

**General Fund Major Variances - Period 7 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	745	(282)	Net employee costs
Minor Service variances	4	4	0	
<b>Central Services</b>	<b>1,031</b>	<b>749</b>	<b>(282)</b>	
<b>Community</b>				
Padding Pools	115	163	48	Increased maintenance costs
Pet's Corner	322	370	48	Staffing costs
Community Safety Team	522	547	25	Staffing costs
Minor Service variances	2,181	2,115	(66)	
<b>Total Community</b>	<b>3,140</b>	<b>3,195</b>	<b>55</b>	
<b>Finance</b>				
Insurance Services	426	207	(219)	Cost of increased insurance premiums, partially offset by vacant posts and increased recharges
Housing Benefits	(190)	197	387	Reflects reduced Housing Benefit Admin subsidy and increased temporary and supported accommodation claims not covered by grant income
Minor Service variances	2,000	1,965	(35)	
<b>Total Finance</b>	<b>2,236</b>	<b>2,369</b>	<b>133</b>	
<b>Governance &amp; Corporate Support</b>				
Legal	75	57	(18)	Vacant posts
ICT	101	163	62	Vacant posts, reduced recharges
Members Services	431	609	178	Reflects adoption of revised members allowances scheme and other reduced running expenses
Telephony	(47)	(4)	43	Saving not being achieved due to technical issues that prevented migration of the telephony system on original timescales
Minor Service variances	875	918	43	
<b>Total Governance &amp; Corporate Support</b>	<b>1,435</b>	<b>1,743</b>	<b>308</b>	
<b>Housing GF</b>				
Leah Manning Centre	323	209	(114)	Vacant posts and reduced energy costs
Housing Options and Advice Team	591	837	246	NET increased cost of temporary accommodation
Minor Service variances	828	848	20	
<b>Total Housing General Fund</b>	<b>1,742</b>	<b>1,894</b>	<b>152</b>	

<b>Strategic Growth &amp; Regeneration</b>				
Civic Centre	(16)	(307)	(291)	Reduced business rates, energy and staffing costs
Latton Bush Centre	(357)	(274)	83	Reduced service charges
Planning and Building Control;	884	1,022	138	Increased staffing costs
Environmental Health	958	1,096	138	Increased staffing costs
Refuse & Recycling	2,346	2,045	(301)	Reduced inflation, increased green waste subscriptions and ECC IAA contribution
Street Cleaning	1,355	1,410	55	Cost of emptying litter bins
Garages	(1,945)	(2,028)	(83)	Reduced revenue contributions to capital outlay
The Water Gardens Car Park	(316)	(281)	35	Reduced income
The Harvey Centre	(532)	(683)	(151)	Net increased income
Minor Service variances	1,387	1,302	(85)	
<b>Total Strategic Growth &amp; Regeneration</b>	<b>3,764</b>	<b>3,302</b>	<b>(462)</b>	
<b>Service Specific Variations</b>	<b>13,348</b>	<b>13,252</b>	<b>(96)</b>	<b>Sub-total</b>
<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)	(60)	10	Forecasts to be reviewed alongside budget setting
Early Retirement	346	296	(50)	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>(13,388)</b>	<b>(40)</b>	<b>Sub-total</b>
<b>Total General Fund Budget Variations</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>(136)</b>	<b>(136)</b>	