Item 2

21st February 2024

Glasgow City Council

Finance and Audit Scrutiny Committee

Report by the Executive Director of Finance

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BUDGET MONITORING 2023-24; PERIOD 10

Purpose of Report:

This report provides a summary of financial performance for the period 1 April 2023 to 15 December 2023.

This report was considered by the City Administration Committee on 8 February 2024.

Recommendations:

The Committee is asked to note the contents of this report.

Ward No(s):	Citywide: ✓
Local member(s) advised: Yes ☐ No ☐	consulted: Yes ☐ No ☐

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1. Introduction

1.1 This report provides a summary of financial performance for the period 1 April 2023 to 15 December 2023.

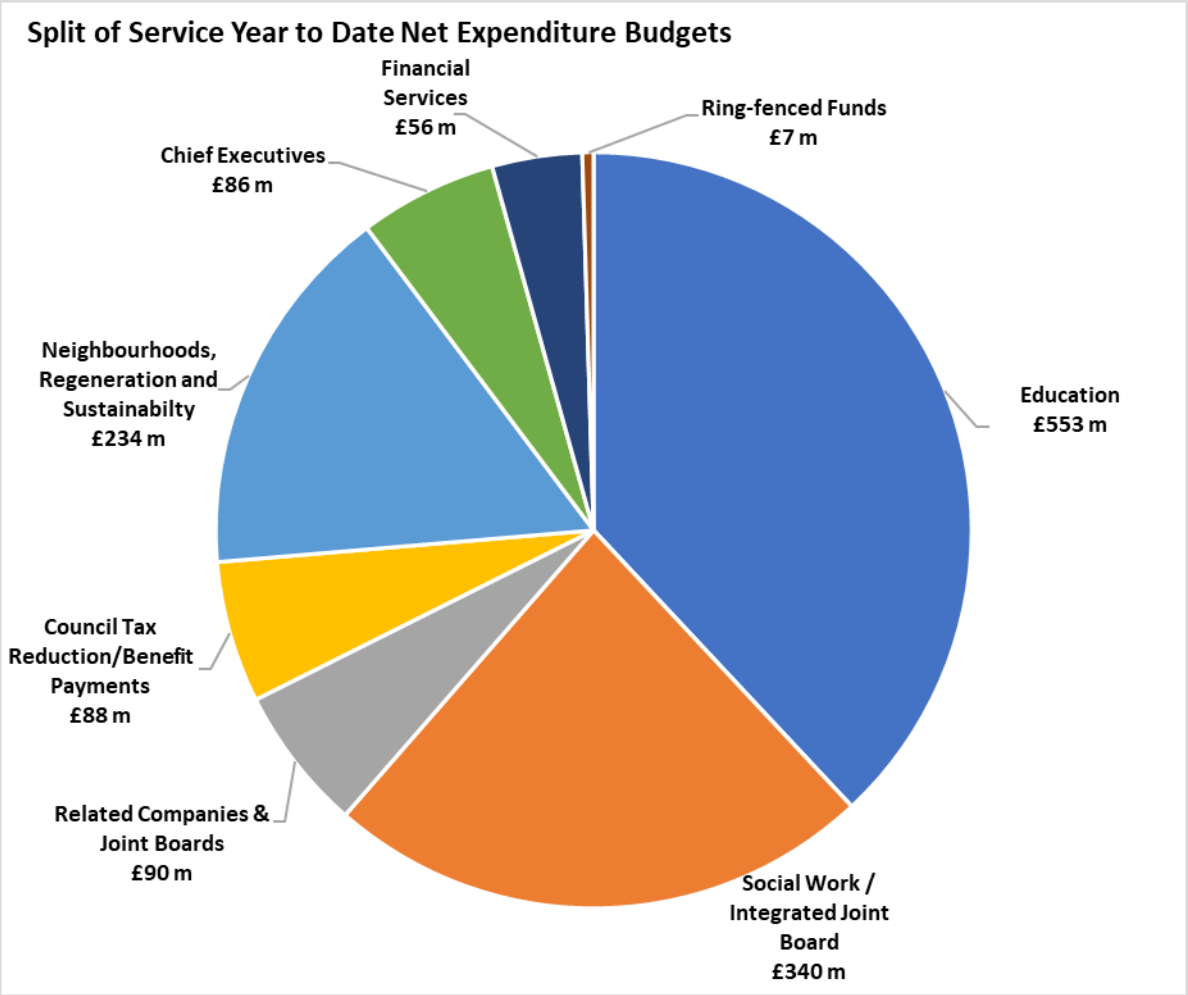
2. Reporting Format

2.1 This report provides a summary of the Council's financial position.

3. Approved Budget

3.1 The 2023-24 budget was approved by Council on 16 February 2023 and the detailed service estimates were subsequently approved by the City Administration Committee on 4 May 2023.

3.2 These budgets are shown as "Original Annual Budget", in the attached monitoring statements. In order to monitor financial performance accurately, budgets will be updated each period to reflect new monies, operational changes and any additional approvals.



3.3 The key changes to the original budget made up to period 10 are outlined in section 4, below.

4. Revenue Budget

4.1 During periods 8 to 10 there has been a net budget increase of £29.1m resulting in a cumulative budget increase of £91.0m to date. Service specific budget changes are summarised in the paragraph below.

4.2 The significant budget changes since period 7 are as follows:

4.2.1 Income and Expenditure budgets have been adjusted across services to reflect the net impact of Covid-19 on services. During periods 8 to 10 this amounts to £1.3m, cumulatively £7.7m at period 10.

4.2.2 Expenditure budgets across a number of services have increased by a total of £0.8m to reflect previously approved general carry forwards.

4.2.3 Expenditure budgets across all services have increased by a total of £24.8m to reflect the impact of the 2023/24 pay award.

4.2.4 Expenditure budgets across a number of services have increased by a total of £2.0m to reflect draws from the Budget Support Fund covering ER/VR costs.

4.2.5 Income and expenditure budgets within Chief Executives have increased by £6.0m due to funding received from the UK Government for the Shared Prosperity Fund.

4.2.6 Income and expenditure budgets within NRS have increased by £0.6m to reflect external funding for the Buchanan Galleries masterplan feasibility study.

4.3 There have also been adjustments to income and expenditure budgets in line with the Executive Director of Finance's delegated powers and budget realignments between and within various service departments to reflect the transfer of responsibilities and service reconfigurations.

5. Financial Implications of Covid-19

5.1 In response to Covid-19 the Council has incurred additional costs and suffered a loss of income. During periods 8 to 10 service budgets have been adjusted by £1.3 million removing any variances resulting from Covid-19, cumulatively to period 10 service budgets have been adjusted by £7.7 million in respect of Covid-19.

6. Summary Position

Revenues

6.1 Council Tax

6.1.1 A probable outturn exercise has now been completed and is projecting that the actual income expected to be collected from council tax is £348.0m. This is £5.4m more than budget.

6.1.2 The council tax collected to 31 December 2023 amounts to £239.3m. This represents 82.87% of the figure to be collected and is 0.86% behind last year's equivalent collection figure. The collection target for 2023/24 is 94%.

6.2 Non Domestic Rates

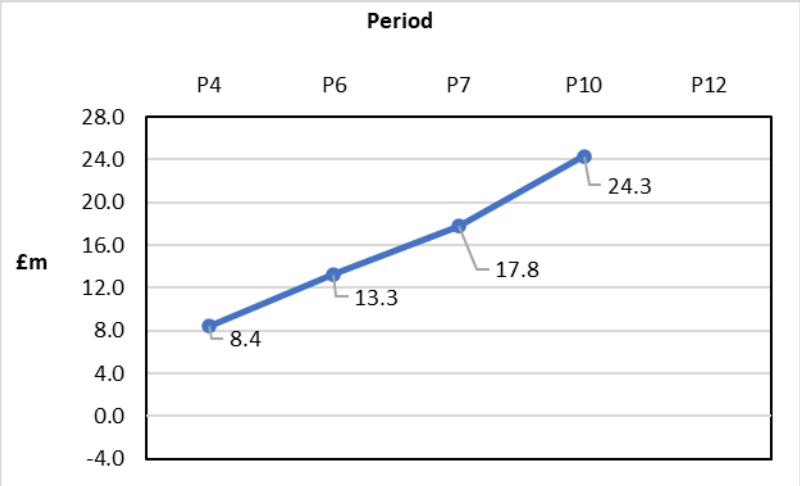
6.2.1 Non Domestic Rates (NDR) income is allocated to councils as part of the local government settlement. The council retains all NDR it collects, however where this varies from the amount included within the Local Government settlement a commensurate increase or decrease is made to the general revenue grant to ensure no overall change in the total revenue support provided by the Scottish Government.

6.2.2 The Non Domestic Rates collected to 31 December 2023 amounts to £306.2m**.** This represents 77.13% of the figure to be collected and is 0.75% behind last year's equivalent collection figure. The collection target for 2023/24 is 91%.

7. General Fund

7.1 Net expenditure is running at 102.3% of profile, representing an overspend of £24.3m. This reflects overspends within Neighbourhoods, Regeneration and Sustainability, Education Services, Financial Services, Related Companies and Chief Executives.

7.2 Net Expenditure Position – budget variance:



8. Services

8.1 Neighbourhoods, Regeneration and Sustainability £12.0m

8.1.1 This reflects an overspend of £9.6m in Property Asset Management due to utility supply price increases being experienced across the entire GCC property estate as well as increased rates and rental costs and an under recovery of rental income.

8.1.2 There are also overspends in Refuse Collection and Disposal due to agency, overtime, transport costs, inflationary increases on waste disposal contracts and a shortfall in income, in Parks and Open Spaces due to increased costs and a shortfall in income, and in Roads Operations mainly due to an increase in streetlighting costs, transport costs, equipment and material costs and a shortfall in income. These pressures are offset by underspends due to staff vacancies where some recruitment is underway and from lower vehicle leasing costs.

8.2 Education Services £7.6m

8.2.1 This reflects overspends in staffing associated with ongoing pressures from pupil roll increases and from additional staffing required to meet the increasing complexity of pupil needs in the ASL sector. There are further overspends in pupil transport due to inflationary cost increases within the transport sector. Income is under-recovered in Primary and Secondary schools in relation to school letting and Secondary School meal income is below target. These pressures are offset by a non-recurring underspend in Early Years employee costs and in supplies and services due to lower than anticipated school meal charges in Primary Schools.

8.3 Financial Services £3.3m

8.3.1 This reflects an overspend in Catering and Facilities Management due to an under recovery of income within Encore venues and overspends within employee costs and food provision costs, due to the impact of above inflationary increases within food costs. Housing Benefit subsidy income is reporting an under recovery of £1.5m. These pressures are offset by underspends in employee and transport costs across the other areas of the service as well as an underspend in Empty Property Relief.

8.4 Related Companies and Joint Boards £1.3m

8.4.1 The net overspend of £1.3m is mainly due to the RSBI deficit within City Building Joint Venture.

9. Social Work Services

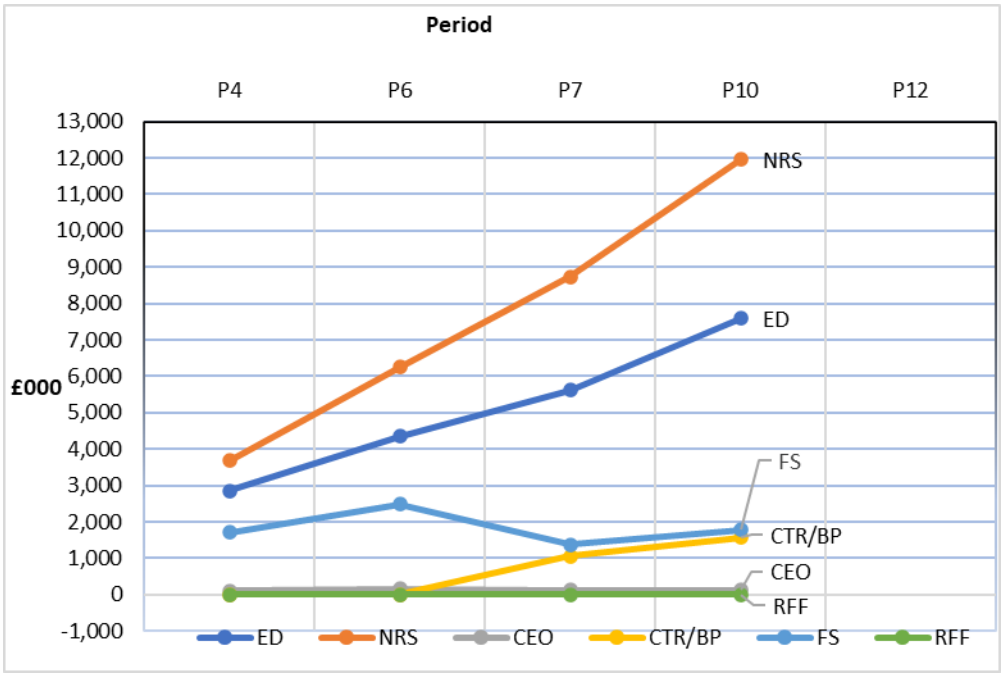
9.1 The Glasgow City Integration Joint board (IJB) is now responsible for the planning and commissioning of health and social care services within the city.

9.2 While the financial position of Social Work Services continues to be monitored through the Council's existing reporting structures the overall financial position is now the responsibility of the IJB and is therefore reported separately from the General Fund. The Reserves policy of the IJB has resulted in the transfer of previous year underspends to IJB reserves to mitigate any ongoing or future budget pressures.

9.3 At period 10 Social Work Services is showing an overspend of £0.5m. This overspend reflects an overspend within Adult Services, offset by underspends within Older People/Physical Disabilities, Children and Families, Criminal Justice and Resources.

10. Service Variance Comparison

10.1 Service financial performance across the year to date is illustrated below:



11 Financial Implications of Covid-19

11.1 The impact of Covid 19 continues to affect the Council family in the form of additional costs or lost income. As part of the annual accounts the council carried forward funding from prior years to offset the impact in 2023-24. These carried forward funds totalling £14.6m have been fully applied to the monitoring statements and probable outturn.

12. Forecast

12.1 As previously reported the probable outturn is forecasting a £19.0m increase in the level of contribution from general fund reserves as detailed in appendix 1.

12.2 The position will continue to be reviewed throughout the remainder of the year and any significant variances reported through the normal monitoring process.

12.3 Social Work Services have updated the probable outturn for the IJB which indicates that overall net expenditure is now anticipated to be £6.2m over budget, at period 7 the anticipated position was £4.6m over budget. As noted at period 7 this overspend will be met from IJB reserves and has no net impact on the Council's overall financial position.

13. Recommendations

13.1 The Committee is asked to note the contents of this report.

LIST of Attachments:

- Key Figures
- Council Tax Income
- Non Domestic Rates Income
- General Fund Summary
- Social Work Services Summary
- Detailed Service Reports

APPENDIX 1

GLASGOW CITY COUNCIL
BUDGET MONITORING

KEY FIGURES

PERIOD 10 - 1 April 2023 to 15 December 2023

Measure	Status (Under or Over Budget Profile)	Period 10	Probable
Council Tax Income	Ahead		+£5.4m
Council Tax Collection Rate	Behind	-0.86%	
Non Domestic Rates Collection Rate	Behind	-0.75%	
General Fund Net Expenditure	Over	+£24.3m	+£36.2m
Service Departments:			
Chief Executive's Office	Over	+£0.1m	+£0.2m
Education Services	Over	+£7.6m	+£13.9m
Financial Services	Over	+£1.8m	+£2.2m
Financial Services – Benefit Payments	Over	+£1.5m	+£2.2m
Financial Services – Ring Fenced Funds	On budget		
Neighbourhoods, Regeneration and Sustainability	Over	+£12.0m	+£17.7m
		+£23.0m	**+£36.2m**
Glasgow Guarantee release			-£5.9m
Financing Costs			-£15.4m
Related Companies		+£1.3m	+£9.5m
Increase in Contribution from General Fund Balances			**+£19.0m**
Probable Outturn			**Nil**
Social Work Services	Over	+£0.5m	+£6.2m
General Fund Balances			
2023-24 Budget Contribution from Balances			£6.0m
Increase in Contribution			£19.0m
Revised 2023-24 Contribution from Balances			**£25.0m**

Glasgow City Council

Budget Monitoring 2023/24

Revenues - Income Monitoring and Cash Collection

Period to 31st December 2023

Council Tax

Income Monitoring	Estimate 2023/24 £000	Forecast Outturn 2023/24 £000	Variance £000
	342,679	348,039	5,360

Cash Collection

Month	Actual Cash in Month £000	Actual Cash to Date £000	% of Cash Collected to Date %	Last Year Actual %	Comparison v Last Year %
April	38,484	38,484	13.41	12.68	0.73
May	28,066	66,550	23.02	24.43	-1.41
June	24,754	91,304	31.35	31.82	-0.47
July	24,685	115,989	39.89	40.33	-0.44
August	25,392	141,381	48.67	49.17	-0.50
September	25,232	166,613	57.15	57.31	-0.16
October	24,477	191,090	65.74	65.99	-0.25
November	24,836	215,926	74.65	75.78	-1.13
December	23,330	239,256	82.87	83.73	-0.86
January			0.00	89.65	
February			0.00	92.97	
March			0.00	94.48	

Total Cash to be Collected (i.e. net of Council Tax Reduction etc)	**288,724**
Target collection in year (94%)	**271,401**

Glasgow City Council

Budget Monitoring 2023/24

Revenues - Cash Collection

Period to 31st December 2023

Non Domestic Rates

Month	Actual Cash in Month £000	Actual Cash to Date £000	% of Cash Collected to Date %	Last Year Actual %	Comparison v Last Year %
April	9,965	9,965	2.41	3.44	-1.03
May	37,880	47,845	11.59	20.48	-8.89
June	60,090	107,935	26.28	25.90	0.38
July	28,633	136,568	33.22	33.47	-0.25
August	29,933	166,501	40.63	41.07	-0.44
September	26,535	193,036	47.08	48.19	-1.11
October	57,502	250,538	61.29	62.32	-1.03
November	26,644	277,182	69.63	69.71	-0.08
December	28,993	306,175	77.13	77.88	-0.75
January			0.00	84.74	
February			0.00	91.22	
March			0.00	92.34	

Total Cash to be Collected	**396,950**
Target collection in year (91%)	**361,225**

GLASGOW CITY COUNCIL
2023/24 REVENUE BUDGET : MONITORING REPORT
GENERAL FUND SERVICE SUMMARY

PERIOD 10: 1 APRIL 2023 TO 15 DECEMBER 2023

Original Annual Budget £000	Approved Changes £000	Revised Budget £000	Department	Total Expenditure Actual £000	Total Expenditure Budgeted £000	Total Income Actual £000	Total Income Budgeted £000	Net Expenditure Actual £000	Net Expenditure Budgeted £000	Variance on Net Expenditure £000	
102,938	18,302	121,240	Chief Executive's Office	98,650	98,527	13,007	13,015	85,643	85,512	131	OVER
739,189	24,185	763,374	Education Services	576,441	570,064	15,711	16,934	560,730	553,130	7,600	OVER
67,487	7,234	74,721	Financial Services	97,918	97,455	39,995	41,310	57,923	56,145	1,778	OVER
91,098	525	91,623	Financial Services - Council Tax Reduction Scheme/Benefit Payments	239,984	240,339	149,969	151,887	90,015	88,452	1,563	OVER
7,368	1,437	8,805	Financial Services - Ring-fenced Funds	7,278	7,278	114	114	7,164	7,164	0	
192,579	21,455	214,034	Neighbourhoods, Regeneration and Sustainability	393,414	382,893	147,390	148,829	246,024	234,064	11,960	OVER
112,291	5,683	117,974	Related Companies and Joint Boards	90,825	89,530	17	17	90,808	89,513	1,295	OVER
-85,050	-54	-85,104	Specific Grant	0	0	61,901	61,901	-61,901	-61,901	0	
1,227,900	78,767	1,306,667	TOTAL	1,504,510	1,486,086	428,104	434,007	1,076,406	1,052,079	24,327	OVER

Net Expenditure : Rate of Spend as Percentage of Budget to Date

	4	6	7	10	12
Percentage	101.9%	102.2%	102.4%	102.3%	

CITY OF GLASGOW COUNCIL
2023/24 REVENUE BUDGET : MONITORING REPORT
SOCIAL WORK SERVICES SUMMARY

PERIOD 10: 1 APRIL 2023 TO 15 DECEMBER 2023

Original Annual Budget £000	Approved Changes £000	Revised Budget £000	Department	Total Expenditure Actual £000	Total Expenditure Budgeted £000	Total Income Actual £000	Total Income Budgeted £000	Net Expenditure Actual £000	Net Expenditure Budgeted £000	Variance on Net Expenditure £000	
524,250	**12,154**	**536,404**	**Social Work Services**	**565,677**	**565,542**	**216,285**	**216,649**	**349,392**	**348,893**	**499**	OVER
-15,482	**0**	**-15,482**	**Specific Grant**	**0**	**0**	**9,031**	**9,031**	**-9,031**	**-9,031**	**0**	
0	**0**	**0**	**Transfer from IJB reserves**	**0**	**0**	**499**	**0**	**-499**	**0**	**-499**	
508,768	**12,154**	**520,922**	**TOTAL**	**565,677**	**565,542**	**225,815**	**225,680**	**339,862**	**339,862**	**0**	

Net Expenditure : Rate of Spend as Percentage of Budget to Date

	4	6	7	10	12
Percentage	**100.0%**	**100.0%**	**100.0%**	**100.0%**	

DETAILED SERVICE STATEMENTS

Glasgow City Council

Education Services

Joint Report by the Executive Director of Finance and the Executive Director of Education Services.

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Revenue Budget Monitoring: Period 10 - Education Services

1. Introduction

This monitoring statement provides a summary of the financial performance of Education Services for the period 1 April 2023 to 15 December 2023.

The statement is based on information contained in the council's corporate financial system and includes accruals and adjustments in line with agreed financial policies.

The attached monitoring statements compare actual financial performance to date with the budgeted position.

2. Budget Changes

2.1 During periods 8 to 10 the net expenditure budget had increased by £4.129m.

2.2 The significant changes for periods 8 to 10 are as follows:

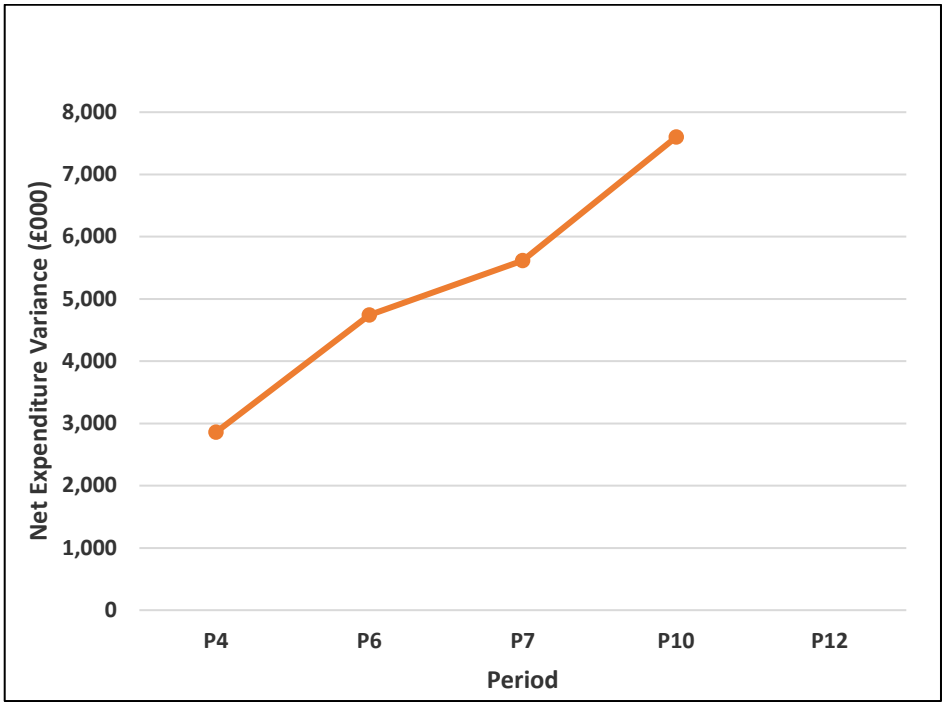
2.2.1 Expenditure budgets have increased by £3.9m in respect of the balance required for the 2023/24 pay award.

2.2.2 In addition, there have been a number of budget transfers during the period to reflect service reconfigurations. Budget adjustments include changes approved under the delegated powers of the Executive Director of Finance.

3. Summary Position

3.1 Gross expenditure is £6,377,000 higher than budget and gross income is £1,223,000 less than budget. This results in net expenditure being £7,600,000 over budget at period 10

3.2 Variance Comparison



3.3 The 2023-24 budget includes approved savings of £4.123m. At this stage of the year, it is anticipated that the Review of Resources saving will not be fully achieved due to the estimated primary rolls not decreasing as anticipated. Other areas will be explored to improve recovery. At this stage of the year, it is anticipated that actual savings will amount to £3.449m, representing 84% of the target.

4. Reasons for Variances

4.1 Within Education Services, the net variances are referenced in the table below.

Service Area	Net Variance Over/Under (-) £000	Impact on Net Expenditure from Previous Report
Support Services	-212	↓
Early Years Service	-6,674	↓
Primary Schools	1,519	↑
Secondary Schools	6,439	↑
Additional Support for Learning	5,718	↑
Other Education Mainheads	810	↑

Note: An upward arrow indicates a deteriorating position and a downward arrow indicates an improving position.

A detailed analysis of variances is presented below.

4.2 **Support Services**

The net underspend of £212,000 is within Employee Costs.

4.3 **Early Years**

The net underspend of £6,674,000 at period 10 is made up primarily of underspends in Employee costs of £5,805,000; and an over-recovery of Income of £174,000. The sector has made progress in the recruitment of child development officers, although this is proving challenging. The sustainable rate for funded partner nurseries was agreed and has been backdated to August 2023 at a rate of 3.6%. Income is over-recovered due to a higher than expected number of paying children attending local authority nurseries.

4.4 **Primary**

The net overspend of £1,519,000 arises from a pressure in Employee Costs of £2,223,000 due to school staffing entitlements aligned to pupil roll numbers and need. The Census was taken on 13th September 2023, with Primary Schools showing a 215 pupil reduction from the census last year and any required adjustments to roll entitlement has been notified to schools. Transport is overspent by £308,000 with a large proportion of SPT contracts having increased significantly, up to 100% in some cases. These pressures are offset by an underspend in supplies and services (£1,147,000) mostly relating to lower than anticipated school meal recharges. Income is £128,000 under-recovered and whilst it has recovered to an extent in both school meals income and school letting, there remains an under-recovery in historic income targets (£108,000).

4.5 **Secondary**

At period 10 there is a net overspend of £6,439,000 arising from an overspend in Employee Costs (4,968,000) due to school staffing entitlements aligned to pupil roll increases. The census rolls for the new academic year are 738 pupils higher than census figures last year. There is also an overspend on transport as a result of inflationary pressures on home to school provision (£520,000). Taxi costs have also been subject to inflationary increases. There is also an under-recovery of income (£975,000) due to lower than budgeted School Letting income and a signficant underachievement against the school meals income budget (£731,000).

4.6 **Additional Support for Learning (ASL)**

The net overspend of £5,718,000, at period 10, results primarily from overspends in employee costs (£4,421,000) and transport (£805,000). In staffing across all sectors, there is a pressure due to the need for enhanced staffing ratios to support an increasing number of children and young people with a diverse range and complexity of additional support needs. Regarding transport, this is principally in pupil transport costs and can be attributed to the impact of inflation on driver and fuel costs. Demand is also regularly outstripping supply within taxi provision. A working group including headteachers in the ASL sector came together to rationalise transport usage which focused on the allocation process for P1 and S1 pupils and the pilot which came from this will be assessed.

4.7 **Other Education Mainheads**

The net overspend of £810,000 at Period 10 arises mainly from overspends in employee cost budgets linked to historic cost pressures (£491,000), increases in supplies and services relating to an increase in demand for Occupational Health (£138,000). There are also under-recoveries in income at Blairvadach (£148,000).

5. Action

The Executive Director of Education Services continues to review the budget across all areas of the Service in conjunction with the Leadership Team to mitigate the budget pressures outlined in this report. This includes:

- Close scrutiny of primary and secondary staffing to ensure schools are staffed to entitlement and taking appropriate action if not.
- Identifying opportunities for efficiencies through procurement.
- Ensuring all savings initiatives are maximised.
- Early monitoring of the transport initiatives to determine level of success.
- Review of all posts through Education Workforce planning board.

6. Forecast

The probable outturn for 2023-24 has now been completed. Education Services is reporting a projected net overspend of £13.912m, with considerate cost pressures against employee costs and transport in addition to significant under-recoveries of income.

The financial pressures continue to be reviewed through a series of management actions to mitigate the overspend, including pulling back on all non essential spend and robust vacancy management.

There are significant external pressures which continue to impact on the financial position including the above inflationary increases on transport provision; increases in roll projections; the impact of the ELC sustainable rate and the impact of the economic downturn on welfare related entitlement.

GLASGOW CITY COUNCIL
2023/24 REVENUE BUDGET: MONITORING REPORT

EDUCATION SERVICES
PERIOD 10 - 1 APRIL 2023 TO 15 DECEMBER 2023

EXPENDITURE TO DATE

Original Annual Budget	Approved Changes	Revised Budget	HEADING	Actual	Budget	Variance		
£000	£000	£000		£000	£000	£000	%	
5,419	527	5,946	Support Services	4,012	4,224	-212	-5	UNDER
134,372	9,429	143,801	Early Years Service	94,053	100,553	-6,500	-6	UNDER
261,527	14,151	275,678	Primary Schools	202,000	200,609	1,391	1	OVER
253,789	7,244	261,033	Secondary Schools	199,792	194,328	5,464	3	OVER
75,922	5,105	81,027	Additional Support for Learning	63,475	57,902	5,573	10	OVER
7,066	221	7,287	Schools - Other	5,677	5,010	667	13	OVER
3,191	-356	2,835	Education Maintenance Allowance / Bursaries	1,347	1,347	0	0	
123	0	123	Gateway	123	123	0	0	
2,263	411	2,674	Education Improvement Services	1,984	1,990	-6	0	UNDER
7,334	6,990	14,324	Education - Miscellaneous	2,639	2,639	0	0	
1,949	986	2,935	Vocational Training	1,339	1,339	0	0	
752,955	**44,708**	**797,663**	**TOTAL GROSS EXPENDITURE**	**576,441**	**570,064**	**6,377**	**1**	**OVER**

INCOME TO DATE

Original Annual Budget	Approved Changes	Revised Budget		Actual	Budget	Variance		
£000	£000	£000		£000	£000	£000	%	
0	16	16	Support Services	16	16	0	0	
648	5,708	6,356	Early Years Service	3,313	3,139	174	6	OVER
2,290	7,081	9,371	Primary Schools	2,570	2,698	-128	-5	UNDER
3,149	3,090	6,239	Secondary Schools	2,292	3,267	-975	-30	UNDER
2,008	1,034	3,042	Additional Support for Learning	1,832	1,977	-145	-7	UNDER
876	89	965	Schools - Other	343	492	-149	0	UNDER
3,000	-356	2,644	Education Maintenance Allowance / Bursaries	1,285	1,285	0	0	
0	0	0	Gateway	0	0	0	0	
1,795	147	1,942	Education Improvement Services	1,947	1,947	0	0	
0	1,939	1,939	Education - Miscellaneous	923	923	0	0	
0	1,775	1,775	Vocational Training	1,190	1,190	0	0	
13,766	**20,523**	**34,289**	**TOTAL DEPARTMENTAL INCOME**	**15,711**	**16,934**	**-1,223**	**-7**	**UNDER**
739,189	**24,185**	**763,374**	**DIRECT NET EXPENDITURE**	**560,730**	**553,130**	**7,600**	**1**	**OVER**
85,050	54	85,104	Specific Government Grant	61,901	61,901	0	**0**	
654,139	**24,131**	**678,270**	**ADJUSTED SERVICE NET EXPENDITURE**	**498,829**	**491,229**	**7,600**	**2**	**OVER**

Glasgow City Council

Glasgow City Health and Social Care Partnership

Joint Report by the Executive Director of Finance and the Chief Officer, Glasgow Health and Social Care Partnership

Contact: Sharon Wearing - ext 78838

Budget Monitoring: 2023/24 Period 10 – Social Work Services

1. Introduction

1.1 This monitoring statement provides a summary of the financial performance of **Social Work Services** for the period 1 April 2023 to 15 December 2023. The statement is based on information contained in the council's corporate financial system and includes accruals and adjustments in line with agreed financial policies. The attached monitoring statements compare actual financial performance to date with the budgeted position.

1.2 The Glasgow City Integration Joint Board (IJB) is now responsible for the planning and commissioning of health and social care services in the city. While the financial position of Social Work Services continues to be monitored through the Council's existing reporting structures the overall financial position is now the responsibility of the IJB and is therefore reported separately from the General Fund. The Reserves policy of the IJB has resulted in the transfer of previous year underspends to IJB reserves to mitigate any ongoing or future budget pressures.

2. Budget Changes

2.1 Prior to Period 8 the net expenditure budget had increased by £490,000. During Periods 8 to 10 the net expenditure budget increased by £11,664,000. The cumulative net expenditure has therefore increased by £12,154,000 to Period 10.

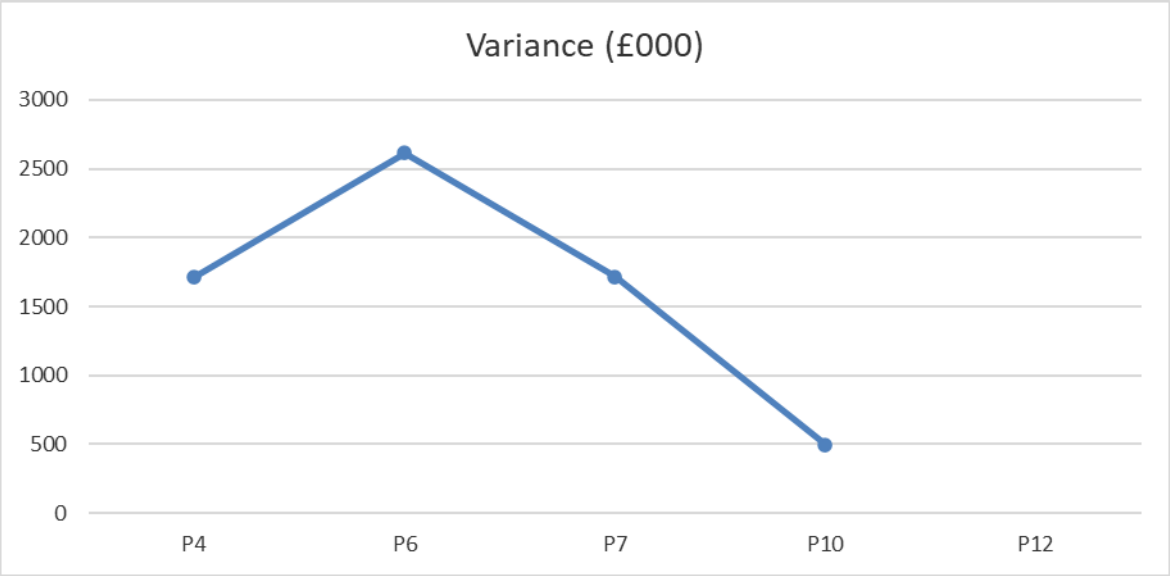
2.2 In Period 10 expenditure budgets for all care groups were increased by a total of £11,179,000 in respect of the balance required for the 2023/24 pay award.

2.3 In addition, there have been a number of budget transfers during the period to reflect service reconfigurations. Budget adjustments include changes approved under the powers of the Executive Director of Finance.

3. Summary Position

3.1 Gross expenditure is £135,000 (0.02%) higher than budget and income is £364,000 (0.17%) less than budget, giving net expenditure of £499,000 (0.14%) more than budget.

3.2 Variance Comparison



3.3 The 23/24 budget includes a savings target of £14.219m. Currently we are projecting to achieve 99.5% of this target in this financial year. We also have unachieved savings of £0.569m carried forward from previous years which we are currently forecasting achieving £0.140m by March 2024.

4. Reasons for Budget Variances

4.1 Within Social Work Services, the net variances are referenced in the table below.

Service Area	Net Variance Over/Under (-) £000	Impact on Net Expenditure from Previous Report
Adults	2,602	↑
Older People/Physical Disability	-1,302	↓
Children and Families	-393	↓
Criminal Justice	-172	↑
Resources	-236	↓

Note: An upward arrow indicates a deteriorating position and a downward arrow indicates an improving position

4.2 Adult Services

There is a net overspend of £2,602,000

This is mainly attributable to an overspend of £6,049,000 within Homelessness. The most significant overspend is in third party payments, £2,036,000 overspent, which is due to high demand in B&B accommodation, which has further increased through the relaxation of Local Connection legislation and the impact of the acceleration of accommodation

requests following successful asylum claims. This increase in demand is also impacting on the cost of B & B accommodation available. There is an overspend in supplies of £337,000 across a number of headings, the most significant is B&B security costs no longer covered by Covid funding. Premises costs is overspent by £252,000 mainly due to overspends in property management charges, which have been influenced by higher energy prices, and council tax/property rates overspends. In addition, income is £4,281,000 under recovered. Housing Benefit subsidy is under-recovered by £8,753,000, as a result of the high numbers in Bed & Breakfast accommodation. This is partly offset by additional funding for Syrian and Afghan refugees of £2,682,000 and Ukrainian refugees of £1,896,000. These overspends are reduced by an underspend in employee costs of £794,000 due to vacancies which are partly offset by overtime costs.

Work continues to mitigate this overspend however demand is currently outstripping any progress being made in reducing costs.

The overspend in homelessness is partially offset by underspends in employee costs and third party throughout the remaining care groups in Adult Services. Employee costs are £975,000 underspent as a result of vacancies in day services and fieldwork within Learning Disability, reduced sessional and overtime costs in Public Protection and social worker vacancies across the three localities in Mental Health and the Locality Review Teams. Recruitment plans continue to be progressed to fill vacancies as quickly as possible, however this underspend reflects the challenges of recruiting in the current market.

Third Party payments are underspent by £1,829,000 due to under-occupancy and delayed package start dates within Learning Disability mainly due to recruitment challenges. The underspend in Mental Health is mostly due to delays in starting the complex needs hospital discharge programme and the Addiction Services underspend is due to under-occupancy in some purchased services.

In addition, there are income over-recoveries of £677,000 mainly due to direct payment surplus recovery in Learning Disability.

4.3 Older People/Physical Disability

There is a net underspend of £1,302,000

Employee costs are underspent by £382,000. There are overspends in Residential & Day Care and Care services of £912,000 because of the continued use of agency and overtime directly attributed to staff sickness levels and vacancies. This is partly offset by the underspend of £1,294,000 within Older People locality services due to vacancies. Recruitment plans continue to be progressed to fill vacancies as quickly as possible, however this underspend reflects the challenges of recruiting in the current market.

There is an overspend of £744,000 in Transport due to increased vehicle hire charges and repair costs for an ageing fleet. Plans are currently underway to renew the fleet.

There is an underspend of £622,000 across Purchased Services. This is reflective of current demand levels which continue to be closely monitored and difficulties in finding external provision of low level support to Carers.

There is an underspend of £103,000 in Supplies and Services mainly around Alarms equipment which reflects current demand levels and within Carers in respect of funding for a

short break bureau, this funding is no longer required due to duplication with the service being developed by Glasgow carers centres.

Income is over recovered by £863,000 mainly as a result of the over-recovery of income for local authority accommodation charges.

4.4 Children and Families

There is a net underspend of £393,000

Transfer Payments is overspent by £2,404,000. There is an overspend in Direct Payments of £408,000 and Direct Assistance of £1,968,000 which reflects the level of demand and support required in these areas including supporting families with no recourse to public funds.

This is partially offset by an underspend of £1,089,000 in Third Party Payments. There are underspends in Purchased Placements of £589,000, Provided Fostering of £1,658,000, Supported Carers of £178,000 and Personalisation of £183,000, offset by overspends in Residential Schools of £793,000, Kinship Care of £595,000 and Community Based Respite of £276,000. These are all linked to placement numbers.

There is an underspend in Employee Costs of £869,000. This reflects the current number of vacancies across the service, partially offset by the overtime requirement for absence cover in the Children's Houses. Recruitment plans continue to be progressed to fill vacancies as quickly as possible, however this underspend reflects the challenges of recruiting in the current market.

There is an overspend in Supplies and Services of £313,000 across a number of budget headings including Food Provisions and Catering in the Childrens Houses of £142,000 and Purchase of Services of £123,000 where costs have increased due to inflation.

There is an over-recovery in Income of £1,199,000 which mainly relates to UASC (Unaccompanied Asylum-Seeking Children) income from the Home Office of £606,000, the recovery of Direct Payment surpluses of £356,000 and income form inter-agency adoption placements of £93,000.

4.5 Resources

There is a net underspend of £236,000

Employee Costs are underspent by £484,000, mainly due to vacancies. Recruitment plans continue to be progressed to fill vacancies as quickly as possible, however this underspend reflects the challenges of recruiting in the current market.

Transport costs are overspent by £236,000, mainly due to the costs of utilising taxis and increased vehicle hire charges for vehicles used by TASS (Technical and Support Services). This is reflective of inflationary impact on prices.

Supplies and Services costs are overspent by £675,000. Within Technical Care Services, Equipu is overspent by £825,000 and Ceiling Track and Hoist by £96,000, with Stairlifts underspent by £404,000 and TASS and Linguistics by £11,000, a net overspend of £506,000 based on activity levels and reflected by an over-recovery in income. The

balance of the overspend relates in the main to Grounds Maintenance of £88,000 and Employee Assistance Scheme of £51,000.

Income is over-recovered by £685,000. Within Technical Care Services there is an over-recovery of £518,000 which reflects current activity across Equipu, Stairlifts, Ceiling Track Hoists and Linguistics. There is a further over-recovery of £167,000 mainly due to staffing recharges.

4.6 Criminal Justice

There is a net underspend of £172,000

There is an underspend of £250,000 within the non-Section 27 grant funded element of the service due to turnover in employee costs and reduced spend on purchased services, and an overspend of £78,000 within Section 27 mainly for property costs in respect of refurbishment work.

5 Action

In setting its budget in March, the IJB recognised that not all costs pressures could be fully funded from savings. This budget paper proposed the use of £17.2m of general reserves to fund the pressures identified within homelessness, prescribing and the risks associated with inflation. An updated outturn was presented to the IJB in November which forecasts an overspend of £24.3m net of recovery plans, of which £6m relates to Council Services. This will require to be met from IJB general reserves. There continues to be a high level of volatility linked to demand and cost pressures and this will continue to be closely monitored by the IJB.
The HSCP Senior Management Team is currently working on reshaping of services and the updating of the medium-term financial strategy to support implementation.

The recurring implications of these pressures will also need to be considered as part of the 2024-25 budget exercise.

6 Conclusion

Social Work Services is reporting a net overspend of £499,000 (0.14%) more than budget for the period 1st April 2023 to 15th December 2023.

The position continues to be reviewed and will be updated through the normal monitoring process where any material change is identified during the remainder of the year.

The overall position will continue to be kept under review and any significant changes reported as we move closer to the year end.

GLASGOW CITY COUNCIL
2023/24 REVENUE BUDGET: MONITORING REPORT
SERVICE SUMMARY

SOCIAL WORK SERVICES
PERIOD 10 - 1 APRIL 2023 TO 15 DECEMBER 2023

EXPENDITURE TO DATE

Original Annual Budget	Approved Changes	Revised Budget	HEADING	Actual	Budget	Variance		
£000	£000	£000		£000	£000	£000	%	
232,903	11,056	**243,959**	Adults	190,955	191,958	-1,003	-0.52	**UNDER**
291,209	14,924	**306,133**	Older People/Physical Disability	207,113	207,552	-439	-0.21	**UNDER**
138,209	5,415	**143,624**	Children and Families	105,785	104,978	807	0.77	**OVER**
21,824	1,073	**22,897**	Criminal Justice	15,255	14,934	321	2.15	**OVER**
80,470	-9,150	**71,320**	Resources	46,569	46,120	449	0.97	**OVER**
764,615	**23,318**	**787,933**	**TOTAL EXPENDITURE**	**565,677**	**565,542**	**135**	**0.02**	**OVER**

Original Annual Budget	Approved Changes	Revised Budget		Actual	Budget	Variance		
£000	£000	£000		£000	£000	£000	%	
39,794	1,000	**40,794**	Adults	63,692	67,297	-3,605	-5.36	**UNDER**
10,623	677	**11,300**	Older People/Physical Disability	9,103	8,240	863	10.47	**OVER**
5,866	2,539	**8,405**	Children and Families	4,579	3,379	1,200	35.51	**OVER**
7,144	1,010	**8,154**	Criminal Justice	4,937	4,444	493	11.09	**OVER**
176,938	5,938	**182,876**	Resources	133,974	133,289	685	0.51	**OVER**
240,365	**11,164**	**251,529**	**TOTAL INCOME**	**216,285**	**216,649**	**-364**	**-0.17**	**UNDER**
524,250	**12,154**	**536,404**	**NET EXPENDITURE**	**349,392**	**348,893**	**499**	**0.14**	**OVER**
15,482	0	**15,482**	Specific Grant	9,031	9,031	0		
508,768	**12,154**	**520,922**	**REVISED NET EXPENDITURE**	**340,361**	**339,862**	**499**	**0.10**	**OVER**
0	0	0	Transfer from IJB Reserves	-499		-499		
508,768	**12,154**	**520,922**	**FINAL NET EXPENDITURE**	**339,862**	**339,862**	**0**		

Glasgow City Council

Neighbourhoods, Regeneration and Sustainability

Joint Report by the Executive Director of Finance and the Executive Director of NRS

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Budget Monitoring: Period 10 – Neighbourhoods, Regeneration and Sustainability

1. Introduction

1.1 This monitoring statement provides a summary of the revenue financial performance of **Neighbourhoods, Regeneration and Sustainability** for the period 1 April 2023 to 15 December 2023.

1.2 The statement is based on information contained in the Council's corporate financial system and includes accruals and adjustments in line with agreed financial policies.

1.3 The attached monitoring statements compare actual financial performance to date with the budgeted position.

2. Budget Changes

2.1 During periods 8 to 10 the gross expenditure budget has decreased by £0.721m. The gross income budget has decreased by £6.167m. The net expenditure budget has therefore increased by £5.446m. This includes the financial implications of the COVID response to date. The cumulative net expenditure budget is £214.034m at the 15 December 2023.

2.2 The significant changes during periods 8 to 10 are as follows:

2.2.1 The income budget has decreased by £1.321m to reflect the net financial implications of the COVID response between periods 8 to 10.

2.2.2 Across the Service expenditure budgets have increased in total by £3.803m in respect of the additional costs of pay awards.

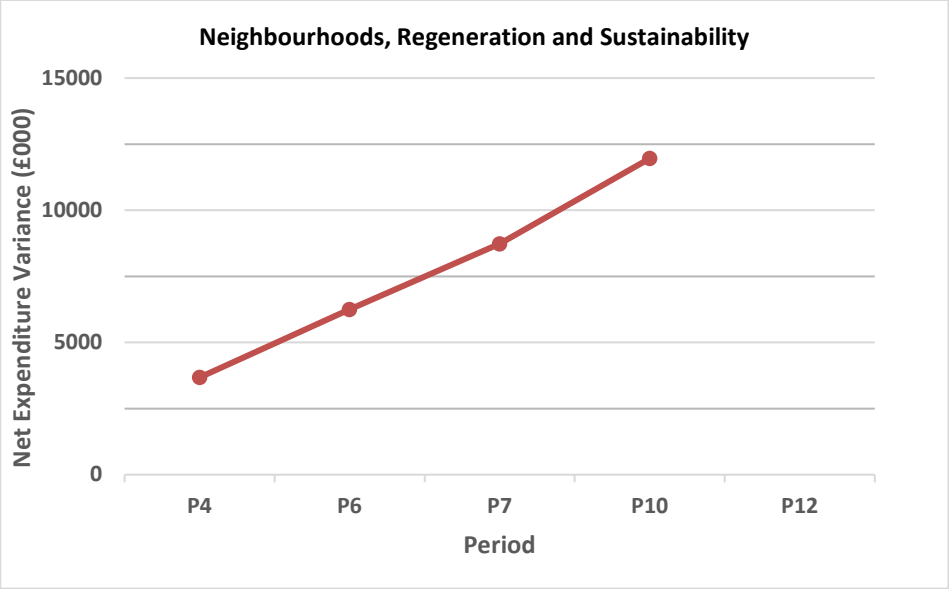
2.2.3 Both expenditure and income budgets have been increased by £0.562m within Planning and Building Standards to reflect external funding for the Buchanan Galleries masterplan feasibility study.

2.2.4 There have been a number of budget transfers during the period to reflect service reconfigurations. Budget adjustments include changes approved under the delegated powers of the Executive Director of Finance.

3. Summary Position

3.1 Gross expenditure is £10.521m (3%) more than budget and gross income is £1.439m (1%) less than budget. This results in net expenditure being £11.960m more than budget at period 10. This overspend is 5% of the overall phased budget.

3.2 Variance Comparison



3.3 The 2023-24 budget includes approved savings of £13.543m. At this stage of the year, it is anticipated actual savings will amount to £7.463m representing 55% of the target. This is reflected in the overall financial position reported in this monitoring statement. There are also recently implemented savings where the financial impact will not be fully reflected until later in the year.

4 Reasons for Variances

4.1 Within Neighbourhoods, Regeneration and Sustainability, the net variances are referenced in the following table.

Service Area	Net Variance Over/Under (-)	Impact on Net Expenditure from previous report
	£'000	
Sustainability	-318	↓
Planning & Building Standards	-828	↓
Housing	253	↑
Regulatory	-516	↓
Community Safety	-761	↓
Refuse Collection and Disposal	4,220	↑
Parks and Open Spaces	951	↑
Streetscene	-1,571	↓
Roads Operations	1,692	↓
Consultancy Services	-43	↓
Property Asset Management	9,554	↑
Transport	-523	↑
Business Support	-150	↓
Total	**11,960**	↑

Note: An upward arrow indicates a deteriorating position and a downward arrow indicates an improving position.

A detailed analysis of the main variances is presented below

4.2 **Sustainability**

Net expenditure is less than budget due to lower than budgeted staff costs resulting from vacancies and fee income from the Cathkin Wind Turbine being greater than budget.

4.3 **Planning and Building Standards**

Net expenditure is less than budget due to lower than budgeted employee costs as a result of vacancies within the service and income from Planning applications being greater than budget.

4.4 **Housing**

Net expenditure is more than budget as a result of employee costs being higher than budget due to the demand on the service and an income from fees and charges being lower than budget.

4.5 **Regulatory**

Net expenditure is less than budget due to lower than budgeted staff costs resulting from vacancies within Environmental Services and Trading Standards.

4.6 **Community Safety**

Net expenditure is less than budget due to lower than budgeted staff costs resulting from vacancies.

4.7 **Refuse Collection and Disposal**

Net expenditure is £4.220m greater than budget partly due to net employee costs being £1.177m greater than budget as a result of agency costs and overtime to cover for absences partly offset by vacancies. Transport net costs are £1.975m more than budget resulting from external vehicle hire and increased vehicle maintenance and repairs, due to the aging fleet. Expenditure on waste disposal contracts is £0.706m over budget due to inflationary increases. Income is under-recovered due to lower than anticipated fees and charges from bulk waste uplift and commercial waste.

4.8 **Parks and Open Spaces**

Net expenditure is more than budget due to works being carried out within bereavement services, increase in cost of abnormal vehicle repairs and direct materials relating to grounds maintenance and an under-recovery of income from events and park facilities.

4.9 **Streetscene**

Net expenditure is less than budget due to staff vacancies.

4.10 **Roads Operations**

Net expenditure is £1.692m more than budget. Transport costs are £0.670m more than budget resulting from external vehicle hire, energy costs for streetlighting being £1.325m more than budget, purchase of equipment and materials is £0.618m over budget and cost of contracts £0.199m over budget as a result of inflationary increases. These costs are partly offset by employee costs being less than budget due to staff vacancies resulting from strict vacancy management.

4.11 **Property Asset Management**

Net expenditure is £9.554m more than budget due to a combination of factors across the entire GCC property estate. Energy costs are £4.847m over budget as a result of significant price increases, property rates are £2.500m over budget due to the recent revaluation, repairs £0.700m over budget, rents £1.286m over budget and rental income £0.479m less than budget. A breakdown by service of the over spends on the GCC property estate is provided in the following table.

Service Area	Net Variance Over/Under (-) Premises Related Expenditure	Net Variance as % of total overspend
	£'000	%
Education	5,275	54
Social Work	2,451	25
NRS	1,467	15
Other	520	6
Total	**9,713**	**100**

4.12 **Transport**

Net expenditure is less than budget due to lower costs relating to operational leases partly offset by an under-recovery of income from fees and charges.

5. Action

5.1 The Leadership and Senior Management Team will continue to closely monitor the Department's financial position taking all possible action to ensure the Department manages the financial pressures it faces.

An Action Plan is in place which includes the following:

1. Strict vacancy management controls with only business critical vacancies being approved
2. Strict controls in relation to expenditure, with an 'essential spend only' policy in place
3. Absence Management policies are being adhered to robustly across the Service
4. Controls are in place in relation to overtime & agency expenditure
5. Transport vehicle hires are subject to approval by a senior manager
6. Energy overspends are being publicised to drive improved behaviour across the GCC estate
7. Income is being optimised to maximise recovery

6. Forecast

6.1 The probable outturn for 2023-24 has now been completed. Neighbourhoods, Regeneration and Sustainability is reporting an overspend on the Net Expenditure budget of £17.665m. This position continues to be reviewed and will be updated through the normal monitoring process where any material change is identified during the remainder of the year

6.2 The department faces significant budget pressures including substantial price increases in energy costs across the entire GCC estate and streetlighting, pressures within Refuse Collection and Waste as a result of sickness absence, transport costs and waste disposal contract increases and within Roads due to

transport costs and an under recovery of parking income. All possible action is being taken to mitigate this position where overspends are deemed controllable and are not as a result of e.g., external contract price increases.

6.3 Service reforms across the department are key to improving on the projected net expenditure position. The current service reform programme is being implemented as quickly as possible with consideration given to the widening of scope and acceleration of options to deliver an improved position.

GLASGOW CITY COUNCIL
2023/24 REVENUE BUDGET: MONITORING REPORT

NEIGHBOURHOODS, REGENERATION AND SUSTAINABILITY
PERIOD 10: 1 April 2023 to 15 December 2023

EXPENDITURE TO DATE

Original Annual Budget	Approved Changes	Revised Budget	HEADING	Actual	Budget	Variance		
£000	£000	£000		£000	£000	£000	%	
971	1,949	2,920	Sustainability	1,829	1,988	-159	-8	**UNDER**
9,452	728	10,180	Planning and Building Standards	6,632	7,045	-413	-6	**UNDER**
121,578	910	122,489	Housing	63,727	63,538	189	0	**OVER**
11,478	407	11,885	Regulatory	7,717	8,120	-403	-5	**UNDER**
24,163	1,360	25,523	Community Safety	16,038	16,654	-616	-4	**UNDER**
81,003	-334	80,669	Refuse Collection and Disposal	58,684	54,738	3,946	7	**OVER**
26,324	485	26,809	Parks and Open Spaces	18,683	18,110	573	3	**OVER**
21,380	1,630	23,010	Streetscene	14,304	15,642	-1,338	-9	**UNDER**
43,623	12,219	55,842	Roads Operations	34,980	33,276	1,704	5	**OVER**
11,750	219	11,968	Consultancy Services	8,566	8,830	-264	-3	**UNDER**
185,373	3,823	189,196	Property Asset Mangement	145,889	136,814	9,075	7	**OVER**
14,153	365	14,518	Transport	8,264	9,701	-1,437	-15	**UNDER**
11,761	307	12,068	Business Support	8,101	8,437	-336	-4	**UNDER**
563,009	**24,070**	**587,079**	**TOTAL GROSS EXPENDITURE**	**393,414**	**382,893**	**10,521**	**3**	**OVER**

INCOME TO DATE

Original Annual Budget	Approved Changes	Revised Budget	HEADING	Actual	Budget	Variance		
£000	£000	£000		£000	£000	£000	%	
591	1,811	2,402	Sustainability	1,653	1,494	159	11	**OVER**
6,818	562	7,380	Planning and Building Standards	5,739	5,324	415	8	**OVER**
122,247	817	123,064	Housing	57,878	57,942	-64	0	**UNDER**
3,749	190	3,939	Regulatory	2,617	2,504	113	5	**OVER**
11,365	279	11,644	Community Safety	8,452	8,307	145	2	**OVER**
10,922	-1,406	9,516	Refuse Collection and Disposal	5,713	5,987	-274	-5	**UNDER**
10,534	-247	10,287	Parks and Open Spaces	7,403	7,781	-378	-5	**UNDER**
114	38	152	Streetscene	352	119	233	196	**OVER**
58,884	-8,092	50,792	Roads Operations	36,613	36,601	12	0	**OVER**
8,701	0	8,701	Consultancy Services	6,820	7,041	-221	-3	**UNDER**
122,457	8,663	131,120	Property Asset Mangement	5,861	6,340	-479	-8	**UNDER**
13,708	0	13,708	Transport	8,233	9,147	-914	0	**UNDER**
342	0	342	Business Support	56	242	-186	-77	**UNDER**
370,430	**2,615**	**373,045**	**TOTAL DEPARTMENTAL INCOME**	**147,390**	**148,829**	**-1,439**	-1	**UNDER**
192,579	**21,455**	**214,034**	**DIRECT NET EXPENDITURE**	**246,024**	**234,064**	**11,960**	5	**OVER**
0	0	0	Specific Government Grant	0	0	0	0	
192,579	**21,455**	**214,034**	**ADJUSTED SERVICE NET EXPENDITURE**	**246,024**	**234,064**	**11,960**	**5**	**OVER**

Glasgow City Council

Financial Services

Report by the Executive Director of Finance

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Budget Monitoring: Period 10 - Financial Services

1. Introduction

This monitoring statement provides a summary of the financial performance of **Financial Services** for the period 1 April 2023 to 15 December 2023.

The monitoring statement is based on information contained in the council's corporate financial system and includes accruals and adjustments in line with agreed financial policies.

The attached monitoring statements compare actual financial performance to date with the budgeted position.

2. Budget Changes

2.1 During periods 8 to 10 the net expenditure budget has increased by £4.312m to 15 December 2023.

2.2 The significant changes to period 10 are:

2.2.1 Expenditure budgets have increased by £3.061m to reflect the 23/24 staff pay award.

2.2.2 Expenditure budgets have increased by £0.823m, using funds from the Budget Support Fund, to reflect costs relating to the Early Retirement/Voluntary Redundancy process.

2.2.3 There have been a number of budget transfers during the period to reflect service reconfigurations. Budget adjustments include changes approved under the delegated powers of the Executive Director of Finance.

3. Summary Position

3.1 Gross expenditure is £0.463m more than estimate and income is £1.315m less than estimate. This results in a departmental net overspend of £1.778m (3%) to date.

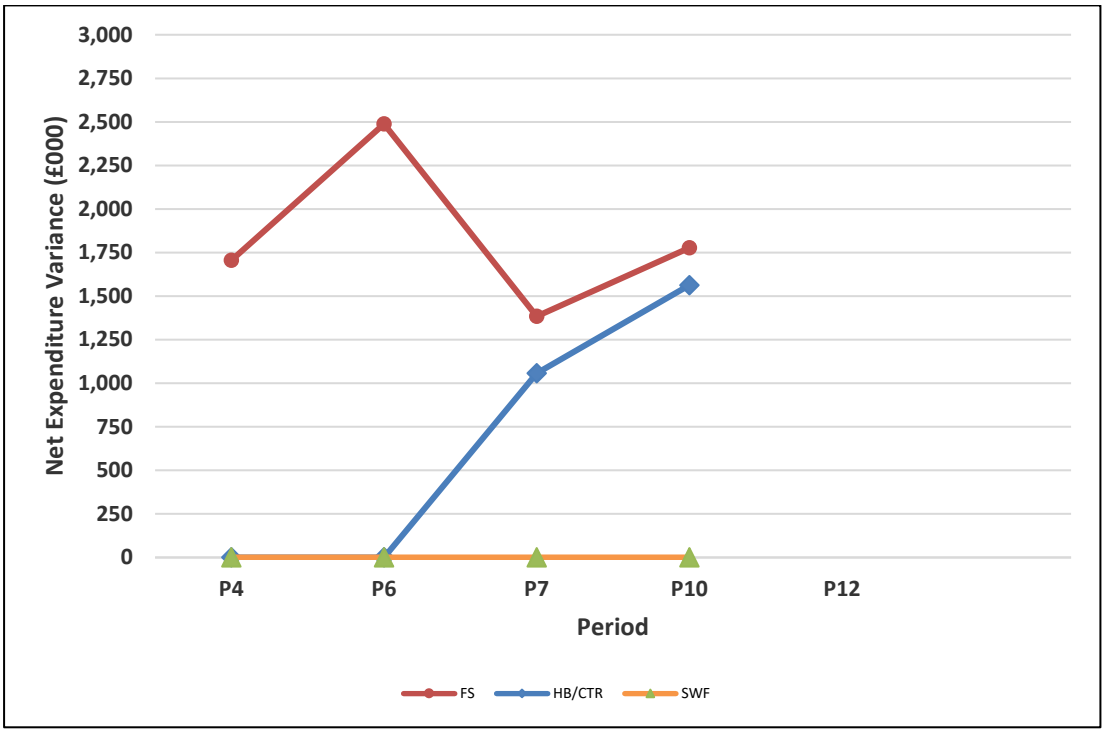
3.2 Financial Services is also responsible for benefit payments, including related income streams, and Council Tax Reduction. Council Tax Reduction and

Benefits Payments expenditure which is currently reporting net expenditure of £90.015m which is an overspend of £1.563m (2%).

3.3 Financial Services is also responsible for ring-fenced funds, including the Scottish Welfare Fund, the Energy Bill Support Scheme and the Alternative Fuel Payment scheme. These are all reporting on-line with budget however the demand for grants from the Scottish Welfare Fund is being closely monitored and the criteria for grant eligibility has moved to "High Most Compelling" to maintain that position.

3.4 Overall the Financial Services Department shows a net overspend of £3.341m (2%).

3.5 Variance Comparison



3.6 The 2023-24 budget includes approved service savings of £3.733m. At this stage of the year, it is anticipated that actual savings will amount to £3.733m representing 100% of target. This is reflected in the overall financial position reported in this monitoring statement.

4. Reasons for Variances

4.1 Within Financial Services, the main net variances are referenced in the table below.

Service Area	Net Variance Over/Under (-) £000	Impact on Net Expenditure from Previous Report
Catering and Facilities Management	3,866	↑
Support Services	-1,737	↓
Benefits	1,563	↑
Other Financial Services Divisions	-351	↓

Note: An upward arrow indicates a deteriorating position and a downward arrow indicates an improving position.

4.2 Catering and Facilities Management

The net overspend of £3.866m is mainly due to an under recovery of income within Encore venues, overspends within overtime and agency costs due to the sickness absence, attrition, and lastly food provision costs, due to the impact of above inflationary increases within food costs.

4.3 Support Services

The net underspend of £1.737m is mainly due to the anticipated underspend against the Empty Property Relief budget.

4.4 Benefits

The net overspend of £1.563m is due to the anticipated under recovery of income relating to Housing Benefits, offset by the anticipated underspend against Council Tax Reduction.

4.5 Other Financial Services Divisions

The net underspend is mainly due to an underspend in employee costs and transport costs across the division.

5. Action

The Executive Director of Financial Services continues to review the budget across all areas of the Service in conjunction with the Leadership Team to mitigate the budget pressures outlined in this report. This will include an action plan to review the finances of the Catering and Facilities Management division.

6. Forecast

The probable outturn for 2023-24 has now been completed. Financial Services Department is reporting an overspend of £4.442m which includes Housing Benefits reporting an overspend of £2.700m and Council Tax Reduction reporting an underspend of £0.500m.

This position continues to be reviewed and will be updated through the normal monitoring process where any material change is identified during the remainder of the year.

The senior management team will continue to address the financial pressures through a series of management actions to mitigate the overspend.

GLASGOW CITY COUNCIL
2023/24 REVENUE BUDGET: MONITORING REPORT

FINANCIAL SERVICES
PERIOD 10: 1 APRIL 2023 TO 15 DECEMBER 2023

EXPENDITURE TO DATE

Original Annual Budget	Approved Changes	Revised Budget	HEADING	Actual	Budget	Variance		
£000	£000	£000		£000	£000	£000	%	
10,921	1,880	12,801	Financial Strategy & Management	9,745	9,726	19	0	OVER
1,833	50	1,883	Audit & Inspection	1,420	1,386	34	2	OVER
31,959	-106	31,853	Support Services	2,796	4,533	-1,737	-38	UNDER
3,862	523	4,385	Assessor & E.R.O.	2,791	2,835	-44	-2	UNDER
4,541	91	4,632	Strathclyde Pension Fund Office	2,790	2,790	0	0	
30,996	2,937	33,933	Customer & Business Services	22,960	23,510	-550	-2	UNDER
71,208	4,417	75,625	Catering and Facilities Management	55,416	52,675	2,741	5	OVER
155,320	**9,792**	**165,112**	**TOTAL DEPARTMENTAL EXPENDITURE**	**97,918**	**97,455**	**463**	**0**	**OVER**

INCOME TO DATE

Original Annual Budget	Approved Changes	Revised Budget		Actual	Budget	Variance		
£000	£000	£000		£000	£000	£000	%	
7,730	1,493	9,223	Financial Strategy & Management	3,605	3,310	295	9	OVER
366	0	366	Audit & Inspection	100	100	0	0	
2,565	0	2,565	Support Services	0	0	0	0	
428	119	547	Assessor & E.R.O.	135	124	11	9	OVER
5,384	0	5,384	Strathclyde Pension Fund Office	0	0	0	0	
8,267	417	8,684	Customer & Business Services	4,110	4,606	-496	-11	UNDER
63,093	529	63,622	Catering and Facilities Management	32,045	33,170	-1,125	-3	UNDER
87,833	**2,558**	**90,391**	**TOTAL DEPARTMENTAL INCOME**	**39,995**	**41,310**	**-1,315**	**-3**	**UNDER**
67,487	**7,234**	**74,721**	**DIRECT DEPARTMENTAL NET EXPENDITURE**	**57,923**	**56,145**	**1,778**	**3**	**OVER**
0	0	0	Specific Government Grant	0	0	0		
67,487	**7,234**	**74,721**	**ADJUSTED DEPARTMENTAL NET EXPENDITURE**	**57,923**	**56,145**	**1,778**	**3**	**OVER**

COUNCIL TAX REDUCTION SCHEME/BENEFIT PAYMENTS

EXPENDITURE TO DATE

263,347	0	263,347	Housing Benefit Payments	151,853	151,853	0	0	
12,643	525	13,168	Discretionary Housing Payments	10,614	10,614	0	0	
78,455	0	78,455	Council Tax Reduction	77,517	77,872	-355	0	UNDER
354,445	**525**	**354,970**	**TOTAL BENEFIT EXPENDITURE**	**239,984**	**240,339**	**-355**	**0**	**UNDER**

INCOME TO DATE

263,347	0	263,347	Housing Benefit Payments	149,969	151,887	-1,918	-1	UNDER
0	0	0	Discretionary Housing Payments	0	0	0	0	
263,347	**0**	**263,347**	**TOTAL BENEFIT INCOME**	**149,969**	**151,887**	**-1,918**	**-1**	**UNDER**
91,098	**525**	**91,623**	**COUNCIL TAX REDUCTION SCHEME/BENEFIT PAYMENTS NE**	**90,015**	**88,452**	**1,563**	**2**	**OVER**

RING-FENCED FUNDS

EXPENDITURE TO DATE

7,368	1,437	8,805	Scottish Welfare Fund	7,164	7,164	0	0	
0	114	114	Energy Bill & Fuel Support Schemes	114	114	0	0	

INCOME TO DATE

0	114	114	Energy Bill & Fuel Support Schemes	114	114	0	0	
165,953	**9,196**	**175,149**	**ADJUSTED SERVICE NET EXPENDITURE**	**155,102**	**151,761**	**3,341**	**2**	**OVER**

Glasgow City Council

Chief Executive's Office

Joint Report by the Executive Director of Finance and the Chief Executive

Contact: Anne Ross – ext 78342

Budget Monitoring: Period 10 – Chief Executive's Office

1. Introduction

This monitoring statement provides a summary of the financial performance of the **Chief Executive's Office** for the period 1 April 2023 to 15 December 2023.

The monitoring statement is based on information contained in the council's corporate financial system and includes accruals and adjustments in line with agreed financial policies.

The attached monitoring statements compare actual financial performance to date with the budgeted position.

2. Budget Changes

2.1 During periods 8 to 10 the net expenditure budget has increased by £1.245m to 15 December 2023.

2.2 The significant changes to period 10 are:

2.2.1 Gross expenditure budgets have increased by £0.827m to reflect the additional costs of pay awards.

2.2.2 Gross expenditure budgets have increased by £0.608m, using funds from the Budget Support Fund, to reflect costs relating to the Early Retirement/Voluntary Redundancy process.

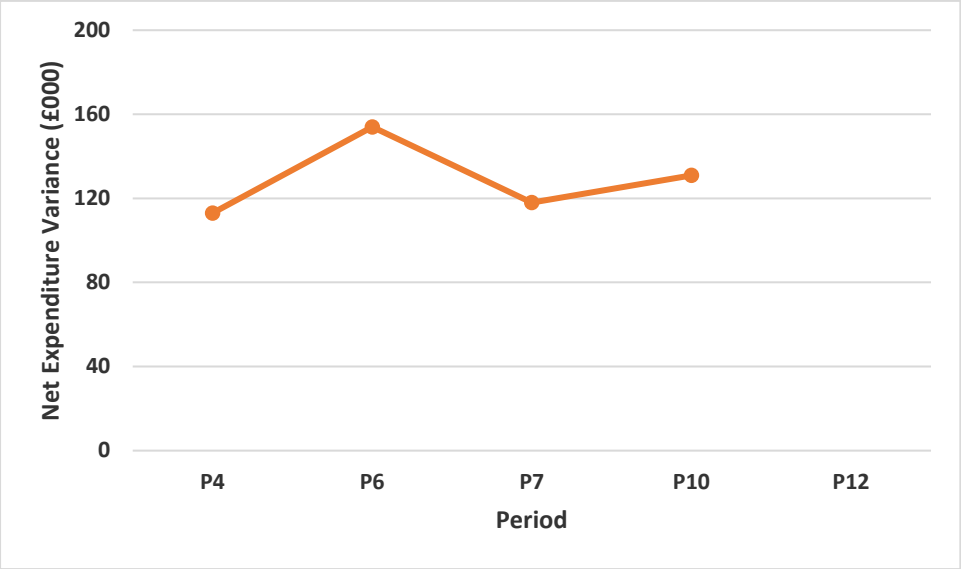
2.2.3 Gross expenditure and income budgets have increased by £6.018m due to funding received from UK Government for the Shared Prosperity Fund.

2.2.4 Budget adjustments include changes approved under the delegated powers of the Executive Director of Finance.

3. Summary Position

3.1 Gross expenditure is £123,000 more than budget and income is £8,000 less than budget. This results in a net overspend of £131,000 to date. This is mainly due to overspends in Employee Costs.

3.2 Variance Comparison



3.3 The 2023/24 budget includes approved savings of £3.904m. At this stage of the year, it is anticipated that actual savings will amount to £3.671m representing 94% of target. This is reflected in the overall financial position reported in this monitoring statement.

4. Reasons for Variances

4.1 Within Chief Executive's Office, the net variances are referenced in the table below:

Service Area	Net Variance Over/Under (-) £000	Impact on Net Expenditure from Previous Report
Chief Executive's Office	267	↑
Community Empowerment Services	126	↑
Legal & Administration	69	↑
Human Resources	-72	↓
Procurement	101	↑
Transformation and Financial Inclusion	-110	↓
Economic Development	-250	↓

Note: An upward arrow indicates a deteriorating position and a downward arrow indicates an improving position.

A detailed analysis of variances is presented below:

4.2 **Chief Executive's Office**

The overspend of £267,000 is mainly due to a lack of attrition resulting in an overspend in Employee Costs.

4.3 **Community Empowerment Services**

The overspend of £126,000 is mainly due to a delayed implementation of savings resulting in an overspend in Employee Costs.

4.4 **Legal & Administration**

The overspend of £69,000 is mainly due to a lack of attrition resulting in an overspend in Employee Costs, however this is partially off-set by over recovered income.

4.5 **Human Resources**

The underspend of £72,000 is mainly due to an underspend in Employee Costs.

4.6 **Procurement**

The overspend of £101,000 is mainly due to under recovered income.

4.7 **Transformation and Financial Inclusion**

The underspend of £110,000 is mainly due to an underspend in Transfer Payments.

4.8 **Economic Development**

The underspend of £250,000 is mainly due to an underspend in Transfer Payments and over recovered income.

5. Action

No action is required at this stage.

6. Forecast

The probable outturn for 2023-24 has now been completed. The Chief Executive's Office is reporting a net overspend of £0.187m.

This position continues to be reviewed and will be updated through the normal monitoring process where any material change is identified during the remainder of the year.

GLASGOW CITY COUNCIL
2023/24 REVENUE BUDGET: MONITORING REPORT

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S OFFICE
Period 10: 1 APRIL 2023 TO 15 DECEMBER 2023

EXPENDITURE TO DATE

Original Annual Budget	Approved Changes	Revised Budget	HEADING	Actual	Budget	Variance		
£000	£000	£000		£000	£000	£000	%	
5,607	403	6,010	Chief Executive's Office	4,414	4,174	240	6	**OVER**
23,973	2,872	26,845	Community Empowerment Services	20,008	19,882	126	1	**OVER**
10,735	437	11,172	Legal & Administration	8,270	8,077	193	2	**OVER**
5,795	847	6,642	Human Resources	4,559	4,633	-74	-2	**UNDER**
2,738	32	2,770	Procurement	1,732	1,682	50	3	**OVER**
6,782	8,317	15,099	Transformation and Financial Inclusion	3,314	3,514	-200	-6	**UNDER**
48,596	250	48,846	ICT	37,573	37,573	0	0	
18,511	22,483	40,994	Economic Development	18,780	18,992	-212	-1	**UNDER**
122,737	**35,641**	**158,378**	**TOTAL GROSS EXPENDITURE**	**98,650**	**98,527**	**123**	**0**	**OVER**

INCOME TO DATE

Original Annual Budget	Approved Changes	Revised Budget		Actual	Budget	Variance		
£000	£000	£000		£000	£000	£000	%	
561	0	561	Chief Executive's Office	179	206	-27	-13	**UNDER**
884	0	884	Community Empowerment Services	401	401	0	0	
6,036	0	6,036	Legal & Administration	3,967	3,843	124	3	**OVER**
933	0	933	Human Resources	209	211	-2	0	**UNDER**
1,061	0	1,061	Procurement	126	177	-51	0	**UNDER**
635	500	1,135	Transformation and Financial Inclusion	622	712	-90	-13	**UNDER**
8,131	0	8,131	ICT	4,815	4,815	0	0	
1,558	16,839	18,397	Economic Development	2,688	2,650	38	1	**OVER**
19,799	**17,339**	**37,138**	**TOTAL DEPARTMENTAL INCOME**	**13,007**	**13,015**	**-8**	**0**	**UNDER**
102,938	**18,302**	**121,240**	**DIRECT NET EXPENDITURE**	**85,643**	**85,512**	**131**	**0**	**OVER**
		0	Specific Government Grant			0		
102,938	**18,302**	**121,240**	**ADJUSTED SERVICE NET EXPENDITURE**	**85,643**	**85,512**	**131**	**0**	**OVER**

Glasgow City Council

Related Companies

Report by the Executive Director of Financial Services

Contact Anne Ross Ext 78342

Budget Monitoring: Period 10 - Related Companies and Joint Boards

1. Introduction

This monitoring statement provides a summary of the financial performance of **Related Companies and Joint Boards** for the period 1 April to 15 December 2023.

The statement is based on information contained in the council's corporate financial system and includes accruals and adjustments in line with agreed financial policies.

The attached monitoring statements compare actual financial performance to date with the budgeted position of service fees due to, and service income due from the council's Arms-Length Organisations (ALEO's).

The council's budget includes estimated contributions from City Building Glasgow (Joint Venture) and City Building Contracts (£4.500m), and City Property (£3.965m).

2. Budget Changes

2.1 During period 8 to 10, the net expenditure budget increased by £2.277m to 15 December 2023.

2.2 The significant changes to period 10 are:

2.2.1 Gross expenditure budgets have increased by £2.022m to reflect the additional costs of the pay award.

2.2.2 Budget adjustments include changes approved under the delegated powers of the Executive Director of Financial Services.

3. Summary Position

Gross expenditure is £1.295m overspent to period 10 and income is on line against budget. This results in a departmental net overspend of £1.295m (1%) to date.

4. Reason for Variance

The net overspend of £1.295m is mainly due to the RSBI deficit within City Building Joint Venture.

5. Forecast

The probable outturn for 2023/24 has now been completed and Related Companies is reporting an overspend of £1.622m.

This position continues to be reviewed and will be updated through the normal monitoring process where any material change is identified during the remainder of the year.

As mentioned above, the Council's budget includes estimated contributions from Related Companies of £8.465m in 2023/24. Contributions from related companies are anticipated to be £7.792m under budget. This reflects a lower return from City Building due to the anticipated turnover from the Council's capital programme being lower than budgeted and also due to the impact of labour and material price inflation. It is forecast that the £3.965m return from City Property will be made. These positions will continue to be closely monitored.

As in previous years, any significant variances and issues will be reported during the year to this Committee.

GLASGOW CITY COUNCIL
2023/24 REVENUE BUDGET: MONITORING REPORT

RELATED COMPANIES AND JOINT BOARDS
PERIOD 10 : 1 APRIL TO 15 DECEMBER 2023

EXPENDITURE TO DATE

Original Annual Budget	Approved Changes	Revised Budget	HEADING	Actual	Budget	Variance		
£000	£000	£000		£000	£000	£000	%	
2,160	2,568	4,728	City Building Joint Venture	5,101	3,806	1,295	34	**OVER**
500	1,093	1,593	City Building Contracts	1,103	1,103	0	0	
89,884	2,000	91,884	Glasgow Life	69,232	69,232	0	0	
4,224	-41	4,183	Jobs & Business Glasgow	3,105	3,105	0	0	
2,162	63	2,225	City Property (Glasgow) LLP	1,663	1,663	0	0	
2,268	0	2,268	City Property Investment	2,268	2,268	0	0	
11,137	0	11,137	Strathclyde Partnership for Transport	8,353	8,353	0	0	
112,335	**5,683**	**118,018**	**TOTAL GROSS EXPENDITURE**	**90,825**	**89,530**	**1,295**	**0**	**OVER**

INCOME TO DATE

Annual Budget	Approved Changes	Revised Budget		Actual	Budget	Variance		
£000	£000	£000		£000	£000	£000	%	
44	0	44	City Building Joint Venture	17	17	0	0	
0	0	0	City Building Contracts	0	0	0	0	
0	0	0	Glasgow Life	0	0	0	0	
0	0	0	Jobs & Business Glasgow	0	0	0	0	
0	0	0	City Property (Glasgow) LLP	0	0	0	0	
0	0	0	City Property Investment	0	0	0	0	
0	0	0	Strathclyde Partnership for Transport	0	0	0	0	
44	**0**	**44**	**TOTAL DEPARTMENTAL INCOME**	**17**	**17**	**0**	**0**	
112,291	**5,683**	**117,974**	**DIRECT NET EXPENDITURE**	**90,808**	**89,513**	**1,295**	**1**	**OVER**
0	0	0	Specific Government Grant	0	0	0	0	
112,291	**5,683**	**117,974**	**ADJUSTED SERVICE NET EXPENDITURE**	**90,808**	**89,513**	**1,295**	**0**	**OVER**

Glasgow City Council

Common Good

Report by the Executive Director of Finance

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Budget Monitoring: Period 10 – Common Good

1. Introduction

This monitoring statement provides a summary of the financial performance of **Common Good** for the period 1 April 2023 to 15 December 2023.

It is based on information contained in the council's corporate financial system and includes accruals and adjustments in line with agreed financial policies.

The attached monitoring statements compare actual financial performance to date with the budgeted position.

2. Budget Changes

There were no budget changes to the Common Good budget during periods 8 to 10.

3. Summary Position

This monitoring report covers a period equivalent to 71% of the financial year. Gross expenditure to date is £469,000, which is 60% of the annual gross expenditure budget. Gross income received to date is £214,000, resulting in net expenditure of £255,000.

Historically, the majority of gross expenditure incurred by the Common Good Fund relates to Civic Receptions held throughout the year, with a budget of £430,000.

The table below details the year to date expenditure on Civic Receptions:

Category	**Actual Costs**
Anniversaries	£35,762
Charities	£21,203
Events	£163,618
International Visitors	£9,889
Special Individuals	£21,019
Sport	£3,455
Administration costs	£32,363
Total	**£287,309**

4. Forecast

There has been spend to date of £287,309 and a further £19,735 being committed for civic receptions in 2023/24. The remaining civic receptions expenditure budget of £122,956 is available for spend up to 31 March 2024.

In addition, £35,170 has been committed in respect of events beyond 2023/24 and it is envisaged that this will be funded from future year's budget. These figures reflect the revision of hospitality costs in relation to increased prices, together with other changes to the list of events. A detailed breakdown of the commitments for 2023/24 and beyond is provided in Appendix 1.

Income is mainly derived from returns on Common Good investments and these returns are closely monitored throughout the year. Any significant fluctuations in Common Good income up to 31 March 2024 will be reflected through budget changes in 2024/25 with a view to maintaining the overall capital value of the Fund.

The Common Good Fund is expected to remain within the annual net expenditure budget for 2023/24.

Appendix 1

Civic Receptions Committed 2023/24

2023/24 Civic Hospitality Commitments

Date	Function	Approved	Cost	Category
18-Jan-24	**Radio Clyde Reunited 50th Anniversary**	**26-Oct-23**	**£450**	**Anniversaries**
15-Mar-24	Mosspark Bowling Club Centenary	02-Jun-23	£5,000	Anniversaries
18-Mar-24	100th Anniversary of the Order of the Eastern Star Baillieston Chapter No 234	18-Mar-23	£3,500	Anniversaries
	Total for Anniversaries		**£8,950**	

Date	Function	Approved	Cost	Category
22-Mar-24	**Eurogig - International Music Exchange**	**16-Nov-23**	**£825**	**International Visitors**
	Total for International Visitors		**£825**	

Date	Function	Approved	Cost	Category
28-Feb-24	**Queens Anniversary Awards - City of Glasgow College**	**18-Dec-23**	**£1,250**	**Special Individuals**
23-Mar-24	World Irish Dancing Championships	12-Jun-23	£2,000	Special Individuals
	Total for Special Individuals		**£3,250**	

Date	Function	Approved	Cost	Category
16-Dec-23	Roy Castle Lung Cancer Foundation - Celebrate a Life Concert	20-Jun-23	£500	Charities
19-Jan-24	**Bard & his Belles Burns Supper**	**14-Nov-23**	**£850**	**Charities**
29-Jan-24	Hospital Saturday Fund	15-Aug-23	£560	Charities
20-Feb-24	**Disasters Emergency Committee Event**	**15-Sep-23**	**£350**	**Charities**
28-Feb-24	ABF Big Curry Lunch	29-Sep-23	£1,050	Charities
	Total for Charities		**£3,310**	

Date	Function	Approved	Cost	Category
17-Dec-23	**Carols for Peace Concert**	**05-Dec-23**	**£1,500**	**Events**
18-Jan-24	**Celtic Connections Opening Ceremony**	**28-Nov-23**	**£700**	**Events**
24-Jan-24	**Showcase Reception**	**28-Nov-23**	**£700**	**Events**
11-Feb-24	Chinese New Year Celebrations 2024	14-Feb-23	£500	Events
	Total for Events		**£3,400**	

Total Civic Hospitality Commitments for 2023/24	**£19,735**

Civic Receptions Committed 2024/25

2024/25 Civic Hospitality Commitments

Date	Function	Approved	Cost	Category
11-Apr-24	Southern Sound Hospital Radio 50th Anniversary	31-Aug-23	£1,500	Anniversaries
19-Apr-24	Victoria Park Bowling Club Ladies Section Centenary	23-Jun-23	£1,500	Anniversaries
10-May-24	150th Anniversaries of Lodge Clydesdale and Lodge St Vincent Sandyford	14-Apr-23	£5,000	Anniversaries
31-May-24	Knightswood FC 50th Anniversary	04-Sep-23	£5,000	Anniversaries
04-Oct-24	Centenary of 214th Glasgow Company BB Ex-Members' Association	20-Mar-23	£3,500	Anniversaries
06-Nov-24	Lodge Possilpark 1330 Centenary	11-Sep-23	£4,950	Anniversaries
28-Mar-25	Centenary of Cardonald Ladies Bowling Club	20-Apr-23	£5,000	Anniversaries
	Total for Anniversaries		**£26,450**	

Date	Function	Approved	Cost	Category
12-Apr-24	**St Andrew's Event Charity Bid Dinner**	**14-Dec-23**	**£600**	**Special Individuals**
02-Aug-24	BEM Presentation for Kailash Malhotra	29-Sep-23	£320	Special Individuals
	Total for Special Individuals		**£920**	

Date	Function	Approved	Cost	Category
04-Jun-24	Girls Brigade AGM	07-Jul-23	£300	Events
	Total for Events		**£300**	

Total Civic Hospitality Commitments for 2024/25	**£27,670**

Civic Receptions Committed 2025/26

Date	Function	Approved	Cost	Category
06-Jun-25	Glasgow Philharmonic Male Voice Choir Centenary	21-Jul-23	£3,500	Anniversaries
	Total for Anniversaries		**£3,500**	

Total Civic Hospitality Commitments for 2025/26	**£3,500**

Civic Receptions Committed 2026/27

2026/27 Civic Hospitality Commitments

Date	Function	Approved	Cost	Category
14-May-26	City Mission 150th Anniversary	21-Dec-22	£4,000	Anniversaries
	Total for Anniversaries		**£4,000**	

Total Civic Hospitality Commitments for 2026/27	**£4,000**

Note: commitments reported to this committee for the first time have been highlighted in bold.

GLASGOW CITY COUNCIL
2023/24 REVENUE BUDGET: MONITORING REPORT

COMMON GOOD
PERIOD 10 - 1 APRIL 2023 TO 15 DECEMBER 2023

EXPENDITURE TO DATE

Original Annual Budget	Approved Changes	Revised Annual Budget	HEADING	Actual	Remaining Budget	Budget Spent to Date
£000	£000	£000		£000	£000	%
430	0	430	Civic Hospitality	287	143	67
86	0	86	Property Costs	61	25	71
268	0	268	Miscellaneous Charges	121	147	45
784	**0**	**784**	**TOTAL GROSS EXPENDITURE**	**469**	**315**	**60**

INCOME TO DATE

Original Annual Budget	Approved Changes	Revised Annual Budget		Actual	Remaining Budget	Budget Received to Date
£000	£000	£000		£000	£000	%
495	0	495	Investment Income & Realised Gains	0	495	0
42	0	42	Commission	28	14	67
247	0	247	Rental Income	186	61	75
784	**0**	**784**	**TOTAL DEPARTMENTAL INCOME**	**214**	**570**	**27**
0	**0**	**0**	**NET EXPENDITURE/NET INCOME (-)**	**255**	**-255**	**0**