

Covid19 Financial Update by Directorate

People Directorate

2020/21 Outturn Review	2020/21 Budget	Covid Financial Pressures		Forecast Over / (Underspend)
(GROSS Revenue Budget £647.2m)	(NET)	Expenditure	Income	
£000	£000	£000	£000	£000
Directorate	881	-	-	-
Children's Social Care	40,190	1,175	-	1,175
Education & 14-19 Skills - Revenue	15,068	215	187	402
Education & 14-19 Skills - Capital	-	2,000		2,000
Prevention & Early Help	8,351	69	41	110
Adult Social Care - Operations	28,077	-	-	-
Commissioning	88,778	3,656	734	4,390
Public Health	-	78		78
People	181,345	7,193	962	8,155

The most significant element of expenditure incurred by the Council involves financial support to the social care market, funding has already been provided to support care providers in dealing with increasing costs linked to demand, staffing shortages and PPE.

The loss of fees and charges and increased debt from Adult Social Care is expected to be in the region of £0.7m.

The cost of the shielding hub, as shown under Public Health, is estimated to be £78k, in addition to this there are additional staffing resources from across the Council services involved in shielding.

The increased cost of children's social care is £1.176m mainly due to the rise in agency placements.

Delays in the schools building programme are expected to lead to additional costs in the second part of the year.

Place Directorate

2020/21 Outturn Review (GROSS Revenue Budget £647.2m)	2020/21 Budget	Covid Financial Pressures		Forecast Over / (Underspend)
		Expenditure	Income	
	(NET)			
	£000	£000	£000	£000
Directorate	977	-	-	-
Environment & Neighbourhood Services	40,744	3,916	2,056	5,972
Environment & Neighbourhood - Capital	-	255		255
Growth & Enterprise	20,434	561	2,557	3,118
Highways & Infrastructure - Revenue	11,909	1,238	3,949	5,187
Highways & Infrastructure - Capital		3,730		3,730
Place	74,064	9,700	8,562	18,262

The Council's wholly owned company ANSA has experienced significant challenges in delivering waste and environmental services throughout this pandemic. The cost of employing additional agency staff, purchasing PPE and the increased tonnage from kerbside collections is estimated to be over £2m.

The bereavement service has incurred additional costs including a contribution to a body storage facility.

The loss of income from fees and charges is significant for the Place directorate, car parking income losses alone is estimated to be over £3m, income from cultural activities such as Tatton Park is expected to be down by £2m and income from planning fees is expected to have a shortfall £1.3m.

Additional costs relating to the running of the leisure centres and the loss of income is estimated to be in the region of £1.2m.

Delays in major highway construction schemes are expected to lead to additional costs in the second part of the year.

Corporate Directorate

2020/21 Outturn Review (GROSS Revenue Budget £647.2m)	2020/21 Budget (NET)	Covid Financial Pressures		Forecast Over / (Underspend)
		Expenditure	Income	
	£000	£000	£000	£000
Directorate	693	-	-	-
Finance & Customer Services	8,678	1,320	740	2,060
Governance & Compliance Services	9,984	61	824	885
Transformation - Revenue	-	759		759
Transformation - Capital	14,728	2,721		2,721
Corporate	34,083	4,861	1,564	6,425

The ICT service has accelerated and extended the deployment of Windows 10 mobile devices to enable council employees to work from home and elected Members to participate in remote meetings since the start of the pandemic has required. An increased number of devices have been purchased and the resources required to deliver this redeployment in a short space of time has placed significant pressure on the service.

ICT has also delivered a number of specific projects specifically to facilitate the remote working environment, these include e-signatures, virtual council meetings, virtual child protection conferences, virtual hearings for both internal and external participants, remote door solution etc.

The registration service is expecting a loss of income from marriage services in the region of £0.8m.

The loss of Housing Benefit overpayment recoveries and the loss of court cost income for Council Tax and Business Rates is also expected to be in the region of £0.7m.

Unachievable savings resulting from the delay in the implementation of Best4Business is in the region of £1m.