

Finance Monitoring Report – August 2023

To: Adults and Health Committee

Meeting Date: 5 October 2023

From: Executive Director: Adults, Health & Commissioning
Executive Director: Public Health
Executive Director: Finance and Resources

Electoral division(s): All

Key decision: No

Forward Plan ref: N/A

Outcome: The committee should have considered the financial position of services within its remit as at the end of August.

Recommendation: Adults and Health Committee is recommended to note the Adults, Health and Commissioning and Public Health Finance Monitoring Report as at the end of August 2023.

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1. Background

- 1.1 Finance Monitoring Reports (FMR) are produced monthly, except for April, by all services. They report on a range of financial information to enable a view of each service's financial position to be taken.
- 1.2 Budgets for services are agreed by Full Council in the business plan in February of each year and can be amended by budget virements. In particular, the FMR provides a revenue budget forecast showing the current projection of whether services will be over- or under-spent for the year against those budgets.
- 1.3 The presentation of the FMR enables members to review and comment on the financial position of services within the committee's remit.
- 1.4 Generally, the FMR forecasts explain the overall financial position of each service and the key drivers of any budget variance, rather than explaining changes in forecast month-by-month.
- 1.5 The contents page of the FMR shows the key sections of the report. In reviewing the financial position of services, members of this committee may wish to focus on these sections:
 - Section 1 – providing a summary table for services that are the responsibility of this committee and setting out the significant financial issues (replicated below).
 - Section 5 – the key activity data for Adult Services provides information about service-user numbers and unit costs, which are principle drivers of the financial position
 - Appendices 1-3 – these set out the detailed financial position by service and provide a detailed commentary for services projecting a significant variance from budget.
 - Appendix 5 – this sets out the savings for Adults, Health and Commissioning and Public Health in the 2023/24 business plan, and savings not achieved and brought forward from previous years that are still thought to be deliverable.

2. Main Issues

- 2.1 The FMR provides summaries and detailed explanations of the financial position of Adults, Health and Commissioning and Public Health services. At the end of August, Adults, Health and Commissioning has an underlying forecast of £2.5m overspend mainly driven by adverse movements in the numbers of older adults placed into bed-based care. However, work to review the usage of grants across Adult Social Care has released grant funding to support these emerging pressures, reducing the net forecast position to a balanced budget. Public Health, excluding Children's Public Health, is forecasting an underspend of 1% of budget (£380k).
- 2.2 Headline figures are set out in the tables below :

Forecast Outturn Variance (Previous) £000	Directorate	Gross Budget £000	Income Budget £000	Net Budget £000	Actual £000	Forecast Outturn Variance £000	Forecast Outturn Variance %
1,667	Adults, Health and Commissioning	342,894	-129,193	213,701	93,863	2,517	0.7%
1,667	Total Expenditure	342,894	-129,193	213,701	93,863	2,517	0.7%
-1,086	Mitigations	0	0	0	0	-2,517	
581	Total	342,894	-129,193	213,701	93,863	0	0.0%

Forecast Outturn Variance (Previous) £000	Directorate	Gross Budget £000	Income Budget £000	Net Budget £000	Actual £000	Forecast Outturn Variance £000	Forecast Outturn Variance %
0	Public Health - Children	14,631	-4,150	10,481	2,516	0	0.0%
-85	Public Health	30,183	-37,436	-7,254	-10,153	-380	-1.3%
-85	Total Expenditure	44,814	-41,587	3,227	-7,638	-380	-1%
0	Drawdown from reserves	-3,227	0	-3,227	-674	0	0%
-85	Total	41,587	-41,587	0	-8,312	-380	-1%

3. Alignment with ambitions

3.1 Net zero carbon emissions for Cambridgeshire by 2045, and our communities and natural environment are supported to adapt and thrive as the climate changes

There are no significant implications for this ambition.

3.2 Travel across the county is safer and more environmentally sustainable

There are no significant implications for this ambition.

3.3 Health inequalities are reduced

The overall financial position of the Public Health directorate underpins this ambition and elements of both Public Health reserve and grant spend have been committed to projects which seek to reduce health inequalities.

- 3.4 People enjoy healthy, safe, and independent lives through timely support that is most suited to their needs

The overall financial position of the Adults, Health and Commissioning and Public Health directorates underpin this ambition.

- 3.5 Helping people out of poverty and income inequality

Public Health grant and reserve spend in 2023/24 is helping fund work undertaken to address this ambition.

- 3.6 Places and communities prosper because they have a resilient and inclusive economy, access to good quality public services and social justice is prioritised

There are no significant implications for this ambition.

- 3.7 Children and young people have opportunities to thrive

There are no significant implications for this ambition.

4. Significant Implications

- 4.1 Resource Implications

The attached Finance Monitoring Report sets out the details of the overall financial position for Adults, Health and Commissioning and Public Health.

- 4.2 Procurement/Contractual/Council Contract Procedure Rules Implications

There are no significant implications within this category.

- 4.3 Statutory, Legal and Risk Implications

There are no significant implications within this category.

- 4.4 Equality and Diversity Implications

There are no significant implications within this category.

- 4.5 Engagement and Communications Implications

There are no significant implications within this category.

- 4.6 Localism and Local Member Involvement

There are no significant implications within this category.

- 4.7 Public Health Implications

The report sets out the financial position of the Public Health Directorate.

- 4.8 Climate Change and Environment Implications on Priority Areas (See further guidance in Appendix 2):

There are no significant implications within this category

5. Source documents guidance

5.1 Source documents

Finance Monitoring Reports are produced monthly, except for April, for all of the Council's services. These are uploaded regularly to the website below.

5.2 Location

[Finance and performance reports - Cambridgeshire County Council](#)

Appendix 1: Adults, Health and Commissioning and Public Health Finance Monitoring Report August 2023

See separate document