

Adults and Health Committee

Agenda

Date:	Monday, 24th March, 2025
Time:	10.00 am
Venue:	Council Chamber, Municipal Buildings, Earle Street, Crewe CW1 2BJ

The agenda is divided into 2 parts. Part 1 is taken in the presence of the public and press. Part 2 items will be considered in the absence of the public and press for the reasons indicated on the agenda and at the foot of each report.

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PART 1 – MATTERS TO BE CONSIDERED WITH THE PUBLIC AND PRESS PRESENT

1. **Apologies for Absence**

To note any apologies for absence from Members.

2. **Declarations of Interest**

To provide an opportunity for Members and Officers to declare any disclosable pecuniary interests, other registerable interests, and non-registerable interests in any item on the agenda.

3. **Minutes of Previous Meeting (Pages 3 - 12)**

To approve as a correct record the minutes of the previous meeting held on 20 January 2025.

For requests for further information

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4. **Public Speaking/Open Session**

In accordance with paragraph 2.24 of the Council's Committee Procedure Rules and Appendix on Public Speaking, set out in the [Constitution](#), a total period of 15 minutes is allocated for members of the public to put questions to the committee on any matter relating to this agenda. Each member of the public will be allowed up to two minutes each to speak, and the Chair will have discretion to vary this where they consider it appropriate.

Members of the public wishing to speak are required to provide notice of this at least three clear working days' in advance of the meeting.

Petitions - To receive any petitions which have met the criteria - [Petitions Scheme Criteria](#), and falls within the remit of the Committee. Petition organisers will be allowed up to three minutes to speak.

5. **Service Budgets 2025/26 (Adults & Health Committee) (Pages 13 - 54)**

To consider the report which sets out the allocation of approved budgets for 2025-26.

6. **Single Drug and Alcohol Treatment and Recovery Improvement Grant Acceptance (Pages 55 - 60)**

To consider a report seeking approval for the Council to accept the Single Drug and Alcohol Treatment and Recovery Improvement Grant which would support the Council in achieving its aim of being an organisation which 'empowers and cares about people' thus 'reducing health inequalities across the Borough'.

7. **Adults Service Score Card (Quarter 3) (Pages 61 - 74)**

To receive a briefing report which provides the Adults and Health Committee members with an overview of key activity and performance in Adults Social Care Services.

8. **Response to Notice of Motion - From Exceptional Weather Events to Securing Telecare Services**

To receive a presentation on the response to the Notice Of Motion which was raised at Full Council on 26th February 2025 regarding securing telecare services, and meeting the Challenges presented by the Analogue to Digital Upgrade by 2027.

9. **Work Programme (Pages 75 - 80)**

To consider the Work Programme and determine any required amendments.

10. **Minutes of the Cheshire East Health and Wellbeing Board (Pages 81 - 86)**

To receive the minutes of the Cheshire East Health and Wellbeing Board – 21 January 2025.

Membership: Councillors S Adams, J Clowes, S Gardiner, A Kolker, R Moreton, A Moran (Vice-Chair), J Place, J Rhodes (Chair), J Snowball, R Vernon, L Wardlaw and B Wye

CHESHIRE EAST COUNCIL

Minutes of a meeting of the **Adults and Health Committee**
held on Monday, 20th January, 2025 in the Council Chamber, Municipal
Buildings, Earle Street, Crewe CW1 2BJ

PRESENT

Councillor J Rhodes (Chair)
Councillor A Moran (Vice-Chair)

Councillors S Adams, J Clowes, S Gardiner, A Kolker, R Moreton, H Moss,
J Place, J Snowball, L Wardlaw, B Wye and D Clark

OFFICERS IN ATTENDANCE

Helen Charlesworth-May, Executive Director Adults, Health, and Integration
Jill Broomhall, Director of Adult Social Care
Mark Lobban, Interim Director of Commissioning
Nik Darwin, Acting Programme Lead, Thriving and Prevention/ Live Well for
Longer
Dr Matthew Atkinson, Public Health Consultant
Nicola Wood-Hill, Lead Finance Business Partner
Roisin Beressi, Legal Team Manager
Samuel Jones, Democratic Services Officer

38 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor Rob Vernon.
Councillor Dawn Clark was present as substitute.

39 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

During consideration of Item 9, Councillor Andrew Kolker declared that, in
the interests of openness and transparency, he was a trustee of
Everybody Health and Leisure.

40 MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING**RESOLVED:**

That the minutes of the meeting held on 18 November 2024 be approved
as a correct record and signed by the Chair.

41 PUBLIC SPEAKING/OPEN SESSION

Ms Beryl Chapman, a resident of Oakmere (Extra Care Housing), and
Chair of the Oakmere Resident's Association, attended to speak on Item 6
– Future Options for Extra Care Catering. Ms Chapman stated that no
consultation had taken place with residents on the decision to close the

restaurant within the facility and stated that residents were unaware that the restaurant had been subsidised by Cheshire East Council, and that residents would have been happy to pay the full cost of the meals, had they been aware of the issues. Ms Chapman stated that the restaurant was an important community asset, and its closure would cause hardship for residents in the community who lived alone who made use of the facility for meals and social connections, and should the facility close permanently, residents may have to look elsewhere for accommodation. Ms Chapman stated that a café in Knutsford was providing meals for residents in the interim, but this was only for five days per week and due to the distance from Oakmere, the meals required reheating upon arrival. Ms Chapman stated that, should the decision be made to close the catering facility, that the kitchen and equipment was left in situ so that residents could find another provider to take over.

42 **THIRD FINANCIAL REVIEW 24/25**

The Committee considered a report and briefing on the current forecast outturn for the financial year 2024/25 based on income, expenditure and known commitments, from Nicola Wood-Hill, Lead Finance Business Partner.

Members thanked officers for their work to date on the budget and noted that work had been done to reduce spend in certain areas of the Adults and Health budget, but demand for services had seen an increase and subsequent additional costs.

The Committee were updated that the budget forecast had been made on predictions on the number of people who would likely be in receipt of care for the coming year. However, later, work had been undertaken to slow the number of people coming through the door, and the spend on individual care, which meant that the forecasted overspend was smaller than originally anticipated. The committee were updated that the last quarter of the year was traditionally the most difficult, due to winter pressures and demand on hospitals, but officers were analysing the data on a weekly basis, and work had been done to slow the growth in activity, reduce admissions, and transfers to long term care where possible.

It was noted that client contributions were in excess of the anticipated budget, which had also fed into the Council's MTFS.

RESOLVED: (Unanimously)

That the Adults and Health Committee:

1. Review the factors leading to a forecast adverse Net Revenue financial pressure of £18.3m against a revised budget of £390.5m (4.7%). To scrutinise the contents of Annex 1, Section 2 and review progress on the delivery of the MTFS approved budget policy change items, the

RAG ratings and latest forecasts, and to understand the actions to be taken to address any adverse variances from the approved budget.

2. Review the in-year forecast capital spending of £144.7m against an approved MTFS budget of £215.8m, due to slippage that has been re-profiled into future years.
3. Note the available reserves position as per Annex 1, Section 5.
4. Note the Capital Virements above £500,000 up to and including £5,000,000 as per Annex 1, Section 4, Table 4 will be approved in accordance with the Council's Constitution.

43 FUTURE OPTIONS FOR EXTRA CARE CATERING

The Committee considered a report which updated the Adults and Health Committee on the actions taken in respect of the Extra Care catering provision, from Mark Lobban, Interim Director of Commissioning.

Members thanked the public speaker for attending and speaking on behalf of the Oakmere Resident's Association.

Members were updated that the review into the catering provision would be concluded by September 2025, and in the meantime communal spaces would not be closed, the 24/7 staff would continue to operate in the extra care housing schemes, and the Communities Team would continue working to secure alternative provisions in consultation with the residents.

Members acknowledged that a further review was required to be carried out and raised concerns surrounding the current interim lack of provision for hot meals at weekends, as reported by the public speaker, that residents were having to reheat meals which were being delivered from external premises, and that this was not a long-term solution. Members also raised concerns as to whether the existing kitchen equipment would be retained, and the impact on both physical and mental health of a nutritious hot meal in a communal environment, to those who were vulnerable in the community.

It was noted that the cost of providing an alternative provision at Oakmere and Willowmere would be in the region of £60,000/year, and the Council's subsidy would only cease if a long-term solution was found. Any interim service would provide the same service and volume of meals as previously received. Cheshire East Council would continue to ensure that meals were provided, but how it was done would be at the discretion of the Council.

It was noted that a further review of the catering provision, and investigation into the decisions made, would come back to the Adults and Health Committee in September 2025 for a final decision.

An amendment to recommendation 2 was proposed by Councillor Gardiner and seconded by Councillor Clowes:

2. *Agree the interim arrangements that have been put in place, subject to a review of the weekend and Bank Holiday arrangements, whilst a full review of the EC catering provision is carried out.*

RESOLVED: (Unanimously)

That the Adults and Health Committee:

1. Acknowledge the actions taken since the decision to close the school meals service.
2. Agree the interim arrangements that have been put in place, subject to a review of the weekend and Bank Holiday arrangements, whilst a full review of the EC catering provision is carried out.

44 MEDIUM TERM FINANCIAL STRATEGY CONSULTATION 2025/26 - 2028/29 PROVISIONAL SETTLEMENT UPDATE (ADULTS & HEALTH COMMITTEE)

The Committee considered a report which detailed the proposals within the budget consultation relating to the Committee's responsibilities, from Nicola Wood-Hill, Lead Finance Business Partner.

The Committee were updated that the figures within the report assumed a 4.99% Council Tax increase, with 2% ringfenced for Adults Social Care. There was currently no capital programmes detailed for Adult Social Care as the Service would not know the capital requirement until the Transformation Plan was further developed.

Members were updated that Cheshire East Council was responding to several national surveys which were asking for responses from local councils on the pressures which rises to the National Living Wage and National Insurance contributions were causing. Members were updated that if this led to an increase on commissioned care costs, this would be dealt with from a central contingency.

Members were informed that any grants awarded to Cheshire East Council from the government for historically not raising Council Tax were detailed in the appendices.

Members noted that decisions made by other Service Committees within the Council were at risk of undermining those decisions taken by this committee and asked that this was looked at by officers. Members queried whether there had been any increased in Council Tax Support payments, and whether there had been an impact on Adults Social Care as a result of Council Tax rises.

A named vote was proposed by Councillor Clowes and seconded by Councillor Moss with the following results:

FOR

Councillors Arthur Moran, John Place, Jill Rhodes, Judy Snowball, Dawn Clark and Ben Wye.

AGAINST

Councillors Sue Adams, Janet Clowes, Stewart Gardiner, Andrew Kolker and Liz Wardlaw.

NOT VOTING

Councillors Rob Moreton and Hannah Moss.

The motion was declared carried with 6 votes for, 5 votes against, and 2 not voting.

RESOLVED: (by majority)

That the Adults and Health Committee:

1. Recommend to the Corporate Policy Committee, for their meeting on 6 February 2025, all proposals within Appendix A, as related to the Committee's responsibilities, for inclusion on the Council's budget for 2025/26.
2. Identify any further budget change proposals, as related to the Committee's responsibilities, that could assist Corporate Policy Committee in presenting an overall balanced budget to Council for 2025/26.
3. Note the capital growth items listed in Appendix B and the revenue implications noted in paragraph 23. These will be reviewed by the Capital Review Programme Board in January before a final list is brought to Corporate Policy committee in February.
4. Note the contents of Appendix C – Provisional Local Government Settlement 2025/26 (Finance Sub Committee).
5. Note the contents of Appendix D – Council Tax benchmarking and scenarios (Finance Sub Committee) and consider what the impact of any requests for a change of Council Tax policy would be.

45 ADULT SOCIAL CARE TRANSFORMATION PROGRAMME

The Committee received a report which provided members with detail on how the Adult Social Care Transformation Programme would contribute to

the savings proposed in the MTFS 2025/29, from Jill Broomhall, Director of Adult Social Care, and Mark Lobban, Interim Director of Commissioning.

The Committee were updated that the service's aim was to enable residents to live more fulfilled lives via reducing social isolation and ensuring that their social, emotional and physical needs were met, and that the Council would change the way it assessed, supported and delivered Adult Social Care in the future by working with families in innovative ways, to gain trust and enable them to make the best decisions for relatives.

Members were updated that Cheshire East Council works with 44 supported living care providers, but over 80% of the care is delivered by just 10 providers. The Service needed to learn from examples of best practice from within and outside Cheshire East to provide the best model of care, at the right price, for residents and providers. Nationally, Adults Social Care places a strain on Local Government budgets, and the priority of a Council was to set a balanced budget.

Members remarked on the innovative and creative ways which younger people in social care were using their Direct Payments to enhance their lived experiences, and the freedom which Direct Payments could give older people to remain in their own home was noted.

Members raised concerns surrounding the demand on the voluntary sector and the unintended consequences of savings initiatives outside of this committee.

Officers committed to providing a written answer to the value of the deferred debt from the end of October 2024.

RESOLVED:

That the Adults and Health Committee:

1. Note the content of the report and that further papers will be brought to Adults and Health Committee when there are significant decisions to be made.

46 SUBSTANCE MISUSE RECOMMISSION

The Committee considered a report which sought approval to award the All-Age Drugs and Alcohol Service through the Provider Selection Regime, Dr Matt Atkinson, Consultant in Public Health and Nik Darwin, Senior Commissioning Manager.

The Committee were updated that service users could access a nearby rehabilitation facilities in Stoke-On-Trent, amongst others, and that the current provider was achieving success rates higher than the national average in several areas.

Members queried how success was assessed across Cheshire East, and what was being delivered to children in schools.

Members were updated that the results were scrutinised by officers, and the service was delivered via a “hub and spoke” model to increase outreach and access across the Cheshire East.

Officers committed to provide a written response on the substance misuse work being undertaken within schools.

Officers committed to provide a written answer on what could be done to provide a holistic treatment journey for recovering users, to provide details of the grants which have been awarded, and details on what is in place for relapse prevention.

RESOLVED: (Unanimously)

That the Adults and Health Committee:

1. Approve the procurement of the Cheshire East Substance Misuse Service through the Provider Selection Regime.
2. Delegate authority to the Executive Director – Adults, Health and Integration to award the contract.

47 SMOKING CESSATION INCENTIVE SCHEME - UPDATE

The Committee considered a report which updated members on the pilot smoking cessation incentive scheme for pregnant women, from Dr Matt Atkinson, Consultant in Public Health and Nik Darwin, Senior Commissioning Manager.

Members noted the low uptake of the scheme to date and questioned whether the scheme was being adequately advertised.

The Committee were updated that the cost to the scheme was on a “per person” basis, so even though the uptake to date had been low, it was not leading to a budgetary pressure, and that officers were due to carry out a full evaluation of the scheme which would result in a further report being brought back to committee later in the year.

Members stated that although the uptake was low, the scheme was a success if it improved the health of anybody, and acknowledged the challenges individuals face when trying to stop smoking.

RESOLVED: (By majority)

That the Adults and Health Committee:

1. Approve continuation of the incentive scheme for household members.

48 ADULTS SERVICE SCORE CARD - NOVEMBER 24

The Committee received a briefing report which provided the Adults and Health Committee members with an overview of key activity and performance in Adults Social Care Services, from Jill Broomhall, Director of Adult Social Care Operations.

The Committee were updated that Cheshire East were admitting fewer people into long term care, however, the number of self-funders who come to Cheshire East for assistance were counted as an admission, and they were arriving more frequently, as fee increases were depleting personal resources more quickly.

RESOLVED:

That the updates be considered and noted.

49 RESPONSE TO NOTICE OF MOTION – WINTER FUEL ALLOWANCE

The Committee considered a response to the Notice Of Motion which was raised at Full Council on 16th October 2024 regarding changes to the Winter Fuel Payment for 2024/2025. At the meeting of the body to which the motion has been referred for consideration, the proposer of the motion if present shall be invited to speak first, followed by the seconder. The matter will then be opened up to wider discussion. At the Council meeting on the 16 October 2024 the notice of motion was proposed by Councillor A Kolker and Seconded by Councillor A Gage.

Members stated that keeping warm was essential for physical and mental wellbeing and maintaining good health, and that Cheshire East Council had a duty of care to residents for their health, and to the NHS for reducing the number of patients presenting at hospitals with cold-related illnesses, where the cost of treatment would likely be greater than the cost of heating. Members questioned what the impact on the NHS had been as a result of this decision.

Members noted the action which Cheshire East Council had taken to advertise the grants and opportunities open to pensioners who were in need of support, and who were on the cusp of requiring support, and hoped that this would continue.

It was noted that ahead of the report coming to committee, the Leader and Deputy Leader of the Council had already written to parliament explaining the Council's concerns and to request their support in raising them in Westminster, in support of Cheshire East pensioners.

A request for named vote was proposed by Councillor Adams and seconded by Councillor Moss with the following results:

FOR

Councillors Sue Adams, Janet Clowes, Stewart Gardiner, Andrew Kolker, Rob Moreton, Arthur Moran, Hannah Moss and Liz Wardlaw.

AGAINST

Councillors John Place, Jill Rhodes, Judy Snowball, Dawn Clark and Ben Wye.

The motion was declared carried with 8 votes for and 5 votes against.

RESOLVED: (by majority)

That the Adults and Health Committee:

1. Ask group leaders, to write jointly to the Chancellor of the Exchequer and the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, expressing this Council's concerns regarding the impact of this decision on Cheshire East residents and asking that the Winter Fuel Allowance is reinstated with immediate effect.
2. Note the Council's local awareness campaign, to support all those eligible, to apply for Pension Credit, before 21st December 2024 so they are able to receive the Winter Fuel Allowance this Winter.
3. Ask the Leader and Deputy Leader of Council write to all Members of Parliament representing Cheshire East constituencies, explaining this Council's concerns and to request their support in raising them in Westminster, on behalf of Cheshire East pensioners.

50 MINUTES OF THE CHESHIRE EAST HEALTH AND WELLBEING BOARD

RESOLVED:

That the minutes of the Cheshire East Health and Wellbeing Board held on 19 November 2024 be received and noted and signed by the Chair.

51 WORK PROGRAMME

The committee considered the Work Programme.

Members were asked to review the work programme and contact the Chair or Democratic Services with any suggestions of scrutiny items that they would like to put forward for the Committee.

RESOLVED:

The following was noted:

- There was further work to do on the transformation programme and the timelines for implementation; when these were known a timetable of reports would be produced for the committee in March 2025.
- A 12-month update on Smoking Cessation Incentive Scheme would be added to the Work Programme.
- A report would be brought to Committee in September 2025 regarding Options For Extra Care Catering.
- Quarterly Performance Update reports would be added to the Work Programme.

The meeting commenced at 10.00 am and concluded at 1.50 pm

Councillor J Rhodes (Chair)

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Adults and Health Committee

24th March 2025

Service Budgets 2025/26 (Adults & Health Committee)

Report of: Adele Taylor, Interim Executive Director of Resources (s151 Officer)

Report Reference No: AH/32/24-25

Ward(s) Affected: All Wards

Purpose of Report

- 1 This report sets out the allocation of the approved budgets for 2025/26 to the Adults and Health Committee.
- 2 The report contributes to the commitment of being an effective and enabling Council.

Executive Summary

- 3 The Medium-Term Financial Strategy (MTFS) for Cheshire East Council for the four years 2025/26 to 2028/29 was approved by full Council on 26 February 2025.
- 4 Service committees are being allocated budgets for 2025/26 in line with the approved MTFS. The financial reporting cycle will provide regular updates on progress on delivery of the budget change items, the forecast outturn position, progress on capital schemes, movement on reserves and details of any supplementary estimates and virements.
- 5 The financial reporting timetable for 2025/26 was approved by Finance Sub-Committee on 10 March 2025 and is included at Annex B.
- 6 Following on from the implementation in 2024/25, in addition to the usual comprehensive reporting at First, Second and Third Financial Reviews (September, November and January cycles) and in recognition of the Council's continuing challenging financial position and the importance of achieving a balanced outturn, service committee meetings during 2025/26 will continue to receive an update report on the delivery of the approved budget change items. This will be based on the Section 2 items shown in Annex A, for each respective committee, and will include RAG-rating and accompanying commentary in respect of each item.

RECOMMENDATIONS

The Adults and Health Committee is recommended to:

1. Note the decision of the Finance Sub-Committee to allocate the approved revenue and capital budgets, related budget changes items and earmarked reserves to the Adults and Health Committee, as set out in Annex A.
2. Note the financial reporting timetable for 2025/26 set out in Annex B as approved at Finance Sub-Committee on 10 March 2025.

Background

- 7 All councils are legally required to set a balanced budget each year. The MTFS for 2025-29 was approved by full Council on 26 February 2025.
- 8 The MTFS includes a Report from the Chief Finance Officer in line with the Section 25(1) of the Local Government Finance Act 2003. This report confirms that the MTFS is balanced for 2025/26 with the use of Exceptional Financial Support. The report also highlights the factors taken into account in arriving at this judgement including relevant financial issues and risks facing the Council during the medium term.
- 9 Finance Procedure Rules set limits and responsibilities for movement of funds, treating reserves as part of this overall balanced position. Any movement within this balanced position is treated as a virement. To increase the overall size of the MTFS requires a supplementary estimate, which must be backed with appropriate new funding and approved in-line with the Finance Procedure Rules.
- 10 To support accountability and financial control under the committee system the 2025/26 budget is being reported across the service committees based on their associated functions. This report sets out the allocation of the revenue and capital budgets and earmarked reserves to the relevant service committee in accordance with their functions.
- 11 Each committee function has been associated with a Director budget. Budget holders are responsible for budget management. Where a team supports multiple Directorates (most notably in Corporate Services) the budget remains with the Service Director and is not split; for example, Governance and Democratic Services budgets are aligned to the Corporate Policy Committee even though the activities of the team relate to services provided to all Directorates of the Council.

- 12 The financial alignment of budgets to each Committee is set out in Table 1 with further details in Annex A.

Table 1: Revenue and capital budgets allocated to service committees as per the approved MTFS				Capital Budget	Total Revenue and Capital Budget
Service Area	Expenditure £000	Income £000	Net Budget £000	£000	£000
Adults and Health	252,154	-92,705	159,449	389	159,838
Children and Families	107,383	-10,095	97,288	37,723	135,011
Corporate Policy	108,802	-66,014	42,788	12,745	55,533
Corporate Policy – Council Wide Transformation	-12,702	-750	-13,452		-13,452
Economy and Growth	38,144	-9,703	28,441	36,081	64,522
Environment and Communities	68,964	-23,263	45,701	19,357	65,058
Highways and Transport	28,370	-11,469	16,901	66,782	83,683
Finance Sub – Central	54,012	-3,492	50,520		50,520
Total Cost of Service	645,127	-217,491	427,636	173,077	600,713
Total Funding		-402,375	-402,375		
Exceptional Financial Support	-25,261		-25,261		
Net Position	619,866	-619,866	-		

- 13 The MTFS 2025-29 includes a net revenue budget of £402.4m and an approved capital programme of £173.0m for the financial year 2025/26. Further details on the schemes within the capital programme are provided in Annex A.
- 14 Annex A sets out the list of budget change items that were approved as part of the MTFS. All budget changes must be successfully delivered during 2025/26 to avoid a further overspend in the coming financial year. Detailed monitoring of these items will continue at every reporting opportunity and the Council's reporting 'masterplan' and committee work programmes will reflect reporting on the monitoring and delivery of all MTFS change items, including matters requiring consultation and/ or decisions. This will ensure regular reporting to Corporate Leadership Team and all service committees on implementation of the MTFS and achievement of savings, throughout the coming year. In addition to reporting at the formal 'financial review' points in

the year, other progress reports will be scheduled for reporting to particular service committees, on their items as appropriate.

- 15 Annex A sets out the capital programme tables by committee. The four-year capital programme includes investment plans of around £0.6bn. It is proposed that it will be funded through a mixture of Government grants, contributions from other external partners and Council resources. During 2024/25 all schemes requiring borrowing as part of their funding have been subject to review with a view to reducing their impact on the revenue budget and this has mainly been achieved through reprofiling and some budget reductions. There remains a significant amount of borrowing required to fund the programme in 2025/26 and the Capital Programme Board will provide review of and challenge to projects with a view to reducing the revenue cost impact.
- 16 The 2025/26 budget was approved at full Council in February 2025 including the use of up to £25.3m of Exceptional Financial Support to balance the overall budget, as expenditure outweighed the income forecast. Further information on this can be found in the MTFS, Appendix A, Section 2.

Transformational savings

- 17 During 2024/25, in developing this MTFS, the Council has worked with an external partner, Inner Circle, to develop a Transformation Plan. The Transformation Plan is designed to ensure that Council can deliver sustainable services and support infrastructure projects that reflect 'whole life' costs. The production and implementation of a Transformation Plan to deliver key Council objectives and secure the medium-term financial position is also a pre-condition of MHCLG approving the Council's bid for Exceptional Financial Support.
- 18 The Transformation Plan will support the delivery of approved/proposed savings, cost avoidance, cost mitigation and identify new savings for the coming years. There are six programmes within the plan agreed in 2024/25, each containing a range of projects and other initiatives across:

- Workforce
- Social Care
- Place
- Early Intervention and Prevention
- Digital
- Special Projects

The approved Transformation Plan can be accessed here:

<https://moderngov.cheshireeast.gov.uk/ecminutes/documents/s119437/Transformation%20Plan%20V1%20Final%20CPC%20003.pdf>

- 19 The revenue and capital implications for growth, investment and savings associated with the above initiatives have been reflected in the MTFS 2025-29. For the financial year 2025/26, there are 19 Transformation projects which are also MTFS approved budget changes; in total these will deliver net budget savings of £24.4m for 2025/26. Within this total budget saving, there are £13.452m of Council wide cross cutting savings which are held centrally; work

is continuing to refine how these savings will be delivered in detail and these savings will be allocated to service committee budgets as soon as possible.

- 20 Progress on the delivery of Transformation projects and their associated budget savings will be reported on a monthly basis to the Council's Transformation Board. In addition, all Transformation savings will form an integral part of the Council's existing comprehensive financial reporting process which is set out in paragraph 13.
- 21 The headline reserves table, as included in the MTFS, is shown below:

	Opening Balance 2024/25 £m	Forecast Closing Balance 2024/25 £m	Forecast Closing Balance 2025/26 £m	Change from closing 2024/25 £m
General Reserves	5,580	3,696	5,000	1,304
Earmarked Reserves**	32,277	11,539	9,386	-2,153
Total Revenue Reserves	37,857	15,235	14,386	-849

* Closing and Opening balances are dependent on outturn at 31 March 2025.

** All remaining Earmarked reserves, excluding those held for ring-fenced purposes or forecast for use in 2025/26, are being transferred into the General Fund reserve during 2024/25 to support the forecast deficit position.

- 22 The detail behind the earmarked reserve balances included in the table above, for the Adults and Health Committee, is set out in Annex A.
- 23 Further background information on the reserves balances is available in the Reserves Strategy and the S.25 statement which was approved as part of the MTFS for 2025/26 at the Council meeting on 26 February (MTFS - Appendix A, Annex 8 (Reserves Strategy) and Page 42 (S.25 statement)).

- 24 The table below summarises the estimated four-year position, as included in the MTFS. Early work on business planning for 2026/27 and future years will continue, as part of the Transformation Programme.

	Approved Net Budget 2025/26 £m	Estimated Net Budget 2026/27 £m	Estimated Net Budget 2027/28 £m	Estimated Net Budget 2028/29 £m
Total Service Expenditure	377.1	362.6	356.3	366.1
Central Budgets:				
Capital Financing	35.0	38.8	41.9	43.2
Income from Capital Receipts	-1.0	-1.0	-1.0	-1.0
Bad Debt Provision (change)	-0.1	-0.1	-0.1	-0.1
Contingency Budget	16.0	30.9	42.8	55.7
Risk Budget	0.0	3.8	2.0	0.8
Pension adjustment	-0.7	-0.7	-0.7	-0.7
Use of Reserves	1.3	5.0	8.9	8.9
Total Central Budgets	50.5	76.6	93.7	106.9
TOTAL: SERVICE + CENTRAL	427.6	439.3	450.0	473.0
Funded by:				
Council Tax	-307.3	-325.6	-345.0	-365.5
Business Rates Retention	-57.1	-57.1	-57.1	-57.1
Revenue Support Grant	-0.8	-0.8	-0.8	-0.8
Specific Unringfenced Grants	-37.1	-34.1	-34.1	-34.1
TOTAL: FUNDED BY	-402.4	-417.7	-437.0	-457.6
Exceptional Financial Support - Capitalisation Direction	-25.3			
FUNDING POSITION	0.0	21.6	13.0	15.4

Note – table may not add across/down due to roundings

Consultation and Engagement

- 25 The annual business planning process involves engagement with local people and organisations. Local authorities have a statutory duty to consult on their budget with certain stakeholder groups including the Schools Forum and businesses. In addition, the Council chooses to consult with other stakeholder groups. The Council continues to carry out stakeholder analysis to identify the

different groups involved in the budget setting process, what information they need from us, the information we currently provide these groups with, and where we can improve our engagement process.

- 26 The Medium-Term Financial Strategy has been developed during 2024 and an online budget engagement survey was published on 19 December 2024.

Reasons for Recommendations

- 27 In accordance with the Cheshire East Plan and the Policy Framework the Finance Sub-Committee has the responsibility to co-ordinate the management and oversight of the Council's finances, performance and risk management arrangements.
- 28 The Sub-Committee is responsible for allocating budgets across the service committees. This responsibility includes the allocation of revenue and capital budgets as well as relevant earmarked reserves.
- 29 The Sub-Committee has responsibilities within the Constitution to approve, or recommend for approval, virement and supplementary estimates that will amend the MTFS. Such requests are brought to the Committee as they arise.

Other Options Considered

- 30 Not applicable.

Implications and Comments

Monitoring Officer/Legal

- 31 The legal implications surrounding the process of setting the 2025 to 2029 Medium-Term Financial Strategy were dealt with in the reports relating to that process.

Section 151 Officer/Finance

- 32 Contained within the main body of the report.

Policy

- 33 The Cheshire East Plan sets the policy context for the MTFS and the two documents are aligned. Any policy implications that arise from activities funded by the budgets that this report deals with will be dealt within the individual reports to Members or Officer Decision Records to which they relate.

Commitment 3: An effective and enabling council
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Equality, Diversity and Inclusion

- 34 Under the Equality Act 2010, decision makers must show 'due regard' to the need to:

- a. Eliminate unlawful discrimination, harassment and victimisation;
 - b. Advance equality of opportunity between those who share a protected characteristic and those who do not share it; and
 - c. Foster good relations between those groups.
- 35 The protected characteristics are age, disability, sex, race, religion and belief, sexual orientation, gender re-assignment, pregnancy and maternity, and marriage and civil partnership.
- 36 Having “due regard” is a legal term which requires the Council to consider what is proportionate and relevant in terms of the decisions they take.
- 37 The Council needs to ensure that in taking decisions on the Medium-Term Financial Strategy and the Budget that the impacts on those with protected characteristics are considered. The Council undertakes equality impact assessments where necessary and continues to do so as proposals and projects develop across the lifetime of the Corporate Plan. The process assists us to consider what actions could mitigate any adverse impacts identified. Completed equality impact assessments form part of any detailed Business Cases.
- 38 Positive impacts include significant investment in services for children and adults (protected characteristics primarily age and disability).
- 39 The Cheshire East Plan’s vision reinforces the Council’s commitment to meeting its equalities duties, promoting fairness and working openly for everyone. Cheshire East is a diverse place and we want to make sure that people are able to live, work and enjoy Cheshire East regardless of their background, needs or characteristics.

Human Resources

- 40 Any HR implications that arise from activities funded by the budgets that this report deals with will be dealt within the individual reports to Members or Officer Decision Records to which they relate.

Risk Management

- 41 Financial risks are assessed and reported on a regular basis, and remedial action taken if and when required. Risks associated with the achievement of the 2025/26 budget and the level of general reserves were factored into the 2025/26 financial scenario, budget and reserves strategy.

Rural Communities

- 42 The report provides details of service provision across the borough.

Children and Young People including Cared for Children, care leavers and Children with special educational needs and disabilities (SEND)

43 The report provides details of service provision across the borough.

Public Health

44 Public health implications that arise from activities that this report deals with will be dealt with as separate reports to Members or Officer Decision Records as required.

Climate Change

45 Any climate change implications that arise from activities funded by the budgets that this report deals with will be dealt within the individual reports to Members or Officer Decision Records to which they relate.

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Background Papers:	<p>The following are links to key background documents:</p> <p>Medium-Term Financial Strategy 2025-2029</p>

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Service Budgets 2025/26

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Section 1: Allocation of Revenue and Capital Budgets 2025/26

Cheshire East Council - Summary	Revenue Budget			Capital Budget	Total Revenue and Capital Budget
Service Area	Expenditure £000	Income £000	Net Budget £000	£000	£000
Adults and Health	252,154	-92,705	159,449	389	159,838
Children and Families	107,383	-10,095	97,288	37,723	135,011
Corporate Policy	108,802	-66,014	42,788	12,745	55,533
Corporate Policy – Council Wide Transformation	-12,702	-750	-13,452		-13,452
Economy and Growth	38,144	-9,703	28,441	36,081	64,522
Environment and Communities	68,964	-23,263	45,701	19,357	65,058
Highways and Transport	28,370	-11,469	16,901	66,782	83,683
Finance Sub – Central	54,012	-3,492	50,520		50,520
Total Cost of Service	645,127	-217,491	427,636	173,077	600,713
Total Funding		-402,375	-402,375		
Exceptional Financial Support	-25,261		-25,261		
Net Position	619,866	-619,866	-		

Adults and Health	Revenue Budget			Capital Budget	Total Revenue and Capital Budget
Service Area	Expenditure £000	Income £000	Net Budget £000	£000	£000
Directorate	515	-8,379	-7,864		-7,864
Adult Social Care Operations	214,610	-47,056	167,554	389	167,943
Commissioning	17,407	-17,648	-241		-241
Public Health	19,622	-19,622	-		-
Total Cost of Service	252,154	-92,705	159,449	389	159,838

Children and Families	Revenue Budget			Capital Budget	Total Revenue and Capital Budget
Service Area	Expenditure £000	Income £000	Net Budget £000	£000	£000
Directorate	6,391	-1,125	5,266		5,266
Family Help and Children's Social Care	61,865	-1,448	60,417	3,061	63,478
Education, Strong Start and Integration	36,365	-7,491	28,874	34,662	63,536
Commissioning, QA and Partnerships	2,762	-31	2,731		2,731
Total Cost of Service	107,383	-10,095	97,288	37,723	135,011

Corporate Policy	Revenue Budget			Capital Budget	Total Revenue and Capital Budget
Service Area	Expenditure £000	Income £000	Net Budget £000	£000	£000
Resources (Finance)	58,887	-47,831	11,056	1,021	12,077
Governance and Compliance Services	15,499	-4,155	11,344		11,344
Resources (People)	6,022	-461	5,561		5,561
Resources (Digital)	24,414	-12,719	11,695	11,724	23,419
Assistant Chief Executive	3,980	-848	3,132		3,132
Total Cost of Service	108,802	-66,014	42,788	12,745	55,533

Corporate Policy – Council Wide Transformation	Revenue Budget			Capital Budget	Total Revenue and Capital Budget
Service Area	Expenditure £000	Income £000	Net Budget £000	£000	£000
Transformation Programme - Council Wide	-12,702	-750	-13,452		-13,452
Total Cost of Service	-12,702	-750	-13,452		-13,452

Economy and Growth	Revenue Budget			Capital Budget	Total Revenue and Capital Budget
Service Area	Expenditure £000	Income £000	Net Budget £000	£000	£000
Directorate	303		303		303
Assets	3,078	-2,587	491	2,250	2,741
Growth and Enterprise Management	147		147		147
Facilities Management	17,702	-270	17,432	5,927	23,359
Farms	437	-785	-348		-348
Economic Development	1,985	-551	1,434	12,854	14,288
Housing	3,996	-414	3,582	6,893	10,475
Rural and Cultural Management	165		165	8,157	8,322
Tatton Park	5,653	-4,445	1,208		1,208
Green Infrastructure	2,124	-302	1,822		1,822
Cultural Economy	1,113		1,113		1,113
Visitor Economy	558	-349	209		209
Pay Inflation	883		883		883
Total Cost of Service	38,144	-9,703	28,441	36,081	64,522

Environment and Communities	Revenue Budget			Capital Budget	Total Revenue and Capital Budget
Service Area	Expenditure £000	Income £000	Net Budget £000	£000	£000
Director of Environmental and Neighbourhood Services	143		143		143
Development Management	4,471	-2,767	1,704		1,704
Building Control	1,222	-918	304		304
Local Land Charges and Planning Support	748	-407	341		341
Strategic Planning	1,436		1,436		1,436
Neighbourhood Planning	283	-220	63		63
Environmental – Commissioning ANSA*	45,037	-1,745	43,292	14,217	57,509
Environmental – Commissioning Orbitas*	2,094	-2,927	-833	600	-233
Environmental – Management Services	2,207	-12,290	-10,083	3,540	-6,543
Regulatory Services	4,050	-1,228	2,822		2,822
Libraries	3,329	-297	3,032		3,032
Leisure Commissioning	948	-420	528	1,000	1,528
Emergency Planning	237	-61	176		176
Head of Neighbourhood Services & ASB/CEO	648	17	665		665
Pay Inflation	2,111		2,111		2,111
Total Cost of Service	68,964	-23,263	45,701	19,357	65,058

*The companies are coming back in house in 2025/26 therefore commissioning budgets will be realigned to the correct service area

Highways and Transport	Revenue Budget			Capital Budget	Total Revenue and Capital Budget
Service Area	Expenditure £000	Income £000	Net Budget £000	£000	£000
Car Parking	2,266	-7,446	-5,180	83	-5,097
Strategic Transport	8,700	-503	8,197	2,964	11,161
ANSA Transport Commissioning (Management Fee)*	1,235		1,235		1,235
Highways	14,625	-2,820	11,805	30,971	42,776
Integrated Rail and Transport (formerly HS2)	450		450		450
Highways and Infrastructure Director	145		145		145
Infrastructure	776	-700	76	32,764	32,840
Pay Inflation	173		173		173
Total Cost of Service	28,370	-11,469	16,901	66,782	83,683

*The companies are coming back in house in 2025/26 therefore commissioning budgets will be realigned to the correct service area

Finance Sub – Central Budgets	Revenue Budget			Capital Budget	Total Revenue and Capital Budget
Service Area	Expenditure £000	Income £000	Net Budget £000	£000	£000
Capital Financing	37,531	-2,492	35,039		35,039
Income from use of Capital Receipts		-1,000	-1,000		-1,000
Pension Cost adjustment	-727		-727		-727
Contingency Budget	15,953		15,953		15,953
Transfer to/(from) Reserves	1,304		1,304		1,304
Bad Debt Provision adjustment	-50		-50		-50
Other Income/Expenditure	1		1		1
Total Cost of Service	54,012	-3,492	50,520		50,520

Section 2: Approved Budget Change Items 2025/26

MTFS Ref No	Detailed List of Approved Budget Changes – Service Budgets	2025/26 £m	2026/27 £m	2027/28 £m	2028/29 £m
	Adults and Health	+21.494	-2.204	+1.516	+1.480
1	Client Contributions	-5.182	-0.879	-1.654	-1.706
2	Revenue Grants for Adult Social Care	-0.220			
3	Pensions Cost Adjustment	-0.517	-1.019	-0.171	-0.184
4	Demand in Adult Social Care	+5.000	+5.000	+5.000	+5.000
5	Pay Inflation	+2.251	+1.142	+1.171	+1.200
6	Funding the staffing establishment	+3.800			
7	Fully Funding current care demand levels 2024/25	+24.500			
8	Remodel extra care housing catering service	-0.270			
9T	Prevent, Reduce, Enable - Older People	-1.500	-2.830	-2.830	-2.830
10T	Learning Disability service transformation	-2.500	-2.500		
11T	Commissioning and brokerage transformation	-0.500	-0.250		
12T	Preparing for Adulthood	-0.868	-0.868		
13T	Health and Social Care Partnership Case Review	-2.500			

MTFS Ref No	Detailed List of Approved Budget Changes – Service Budgets	2025/26 £m	2026/27 £m	2027/28 £m	2028/29 £m
	Childrens and Families	+8.659	-0.064	-0.201	-0.258
14	Pension costs adjustment	-0.537	-0.923	-0.155	-0.167
15	Growth to deliver statutory Youth Justice service, and meet Safeguarding Partnership duties	+0.203	+0.167	+0.031	+0.034
16	Growth in School, SEND and Social Care Transport budget	+1.501	+1.548	+0.476	
17	Pay Inflation	+2.624	+1.096	+1.124	+1.152
18	Fully Funding current care demand levels 2024/25	+3.295			
19	Court Progression Improvement	+0.023			
20	Growth for annual contribution to the Regional Adoption Agency	+0.213	+0.048	+0.048	+0.048
21	Growth for Unaccompanied Asylum Seeking Children due to emerging pressures	+0.500			
22	Reversal of a one year policy change for traded services	+0.120			
23	Schools Improvement	+0.175			
24	Funding the staffing establishment	+2.739		-1.000	-0.600
25	Safe Walking Routes to School	-0.250			
26T	New accommodation with support offer for 16-25 young people	-1.100	-0.700		
27T	Birth to Thrive	-0.500			
28T	Right Child, Right Home	-1.320	-1.300	-0.725	-0.725
29	Extended Rights to Free Transport	+0.388			
30	Children's Social Care Prevention Grant – Expenditure	+0.905			
31	Children's Social Care Prevention Grant – Grant Income	-0.905			
32	Foster4	+0.114			
33	Foster Carers uplift of National Minimum Allowance (NMA)	+0.471			

MTFS Ref No	Detailed List of Approved Budget Changes – Service Budgets	2025/26 £m	2026/27 £m	2027/28 £m	2028/29 £m
	Corporate Policy	+1.078	+4.396	+1.890	+1.485
34	Enforce prompt debt recovery and increase charges for costs	-0.077			
35	Pension costs adjustment	-0.396	-0.685	-0.115	-0.124
36	Pay Inflation	+1.494	+1.531	+1.570	+1.609
37	Shared Services Review - Move to Hybrid Model for ICT	-0.733			
38	The achievement of additional Registration Service income, over and above that which is currently identified as required	-0.350			
39	Recognising the annual receipt of £45k of Police and Crime Panel grant income	-0.045			
40	Remove unspent element of phones budgets in corporate services	-0.060			
41T	Digital Acceleration Revenue Growth		+1.150		
42T	Digital Blueprint Revenue Growth		+2.400	+0.435	
43	Transactional Shared Services stabilisation plan	+0.270			
44	Additional cost of External Audit Fees	+0.265			
45	Reduce Members Allowances budget	-0.100			
46	Additional Cost of Bank Charges from 2025/26	+0.120			
47	Reverse reduction in leadership and management costs as posts are being retained	+0.540			
48	Reinstatement of a one-off saving of £150,000 from election budgets for 2024/25	+0.150			
	Council Wide Transformation	-13.452	-20.730	-11.030	-
49T	Digital Customer Enablement Invest to Save	-0.750	-0.750	-0.700	
50T	Digital Acceleration Invest to Save	-0.600	-6.250	-5.250	
51T	Digital Blueprint - Invest to Save	-4.000	-6.000	-4.500	
52T	Target Operating Model (TOM)	-3.000	-7.000		
53T	Agency Staffing	-0.352			
54T	Workforce Productivity	-1.000			
55T	Fees and Charges	-0.750	-0.040	-0.040	
56T	Third Party Spend	-3.000	-0.690	-0.540	

MTFS Ref No	Detailed List of Approved Budget Changes – Service Budgets	2025/26 £m	2026/27 £m	2027/28 £m	2028/29 £m
	Economy and Growth	+0.534	+0.695	+0.432	+0.328
57	Office estate rationalisation	-0.150			
58	Pension Costs Adjustment	-0.164	-0.313	-0.053	-0.057
59	Tatton Park ticketing and EPOS upgrade	+0.001	+0.001	+0.001	+0.001
60	CEC Archives	+0.014	+0.093	+0.004	
61	Rural and Visitor Economy Electricity costs	-0.021			
62	Minimum energy efficiency standards (MEES) - Estates - Revenue Adjustment	+0.023		-0.055	-0.047
63	Pay Inflation	+1.064	+0.429	+0.440	+0.450
64	Maintenance and operation of new assets in Crewe town centre	+0.205	+0.279	+0.118	+0.006
65	Land Fill Site Assessments Revenue Adjustment - Estates – Review and Risk Assessment of Council owned Landfill sites (53 sites) Review and Risk Assessment completions	+0.010			
66	Tatton Park Estate Dwellings Refurbishment	+0.015			
67	Improving Crewe Rented Housing Standards	+0.188	-0.188		
68	Maximise potential of Countryside Access Management System	+0.020	-0.018		
69	Assets - building and operational – Energy	-0.860			
70	Assets - building and operational – Maintenance	+0.465	+0.533		
71	Tatton Park - Increase Fees and Charges	-0.126	-0.021	-0.023	-0.025
72T	Corporate Landlord Model Refresh	-0.050			
73T	Asset Strategy Refresh	-0.100	-0.100		

MTFS Ref No	Detailed List of Approved Budget Changes – Service Budgets	2025/26 £m	2026/27 £m	2027/28 £m	2028/29 £m
	Environment and Communities	-2.741	+3.269	+0.982	+6.792
74	Strategic Leisure Review (Stage 2)	+0.403	-0.203	-0.166	
75	Libraries Strategy - Stage 1	-0.100			
76	Reduce revenue impact of carbon reduction capital schemes	+0.171			
77	Pay Inflation	+2.270	+1.380	+1.409	+1.436
78	Pension Costs Adjustment	-0.159	-0.315	-0.053	-0.057
79	Explore a Trust delivery model for Libraries and other services	-0.150			
80	Land Charge Income Adjustment	+0.147			
81	Local Plan Review	+0.315	-0.090	+0.005	-0.005
82	Review of CCTV service - service efficiencies and income generation from existing services	-0.040			
83	Environmental Services Growth 2025/26 onwards	+3.041	+1.882	+0.690	+0.710
84	Environmental Services Savings 2025/26 onwards	-2.366	-2.580	-1.181	-0.549
85	Environmental Services Growth - Pensions	+0.727	-0.395	-0.066	-0.071
86	Environmental Services – expected income from Extended Producer Responsibility for packaging	-7.000	+3.590	+0.344	+5.328

MTFS Ref No	Detailed List of Approved Budget Changes – Service Budgets	2025/26 £m	2026/27 £m	2027/28 £m	2028/29 £m
	Highways and Transport	+1.061	+0.152	+0.068	+0.030
87	Increase parking charges	-0.450	-0.186	-0.191	-0.197
88	Safe Haven outside schools (Parking)	+0.010			
89	Parking PDA / Back Office System contract - fall out of one off set up cost	-0.030			
90	Parking - Part-year effect of strategy changes	-0.720			
91	Parking - Staff and member parking	-0.250			
92	Transport and Infrastructure Strategy Team – Restructure		-0.150		
93	Local Bus	+1.545			
94	FlexiLink Service Improvement Plan - invest to save	+0.592	+0.294	-0.003	-0.135
95T	Advertising Income. Initial project scoping work being undertaken to understand scale/complexity and resourcing needs	-0.025	-0.075	-0.050	
96	Pension Costs Adjustment	-0.055	-0.108	-0.018	-0.020
97	Pay Inflation	+0.228	+0.111	+0.114	+0.117
98	Flood and Water Management Act 2010 SuDS and SABs Schedule 3 Implementation		+0.050	+0.050	+0.100
99	Highways: Revenue Service	+0.216	+0.216	+0.216	+0.216
100	Highways: Depots			-0.050	-0.051

MTFS Ref No	Detailed List of Approved Budget Changes – Service Budgets	2025/26 £m	2026/27 £m	2027/28 £m	2028/29 £m
	Finance Sub (central budgets)	+35.294	+26.123	+17.082	+13.104
101	Capital Financing - Minimum Revenue Provision	+3.387	+3.719	+3.102	+1.388
102	Creation of Contingency Budget	+15.953	+14.908	+11.922	+12.926
103	Risk of unachievable budget savings or growth demands exceeding estimates		+3.800	-1.840	-1.210
104	Pension adjustment – linked to E&C growth item	-0.727			
105	Use of Earmarked Reserves (reversal of 2024/25 one off use of central EMRs)	+3.723			
106	Top up of Earmarked Reserves			+3.898	
107	Use of General Reserves (reversal of one off use in 2024/25)	+11.654			
108	Top up General Reserves	+1.304	+3.696		
	Finance Sub (funding budgets)	-26.666	-15.285	-19.391	-20.515
109	Council Tax increase % growth	-14.326	-15.290	-16.204	-17.214
110	Council Tax increase base growth	-5.852	-3.037	-3.187	-3.301
111	Business Rates Retention	-0.495			
112	Unringfenced general grants change	-3.012	+3.042		
113	National Insurance increase contribution	-2.981			

Section 3: Capital Programme 2025/26

Adults and Health													CAPITAL
CAPITAL PROGRAMME 2025/26 - 2028/29													
Scheme Description		Forecast Expenditure						Forecast Funding					Total Funding
	Total Approved Budget	Prior Years	Forecast Budget 2025/26	Forecast Budget 2026/27	Forecast Budget 2027/28	Forecast Budget 2028/29	Total Forecast Budget 2025-29	Government Grants	External Contributions	Revenue Contributions	Capital Receipts	Prudential Borrowing	
	£000	£000	£000	£000	£000	£000	£000	£000	£000	£000	£000	£000	£000
Committed Schemes													
Adult Social Care													
Electronic Call Monitoring System	389	0	389	0	0	0	389	0	0	389	0	0	389
Total Adults Social Care Schemes	389	0	389	0	0	0	389	0	0	389	0	0	389

CAPITAL PROGRAMME 2025/26-2028/29													
Scheme Description	Total Approved Budget £000	Forecast Expenditure						Forecast Funding					Total Funding £000
		Prior Years £000	Forecast Budget 2025/26 £000	Forecast Budget 2026/27 £000	Forecast Budget 2027/28 £000	Forecast Budget 2028/29 £000	Total Forecast Budget 2025-29 £000	Grants £000	External Contributions £000	Revenue Contributions £000	Capital Receipts £000	Prudential Borrowing £000	
Committed Schemes													
Children's Social Care													
Children's Home Sufficiency Scheme	1,404	904	500	0	0	0	500	0	0	0	0	500	500
Crewe Youth Zone	4,826	2,420	2,406	0	0	0	2,406	1,559	0	0	0	847	2,406
Family Hubs Transformation	236	131	105	0	0	0	105	105	0	0	0	0	105
Foster Carer Capacity Scheme	534	484	50	0	0	0	50	0	0	0	0	50	50
Total Children's Social Care	7,000	3,939	3,061	0	0	0	3,061	1,664	0	0	0	1,397	3,061
Strong Start, Family Help & Integration													
Childcare Capital Expansion	749	449	300	0	0	0	300	300	0	0	0	-	300
Early Years Sufficiency Capital Fund	1,036	957	79	0	0	0	79	79	0	0	0	-	79
Total Strong Start, Family Help & Integration	1,785	1,406	379	0	0	0	379	379	0	0	0	0	379
Education and 14-19 Skills													
Adelaide Academy	903	155	748	0	0	0	748	578	0	0	0	170	748
Basic Need Grant Allocation	7,569	5,127	2,442	0	0	0	2,442	2,442	0	0	0	0	2,442
Congleton Planning Area - Primary (1)	2,209	179	2,030	0	0	0	2,030	764	1,266	0	0	0	2,030
Congleton Planning Area - Primary (3)	7,504	54	0	2,200	5,250	0	7,450	4,250	3,200	0	0	0	7,450
Devolved Formula Grant - Schools	1,533	893	330	310	0	0	640	640	0	0	0	0	640
Energy Efficiency Grant - Schools	672	672	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Gainsborough Primary - Flooring	304	50	254	0	0	0	254	254	0	0	0	0	254
Handforth Planning Area - New School	13,002	103	400	4,000	8,499	0	12,899	126	12,773	0	0	0	12,899
Macclesfield Planning Area - Secondary New places	730	5	725	0	0	0	725	725	0	0	0	0	725
Macclesfield Planning Area - New School	4,001	1	0	0	4,000	0	4,000	0	4,000	0	0	0	4,000

CAPITAL PROGRAMME 2025/26-2028/29

Scheme Description	Total Approved Budget £000	Forecast Expenditure						Forecast Funding					Total Funding £000
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Committed Schemes													
Mobberley Primary School	1,207	37	609	561	0	0	1,170	870	0	0	300	0	1,170
Nantwich Planning Area - Kingsbourne Primary Academy (New school)	9,061	1,233	7,328	500	0	0	7,828	5,308	2,520	0	0	0	7,828
New AP Free School	500	0	500	0	0	0	500	500	0	0	0	0	500
New Satellite school - 2	9,000	50	950	5,000	3,000	0	8,950	8,950	0	0	0	0	8,950
New SEN places - Springfields Wilmslow /Dean Row Community Centre	1,089	339	750	0	0	0	750	750	0	0	0	0	750
New SEN Free School	998	5	745	248	0	0	993	993	0	0	0	0	993
Poynton Planning Area - Vernon Primary	1,500	113	1,387	0	0	0	1,387	584	803	0	0	0	1,387
Provision of Sufficient School Places - SEND (Springfield Crewe)	7,183	6,861	322	0	0	0	322	0	0	0	0	322	322
Schools Condition Capital Grant	7,828	3,828	2,000	2,000	0	0	4,000	4,000	0	0	0	0	4,000
SEN/High Needs Capital Allocation	4,827	327	2,000	2,500	0	0	4,500	4,500	0	0	0	0	4,500
Shavington Planning Area - Basford New Primary School	8,040	256	1,000	6,784	0	0	7,784	5,449	2,335	0	0	0	7,784
Springfield Satellite Site - Middlewich	6,000	500	5,500	0	0	0	5,500	5,500	0	0	0	0	5,500
Tytherington High School	2,800	272	2,528	0	0	0	2,528	2,528	0	0	0	0	2,528
Wheelock Primary School	2,411	1,201	1,210	0	0	0	1,210	1,210	0	0	0	0	1,210
Wilmslow High School BN	14,179	13,654	525	0	0	0	525	0	477	0	0	48	525
Total Education & 14-19 Skills	115,050	35,915	34,283	24,103	20,749	0	79,135	50,921	27,374	0	300	540	79,135
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Total Committed Schemes	123,835	41,260	37,723	24,103	20,749	0	82,575	52,964	27,374	0	300	1,937	82,575
Total New Schemes	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total Children and Families Schemes	123,835	41,260	37,723	24,103	20,749	0	82,575	52,964	27,374	0	300	1,937	82,575

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Committed Schemes													
ICT Services													
Accelerate Digital	1,460	760	700	0	0	0	700	0	0	0	0	700	700
Care Act Phase 2	6,314	5,234	1,080	0	0	0	1,080	0	0	0	0	1,080	1,080
ICT Device Replacement	1,912	1,412	500	0	0	0	500	0	0	0	0	500	500
IADM (Information Assurance and Data Management)	19,465	18,065	1,400	0	0	0	1,400	0	0	0	0	1,400	1,400
Infrastructure Investment Programme (IIP)	34,429	31,796	1,804	830	0	0	2,634	0	0	0	0	2,634	2,634
Vendor Management	1,006	788	218	0	0	0	218	0	0	0	0	218	218
Total ICT Services Schemes	64,586	58,054	5,702	830	0	0	6,532	0	0	0	0	6,532	6,532
Finance & Customer Services													
Core Financials	11,317	10,362	662	293	0	0	955	0	0	0	0	955	955
Vendor Management - Phase 2	99	24	25	50	0	0	75	0	0	0	0	75	75
Total Finance & Customer Services Schemes	11,417	10,386	687	343	0	0	1,030	0	0	0	0	1,030	1,030
Total Committed Schemes	76,003	68,440	6,389	1,173	0	0	7,562	0	0	0	0	7,562	7,562
New Schemes													
Finance & Customer Services													
Core Business Systems	1,826	0	334	492	800	200	1,826	0	0	0	0	1,826	1,826
ICT Services													
Accelerate Digital – (Digital efficiencies) Capital	4,259	0	1,532	1,350	1,377	0	4,259	0	0	0	0	4,259	4,259
Digital Blueprint - Capital	6,530	0	3,490	1,663	1,377	0	6,530	0	0	0	0	6,530	6,530
ICT Device Replacement		0	1,000	250	200	400	1,850	0	0	0	0	1,850	1,850
Total New Schemes	12,615	0	6,356	3,755	3,754	600	14,465	0	0	0	0	14,465	14,465
Total Corporate Policy	88,618	68,440	12,745	4,928	3,754	600	22,027	0	0	0	0	22,027	22,027

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Committed Schemes													
Culture & Tourism													
Countryside Vehicles	1,579	790	355	217	217	0	789	0	0	0	0	789	789
Culture & Tourism S106 Schemes	509	97	385	5	5	17	412	0	412	0	0	0	412
Green Infrastructure Structures Investment	384	0	271	113	0	0	384	0	0	0	0	384	384
New Archives Premises CTC1	7,115	442	6,433	240	0	0	6,673	0	0	0	0	6,673	6,673
PROW CMM A6 MARR	103	74	29	0	0	0	29	29	0	0	0	0	29
Tatton Park Investment Phase 2	2,843	1,434	684	725	0	0	1,409	0	0	0	0	1,409	1,409
Total Culture & Tourism Committed Schemes	12,533	2,837	8,157	1,300	222	17	9,696	29	412	0	0	9,255	9,696
Economic Development													
Crewe Towns Fund - Mill Street Corridor	4,027	3,229	798	0	0	0	798	798	0	0	0	0	798
Crewe Towns Fund - Crewe Youth Zone non-grant costs	351	188	163	0	0	0	163	163	0	0	0	0	163
Crewe Towns Fund - Repurposing Our High Streets	1,132	625	507	0	0	0	507	507	0	0	0	0	507
Crewe Town Centre Regeneration	32,293	31,293	1,000	0	0	0	1,000	0	0	0	0	1,000	1,000
Connecting Cheshire Phase 3	8,000	928	2,000	2,200	2,000	872	7,072	0	7,072	0	0	0	7,072
Connecting Cheshire 2020	9,250	6,265	0	0	0	2,985	2,985	2,985	0	0	0	0	2,985
Handforth Heat Network	13,219	680	50	450	12,039	0	12,539	1,924	7,428	0	0	3,187	12,539
History Centre Public Realm & ICV (Crewe Towns Fund) CTC1	580	210	370	0	0	0	370	370	0	0	0	0	370
Leighton Green	2,096	1,618	478	0	0	0	478	0	0	0	0	478	478
South Macclesfield Development Area	34,630	3,359	100	0	0	31,171	31,271	10,000	10,000	0	11,271	0	31,271
Macclesfield Indoor Market Refurbishment (MIMR)	2,213	1,713	500	0	0	0	500	500	0	0	0	0	500
Nantwich Town Centre Public Realm Improvements	100	0	100	0	0	0	100	0	100	0	0	0	100
North Cheshire Garden Village	57,866	12,287	6,588	17,285	21,706	0	45,579	15,044	0	0	21,700	8,835	45,579
Handforth Garden Village s106 Obligations	6,841	0	0	2,740	0	4,101	6,841	0	0	0	0	6,841	6,841
UK Shared Prosperity Fund - Core	1,150	950	200	0	0	0	200	200	0	0	0	0	200
Total Economic Development Committed Schemes	173,748	63,345	12,854	22,675	35,745	39,129	110,403	32,491	24,600	0	32,971	20,341	110,403

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Facilities Management													
PSDS - 3B - Lot 1	1,028	904	124	0	0	0	124	124	0	0	0	0	124
PSDS - 3C	1,672	324	1,348	0	0	0	1,348	1,159	0	0	0	189	1,348
Septic Tanks	636	310	75	251	0	0	326	0	0	0	0	326	326
Schools Capital Maintenance	8,315	7,271	1,044	0	0	0	1,044	1,044	0	0	0	0	1,044
Premises Capital (FM)	39,690	36,053	2,488	1,149	0	0	3,637	0	0	0	0	3,637	3,637
Poynton Pool Spillway	1,380	744	636	0	0	0	636	0	0	0	0	636	636
Total Facilities Management Committed Schemes	52,721	45,606	5,715	1,400	0	0	7,115	2,327	0	0	0	4,788	7,115
Estates													
Corporate Landlord - Non-Operational	1,336	0	1,336	0	0	0	1,336	0	0	0	0	1,336	1,336
Malkins Bank Landfill Site	1,360	777	583	0	0	0	583	0	0	0	0	583	583
Farms Strategy	2,910	1,744	331	209	209	417	1,166	0	0	0	1,166	0	1,166
Total Estates Committed Schemes	5,606	2,521	2,250	209	209	417	3,085	0	0	0	1,166	1,919	3,085
Housing													
Crewe Towns Fund - Warm and Healthy Homes	2,126	858	1,268	0	0	0	1,268	1,268	0	0	0	0	1,268
Disabled Facilities	22,025	13,761	2,664	2,800	2,800	0	8,264	8,264	0	0	0	0	8,264
Green Homes Grant	3,105	2,427	339	339	0	0	678	678	0	0	0	0	678
Home Repairs Vulnerable People	1,338	936	402	0	0	0	402	0	0	0	0	402	402
Home Upgrade Grant Phase 2	4,409	2,740	1,669	0	0	0	1,669	1,669	0	0	0	0	1,669
Local Authority Housing Fund	742	433	309	0	0	0	309	309	0	0	0	0	309
Total Housing Committed Schemes	33,746	21,156	6,651	3,139	2,800	0	12,590	12,188	0	0	0	402	12,590
Total Committed Schemes	278,355	135,466	35,627	28,723	38,976	39,563	142,889	47,035	25,012	0	34,137	36,705	142,889
New Schemes													
Culture & Tourism													
Green Structures investment (Public Rights of Way)	512	0	0	126	195	191	512	0	0	0	0	512	512
Housing													
Disabled Facilities	3,360	0	242	106	106	2,906	3,360	3,360	0	0	0	0	3,360
Facilities Management													
Septic Tanks	949	0	0	149	400	400	949	0	0	0	0	949	949
Premises Capital * see note 1	7,163	0	212	1,551	2,700	2,700	7,163	0	0	0	0	7,163	7,163
Total Economic Development New Schemes	11,984	0	454	1,933	3,401	6,197	11,984	3,360	0	0	0	8,624	11,984
Total Economy and Growth Schemes	290,339	135,466	36,081	30,656	42,377	45,760	154,873	50,395	25,012	0	34,137	45,329	154,873

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Environment and Communities

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Committed Schemes													
Environment Services													
Booth Bed Lane, Goostrey	140	40	100	0	0	0	100	0	100	0	0	0	100
Bosley Village Play Area	20	10	10	0	0	0	10	0	10	0	0	0	10
Carbon Offset Investment	568	268	75	75	75	75	300	0	0	0	0	300	300
Carnival Fields	42	0	42	0	0	0	42	0	42	0	0	0	42
Closed Cemeteries	152	50	102	0	0	0	102	0	0	0	0	102	102
Fleet EV Transition	6,897	1,596	2,974	327	1,000	1,000	5,301	0	0	0	0	5,301	5,301
Fleet Vehicle Electric Charging	585	305	140	140	0	0	280	0	0	0	0	280	280
Green Investment Scheme (Solar Farm)	4,150	3,944	51	155	0	0	206	0	0	0	0	206	206
Household Waste Recycling Centres	860	270	590	0	0	0	590	0	0	0	0	590	590
Jim Evison Playing Fields	161	0	161	0	0	0	161	0	161	0	0	0	161
Litter and Recycling Bins	208	136	25	25	22	0	72	0	0	0	0	72	72
Macclesfield Chapel Refurbishment	429	29	400	0	0	0	400	0	0	400	0	0	400
Park Development Fund	846	723	36	87	0	0	123	0	0	0	0	123	123
Review of Household Waste Recycling Centres	1,000	100	900	0	0	0	900	0	0	0	0	900	900
Carbon Neutral 2030 Investments	13,980	101	300	300	4,400	8,879	13,879	0	0	0	0	13,879	13,879
The Carrs Improvement Project	61	15	46	0	0	0	46	0	46	0	0	0	46
Weekly Food Waste Collections	2,712	80	2,132	500	0	0	2,632	2,632	0	0	0	0	2,632
Woodland South of Coppice Way, Handforth	89	73	16	0	0	0	16	0	16	0	0	0	16
Wybunbury St Chad's Closed Cemetery	219	0	219	0	0	0	219	0	0	0	0	219	219
Total Environment Services Schemes	33,119	7,740	8,319	1,609	5,497	9,954	25,379	2,632	375	400	0	21,972	25,379
Neighbourhood Services											0		
Crewe Towns Fund - Valley Brook Green Corridor	3,339	1,699	1,640	0	0	0	1,640	1,640	0	0	0	0	1,640
Crewe Towns Fund - Cumberland Arena	3,093	2,268	825	0	0	0	825	825	0	0	0	0	825
Crewe Towns Fund - Pocket Parks	1,481	1,088	393	0	0	0	393	393	0	0	0	0	393
Strategic Leisure Review	3,400	1,750	1,000	650	0	0	1,650	0	0	0	0	1,650	1,650
Total Neighbourhood Services	11,313	6,805	3,858	650	0	0	4,508	2,858	0	0	0	1,650	4,508
Total Committed Schemes	44,432	14,545	12,177	2,259	5,497	9,954	29,887	5,490	375	400	0	23,622	29,887
New Schemes													
Environment Services													
Weekly Food Waste Collections - Additional Capital Requirement	5,497	0	5,497	0	0	0	5,497	0	0	5,497	0	0	5,497
Macclesfield Cemetery Second Chapel - Additional requirement	200	0	200	0	0	0	200	0	0	200	0	0	200
Parks	1,483	0	1,483	0	0	0	1,483	0	1,483	0	0	0	1,483
Total New Schemes	7,180	0	7,180	0	0	0	7,180	0	1,483	5,697	0	0	7,180
Total Environment and Communities Schemes	51,612	14,545	19,357	2,259	5,497	9,954	37,067	5,490	1,858	6,097	0	23,622	37,067

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Committed Schemes													
Strategic Infrastructure													
A500 Dualling scheme	89,456	11,131	950	0	0	77,375	78,325	74,025	4,300	0	0	0	78,325
A500 Corridor OBC Update	1,705	150	1,555	0	0	0	1,555	1,555	0	0	0	0	1,555
A50 / A54 Holmes Chapel	603	100	0	0	0	503	503	0	503	0	0	0	503
A54 / A533 Leadsmyth Street, Middlewich	563	176	0	0	0	387	387	0	387	0	0	0	387
A6 MARR Technical Design	473	279	194	0	0	0	194	70	124	0	0	0	194
A556 Knutsford to Bowdon	504	417	87	0	0	0	87	0	87	0	0	0	87
Peacock Roundabout Junction	750	52	500	0	0	198	698	0	698	0	0	0	698
Congleton Link Road	83,991	72,837	1,254	1,279	1,000	7,621	11,154	316	10,838	0	0	0	11,154
Crewe Green Roundabout	7,500	7,057	443	0	0	0	443	0	443	0	0	0	443
Flowerpot Phs 1 & Pinchpoint	5,519	1,609	588	336	337	2,649	3,910	3,187	723	0	0	0	3,910
Future High Street Funding - Flag Lane Link	1,558	1,249	309	0	0	0	309	309	0	0	0	0	309
Highways & Infrastructure S106 Funded Schemes	4,701	1,790	1,179	494	0	1,238	2,911	107	2,804	0	0	0	2,911
Transport & Infrastructure Development Studies	350	60	290	0	0	0	290	290	0	0	0	0	290
Middlewich Eastern Bypass	96,599	27,268	22,140	22,876	19,848	4,467	69,331	45,747	14,611	0	0	8,973	69,331
Mill Street Corridor - Station Link Project	1,534	992	542	0	0	0	542	0	242	0	0	300	542
North-West Crewe Package	51,367	50,167	300	300	300	300	1,200	0	1,200	0	0	0	1,200
Old Mill Road / The Hill Junction	1,324	187	1,137	0	0	0	1,137	0	1,137	0	0	0	1,137
Poynton Relief Road	54,848	48,906	1,096	1,146	1,435	2,265	5,942	0	2,751	0	1,000	2,191	5,942
Sydney Road Bridge	10,502	10,137	200	165	0	0	365	0	365	0	0	0	365
Total Strategic Infrastructure Schemes	413,847	234,564	32,764	26,596	22,920	97,003	179,283	125,606	41,213	0	1,000	11,464	179,283
Highways													
Alderley Edge Bypass Scheme Implementation	60,611	60,384	227	0	0	0	227	0	0	0	0	227	227
Integrated Block - LTP	8,012	0	2,003	2,003	2,003	2,003	8,012	8,012	0	0	0	0	8,012
Incentive Fund - LTP	5,800	0	1,450	1,450	1,450	1,450	5,800	5,800	0	0	0	0	5,800
Maintenance Block - LTP	25,275	0	7,878	5,799	5,799	5,799	25,275	23,196	0	0	0	2,079	25,275
Managing and Maintaining Highways	4,712	0	4,712	0	0	0	4,712	0	0	0	0	4,712	4,712
Pothole Funding	23,196	0	5,799	5,799	5,799	5,799	23,196	23,196	0	0	0	0	23,196
Programme Management	1,548	1,515	33	0	0	0	33	33	0	0	0	0	33
Road Safety Schemes Minor Wks	6,423	6,323	100	0	0	0	100	0	0	0	0	100	100
Traffic Signal Maintenance	1,095	835	260	0	0	0	260	260	0	0	0	0	260
Ward Members Local Highway Measures	872	357	515	0	0	0	515	139	0	0	0	376	515
Winter Service Facility	958	772	97	89	0	0	186	0	0	0	0	186	186
Total Highways Schemes	138,502	70,186	23,074	15,140	15,051	15,051	68,316	60,636	0	0	0	7,680	68,316

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Committed Schemes													
Strategic Transport & Parking Services													
Active Travel Fund	3,100	1,680	1,420	0	0	0	1,420	1,420	0	0	0	0	1,420
LEVI Capital Fund 23/24	2,172	0	543	543	543	543	2,172	2,172	0	0	0	0	2,172
Sustainable Travel Access Prog	2,438	2,238	200	0	0	0	200	200	0	0	0	0	200
Local Access - Crewe Transport Access Studies	400	188	212	0	0	0	212	212	0	0	0	0	212
Local Access - Macclesfield Transport Access Studies	300	161	139	0	0	0	139	139	0	0	0	0	139
LTP Development & Monitoring Studies	901	480	200	221	0	0	421	421	0	0	0	0	421
Digital Car Parking Solutions	140	113	27	0	0	0	27	0	0	0	0	27	27
Car Parking Improvements (including residents parking)	322	266	56	0	0	0	56	0	0	0	0	56	56
Total Strategic Transport & Parking Services Schemes	9,773	5,126	2,797	764	543	543	4,647	4,564	0	0	0	83	4,647
Total Committed Schemes	562,122	309,876	58,635	42,500	38,514	112,597	252,246	190,806	41,213	0	1,000	19,227	252,246
New Schemes													
Highways													
Highways Maintenance Capital	41,846	0	7,340	11,502	11,502	11,502	41,846	27,773	0	0	0	14,073	41,846
Highways: Depots (Macclesfield)	2,386	0	411	750	1,225	0	2,386	0	0	0	0	2,386	2,386
Highways: Depots (Wardle)	696	0	146	458	92	0	696	0	0	0	60	636	696
Strategic Transport & Parking Services													
Strategic Transport Model	750	0	250	250	250	0	750	0	0	0	0	750	750
Total New Schemes	45,678	0	8,147	12,960	13,070	11,502	45,679	27,773	0	0	60	17,845	45,679
Total Highways & Transport Schemes	607,800	309,876	66,782	55,460	51,584	124,099	297,925	218,579	41,213	0	1,060	37,072	297,925

Section 4: Reserves 2025/26

Adults and Health Reserve Account	Opening Balance 01 April 2024 £000	Transfers to General Fund - MTFS Feb 2024 £000	2024/25 Net Movement on Reserve £000	Transfers to General Fund Feb 2025 £000	Closing Balance Forecast 31 March 2025 £000	2025/26 Net Movement on Reserve £000	Closing Balance Forecast 31 March 2026 £000
PFI Equalisation - Extra Care Housing	2,857	(2,795)	0	(62)	0	46	46
Public Health Reserve	2,369	0	9	0	2,378	(1,025)	1,353
Adults and Health Reserves Total	5,226	(2,795)	9	(62)	2,378	(979)	1,399

Children and Families Reserve Account	Opening Balance 01 April 2024 £000	Transfers to General Fund - MTFS Feb 2024 £000	2024/25 Net Movement on Reserve £000	Transfers to General Fund Feb 2025 £000	Closing Balance Forecast 31 March 2025 £000	2025/26 Net Movement on Reserve £000	Closing Balance Forecast 31 March 2026 £000
Domestic Abuse Partnership	131	0	(131)	0	0	0	0
Troubled Families Initiative	1,593	0	(1,593)	0	0	0	0
Children and Families Reserves Total	1,724	0	(1,724)	0	0	0	0

Corporate Policy and Central Reserves	Opening Balance 01 April 2024	Transfers to General Fund - MTFS Feb 2024	2024/25 Net Movement on Reserve	Transfers to General Fund Feb 2025	Closing Balance Forecast 31 March 2025	2025/26 Net Movement on Reserve	Closing Balance Forecast 31 March 2026
Reserve Account	£000	£000	£000	£000	£000	£000	£000
Corporate Directorate Reserve	1,164	(935)	0	(229)	0	0	0
Collection Fund Management	8,154	(1,235)	(2,933)	0	3,986	3,469	7,455
Capital Financing Reserve	4,530	0	(4,530)	0	0	0	0
MTFS Reserve	2,914	(741)	255	(2,428)	0	0	0
2025/26 Transformation	0	0	3,500	0	3,500	(3,500)	0
Brighter Futures Transformation Programme	490	(470)	(20)	0	0	0	0
Section 31 Revenue Grants	14	0	0	(14)	0	0	0
Insurance Reserve	3,098	(3,098)	0	0	0	0	0
Elections General	132	0	0	0	132	0	132
Brexit Funding	13	(13)	0	0	0	0	0
HR	59	(59)	0	0	0	0	0
Pay Structure	54	0	0	(54)	0	0	0
Digital Solutions Architect	150	0	(150)	0	0	0	0
Corporate Policy and Central Reserves Total	20,772	(6,551)	(3,878)	(2,725)	7,618	(31)	7,587

Economy and Growth	Opening Balance 01 April 2024	Transfers to General Fund - MTFS Feb 2024	2024/25 Net Movement on Reserve	Transfers to General Fund Feb 2025	Closing Balance Forecast 31 March 2025	2025/26 Net Movement on Reserve	Closing Balance Forecast 31 March 2026
Reserve Account	£000	£000	£000	£000	£000	£000	£000
Place Directorate Reserve	1,164	0	(612)	(306)	246	(246)	0
Investment (Sustainability)	610	0	(21)	(40)	549	(549)	0
Legal Proceedings	212	0	(104)	0	108	(108)	0
Investment Portfolio	534	(534)	0	0	0	0	0
Homelessness & Housing Options - Revenue Grants	129	0	(129)	0	0	0	0
Tatton Park Trading Reserve	128	(128)	0	0	0	0	0
Economy and Growth Reserves Total	2,777	(662)	(866)	(346)	903	(903)	0

Environment and Communities	Opening Balance 01 April 2024	Transfers to General Fund - MTFS Feb 2024	2024/25 Net Movement on Reserve	Transfers to General Fund Feb 2025	Closing Balance Forecast 31 March 2025	2025/26 Net Movement on Reserve	Closing Balance Forecast 31 March 2026
Reserve Account	£000	£000	£000	£000	£000	£000	£000
Strategic Planning	568	(281)	(287)	0	0	0	0
Trees / Structures Risk Management	139	(55)	(30)	0	54	(54)	0
Air Quality	36	0	(5)	0	31	(31)	0
Licensing Enforcement	8	0	0	0	8	(8)	0
Flood Water Management (Emergency Planning)	2	0	(2)	0	0	0	0
Neighbourhood Planning	82	(41)	0	0	41	(41)	0
Spatial Planning - revenue grant	13	(13)	0	0	0	0	0
Street Cleansing	22	0	(4)	0	18	(18)	0
Environment and Communities Reserve Total	870	(390)	(328)	(0)	152	(152)	0

Highways and Transport Reserve Account	Opening Balance 01 April 2024 £000	Transfers to General Fund - MTFS Feb 2024 £000	2024/25 Net Movement on Reserve £000	Transfers to General Fund Feb 2025 £000	Closing Balance Forecast 31 March 2025 £000	2025/26 Net Movement on Reserve £000	Closing Balance Forecast 31 March 2026 £000
Rail and Transport Integration	385	(185)	(200)	0	0	0	0
Flood Risk and Adverse Weather Events	400	0	0	0	400	0	400
Highways Procurement Project	104	(20)	(15)	0	69	(69)	0
LEP-Local Transport Body	19	0	0	0	19	(19)	0
Highways and Transport Reserve Total	908	(205)	(215)	0	488	(88)	400

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Annex B - Draft Financial Reporting Timetable

Report	Financial Cycle	Committee	When
Service Budgets 2025/26	Planning	All Service Committees	March/April 2025
Cheshire Pension Fund update	Reporting	Finance Sub Committee	March 2025 (available on Members hub)
Medium Term Financial Strategy Assumptions and Reporting Cycle for 2026-30	Planning	Finance Sub Committee	June 2025
Financial Management Code update	Reporting	Finance Sub Committee	June 2025
Financial Outturn 2024/25	Reporting	All Committees / Council	June 2025 July 2025 (Council)
Final Outturn and Draft Statement of Accounts 2024/25	Reporting	Audit and Governance	July 2025
Companies Draft Statements of Accounts 2024/25	Reporting	Audit and Governance / Finance Sub Committee	July 2025 September 2025
First Financial Review 2025/26	Monitoring	All Committees / Council	September / October 2025 October 2025 (Council)
ECW (Enterprise Cheshire & Warrington) First Financial Review 2025/26	Monitoring	Finance Sub Committee	September 2025
Companies First Financial Review 2025/26	Monitoring	Finance Sub Committee	September 2025
Cheshire Pension Fund update	Reporting	Finance Sub Committee	June 2025 (available on Members hub)

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Medium Term Financial Planning Assumptions - update	Planning	Finance Sub Committee	September 2025
Cheshire Pension Fund update	Monitoring	Finance Sub Committee	September 2025
ECW (Enterprise Cheshire & Warrington) 2024/25 Accounts - Audit & Governance Committee	Reporting	Audit and Governance / Council	September 2025 October 2025 (Council)
Medium Term Financial Strategy Consultation for 2026/27-2029/30 - launch	Planning	Corporate Policy Committee	October 2025
Second Financial Review 2025/26	Monitoring	All Committees / Council	November 2025 December 2025 (Council)
ECW (Enterprise Cheshire & Warrington) Second Financial Review 2025/26	Monitoring	Finance Sub Committee	November 2025
Companies Second Financial Review 2025/26	Monitoring	Finance Sub Committee	November 2025
Medium Term Financial Strategy Consultation 2026/27-2029/30 - committees to review their respective Service proposals	Planning	All Committees	November 2025
Final Statement of Accounts 2024/25	Reporting	Audit and Governance / Council	December 2025
Audit of Accounts 2024/25 - report from A&G Committee to Council on main items from the external auditors report	Reporting	Audit and Governance / Council	December 2025
Companies Audited Financial Statements 2024/25	Reporting	Audit and Governance / Council	December 2025

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Report	Financial Cycle	Committee	When
Council Tax Base 2026/27	Reporting	Corporate Policy Committee / Council	November 2025 December 2025 (Council)
Financial Management Code – In Year update	Monitoring	Finance Sub Committee	January 2026
Cheshire Pension Fund update	Monitoring	Finance Sub Committee	January 2026
Third Financial Review 2025/26	Monitoring	All Committees / Council	January / February 2026 February 2026 (Council)
ECW (Enterprise Cheshire & Warrington) Third Financial Review 2025/26	Monitoring	Finance Sub Committee	January 2026
Companies Third Financial Review 2025/26	Monitoring	Finance Sub Committee	January 2026
Medium Term Financial Strategy Consultation 2026/27 to 2029/30 plus Provisional Settlement update	Planning	All Committees	January / February 2026
Medium Term Financial Strategy 2026/27-2029/30 - including any supplementary updates	Reporting	Corporate Policy Committee / Council	February 2026
Cheshire Pension Fund update	Monitoring	Finance Sub Committee	March 2026
Service Budgets 2026/27	Planning	Finance Sub Committee	March 2026

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Adults and Health Committee

24th March 2025

**Single Drug and Alcohol Treatment and
Recovery Improvement Grant Acceptance**

Report of: Helen Charlesworth-May, Executive Director of Adults, Health and Integration

Report Reference No: AH/31/2024-25

Ward(s) Affected: All Wards

For Decision or Scrutiny: Decision

Purpose of Report

- 1 This report seeks approval from Committee for the Council to accept the Single Drug and Alcohol Treatment and Recovery Improvement Grant (DATRIG) which is administered by the Office for Health Improvement and Disparities.
- 2 This funding will support the Council in achieving its aim of being an organisation which 'empowers and cares about people' thus 'reducing health inequalities across the Borough'.

Executive Summary

- 3 Adult and Health Committee is being asked to approve acceptance of the Single Drug and Alcohol Treatment and Recovery Improvement Grant.
- 4 The grant has been provided on an annual basis in previous years and will be used to contribute to funding for the new drugs and alcohol contract. A report on the recommission of this service was presented at Committee in January 2025.

<p style="text-align: center;">RECOMMENDATIONS</p> <p>Adult and Health Committee is recommended to:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Approve the Council receiving the Single Drug and Alcohol Treatment and Recovery Improvement Grant as a supplementary estimate of £524,5282. Delegate authority to the Executive Director of Adults, Health and Integration to oversee the execution of any relevant paperwork in connection with this grant.
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Background

- 5 The budget and policy framework sets out rules for managing the Council's financial affairs and contains the financial limits that apply in various parts of the Constitution. As part of sound financial management and to comply with the constitution any changes to the budgets agreed by Council in the Medium Term Financial Strategy require approval at committee in line with the financial limits within the Finance Procedure Rules.
- 6 The Council has been successful in securing £524,528 in 2025/26 from the Department of Health & Social Care revenue funding. This funding is managed by the Office for Health Improvement & Disparities (OHID) and is awarded for the Single Drug and Alcohol Treatment and Recovery Improvement Grant (previously referred to as the Supplementary Substance Misuse Treatment & Recovery Grant). The grant will be provided pursuant to section 31 of the Local Government Act 2003. This follows receipt of a similar amount in the previous year.
- 7 Adult and Health Committee recently approved the procurement of the Drug and Alcohol Service at January committee. The grant funds would enable the new service model to be implemented which was discussed in this report. This includes the offering of a hub and spoke model orientated around care communities.

Consultation and Engagement

- 8 As part of the budget setting process the Pre-Budget Consultation provided an opportunity for interested parties to review and comment on the Council's Budget proposals. The budget proposals described in the consultation document were Council-wide proposals and that consultation was invited on the broad budget proposals. Where the implications of individual proposals were much wider for individuals affected by each proposal, further full and proper consultation was undertaken with people who would potentially be affected by individual budget proposals.

Reasons for Recommendations

- 9 Acceptance of the grant will allow the funding to be used by the Council's commissioned drug and alcohol service to support residents with these needs.

Other Options Considered

- 10 Not applicable

Implications and Comments

Monitoring Officer/Legal

- 11 Under section 2B of the National Health Service Act 2006 (as amended) the Council must take appropriate steps to improve the health of the people who live in their area and these steps may include –
 - (a) providing information and advice;

- (b) providing services or facilities designed to promote healthy living (whether by helping individuals to address behaviour that is detrimental to health or in any other way);
- (c) providing services or facilities for the prevention, diagnosis or treatment of illness;
- (d) providing financial incentives to encourage individuals to adopt healthier lifestyles;
- (e) providing assistance (including financial assistance) to help individuals to minimise any risks to health arising from their accommodation or environment;
- (f) providing or participating in the provision of training for persons working or seeking to work in the field of health improvement;
- (g) making available the services of any person or any facilities.
- (h) providing grants or loans (on such terms as the local authority considers appropriate).

The requirement for Council to approve the supplementary revenue estimate referred to above is in accordance with the Finance Procedure Rules in the Constitution.

Whereas it is anticipated that the grant in so far as it to be provided pursuant to section 31 of the Local Government Act 2003 will be on standard terms, it would be prudent for the grant terms to be reviewed in due course by the Council's Legal team to ensure that there is awareness of any key provisions that the Council will need to comply with.

Section 151 Officer/Finance

- 12 The Drugs and Alcohol Service is in place to support the health of the local population and is fully funded by the ring-fenced Public Health grant received directly from Central Government. Acceptance of the grant will contribute to the overall budget for the service and have no impact on either the Council's current financial position or its existing Medium Term Financial Strategy (MTFS).

Policy

- 13 Financial management supports delivery of all Council policies. The 2025/26 forecast outturn position, ongoing considerations for future years, and the impact on general reserves will be fed into the assumptions underpinning the 2024 to 2028 Medium-Term Financial Strategy.

Equality, Diversity and Inclusion

- 14 An equality impact assessment was completed as part of the recommission of the drug and alcohol service. Please see the committee report from January 2025 for further details.

Human Resources

- 15 Not accepting the grant would require a re-modelling of the service. This would be likely to result in redundancies. This would require management through the provider's HR processes.

Risk Management

- 16 Management of the service follows normal risk procedure including identification and mitigation of risks and escalation where required.

Rural Communities

- 17 It is planned that the service will operate a hub and spoke model, ensuring access for those in rural areas through the provision of support, both on a physical and digital basis. Ongoing work is taking place with Care Communities to implement this.

Children and Young People including Cared for Children, care leavers and Children with special educational needs and disabilities (SEND)

- 18 Young people have been involved in the coproduction of this service and specialist services for young people and their families will be provided. This includes targeted work to support care leavers and support for those with SEN and disabilities.

Public Health

- 19 The recommissioning of the Drug and Alcohol Service has had involvement from the Public Health team throughout and has been developed in line with the Joint Local Health and Wellbeing Strategy for Cheshire East 2023-2028, and the Cheshire East Substance misuse JSNA. Acceptance of the grant would support agreed plans.

Climate Change

- 20 The design and delivery of the drug and alcohol service is underpinned by environmental and sustainability considerations.

Access to Information	
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Appendices:	N/A
Background Papers:	Medium Term Financial Strategy https://www.cheshireeast.gov.uk/council_and_democracy/your_council/council_finance_and_governance/cheshire_east_budget/cheshire-east-budget-2024-25.aspx Substance Misuse Recommission report

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BRIEFING REPORT

Adults and Health Committee

24th March 2025

Adults Service Score Card (Quarter 3)

Report of: Jill Broomhall – Director of Adults Social Care Operations

Report Reference No: AH/34/2024-25

Purpose of Report

- 1 The purpose of this report is to provide Adults and Health Committee members with an overview of key activity and performance in Adults Social Care Services.
- 2 This aligns with the corporate aim of a Fair council and the key strategic objective of a council which empowers and cares about people

Executive Summary

- 3 The score card is produced to provide the adults service senior management team with an overview of demand and activity within the operational services on a month-by-month basis. It also provides a comparison with the previous full year outturn to show an indication of direction of travel
- 4 The report also contains commentary on changes and highlights any areas for consideration

Background

- 5 The score card is received monthly at Adults Health and Integration Extended Leadership Team and Adults Social Care Senior Management Team meetings. Exceptions or key changes are highlighted by Business Intelligence for discussion and consideration which enable the management team to consider whether changes are needed to services and resources to deliver against presenting needs and demands
- 6 The score card contains 41 indicators split into 5 key areas of service delivery. There is also some high-level financial information and trending information provided, together with analysis of change over time.

Briefing Information

7 The following areas the committee may wish to consider:

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- As previously reported October saw an unusually high number of contacts to the Adults Social care which was impacted by an increase in requests from hospitals linked to discharges of patients. This was also magnified by a significantly higher number of requests from hospitals outside of the Cheshire East area where Cheshire East Residents had been admitted. In November and December, the number of contacts reduced and the quarter is broadly in line with the average number of contacts over the year.
- In Q3 the number of contacts resulting in a new referral was 52% (broadly in line with Q1 and Q2).
- Where assessments are carried out the conversion rate from assessment to a service being required is consistently averaging around 73%.

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- Highlights the success rate of the reablement services in reducing the long-term requirements of social care support where this can be provided in a timely fashion. Clients receiving Telecare by age bands are also highlighted.
- The numbers of Mental Health Reablement referrals is showing a very large reduction, we have been working through this figure and have identified a change in recording, this will be adjusted once we have completed the piece of work, we believe this is an error and that the real figure should be in line with previous trends.

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- Provides an overview of the overall number of individuals being supported by services and the change over time.

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- Provides monthly trends for service provision of new Domiciliary Care Hours including Weekly Cost and the change over time.

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- Provides an overview of safeguarding activity and the work ongoing to ensure that individuals are safe and supported whether using service or in their home/ setting.
- In December our success rate against the Adults Social Care Outcomes Framework measure - % of S42 Enquiries where a risk was identified and

was removed or reduced was 96.8% which reflects the good work completed by the team.

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- This provides an overview of the gross financial costs on a period-by-period basis together with a snapshot picture of key drivers and influencers that affect overall expenditure.

Implications

Monitoring Officer/Legal

8 None this is for information only

Section 151 Officer/Finance

9 None this is for information only

Policy

10 None this is for information only

Equality, Diversity and Inclusion

11 None this is for information only

Human Resources

12 None this is for information only

Risk Management

13 None this is for information only

Rural Communities

14 None this is for information only

Public Health

15 None this is for information only

Climate Change

16 None this is for information only

Access to Information	
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Appendices:	Appendix 1 - Adults Scorecard – December 2024
Background Papers:	None

Adult Services Scorecard - Page 1 (Monthly)

Year

2024

Benchmarking Indicators	Apr	May	June	July	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	YTD	Last Year
Total number of individuals currently in permanent residential/ nursing care 18-64	177	173	173	173	174	174	177	179	171				171	177
Total number of individuals currently in permanent residential/ nursing care 65+	1290	1285	1299	1302	1296	1302	1291	1282	1274				1274	1259
Total number of individuals currently in short-term residential/ nursing care	97	95	88	95	90	85	89	86	93				93	95
Weekly number of Domiciliary Care hours	20,093	20,447	21,089	21,625	21,409	21,416	21,264	21,436	21,723				21,723	20,459

- There was a small increase in the numbers in short term care which, although off set by reductions in permanent places, we may just want to be confident that this isn't simply a delay into permanent care or due to domiciliary packages not being available. We did however see a similar rise in December last year.

Core Service Activity	Apr	May	June	July	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	YTD	Last Year
Number of service users waiting for a needs assessment						251	251	251	290				290	
Number of New case Contacts	1069	1085	1075	1235	1026	1101	1373	1163	978				10105	12320
Assessments that result in any commissioned service (including long-term, short-term and telecare)	174	156	170	172	153	138	166	133	131				1393	2132
Number of Assessments completed in period	242	218	234	225	204	190	222	186	183				1904	2814
Percentage of all new contacts (other than safeguarding) where the Client had any other Contact in the previous 12 months	36.9%	37.5%	37.6%	36.8%	37.4%	38.6%	38.2%	36.8%	34.7%				34.7%	34.7%
Number of Support Plan Reviews completed	296	306	246	312	271	273	307	271	220				2502	3435
Number of service users in receipt of a community based service	4612	4613	4622	4661	4646	4640	4612	4569	4528				4528	4502
Proportion of service users in receipt of a community based service	78%	78.1%	78%	78.2%	78.2%	78.1%	78.1%	78%	78%				80.8%	82.8%
Percentage of Clients who have received Long Term Support for 24 months continuously that have been reviewed in the last 24 months	83.1%	82.4%	82.1%	81%	80.7%	79.3%	78.8%	78.2%	77.6%				77.6%	83.7%
Number of Contacts resulting in a New Referral	636	597	609	643	509	567	711	688	552				5512	9063

- There has been an increase in service users waiting for a needs assessment. Are we confident that this isn't carrying additional levels of risk for the individuals concern or resulting in delays that will result in more costly packages of care. Alternatively, is this an indication of staff pressures.

Appendix 1 - Adults Scorecard – December 2024

- There is a 16% drop in new case contacts compared to November and a 29% drop compared to the spike in October. We did see a similar drop at the same time last year, so it is possibly just a seasonal anomaly and linked to individuals supporting elderly relatives at home over the festive period.
- Reviews continue on a downward trend, and we are now 6% lower than the end of 2023/24. We may just want to ensure that we are confident that, for those receiving long term support, their package of care remains appropriate.
- The % of contacts converting to referral remains around 55-56%

Care4CE	Apr	May	June	July	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	YTD	Last Year
Number of community support reablement referrals received	127	117	114	133	96	107	147	129	100				1070	1042
Number of community support reablement referrals received (Portal)	29	29	36	36	41	38	41	37	39				326	885
Number of mental health reablement referrals received	226	241	243	327	258	251	306	201	83				2136	2889
Number of dementia reablement referrals received	91	78	94	98	91	91	110	116	68				837	1078
Percentage of community support reablement completed with no ongoing package of care	72.7%	68.9%	76.7%	72.1%	73.5%	65.5%	71.3%	71.2%	70.5%				71.4%	66.9%

Active Service Users	Apr	May	June	July	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	YTD	Last Year
Total number of individuals on the visual impairment register	2361	2379	2396	2417	2445	2474	2506	2532	2559				2559	2430
Total number of Clients with an active service other than Telecare (18-25)	240	239	242	242	241	240	243	237	238				238	241
Total number of Clients with an active service other than Telecare (26-64)	1445	1456	1448	1472	1469	1464	1456	1452	1451				1451	1436
Total number of Clients with an active service other than Telecare (65-84)	1707	1713	1732	1752	1740	1751	1757	1744	1719				1719	1685
Total number of Clients with an active service other than Telecare (85+)	1322	1327	1349	1361	1351	1358	1351	1339	1334				1334	1340
Total number of Clients only receiving a Telecare service	1209	1186	1170	1153	1145	1141	1120	1089	1071				1071	1249
Total number of Clients receiving a Telecare service as part of a wider package	619	631	641	646	636	629	607	592	591				591	635
Total number of Clients receiving a Telecare service	1828	1817	1811	1799	1781	1770	1727	1681	1662				1662	1884
Total number of Clients receiving any service - including Telecare (65+)	4144	4131	4156	4174	4144	4157	4137	4086	4040				4040	4174
Total number of Clients receiving a Direct Payment (not Carer DP)	460	467	461	459	455	450	449	439	433				433	
Total number of Clients receiving a Carer Direct Payment	57	57	56	56	57	57	59	62	63				63	

- 2 key areas for consideration are the continued drop in clients receiving telecare as a service or part of a package together with clients receiving a DP package. These are both priority areas linked to transformation.

Appendix 1 - Adults Scorecard – December 2024

Active Service Users	Nov	Dec	Change
Total number of Clients with an active service other than Telecare (18-25)	237	238	1
Total number of Clients with an active service other than Telecare (26-64)	1452	1451	-1
Total number of Clients with an active service other than Telecare (65-84)	1744	1719	-25
Total number of Clients with an active service other than Telecare (85+)	1339	1334	-5
Total number of Clients only receiving a Telecare service	1089	1071	-18
Total number of Clients receiving a Telecare service as part of a wider package	592	591	-1
Total number of Clients receiving a Telecare service	1681	1662	-19
Total number of Clients receiving any service - including Telecare (65+)	4086	4040	-46
Total number of Clients receiving a Direct Payment (not Carer DP)	439	433	-6
Total number of Clients receiving a Carer Direct Payment	62	63	1

- The overall position in terms of numbers of clients is one of a downward trend.

Service Provisions - Monthly Trends (Active Services)

Snapshot Date

01/04/2023 31/12/2024



Provider

All

Service Group

All

Contract Type

All

Service Type

All

Age Band

All

Primary Support Reason

All

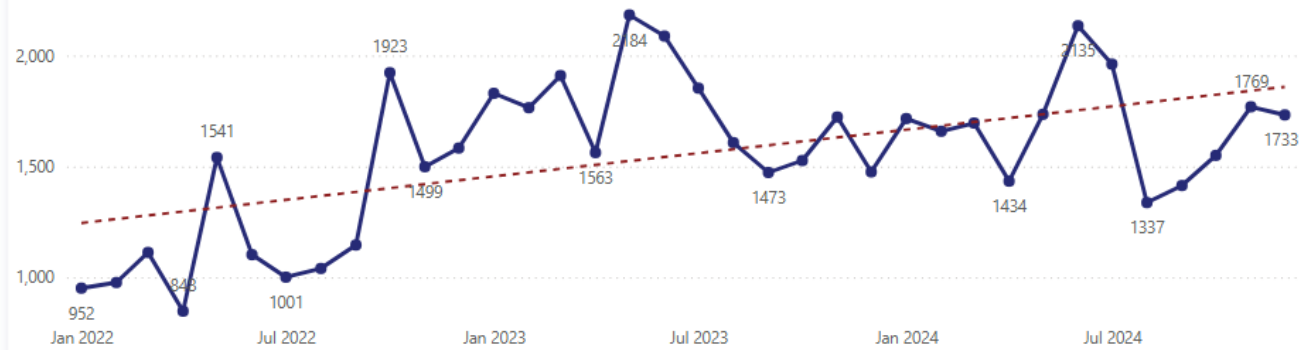
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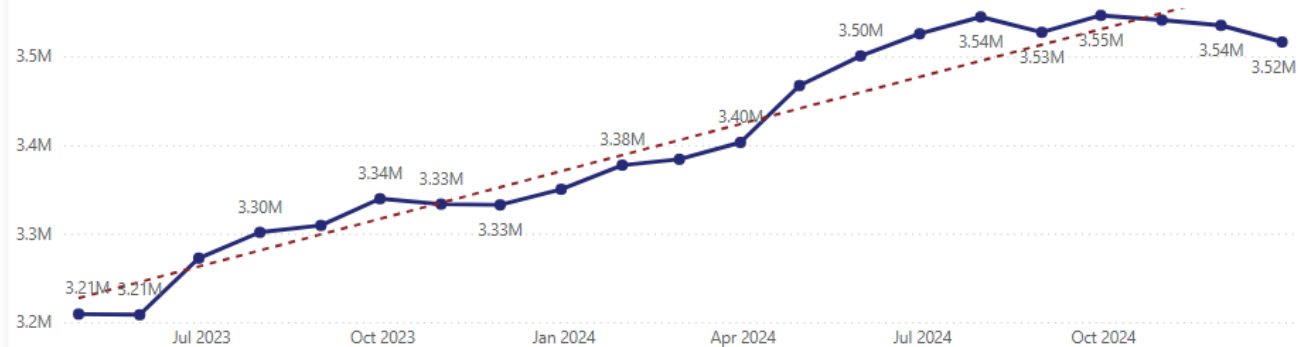
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New Dom Care Hours during Month



Weekly Cost at Snapshot Date



Appendix 1 - Adults Scorecard – December 2024

Risk Enablement	Apr	May	June	July	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	YTD	Last Year
Number of mental health act assessments completed	68	62	83	69	61	63	57	49	42				554	745
Number of S117 clients (includes Z65 MH Aftercare)	1090	1095	1103	1105	1109	1114	1115	1115	1115				1115	1092
Number of Substantiated (including Partially Substantiated) S42 Enquiries concluding with a 'Type' of Domestic Abuse	4	4	6	8	12	9	8	6	7				64	60
Number of new Safeguarding Concerns received in a period (events not individuals)	510	575	508	635	510	530	584	457	527				4836	6161
Number of new S42 Safeguarding Enquiries starting in period	118	105	127	151	118	121	130	88	81				1039	1205
Number of new Other (Non-S42) Safeguarding Enquiries starting in period	6	9	2	7	7	6	4	2	2				45	93
Number of S42 Enquiries Concluded in the period	118	108	113	160	104	124	139	106	98				1070	1207
S42 Enquiries Concluded for which the client expressed their desired outcomes	75	69	73	110	83	89	97	77	74				747	797
Of S42 Enquiries Completed that the client expressed their desired outcomes, the number that were fully achieved (not partially achieved)	42	32	42	68	59	48	51	49	48				439	450
Number of concluded S42 enquiries where outcome of enquiry was substantiated/ partially substantiated	81	72	73	100	71	84	88	73	66				708	775
ASCOF 4B - Percentage of S42 Enquiries where a risk was identified and risk removed or reduced	86.4%	88.7%	81.9%	90.9%	86.8%	88.9%	87.4%	95.8%	96.8%				89.2%	

- Alongside the requests for MH reablement services there is a continued downward trend in the number of mental health act assessments completed. Are we confident that this reflects demand rather than the capacity of the service to complete them?
- The number of safeguarding concerns received rose slightly in December but numbers still remain lower than previously seen. This may possibly be due to more visits over the Christmas period. These haven't resulted in an increase in S47 enquiries positively so may indicate issues being identified before they escalate.

Adult Services Scorecard - Finance

All Costs (Gross Actuals)

Year	P1 Cost	P2 Cost	P3 Cost	P4 Cost	P5 Cost	P6 Cost	P7 Cost	P8 Cost	P9 Cost	P10 Cost	P11 Cost	P12 Cost	P13 Cost	Total Cost
2023	£12,476,399	£12,701,696	£12,743,556	£12,858,923	£13,025,568	£13,061,060	£13,178,484	£13,246,244	£13,223,305	£13,169,639	£13,315,458	£13,369,036	£13,424,433	£169,793,801
2024	£13,582,290	£13,750,496	£13,866,064	£13,950,207	£14,042,133	£14,004,617	£14,038,283	£14,024,451	£13,996,850	£13,883,817	£13,872,244	£3,312,175	£20,358	£156,343,986
2025	£20,358	£0	£0	£0	£0	£0	£0	£0	£0	£0	£0	£0	£0	£20,358

External Costs

Year	P1 Cost	P2 Cost	P3 Cost	P4 Cost	P5 Cost	P6 Cost	P7 Cost	P8 Cost	P9 Cost	P10 Cost	P11 Cost	P12 Cost	P13 Cost	Total Cost
2023	£11,721,144	£11,952,041	£11,984,188	£12,088,290	£12,254,546	£12,293,780	£12,426,623	£12,494,418	£12,458,425	£12,455,410	£12,590,571	£12,636,223	£12,681,753	£160,037,412
2024	£12,853,121	£13,008,582	£13,120,535	£13,197,615	£13,299,367	£13,275,562	£13,300,502	£13,288,816	£13,280,483	£13,193,937	£13,200,550	£3,127,904	£20,358	£148,167,333
2025	£20,358	£0	£0	£0	£0	£0	£0	£0	£0	£0	£0	£0	£0	£20,358

Internal Costs

Year	P1 Cost	P2 Cost	P3 Cost	P4 Cost	P5 Cost	P6 Cost	P7 Cost	P8 Cost	P9 Cost	P10 Cost	P11 Cost	P12 Cost	P13 Cost	Total Cost
2023	£729,696	£727,816	£740,625	£752,216	£754,589	£750,936	£735,559	£735,620	£748,511	£699,347	£710,989	£721,523	£731,494	£9,538,922
2024	£716,401	£727,090	£730,583	£737,571	£727,641	£713,833	£722,708	£720,376	£703,322	£677,884	£659,662	£181,263	£0	£8,018,334

Other

Year	P1 Cost	P2 Cost	P3 Cost	P4 Cost	P5 Cost	P6 Cost	P7 Cost	P8 Cost	P9 Cost	P10 Cost	P11 Cost	P12 Cost	P13 Cost	Total Cost
2023	£25,558	£21,838	£18,742	£18,417	£16,433	£16,344	£16,303	£16,205	£16,369	£14,882	£13,899	£11,291	£11,186	£217,467
2024	£12,768	£14,824	£14,946	£15,020	£15,125	£15,222	£15,074	£15,259	£13,045	£11,996	£12,032	£3,008	£0	£158,319

Current Weekly Cost of Open Services

Internal/External	Total Weekly Cost
External	£3,304,127.45
Internal	£181,319.25
Total	£3,485,446.70

Currently Unauthorised (or awaiting activation) Support Plans

Existing Service User	Distinct Clients
Existing Active Service user	122
Not Active Service User	105
Total	227

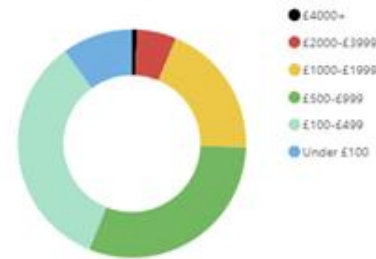
- Periods 1-11 are likely to be complete and based on these the annualised gross costs are likely to be around £180,831,717 which is around £11,037,916 increase. It would be worth considering whether this is more or less than the overall uplift agreed for providers for the financial year as this will be the measure of how much the service has managed to halt the increase.

Appendix 1 - Adults Scorecard – December 2024

Average Cost by Primary Support Reason



Package Cost Category



4531 Packages	£769.32 Average Cost
£3.49M Total Cost	£4.63 Lowest Cost
1157 Packages over 1k	£7.66K Highest Cost

PSR	Package Cost (Total)
Learning Disability Support	£1,268,988.12
Physical Support - Personal Care Support	£1,028,644.64
Support with Memory and Cognition	£671,035.51
Mental Health Support	£295,359.09
Physical Support - Access and Mobility Only	£135,459.28
Social Support - Support for Social Isolation / Other	£36,795.63
Sensory Support - Support for Visual Impairment	£26,150.36
Sensory Support - Support for Dual Impairment	£8,541.69
Social Support - Substance Misuse Support	£6,822.00
Sensory Support - Support for Hearing Impairment	£5,871.27
Social Support - Support to Carer	£2,121.38
Total	£3,485,788.98

Residential / Community	Package Cost (Total)
Community	£1,951,153.61
Residential	£1,534,635.37
Total	£3,485,788.98

Age Band	Female	Male	Total
0-17		£389.70	£389.70
18-64	£643,327.38	£938,406.80	£1,581,734.18
65-74	£181,063.36	£185,828.17	£366,891.53
75-84	£448,541.60	£273,463.79	£722,005.39
85+	£617,190.34	£197,577.84	£814,768.18
Total	£1,890,122.68	£1,595,666.30	£3,485,788.98

Appendix 1 - Adults Scorecard – December 2024

- The number of packages over £1000 per week has reduced slightly however the average cost has risen slightly but that will be linked to the reduction in numbers.

Summary of weekly package cost changes

Age Band	Total Cost Mid Jul	Total Cost Mid Aug	Total Cost Mid Sep	Total Cost Mid Oct	Total Cost Mid Nov	Total Cost Mid Dec	Total Cost Mid Jan	Difference since last mth
18-64	£1,565,625.96	£1,562,627.61	£1,565,334.94	£1,566,467.48	£1,572,651.70	£1,585,185.98	£1,581,734.18	-£3,451.80
65-74	£349,811.22	£352,526.96	£347,458.45	£350,326.18	£360,760.15	£355,671.58	£366,891.53	+£11,219.95
75-84	£736,623.60	£732,388.54	£735,396.53	£730,867.69	£718,643.10	£727,273.94	£722,005.39	-£5,268.55
85+	£834,362.93	£837,768.20	£830,667.01	£840,033.79	£829,699.74	£828,221.87	£814,768.18	-£13,453.69
Total	£3,486,423.71	£3,485,311.31	£3,478,856.94	£3,487,695.14	£3,481,754.70	£3,496,353.37	£3,485,788.98	-£10,564.39

- There is an overall drop of package costs of £10,564 per week compared to the snapshot in December which equates to around £42,000 per 4-week period.
- Of concern possibly is the steady rise in the costs of the 65-74 age group and what this might mean in terms of long-term package requirements.

Brokerage Case Form - Statistics

It is the responsibility of users of this report to be aware of, and comply with, the Data Protection Act 2018. The content of this report must be treated as you would any other elements of an individual's case record and not be disclosed to a third party unless there is a safeguarding concern or you have the appropriate legal right or consent to do so.

Date of Referral: 01/04/2021 23/01/2025
 Type of Referral: All
 Status: Awaiting
 Single/Double handling: All
 New Provider: All
 Referral Route: All
 Case Worker Team: All
 Form Status: All
 Current Situation: All

Current Situation	Packages	Hours per Week
AWC - Short Term	11	16
CAH Provider	11	104
Home without Support	10	84
Macclesfield - Hospital	10	50
AWC - Long Term	8	0
Incomplete	4	65
Informal Care	4	16
Supported Living with Accommodation	4	0
Non Commissioned CAH Provider	3	22
Reablement	3	66
Congleton - Hospital	2	44
Leighton - Hospital	2	16
Bowmere - Hospital	1	0
DTA Bed	1	14
Family Support	1	34
Home with Support	1	11
Leighton Hospital	1	28
Stepping Hill - Hospital	1	32
Supported Living without Accommodation	1	0
Total	81	601

Patch	Packages	Hours per Week
Congleton, Holmes Chapel	7	60
Crewe	10	91
Knutsford, Wilmslow & Poynton	14	165
Macclesfield	27	205
Nantwich and Rural	4	0
SMASH	8	58
Unknown	11	22
Total	81	601

Support Required	Packages	Hours per Week
Care at Home	38	511
Incomplete	9	83
Supported Living with Accommodation	8	0
Long Term Nursing Dementia	5	0
Long Term Nursing Older People	4	0
Long Term Residential Dementia	4	0
Long Term Residential Older People	3	0
Supported Living without Accommodation	2	0
Total	81	601

- There is an increase in the number of packages we are trying to source compared to the snapshot last month, albeit still at much lower numbers than previously seen.
- We may need to keep a watchful eye on the availability of services in the Macclesfield areas as any pressures in this area could potentially pose a problem.

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Adults and Health Committee Work Programme 2025 – 2026

Adults & Health Committee	Report Reference	Title	Purpose of Report	Corporate Plan Priority	Lead Officer	Exempt Item	Consultation	Equality Impact Assessment	Part of Budget and Policy Framework	Is the report for decision or scrutiny?
23 June 2025										
23 June 2025	AH/07/2025-26	Final Outturn 2024/25	This report outlines how the Council managed its resources to achieve both positive outcomes and value for money in the delivery of services during the 2024/25 Financial Year. The purpose of the report is to note and comment on the final financial and performance outturn positions and (if necessary) to approve Supplementary Estimates and Virements.	Open	Interim Executive Director Resources, and S151 Officer	No	No	No	Yes	Decision/ Scrutiny
23 June 2025	AH/05/2025-26	Procurement of the Integrated Community Equipment Service	To seek approval to procure a new contract for the Integrated Community Equipment Service, in partnership with Cheshire West and Chester Council and Cheshire and Merseyside ICB, with CWAC leading the procurement. The report also seeks approval of	Fair	Head of Service - Integrated Commissioning	No	No	Yes	No	Decision

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Adults & Health Committee	Report Reference	Title	Purpose of Report	Corporate Plan Priority	Lead Officer	Exempt Item	Consultation	Equality Impact Assessment	Part of Budget and Policy Framework	Is the report for decision or scrutiny?
			the new Partnership Agreement between commissioning parterres, as part of this re-procurement.							
23 June 2025	AH/06/2025-26	CQC Assurance Report	To feedback to the committee the outcome of the CQC inspection.	Open	Executive Director of Adults, Health and Integration	No	No	No	No	Decision / Scrutiny
23 June 2025	AH/14/2025-26	BCF Narrative Plan for 25/26	Briefing	Fair	Interim Director of Strategic Commissioning and Integration	No	No	Yes	Yes	Scrutiny
23 June 2025	AH/15/2025-26	Care at Home Recommissioning	Decision to reprocure service	Fair	Interim Director of Strategic Commissioning and Integration	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Decision
23 June 2025	AH/16/2025-26	Accommodation with Care recommission	Decision to reprocure service	Fair	Interim Director of Strategic Commissioning and Integration	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Decision
23 June 2025	AH/13/2025-26	Complex Needs Open Framework	Decision To Sign Off Recommendations Re Future Plans For Complex Needs Contract	Fair	Interim Director of Strategic Commissioning and Integration	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Decision
23 June 2025	AH/27/2025-26	Adult Social Care Transformation Plan Update	An update on the progress of the Adult Social Care Transformation Plan	Open	Executive Director of Adults, Health and Integration	No	No	No	No	Scrutiny
22 September 2025										
22 September 2025	AH/01/2025-26	First Financial Review 2025/26	To note and comment on the First Financial	Open	Interim Executive Director	No	No	No	Yes	Scrutiny / Decision

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Adults & Health Committee	Report Reference	Title	Purpose of Report	Corporate Plan Priority	Lead Officer	Exempt Item	Consultation	Equality Impact Assessment	Part of Budget and Policy Framework	Is the report for decision or scrutiny?
			Review and Performance position of 2025/26, including progress on policy proposals and material variances from the MTFS and (if necessary) approve Supplementary Estimates and Virements.		Resources, and S151 Officer					
22 September 2025	AH/04/2025-26	Future Options for Catering in Oakmere and Willowmere Extra Care Housing	To seek a decision from Members on the provision of catering in Oakmere and Willowmere Extra Care Housing Schemes	Fair	Interim Director of Commissioning	No	No	Yes	Yes	Decision
22 September 2025	AH/08/2025-26	Smoking Cessation Incentive Scheme Update		TBC	Executive Director of Adults, Health and Integration	TBC	TBC	TBC	TBC	
22 September 2025	AH/28/2025-26	Adult Social Care Transformation Plan Update	An update on the progress of the Adult Social Care Transformation Plan	Open	Executive Director of Adults, Health and Integration	No	No	No	No	Scrutiny
17 November 2025										
17 November 2025	AH/02/2025-26	Second Financial Review 2025/26 (Adults & Health Committee)	To note and comment on the Second Financial Review and Performance position of 2025/26, including progress	Open	Interim Executive Director Resources, and S151 Officer	No	No	No	Yes	Scrutiny / Decision

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Adults & Health Committee	Report Reference	Title	Purpose of Report	Corporate Plan Priority	Lead Officer	Exempt Item	Consultation	Equality Impact Assessment	Part of Budget and Policy Framework	Is the report for decision or scrutiny?
			on policy proposals and material variances from the MTFS and (if necessary) approve Supplementary Estimates and Virements.							
17 November 2025	AH/09/2025-26	Medium Term Financial Strategy Consultation 2026/27 - 2029/30 (Adults & Health Committee)	All Committees were being asked to provide feedback in relation to their financial responsibilities as identified within the Constitution and linked to the budgets approved by the Finance Sub-Committee in March 2025. Responses to the consultation would be reported to the Corporate Policy Committee to support that Committee in making recommendations to Council on changes to the current financial strategy.	Open	Interim Executive Director Resources, and S151 Officer	No	No	No	Yes	Scrutiny
17 November 2025	AH/20/2025-26	All-Age Carers Strategy 2026-2030	Decision to agree strategy	Fair	Interim Director of Strategic Commissioning and Integration	No	No	No	No	Decision

Adults and Health Committee Work Programme 2025 – 2026

Adults & Health Committee	Report Reference	Title	Purpose of Report	Corporate Plan Priority	Lead Officer	Exempt Item	Consultation	Equality Impact Assessment	Part of Budget and Policy Framework	Is the report for decision or scrutiny?
17 November 2025	AH/21/2025-26	Substance Misuse Strategy – 12 months update		Fair	Interim Director of Strategic Commissioning and Integration	No	Yes	Yes	No	Scrutiny
17 November 2025	AH/22/2025-26	LD Transformation Report	Decision to sign off recommendations re future plans for LD Transformation	Fair	Interim Director of Strategic Commissioning and Integration	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Decision
17 November 2025	AH/23/2025-26	Winter Plan 25/26	Briefing	Fair	Interim Director of Strategic Commissioning and Integration	No	No	Yes	Yes	Scrutiny
17 November 2025	AH/29/2025-26	Adult Social Care Transformation Plan Update	An update on the progress of the Adult Social Care Transformation Plan	Open	Executive Director of Adults, Health and Integration	No	No	No	No	Scrutiny
26 January 2026										
26 January 2026	AH/03/2025-26	Third Financial Review 2025/26 (Adults & Health Committee)	To note and comment on the Third Financial Review and Performance position of 2025/26, including progress on policy proposals and material variances from the MTFS and (if necessary) approve Supplementary Estimates and Virements.	Open	Interim Executive Director Resources, and S151 Officer	No	No	No	Yes	Decision / Scrutiny
26 January 2026	AH/10/2025-26	Medium Term Financial Strategy Consultation 2026/27 - 2029/30	All Committees were being asked to provide feedback in relation to their financial	Open	Interim Executive Director Resources,	No	No	No	Yes	Scrutiny

Adults and Health Committee Work Programme 2025 – 2026

Adults & Health Committee	Report Reference	Title	Purpose of Report	Corporate Plan Priority	Lead Officer	Exempt Item	Consultation	Equality Impact Assessment	Part of Budget and Policy Framework	Is the report for decision or scrutiny?
		Provisional Settlement Update (Adults & Health Committee)	responsibilities as identified within the Constitution and linked to the budgets approved by the Finance Sub-Committee in March 2025. Responses to the consultation would be reported to the Corporate Policy Committee to support that Committee in making recommendations to Council on changes to the current financial strategy.		and S151 Officer					
26 January 2026	AH/24/2025-26	Supplementary Substance Misuse Treatment and Recovery Grant Acceptance	Decision to accept the grant	Fair	Interim Director of Strategic Commissioning and Integration	No	No	No	No	Decision
26 January 2026	AH/24/2025-26	Smoking Incentives Scheme – Further Update		TBC	Interim Director of Strategic Commissioning and Integration	TBC	TBC	TBC	TBC	Scrutiny
26 January 2026	AH/25/2025-26	Sexual Health Recommission	Decision to reprocore service	Fair	Interim Director of Strategic Commissioning and Integration	TBC	TBC	TBC	TBC	Decision
26 January 2026	AH/31/2025-26	Adult Social Care Transformation Plan Update	An update on the progress of the Adult Social Care Transformation Plan	Open	Executive Director of Adults, Health and Integration	No	No	No	No	Scrutiny

Adults and Health Committee Work Programme 2025 – 2026

Adults & Health Committee	Report Reference	Title	Purpose of Report	Corporate Plan Priority	Lead Officer	Exempt Item	Consultation	Equality Impact Assessment	Part of Budget and Policy Framework	Is the report for decision or scrutiny?
23 March 2026										
23 March 2026	AH/11/2025-26	Service Budgets 2026/27 (Adults & Health Committee)	The purpose of this report is to set out the allocation of approved budgets for 2026/27 for services under the Committee's remit, as determined by Finance Sub Committee.	Open	Interim Executive Director Resources, and S151 Officer	No	No	No	Yes	Scrutiny
23 March 2026	AH/31/2025-26	Adult Social Care Transformation Plan Update	An update on the progress of the Adult Social Care Transformation Plan	Open	Executive Director of Adults, Health and Integration	No	No	No	No	Scrutiny
22 June 2026										
22 June 2026	AH/32/2025-26	Adult Social Care Transformation Plan Update	An update on the progress of the Adult Social Care Transformation Plan	Open	Executive Director of Adults, Health and Integration	No	No	No	No	Scrutiny
21 September 2026										
21 September 2026	AH/33/2025-26	Adult Social Care Transformation Plan Update	An update on the progress of the Adult Social Care Transformation Plan	Open	Executive Director of Adults, Health and Integration	No	No	No	No	Scrutiny

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CHESHIRE EAST COUNCIL

Minutes of a meeting of the **Cheshire East Health and Wellbeing Board**
held on Tuesday, 21st January, 2025 in the Council Chamber, Municipal
Buildings, Earle Street, Crewe CW1 2BJ

PRESENT

BOARD MEMBERS

Councillor Sam Corcoran (Chair), Cheshire East Council
Helen Charlesworth-May, Executive Director Adults, Health and
Integration (Joined remotely via Microsoft Teams)
Councillor Janet Clowes, Cheshire East Council
Theresa Leavy Interim Executive Director Children and Families, Cheshire
East Council.
Councillor Jill Rhodes, Chair of Adults and Health Committee, Cheshire
East Council
Kathryn Sullivan, Chief Executive, CVS Cheshire East (joined remotely via
Microsoft Teams)
Isla Wilson, Chair, Cheshire East Health and Care Place Partnership
Kate Little, Deputy CEO, CVS Cheshire East
Lucy Coates, Sector Development Officer and Social Action Lead, CVS
Cheshire East
Louise Barry, Healthwatch Cheshire
Denise Bowman, Cheshire Fire and Rescue Service

OFFICERS IN ATTENDANCE

Guy Kilminster, Corporate Manager, Health Improvement
Prof Rod Thomson, Interim Public Health Consultant
Dr Susie Roberts, Public Health Consultant
Joel Hammond-Gant, Health Protection Officer
Lisa Davies, Interim Improvement Director, Children and Families,
Cheshire East Council
Claire Williamson, Director, Education, Strong Start and Integration,
Children and Families, Cheshire East Council
Frances Handley, Democratic Services Officer
Josie Lloyd, Democratic Services Officer

35 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received from Councillor Carol Bulman, Chair of Children
and Families Committee, Cheshire East Council, Dr Paul Bishop (NHS
Cheshire and Merseyside Integrated Care Board), Superintendent Andrew
Blizard (Cheshire Constabulary), Michelle Davies, Guinness Partnership,
Mark Wilkinson, Place Director, NHS Cheshire and Merseyside Integrated
Care Board, Phil Cresswell, Executive Director of Place

36 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

In the interests of openness, Professor Rod Thompson declared that he is a trustee of Everybody Health and Leisure

37 MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

That the minutes of the meeting held on 19 November 2024 be confirmed as a correct record.

38 PUBLIC SPEAKING TIME/OPEN SESSION

There were no public speakers.

39 PAN CHESHIRE CHILD DEATH OVERVIEW PANEL ANNUAL REPORTS 2022/23 AND 2023/24

The Board received two reports on the findings and recommendations from the Pan Cheshire Child Death Overview Panel Annual Reports 2022/23 and 2023/24.

A presentation was shared from Susie Roberts, Public Health Consultant that highlighted findings and learnings in an effort to ensure improvements in the future.

The Board raised concerns around maternal smoking and sudden infant death along with children in homes with smokers and how awareness can be improved. It was discussed that there would be more focus on campaigns to improve awareness.

Concerns were raised about tight funding environments and removing funding from the organisations that are depended on that have contact with children and families.

RESOLVED:

That the Board

1. Note the findings and recommendations within the Pan Cheshire Child Death Overview Panel Annual Reports.
2. To advocate for sustained focus on approaches to address the commonly associated modifiable and vulnerability factors amongst local children and families.

40 HEALTHIER FUTURES UPDATE

The Board received an update from Nicola Clemo Deputy Programme Director, Healthier Futures on the progress of the Healthier Futures Programme (to rebuild Leighton hospital).

The Board was asked whether a quarterly update was appropriate and was agreed that it was important to continue to receive regular updates about how that transformation process of service delivery is going, and be involved in the 'Big Conversation'. It was agreed that an update will be brought to the next meeting on 18th March 2025.

It was asked what consideration had been given to neurodiversity and learning disabilities in the design strategy. The board were informed that it was an inclusive design strategy and that targeted groups, staff and patients will be brought into the design process.

The Cheshire East Health and Care Place Partnership offered to share their network of expertise to support and assist the process.

The board raised questions around employment strategy and it was noted that a workforce strategy is being worked up in terms of the employment opportunities for local people within the trust itself and have started to establish a number of relationships with local schools and colleges.

It was noted that The Healthier Futures team are engaged with the head of highways, the head of planning and head of economic development, looking at the opportunities to link the hospital with the wider teams looking at Crewe's economic development, transport infrastructure improvements and active travel.

RESOLVED:

That the Health and Wellbeing Board note the update.

41 DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC HEALTH ANNUAL REPORT 2024

The Board received an update on the Director of Public Health Annual Report 2024. A presentation was shared from Joel Hammond-Gant which highlights the harmful health impacts of the commercial determinants of health (CDOH) and unhealthy commodity industries (UCIs).

The Board raised concerns around vaping, gambling and alcohol and discussed options as to how they can support in relation to these issues. It was suggested that these could be considered in the Local Plan

Helen Charlesworth May agreed to discuss with the Corporate Leadership Team at Cheshire East and agreed to raise at Place Partnership. It was suggested that this is brought back alongside the public health plan in 12-18 months to review the progress.

An action was agreed for Councillor Sam Corcoran to discuss further with the Public Health team about the local plan and how more can be added into the local plan about spatial planning to promote exercise and healthy

lifestyles and to raise adding this report to the Corporate Policy Committee work programme.

RESOLVED: That the Health and Wellbeing Board

1. Receive and note the Director of Public Health Annual Report for 2024.
2. Consider how the Director of Public Health's recommendations and opportunities for change can be addressed, by whom, and by when.

42 VCFSE SECTOR APPROACH TO PREVENTION / EARLY DETECTION

The Board received a presentation on the VCFSE Sector Approach to prevention / early detection from Kathryn Sullivan, CEO, CVSCE and Lucy Coates, Sector Development Officer and Social Action Lead, CVSCE. The slides outline some of the successes of the programme and the positive feedback from community groups who have used funding from the cancer alliance to run projects for their beneficiaries.

The Board welcomed the approach and model and agreed that it needs to be backed by what is already commissioned.

The approach would benefit from having other groups collaborate. The Care Communities are the networks where this could be adopted to ensure a broader approach.

RESOLVED (unanimously):

That the Health and Wellbeing Board adopt the template for other areas of work as appropriate in relation to future priorities.

43 ALL TOGETHER FAIRER: THE CHESHIRE AND MERSEYSIDE HEALTH AND CARE PARTNERSHIP PLAN 2024-2029

The Board received a report on All Together Fairer: the Cheshire and Merseyside Health and Care Partnership Plan 2024-2029

The Board suggested a further conversation about this and how they could be confident that the plan is on track and be measurable for Cheshire East specifically.

RESOLVED:

That the Health and Wellbeing Board;

1. Note the content of 'All Together Fairer: the Cheshire and Merseyside Health and Care Partnership Plan 2024-2029' and the alignment with the Cheshire East Health and Wellbeing Strategy and the 'Blueprint 2030'.

2. Work closely with the Cheshire and Merseyside Health and Care Partnership over the next four years to facilitate achieving our local objectives and contributing to the delivery of the Partnership's Plan.

3. Acknowledge that further work is to be undertaken to understand the implications of a 1% year on year increase in the Cheshire East Place budget going towards the social determinants of health and the promotion of good health (including clarity of definition and baseline).

The meeting commenced at 2.00 pm and concluded at 15.32 pm

Councillor S Corcoran (Chair)

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