

General Fund Major Variances - Period 4 2024-25

Service	Current Budget £000s	Forecast Outturn £000s	Variance £000s	Main Contributing Factors to Variations
Central Services				
Wider Leadership Team	1,030	1,010	(20)	Net employee costs
Minor Service variances	4	4	0	No variances to report
Central Services	1,034	1,014	(20)	
Community				
Padding Pools	115	164	49	Increased maintenance costs
Community Safety Team	522	558	36	Staffing costs
Minor Service variances	2,888	2,894	6	Small variances across multiple service areas
Total Community	3,525	3,616	91	
Finance				
Revenues and Benefits Team	1,305	1,385	80	Cost of bank charges, postage and software licences partially offset by vacant posts
Minor Service variances	1,173	1,195	22	Small variances across multiple service areas
Total Finance	2,478	2,580	102	
Governance & Corporate Support				
ICT	101	81	(20)	Vacant posts
Legal	71	39	(32)	Vacant posts
Minor Service variances	1,259	1,241	(18)	Small variances across multiple service areas
Total Governance & Corporate Support	1,431	1,361	(70)	
Housing GF				
Leah Manning Centre	323	246	(77)	Vacant posts and reduced energy costs
Minor Service variances	1,420	1,440	20	Small variances across multiple service areas
Total Housing General Fund	1,743	1,686	(57)	

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Strategic Growth & Regeneration				
Civic Centre	(16)	(258)	(242)	Reduced business rates and energy costs
Planning and Building Control;	898	928	30	Increased staffing costs
Environmental Health	944	971	27	Increased staffing costs
Refuse & Recycling	2,346	2,215	(131)	Reduced inflation and increased green waste subscriptions
Street Cleaning	1,355	1,428	73	Cost of emptying litter bins
Minor Service variances	(2,125)	(2,155)	(30)	Small variances across multiple service areas
Total Strategic Growth & Regeneration	3,402	3,129	(273)	
Service Specific Variations	13,613	13,386	(227)	Sub-total
Non Service Specific & Funding				
Interest Receivable	(718)	(718)	0	Forecasts to be reviewed alongside budget setting
Interest Payable	340	340	0	Forecasts to be reviewed alongside budget setting
Minimum Revenue Provision	1,737	1,737	0	Forecasts to be reviewed alongside budget setting
Essex Council Tax Sharing Agreement	(500)	(500)	0	Forecasts to be reviewed alongside budget setting
New Homes Bonus Grant	(475)	(475)	0	Finance Settlement Funding 2024/25 - Amount fixed - No variance to report
Contribution to / (from) Reserves	929	929	0	Forecasts to be reviewed alongside budget setting
Collection Fund Deficit / (Surplus)	(2,051)	(2,051)	0	Position will be reviewed following NNDR1 in Autumn
Settlement Funding Assessment (Business Rates Income)	(3,400)	(3,400)	0	Position will be reviewed following NNDR1 in Autumn
Funding Guarantee	(1,011)	(1,011)	0	Finance Settlement Funding 2024/25 - Amount fixed - No variance to report
Service Grant	(22)	(22)	0	Finance Settlement Funding 2024/25 - Amount fixed - No variance to report
Revenue Support Grant	(136)	(136)	0	Finance Settlement Funding 2024/25 - Amount fixed - No variance to report
Council Tax	(8,306)	(8,306)	0	Finance Settlement Funding 2024/25 - Amount fixed - No variance to report
Total Non Service Specific & Funding	(13,613)	(13,613)	0	Sub-total
Total General Fund Budget Variations	0	(227)	(227)	