning Area	626	1	0	625	0	0	625	125	500				625
													0
Total Committed Schemes	83,984	18,240	18,071	40,042	7,388	285	65,786	47,330	9,149	94	0	9,213	65,786
													0
													0
New Schemes													
Childrens Social Care													
Children's Home Sufficiency Scheme	2,100		1,000	1,100	0	0	2,100					2,100	2,100
Education and 14-19 Skills													
Congleton Planning Area (1)	2,200	0	0	1,100	1,100	0	2,200	900	1,300				2,200
Congleton Planning Area (2)	625	0	100	525	0	0	625	625					625
Congleton Planning Area (3)	7,500	0	0	500	800	6,200	7,500	4,300	3,200				7,500
Sandbach Planning Area	3,183	0	500	2,683	0	0	3,183	2,673	510				3,183
Handforth Planning Area	15,000	0	0	2,000	6,500	6,500	15,000	2,136	12,864				15,000
Haslington Planning Area (The Dingle PS Expansion)	1,385	0	100	900	385	0	1,385	1,385					1,385
Macclesfield Academy Resource Provision	100	0	100	0	0	0	100	100					100
Macclesfield Planning Area (1)	4,000	0	0	0	2,000	2,000	4,000		4,000				4,000
Macclesfield Planning Area (2)	4,000	0	100	3,400	500	0	4,000	4,000					4,000
Mobberley Primary School	900	0	50	850	0	0	900	600			300		900
Resource Provision - Wistaston PS	1,400	0	400	1,000	0	0	1,400	1,100				300	1,400
Shavington Planning Area (2)	8,000	0	200	800	4,000	3,000	8,000	5,640	2,360				8,000
Total New Schemes	50,393	0	2,550	14,858	15,285	17,700	50,393	23,459	24,234	0	300	2,400	50,393
Total Children and Families Schemes	134,377	18,240	20,621	54,900	22,673	17,985	116,179	70,789	33,383	94	300	11,613	116,179

6. Reserves Strategy

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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	(110)	312	Estimated spend of £30k transport review, £50k Chess review and £30k catering review.
Childrens Social Care				
Domestic Abuse Partnership	112	(76)	36	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
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 will be used towards 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	364	2,579	Previously intended to be used towards Prevention restructure. Newly formed
Emotional Healthy Schools	71	(71)	0	Funding by partners to deliver service.
Public Sector Transformation – contribution to Early Youth Inclusion Fund	57	(57)	0	
Complex Dependencies	21	(21)	0	
CHILDREN AND FAMILIES TOTAL	4,032	(391)	3,641	