

Appendix 2

Grants and Requests for Supplementary Revenue Estimates Register

Government Grant Funding of Local Expenditure

1. Cheshire East Council receives two main types of Government grants; specific use grants and general purpose grants. The overall total of Government grant budgeted for in 2021/22 was £253.4m.
2. In 2021/22 Cheshire East Council's specific use grants held within the services was budgeted to be £234.2m based on Government announcements to February 2021. This figure was revised up at mid-year to £275.4m (an increase of £41.2m). By outturn, this figure was revised up again to £304.0m (an increase of £28.6m on mid-year).
3. The final outturn position has seen an increase in specific use grants of £28.6m. The main factors influencing this revised increased position are as follows:
 - Household Support Fund +£2.2m
 - ESF Income for Journey First and Parents First +£2.2m
 - Covid-19 Infection Control and Rapid Testing +£3.5m
 - Covid-19 Work Recruitment and Retention Fund +£2.8m
 - Covid-19 Contain Outbreak Management Fund +£3.8m
 - Housing Benefit Subsidy +£5.2m
 - Business Support grants +£6.7m
4. There were further grant increases in other service areas which were off-set by a reduction in the Dedicated Schools Grant (-£2.5m) and Restart Grant (-£2.7m).
4. Spending in relation to specific use grants must be in line with the purpose for which it is provided.
5. During 2020/21 the Government announced a number of grant schemes to provide support for businesses that were mandated to close as a result of the Covid-19 pandemic. Further one-off Restart grants were paid during 2021/22 to rate-paying non-essential retail business premises and hospitality, accommodation, leisure, personal care and gym business premises to help them reopen safely. The Council was responsible for making grant payments to businesses registered for business rates under eligibility criteria set by Government.
6. General purpose grants were budgeted to be £19.2m. Further in-year grant announcements had increased the amount received at mid-year to £68.1m.
7. However, by the financial year-end this amount had reduced to £49m (a reduction of £19.1m). This was mainly due to repayments made to the Department for Levelling-Up, Housing and Communities (DLUHC) relating to Covid-19 Business Rates Reliefs (£14.9m). A further £3.5m of S31 Business Rates Relief (BRRS) Compensation Grant was used

to fund the Revenue Budget and the £0.8m transfer of Sales, Fees & Charges Income Compensation to services.

8. The Covid-19 pandemic has seen additional financial support issued by Central Government.
9. In response to the Coronavirus pandemic, in the Budget on 11 March the Government announced that it would increase the discount to 100% and extend it to include the leisure and hospitality sectors. Following the announcement on 23 March 2020 of further measures to limit the spread of Coronavirus, the Government confirmed that some of the exclusions for this relief have been removed, so that retail, leisure, and hospitality properties that will have had to close as a result of the restriction measures were also eligible for the relief. 100% expanded retail relief has been extended to 30 June 2021 for eligible ratepayers. Relief has reduced to 66% from 1 July and Government have applied cash caps to the relief of £2 million for ratepayers meeting the eligibility for the closed cash cap or £105,000 for all other ratepayers. Relief awarded is fully funded by Government.
10. The estimated full cost for this additional relief for Cheshire East is £27.3m as at the Mid-year review. Usually, local authorities would only be paid their Business Rates Retention share (49%) of any new burdens measures, but in this instance 100% of the funding is being paid to councils to help with cash flow shortfalls as the estimate was not included at the NNDR1 stage when budgets were set. At the end of the financial year, following a detailed reconciliation, the share relating to DLUHC (50%) will be repaid to Government.
11. Approval to use additional general or specific purpose grants is requested throughout the year. New requests for the allocation of the additional grants received are detailed in **Table 1**.
12. **Table 2** provides a summary of the updated budget position for grants in 2021/22 by type and service. Further details of grants are shown in **Table 3** Corporate Grants Register.

Table 1 – Requests for Allocation of Additional Grant Funding

Committee	Year	Type of Grant	£000	Details
Children & Families	2022/23	LA Supplementary Grant (Specific Purpose)	2,072	In the 2022 to 2023 financial year, schools will be allocated £1.2 billion of this additional funding, to provide support for the costs of the Health and Social Care Levy and wider costs. This funding will be allocated through the schools supplementary grant 2022 to 2023.
Children & Families	2022/23	Household Support Fund (Specific Purpose)	2,300	Extension to the Household Support Fund to support vulnerable people (estimated allocation). Guidance will be issued in due course to Local Authorities to ensure they can provide assistance to those most in need of additional support, including those not eligible for the Cost of Living Payments set out on 26 May 2022.
Total Allocation above £1m Council Approval			4,372	
Adults & Health	2021/22	European Social Fund Income for Journey First and Parents First (Specific Purpose)	525	<p>The Journey First programme provides intensive 1-2-1 support for young people and Adults helping participants to identify their skills and reach their goals, whether that be support with job searches and employment or access to further education or training.</p> <p>Parents First is a holistic employment support service for parents of young children who take up the free childcare entitlement as well as parents of young children who have not yet engaged with those services. The support will ensure parents are able to explore and develop education, training, and employment aspirations, get job ready or find meaningful employment.</p>
Adults & Health	2021/22	Covid-19 Community Testing Programme (Specific Purpose)	321	Funding for Community Testing in response to the Covid-19 outbreak.
Children & Families	2021/22	Asylum Seekers	315	Based on clients' claims so therefore will fluctuate based on age / numbers of claims – we are also receiving

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		(Specific Purpose)		some additional funding from those that move through the National Transfer Scheme.
Children & Families	2021/22	Tackling Troubled Families (Specific Purpose)	105	The Troubled Families programme works with families where children are not attending school, young people are committing crime, families are involved in anti-social behaviour and adults are out of work.
Children & Families	2021/22	Adoption Support Fund (Specific Purpose)	18	The adoption support fund provides funds to local authorities and regional adoption agencies to pay for essential therapeutic services for eligible adoptive and special guardianship order families.
Children & Families	2022/23	Staying Put Implementation Grant (General Purpose)	130	The purpose of the grant is to provide support for local authorities in England for expenditure lawfully incurred or to be incurred by them, in respect of a young person aged 18 and their former foster carer, who wish to continue living together in a 'Staying Put' arrangement. For the purposes of this grant 'young person' means a former relevant child who was looked after immediately prior to their 18th birthday. This supported arrangement can continue until the young person's 21st birthday.
Children & Families	2022/23	Extended Personal Adviser duty Implementation Grant (General Purpose)	57	The Children and Social Work Act 2017 introduced a new duty on local authorities, requiring them to offer Personal Adviser support to all care leavers up to age 25. This duty came into force on 1 April 2018. The purpose of this grant is to provide support to local authorities in England, to help them to meet the requirements of this duty, in response to young people that may request such support from the local authority after the age of 21 and up to their 25th birthday.
Children & Families	2022/23	Extended rights to home to school travel	250	The Department for Education provides additional transport funding to local authorities to support children from low-income families to be able to attend schools

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		(Specific Purpose)		further from home than the statutory walking distances. The funding is paid as a non-ring-fenced grant paid via the Department for Communities and Local Government under the Local Services Support Grant (section 31 of the Local Government Act 2003).
Economy & Growth	2021/22	Natural England - Stewardship Scheme (Specific Purpose)	4	This is for grant aided ecological works on various Countryside sites within Cheshire East
Economy & Growth	2022/23	Homelessness Prevention Grant (Specific Purpose)	582	The purpose of the grant is to provide support to local authorities in England towards expenditure lawfully incurred or to be incurred by them in supporting local authorities to discharge their homelessness duties under homelessness legislation. The grant is ring-fenced for 2022-2023 and is to be spent in adherence with the following principles: 1. To fully enforce the Homelessness Reduction Act and contribute to ending rough sleeping by increasing activity to prevent single homelessness. 2. Reduce family temporary accommodation numbers through maximising family homelessness prevention and reduce the use of unsuitable B&Bs for families. 3. Ensure service financial viability of services by contributing to the costs of statutory duties, including implementing the Homelessness Reduction Act and supporting with the costs of temporary accommodation.
Corporate Policy	2021/22	Skills for Care (Specific Purpose)	41	The Workforce Development Fund supports the provision of high quality care and the continuing professional development of staff across the adult social care sector by providing a contribution towards the costs of vocational learning.

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Various committees	2021/22	Covid-19 Apprenticeship Funding (Specific Purpose)	19	Funding to support employers, apprenticeship training and assessment providers.
Total Allocation £1m or below			2,117	
Total			6,489	

Table 2 – Corporate Grants Register (Summary)

Grants 2021/22	Original Budget	Revised Forecast MYR	Final Outturn	Change from MYR
	2021/22 £m	2021/22 £m	2021/22 £m	2021/22 £m
SPECIFIC USE				
Children and Families	160.1	157.8	159.2	1.4
Adults and Health	29.4	38.3	50.5	12.2
Economy and Growth	0.8	27.6	35.7	8.1
Environment and Communities	0.0	0.9	0.5	(0.4)
Highways and Transport	0.3	0.9	1.7	0.8
Corporate Policy	43.6	49.9	56.4	6.5
TOTAL SPECIFIC PURPOSE	234.2	275.4	304.0	28.6
GENERAL PURPOSE				
Children and Families	0.3	0.5	0.5	0.0
Adults and Health	9.1	9.2	9.2	0.0
Economy and Growth	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Environment and Communities	0.0	0.1	0.1	0.0
Highways and Transport	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Corporate Policy	9.8	58.3	39.2	(19.1)
TOTAL GENERAL PURPOSE	19.2	68.1	49.0	(19.1)
TOTAL GRANT FUNDING	253.4	343.5	353.0	9.5

Table 3 – Corporate Grants Register (Detail)

Grants 2021/22	Original Budget	Revised Forecast MYR	Final Outturn	Change from MYR	Treatment of Grant
	2021/22 £000	2021/22 £000	2021/22 £000	2021/22 £000	<i>Notes 2 - 5</i>
CHILDREN and FAMILIES					
Specific Use (Held within Services)¹	160,065	157,768	159,211	1,443	
General Purpose (Held Corporately)					
Staying Put Implementation Grant	0	113	113	0	
Extended Rights to Free Transport (Home to School Transport)	201	258	258	0	
Extended Personal Adviser Duty Implementation	0	56	56	0	
Extension of the role of Virtual School Heads	60	60	61	1	
TOTAL CHILDREN and FAMILIES	160,326	158,255	159,698	1,444	

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	2021/22 £000	2021/22 £000	2021/22 £000	2021/22 £000	<i>Notes 2 - 5</i>
ADULTS and HEALTH					
Specific Use (Held within Services)	29,360	38,284	50,560	12,277	
General Purpose (Held Corporately)					
Social Care Support Grant	7,979	7,979	7,979	0	
Independent Living Fund	818	861	861	0	
Local Reform & Community Voices, Social Care in Prisons and War Pension Scheme Disregard	340	340	332	(8)	
TOTAL ADULTS and HEALTH	38,497	47,463	59,731	12,268	

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	2021/22 £000	2021/22 £000	2021/22 £000	2021/22 £000	
ECONOMY and GROWTH					<i>Notes 2 - 5</i>
Specific Use (Held within Services)	787	27,588	35,661	8,074	
General Purpose (Held Corporately)					
Homelessness Domestic Abuse New Burdens	0	9	9	0	
TOTAL ECONOMY and GROWTH	787	27,597	35,670	8,074	

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	2021/22 £000	2021/22 £000	2021/22 £000	2021/22 £000	
ENVIRONMENT and COMMUNITIES					<i>Notes 2 - 5</i>
Specific Use (Held within Services)	0	850	475	(375)	
General Purpose (Held Corporately)					
Neighbourhood Planning Grant	0	70	70	0	
TOTAL ENVIRONMENT and COMMUNITIES	0	920	545	(375)	

Grants 2021/22	Original Budget	Revised Forecast MYR	Final Outturn	Change from MYR	Treatment of Grant
	2021/22 £000	2021/22 £000	2021/22 £000	2021/22 £000	
HIGHWAYS and TRANSPORT					<i>Notes 2 - 5</i>
Specific Use (Held within Services)	348	949	1,713	764	
General Purpose (Held Corporately)					
Pavement Licensing - New Burdens	0	0	15	15	
TOTAL HIGHWAYS and TRANSPORT	348	949	1,727	778	

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	Budget	Forecast MYR	Outturn	MYR	Grant
	2021/22 £000	2021/22 £000	2021/22 £000	2021/22 £000	Notes 2 - 5
CORPORATE POLICY					
Specific Use (Held within Services)	43,626	49,940	56,369	6,429	
General Purpose (Held Corporately)					
Housing Benefit and Council Tax Administration	1,022	1,082	1,082	(0)	
NNDR Administration Allowance	569	569	569	0	
Breathing Spaces (Debt Respite Scheme)	0	2	2	0	
Council Tax Family Annex Discount	0	0	23	23	Reserves
New Homes Bonus	7,841	7,841	7,841	0	
Individual Electoral Registration	0	5	5	0	
Local Government Transparency Code - New Burdens	0	0	13	13	
Lower Tier Services Grant	335	335	335	0	
COVID-19 Business Rates Reliefs 2021/22	0	27,280	12,408	(14,872)	Reserves
COVID-19 Compensation for Sales, Fees and Charges Income	0	800	0	(800)	
COVID-19 Local Council Tax Support	0	3,373	3,373	0	Reserves
COVID-19 Local Authority Support Grant	0	8,508	8,508	0	Balances/Reserve
COVID-19 Additional Relief Fund	0	0	0	0	Reserves
Business Rates Reliefs Grant 2021/22	0	8,606	5,106	(3,500)	Reserves
Tax Income Guarantee Scheme: Compensation for Business Rates Losses	0	0	3	3	Reserves
TOTAL CORPORATE POLICY	53,393	108,340	95,636	(12,704)	

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.