

**General Fund Major Variances - Period 5 2024-25**

Service	Current Budget £000s	Forecast Outturn £000s	Variance £000s	Main Contributing Factors to Variations
<b>Central Services</b>				
Wider Leadership Team	1,027	979	(48)	Net employee costs
Minor Service variances	4	4	0	
<b>Central Services</b>	<b>1,031</b>	<b>983</b>	<b>(48)</b>	
<b>Community</b>				
Paddling Pools	115	164	49	Increased maintenance costs
Community Safety Team	522	558	36	Staffing costs
Minor Service variances	2,864	2,859	(5)	
<b>Total Community</b>	<b>3,501</b>	<b>3,581</b>	<b>80</b>	
<b>Finance</b>				
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	931	919	(12)	
<b>Total Finance</b>	<b>2,236</b>	<b>2,304</b>	<b>68</b>	
<b>Governance &amp; Corporate Support</b>				
ICT	101	81	(20)	Vacant posts
Legal	75	39	(36)	Vacant posts
Minor Service variances	1,259	1,296	37	
<b>Total Governance &amp; Corporate Support</b>	<b>1,435</b>	<b>1,416</b>	<b>(19)</b>	
<b>Housing GF</b>				
Leah Manning Centre	323	246	(77)	Vacant posts and reduced energy costs
Minor Service variances	1,420	1,440	20	
<b>Total Housing General Fund</b>	<b>1,743</b>	<b>1,686</b>	<b>(57)</b>	
<b>Strategic Growth &amp; Regeneration</b>				
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	2,119	(227)	Reduced inflation, increased green waste subscriptions and ECC IAA contribution
Street Cleaning	1,355	1,428	73	Cost of emptying litter bins
Minor Service variances	(2,125)	(2,154)	(29)	
<b>Total Strategic Growth &amp; Regeneration</b>	<b>3,402</b>	<b>3,034</b>	<b>(368)</b>	
<b>Service Specific Variations</b>	<b>13,348</b>	<b>13,004</b>	<b>(344)</b>	<b>Sub-total</b>

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<b>Non Service Specific &amp; Funding</b>				
Interest Receivable	(718)	(718)	0	Forecasts to be reviewed alongside budget setting
Interest Payable	340	340	0	Forecasts to be reviewed alongside budget setting
HTS Management	(70)	(70)	0	Forecasts to be reviewed alongside budget setting
Early Retirement	346	346	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
Contribution to / (from) Reserves	918	918	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
Service Grant	(22)	(22)	0	Finance Settlement Funding 2024/25 - Amount fixed
Revenue Support Grant	(136)	(136)	0	Finance Settlement Funding 2024/25 - Amount fixed
Council Tax	(8,306)	(8,306)	0	Finance Settlement Funding 2024/25 - Amount fixed
<b>Total Non Service Specific &amp; Funding</b>	<b>(13,348)</b>	<b>(13,348)</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>Sub-total</b>
<b>Total General Fund Budget Variations</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>(344)</b>	<b>(344)</b>	