ANNEX 1



Final Outturn 2023/24

Economy and Growth Committee

June 2024

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2023/24	Revised Budget (NET)	Outturn	Variance	Forecast Variance FR3	Movement from FR3 to Outturn	
	۲ £000	£000	£000 🚩	£000 ^p	£000	
Directorate	637	432	(205)	(205)	-	
Growth & Enterprise	24,214	19,955	(4,259)	(2,614)	(1,645)	

Outturn Commentary

Place Outturn 2023/24

Overall the Place Directorate is reporting an underspend of £3.6m at outturn against a £94.1m budget. Pressures from planning income, waste, car park income and energy have been managed through vacancy management and reducing expenditure. This is an improvement of £3.7m since the third financial review mainly as a result of use of reserves and additional income.

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Growth and Enterprise Directorate and Place Directorate have an underspend of £4.5m against a net budget of £24.8m. This is an improvement of £1.6m from the third finance review.

The key reasons for the underspend are:

Assets Service: -£0.3m underspend

- Underlying issues relating to historic MTFS items that cannot be delivered £59k, reduced income levels on tenancy £17k and additional consultant costs £62k that cannot be recharged.
- Temporary mitigations include a one-off business rate rebate of -£108k plus stopping all non-essential spending saving -£57k, holding vacancies -£230k and an overachievement by property projects on their income budget -£82k.

This is an improvement of £0.2m from the third finance review with key differences relating to:

- The end of year alignment of recharges of costs to other services -£0.1m, the projects income, better performance of portfolio income than been forecast, lower water costs than forecast and further staff underspends due to interim arrangements and vacancies.

Facilities Management -£1.7m underspend

- Underlying issues relating to: additional spend on responsive maintenance +£962k (offset by a reduction in planned maintenance -£545k); savings from the 2023/24 "Review of Buildings and Estates Transformation" item not being fully implemented +£174k; underrecovery on cleaning recharges +£65k; and supplies and services pressures +£98k.
- Temporary mitigations include lower spend on electricity and gas -£767k; vacancy management and interim arrangements -£296k, water savings of -£106k due to lower usage and a reduced level of business rates due to prior year appeals £1,190k. There has also been a reduction in non-essential spend of £29k and unbudgeted income received of £68k.

This is an improvement of £0.6m from the third finance review with key differences relating to:

- The service prioritised reactive maintenance over planned -£545k.

Economic Development: -£1.1m underspend

 Mainly temporary issues relating to: vacancy management and travel -£259k; additional recharges to capital -£209k; transfer of budget to the Place restructuring saving -£36k; recharges to Shared Prosperity Fund -£181k; saving on supplies & services -£246k; and release of reserves £249k.

This is an improvement of £0.4m from the third finance review with key differences relating to:

- A higher level of recharge to Shared Prosperity of -£350k by including all valid costs.

Housing: -£0.6m underspend

 Mainly temporary issues relating to: vacancy management -£219k; fully utilising grants within Homelessness & Housing Options -£216k; Private Sector Housing increased income
 -£33k; higher than budgeted recharges to capital -£84k; and reduced supplies and services spend -£29k.

This is an improvement of £0.1m from the third finance review.

Note: There will be a review focussing on the specific areas where there were major variances to see whether they are a one-off variance, or if there is an underlying budget variance that needs to be addressed in 2024/25. Findings will be reported at the next Economy and Growth Committee meeting.

Economy and Growth Committee 2. Corporate Grants Register

- 2.1 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.
- 2.2 Spending in relation to specific use grants must be in line with the purpose for which it is provided.

- 2.3 **Table 1** provides a detailed listing of all Economy & Growth related grants, their movements between the reporting period and the treatment of the grant.
- 2.4 **Table 2** shows additional specific purpose grant allocations that have been received which are £500,000 or less and are for noting only.
- 2.5 **Table 3** shows delegated decisions for additional specific purpose grants previously named within the MTFS.

Table 1 – CORPORATE GRANTS REGISTER

Grants 2023/24	Original Budget	Revised Forecast FR3	Final Outturn	Change from Revised Forecast FR3	Treatment Gra
	2023/24 £000	2023/24 £000	2023/24 £000	2023/24 £000	Notes 2
CONOMY & GROWTH					
Specific Purpose (Held within Services)					
Rough Sleeping Initiative - brought-forward	0	0	113	113	
Rough Sleeping Initiative	0	319	237	-82	
Rough Sleeping Initiative - carried-forward	0	0	10	10	
Rough Sleeper Initiative: Target Group Priority Funding	0	15	15	0	
Rough Sleeper Initiative: Move on Prevention	0	0	62	62 SF	RE
Homelessness Prevention Grant - brought-forward	0	0	1,032	1,032	
Homelessness Prevention Grant	0	608	608	0	
Homelessness Prevention Grant - carried-forward	0	0	1,029	1,029	
Homelessness Prevention Grant: Homes for Ukraine top-up 2023/24	0	422	422	0	
Shared Prosperity Fund - brought-forward	0	1,119	1,166	47	
Shared Prosperity Fund	0	2,412	2,262	-150	
Shared Prosperity Fund - carried-forward	0	0	-1,065	-1,065	
LRSG/RESTART Grants - brought-forward	0	0	112	112	
Local Enterprise Partnership (LEP): Core Funding	375	250	250	0	
Local Enterprise Partnership (LEP): Growth Hub Funding	231	261	261	0	
Local Enterprise Partnership (LEP): NP (Northern Powerhouse) 11	500	500	589	89 SF	RE
Local Enterprise Partnership (LEP): Skills Bootcamp	1,500	1,355	606	-749	
Towns Fund - Ice Cream Van	0	15	15	0	
Towns Fund - Ice Cream Van - carried-forward	0	0	-15	-15	
Natural England - Stewardship scheme	0	0	64	64 SF	RE
Natural England - Stewardship scheme - carried forward	0	0	-32	-32	
COVID-19 Final SFC 2020-21 Claim Post Assurance Compensation	0	0	49	49 SF	RE
Total Economy & Growth - Specific Purpose	2,606	7,275	7,790	515	
eneral Use (Held Corporately)					
OTAL ECONOMY & GROWTH	2,606	7,275	7,790	515	

Notes

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

2 SRE - Supplementary Revenue Estimate requested by relevant service.

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

4 Reserves - transfer to reserves at year end.

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

Table 2 – DECISION DELEGATED TO OFFICERS

Supplementary Revenue Estimate Requests for Allocation of Additional Grant Funding (Specific Purpose) £500,000 or less

Committee	Year	Type of Grant	£000	Details
Economy & Growth	2023/24	Rough Sleeper Initiative: Move on Prevention (Specific Purpose)	62	This is a new grant from the Department for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities (DLUHC). The purpose is to immediately intervene in, prevent and reduce rough sleeping in 2023/24.
Economy & Growth	2023/24	Natural England - Stewardship scheme (Specific Purpose)	64	This is a new grant from Natural England / Rural Payments Agency. The Countryside Stewardship Grant has been a part of both Tatton Park and Countryside Management for over 10 years. A new agreement came into force from the 1st October 2023 immediately on the ending of the previous 10 year agreement. This new agreement is for 5 years. The Countryside Stewardship (CS) schemes provide funding to farmers and land managers to improve their local environment. CS supports a range of enhanced environmental outcomes from restoring wildlife habitats and creating woodlands, to managing flood risk.
Economy & Growth	2023/24	COVID-19 Final SFC 2020-21 Claim Post Assurance Compensation (Specific Purpose)	49	This is a new grant from the Department for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities (DLUHC). There is additional grant income of £49,174 to be received from DLUHC that is due to Tatton Park, this relates to the final Covid Sales, Fees & Charges compensation reconciliation.
Total Specific Purpose A	Allocations less	than £500,000	175	

Table 3 – DECISION DELEGATED TO OFFICERS

Supplementary Revenue Estimate Requests for Allocation of Additional Grant Funding (Specific Purpose) previously named in the MTFS.

Committee	Year	Type of Grant	£000	Details
				On 22 nd February 2023 Council delegated authority to the Chief Finance Officer, to approve supplementary estimates if the value of any named grant changes from the figures contained within Appendix C, Annex 7 of the MTFS.
Economy & Growth	2023/24	Local Enterprise Partnership (LEP): NP (Northern Powerhouse) 11 (Specific Purpose)	89	Increase on MTFS 2023-27 estimate. This grant is from the Business Energy and Industrial Strategy Department. To enable the 11 Northern LEPs (the NP11) to develop a more unified Northern Powerhouse economic development programme and voice. The NP11 will work together on issues where a pan-Northern approach to economic development can add value.
Total Delegated Decision S named in the MTFS	Specific P	urpose Allocations previously	89	

3. Debt Management

	Outstanding Debt £000	Over 6 months old £000
Economy and Growth Committee		
Growth and Enterprise	581	328

Total outstanding debt has reduced from £1,777k at Third Financial Review to £581k at 31st March 2024. Debt over 6 months old has increased from £222k to £328k.

4. Capital Strategy

Table 1 Capital Programme

Economy & Growth			_									CA	PITAL
				CAPITAL	. PROGRAM	ME 2023/24	- 2026/27						
				Forecast Exp	oenditure				F	orecast Funding			
Scheme Description	Total Approved Budget £000	Prior Years £000	Forecast Budget 2023/24 £000	Forecast Budget 2024/25 £000	Forecast Budget 2025/26 £000	Forecast Budget 2026/27 £000	Forecast Budget 2023-27 £000	Grants £000	External Contributions £000	Revenue Contributions £000	Capital Receipts £000	Prudential Borrowing £000	Tota Funding £000
Committed Schemes in progress													
Facilities Management													
Public Sector Decarbonisation Fund - FM 1	1,909	1,759	151	0	0	0	151	128	0	0	0	22	151
Public Sector Decarbonisation Fund - FM 2	646	452	194	0	0	0	194	128	0	0	0	67	194
Public Sector Decarbonisation Fund - FM 3	5,214	3,931	1,092	191	0	0	1,283	285	0	0	0	998	1,28
PSDS - 3B - Lot 1	3,278	0	77	2,201	1,000	0	3,278	2,015	0	0	0	1,263	3,278
PSDS - 3B - Lot 3 (schools)	5,300	0	3,267	2,033	0	0	5,300	5,191	0	109	0	0	5,30
Septic Tanks	636	280	5	351	0	0	356	0	0	0	0	356	356
Schools Capital Maintenance	8,315	4,639	936	2,740	0	0	3,676	3,395	0	281	0	0	3,676
Corporate Landlord - Operational	1,027	962	33	31	0	0	65	0	0	0	0	65	65
Premises Capital (FM)	38,774	30,705	1,825	3,775	2,469	0	8,069	0	0	0	0	8,069	8,06
Poynton Pool Spillway	1,380	296	173	885	27	0	1,084	0	0	200	0	884	1,084
Housing													
Home Upgrade Grant Phase 2	6,210	0	740	5,470	0	0	6,210	6,210	0	0	0	0	6,210
Crewe Towns Fund - Warm and Healthy Homes	2,126	10	21	706	1,389	0	2,116	2,116	0	0	0	0	2,116
Social Housing Decarbonisation Fund	1,565	86	1,471	8	0	0	1,479	1,479	0	0	0	0	1,47
Future High Street Funding - Chester Street	8	3	0	5	0	0	5	5	0	0	0	0	:
Future High Street Funding - Delamere Street	10	5	1	4	0	0	5	5	0	0	0	0	:
Green Homes Grant	3,105	2,249	128	728	0	0	856	854	2	0	0	0	850
Sustainable Warmth - Home Upgrade Grant	855	631	184	40	0	0	224	175	50	0	0	0	224
Home Repairs Vulnerable People	1,306	659	210	178	258	0	647	0	21	0	0	626	64
Disabled Facilities	16,103	6,989	3,192	3,580	2,342	0	9,114	7,902	285	0	0	928	9,11
Warm Homes Fund	239	198	15	26	0	0	41	41	0	0	0	0	4
Temporary Accommodation	1,479	878	192	410	0	0	601	0	355	246	0	0	601
Gypsy and Traveller Sites	4,136	1,289	1,649	1,198	0	0	2,847	700	438	0	0	1,709	2,847

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	CAPITAL PROGRAMME 2023/24 - 2026/27												
				Forecast Exp	enditure			Forecast Funding					
Scheme Description	Total Approved Budget £000	Prior Years £000	Forecast Budget 2023/24 £000	Forecast Budget 2024/25 £000	Forecast Budget 2025/26 £000	Forecast Budget 2026/27 £000	Forecast Budget 2023-27 £000	Grants £000	External Contributions £000	Revenue Contributions £000	Capital Receipts £000	Prudential Borrowing £000	Total Funding £000
Estates													
Corporate Landlord - Non-Operational	1,336	0	0	1,336	0	0	1,336	0	0	0	0	1,336	1,336
Malkins Bank Landfill Site	1,360	565	97	699	0	0	795	0	0	0	7	788	795
Farms Strategy	2,910	1,671	19	191	310	720	1,240	0	0	0	1,240	0	1,240
Economic Development													
Crewe Towns Fund - Repurposing Our High	1,450	38	125	644	644	0	1,412	1,412	0	0	0	0	1,412
Crewe Towns Fund - Flag Lane Baths	3,935	306	277	3,352	0	0	3,629	3,629	0	0	0	0	3,629
Crewe Towns Fund - Mill Street Corridor	3,620	190	494	2,138	798	0	3,430	3,430	0	0	0	0	3,430
Crewe Towns Fund - Mirion St	732	30	135	568	0	0	703	703	0	0	0	0	703
Crewe Towns Fund - Crewe Youth Zone non-	351	49	76	226	0	0	302	302	0	0	0	0	302
Crewe Towns Fund - History Centre Public Realm	380	14	-4	0	370	0	366	366	0	0	0	0	366
Handforth Heat Network	13,219	0	17	663	50	12,489	13,219	2,604	7,428	0	0	3,187	13,219
Demolition of Crewe Library & Concourse (Future High Street Funding - History Centre Preparatory)	3,396	181	677	2,538	0	0	3,215	1,692	0	0	0	1,523	3,215
Future High Street Funding - CEC Innovation	3,973	59	471	3,443	0	0	3,915	3,915	0	0	0	0	3,915
Crewe Town Centre Regeneration	32,293	15,058	15,935	1,300	0	0	17,235	341	64	0	0	16,829	17,235
Macclesfield Indoor Market Toilet Refurbishment	186	12	174	0	0	0	174	50	98	0	0	26	174
Macclesfield Town Centre	358	0	-3	361	0	0	358	0	0	0	0	358	358
Macc on Foot (MOF)	415	0	5	410	0	0	415	415	0	0	0	0	415
Macclesfield Indoor Market Refurbishment (MIMR)	1,269	0	40	1,230	0	0	1,269	1,269	0	0	0	0	1,269
South Macclesfield Development Area	34,630	3,237	22	11,371	20,000	0	31,393	10,000	10,000	0	11,371	22	31,393
North Cheshire Garden Village	57,866	6,002	1,024	20,365	30,475	0	51,864	21,189	0	0	21,700	8,975	51,864
Leighton Green	2,096	1,464	5	628	0	0	632	0	0	0	0	632	632
Connecting Cheshire Phase 3	8,000	0	128	1,972	2,000	3,900	8,000	0	8,000	0	0	0	8,000
Connecting Cheshire 2020	9,250	3,709	1,971	2,570	1,000	0	5,542	4,858	683	0	0	0	5,542

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				CAPITAL	PROGRAM	ME 2023/24	- 2026/27						
		Forecast Expenditure Forecast Funding											
Scheme Description	Total Approved Budget £000	Prior Years £000	Forecast Budget 2023/24 £000	Forecast Budget 2024/25 £000	Forecast Budget 2025/26 £000	Forecast Budget 2026/27 £000	Forecast Budget 2023-27 £000	Grants £000	External Contributions £000	Revenue Contributions £000	Capital Receipts £000	Prudential Borrowing £000	Total Funding £000
Culture & Tourism													
Countryside Vehicles	1,579	580	120	226	219	434	999	0	0	935	64	0	999
Culture & Tourism S106 Schemes	633	65	26	312	225	5	568	8	560	0	0	0	568
New Archives Premises	10,256	0	442	9,047	667	100	10,256	0	0	0	0	10,256	10,256
PROW Capital Works	1,051	957	85	9	0	0	94	94	0	0	0	0	94
PROW CMM A6 MARR	100	9	60	31	0	0	91	91	0	0	0	0	91
PROW Flood Damage Investment	72	63	7	1	0	0	8	0	0	0	0	8	8
Tatton Park Investment Phase 2	3,280	1,407	28	672	350	823	1,873	0	0	0	0	1,873	1,873
Total Committed Schemes	303,620	91,686	38,008	90,862	64,594	18,470	211,934	86,997	27,984	1,770	34,381	60,802	211,934
New Schemes													
Housing													
Local Authority Housing Fund	978	0	293	684	0	0	978	978	0	0	0	0	978
Economic Development													
UK Shared Prosperity Fund - Core	950	0	202	748	0	0	950	950	0	0	0	0	950
Handforth Garden Village s106 Obligations	6,841	0	0	0	3,000	3,841	6,841	0	0	0	0	6,841	6,841
Culture & Tourism													
Cattle Handling Facility - Oakwood Farm	367	0	367	0	0	0	367	0	0	367	0	0	367
Rural Shared Prosperity Fund	415	0	113	302	0	0	415	415	0	0	0	0	415
Total New Schemes	782	0	975	1,734	3,000	3,841	9,551	2,342	0	367	0	6,841	9,551
Total Growth & Enterprise	304,402	91.686	38.983	92,596	67,594	22,312	221,484	89.339	27.984	2.137	34,381	67,643	221,484

Committee / Capital Scheme	Amount Requested	Reason and Funding Source
	£	
Facilities Management		
Public Sector Decarbonisation Fund - FM 3	449	To increase budget to take in to consideration the grant
PSDS - 3B - Lot 3 (schools)	108,532	received is higher than approved. Match funding for the Public Sector Decarbonisation Programme, contributions from Schools
Housing		
Disabled Facilities Home Repairs Vulnerable People Green Homes Grant	284,829 21,112 2,320	To increase the budget to incorporate the contributions made towards the in-year costs.
Sustainable Warmth - Home Upgrade Grant	49,549	
Green Infrastructure		
Cattle Handling Facility - Oakwood Farm	177,084	Revenue contributions to cover the in-year cost of works.
Total Supplementary Capital Estimates Requested	643,875	

Table 2 Delegated Decision - Supplementary Capital Estimates (SCEs) and Capital Budget Virements

Service / Capital Scheme	Amount Requested £	Reason and Funding Source
Capital Budget Virements that have been made	e up to £500,000	
Facilities Management		
Schools Capital Maintenance	191,515	Virement from School Condition Grant to cover expenditure in relation to Rode Heath Primary School.
PSDS - 3B - Lot 3 (schools)	167,777	Virements from Children & Families as match funding for the Public Sector Decarbonisation Programme: Funded by School Condition Grant
	33,513	Funded by Devolved Formula Capital grant
	16,876	Funded by Energy Efficiency Capital grant
Public Sector Decarbonisation Fund - FM 1	31,986	To re-align the Public Sector Decarbonisation Fund budgets, to match where the expenditure was incurred.
Public Sector Decarbonisation Fund - FM 1 Public Sector Decarbonisation Fund - FM 2	22,247 66,569	Virement from Premises Capital budget to fund costs coded here but not funded by the claims from PSDS.
Total Capital Budget Virements Approved	530,483	
Total Supplementary Capital Estimates and Virements	1,174,358	

5. Reserves Strategy

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Name of Reserve	Opening Balance 1 April 2023 £000	Forecast Movement in Reserves 2023/24 £000	Forecast Closing Balance 31 March 2024 £000	Notes
Directorate				
Place Directorate	1,722	(558)	1,164	To support a number of widespread projects within the Place Directorate.
Investment (Sustainability)	648	(39)	609	To support investment that can increase longer term financial independence and stability of the Council.
Growth and Enterprise				
Legal Proceedings	228	(16)	212	To enable legal proceedings on land and property matters.
Investment Portfolio	361	173	534	Reserve being built up to be used in the future if the site is vacated. Current lease extends beyond 2026.
Homelessness & Housing Options - Revenue Grants	130	0	130	To cover costs of purchase and refurbishment of properties to be used as temporary accommodation to house vulnerable families. Remaining portion of historic grants - not been used due to high levels of ringfenced Homeless Prevention & Rough Sleepers Grants being utilised.
Tatton Park Trading Reserve	0	128	128	Ringfenced Trading Reserve used to support projects and overall position at Tatton.
Royal Arcade Crewe	20	(20)	0	Original purpose was to fund vacant possession related costs for the Royal Arcade until demolition. The balance will now be used to pay for ongoing rates and maintenance costs for Crewe Bus station.
ECONOMY AND GROWTH TOTAL	3,109	(332)	2,777	