

APPENDIX A

2024/25 Revenue Budget Variations

Service Area	Budget	Variation 5 December 2024 Cabinet	Movement	Total Current Variation
	£	£	£	£
Finance, People & IDT	16,589,038	(1,749,590)	0	(1,749,590)
Policy & Governance	1,369,241	(42,638)	0	(42,638)
Adult Social Care	68,180,364	6,761,253	0	6,761,253
Housing, Commercial & Customer Services	5,222,983	(229,561)	0	(229,561)
Children's Safeguarding & Family Support	49,422,229	651,416	(82,882)	568,534
Education & Skills	12,793,726	590,162	90,795	680,957
Health & Wellbeing	805,856	33,497	(1,693)	31,804
Neighbourhood & Enforcement Services	33,144,752	38,320	25,000	63,320
Prosperity & Investment	(6,812,251)	1,061,534	139,909	1,201,443
Council Wide	(23,420,098)	(1,853,315)	(600,000)	(2,453,315)
Total	157,295,840	5,261,077	(428,871)	4,832,206
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2024/25 Revenue Budget Variations over £50,000				
Description		Budget	Total Variation	Comments
		£	£	
Finance, People & IDT				
Treasury		14,444,469	(1,700,000)	Impact of re-profiling capital spend and positive cash flow position during the year.
Learning & Development	Staffing	564,456	(60,447)	Vacancies
Revenues	Supplies & Services	217,710	66,013	Legal/operational expenditure
	Variations under £50k	1,362,403	(55,156)	
Total Finance, People & IDT		16,589,038	(1,749,590)	
Policy & Governance				
	Variations under £50k	1,369,241	(42,638)	
Total Policy & Governance		1,369,241	(42,638)	
Adult Social Care				
All long term care purchasing-Spot & block for all ages	Spot & block purchasing	83,724,125	6,401,685	The long term care projection remains as previously reported. There was a recent upward revision to forecast expenditure arising from an acceleration in the costs of care over recent months. Continued and careful monitoring of the position currently suggests there is no requirement to change the projection at this stage however care expenditure is continuing to grow and this will be tracked closely. It should, however, be noted that the trajectory of growth in the first half of 2024/25 has been half that in the equivalent period in 2023/24, reflecting the delivery of validated savings by the service. Part of the increase in care costs is offset by an increase in income (£370,000) shown lower down in this report, reducing the net increase to just over £2.25m. The management team continue to work on delivering care which maximises prevention and independence wherever possible, which is helping to mitigate this budget pressure, which would otherwise be much higher. Newton Europe, external consultants, have also been commissioned to review the service and their work to date has indicated areas where further savings could be delivered in the future. The forecast position will be kept under review as the year progresses, as demand for the service has historically been volatile.
Health funding contributions-all ages and care types	Joint Funding	(7,986,218)	0	Latest forecast income from the NHS from latest identified projections of care for clients with some health needs
Prevention & independence - Older People & Disability	Staffing & Operational expenditure	3,079,487	(269,393)	Mainly from vacancies due to recruitment challenges.
Autism, Learning Disability & mental health	Staffing & Operational expenditure	2,059,417	114,388	Overspend due to additional agency workers.

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Prevention & Enablement	My Options-Adults & Children's services	272,374	569,136	Pressure from previous savings associated with changes to Lakewood Court from residential provision to Supported accommodation, and costs of agency staff to cover services.
	In House purchasing (from My Options)	7,168,213	223,771	Increase in costs to reflect additional clients mainly in day services
	Intermediate Care	7,632,827	469,000	The demand for reablement services and services to facilitate discharge from hospital continues at an unprecedented level. Work to mitigate the impacts of increased activity and expenditure has had a positive impact resulting in some reduced activity. This has allowed a reduction to forecast bed usage and expenditure. The pressure on the base budget held within the BCF is, based on current activity levels, projected to be a little under £1m in 2024/25, which is half the 2023/24 overspend. Total expenditure in 2024/25 is likely to be around £9.6m. Any overspend is split between Shropshire, Telford & Wrekin ICB and the Council and the current monitoring position assumes the same split (49:51) as in 2023/24. Partner organisations continue to pursue work programmes to look at alternative service delivery strategies to deal with the demand in the medium to longer term. Alongside this discussions with Shropshire, Telford & Wrekin ICB are being held on a regular basis to determine how any funding pressure will be split, and the position will be updated when this is confirmed.
	Staffing & Operational expenditure	1,402,323	57,751	Overspend due to agency workers over and above the number of vacancies
	Client Contributions	(13,599,430)	(370,000)	Based on current expectations of in year income.
	Agency - contribution from reserves	0	(143,992)	Contribution from ASC reserves to cover additional agency resource taken on to support the service in the first quarter of 24/25, costs of which are included in staffing lines above.
	Use of One Offs		(199,000)	
Income	Variations under £50k	(15,572,754)	(92,093)	Expenditure for Newton support is included here with an equivalent income source to cover the expenditure.
Total Adult Social Care		68,180,364	6,761,253	
Housing, Commercial & Customer Services				
Strategic Housing	Income	(324,000)	270,000	Income target shortfall; will be delivered when Housing Schemes become operational; Red Lion development due in 2025/26. There is a benefit in relation to lower borrowing costs which is included in the Treasury benefit reported under Finance.
	Variations under £50k	1,225,395	(176,428)	
Telford Theatre	Various	331,640	137,165	Projected costs in relation to the closure. This over spend is being mitigated by a £151k underspend within the BIT team as a result of premises cost savings.
Telford Ice Rink	Income	(870,113)	(122,987)	Projected over achievement of income.
Wellington Leisure Centre	Various	0	0	
Customer Relationships & Welfare Services	Use of one of reserve funding	0	(466,241)	Use of Reserve.
Community Services	Solar Farm - Income	(989,810)	114,213	Projected shortfall in PPA and FIT income; 10.45% reduction for April to Sept to the previous year.

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Description		Budget £	Total Variation £	Comments
Libraries	Variations under £50k	4,739,491	14,717	
	Variations under £50k - Libraries	1,110,380	0	
Total Housing, Commercial & Customer Services		5,222,983	(229,561)	
Children's Safeguarding & Family Support				
Children in Care, Leaving Care Team & Speciality Services, Family Solutions	CIC Placements, Post 18 Staying Put & Leaving Care Support	31,222,780	(354,472)	Additional budget, allocated in the context of 2023/24 outturn and the budget model, currently exceeds projected costs of placements. The work with Impower and ongoing work on prevention, early intervention and review of placement costs is having a positive impact on the cost of placements. The Council's new provision for supported accommodation, Octavia Court, which opened over the summer, is also having a positive impact on placement costs.
	Health funding	(6,997,900)	643,002	The budget was realigned in accordance with the placements model, but health funding is currently projected in the context of identified income in the first part of the year and the reduction in overall placement costs.
	Children with Disabilities	2,058,540	145,853	Expenditure in this area has increased significantly in recent years, as the level of need in the CYP population has increased. The realigned budget is now more realistic for this area, but there continues to be a high demand for support for children with disabilities.
	Operational expenditure	2,584,980	253,062	Section 17 costs (for children in need), CWD - aids and adaptations and funding of the Autism Hub are the main elements contributing to pressure in this area.
	Income	(2,587,834)	(403,590)	Additional income received from government grants including Remand Grant, staying put grant and care leavers supported accommodation reform grant.
Child Protection & Family Support, Parenting Assessment & Contact Teams	Operational expenditure	455,235	150,088	Increase in No Recourse to Public Funds (NRPF) expenditure and Hotel/B&B costs
Family Safeguarding	Operational expenditure	2,817,301	149,912	The main drivers of the forecast overspend are legal expenses and assessments, both of which are linked to placement cost pressures in recent years.
Service Wide	Staffing expenditure	18,661,350	250,812	A budget saving of £300,000 arising from the ending of a short-term investment in staffing plus overall vacancy factor saving of £299,000. Partly offset by savings from vacancies across service and additional funding included in line below
Variations under £50k		387,950	(299,573)	Includes additional income to mitigate staffing pressures - see above
Total		48,602,403	535,095	
Independent Review	Variations under £50,000	819,826	33,439	

2024/25 Revenue Budget Variations over £50,000

Description		Budget £	Total Variation £	Comments
Total Children's Safeguarding & Family Support		49,422,229	568,534	
Education & Skills				
Traded Advisory Services		65,448	121,219	Grant income which was available to support services in this area in 2023/24 (e.g. Ukraine grant) is no longer available in 2024/25 creating budgetary pressure. Services are being reviewed in this context.
Specialist Services		562,064	238,822	Significant additional expenditure has been incurred in Educational Psychology due to the use of agency staff to process statutory assessments.
Premature retirement costs		1,171,024	149,751	Savings targets have been applied to this area, which covers the costs of teachers who prematurely retired, with the local authority picking up premature retirement costs. This policy ceased some years ago, but annual costs continue to be incurred through the duration of teachers retirement. Savings targets were applied on the basis of demography, but at present this impact is not being seen on costs.
Under £50K		10,995,190	171,165	This variance includes the £142K vacancy factor for Education & Skills
Total Education & Skills		12,793,726	680,957	
Health & Wellbeing				
Coroners Court	Contracted services	266,450	67,800	Pressure on budget from services being delivered by the Coroner and associated services. Demand for Post Mortems and body conveyancing is increasing costs
	Variations under £50k - GF Services	230,376	(35,996)	
Sexual Health	Contracted services	(5,600)	56,141	Pressure within contract identified within consumables supply contracts and initiatives
	Variations under £50k-Public Health	314,630	(68,199)	
Public Health Grant	Underspend/(Overspend) to/(from) Reserve		12,058	underspends against public health funded budgets transferred from Public Health reserve
Total Health & Wellbeing		805,856	31,804	
Neighbourhood & Enforcement Services				

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Description		Budget	Total Variation	Comments
		£	£	
Enforcement	Income - Car Parking	(55,570)	143,204	Shortfall against budgeted income from car parking
	Income - FPN	(46,980)	58,327	Shortfall against budgeted income
	Variations under £50k	810,353	(4,655)	
Neighbourhood & Environmental Services	Variations under £50k	5,421,736	11,717	
Highways, Engineering & Project Delivery	Supplies & Services - Street Lighting	1,979,350	175,620	Increased Maintenance Costs
	Supplies & Services - Street Lighting		13,471	Increased Energy Usage
	Supplies & Services - Street Lighting		36,361	Increased Energy Costs - Difference between 6% average rate and actual rates
	Supplies & Services - Street Lighting		53,959	Energy Green levy introduced in 24/25
	Reserves - Street Lighting		(312,804)	Use of Reserves
	Reserves - Street Lighting		(63,652)	Use of one-off reserves
	Supplies & Services - Flood Barriers		58,392	Unbudgeted costs incurred for responding to flooding including supporting deployment of Ironbridge flood barriers
	Variations under £50k	8,786,636	21,691	
Strategic Transport & Highway Network Management	Supplies & Services - Concessionary Travel	1,675,700	(54,797)	Reduction in operating costs
	Variations under £50k	9,927	(13,484)	
Safer & Stronger Communities	Variations under £50k	(2,149,550)	0	
Waste & Neighbourhood Services	Waste Treatment	6,456,430	(73,656)	Reduction in Waste Tonnages and associated Treatment processing costs
	Variations under £50k	10,256,720	13,625	
Total Neighbourhood & Enforcement Services		33,144,752	63,320	
Prosperity & Investment				
Building Innovation Telford	Premises - Addenbrooke House	-	120,442	Running costs and NNDR of Addenbrooke House up to transfer of property.
	Premises - Lakewood Court	-	191,000	Property improvement costs.
	Premises - The Place	422,630	(151,558)	One off underspends.
	Premises - Oakengates Leisure		(203,121)	One off NNDR rebates and reduced in year NNDR.
	Variations under £50k	(3,678,080)	(171,537)	One off use of Grant, S106 and reserve to support in year pressures.

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Description		Budget £	Total Variation £	Comments
Development Management	Income - Planning applications & Building Control	(2,625,900)	200,000	Estimated based upon a downturn in year to date trends compared to 23/24. This will be monitored monthly and can fluctuate up or down, net of one off salary underspends from vacancy management.
Regeneration & Investment	PIP Income	(10,467,570)	911,182	Delay in Growth Fund capital schemes impacting on phasing of income. There is a benefit in relation to the associated lower borrowing costs which is included in the Treasury benefit reported under Finance.
	Income - Earthworks savings target	(200,000)	200,000	Alternative for site identified that will deliver improved outputs.
	Net - Southwater MSCP & Hall Court	(221,090)	52,461	Shortfall on income, although a much improved position than 23/24.
	Premises costs	-	100,000	Orchard Business Park additional revenue costs associated with utility works.
Strategic Planning	Variations under £50k	1,107,320	(131,053)	
	Variations under £50k	8,850,439	83,627	
Total Prosperity & Investment		(6,812,251)	1,201,443	
Corporate				
S31 Grant	Business Rates Retention Scheme Top Up		(69,000)	Additional top up inflation 24.25
WME Dividend		(590,000)	(226,315)	Dividend received from WME higher than budgeted
Council Wide		(22,830,098)	(2,158,000)	Various corporate underspends including pensions and provision for savings shortfalls net of potential costs. To be updated as the year progresses.
Total Corporate		(23,420,098)	(2,453,315)	
Total		157,295,840	4,832,206	

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APPENDIX C

Capital Approvals - by Service Area

Virements

Scheme	Service Area	Funding Source	24/25 £	25/26 £	26/27 £	27/28 £
Capital Investment Fund	Corporate Items	Prudential		(3,334,633.00)	(3,000,000.00)	
Towns Fund - Wellington	Prosperity & Investment	Prudential		2,084,633.00		
Condition Works - Leisure	Prosperity & Investment	Prudential		1,000,000.00		
Condition Works - Leisure	Prosperity & Investment	Prudential		250,000.00		
Pride in Your High Street	Prosperity & Investment	Prudential			1,000,000.00	
Levelling Up Fund	Prosperity & Investment	Prudential			2,000,000.00	
			0.00	0.00	0.00	

Slippage

Scheme	Service Area	Funding Source	24/25 £	25/26 £	26/27 £	27/28 £
Capital Investment Fund	Corporate Items	Prudential		(1,600,000.00)	1,600,000.00	
Property Investment Portfolio	Prosperity & Investment	Prudential		(11,000,000.00)	11,000,000.00	
Housing Company - Housing	Prosperity & Investment	Prudential		(2,500,000.00)	2,500,000.00	
Housing	Housing, Commercial & Customer Services	Prudential		(2,500,000.00)	2,500,000.00	
			0.00	(17,600,000.00)	17,600,000.00	0.00

New Allocations

Scheme	Service Area	Funding Source	24/25 £	25/26 £	26/27 £	27/28 £
Stalled Sites	Prosperity & Investment	Prudential		250,000.00	250,000.00	
Towns Fund - Wellington	Prosperity & Investment	External		174,000.00		
Property Investment Portfolio	Prosperity & Investment	External		875,424.00		
Bus Service Improvement Plan (BSIP)	Neighbourhood & Enforcement Services	Grant		1,788,577.00		
All Other School Schemes	Education & Skills	Grant	342,549.15			
			342,549.15	3,088,001.00	250,000.00	0.00