

Financial Review 2022/23

November 2022

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

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Introduction

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

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

Demand for Council services is increasing, with more individuals and families needing support and services than ever before. This reflects an increase in population but also reflects changes in demographics and the national cost of living increases. This demand is resulting in forecast outturn of £340.0m against a net revenue budget of £328.4m, with the most significant impact within the rising complexity of needs in Adult Social Care.

When the 2022/23 budget was set, in February 2022, it was highlighted that the use of reserves was not sustainable in the medium term. Net spending therefore needs to be contained within the estimates of expenditure that form the budget. The forecasts at first review highlight pressures due to demand, inflation and pay negotiations. These will almost certainly affect the medium term finances of the Council. This situation must be addressed now and as part of the MTFS process for 2023 to 2027.

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

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

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2022/23 Outturn Forecast - Financial Position

2022/23	Revised Budget
(GROSS Revenue Budget £474.2m)	(NET)
	£m
SERVICE DIRECTORATES	
Adult, Health and Integration	120.9
Children's Services	74.5
Place	81.7
Corporate Services	39.8
CENTRAL BUDGETS	
Capital Financing	18.9
Transfer to/(from) Earmarked Reserves	(2.7)
Corporate Contributions / Central Budgets	(4.7)
TOTAL NET EXPENDITURE	328.4
Business Rates Retention Scheme	(49.1)
Specific Grants	(24.6)
Council Tax	(254.7)
Net Funding	(328.4)
NET (SURPLUS) / DEFICIT	-

Financial Stability

Introduction

- 1. The Council has a track record of sound financial management. Nevertheless, in common with all UK local authorities the Council finds itself in a position where pressures on the revenue budget are intensifying as a result of rapid inflation, the legacy impact of the Coronavirus pandemic and increasing cost of living pressure on households. These issues have the effect of increasing the demand for services and increasing costs of services.
- Complexity and market sustainability in Adults' and Children's Social Care remains the most significant financial pressure for the Council in the medium term. Rising inflation in fuel, utilities and wage levels are affecting costs across all services.
- 3. Table 1 provides a service summary of financial performance. The current forecast is that services will be £18.6m over budget in the current year. The Action Plans provide further details and changes to service net budgets since the Medium-Term Financial Strategy are analysed in the Appendices 1-7.
- 4. Further items impacting on the level of the Council's balances are detailed in **Table 2** below on Central Budgets and Funding.

Table 1 - Service Revenue Outturn Forecasts

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

Table 2 – Central Budgets and Funding Outturn Forecasts

2022/23	Revised Budget	Forecast Outturn	Forecast Variance	
(GROSS Revenue Budget £474.2m)	(NET)			
(GNOSS Revenue Buuget 2474.2111)	£m	£m	£m	
CENTRAL BUDGETS	4111	2111	٤١١١	
Capital Financing	18.9	18.9	_	
Transfer to/(from) Earmarked Reserves	(2.7)	(8.7)	(6.0)	
Corporate Contributions / Central Budgets	(4.7)	(5.7)	(1.0)	
Central Budgets	11.5	4.5	(7.0)	
Business Butter Butter fire Outland	(40.4)	(40.4)		
Business Rates Retention Scheme	(49.1)	(49.1)	-	
Specific Grants	(24.6)	(24.6)	-	
Council Tax	(254.7)	(254.7)	-	
Net Funding	(328.4)	(328.4)	-	

Outturn Impact

- 5. The financial impact of the outturn forecast could decrease balances by £11.6m. This is over 75% of the Council's General Reserves balance, so mitigating actions must be taken to reduce the pressure during the year. Any deficit at the end of the year will be drawn down from the Medium-Term Financial Strategy Earmarked Reserve in the first instance, but drawdowns from that reserve are already factored in to the MTFS to manage the effects of variations in spending and income in specific years.
- 6. 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

7. 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.
- 9. The taxbase for Cheshire East reflects the equivalent number of domestic properties in Band D that the Council is able to collect council tax from (after adjustments for relevant discounts, exemptions and an element of non-collection). The taxbase for 2022/23 was agreed at 156,607.48 which, when multiplied by the Band D charge, means that the expected income for the year is £254.7m.
- In addition to this, Cheshire East Council collects council tax on behalf of the Cheshire Police and Crime Commissioner, the Cheshire Fire Authority and Parish Councils. Table 3 shows these amounts separately, giving a total budgeted collectable amount of £313.8m.
- 11. 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.
- 12. This figure may also vary during the year to take account of changes to Council Tax Support payments, the granting of discounts and exemptions, and changes in numbers and value of properties. The amount billed to date is £315.3m.

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

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

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

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

		CE	C Cumula	tive
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

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

- rebate payments which has impacted resource normally involved in collection.
- 15. Council tax support payments were budgeted at £18.4m for 2022/23 and at the end of September the total council tax support awarded was £18.9m.
- 16. During 2021/22 there was a consultation and review of the Council Tax Support scheme resulting in some amendments being made. The revised scheme was confirmed by full Council in December 2021.
- 17. Council tax discounts awarded are £28.6m which are comparable to the same period in 2021/22. A small increase is attributable to work related to raising awareness of the discounts available to residents.
- 18. Council tax exemptions awarded is £7.2m which although broadly in line with previous years shows a slight increase due to reasons shown at 17.

Non-Domestic Rates (NDR)

- 19. NDR is collected from businesses in Cheshire East based on commercial rateable property values and a nationally set multiplier. The multiplier changes annually in line with inflation and takes account of the costs of small business rate relief.
- 20. The small business multiplier applied to businesses which qualify for the small business relief was set at 49.9p in 2022/23. The non-domestic multiplier was set at 51.2p in the pound for 2022/23.
- 21. **Table 5** demonstrates how collection continues to improve even after year end. The table shows how over 99% of non-domestic rates are collected within three years.

22. The business rates in-year collection rate for the period up to the end of September 2022 is 58.6%. This is a significant increase on last year and begins to revert collection rates back to pre pandemic figures. A return to standard collection processes and government support through additional reliefs has assisted the recovery in collection.

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

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

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Environment and Communities Committee

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

MTFS	Additional	Restructuring &	Revised
Net	Grant	Realignments	Net
Budget	Funding		Budget
£000	£000	£000	£000
44,373	10	(18)	44,365
44,373	10	(18)	44,365
	Net Budget £000 44,373	Net Grant Budget Funding £000 £000 44,373 10	Net Grant Realignments Budget Funding £000 £000 44,373 10 (18)

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

Environment and Communities Committee	Exp £m	Inc £m	Net Revised Budget £m	MTFS Proposal	Value 2022/23 £m	MTFS Ref	RAG Rating	Comments	Variance from MTFS 2022/23 £m
Environment and Neighbourhood Services	54.7	-10.4	44.3	Pay Inflation	1.323	3&4	Red (will not achieve)	Represents current estimate of the impact on Committee services in excess of the MTFS, from a nationally negotiated pay award.	0.383
				Orbitas income and management fee	0.021	17	Green (on track and should achieve)		0.000
				Strategic Leisure Review	-0.250	18	Amber (on track but may not achieve all)	Engagement with CLT and Everybody to identify options to deliver savings. There are limited options to achieve required savings without reducing scope of services. The financial impact in 2022/23 is mitigated by an equivalent contribution by Public Health to the leisure commissioning budget. This has not been agreed for future years. There does however remain a pressure in Facilities Management (Economy & Growth Committee).	0.000

Environment and Communities Committee	Exp £m	Inc £m	Net Revised Budget £m	MTFS Proposal	Value 2022/23 £m	MTFS Ref	RAG Rating	Comments	Variance from MTFS 2022/23 £m
				Review of governance of ASDVs and seeking increased opportunities for savings / commercial opportunities	-0.100	20	Red (will not achieve)	This proposal is for the Council to receive a share of the profits from commercial activity undertaken by ANSA or Orbitas. This requires further negotiation between the Finance Sub-Committee (acting as shareholder) with the Council's wholly owned companies on payment of a dividend in 2022/23 from the retained earnings. Updated for 2021/22 proposal of £100k not achieved.	0.200
				CCTV migration to wireless networks	-0.085	10	Amber (on track but may not achieve all)	The procurement process has now begun following a 12 month delay. The delayed savings will be mitigated in 2022/23 via favourable variances elsewhere in Regulatory Services.	0.086
				Everybody Sport and Recreation Annual Management Fee	-0.042	21	Green (on track and should achieve)		0.000

Environment and Communities Committee	Exp £m	Inc £m	Net Revised Budget £m	MTFS Proposal	Value 2022/23 £m	MTFS Ref	RAG Rating	Comments	Variance from MTFS 2022/23 £m
				Regulatory Services and Environment al Health ICT procurement	-0.009	13	Amber (on track but may not achieve all)	The implementation of the new system has been delayed but the required savings will be mitigated via favourable variances in Regulatory Services.	0.000
				Waste Contract Inflation and Tonnage Growth	0.644	53	Green (on track and should achieve)		0.000
				Tree Risk Management	0.500	54	Green (on track and should achieve)		0.000
				Environment Strategy and Carbon Neutrality	0.020	56	Green (on track and should achieve)		0.000
				Investment in improving the customer experience in Planning Services	0.500	58	Green (on track and should achieve)	It is likely that not all of the temporary budget will be spent in 2022/23 and so there will be a request to carry forward the residual into 2023/24 to complete the implementation of the Planning Service Improvement Programme.	0.000

Environment and Communities Committee	Exp £m	Inc £m	Net Revised Budget £m	MTFS Proposal	Value 2022/23 £m	MTFS Ref	RAG Rating	Comments	Variance from MTFS 2022/23 £m
				Surplus / loss from CEC Services provided by Ansa		New		Increased waste tonnages as a legacy of Covid. This is resulting in increased crews, increased fuel, and increased disposal costs. It also means that legacy savings from the Route and Rota review following the move to the Environmental Hub are unrealisable. This has been partly mitigated in 2022/23 from higher recycling income. Further analysis is being undertaken to understand whether the rate of new houses being occupied compared to MTFS assumptions is a contributing factor. 22-23 Environment temporary impacts (mainly recycling income) - Temporary benefit in 22-23 only - Recycling income benefit of £1.410m plus HWRC contract benefits. Use of ANSA reserve (£0.3m)	0.457
				Environment al Hub maintenance		New		This reflects the increased costs of operating a modern facility. The shortfall has previously been funded by favourable variances in Facilities Management budgets.	0.306
				Ansa / Orbitas Directors	_	New		This saving from 2021/22 is not achievable as the Directors of Ansa continue to be remunerated.	0.040

Environment and Communities Committee	Exp £m	Inc £m	Net Revised Budget £m	MTFS Proposal	Value 2022/23 £m	MTFS Ref	RAG Rating	Comments	Variance from MTFS 2022/23 £m
				Renumeratio n					
				Markets business rates		New		Result of unoccupied market stalls.	0.032
				Orbitas inflation impact		New		In-year pressure.	0.051
				Bereavement Income surplus		New			-0.134
				Environment - other various		New		Commissioner mitigations.	-0.151
				Planning and Building Control income		New		There are proposals under planning reform to increase planning fees by 25-35% that may mitigate this pressure and it is unclear when these increases will take effect. The proposal is subject to consultation and legislative change.	1.080
				Planning and Building Control Mitigations		New		Mitigating actions to cover covid pressures above, predominantly vacancy savings.	-0.081

Environment and Communities Committee	Exp £m	Inc £m	Net Revised Budget £m	MTFS Proposal	Value 2022/23 £m	MTFS Ref	RAG Rating	Comments	Variance from MTFS 2022/23 £m
				Licensing income		New		There is a pressure on licensing income from taxi licensing. This reflects a reduction in the number of drivers following Covid.	0.029
				Public burials		New		Increased numbers of public burials.	0.016
				Regulatory Services mitigating actions		New		Mitigating actions to cover covid pressures above. These include vacancy savings, reduced mileage and increased income. Grants and the balance of a provision have also been released.	-0.224
				Libraries income		New		There has been a change in use of libraries since Covid lockdowns that has resulted in a reduction in income particularly from Adults.	0.165
				Libraries Mitigating Actions		New		Mitigating actions to cover Covid pressures above, predominantly vacancies £150k predicted variance.	-0.164
				Dir /Leisure/ EP/ ASB&CEO		New		Mitigating actions to improve outturn position.	-0.045
				Waste		New		Education on residual waste reduction Review Commissioner / Provider responsibilities (possible access to Ansa reserves / surplus from recyclates).	

Environment and Communities Committee	Exp £m	Inc £m	Net Revised Budget £m	MTFS Proposal	Value 2022/23 £m	MTFS Ref	RAG Rating	Comments	Variance from MTFS 2022/23 £m
				Workforce		New		Revise vacancy forecasts to reflect recruitment difficulties. Slow down recruitment where feasible / safe. Use specific reserves for exit costs (per MTFS). Updated staffing forecasts reflecting current recruitment timescales have been built into figures on lines above.	
				Transformati on		New		Use flexible receipts to capitalise costs of transformation - Planning Deep Dive	-0.160
Total	54.7	-10.4	44.3		2.522				1.886

3. Corporate Grants Register

Table 1 – Corporate Grants Register

Grants 2022/23	Revised Forecast FR1	Latest Forecast	Change from FR1	Treatment of Grant
	2022/23 £000	2022/23 £000	2022/23 £000	Notes 2 - 5
ENVIRONMENT & COMMUNITIES Specific Use (Held within Services)	387	387	0	
General Purpose (Held Corporately) Neighbourhood Planning Grant	10	10	0	
TOTAL ENVIRONMENT & COMMUNITIES	397	397	0	

Notes

- 1 The Dedicated Schools Grant, Pupil Premium Grant, Sixth Form Grant and Other School Specific Grant from the Education Funding Agency (EFA) figures are based on actual anticipated allocations. Changes are for in-year increases / decreases to allocations by the DfE and conversions to academy status.
- 2 SRE Supplementary Revenue Estimate requested by relevant service.
- 3 ODR Officer Decision Record to approve immediate budget change to relevant service.
- 4 Reserves transfer to reserves at year end.
- 5 Balances amount will be included as a variance to budget.
- 3.1 Cheshire East Council receives two main types of Government grants; specific use grants and general purpose grants. Specific use grants are held within the relevant service with a corresponding expenditure budget. Whereas general purpose grants are held in central budgets with a
- corresponding expenditure budget within the allocated service area.
- 3.2 Spending in relation to specific use grants must be in line with the purpose for which it is provided.

4. Debt Management

	Outstanding Debt £000	Over 6 months old £000
Environment and Communities Committee		
Environment and Neighbourhood Services	1,193	210

5. Capital Strategy

Environment and Communities CAPITAL

				CAPITAL PR	OGRAMME 20	22/23-2025/26	;						
				Forecast Exp	enditure				Forecast Funding				
Scheme Description	Total Approved Budget	pproved Prior	Forecast Budget 2022/23 £000	2022/23 2023/24 2024/25 2025/26 2022/26 Grants Contributions Contributions	Revenue Contributions £000	Capital Receipts £000	Prudential Borrowing £000	Total Funding £000					
Committed Schemes		2000	2000	2000	2000	2000	2000	2000	2000	2000	2000	2000	2000
Environment Services													
Bereavement Service Data System	35	0	35	0	0	0	35			35			35
Browns Lane, Wilmslow Play Area	570	541	29	0	0	0	29		29				29
Congleton Household Waste Recycling Centre Development	50	20	15	15	0	0	30					30	30
Crewe Towns Fund - Pocket Parks	20	3	18	0	0	0	18	18					18
Energy Improvements at Cledford Lane	985	825	160	0	0	0	160					160	160
Future High Street Funding - Sustainable Energy Network	2,577	150	2,427	0	0	0	2,427					2,427	2,427
Green Investment Scheme (Solar Farm)	3,950	64	3,886	0	0	0	3,886					3,886	3,886
Household Bins Schemes	50		50	0	0	0	50					50	50
Litter and Recycling Bins	152		50	50	52	0	152					152	152
Little Lindow Open Space Improvements	***************************************	7	62	0	0	0	62	***************************************	62				62
Macclesfield Cenotaph Planting	1	1	1	0	0	0	1		1				1
Nantwich Cemetery Roadway Extension	75	60	15	0	0	0	15			15			15
Newtown Outdoor Pitch Improvements	51	39	12	0	0	0	12		12				12
Newtown Sports Facilities Improvements	99	81	18	0	0	0	18		18				18
Park Development Fund	450		150	150	150	0	450					450	450
Pastures Wood	51	28	23	0	0	0	23			23			23
Pheasant Walk Play Area Improvements	18	9	9	0	0	0	9		9				9
Queens Park Lake Planting	18	17	1	0	0	0	1		1				1
Queens Park Play Area Improvements	200	100	100	0	0	0	100		100		-		100
Rotherhead Drive Open Space and Play Area	141	111	30	0	0	0	30		30				30
Victoria Park Pitch Improvements	29	5	24	0	0	0	24		24		-		24
Victoria Park Improvements	80	7	73	0	0	0	73		73				73

Environment and Communities CAPITAL

CAPITAL PROGRAMME 2022/23-2025/26															
			Forecast Expenditure			Forecast Funding									
Scheme Description	Total Approved Budget	ed Prior et Years		Years	Budget 2022/23	Forecast Budget 2023/24 £000	Forecast Budget 2024/25 £000	Forecast Budget 2025/26 £000	Total Forecast Budget 2022/26 £000	Grants £000	External Contributions £000	Revenue Contributions £000	Capital Receipts £000	Prudential Borrowing £000	Total Funding £000
Committed Schemes		2000	2000	2000	2000	2000	2000	2000	2000	2000	2000	2000	2000		
Neighbourhood Services							***************************************								
Congleton Leisure Centre	12,225	6,272	5,953	0		0	5,953					5,953	5,953		
Crewe Towns Fund - Cumberland Arena	80		80	0	0	0	80	80					80		
Crewe Towns Fund - Valley Brook Green Corridor	100	2	98	0	0	0	98	98					98		
Macclesfield Leisure Centre Improvements	3,865	3,398	467		0	0	467					467	467		
Middlewich Leisure Centre	60	6	54	0	0	0	54					54	54		
Nantwich Pool Improvements	2,250	1,923	327	0	0	0	327					327	327		
Libraries - Next Generation - Self Service	52		52	0	0	0	52					52	52		
Poynton Leisure Centre	4,606	391		2,000	2,215	0	4,215					4,215	4,215		
Planning Services															
Replacement Planning & Building	410	320	90		0	0	90					90	90		
Regulatory Services & Enviromental Health ICT System	313	240	73	0	0	0	73		***************************************	49		25	73		
Replacement CCTV Cameras	205	0	205	0	0	0	205			205			205		
New Schemes															
Environment Services															
Chelford Village Hall Open Space and Sport Improvements	164	0	164	0	0	0	164		164				164		
Household Waste Recycling Centres	860	0	500	360	0	0	860					860	860		
Carbon Offset Investment	1,000	0	125	125	250	500	1,000					1,000	1,000		
Fleet Vehicle Electric Charging	585	0	164	164	141	116	585					585	585		
Solar Energy Generation	14,180	0	300	13,880		0	14,180		·····			14,180	14,180		
Hield Grove Play Area	21	0	21			0	21		19			2	21		
Barony Skate Park Refurbishment	100	0	100			0	100	100	·····				100		
Pitch Improvements - Alderley Edge Park and Chorley Hall Lane Playing Fields	25	0	25			0	25		25				25		
Woodland South of Coppice Way, Handforth	89	0	89			0	89		89				89		
Over Peover Amenity Improvements	10	0	10			0	10		10				10		
Total Environment and Communities Schemes	50,802	14,617	16,087	16,744	2,808	616	36,254	296	668	327	0	34,964	36,254		

6. Reserves Strategy

Environment and Communities Committee

Name of Reserve	Opening Balance 1st April 2022	Forecast Movement in Reserves 2022/23	Forecast Closing Balance 31st March 2023	Notes
	£000	£000	£000	
Environment and Neighbourhood Services				
Strategic Planning	568	(295)	273	To meet costs associated with the Local Plan - site allocations and minerals and waste DPD.
Trees / Structures Risk Management	202	(52)	150	New reserve to respond to increases in risks relating to the environment, in particular the management of trees, structures and dealing with adverse weather events.
Spatial Planning - revenue grant	89	(47)	42	
Neighbourhood Planning	82	(71)	11	
Air Quality	36	(36)	0	Air Quality Management - DEFRA Action Plan.
Street Cleansing	26	(26)	0	Committed expenditure on voluntary litter picking equipment and electric blowers, due to be fully utilised in 2022-23.
Custom Build & Brownfield Register	19	(19)	0	·
Community Protection	17	(17)	0	
Licensing Enforcement	15	(15)	0	Three year reserve to fund a third party review and update of the Cheshire East Council Taxi Licensing Enforcement Policies.
Flood Water Management (Emergency Planning)	2	0	2	Plans to draw down the reserve in 2023/24 relating to Public Information Works.
ENVIRONMENT AND COMMUNITIES TOTAL	1,056	(578)	478	