

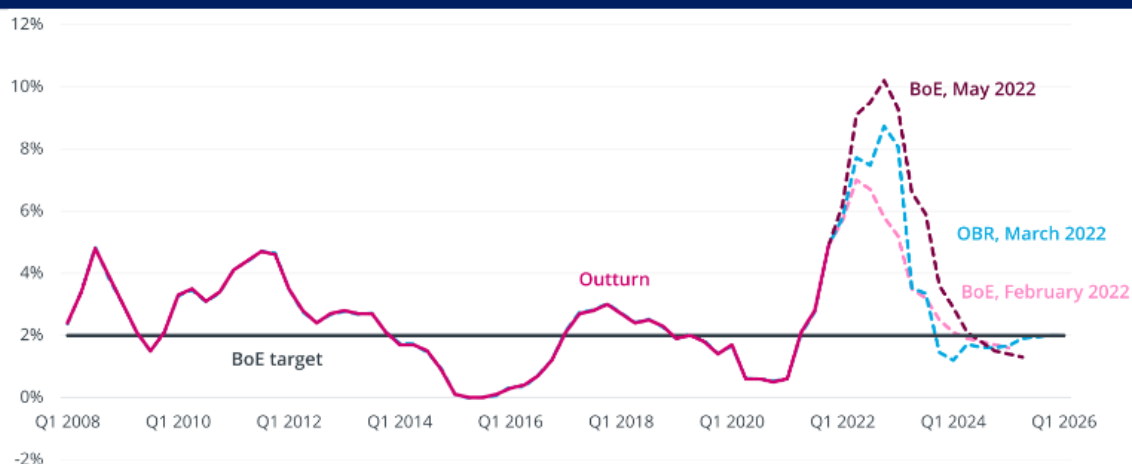
FINANCIAL MONITORING REPORT - PERIOD 1 2022/23**SECTION 1: SUMMARY****Revenue Budget**

- 1.1 This is the first Financial Monitoring Report of 2022/23 and covers the period from April 2022 to June 2022. This report has been prepared excluding the financial implications of any other reports presented on the same agenda which may have budget implications. However, any such reports may be referenced in this report. There will be a further two monitoring reports covering quarters 2 and 3 and a final outturn report covering the full-year financial performance for 2022/23.
- 1.2 The impact of Covid-19 and ongoing legacy pressures continue to be monitored. In the absence of any specific government funding for 2022/23 and as part of setting the 2022/23 budget, the application of the specific Covid-19 reserve provided some resource in relation to legacy additional expenditure and income losses. This position allowed for the rebasing of portfolio budgets applying forecast legacy costs, and for the purpose of this report, portfolio narratives will incorporate those spending pressures and income loss above the rebased budget, as appropriate.
- 1.3 Based on current forecasting, there is a service overspend of £2.823m against the updated service revenue budget of £164.146m. It should be noted, these forecasts, with the exception of fuel costs, exclude the impact of inflationary increases such as energy, food other commodities and care services. Financial modelling, amid a volatile and uncertain financial outlook, is continuing, to quantify the implications on the revenue budgets.

Cost of Living and Other Economic Pressures

- 1.4 Across the local government sector, inflation has been identified as a key risk and the impact on budgets this year and into future years will be significant. The financial pressure the Council is facing cannot be overstated and will require proactive and robust management, including the identification of mitigations that can be put in place to reduce the budget pressures. Strong planning and decision making will be necessary. In the absence of any additional Government support, there is an extremely high likelihood for further reductions in the Council's spending and service offer.
- 1.5 Inflationary pressures are particularly damaging for Council finances, as unlike some other sectors, Councils do not have the ability to passport additional costs pressures on to local residents or business. When faced with such an extreme inflationary environment the Council fully recognises the social responsibility to not expect residents, who are facing the biggest cost of living squeeze for decades, to pay for the essential support which they need. The inflationary pressures facing the Council are a national issue, and collectively, the Council and its partners in the Liverpool City Region have expressed their concerns to the Secretary of State regarding the magnitude and impact of inflation on Council budgets and the ability to deliver key services.
- 1.6 The latest Bank of England forecast has inflation peaking in excess of 10%, and remaining high for the next two years, as illustrated in the following chart.

CPI inflation Q1 2008 to Q1 2026, including successive Bank of England and Office for Budget Responsibility forecasts



The chart also demonstrates the challenge that the Council faces in forecasting the inflationary impact on its budgets with reasonable levels of certainty, with both the Bank of England's (February 2022) and Office of Budget Responsibility's (March 2022) recent and previous estimates being much lower than the May 2022 forecast.

- 1.7 The Institute for Government has projected that local authorities are, collectively, facing funding pressures of up to £2 billion as a result of inflation levels being significantly above those forecast in the Chancellor's Budget and Spending Review forecasts. With a recognition that the inflationary environment remains uncertain and volatile, the Council's exposure could exceed £12 million in 2022/23.
- 1.8 Financial modelling is continuing on service contracts, with particular focus on those which will be impacted more severely by rising inflation (e.g. energy, school meals and maintenance contracts). Some goods and services will be offered some immediate protection against the current volatility, due to the terms of individual contractual arrangements. The position will be closely monitored during the year and reported in subsequent Financial Monitoring Reports and / or other reports as required.
- 1.9 On 22 June 2022, Cabinet approved the outturn report for 2021/22, subject to audit. The outturn position allowed for the opportunity to earmark £1m to the inflation reserve to support inflationary pressures. This provision will offer some temporary financial resource in 2022/23 where service budgets are unable to manage inflationary pressures within existing budget provision. However, it should be noted this is one-off funding for the current year and the use of reserves is not sustainable moving forward.
- 1.10 Further commentary in respect of specific areas of inflation risk is detailed below.

General Price Inflation

- 1.11 The 2022/23 budget was approved by Council on 2 March 2022 and, in setting the budget, estimates were for general price inflation to be in the region of 3% in 2022/23. This assumption was not unrealistic and reflected the Government's inflation forecasts as included in the Autumn Budget and Spending Review 2021. The Local Government Finance Settlement itself used a 3.1% uplift for those elements that were subject to inflationary adjustments.

- 1.12 In addition to allowing for a general inflationary provision, the budget also factored in higher anticipated levels of inflation across specific areas of Council spending, including fuel, energy, and care services. However, the scale and magnitude of the current rate of inflation is unprecedented compared to inflation levels over recent years and is at its highest level since 1982. The impact of inflation being significantly higher than the budget provision will inevitably have an impact on Council revenue budgets and particularly with increased costs being experienced / expected in areas such as fuel, energy, food, materials, care provision and increased wage demands.
- 1.13 The following table provides an indicative analysis of the implications of an additional 1% inflationary increase above the existing budget provision for non-pay related costs. As noted in section 1.8, financial modelling is continuing on service contracts, and specifically those which are more sensitive to rising inflation.

Revenue Sensitivity Analysis	Impact of additional 1% inflation
Energy	£25,000
Fuel	£10,000
Food Provisions	£25,000
Care Services	£600,000
Other General Supplies and Services	£300,000
Total	£960,000

- 1.14 For the areas of spend detailed in the above table here is the potential for there to be significantly different levels of inflation relative to each area. For example, increases in fuel costs have recently been running at 50%, whilst increases in food costs are closer to 10%.
- 1.15 For some services, immediate inflationary pressures are inevitable. For others, existing contract arrangements may mean that the impact is deferred. Management action will be required to alleviate the pressures on the wider Council budget. This may result in decisions to reduce expenditure on certain activities; reduce inputs to reflect the lower real term value of available budget provision (i.e. reduce the level of goods / services purchased for the same total sum); and / or reluctantly cease some activity.
- 1.16 It is further likely that the current inflationary environment sees an increase in business failure, which has the potential to have a knock-on effect to the availability of supplies and results in further price rises as markets adjust to different levels of supply versus demand.
- 1.17 Any local business failures would present further risk to the Council's financial position in terms of reductions in business rate yield and other income receivable via rents, service charges, service contracts and wider fees and charges.

Pay Inflation

- 1.18 The 2022/23 budget was approved by Council on 2 March 2022 and, in setting the budget, provision was made for levels of pay inflation to be in the region of 3% in 2022/23. This assumption was not unrealistic, when considered against the Government's inflation forecasts as included in the Autumn Budget and Spending Review 2021. The Local Government Finance Settlement itself used a 3.1% uplift for those elements that were subject to inflationary adjustments.

- 1.19 The impact of high inflation will not just be experienced in relation to the costs for procurement of goods and services. The local government pay award for 2022/23 has still to be settled. The three local government unions have submitted a pay claim for staff to receive the larger figure out of £2,000 or the current rate of RPI, which hit 11.1% in April. For every additional 1% increase above the budget provision, the financial impact is circa £1m.
- 1.20 The National Living Wage increased by 6.62% in 2022/23, and the budget provision allowed for this. Although any potential further increases do not impact significantly on the Council workforce, it does impact on the rate charged by service providers, particularly in Adult Social Care. For every additional 1% increase above the budget provision the financial impact is approximately £344k.

Energy and Fuel

- 1.21 Energy and Fuel costs are significant contributory factors in the current inflationary environment. Energy prices continue to rise and are extremely sensitive to a number of complex global influences, including the demand for gas increasing as the Covid pandemic eased and the situation in the Ukraine which is disrupting supplies from Russia. Wholesale UK electricity prices are the highest they have been since the market was formed in 1990. Gas prices are the highest they have been for 15 years, up 250% since January 2022.
- 1.22 Financial modelling is continuing, to quantify the implications on the revenue budgets. Based on experience to date, section 2.15.4 outlines the impact of rising fuel costs on the council's 2022/23 budget position. The position will be closely monitored during the year and reported in subsequent Financial Monitoring Reports.

Capital & Borrowing

- 1.23 The inflationary impacts will not only impact on revenue budgets. Capital project expenditure may also increase as contractors face higher prices for raw materials in a competitive market and potentially incur higher wage costs (see Section 4.6 to 4.8). Alongside this is the risk that contractors and service providers, particularly in the social care sector can no longer continue to operate within agreed contracts and their financial viability becomes uncertain. This will present significant challenges to the Council, at a time when the Council continues to support business during the economic recovery from the pandemic.
- 1.24 There will be volatility in gilt yields, and in turn PWLB borrowing rates, as markets digest daily developments in the financial markets and the release of economic data, both domestically and internationally. Whilst movements will not impact on the Council's current borrowing portfolio, which is wholly comprised of fixed rate agreements, inflated rates will mean that servicing of future debt requirements becomes more expensive and future capital investment and borrowing decisions will need to be considered in that light as part of the Council's Medium Term Financial and Capital Investment strategies.

Implications on the Medium Term Financial Strategy (MTFS)

- 1.25 The MTFS was approved by Council on 2 March 2022, and this is a key dynamic Council Strategy, which is underpinned by a number of assumptions relating to funding and spending. These assumptions were based on the government's own forecasts regarding the levels of inflation in 2022 and 2023. The MTFS identified a residual budget gap of £6.436m for 2023/24 increasing to £12.973m in 2024/25. The inflationary pressures the council is facing will inevitably increase the budget gap unless additional government funding is made available and / or mitigations can be put in place to reduce the budget

pressure. During the course of the year, the assumptions within the MTFS are reviewed regularly and the need to update these assumptions becomes even more critical during such times of market volatility and economic uncertainty.

- 1.26 Given the inflationary financial challenges noted above and the current forecast budget overspend position, the delivery of a £6.044m savings programme for 2022/23, unmet savings from 2021/22 and the potential for increasing demand across the social care sector, in addition to the already forecast budget gap for the period 2023-2025 there is more than ever a requirement for strong robust financial management across the whole of the Council, and for management to minimise the financial risk to the Council, not only this year but for future years.
- 1.27 As in previous years, the MTFS will be further developed based on updated assumptions and including well developed financial modelling and sensitivity analysis. The mid-year Medium Term Financial Strategy Report will be brought forward to Cabinet for consideration in coming months and will provide an update on the financial position for the period 2022-2025, including detailed modelling of inflationary, demand and other pressures the Council is facing.

Savings Programme

- 1.28 The 2022/23 budget was approved by Council on 2 March 2022, and in doing so, members agreed to the delivery of £6.044m savings during the year. Section 3 provides a summary of the latest position and portfolio commentaries provide additional information in relation to the progress towards delivering the approved 2022/23 savings.
- 1.29 At this stage, it is forecast that savings of £1.444m (23.89%) may not be fully delivered in the year due to delays in implementation or savings not being achievable. It is critical that action plans continue to be addressed and implemented to ensure savings are managed and delivered or alternative permanent reductions in spend can be achieved.
- 1.30 In addition, the Financial Monitoring Report approved by Cabinet on 23 February 2022 reported savings of £3.669m in relation to 2021/22 were at risk of not being fully deliverable in 2021/22. Management identified one-off savings last financial year to mitigate against savings not deliverable. This report also includes an update on 2021/22 savings which were not fully implemented, and at this stage £0.542m (14.7%) present a risk to the Council's financial position for 2022/23 unless action plans are addressed, or alternative permanent savings are identified.

Financial Outlook

- 1.31 It is recognised that the financial environment within which the Council operates continues to present significant financial challenges that will continue into the foreseeable future, particularly given the high levels of inflation for commodities including fuel, energy, food and materials, increased wage demands, the legacy impact of Covid-19 above reset budgets, and the continued uncertainty surrounding local government funding.
- 1.32 In addition, the delivery of portfolio savings presents key risks across the Council and other financial risks include those pressures from demand led expenditure budgets, particularly within Adults and Children's social care which may be exacerbated by the cost of living crisis as more families face financial difficulties and become increasingly in need of Council support. Within some income budgets there exists the potential for market volatility and also reduced opportunities for income generation as customers and residents' spending patterns change and disposable income reduces.

- 1.33 With uncertainty over the mechanism and timetable of how funding for local government will change, and how the 'Levelling Up' Agenda will translate into policy nationally and at a local level the financial outlook remains extremely challenging and uncertain.

Capital Budget

- 1.34 The capital programme covers a three-year period through to 2024/25. The capital budget has been updated to reflect the outturn position for 2021/22 (subject to audit), as reported to Cabinet on 22 June 2022. Funding confirmations have been received from the Department for Education in relation to a number of school capital grants. The Highways Capital programme has also been updated to reflect the funding detailed in the Cabinet report approved on 22 June 2022. In addition, the programme includes a new scheme at De La Salle High School to create additional places for pupils with autism.
- 1.35 Members will recall that as part of setting the 2022/23 budget a number of potential strategic capital investment schemes were identified and will be subject to detailed feasibility and design work, prior to being further considered for approval. A number of these schemes have been approved and have been included within the programme this quarter. Other pipeline schemes will be added to the programme at quarter 2 and 3 subject to the required approval being secured.
- 1.36 The key revisions to the programme this quarter include:
- (i) External Refurbishment of Earlestown Town Hall
 - (ii) Fleet Replacement Programme
 - (iii) DEFRA Air Quality Grant
 - (iv) Revised Highway and Engineering Programme
 - (v) De La Salle High School expansion to increase capacity for pupils with autism

Further details are included in Annex F alongside commentary on progress on delivery of the most significant capital schemes.

Reserves and Balances

- 1.37 The report provides detail of the position on the Council's reserves and balances. Members will recall that as part of the Medium Term Financial Strategy the Council agreed to rebuild reserves to allow for resources to be available to afford the Council some additional financial resilience from changes in funding, inflationary pressures and unexpected events, whilst at the same time having sufficient resources to support its priorities. In addition, the creation of a new, Pension Reserve and the amalgamation of some reserves was approved. Section 5.2 provides a summary of general and Covid earmarked reserves until March 2023, whilst Annex E provides details on the forecast level of general earmarked reserves to March 2025.
- 1.38 Based on the reported outturn position in Table 1 the projected level of general fund balances at March 2023 is forecast to be £10.313m.

Treasury Management

- 1.39 This report provides details of the Treasury Management position at the end of the current period. No new borrowing has been taken out since the start of the financial year. Annex G provides further details.

Performance

- 1.40 The link that exists between budgets, business planning and delivery and performance targets is critical to the achievement of the Council's desired outcomes for both the organisation and the borough's residents and business.
- 1.41 This report and future Financial Monitoring Reports will include a high-level performance summary. For this report an overview of the 2021/22 performance outturn position is provided at Section 8. The full 2021/22 performance outturn report is on the same Cabinet agenda as this report. A detailed performance report will continue be provided to Cabinet on a quarterly basis.

SECTION 2: REVENUE BUDGET

- 2.1 The Budget and Forecast Outturn positions for 2022/23 are summarised in Table 1. At this stage of the year there is a potential portfolio budget pressure of £2.823m.
- 2.2 For each portfolio, a commentary is provided detailing the progress in delivering budget savings, alongside an overview of the forecast portfolio budget position highlighting other significant variances against the current budget.
- 2.3 At this early stage in the year, it is forecast portfolio spending will exceed the current budget. It must be recognised that the impact of inflationary pressures (for which more expansive commentary is provided in Section 1 of this report) will also have the potential to impact adversely on this position. Work is ongoing to quantify the level of inflationary pressures and will be reported in future Financial Monitoring Reports. There is full recognition of the requirement for management to take actions to minimise the financial risk to the Council not only this year, but in future years including those pressures arising from increasing demand, delivery of savings and other prevailing budget pressures.
- 2.4 It should be noted that the assumptions in setting the 2022/23 were not unrealistic as they reflected the Government's own inflation forecasts.
- 2.5 The figures detailed in Table 1 exclude any implications of a local government pay settlement for 2022//23 which exceeds the current budget provision. The three local government unions have submitted a pay claim for staff to receive the larger figure out of £2,000 or the current rate of RPI, which hit 11.1% in April. For every additional 1% increase above the budget provision the financial impact is just less than £1m.
- 2.6 The progress towards the delivery of £6.044m 2022/23 portfolio savings is detailed in Section 3. Matters relating to the delivery of £3.669m savings from 2021/22 which were not implemented in full during the last financial year is also detailed in Section 3.

Table 1 – Revenue Budget 2022/23	Current Budget (a) £000	Forecast outturn at Q1 (b) £000	Variance at Q1 + / - (b)-(a) £000	Section Reference
Inclusive Economy, Business and Skills	13,142	13,142	0	2.9
Children and Young People	46,884	47,649	+765	2.10
Integrated Care	56,488	57,169	+681	2.11
Wellbeing, Culture and Heritage	5,050	5,728	+678	2.12
Finance and Governance	6,504	6,434	(70)	2.13
Transformation	1,464	1,451	(13)	2.14
Environment and Transport	21,553	22,060	+507	2.15
Regeneration and Planning	4,037	4,290	+253	2.16
Safer, Stronger Communities	9,024	9,046	+22	2.17
Net Portfolio Budgets	164,146	166,969	+2,823	
Levies & Precepts	22,718	22,718	0	
Treasury Management	11,254	11,254	0	
Restructuring Costs	1,002	1,002	0	
Transfers to / (from) Earmarked Reserves - General	(696)	(696)	0	
Transfers to / (from) Earmarked Reserves - Covid	(11,076)	(11,076)	0	
Capital Charges	(14,826)	(14,826)	0	
Net Corporate Items	8,376	8,376	0	
Council Tax / Retained Business Rates	(134,411)	(134,411)	0	
Collection Fund Deficit	8,682	8,682	0	
Top Up	(21,070)	(21,070)	0	
Section 31 Grant	(13,685)	(13,685)	0	
2022/23 Services Grant	(3,186)	(3,186)	0	
Covid Additional Relief Fund (CARF) Grant	(3,189)	(3,189)	0	
Other Funding	(5,376)	(5,376)	0	
Funding	(172,235)	(172,235)	0	
NET POSITION 2022/23	287	3,110	+2,823	

2.7 The original approved budget has been revised to include adjustments arising from the outturn position for 2021/22 (subject to audit) which was considered by Cabinet on 22 June 2022. The revision to the original budget includes:

- (i) Acceleration of £39k of earmarked reserve funded schemes from 2022/23 into 2021/22
- (ii) Carry forward of earmarked reserve funded schemes of £952k into 2022/23 from 2021/22
- (iii) Carry forward of £211k budget provision from 2021/22 where specific service commitments are continuing into 2022/23

(iv) Carry forward of unconditional grants and CCG Funding of £879k from 2021/22

(v) Approved use of earmarked reserves in the period

(vi) Neutral 'technical adjustments' between portfolios (e.g. recharges)

2.8 Details of portfolio budget movements can be found in Annex A. This report also provides details of the forecast outturn position on a priority basis at Annex B.

Portfolio Budget Position

For 2022/23 an in-year overspend of £2.823m against the current service budgets is being projected based on the respective forecast outturn positions, as shown in table 1.

Commentary in relation to the key portfolio variations is detailed in sections 2.9 to 2.17.

2.9 Inclusive Economy, Business and Skills

Inclusive Economy, Business and Skills	Current Expend. Budget 2022/23 £000 (a)	Current Income Budget 2022/23 £000 (b)	Current Net Budget 2022/23 £000 (c)=(a)+(b)	Forecast Outturn 2022/23 £000 (d)	Variance Q1 2022/23 £000 (e) =(d)-(c)
Children & Young People Department					
Schools - Devolved Budget					
School's Dedicated Budget	115,500	(115,500)	0	0	0
Schools Total	115,500	(115,500)	0	0	0
Non Schools					
Other Expenditure Attributable to Schools	8,202	(2,901)	5,301	5,275	(26)
Early Years Development (incl. PVI's)	8,124	(7,813)	311	311	0
SEND Support for Children	8,807	(7,056)	1,751	1,751	0
Behaviour Support Services	3,659	(3,607)	52	52	0
Home to School/College Transport	3,496	(85)	3,411	3,437	+26
Youth Service	150	(30)	120	120	0
Management & Other Support Services	3,860	(2,177)	1,683	1,683	0
Non Schools Total	36,298	(23,669)	12,629	12,629	0
Total Children & Young People Department	151,798	(138,169)	12,629	12,629	0
Place Services Directorate					
Employment and Skills Initiatives	1,402	(1,033)	369	369	0
Place and Economic Delivery	144	0	144	144	0
Total Place Services	1,546	(1,033)	513	513	0
Total (excl. Schools)	37,844	(24,702)	13,142	13,142	0

2.9.1 The 2022/23 budget contains agreed savings totalling £420k and at this stage the portfolio anticipates that in overall terms these efficiencies will be delivered. It is currently forecast that there will be a pressure in respect of Home to School Transport (£26k). However, this will be temporarily mitigated by an underspend in respect of historical retirement costs associated with school-based staff.

- 2.9.2 In recent years the portfolio has seen significant financial pressures in respect of the high needs block of the ring-fenced Dedicated Schools Grant (DSG). This funding provides financial support for pupils with Statements or Education, Health and Care Plans. This is a situation faced by many local authorities and the Department of Education have allocated additional resources nationally to help alleviate this. The portfolio will closely monitor the position to identify any financial challenges at the earliest opportunity.
- 2.9.3 Following the SEND (Special Educational Need Disabilities) Review commissioned in September 2019, the government have launched a consultation to provide stakeholders with the opportunity to help reform the system. The proposals brought forward include reforms to the funding system to help ensure this additional investment is targeted where it is most needed.
- 2.9.4 It is currently forecast that the portfolio will deliver a balanced budget.

2.10 Children and Young People

Children and Young People	Current Expend. Budget 2022/23 £000 (a)	Current Income Budget 2022/23 £000 (b)	Current Net Budget 2022/23 £000 (c)=(a)+(b)	Forecast Outturn 2022/23 £000 (d)	Variance Q1 2022/23 £000 (e) =(d)-(c)
Social Care and Commissioning Teams	10,807	(391)	10,416	10,416	0
Children Looked After	32,165	(3,994)	28,171	28,356	+185
Child Protection	2,197	(91)	2,106	2,106	0
Children's Centres / Early Help Service	2,141	(674)	1,467	1,467	0
Support for Disabled Children	1,976	(260)	1,716	1,716	0
Family Support Services	2,913	(562)	2,351	2,951	+600
Management & Other Support Services	1,928	(1,829)	99	99	0
Youth Offending Teams	1,311	(753)	558	538	(20)
Total	55,438	(8,554)	46,884	47,649	+765

- 2.10.1 The 2022/23 budget contains a programme of efficiencies totalling £2.739m in relation to the delivery of services associated with looked after children, early help / children's centres and family support. The portfolio continues to closely monitor and assess the delivery of agreed savings alongside identifying temporary mitigating efficiencies to address any pressures that may arise.
- 2.10.2 It is forecast that there will be a budget pressure of approximately £185k in respect of costs associated with the care of children looked after including those young people being supported by the Leaving Care Service. The 2022/23 budget includes efficiencies totalling over £1.560m for these services but the current profile of children and young people being accommodated is resulting in a projected budget pressure. Expenditure in relation to children looked after can be volatile and is impacted by the needs and demographics of service users as the complexity of support required can impact significantly on placement costs. There is also a pressure on family support packages (£600k) designed to help young people remain in the family environment and avoid the need to be brought into more expensive fostering or residential care.

- 2.10.3 It is currently forecast that there is an overall budget pressure of £765k for the portfolio.
- 2.10.4 Subject to Cabinet approval (see separate report on this agenda), additional temporary social worker capacity is being engaged to ensure caseloads are manageable in the short-term. The cost of this additional support is £979k, which is proposed to be funded from the Council's Transformation Reserve as a one-off cost necessary for essential service delivery and improvement. On approval the budget provision will be transferred from reserves into the revenue budget.
- 2.10.5 A children's social care workforce strategy has been developed to address the challenges in respect of the recruitment and retention of qualified social care staff and Delegated Executive Decisions have been submitted in respect of the pay and grading review of social care staff and the creation of assistant social worker posts to relieve the workload pressures of qualified social workers. The associated costs are £345k and £350k respectively, to be funded initially from existing budget provision and available grant funding. The table at 2.10 reflects the costs of these proposals.

2.11 Integrated Care

Integrated Care	Current Expend. Budget 2022/23 £000 (a)	Current Income Budget 2022/23 £000 (b)	Current Net Budget 2022/23 £000 (c)=(a)+(b)	Forecast Outturn 2022/23 £000 (d)	Variance Q1 2022/23 £000 (e) =(d)-(c)
Physical Support - Frail & Elderly	34,055	(19,715)	14,340	14,905	+565
Sensory Support	1,236	(224)	1,012	1,022	+10
Support with Memory & Cognition	13,243	(5,056)	8,187	8,213	+26
Learning Disability Support	32,070	(9,619)	22,451	22,509	+58
Mental Health Support	4,480	(851)	3,629	3,651	+22
Assistive Equipment & Technology	2,978	(2,247)	731	731	0
Care Management - Assessment & Review	8,824	(2,686)	6,138	6,138	0
Transport and Generic Services	1,440	(1,440)	0	0	0
Management & Support Services	5,156	(5,156)	0	0	0
Total	103,482	(46,994)	56,488	57,169	+681

- 2.11.1 Early estimates of service demand and package costs show an anticipated pressure for the portfolio of £681k.
- 2.11.2 The pressure reflects estimates of on-going demand mainly within Domiciliary Care services due to the continued high level of hospital discharge activity. Occupancy in residential and nursing for the over 65 age group remains lower than pre-pandemic levels. However, this is being replaced by higher care activity in community settings.
- 2.11.3 At this point in the year, it is anticipated that budget provision will be adequate to support demand in other service areas and savings across the portfolio, including those outstanding from 2021/22, are expected to be achieved. Work is underway, in conjunction with specific project support, to further develop / revise the demand management strategy further to address in-year pressures.

- 2.11.4 However, there are risks to this position during 2022/23 due to uncertainty in some areas outside of the portfolio's control. The reported position assumes that funding from Health partners to support the initial four weeks of care following hospital discharge will continue throughout the year and that government funding is adequate to deliver both the results of the Fair Cost of Care exercise and the implementation of the Social Care Reforms.
- 2.11.5 The Integrated Care Board (ICB) will be in place from the 1 July 2022. It is expected that 2022/23 will be a year of stability with no changes to Health contributions. As an integrated function, the portfolio continues to work closely with Health colleagues to ascertain any financial impact in future years and in particular continued funding for hospital discharge in 2022/23.
- 2.11.6 A sub-regional approach is being taken to the Fair Cost of Care exercise, the results of which will be known at the half year point, with a level of funding for 2022/23 already having been confirmed. Funding for the implementation of the Social Care Reforms is less certain at this point in the year. A cross-discipline working group has been set up within the portfolio and support is being provided regionally and nationally to understand the potential impact on finances, resources and working practices that these complex set of reforms will bring.
- 2.11.7 There is significant concern across the sector that funding will be insufficient to fully fund the government's plans for social care reforms and this presents a very real risk to the Council's future financial position. In the absence of adequate government funding, campaigns for increased minimum wages for care workers would add further pressure if they prove to be successful.
- 2.11.8 The portfolio has also secured additional funding from Health partners to deliver specific programmes of work during 2022/23. This funding was earmarked at the end of 2021/22 and will be drawn down during the year and reported in subsequent Financial Monitoring Reports.

2.12 Wellbeing, Culture and Heritage
(i) Public Health Services

Public Health Services	Current Expend. Budget 2022/23 £000 (a)	Current Income Budget 2022/23 £000 (b)	Current Net Budget 2022/23 £000 (c)=(a)+(b)	Forecast Outturn 2022/23 £000 (d)	Variance Q1 2022/23 £000 (e) =(d)-(c)
Sexual Health	2,028	0	2,028	2,028	0
Primary Care	101	0	101	101	0
Public Health Advice	613	0	613	613	0
Obesity	1,036	0	1,036	1,036	0
Physical Activity	1,492	0	1,492	1,492	0
Substance Misuse	2,673	0	2,673	2,673	0
Stop Smoking Services and Interventions	549	0	549	549	0
Healthy Child Programme	4,720	0	4,720	4,720	0
Miscellaneous Public Health Services	1,953	(100)	1,853	1,853	0
Management & Support Services	2,056	(2,056)	0	0	0
Public Health Grant	0	(15,065)	(15,065)	(15,065)	0
Total	17,221	(17,221)	0	0	0

- 2.12.1 The uplift to the Public Health Grant for 2022/23 enabled the majority of outstanding savings for 2021/22 to be achieved and the rest of the savings programme is largely on track, with £177k alternative savings to be identified during the year.
- 2.12.2 A small team continues to support the on-going response to the pandemic resourced from the balance of Covid-19 grants paid in previous years.
- 2.12.3 The portfolio has also secured additional funding from Health partners to deliver specific programmes of work during 2022/23. This funding was earmarked at the end of 2021/22 and will be drawn down during the year and reported in subsequent Financial Monitoring Reports.
- 2.12.4 Funding has been made available by the Department for Health and Social Care commencing in 2022/23 to deliver the National Drugs Strategy in St Helens, which the Public Health Team will manage and for which a Cabinet report will follow (see also section 6.1.6).

(ii) Culture and Heritage

Culture and Heritage	Current Expend. Budget 2022/23 £000 (a)	Current Income Budget 2022/23 £000 (b)	Current Net Budget 2022/23 £000 (c)=(a)+(b)	Forecast Outturn 2022/23 £000 (d)	Variance Q1 2022/23 £000 (e) =(d)-(c)
Children's Services Department					
Adult Community Learning	637	(617)	20	20	0
Place Services Department					
Arts Development & Support	485	(40)	445	445	0
Archiving	341	(153)	188	188	0
Sports Development	665	(406)	259	197	(62)
Indoor Sports & Recreation	4,613	(3,332)	1,281	1,844	+563
Outdoor Sports & Recreation	471	(146)	325	325	0
Library Services	2,410	(143)	2,267	2,444	+177
Tourism & Events	291	(26)	265	265	0
Total	9,913	(4,863)	5,050	5,728	+678

- 2.12.5 This area of the portfolio is currently projecting a pressure of £678k.
- 2.12.6. The main area of unachieved saving in the portfolio relates to the implementation of the Localities model (£640k) for both 2021/22 and 2022/23. Vacant posts (£200k) are being held within Libraries and Leisure pending completion of Libraries Strategy and Phase 3 restructure to partly mitigate against the delay in implementation. The Libraries Strategy Adoption Report is scheduled to be on the same agenda as this report and the delivery of the locality hubs is phased over 1-5 years.
- 2.12.7 In addition, Indoor Sports & Recreation are currently projecting an income shortfall of £365k across membership and causal income. Fitness classes are below numbers, and it is anticipated that as class numbers return this forecast position may improve. Savings from the closure of Parr (£122k) partly offset the income shortfall.

2.13 Finance and Governance

Finance and Governance	Current Expend. Budget 2022/23 £000 (a)	Current Income Budget 2022/23 £000 (b)	Current Net Budget 2022/23 £000 (c)=(a)+(b)	Forecast Outturn 2022/23 £000 (d)	Variance Q1 2022/23 £000 (e) =(d)-(c)
Local Tax Collection	2,419	(847)	1,572	1,562	(10)
Emergency Planning	117	0	117	117	0
Local Welfare Assistance Schemes	192	0	192	192	0
Grants & Donations	50	-3	47	47	0
Non-Distributed Costs	2,105	0	2,105	2,045	(60)
Finance	8,117	-8,117	0	0	0
Audit & Risk	748	(748)	0	0	0
Coroners Court Services	220	0	220	220	0
Registration of Births, Deaths & Marriages	261	(199)	62	62	0
Democratic Representation & Management	1,721	0	1,721	1,721	0
Elections	471	(3)	468	468	0
Human Resources	2,916	(2,916)	0	0	0
Legal Services	1,546	-1,546	0	0	0
Governance & Administration	234	(234)	0	0	0
Total	21,117	(14,613)	6,504	6,434	(70)

2.13.1 Based upon current vacancies within the portfolios the slippage budgets for some services would not be met. However, from previous years' experience, it is expected that vacancies will arise as the year progresses due to staff movement and therefore targets will be met.

2.13.2 There is a forecast underspend of £60k for historical pension costs.

2.13.3 Savings within the portfolio are linked to the outcome of the Phase 3 restructure which will be quantified during 2022/23. In the interim, mitigating actions will be taken to minimise spend on supplies and services through improved procurement processes and review of non-essential expenditure to meet the savings target.

2.14 Transformation

Transformation	Current Expend. Budget 2022/23 £000 (a)	Current Income Budget 2022/23 £000 (b)	Current Net Budget 2022/23 £000 (c)=(a)+(b)	Forecast Outturn 2022/23 £000 (d)	Variance Q1 2022/23 £000 (e) =(d)-(c)
Corporate Management	1,464	0	1,464	1,464	0
I.T.	9,939	(9,939)	0	0	0
Press and Public Affairs	1,005	(1,005)	0	0	0
Policy Development	2,100	(2,100)	0	(13)	(13)
Other Services	129	(129)	0	0	0
Corporate Training	887	(887)	0	0	0
Total	15,524	(14,060)	1,464	1,451	(13)

- 2.14.1 Based upon current vacancies within the portfolios the slippage budgets for some services would not be met. However, from previous years' experience, it is expected that vacancies will arise as the year progresses due to staff movement and therefore targets will be met.
- 2.14.2 Savings within the portfolio are linked to the outcome of the Phase 3 restructure which will be quantified during 2022/23. In the interim, mitigating actions will be taken to minimise spend on supplies and services through improved procurement processes and review of non-essential expenditure to meet the savings target.

2.15 Environment and Transport

Environment and Transport	Current Expend. Budget 2022/23 £000 (a)	Current Income Budget 2022/23 £000 (b)	Current Net Budget 2022/23 £000 (c)=(a)+(b)	Forecast Outturn 2022/23 £000 (d)	Variance Q1 2022/23 £000 (e) =(d)-(c)
Parks & Open Spaces	2,360	(79)	2,281	2,470	+189
Street Cleansing	1,809	(170)	1,639	1,647	+8
Cemetery and Crematorium	1,629	(2,506)	(877)	(875)	+2
Waste Collection	3,035	(654)	2,381	2,304	(77)
Recycling	6,525	(2,765)	3,760	3,960	+200
Climate Change	187	(25)	162	162	0
Parking Services	1,409	(1,150)	259	262	+3
Highway Maintenance	11,042	(1,859)	9,183	8,874	(309)
Street Lighting	2,110	(158)	1,952	1,947	(5)
Traffic Management & Road Safety	836	(211)	625	688	+63
Direct Services	18,329	(18,365)	(36)	397	+433
Management & Support Services	1,761	(1,761)	0	0	0
Councillor Improvement Fund	224	0	224	224	0
Total	51,256	(29,703)	21,553	22,060	+507

- 2.15.1 The portfolio is currently projecting an overspend of £507k.
- 2.15.2 The non-achievement of staffing savings is currently being partly offset by vacant posts across the portfolio being held to mitigate the impact of the delay in the implementation of the Phase 3 restructure.
- 2.15.3 There is currently a projected shortfall in income (£270k) for the Grounds Maintenance Service which is due to limited capacity to deliver external contract work. It is anticipated that this position may improve following the implementation of Phase 3 restructure and recruitment is undertaken.
- 2.15.4 There is a forecast pressure within the transport service of £226k due to the increasing cost of fuel. In June 2021 the price per unit for diesel was £0.94, this has increased by 50% to an average price per unit in May 2022 of £1.41. This forecast assumes a similar level of throughput to 2021/22 and prices remain at the current level.
- 2.15.5 Volatility in the market caused by inflation and the conflict in the Ukraine is expected to impact on service budgets, particularly in relation to food costs and the availability of other commodities, for example vehicle parts. Whilst the pressure remains unquantified at this

stage, expenditure will be closely monitored throughout the coming months and any financial impact will be included in future Financial Monitoring Reports.

2.16 Regeneration and Planning

Regeneration and Planning	Current Expend. Budget 2022/23 £000 (a)	Current Income Budget 2022/23 £000 (b)	Current Net Budget 2022/23 £000 (c)=(a)+(b)	Forecast Outturn 2022/23 £000 (d)	Variance Q1 2022/23 £000 (e) = (d)-(c)
Building Control	692	(359)	333	333	0
Development Control	1,458	(936)	522	573	+51
Planning Policy	814	(175)	639	639	0
Estates - Industrial & Commercial Premises (including Town Centre)	5,446	(4,961)	485	555	+70
Market Undertakings	838	(357)	481	513	+32
Economic Development	420	(140)	280	380	+100
Growth Delivering Prosperity	858	0	858	858	0
Management & Support Services	1,213	(1,213)	0	0	0
Transport Planning, Policy & Strategy	439	0	439	439	0
Building Support Services	6,366	(6,336)	0	0	0
Estates Management	668	(668)	0	0	0
Total	19,212	(15,175)	4,037	4,290	+253

2.16.1 The portfolio is currently projecting an overspend of £253k. The non-achievement of staffing savings is currently partly being offset by vacant posts being held to mitigate the impact of the delay in the implementation of the Phase 3 restructure.

2.16.2 The impact of increased energy costs will be monitored during the year, and it is anticipated the current budget provision will not be sufficient to meet rising costs. The portfolio will monitor this closely and an updated position will be provided in the next Financial Monitoring Report.

2.17 Safer, Stronger Communities

Safer, Stronger Communities	Current Expend. Budget 2022/23 £000 (a)	Current Income Budget 2022/23 £000 (b)	Current Net Budget 2022/23 £000 (c)=(a)+(b)	Forecast Outturn 2022/23 £000 (d)	Variance Q1 2022/23 £000 (e) = (d)-(c)
Housing Services	2,598	(1,940)	658	669	+11
Homelessness	727	(454)	273	273	0
Housing Benefit Administration	49,668	(49,684)	(16)	(16)	0
Supporting People	5,074	0	5,074	5,010	(64)
Community Safety	1,967	(600)	1,367	1,360	(7)
Environmental Health	1,625	(504)	1,121	1,225	+104
Trading Standards	598	(15)	583	533	(50)
Licencing & Land Charges	628	(664)	(36)	(8)	+28
Total	62,885	(53,861)	9,024	9,046	+22

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- 2.17.1 The portfolio is currently projecting an underspend of £22k. The non-achievement of staffing savings is currently being offset by vacant posts being held to mitigate the impact of the implementation of the Phase 3 restructure.
- 2.17.2 The budget saving against the supporting people programme (£245k) has been achieved as a result of the awarding of two-year contracts to providers for the period 2021- 2023. In addition, based on current forecast activity levels there is a budget underspend of £64k.
- 2.17.3 There is a forecast income shortfall within the Environmental Health Service of £105k which is in relation to the failure to meet income targets in the Environmental Warden Service.

SECTION 3: IMPLEMENTATION OF 2022/23 SAVINGS PROPOSALS AND OUTSTANDING 2021/22 SAVING PROPOSALS

- 3.1 The Council's 2022/23 budget was approved by Council on 2 March 2022, and in setting the budget members agreed to the delivery of £6.044m savings during the year across all portfolios.
- 3.2 At this stage it is forecast, savings of £1.444m (23.89%) may not be fully delivered in the year due to delays in implementation or savings not being achievable. Management is reviewing the plans for these savings to either ensure the savings are made or to identify alternative options to address that risk. Table 2 below details the forecast position with regard to the deliverability of 2022/23 savings.

Table 2- Progress of Budget Savings Proposals 2022/23	Total Saving 2022/23 £000	Saving Achievable 2022/23 £000	Slippage on Saving 2022/23 £000	Saving not Achievable 2022/23 £000
Children's Services	3,159	2,369	790	-
Integrated Care	733	733	-	-
Public Health	752	621	68	63
Place Services	1,191	770	421	-
Corporate Services	209	107	102	-
Total	6,044	4,600	1,381	63

- 3.3 It must be noted that savings considered deliverable in the year would present a significant financial risk should the saving fail to be implemented. It is critical that action plans continue to be identified, reviewed and implemented to ensure all savings are managed and delivered during 2022/23.
- 3.4 There is one saving (£63k) within the Public Health Service considered not achievable which is linked to support for the affordable Warmth Service. Given the current increases in energy costs and the impact on the borough's residents funding for this service is required at the current level. Options for a permanent alternative saving are being explored.
- 3.5 Within Children's Services, there is some forecast slippage (£790k) against savings targets, most notably in relation to Early Help and Family Support services. Sections 2.9 and 2.10 provide additional commentary. The department continues to actively progress service reviews and is seeking to limit and mitigate the financial pressures arising from delays in implementation.
- 3.6 Within Place Services, there has been a delay in the delivery of some savings, particularly in relation to the delivery of a localities model and service reviews and reductions in staffing costs. Vacant posts are being held to mitigate the impact pending the implementation of the Phase 3 structure. Sections 2.12, 2.15, 2.16 and 2.17 provide further detail.
- 3.7 There is a potential delay in the delivery of savings within the two Corporate Services portfolios as these are linked to the outcome of the Phase 3 restructure. Management have identified mitigating actions to manage the savings target during 2022/23 and Sections 2.13 and 2.14 provide further commentary.
- 3.8 Annex C details the deliverability of savings for 2022/23 by type of saving proposal.

- 3.9 In addition to the delivery of the 2022/23 savings, it should be noted that there was a delay in the implementation of a number of 2021/22 savings. For 2021/22 management identified one-off savings to mitigate the full financial impact on the 2021/22 outturn position. Table 3 below provides a summary of the anticipated impact on the 2022/23 budget position.

Table 3 - Progress of Budget Savings Proposals 2022/23	Total Saving 2022/23 £000	Saving Achievable 2022/23 £000	Slippage on Saving 2022/23 £000	Saving not Achievable 2022/23 £000
Children's Services	799	799	-	-
Integrated Care	917	717	-	200
Public Health	389	343	-	46
Place Services	1,594	1,298	296	-
Total	3,699	3,157	296	246

- 3.10 At this stage, 14.7% of unachieved 2021/22 savings (£0.542m), continue to present a degree of risk to the Council's financial position and it is crucial that action plans are addressed and implemented to ensure savings are delivered in full during 2022/23 or alternative savings identified for those now considered to be unachievable.
- 3.11 The unachievable savings in Integrated Care and Public Health relate to commissioned services, particularly within the voluntary sector. Work is ongoing to identify permanent alternative savings.
- 3.12 Within Place Services the slippage on savings relates to the delivery of a locality model. Section 2.12 provides additional commentary.

SECTION 4: CAPITAL PROGRAMME 2022/23 to 2024/25

- 4.1 The capital budget has been updated to reflect the outturn position for 2021/22 (subject to audit), as reported to Cabinet on 22 June 2022. In addition, other key revisions to the programme this quarter relate to:
- (i) Confirmations in relation to a number of school capital grants from the Department for Education
 - (ii) Updates to the Highways Capital programme to reflect the funding detailed in the Cabinet report approved on 22 June 2022
 - (iii) Creation of additional places for pupils with autism at De La Salle High School as detailed in the Cabinet report approved on 23 March 2022
- 4.2 In setting the 2022/23 budget, a number of potential strategic pipeline capital investment schemes were identified and would be subject to detailed feasibility and design work, prior to being further considered for approval. A number of these schemes have been approved and have been included within the programme this quarter. Funding for these schemes is by borrowing. The following schemes have been added to the capital programme:
- (i) Chalon Way
Delegated Executive Decision 0098 2021/22 approved £185k to progress future use for the former Chalon Way car park site
 - (ii) External Refurbishment of Earlestown Town Hall
Delegated Executive Decision 0090 2021/22 approved £87k additional funding for External Repairs at Earlestown Town Hall. Cabinet had previously approved the scheme at its meeting on 2 February 2022
 - (iii) Land Remediation Works
Land remediation works were approved via Delegated Executive Decision 0084 2021/22 in the sum of £241k
 - (iv) Fleet Replacement Programme
Cabinet approved additional £3.788m investment for vehicle and plant replacement at its meeting on 20 April 2022
- 4.3 Other pipeline schemes will be added to the programme at quarter 2 and 3 subject to the required approval being secured.
- 4.4 Other Capital Funding
- (i) DEFRA Air Quality
At its meeting on 23 March 2022 Cabinet approved acceptance of £650k from the Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs (DEFRA) following a successful bid for funding to set up a programme to provide business grants to retrofit or replace high polluting vehicles with low or zero emission alternatives.

- 4.5 Table 4 presents a summary of the Council's current 3-year capital programme. The detailed programme is provided at Annex F.

Table 4 - Capital Programme 2022/23 to 2024/25	2022/23 £000	2023/24 £000	2024/25 £000
Inclusive, Economy, Business and Skills	19,384	4,060	1,300
Children and Young People	19	0	0
Integrated Care	25	0	0
Wellbeing, Culture and Heritage	485	0	0
Transformation	1,112	180	0
Environment and Transport	50,860	25,520	6,900
Regeneration and Planning	3,841	20	20
Safer, Stronger Communities	5,237	4,296	3,148
Total	80,963	34,076	11,368
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Grants and Other Contributions	62,468	19,174	10,648
Capital Receipts	2,898	592	20
Revenue Contribution	2,028	0	0
Borrowing	13,569	14,310	700
Total	80,963	34,076	11,368

- 4.6 The increasing level of inflation presents a significant financial challenge on the approved capital programme and for the potential 'pipeline' capital investment schemes which have been identified and are subject to detailed feasibility and design work prior to further consideration for approval.
- 4.7 For the period March 2021 to March 2022 the percentage increase for public (excluding housing) construction costs increased by 6%. The extent to which inflation will impact on capital contracts is subject to continued financial modelling and further detailed analysis. Whilst RPI and CPI are standard measures based on a typical basket of goods, a detailed analysis per capital scheme will enhance robust forecasting based on the specific nature of costs and the contractual position for each scheme.
- 4.8 For a number of schemes within the current capital programme grant income is the only or most significant form of funding. Grant income maybe for specific one-off projects or an annual allocation of funding, for example, school condition funding or disabled facilities grants. In the absence of additional funding being made available from central government, in the current inflationary environment, existing and potential additional schemes may require redesign to stay within budget, and there is a risk some projects will have to be deferred to future years due to lack of funding / resource availability in a period of inflated costs.

SECTION 5: RESERVES AND BALANCES

5.1 **General Balances**

The general balances position at 31 March 2022 is forecast to be as follows, having regard to the net current forecast outturn position as detailed in Table 1.

Table 5 – General Balances	Original Estimate £000	Forecast Outturn £000
General Balances at 1 April 2022	12,000	13,423
Net Position 2022/23	-	(3,110)
General Balances at 31 March 2023	12,000	10,313

The Council recognises that the level of reserves it should maintain must be set having regard to its future sustainability, priorities, and the operational and financial risks facing the authority. The Council's Reserve Strategy is included within the *Medium-Term Financial Strategy 2022-2025 and Revenue and Capital Budget 2022/23* report considered by Cabinet on 23 February 2022 and approved by Council on 2 March 2022.

5.2 **General Earmarked Balances**

The forecast position in relation to General Earmarked Balances at 31 March 2023 is provided in Table 6. The position with regard to Covid-19 balances is provided in table 7. Annex D details approved use of General Earmarked Balances during the period and Annex E provides details of General Earmarked Balances to 2024/25.

Table 6 – General Earmarked Balances	£000
General Earmarked Balances at 1 April 2022	48,675
Transfer to / (from) during the year	(696)
Forecast General Earmarked Balances at 31 March 2023	47,979

- 5.2.1 The Medium Term Financial Strategy 2022-2025 and Revenue and Capital Budget 2022/23 approved by Council on 2 March 2022 detailed the creation of a new Pensions Reserve to provide the opportunity to realise future savings from the prepayment of pension liabilities to Merseyside Pension Fund (MPF) following the actuarial revaluation of the Pension Fund. Work on the revaluation is ongoing between MPF and their appointed actuary.
- 5.2.2 In addition, the MTFs allowed for a number of reserves to be rationalised in order to focus on the delivery of the Council's priorities in the medium to longer term.
- 5.2.3 Annex E provides further details on the forecast level of general earmarked reserves to March 2025.

Table 7 – Covid Earmarked Balances	Collection Fund £000	Other £000
Covid Earmarked Balances at 1 April 2022	8,565	9,336
Transfer to / (from) during the year	(8,076)	(3,000)
Forecast Covid Earmarked Balances at 31 March 2023	489	6,336

5.3 Schools Balances

The projected position reflects schools' current spending plans for the financial year, as approved by the individual governing bodies.

Table 8 – School Balances	£000
School Balances at 1 April 2022	12,648
Forecast Net Position 2022/23	452
Forecast School Balances at 31 March 2023	13,100

5.4 Usable Capital Receipts

Table 9 – Usable Capital Receipts	£000
Capital Receipts brought forward at 1 April 2022	20,817
Receipts generated in year to date from land, property and fleet sales	0
Receipts set-aside for the Land and Property Acquisition Fund	(10,000)
Receipts set aside to resource the Transformation Programme where the use of flexibilities can be applied (Council 2 March 2022)	(1,000)
Receipts from the repayment of Council grants and loans ring-fenced for future years' Housing Programme	(148)
Required to fund Capital Programme 2022/23 to 2024/25 *	(3,510)
Available Balance (after taking commitments into account)	6,159

* Excludes building demolition costs at Redbank School site as detailed in the Cabinet Report of the 8th January 2019. The costs of demolition subsequently being reimbursed to the capital receipts reserve upon any future disposal of the site by Redbank Schools Ltd.

SECTION 6: OTHER FINANCIAL MONITORING MATTERS

6.1 External Grant Funding

6.1.1 Local Authority Domestic Abuse Duty

The Domestic Abuse Act 2021 places new duties on local authorities for the provision of safe accommodation. The Council has been awarded £438k for 2022/23. Further details are provided in Delegated Executive Decision 0107 2021/22.

6.1.2 Council Tax Rebate

The Department for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities (DLUHC) have provided an initial New Burdens payment of £104k to fund Councils for the early set up costs related to the implementation of the scheme.

6.1.3 Household Support Fund

A report was approved by Cabinet on 30 June 2022 regarding the extension of the Household Support Fund until 30 September 2022. The purpose of the funding is to provide help to residents who would otherwise struggle to buy food, pay essential utility bills or meet other essential living costs. St Helens has received a grant allocation from the Department for Work and Pensions of £1,780k for the 6 month period.

6.1.4 Independent Living Fund (ILF)

The Medium Term Financial Strategy 2022-2025 and Revenue and Capital Budget 2022/23 reported that there had been no Government confirmation as to whether ILF funding would continue for 2022/23. Confirmation has now been received that the grant will continue at the same levels as 2021/22, with St Helens allocated £1.082m.

6.1.5 Adult Social Care Charging Reform - Implementation Support Grant

A grant of £98k has been provided to support councils to prepare for the social care charging reform to be introduced from October 2023. It has been stated that further funding will be made available in 2023/24.

6.1.6 Drug and Alcohol Treatment Funding

In 2022/23, additional grant funding is being made available to support Councils and partners to enhance drug and alcohol treatment systems. St Helens will receive a total of £700k, including £58k for inpatient detoxification. It has been advised that further funding will be made available in future years, and confirmation of the allocations are to be confirmed by the Department of Health and Social Care. A separate Cabinet report will be presented in relation to this matter.

6.2 Hardshaw Shopping Centre

Following acquisition of the Hardshaw Centre in January of this year, agents were instructed to engage with all tenants to progress vacant possession of the Centre. Over the past 6 months, progress has been made with several business having agreed relocations to Church Square Shopping Centre, whilst other negotiations are ongoing and are likely to extend the vacant possession timescales. There will be a financial impact of any delays and work is currently on-going to determine the full impact during 2022/23, whilst the MTFs will be updated to reflect the future forecast financial position.

SECTION 7: TREASURY MANAGEMENT POSITION STATEMENT

7.1 A summary of the Council's Treasury position at the end of the reporting period is included in Table 10. The Treasury Management Position Statement is included in Annex G.

Table 10 – Treasury Management Position	As at 1 April 2022	As at Current Period
Investments Outstanding	£154.1m	£171.0m
Investment Returns (average for the year to date)	-	0.66%
Benchmark Returns	-	1.48%
Borrowing	£140.6m	£140.6m

SECTION 8: PERFORMANCE 2021/22

- 8.1 The link that exists between budgets, business planning and delivery and performance targets is critical to the achievement of the Council's desired outcomes for both the organisation and the community.
- 8.2 In 2021/22, performance management in the Council was driven by and focused around achieving the six strategic priorities and related outcomes outlined in the Our Borough Strategy 2021-30.
- 8.3 The Council's Performance Outturn for 2021/22 demonstrates areas of strong performance whilst highlighting areas where the Council is not yet meeting ambitious targets to deliver its high aspirations.
- 8.4 In summary, 64% of performance indicator targets have been either exceeded, met fully, or met within 95% of target. Although the majority of performance indicators have been impacted to varying degrees by the Covid-19 pandemic, over 61% of all indicators saw an improved performance trend or maintained the same level of performance in 2021/22 compared to the previous year. Performance improvement in relation to the children's services priority was particularly strong with 3 quarters of indicators demonstrating improved performance.
- 8.5 St Helens' inter-authority performance compared to other similar councils demonstrates a mixed picture with 43% of performance indicators in the top or second quartile, but more than a third in the bottom quartile. The position reflects some of St Helens ongoing challenges, largely in relation to public health within the borough and children's services. However, it is anticipated that the ongoing improvement demonstrated over the course of 2021/022 will improve St Helens' performance position relative to others.
- 8.6 The detailed Council's Performance Outturn report for 2021/22 is scheduled as an agenda item for the same Cabinet meeting as this report. The first quarter's Performance Report for 2022/23 is scheduled to be presented to Cabinet on 4 September 2022 and a summary of this will report will be included in Quarter 2 Financial Monitoring Report.

Budget Movements since the previous reporting period**Annex A**

PORTFOLIO	Approved Budget	Carry Forward/ RCCO	Carry Forward/ Acceleration of Earmarked Reserves	Release of Grants / CCG Funding	Use of Reserves in Period	*Technical & Accounting Adjustments	Current Budget
	£000	£000	£000	£000	£000	£000	£000
	*1	*2	*3	*4	*5	*6	
Inclusive Economy, Business and Skills	12,663	211	158	-	-	110	13,142
Children and Young People	46,857	-	12	-	-	15	46,884
Integrated Care	56,452	-	0	-	-	36	56,488
Wellbeing, Culture and Heritage	4,714	-	215	89	25	7	5,050
Finance and Governance	6,443	-	(36)	-	-	97	6,504
Transformation	1,448	-	61	150	-	(195)	1,464
Environment and Transport	21,392	-	58	80	-	23	21,553
Regeneration and Planning	3,483	30	431	117	-	(24)	4,037
Safer, Stronger Communities	8,513	46	14	443	-	8	9,024
TOTAL DIRECTORATE BUDGETS	161,965	287	913	879	25	77	164,146
Council Wide Budgets	(161,965)	-	(913)	(879)	(25)	(77)	(163,859)
Net Position 2022/23	0	287	0	0	0	0	287

*1 Approved budget – Council, 2 March 2022

*2 Approved budget carry forward from 2021/22 for revenue and capital commitments continuing into 2022/23 (see Section 2.7)

*3 Approved earmarked reserve carry forward from 2021/22 into 2022/23 and acceleration of earmarked reserves from 2022/23 into 2021/2221 (see Section 2.7)

*4 Approved earmarking of unconditional grants / CCG Funding for commitments in 2022/23 (See section 2.7)

*5 Use of earmarked reserves during the period (see Annex D)

*6 Neutral technical and accounting adjustments (e.g. recharges)

Annex BPortfolio Budgets on a Priority Basis

	Current Net Budget 2022/23 £000	Forecast Outturn 2022/23 £000	Variance 2022/23 £000
Priority 1 – Ensure children and young people have a positive start in life	59,513	60,278	+765
Priority 2 – Promote good health, independence, and care across our communities	56,488	57,169	+681
Priority 3 – Create safe and strong communities and neighbourhoods for all	9,024	9,046	+22
Priority 4 – Support a strong, thriving, inclusive and well-connected local economy	4,829	5,085	+256
Priority 5 – Create green vibrant places that reflect our heritage and culture	26,977	28,157	+1,180
Priority 6 – Be a responsible Council	7,315	7,234	(81)
Total	164,146	166,969	+2,823

Annex C

Nature of Saving Proposal 2022/23	Total 2022-23 £000	Green £000	Amber £000	Red £000
Integrated Care Service Reviews				
- Learning Disability Service Reviews	417	417	-	-
- Commissioned Services	191	191	-	-
- Care Packages	125	125	-	-
Total Integrated Care	733	733	-	-
Children's Social Care Service Reviews				
- Residential and Foster Care Placement /Young People Leaving Care	1,560	1,560	-	-
- Children's Centres and Early Help Services	700	415	285	-
- Family Support Services	479	-	479	-
Total Children's Social Care	2,739	1,975	764	*
Children's Services Service Reviews				
- Education Services	145	119	26	-
- Young People's Services	150	150	-	-
- Department Wide	125	125	-	-
Total Children's Services	420	394	26	-
Public Health Service Reviews				
- Review of Public Health Funded Programmes	752	621	68	63
Total Public Health	752	621	68	63
Place Service Reviews				
- Councillor Improvement Fund	75	75	-	-
- Department Wide Service Reviews	771	400	371	-
- Supporting People	245	245	-	-
- Other	100	50	50	-
Total Place Services	1,191	770	421	-
Corporate Service Reviews				
- Department Wide	209	107	102	-
Total Corporate Services	209	107	102	-
TOTAL	6,044	4,600	1,381	63

Utilisation of Earmarked Reserves during the period

Annex D

This table details the approved decisions to utilise Earmarked Reserves in 2022/23 during the period				
Portfolio / Corporate Items	Reserve	Detail	Decision Reference	Cash Limit Change 2022/23 £000
Wellbeing, Culture and Heritage	Transformation Reserve	Undertake a feasibility study for a locality hub.	ENVP002310	+25
Wellbeing, Culture and Heritage	Funding Reform and Volatility Reserve & Transformation Reserve	Release of Unringfenced Grants and Contributions earmarked in March 2022 to support specific programmes of work	Cabinet 22 June 2022	+89
Transformation				+150
Safer, Stronger Communities				+443
Environment and Transport				+80
Regeneration and Planning				+117
Total				+904

EARMARKED BALANCES 2022/23 to 2024/25

Reserve	Balance at 31 March 2022 £000	Balance at 1 April 2022 £000	Balance at 31 March 2023 £000	Balance at 31 March 2024 £000	Balance at 31 March 2025 £000
Transformation Reserve ^{1 3}	17,859	8,056	6,109	5,602	5,852
Growth Reserve	5,930	5,930	6,009	6,057	7,113
Essential Equipment Fund	1,305	0	0	0	0
Councillor Improvement Fund	576	576	452	452	452
Insurance & Contingent Liability Reserve	5,208	3,208	3,208	3,208	3,208
Waste Management Development Fund	1,204	1,204	312	312	312
Inflationary Reserve	3,000	3,000	4,000	5,000	6,000
Community Improvement Reserve	892	0	0	0	0
Restructuring Reserve	3,707	3,707	3,707	3,707	3,707
Funding Reform Volatility Reserve ¹	8,994	2,994	4,181	6,181	8,181
Pension Reserve ³	0	20,000	20,000	0	10,000
Subtotal - General Earmarked Balances	48,675	48,675	47,978	30,519	44,825
Covid-19 Reserve - Collection Fund ²	8,565	8,565	489	0	0
Covid-19 Reserve - Other	9,336	9,336	6,336	4,336	0
TOTAL	66,576	66,576	54,803	34,855	44,825

¹ The balance as at 31 March 2022 includes earmarking of unconditional grants and contributions and other previously approved requests for use in 2022/23 to deliver specific programmes of work (£1,833k). At the time of drafting this report, £879k has been released into revenue budgets in 2022/23, as detailed in Annex D) and £954k remains in earmarked reserves.

² The table above includes the sum required to be set aside in the Covid-19 reserve as at 31 March 2022 to compensate the Council for the Collection Fund deficit arising from the Government introducing additional Business Rate reliefs, and a consequent reduction in the Council's Business Rate income in 2021/22.

³ The Transformation Reserve balance at 31 March 2022 is higher than that projected in previous financial reports, including the MTFS 2022-2025 and Revenue and Capital Budget 2022/23.

Originally, it was anticipated that temporary use of reserve balances would be required to facilitate an early payment of Pension Liabilities to the Merseyside Pension Fund in 2021/22, which would generate savings to the Council. The use of the reserve was subsequently not required.

The table above is prepared on the basis that use of the Pension Reserve will be required to facilitate early payment of Pension Liabilities in 2023/24, with subsequent repayment in 2024/25 & 2025/26.

CAPITAL PROGRAMME SUMMARY 2022/23 TO 2024/25

PORTFOLIO	Capital Programme				Funding			
	2022/23	2023/24	2024/25	Total	Borrowing	Capital Receipts	Revenue	Grants / Conts.
	£000	£000	£003	£000	£000	£000	£000	£000
Inclusive Economy, Business and Skills	19,384	4,060	1,300	24,744	2,830	784	154	20,976
Children and Young People	19	0	0	19	0	0	0	19
Integrated Care	25	0	0	25	0	0	0	25
Wellbeing, Culture and Heritage	485	0	0	485	483	0	2	0
Transformation	1,112	180	0	1,292	0	528	764	0
Environment and Transport	50,860	25,520	6,900	83,280	20,469	1,696	1,032	60,083
Regeneration and Planning	3,841	20	20	3,881	3,741	110	30	0
Safer, Stronger Communities	5,237	4,296	3,148	12,681	1,056	392	46	11,187
TOTAL	80,963	34,076	11,368	126,407	28,579	3,510	2,028	92,290

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INCLUSIVE ECONOMY, BUSINESS & SKILLS PORTFOLIO	Capital Programme				Funding			
	2022/23	2023/24	2024/25	Total	Borrowing	Capital Receipts	Revenue	Grants / Conts.
	£000	£000	£000	£000	£000	£000	£000	£000
Primary Schools								
Ashurst Primary Rebuild	6,586	750	0	7,336	0	0	0	7,336
Bleak Hill Roof Repairs	50	0	0	50	0	0	0	50
Legh Vale Heating Replacement	50	0	0	50	0	0	0	50
Longton Lane Rebuilding Programme	150	0	0	150	0	0	0	150
Queens Park Window Replacement	92	0	0	92	0	0	0	92
Queens Park Roof Replacement	100	0	0	100	0	0	0	100
Robins Lane Health & Safety Works	50	0	0	50	0	0	0	50
Sutton Manor Health & Safety Works	50	0	0	50	0	0	0	50
SEND base Wargrave/Grange Valley Partnership	172	0	0	172	0	0	62	110
Other Schemes less than £50k	260	0	0	260	0	0	0	260
Secondary Schools								
Cowley Roof Replacement	60	0	0	60	0	0	0	60
De La Salle SEND Base	944	0	0	944	0	0	0	944
Other Schemes less than £50k	13	0	0	13	0	0	7	6
Special & Other Schools								
Launchpad Roof Renewal	100	0	0	100	0	0	0	100
Penkford Relocation	3,691	0	0	3,691	2,822	784	85	0
Other Schemes less than £50k	67	0	0	67	8	0	0	59
Other Schemes								
Various Schools Fire Risks	89	0	0	89	0	0	0	89
Other Schemes less than £50k	86	0	0	86	0	0	0	86
Uncommitted Grant Funding								
Healthy Pupils Capital Funding	125	0	0	125	0	0	0	125
School Devolved Formula Capital	752	300	300	1,352	0	0	0	1,352
Higher Needs Provision Capital	1,654	2,010	0	3,664	0	0	0	3,664
Basic Need Uncommitted	738	0	0	738	0	0	0	738
School Condition Funding Uncommitted	3,505	1,000	1,000	5,505	0	0	0	5,505
TOTAL	19,384	4,060	1,300	24,744	2,830	784	154	20,976
CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE PORTFOLIO	2022/23	2023/24	2025/26	Total	Borrowing	Capital Receipts	Revenue	Grants / Conts.
	£000	£000	£000	£000	£000	£000	£000	£000
Children and Families Accommodation	19	0	0	19	0	0	0	19
TOTAL	19	0	0	19	0	0	0	19
INTEGRATED CARE PORTFOLIO	2022/23	2023/24	2025/26	Total	Borrowing	Capital Receipts	Revenue	Grants / Conts.
	£000	£000	£000	£000	£000	£000	£000	£000
Unallocated Community Capacity Grant	25	0	0	25	0	0	0	25
TOTAL	25	0	0	25	0	0	0	25

WELLBEING, CULTURE AND HERITAGE PORTFOLIO
Astro-Turf Pitch St Augustines
Libraries ICT Refresh
Newton Le Willows Health and Fitness Centre Equipment
Sutton Leisure Centre - Swimming Provision
TOTAL

2022/23	2023/24	2025/26	Total
£000	£000	£000	£000
2	0	0	2
44	0	0	44
65	0	0	65
374	0	0	374
485	0	0	485

Borrowing	Capital Receipts	Revenue	Grants / Conts.
£000	£000	£000	£000
0	0	2	0
44	0	0	0
65	0	0	0
374	0	0	0
483	0	2	0

TRANSFORMATION PORTFOLIO
ICT Device Refresh
TOTAL

2022/23	2023/24	2025/26	Total
£000	£000	£000	£000
1,112	180	0	1,292
1,112	180	0	1,292

Borrowing	Capital Receipts	Revenue	Grants / Conts.
£000	£000	£000	£000
0	528	764	0
0	528	764	0

ENVIRONMENT AND TRANSPORT PORTFOLIO
Highway Schemes
A49 to M6 Junction 22 Link Road
A58 Liverpool Rd/A580 East Lancs Rd Junct.Impvts (Pewfall). KRN (Employment Hubs)
Accessibility Improvements Supporting Regeneration
Active Travel Fund - Tranche 1
Active Travel Fund - Tranche 2
Active Travel Fund - Tranche 3
Bridge Strengthening & Maintenance
Carriageway Maintenance
Highways Challenge Fund
Highway / Road Investment
Key Route Network
LCR Sustainable Urban Development
Local Safety Schemes
Local Transport Plan Unallocated (CRSTS)
CRSTS- Active Travel-City Region
CRSTS- Strategic Maintenance
CRSTS - Bridges
CRSTS - Technology & Comms Upgrade
CRSTS - Potholes
CRSTS - Flooding / Drainage
Safer Routes to Schools
SCP - Amber Flashing Lights
Section 106 Arrangements
St. Helens Southern Gateway Package
Street Lighting
Traffic Calming & Restraint
Traffic Signal Improvements on A58 and A572
Walking & Cycling Measures
Environmental Schemes
Air Quality
Climate Change Emergency Response Fund
Haydock KGV Playing Field- Site Improvements
Recycling & Waste Collection
Section 106 Arrangements (Non-Highway Schemes)
St. Helens Cemetery-Drainage Scheme
Play Equipment (S.106) Rainhill
Other Schemes
Fleet Replacement Programme
TOTAL

2022/23	2023/24	2025/26	Total
£000	£000	£000	£000
25,664	18,620	0	44,284
13	0	0	13
38	0	0	38
24	0	0	24
551	0	0	551
2,329	0	0	2,329
210	0	0	210
44	0	0	44
94	0	0	94
453	0	0	453
578	0	0	578
115	0	0	115
165	0	0	165
0	6,200	6,200	12,400
600	0	0	600
3,200	0	0	3,200
600	0	0	600
900	0	0	900
300	0	0	300
600	0	0	600
152	0	0	152
10	0	0	10
81	0	0	81
4,642	0	0	4,642
77	0	0	77
31	0	0	31
497	0	0	497
30	0	0	30
650	0	0	650
59	0	0	59
151	0	0	151
489	0	0	489
53	0	0	53
11	0	0	11
40	0	0	40
7,409	700	700	8,809
50,860	25,520	6,900	83,280

Borrowing	Capital Receipts	Revenue	Grants / Conts.
£000	£000	£000	£000
13,180	0	0	31,104
13	0	0	0
0	0	0	38
0	0	0	24
0	0	0	551
0	0	0	2,329
0	0	0	210
44	0	0	0
0	0	0	94
142	311	0	0
0	0	0	578
0	0	0	115
0	0	0	165
0	0	0	12,400
0	0	0	600
0	0	0	3,200
0	0	0	600
0	0	0	900
0	0	0	300
0	0	0	600
35	0	15	102
0	0	10	0
0	0	0	81
0	0	0	4,642
0	0	0	77
0	0	0	31
0	0	0	497
0	0	0	30
0	0	0	650
59	0	0	0
0	0	79	72
0	45	444	0
0	0	0	53
11	0	0	0
0	0	0	40
6,985	1,340	484	0
20,469	1,696	1,032	60,083

REGENERATION AND PLANNING PORTFOLIO	
Chalon Way Meanwhile Use	
Ground Conditions Survey	
St Helens Town Centre Masterplan	
Hardshaw Brook Depot Review	
Modernisation of St Helens Crematorium	
Registry Office Demolition	
Land Remediation Works	
The Gamble Building and Earlestown Town Hall	
The Gamble Building (External works)	
Earlestown Town Hall (External Refurbishment)	
TOTAL	

2022/23	2023/24	2025/26	Total
£000	£000	£000	£000
185	0	0	185
81	20	20	121
500	0	0	500
365	0	0	365
426	0	0	426
30	0	0	30
241	0	0	241
10	0	0	10
972	0	0	972
1,031	0	0	1,031
3,841	20	20	3,881

Borrowing	Capital Receipts	Revenue	Grants / Conts.
£000	£000	£000	£000
185	0	0	0
21	100	0	0
500	0	0	0
365	0	0	0
426	0	0	0
0	0	30	0
241	0	0	0
0	10	0	0
972	0	0	0
1,031	0	0	0
3,741	110	30	0

SAFER, STRONGER COMMUNITIES PORTFOLIO	
Community Safety Schemes	
Replacement of Housing & Regulatory Services Case Management System	
Housing Schemes	
Disabled Facilities Grants and Adaptations	
General Fund Housing (Housing Assistance)	
Housing Clearance and Enforcement	
Insulation Measures and Fuel Poverty	
TOTAL	

2022/23	2023/24	2025/26	Total
£000	£000	£000	£000
209	72	0	281
4,366	3,604	3,148	11,118
140	100	0	240
80	50	0	130
442	470	0	912
5,237	4,296	3,148	12,681

Borrowing	Capital Receipts	Revenue	Grants / Conts.
£000	£000	£000	£000
235	0	46	0
70	130	0	10,918
190	50	0	0
130	0	0	0
431	212	0	269
1,056	392	46	11,187

TOTAL

80,963	34,076	11,368	126,407
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28,579	3,510	2,028	92,290
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CAPITAL PROGRAMME 2022/23

INCLUSIVE ECONOMY, BUSINESS AND SKILLS PORTFOLIO	Budget post	New Schemes/	Reprofiled into /	Changes to be	Revised Budget	Narrative
	Outturn 2021/22	Funding	from Future	approved in this		
	£000	Changes	Years	Period	£000	
Primary Schools						
Ashurst Primary Rebuild	6,586	0	0	0	6,586	Work commenced on site in January 2022 and is currently expected to complete in February 2023. Phase 2 of the scheme, demolition of the existing buildings, will commence immediately after.
Bleak Hill Roof Repairs	50	0	0	0	50	Identification of the scheme requirements are ongoing following which options to deliver will be evaluated.
Broad Oak Primary Playing Field Drainage	3	0	0	0	3	
Grange Valley Primary - Remodel Staff Room	6	0	0	0	6	
Legh Vale Heating Replacement	50	0	0	0	50	Required works are currently being tendered. The scheme is scheduled to be delivered during the summer holiday period.
Longton Lane Rebuilding Programme	150	0	0	0	150	The overall rebuilding scheme is being delivered externally by the Education & Skills Funding Agency. Proposals are currently at the design stage.
Merton Bank Structural Works	30	0	0	0	30	
Newton Le Willows Primary Heating	15	0	0	0	15	
Queens Park Window Replacement	92	0	0	0	92	The scheme has been designed and will be delivered during the summer holiday period.
Queens Park Roof Replacement	100	0	0	0	100	Identification of the scheme requirements are ongoing following which options to deliver will be evaluated.
Queens Park H&S Works	30	0	0	0	30	
Rivington Boiler Replacement	30	0	0	0	30	
Robins Lane Health & Safety Works	50	0	0	0	50	The scheme has been designed and will be delivered during the summer holiday period.
Sutton Manor Health & Safety Works	50	0	0	0	50	Identification of the scheme requirements are ongoing following which options to deliver will be evaluated.
Sutton Oak Boiler Replacement	40	0	0	0	40	
Thatto Heath Structural Works	25	0	0	0	25	
The District Primary - Nursery Provision	41	0	0	0	41	
The District Primary - Roof Replacement	40	0	0	0	40	
SEND base Wargrave/Grange Valley Partnership	110	62	0	62	172	The scheme was completed by the summer 2022 half-term break. Operational Decision ENVP002313 and ENVP002314 -allocation of additional school resources.

INCLUSIVE ECONOMY, BUSINESS AND SKILLS PORTFOLIO	Budget post Outturn 2021/22	New Schemes/ Funding Changes	Reprofiled into / from Future Years	Changes to be approved in this Period	Revised Budget	Narrative
	£000	£000	£000	£000	£000	
Secondary Schools						
Cowley Roof Replacement	60	0	0	0	60	Identification of the scheme requirements are ongoing following which options to deliver will be evaluated.
Cowley Drainage Works	5	0	0	0	5	
Cowley Room Conversion	7	0	0	0	7	
Haydock High Sports Hall Lighting	1	0	0	0	1	
De La Salle SEND Base	0	944	0	944	944	New scheme to expand the resourced provision at De La Salle as approved by Cabinet on 23rd March 2022.
Special & Other Schools						
Lansbury Bridge Roof Repairs	8	0	0	0	8	Delivery of the scheme has been paused pending identification and evaluation of the optimal solution, in terms of both the existing building and the needs of the service.
Mill Green Key Stage 5 Base	8	0	0	0	8	
Launchpad Roof Renewal	100	0	0	0	100	
Penkford Refurbishment	11	0	0	0	11	The Authority is currently working with the contractor to try to ensure completion of the scheme on schedule in September 2022 following some delays during construction due to adverse weather conditions and assessment of fencing requirements.
Penkford Relocation	3,691	0	0	0	3,691	
Pupil Referral Heating	40	0	0	0	40	
Other Schemes						
Harnessing Technology	5	0	0	0	5	Funding is committed to fire door replacement schemes at The District CE Primary and Sutton Oak CE Primary, fire alarm panel replacement at Lansbury Bridge and an escape ramp at Queens Park CE/URC Primary. Works are currently expected to complete this financial year.
Taylor Park Youth Service Base - Condition Works	30	0	0	0	30	
Various Schools Roller Shutters	1	0	0	0	1	
Various Schools Fire Risks	89	0	0	0	89	
Various Schools Heating	49	0	0	0	49	
Various Schools Asbestos Removal	1	0	0	0	1	

INCLUSIVE ECONOMY, BUSINESS AND SKILLS PORTFOLIO	Budget post Outturn 2021/22	New Schemes/ Funding Changes	Reprofiled into / from Future Years	Changes to be approved in this Period	Revised Budget
	£000	£000	£000	£000	£000
Uncommitted Grant Funding					
Healthy Pupils Capital Funding	125	0	0	0	125
School Devolved Formula Capital	756	(4)	0	(4)	752
Higher Needs Provision Capital	514	1,140	0	1,140	1,654
Basic Need Uncommitted	727	11	0	11	738
School Condition Funding Uncommitted	2,683	822	0	822	3,505
TOTAL	16,409	2,975	0	2,975	19,384

Narrative
Funding to improve and increase availability to facilities for physical activity, healthy eating, mental health and wellbeing and medical conditions for children and young people.
The 2022/23 Devolved Formula Capital budget provision reflects the estimated expenditure during the current financial year on schemes and equipment that schools have identified in their own plans as being priorities for them.
Funding is intended to support the capital costs associated with providing new places and improving existing provision for children and young people with SEND and those who require alternative provision. Options to ensure that the required capacity is available are being considered and schemes will be brought forward as appropriate.
Basic Need capital grant is made available to ensure there are adequate numbers of school places available. Officers work closely with schools and their governing bodies to deliver schemes required to ensure adequate availability and further schemes will be brought forward at the appropriate time should the need for works to deliver additional capacity be identified.
School Condition capital grant is received for the purpose of supporting the Authority to ensure that school buildings are appropriately maintained. Further schemes are currently being developed and will be brought forward in due course.

CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE PORTFOLIO	Budget	New Schemes/ Funding Changes	Reprofiled into / from Future Years	Changes to be approved in this Period	Revised Budget
	£000	£000	£000	£000	£000
Children and Families Accommodation	19	0	0	0	19
TOTAL	19	0	0	0	19

Narrative

INTEGRATED CARE PORTFOLIO	Budget post Outturn 2021/22	New Schemes/ Funding Changes	Reprofiled into / from Future Years	Changes to be approved in this Period	Revised Budget
	£000	£000	£000	£000	£000
Unallocated Community Capacity Grant	25	0	0	0	25
TOTAL	25	0	0	0	25

Narrative

WELLBEING, CULTURE AND HERITAGE PORTFOLIO	Budget post Outturn 2021/22	New Schemes/ Funding Changes	Reprofiled into / from Future Years	Changes to be approved in this Period	Revised Budget
	£000	£000	£000	£000	£000
Astro-Turf Pitch St Augustines	2	0	0	0	2
Libraries ICT Refresh	44	0	0	0	44
Newton Le Willows Health and Fitness Centre Equipment	65	0	0	0	65
Sutton Leisure Centre - Swimming Provision	374	0	0	0	374
TOTAL	485	0	0	0	485

Narrative

TRANSFORMATION	Budget post Outturn 2021/22	New Schemes/ Funding Changes	Reprofiled into / from Future Years	Changes to be approved in this Period	Revised Budget
	£000	£000	£000	£000	£000
ICT Device Refresh	1,112	0	0	0	1,112
TOTAL	1,112	0	0	0	1,112

Narrative

ENVIRONMENT AND TRANSPORT PORTFOLIO	Budget post Outturn 2021/22	New Schemes/ Funding Changes	Reprofiled into / from Future Years	Changes to be approved in this Period	Revised Budget	Narrative
	£000	£000	£000	£000	£000	
Highway Schemes						
A49 to M6 Junction 22 Link Road	25,664	0	0	0	25,664	Parkside Link Road has progressed to construction stage.
A58 Liverpool Rd/A580 East Lancs Rd Junct.Impvts (Pewfall). KRN (Employment Hubs)	13	0	0	0	13	
Accessibility Improvements Supporting Regeneration	38	0	0	0	38	Cabinet Report 22 June 2022. To deliver cycling & walking network improvements within the borough. Parr St. Active Travel Improvements; Cowley Hill Liveable Neighbourhood; and detailed design for 3 future routes (Carr Mill to Haydock, Lea Green to Whiston Hospital & Jubits Lane to Warrington Rd).
Active Travel Fund - Tranche 1	24	0	0	0	24	
Active Travel Fund - Tranche 2	551	0	0	0	551	
Active Travel Fund - Tranche 3	0	2,329	0	2,329	2,329	
Bridge Strengthening & Maintenance	210	0	0	0	210	
Carriageway Maintenance	44	0	0	0	44	
Highways Challenge Fund	94	0	0	0	94	
Highway / Road Investment	453	0	0	0	453	
Key Route Network	24	554	0	554	578	
LCR Sustainable Urban Development	115	0	0	0	115	
Local Safety Schemes	165	0	0	0	165	
Local Transport Plan Unallocated (CRSTS)	6,200	(6,200)	0	(6,200)	0	
CRSTS- Active Travel-City Region	0	600	0	600	600	
CRSTS- Strategic Maintenance	0	3,200	0	3,200	3,200	
CRSTS - Bridges	0	600	0	600	600	
CRSTS - Technology & Comms Upgrade	0	900	0	900	900	
CRSTS - Potholes	0	300	0	300	300	
CRSTS - Flooding / Drainage	0	600	0	600	600	
Safer Routes to Schools	152	0	0	0	152	
SCP - Amber Flashing Lights	10	0	0	0	10	
Section 106 Arrangements	81	0	0	0	81	
St. Helens Southern Gateway Package	4,642	0	0	0	4,642	
Street Lighting	77	0	0	0	77	
Traffic Calming & Restraint	31	0	0	0	31	
						Cabinet Report 22 June 22. The CRSTS consolidates funding from the previous allocations of Highway Maintenance Block, Integrated Transport Block and Pothole funding.
						The scheme aims to increase accessibility by all transport modes to Lea Green Rail Station, with proposals to provide 6 cycle routes and a Cycle Optimised Protected Signals (CYCLOPS) junction.

ENVIRONMENT AND TRANSPORT PORTFOLIO	Budget post Outturn 2021/22	New Schemes/ Funding Changes	Reprofiled into / from Future Years	Changes to be approved in this Period	Revised Budget
	£000	£000	£000	£000	£000
Traffic Signal Improvements on A58 and A572	497	0	0	0	497
Walking & Cycling Measures	30	0	0	0	30
Environmental Schemes					
Air Quality	0	650	0	650	650
Climate Change Emergency Response Fund	59	0	0	0	59
Haydock KGV Playing Field- Site Improvements	151	0	0	0	151
Recycling & Waste Collection	800	(311)	0	(311)	489
Section 106 Arrangements (Non-Highway Schemes)	53	0	0	0	53
St. Helens Cemetery-Drainage Scheme	11	0	0	0	11
Play Equipment (S.106) Rainhill	40	0	0	0	40
Other Schemes					
Fleet Replacement Programme	3,310	4,099	0	4,099	7,409
TOTAL	43,539	7,321	0	7,321	50,860

Narrative
Junction upgrades at Boardmans Lane/Chancery Lane and Parr St/ Park Rd/Ashcroft St.
As detailed in the Cabinet Report of 23 March 2022. DEFRA grant award to set up a programme to provide business grants to retrofit or replace highly polluting vehicles to low or zero emission alternatives.
£311k transferred to Fleet Replacement scheme as per Cabinet Report 20 April 2022.
As detailed in the Cabinet Report 20 April 2022.

REGENERATION AND PLANNING PORTFOLIO	Budget post Outturn 2021/22	New Schemes/ Funding Changes	Reprofiled into / from Future Years	Changes to be approved in this Period	Revised Budget
	£000	£000	£000	£000	£000
Chalon Way Meanwhile Use	0	185	0	185	185
Ground Conditions Survey	81	0	0	0	81
St Helens Town Centre Masterplan	500	0	0	0	500
Hardshaw Brook Depot Review	365	0	0	0	365
Modernisation of St Helens Crematorium	426	0	0	0	426
Registry Office Demolition	0	30	0	30	30
Land Remediation Works	0	241	0	241	241
The Gamble Building and Earlestown Town Hall	10	0	0	0	10
The Gamble Building (External works)	972	0	0	0	972

Narrative
As detailed in Delegated Executive Decision 0098 2021/22.
Operational Decision ENVP002224.
Delegated Executive Decision 0084 2021/22 (previously included as part of the SAIG Schemes).

REGENERATION AND PLANNING PORTFOLIO	Budget post Outturn 2021/22	New Schemes/ Funding Changes	Reprofiled into / from Future Years	Changes to be approved in this Period	Revised Budget
	£000	£000	£000	£000	£000
Earlestown Town Hall (External Refurbishment)	944	87	0	87	1,031
TOTAL	3,298	543	0	543	3,841

Narrative
Cabinet on 2 February approved funding of £987k for the procurement of the External Repairs project at Earlestown Town Hall. In addition, Delegated Executive Decision 0090 2021/22 approved an additional £87k. The Medium Term Financial Strategy 2022-2025 and Revenue and Capital Budget 2022/23 included a total sum of £2m for Earlestown Town Hall including the pipeline strategic investment schemes. The funding for external fabric works is to be drawn down from this provision and funded from borrowing.

SAFER, STRONGER COMMUNITIES PORTFOLIO	Budget post Outturn 2021/22	New Schemes/ Funding Changes	Reprofiled into / from Future Years	Changes to be approved in this Period	Revised Budget
	£000	£000	£000	£000	£000
Community Safety Schemes					
Replacement of Housing & Regulatory Services Case Management System	163	46	0	46	209
Housing Schemes					
Disabled Facilities Grants and Adaptations	4,366	0	0	0	4,366
General Fund Housing (Housing Assistance)	140	0	0	0	140
Housing Clearance and Enforcement	80	0	0	0	80
Insulation Measures and Fuel Poverty	442	0	0	0	442
TOTAL	5,191	46	0	46	5,237

Narrative

TOTAL ALL PORTFOLIOS	70,078	10,885	0	10,885	80,963
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CAPITAL PROGRAMME 2022/23 FINANCING

INCLUSIVE ECONOMY, BUSINESS AND SKILLS PORTFOLIO	Revised Budget	FINANCING ELEMENTS					Total Funding
		Borrowing	Capital Receipts	Revenue Contributions / Reserves	Capital Grants	Capital Contributions	
		£000	£000	£000	£000	£000	
Primary Schools							
Ashurst Primary Rebuild	6,586	0	0	0	6,586	0	6,586
Bleak Hill Roof Repairs	50	0	0	0	50	0	50
Legh Vale Heating Replacement	50	0	0	0	50	0	50
Longton Lane Rebuilding Programme	150	0	0	0	150	0	150
Queens Park Window Replacement	92	0	0	0	92	0	92
Queens Park Roof Replacement	100	0	0	0	100	0	100
Robins Lane Health & Safety Works	50	0	0	0	50	0	50
Sutton Manor Health & Safety Works	50	0	0	0	50	0	50
SEND base Wargrave/Grange Valley Partnership	172	0	0	62	110	0	172
Other Schemes less than £50k	260	0	0	0	260	0	260
Secondary Schools							
Cowley Roof Replacement	60	0	0	0	60	0	60
De La Salle SEND Base	944	0	0	0	944	0	944
Other Schemes less than £50k	13	0	0	7	6	0	13
Special & Other Schools							
Launchpad Roof Renewal	100	0	0	0	100	0	100
Penkford Relocation	3,691	2,822	784	85	0	0	3,691
Other Schemes less than £50k	67	8	0	0	59	0	67
Other Schemes							
Various Schools Fire Risks	89	0	0	0	89	0	89
Other Schemes less than £50k	86	0	0	0	86	0	86
Uncommitted Grant Funding							
Healthy Pupils Capital Funding	125	0	0	0	125	0	125
School Devolved Formula Capital	752	0	0	0	752	0	752
Higher Needs Provision Capital	1,654	0	0	0	1,654	0	1,654
Basic Need Uncommitted	738	0	0	0	738	0	738
School Condition Funding Uncommitted	3,505	0	0	0	3,505	0	3,505
TOTAL	19,384	2,830	784	154	15,616	0	19,384

CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE PORTFOLIO	Revised Budget	Borrowing	Capital Receipts	Revenue Contributions / Reserves	Capital Grants	Capital Contributions	Total Funding
	£000	£000	£000	£000	£000	£000	£000
Children and Families Accommodation	19	0	0	0	19	0	19
TOTAL	19	0	0	0	19	0	19

INTEGRATED CARE PORTFOLIO	Budget	New Schemes	Capital Receipts	Revenue Contributions / Reserves	Capital Grants	Capital Contributions	Total Funding
	£000	£000	£000	£000	£000	£000	£000
Unallocated Community Capacity Grant	25	0	0	0	25	0	25
TOTAL	25	0	0	0	25	0	25

WELLBEING, CULTURE AND HERITAGE PORTFOLIO	Revised Budget	Borrowing	Capital Receipts	Revenue Contributions / Reserves	Capital Grants	Capital Contributions	Total Funding
	£000	£000	£000	£000	£000	£000	£000
Astro-Turf Pitch St Augustines	2	0	0	2	0	0	2
Libraries ICT Refresh	44	44	0	0	0	0	44
Newton Le Willows Health and Fitness Centre Equipment	65	65	0	0	0	0	65
Sutton Leisure Centre - Swimming Provision	374	374	0	0	0	0	374
TOTAL	485	483	0	2	0	0	485

TRANSFORMATION PORTFOLIO	Revised Budget	Borrowing	Capital Receipts	Revenue Contributions / Reserves	Capital Grants	Capital Contributions	Total Funding
	£000	£000	£000	£000	£000	£000	£000
ICT Device Refresh	1,112	0	348	764	0	0	1,112
TOTAL	1,112	0	348	764	0	0	1,112

ENVIRONMENT AND TRANSPORT PORTFOLIO	Revised Budget	Borrowing	Capital Receipts	Revenue Contributions / Reserves	Capital Grants	Capital Contributions	Total Funding
	£000	£000	£000	£000	£000	£000	£000
Highway Schemes							
A49 to M6 Junction 22 Link Road	25,664	0	0	0	0	25,664	25,664
A58 Liverpool Rd/A580 East Lancs Rd Junct.Impvts (Pewfall). KRN (Employment Hubs)	13	13	0	0	0	0	13
Accessibility Improvements Supporting Regeneration	38	0	0	0	0	38	38
Active Travel Fund - Tranche 1	24	0	0	0	0	24	24
Active Travel Fund - Tranche 2	551	0	0	0	0	551	551
Active Travel Fund - Tranche 3	2,329	0	0	0	0	2,329	2,329
Bridge Strengthening & Maintenance	210	0	0	0	0	210	210
Carriageway Maintenance	44	44	0	0	0	0	44
Highways Challenge Fund	94	0	0	0	0	94	94
Highway / Road Investment	453	142	311	0	0	0	453
Key Route Network	578	0	0	0	0	578	578
LCR Sustainable Urban Development	115	0	0	0	58	57	115
Local Safety Schemes	165	0	0	0	0	165	165
CRSTS- Active Travel-City Region	600	0	0	0	0	600	600
CRSTS- Strategic Maintenance	3,200	0	0	0	0	3,200	3,200
CRSTS - Bridges	600	0	0	0	0	600	600
CRSTS - Technology & Comms Upgrade	900	0	0	0	0	900	900
CRSTS - Potholes	300	0	0	0	0	300	300
CRSTS - Flooding / Drainage	600	0	0	0	0	600	600
Safer Routes to Schools	152	35	0	15	0	102	152
SCP - Amber Flashing Lights	10	0	0	10	0	0	10
Section 106 Arrangements	81	0	0	0	0	81	81
St. Helens Southern Gateway Package	4,642	0	0	0	0	4,642	4,642
Street Lighting	77	0	0	0	0	77	77
Traffic Calming & Restraint	31	0	0	0	0	31	31
Traffic Signal Improvements on A58 and A572	497	0	0	0	497	0	497
Walking & Cycling Measures	30	0	0	0	0	30	30
Environmental Schemes							
Air Quality							
Climate Change Emergency Response Fund	650	0	0	0	650	0	650
Haydock KGV Playing Field- Site Improvements	59	59	0	0	0	0	59
Recycling & Waste Collection	151	0	0	79	0	72	151
Section 106 Arrangements (Non-Highway Schemes)	489	0	45	444	0	0	489
St. Helens Cemetery-Drainage Scheme	53	0	0	0	0	53	53
Play Equipment (S.106) Rainhill	11	11	0	0	0	0	11
	40	0	0	0	0	40	40

ENVIRONMENT AND TRANSPORT PORTFOLIO	Revised Budget	Borrowing	Capital Receipts	Revenue Contributions / Reserves	Capital Grants	Capital Contributions	Total Funding
	£000	£000	£000	£000	£000	£000	£000
Other Schemes							
Fleet Replacement Programme	7,409	5,585	1,340	484	0	0	7,409
TOTAL	50,860	5,889	1,696	1,032	1,205	41,038	50,860

REGENERATION AND PLANNING PORTFOLIO	Revised Budget	Borrowing	Capital Receipts	Revenue Contributions / Reserves	Capital Grants	Capital Contributions	Total Funding
	£000	£000	£000	£000	£000	£000	£000
Chalon Way Meanwhile Use	185	185	0	0	0	0	185
Ground Conditions Survey	81	21	60	0	0	0	81
St Helens Town Centre Masterplan	500	500	0	0	0	0	500
Hardshaw Brook Depot Review	365	365	0	0	0	0	365
Modernisation of St Helens Crematorium	426	426	0	0	0	0	426
Registry Office Demolition	30	0	0	30	0	0	30
Land Remediation Works	241	241	0	0	0	0	241
The Gamble Building and Earlestown Town Hall	10	0	10	0	0	0	10
The Gamble Building (External works)	972	972	0	0	0	0	972
Earlestown Town Hall (External Refurbishment)	1,031	1,031	0	0	0	0	1,031
TOTAL	3,841	3,741	70	30	0	0	3,841

SAFER, STRONGER COMMUNITIES PORTFOLIO	Revised Budget	Borrowing	Capital Receipts	Revenue Contributions / Reserves	Capital Grants	Capital Contributions	Total Funding
	£000	£000	£000	£000	£000	£000	£000
Community Safety Schemes							
Replacement of Housing & Regulatory Services Case Management System	209	163	0	46	0	0	209
Housing Schemes							
Disabled Facilities Grants and Adaptations	4,366	70	0	0	4,287	9	4,366
General Fund Housing (Housing Assistance)	140	140	0	0	0	0	140
Housing Clearance and Enforcement	80	80	0	0	0	0	80
Insulation Measures and Fuel Poverty	442	173	0	0	269	0	442
TOTAL	5,237	626	0	46	4,556	9	5,237

TOTAL ALL PORTFOLIO'S	80,963	13,569	2,898	2,028	21,421	41,047	80,963
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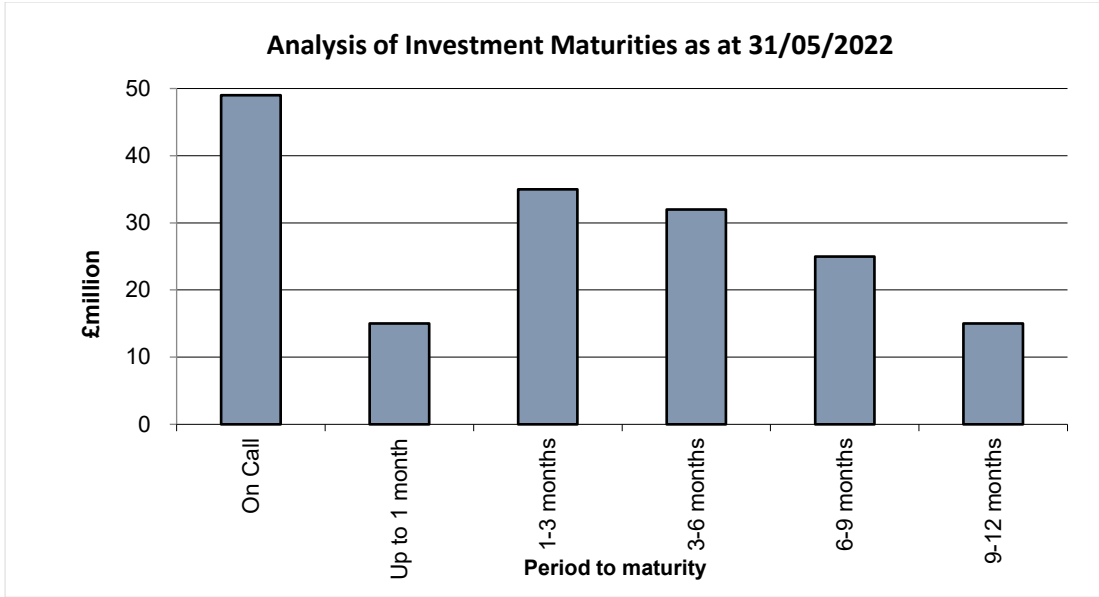
Annex GTREASURY MANAGEMENT POSITION STATEMENT

- 1.1 The CIPFA (Chartered Institute of Public Finance and Accountancy) Code of Practice for Treasury Management recommends that Members be updated on treasury management activities regularly. This Section therefore ensures the Council is implementing best practice in accordance with the Code.

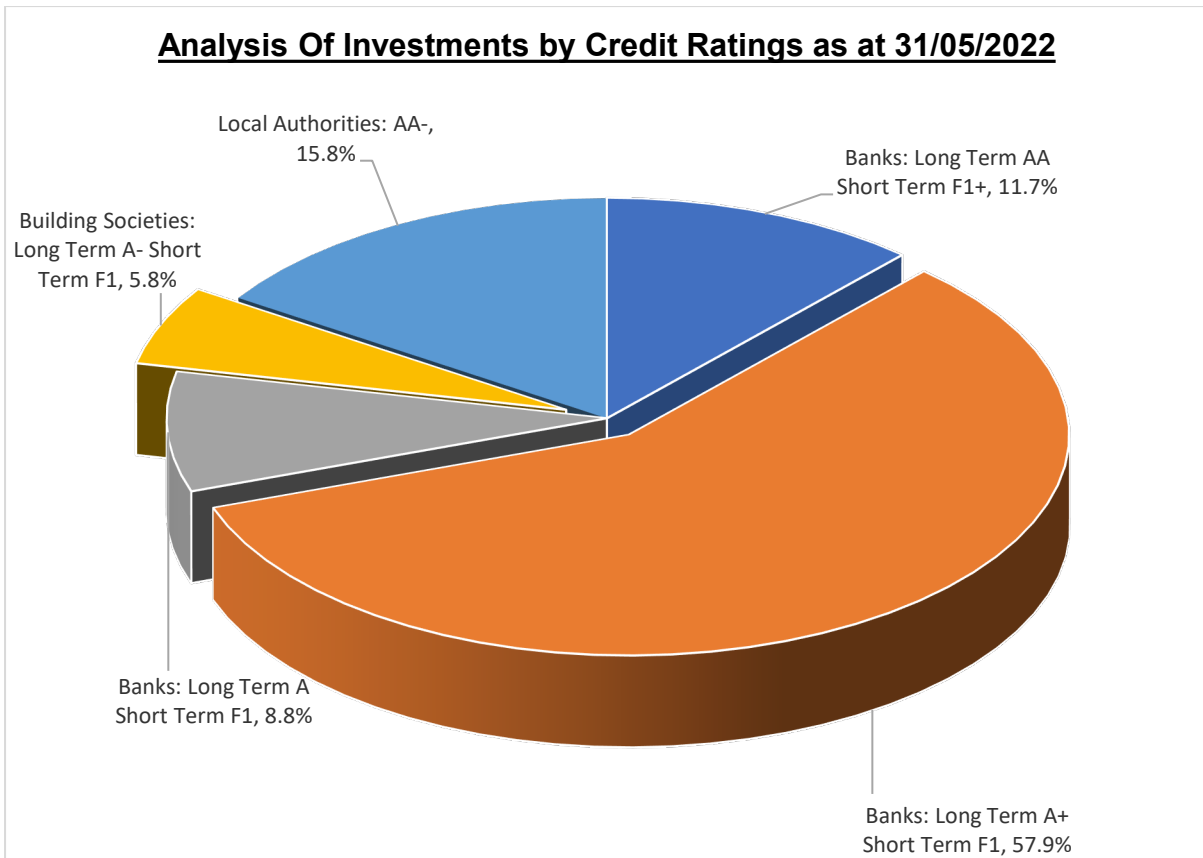
Investments

- 1.2 As detailed in the Council's Annual Investment Strategy (which is incorporated into the annual Treasury Management Strategy Statement) the Council's investment priorities are the security of capital and liquidity of funds. The Council's investment dealings in the period, therefore, have been undertaken in order to achieve the optimum return on its investments, commensurate with the proper levels of security and liquidity and having properly assessed all inherent risks.
- 1.3 It is necessary to ensure that all investments are placed with highly credit rated financial institutions in line with the Council's authorised Counterparty List (i.e. those institutions with whom we invest monies). It has also been deemed appropriate to ensure that the Council maintains a high degree of liquidity with its investments, to ensure cash is available to deal with emerging pressures due to the current inflation environment.
- 1.4 The Council has sought to maintain a mix of investments with the Counterparties who meet the Council's criteria. However, the profile of maturities has been influenced by a number of factors:
- i) the availability of advantageous call rates from some high-quality Counterparties
 - ii) limits on the duration of investments with certain counterparties
 - iii) availability of investment opportunities in excess of one year with a number of Counterparties.

The following chart provides an overview of the split in the Authority's investment by maturity as at 31 May 2022.



1.5 At the time of drafting this report, the Council has investments of £170.998m. The chart below details the split of the Council's investment by type and the credit rating assigned to the different groups of Counterparties.



These investments include funds (circa. £25.1m) held in relation to Schools and Merseyside Recycling and Waste Authority.

1.6 Of the institutions identified in the pie chart above, 11.7% of funds are invested with counterparties which have a Long Term credit rating of AA or above, all of these institutions are Banks. Of the remaining investments, 88.3% are held with counterparties with a Long Term credit rating of at least A- but below AA.

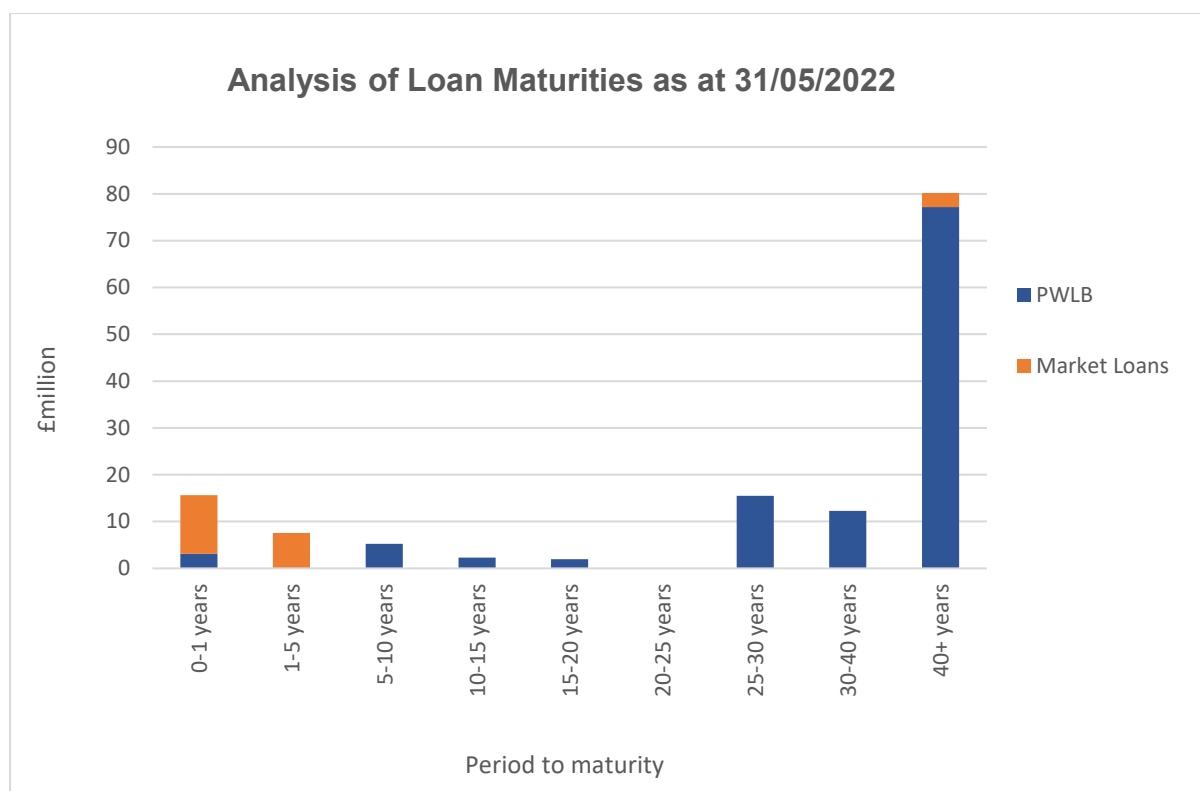
- 1.7 The average level of funds available, for investment purposes, for the period April to May 2022 was £168.881m. Investment rates available in the market have increased sharply over the past six months due to underlying economic conditions, as a result of the recovery from the Covid-19 pandemic and the war in Ukraine. Any sudden changes in rates will impact upon performance against benchmarks as investment decisions need to be made based upon ensuring the security of investments, managing the liquidity of the authorities' investments for cashflow purposes and achieving the best return on investments that are available at the time. For a number of years, where possible, the Council has taken advantage of favourable rates and locked into investment deals for longer periods.

Investment Returns 2022/23 up to 31/05/2022									
	<u>Returns Achieved</u>			<u>Benchmark Returns</u>			<u>Performance relative to Benchmarks</u>		
	Fixed Term Investments	Call Accounts	Combined Return	1 Year SONIA	Overnight SONIA	Combined SONIA	Fixed Term	Call	Overall +/- return
April	0.729%	0.430%	0.636%	1.730%	0.690%	1.406%	(1.001%)	(0.260%)	(0.771%)
May	0.805%	0.409%	0.676%	1.870%	0.910%	1.556%	(1.065%)	(0.501%)	(0.881%)

- 1.8 Cash holdings are currently above the forecast levels in the Treasury Management Strategy Statement, which is primarily due to the timing of income being received and expenditure being incurred and the levels of MRWA balances .

Borrowing

- 1.9 At the time of drafting this report, the Council has outstanding debt of £140.627m. No new borrowing has been taken during the period.
- 1.10 The following chart shows the maturity profile of the Council's loan portfolio as at 31 May 2022.



- 1.11 In accordance with the revised Prudential Code, the maturity of borrowing should be determined by reference to the earliest date on which the lender can require payment. If the lender does have the right to increase the interest rate payable (as is the case with a Market Loan (LOBO – Lender Option Borrower Option loan), then this should be treated as a right to require payment. In accordance with this guidance, the maturity dates of the Council’s LOBO loans have been profiled as the next call date for each loan. This has made the Council’s position look much more short term when all of these loans have maturity dates of 26+ years.
- 1.12 The current economic conditions mean that there will be volatility in gilt yields, and in turn PWLB borrowing rates. Whilst movements will not impact on the Council’s current borrowing portfolio, which is wholly comprised of fixed rate agreements, inflated rates will mean that servicing of future debt requirements becomes more expensive and future capital investment and borrowing decisions will need to be considered in that light, as part of the Council’s Medium Term Financial and Capital Investment strategies.

Bank Rate

- 1.13 The Treasury Management Strategy Statement included a forecast for future changes in Bank Rate, with predicted increases over the course of the year. Due to the underlying economic conditions, including the highest level of inflation for forty years, the current Bank Rate is higher than forecast at 1.25%. The latest forecasts predict the Bank Rate will continue to rise steadily throughout the rest of the year.

Prudential Indicators

- 1.14 In line with the revised Prudential Code for Capital Finance in Local Authorities (2021), the Council produces updated prudential indicators every quarter and the indicators for the first quarter are included in Annex 1.

Annex 1

<u>Treasury Limits and Prudential Indicators 2022/23</u>			2022/23 Estimates	2023/24 Estimates	2024/25 Estimates	2025/26 Estimates
1(i)	Proposed capital expenditure that the Council plans to commit to during the forthcoming and subsequent two financial years.	Capital Expenditure (£m)	80.963	34.076	11.368	0.700
1(ii)	Additional in-year borrowing requirement for capital expenditure.	In Year Capital Financing Requirement (CFR) (£m)	10.132	10.209	(3.951)	(3.983)
2	The CFR is an aggregation of historic and cumulative capital expenditure, which has yet been paid for by either revenue or capital resources.	Capital Financing Requirement as at 31 March (£m)	202.019	212.228	208.278	204.295
3	The "net borrowing" position represents the net of the Authority's gross external borrowing and investments sums held.	Net Borrowing Requirement: External Borrowing (£m) Investments Held (£m) Net Requirement (£m)	137.520 <u>(120.000)</u> (17.520)	137.507 <u>(115.000)</u> (22.507)	137.494 <u>(115.000)</u> (22.494)	137.481 <u>(115.000)</u> (22.481)
4	Identifies the impact and trend of the revenue costs of capital financing decisions will have on the General Fund Budget over time.	Ratio of financing cost to net revenue stream	5.51%	6.69%	7.66%	7.15%

5	The Council's Budget Strategy with regards to unsupported borrowing is such that there is no incremental impact to Council Tax.	Incremental impact of capital investment decisions (increase in Council Tax Band D equivalent)	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
6	This represents an absolute limit of borrowing at any one point in time. It reflects the level of external debt, which, while not desired, could be afforded in the short term, but is not sustainable in the longer term.	Authorised Limit for External Debt (£m)	205.454	209.743	213.957	211.165
7	This is the limit beyond which external debt is not normally expected to exceed.	Operational Limit for External Debt (£m)	193.312	195.502	194.273	193.156
8	These limits seek to ensure that the authority does not expose itself to an inappropriate level of interest rate risk, and has a suitable proportion of debt.	Upper Limit for Fixed Interest Rate Exposure	100%	100%	100%	100%
		Upper Limit for Variable Interest Rate Exposure	50%	50%	50%	50%
9	This limit seeks to ensure liquidity and reduce the likelihood of any inherent or associated risk.	Upper Limit for Sums Invested over 365 Days	60%	60%	60%	60%
10	This indicator is used to highlight where an authority may be borrowing in advance of need	Gross Debt and the CFR (£m)	(43.750)	(54.741)	(51.688)	(48.528)