

2022/23 Financial Update

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Introduction

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

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

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

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

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

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

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2022/23 Outturn Forecast - Financial Position

2022/23	Revised Budget
(GROSS Revenue Budget £474.2m)	(NET) £m
SERVICE DIRECTORATES	
Adults, Health and Integration	121.1
Children's Services	74.2
Place	81.8
Corporate Services	40.6
CENTRAL BUDGETS	
Capital Financing	19.0
Transfer to/(from) Earmarked Reserves	(3.2)
Transfer from MTFS Earmarked Reserve	-
Corporate Contributions / Central Budgets	(5.2)
TOTAL NET EXPENDITURE	328.3
Business Rates Retention Scheme	(49.1)
Specific Grants	(24.5)
Council Tax	(254.7)
Net Funding	(328.3)
NET (SURPLUS) / DEFICIT	-

Financial Stability

Introduction

- The Council has a track record of sound financial management. Nevertheless, in common with all UK local authorities the Council finds itself in a position where pressures on the revenue budget are intensifying as a result of rapid inflation, the legacy impact of the Coronavirus pandemic and increasing cost of living pressure on households. These issues have the effect of increasing the demand for services and increasing costs of services.
- Complexity and market sustainability in Adults' and Children's Social Care remains the most significant financial pressure for the Council in the medium term. Rising inflation in fuel, utilities and wage levels are affecting costs across all services.
- In December a forecast outturn of £8.7m net overspend was reported at the Corporate Policy Committee (The full report can be found <u>Agenda for Corporate Policy Committee on</u> <u>Monday, 1 December, 2022, 10.00 am, Item 10 | Cheshire</u> <u>East Council</u>).
- 4. The outturn position is now forecast to be an overspend of £7.7m due to the following changes since the second review:
 - Increased care commitments, within Adults, Health and Integration, are being offset by income, for example, from direct payment reimbursements and external grants. This results in no net change to the forecast.
 - The Children and Families Directorate forecast has improved by -£0.5m. Additional costs of home to school transport from increasing SEND demand, fuel costs and contract costs is being offset by charging additional

amounts to transformation costs to capital receipts and additional underspending in Strong Start from holding vacancies. This forecast assumes that £1.6m of resettlement funding will be applied to costs incurred in 2022/23. Pressure remains on the DSG high needs block as a result of the growth in the number of pupils with an education, health and care plan. The Council holds an unusable reserve to manage DSG balances without impacting on the Council's General Reserves. The balance on the DSG reserve is forecast to be at least £45.6m deficit as at 31 March 2023.

- Environment and Neighbourhood Services forecast pressures have changed by £1.2m. Environmental services operational costs of £1.3m are partially offset by lower premises costs, and vacancies within the Planning service which will not be filled before the year end.
- Growth and Enterprise forecast has improved by -£1.0m.
 Cost reduction in Estates of £0.3m due to deferral of
 some non-essential maintenance work. £0.5m due to
 release of reserve for the ELENA project and £0.2m grant
 received relating to Reopening High Streets Safely.
- Highways and Infrastructure forecast has improved by -£0.7m. Continuing high levels of income is contributing a further £0.5m in 2022/23, costs of the Ringway Jacobs contract are predicted to be £0.2m lower than budget.
- Increase in the forecast overspend within the Transactional Service Centre due to additional temporary staff in recruitment and pay, external consultants costs (Agylisis), and additional Governance and Support staff

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

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

Table 1 - Service Revenue Outturn Forecasts

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

Outturn Impact

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

Collecting Local Taxes for Local Expenditure

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

Council Tax

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

^{**}data not yet available

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

Non-Domestic Rates (NDR)

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

- 2022/23. The non-domestic multiplier was set at 51.2p in the pound for 2022/23.
- 23. **Table 5** demonstrates how collection continues to improve even after year end. The table shows how over 99% of non-domestic rates are collected within three years.
- 24. The business rates in-year collection rate for the period up to the end of December 2022 is 80.8%. This is a significant increase on last year and begins to revert collection rates back to pre-pandemic figures. A return to standard collection processes and government support through additional reliefs has assisted the recovery in collection.

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

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

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Highways and Transport Committee

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

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

2. Corporate Grants Register

Table 1 – Corporate Grants Register

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

- 3.1 Cheshire East Council receives two main types of Government grants; specific use grants and general purpose grants. Specific use grants are held within the relevant service with a corresponding expenditure budget. Whereas general purpose grants are held in central budgets with a corresponding expenditure budget within the allocated service area.
- 3.2 Spending in relation to specific use grants must be in line with the purpose for which it is provided.
- 3.3 **Table 2** shows additional grant allocations that have been received which are £500,000 or less and are for noting only.

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

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

3. Debt Management

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

4. Capital Strategy

Highways and Transport CAPITAL

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

	CAPITAL PROGRAMME 2023/24- 2026/27												
				Forecast Expe	enditure			Forecast Funding					
Scheme Description	Prior Years £000	Revised Budget 2022/23 £000	Forecast Budget 2023/24 £000	Forecast Budget 2024/25 £000	Forecast Budget 2025/26 £000	Forecast Budget 2026/27 £000	Total Forecast Budget 2023/27 £000	Grants £000	External	Revenue Contributions £000	Capital Receipts £000	Prudential Borrowing £000	Tota Funding £000
Committed Schemes	2,000	£000	2000	2,000	2000	2000	£000	£000	£000	2000	2000	2000	2000
Local Highway Measures	5,546	1,020	0	0	0	0	1,020	1,020	0	0	0	0	1,02
Part 1 Claims	34	79	0	0	0	0	79	79	0	0	0	0	7
Programme Management	784	227	0	0	0	0	227	227	0	0	0	0	22
Road Network & Linked Key Inf	78	5	0	0	0	0	5	5	0	0	0	0	
Road Safety Schemes Minor Wks	5,056	496	0	0	0	0	496	496	0	0	0	0	49
Traffic Signal Maintenance	17	483	0	0	0	0	483	483	0	0	0	0	48:
Traffic Signs and Bollards - LED Replacement	0	1,025	225	0	0	0	1,250	0	0	0	0	1,250	1,25
Winter Service Facility	479	130	130	130	130	0	520	0	0	0	0	520	52
Total Highways Schemes	105,057	28,589	1,421	130	130	0	30,270	19,452	22	0	0	10,796	30,270
Strategic Transport & Parking Services													
Accessibility: Public Transport	907	113	0	0	0	0	113	113	0	0	0	o	113
Active Travel Fund (Covid-19)	436	288	0	0	0	0	288	288	0	0	0	0	288
· · ·	2,179	576	0	0	0	0	576	576	0	0	0	0	576
Active Travel (Cycling / Walking Route) Investment													
Broadway Meadow Carpark	0	48	0	0	0	0	48	0	0	0	0	48	48
Car Parking Improvements (including residents parking)	262	30	30	0	0	0	60	0	0	0	0	60	60
Digital Car Parking Solutions	93	0	47	0	0	0	47	0	0	0	0	47	47
National Cycle Network (NCN) Route 55 Middlewood Way	0	569	0	0	0	0	569	569	0	0	0	0	569
On-street Residential Charging	0	50	205	0	0	0	255	155	0	0	0	100	255
Pay and Display Parking Meters	531	8	41	40	0	0	89	0	0	0	0	89	89
Sustainable Travel Access Prog	1,552	560	1,312	0	0	0	1,872	1,325	309	0	0	238	1,872
Sustainable Modes of Travel to Schools Strategy (SMOTSS)	472	148	0	0	0	0	148	148	0	0	0	0	148
Town Studies	426	125	0	0	0	0	125	125	0	0	0	0	125
Total Strategic Transport & Parking Services Schemes	6,858	2,515	1,636	40	0	0	4,191	3,299	309	0	0	582	4,191
HS2 Programme													
Crewe HS2 Hub Project Development	7,661	1,000	1,500	2,540	0	0	5,040	0	0	0	0	5,040	5,040
Total HS2 Schemes	7,661	1,000	1,500	2,540	0	0	5,040	0	0	0	0	5,040	5,040
Total Committed Schemes	300,622	75,460	42,572	61,263	108,293	4,014	291,602	149,817	57,269	0	1,730	82,787	291,602
New Schemes													
Highways													
Peacock Roundabout Junction	0	0	250	500	0	0	750	0	750	0	0	0	750
Pothole Funding	0	0	5,799	5,799	5,799	5,799	23,196	23,196	0	0	0	0	23,196
Integrated Block - LTP	0	0	2,003	2,003	2,003	2,003	8,012	8,012	0	0	0	0	8,012
Maintenance Block - LTP	0	800	7,345	7,609	7,878	5,799	29,432	23,996	0	0	0	5,436	29,432
Incentive Fund - LTP	0	0	1,450	1,450	1,450	1,450	5,800	5,800	0	0	0	0	5,80
Managing and Maintaining Highways	0	440	4,529	4,619	4,712	0	14,300	0	0	0	0	14,300	14,300
Total Highways New Schemes	0	1,240	21,376	21,980	21,842	15,051	81,490	61,004	750	0	0	19,736	81,490
Total Highways & Transport Schemes	300,622	76,700	63,948	83,244	130,135	19,065	373,092	210,821	58,019	0	1,730	102,523	373,092
Total riighways & Hallsport Schelles	300,022	10,100	03,340	03,244	130,133	19,000	313,032	210,021	30,019	U	1,730	102,323	313,092

5. Reserves Strategy

Highways and Transport Committee

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