

2019/20 Forecast General Fund Outturn Position at year end 31/03/2020

KEY GENERAL FUND REVENUE VARIANCES	Annual Budget 2019/20 (£)	Forecast Variance at year end (July) (£)	Forecast Variance at year end (Sept) (£)	Forecast Variance at year end (December) (£)	Forecast Variance at year end (February) (£)	Actual Variance at year end (Outturn) (£)	% Variance	Narrative
Strategy and Resources Committee								
Salaries	5,010,883	331,667	356,070	398,425	428,810	445,294	8.9%	Following the introduction of Customer First and the need to maintain continuity of service , there have been a number of salaries overspends arising from early departure costs, the delay in the planned departure of staff for which there was no budget and the filling of overspends on vacant posts filled by temporary staff, agency staff and consultants to maintain service provision.
Treasury Income	(975,900)	0	0	(80,000)	(80,000)	(55,013)	5.6%	Increased Treasury Income due to Acquisition of Castlefield House in December resulting in additional interest income from Gryllus.
Printing and Postage	179,800	0	0	(24,800)	(24,800)	(46,700)	-26.0%	Reduced printing and postage costs due to lower volume of use.
Bad Debt Provision	22,000	0	0	0	0	51,631	234.7%	Higher Bad debt provision required due to increased aged debt.
Collection Fund Shortfall	0	0	0	0	0	652,101	-	Residual shortfall unadjusted from earlier years and a shortfall on the Collection Fund income in current year. Budget was set too high.
Other Variances less than £10k	(3,126,633)	27,401	(37,300)	(32,400)	(32,400)	(13,825)	0.4%	Combined effect of multiple small under and overspends.
Resources Total	1,110,150	359,068	318,770	261,225	291,610	1,033,488	93%	

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Planning Policy								
Salaries	1,119,170	398,368	397,080	466,000	526,788	546,640	48.8%	Following the introduction of Customer First and the need to maintain continuity of service , there have been a number of salaries overspends arising from early departure costs, the delay in the planned departure of staff for which there was no budget and the filling of overspends on vacant posts filled by temporary staff, agency staff and consultants to maintain service provision.
Planning Application and Advice	(82,300)	277,309	367,309	676,600	716,753	702,754	-853.9%	Due to legal fees for the Felbridge Junction appeal, external contract for Terraquest and an under recovery of planning fees has contributed to the overspend.
Enforcement	149,400	(11,004)	(11,004)	(63,000)	(63,000)	(36,644)	-24.5%	Successful bid for additional grant funding from MHCLG.
Local Plan	635,400	0	0	(195,000)	(195,000)	(436,991)	-68.8%	There is an underspend on this budget. This is mainly due to consultancy fees not being as high as expected.
Neighbourhood Plan	8,300	0	0	0	0	(19,664)	-236.9%	Additional grant received
Other net items of less than £10,000	219,300	1,167	1,167	(1,850)	17,800	(81,254)	-37.1%	Combined effect of multiple small under and overspends.
Planning Policy Total	2,049,270	665,840	754,552	882,750	1,003,341	674,841	33%	

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Community Services Committee								
Salaries	1,839,100	(7,878)	(22,060)	(85,400)	(109,800)	103,500	5.6%	Following the introduction of Customer First and the need to maintain continuity of service , there have been a number of salaries overspends arising from early departure costs, the delay in the planned departure of staff for which there was no budget and the filling of overspends on vacant posts filled by temporary staff, agency staff and consultants to maintain service provision.
Tandridge Commercial Services	(219,965)	109,100	112,800	109,100	150,000	147,672	-67.1%	Following the centralisation of call centre staff as part of Customer First Tandridge Commercial Services has suffered the loss of the recovery of overheads previously charged as part of the overall service costs.
Tree Works	50,000	0	0	10,000	10,000	6,300	12.6%	Additional spend on priority tree work.
Pavilions - Legionnaires	0	0	0	0	14,000	16,328	-	To comply with H&S - legionnaire testing now undertaken but no budget had been provided.
Improved Car Park Income	(175,400)	0	0	0	(17,500)	(7,800)	4.4%	Slight increase in car parking revenue.
Other Variances less than £10k	4,978,915	15,469	650	23,900	25,000	174,691	3.5%	Combined effect of multiple small under and overspends.
Community Services Total	6,472,650	116,691	91,390	57,600	71,700	440,691	7%	

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Housing - General Fund								
Salaries	768,600	(28,110)	4,169	104,720	193,120	302,905	39.4%	Following the introduction of Customer First and the need to maintain continuity of service , there have been a number of salaries overspends arising from early departure costs, the delay in the planned departure of staff for which there was no budget and the filling of overspends on vacant posts filled by temporary staff, agency staff and consultants to maintain service provision.
Housing Benefit Payments & Recovery	62,300	0	0	0	0	(206,200)	-331.0%	Recovery of Housing Benefit overpayments was below budget but this was more than offset by a right back from the Bad Debt Provision.
Douglas Brunton Centre	33,800	7,920	32,397	32,397	32,397	30,458	90.1%	Reduction in income plus increased repairs expenditure.
Meadowside	(88,600)	(18,900)	(4,900)	0	0	(18,068)	20.4%	Underspend on Repairs and additional rental income.
Syrian Refugees	14,600	(12,000)	0	0	0	(58,709)	-402.1%	Additional funding received.
Homelessness	70,300	0	0	0	0	(170,788)	-242.9%	Additional grant received from Central Government plus transfer from reserves and reduction in the cost of the Rent Deposits Scheme.
Benefits Administration	2,500	0	0	(24,745)	(37,000)	(30,188)	-	Additional grant received from Central Government.
Private Sector Enforcement	116,600	0	0	0	40,000	18,578	15.9%	Costs of Private Sector enforcement.
Other net items of less than £10,000	(170,200)	4,850	4,581	(1,744)	11,456	(26,151)	15.4%	Combined effect of multiple small under and overspends.
Housing General Fund Total	809,900	(46,240)	36,247	110,628	239,973	(158,163)	-20%	
Council GF Position at 31/03/2020	10,441,970	1,095,359	1,200,959	1,312,203	1,606,624	1,990,857	19%	