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**North East
Derbyshire
District Council**

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Date: Monday, 13 November 2023

To: **Members of the Services Scrutiny Committee**

Please attend a meeting of the Services Scrutiny Committee to be held on **Tuesday, 21 November 2023 at 10.00 am** in Meeting Rooms 1 and 2, District Council Offices, 2013 Mill Lane, Wingerworth, Chesterfield S42 6NG.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Sarah Steuberg".

Assistant Director of Governance and Monitoring Officer

Members of the Committee

<u>Labour Group</u>	<u>Conservative Group</u>	<u>Liberal Democrat Group</u>
Councillor Mick Smith – Chair Councillor Kathy Clegg Councillor Carol Lacey Councillor Derrick Skinner Councillor Christine Smith	Councillor Heather Liggett Councillor Michelle Emmens Councillor Mark Foster	Councillor Ross Shipman

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A G E N D A

1 Apologies for Absence

2 Declarations of Interest

Members are requested to declare the existence and nature of any disclosable pecuniary interests and/or other interests, not already on their register of interests, in any item on the agenda and withdraw from the meeting at the appropriate time.

3 Minutes of Last Meeting (Pages 5 - 9)

To approve as a correct record and the Chair to sign the Minutes of the Services Scrutiny Committee held on 19 September 2023.

4 The Performance Management Framework (Pages 10 - 16)

To report progress on the strategies underpinning the Council Plan objective to: Continually improve Council services to deliver excellence and value for money.

(Information, Engagement and Performance Manager)

5 Revised Budgets - NOW PUBLISHED (Pages 17 - 33)

(Director of Finance & Resources and Section 151 Officer)

6 The Council's Financial Resilience

Presentation and discussion.

(Director of Finance & Resources and Section 151 Officer)

7 The Council's Talent Pipeline Strategy

Briefing and discussion.

(Managing Director and Head of Paid Service)

8 Cabinet Business (Pages 34 - 42)

To inform Committee of recent and forthcoming Cabinet business.

A digest of Cabinet decisions taken since 29 June 2023. This information is published by Cabinet meeting on the Council's website. Cabinet Agendas, Decisions and Minutes can be viewed at: [Cabinet](#)

The Forward Plan of Executive decisions.

[Plans](#)

These plans are updated to include new business.

(Governance Scrutiny Support)

9 Work Programme

To consider future items for the Committee's Work Programme.

(Governance Scrutiny Support)

10 Additional Urgent Items

To consider any other matter which the Chair of the Committee is of the opinion should be considered as a matter of urgency.

11 Date of Next Meeting

The next meeting of the Services Scrutiny Committee is scheduled to take place on 27 February 2024 at 10.00 am.



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SERVICES SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY, 19 SEPTEMBER 2023

Present:

Councillor Mick Smith (Chair) (in the Chair)
Councillor Heather Liggett (Vice-Chair)

Councillor Kathy Clegg
Councillor Ross Shipman
Councillor Christine Smith

Councillor Carol Lacey
Councillor Derrick Skinner

Also Present:

L Hickin	Managing Director - Head of Paid Service
J Dethick	Director of Finance and Resources & (Section 151 Officer)
S Sternberg	Assistant Director of Governance and Monitoring Officer
L Pepper	Assistant Director Communities
A Bashir	Improvement Officer
R Pope	Customer Services Manager
A Maher	Governance Manager
T Scott	Governance and Scrutiny Officer

SSC/ Apologies for Absence

9/23-
24

No apologies for absence were received.

SSC/ Declarations of Interest

10/2
3-24

Councillor Christine Smith declared an other interest in the Item 'Medium Term Financial Plan Budget Monitoring Report April- June 2023 (Q1)', but indicated she would participate in the Committee's discussion and determination on the Item.

SSC/ Notes of the Informal Meeting

11/2
3-24

RESOLVED – That the Notes of the Services Scrutiny Committee held on 11 July 2023 be noted.

SSC/ The Equalities Plan 2023-27

12/2
3-24

The Improvement Officer presented a report to notify Members and seek comments on the proposed Equality Plan and objectives for 2023-27. Members were informed that a draft Equality Plan and Objectives for 2023-2027 was attached to the report, and the document set out the Council's legal responsibilities, approach to equalities and equality objectives. The document also included profiles of the District and the Council's workforce.

Members enquired if the plan included marking World Prematurity Day. Members were informed that the plan focused more on protected characteristics.

The Committee discussed the equality Member training on 6 September 2023.

The Governance Manager informed Members that a recording of the event had been made and was available for all Members to view.

Members asked if the rising pension age had been considered in the plan. The Managing Director explained that the rise could impact the Council's staff because its workforce was getting older. The Director of Finance and Resources added that the workforce getting older presented a financial challenge, because the budget envelope for them was fixed.

The Chair asked if there were procedures in place for Members to make sure the targets were met. The Improvement Officer explained that public documents were regularly produced to monitor the meeting of targets. The Managing Director added that providing Members with the correct information was very important.

RESOLVED – That the Committee noted the report.

SSC/ **Annual Ombudsman Report 2022-23**

13/2

3-24

The Customer Service Manager presented a report on the Annual Review letter of the Local Government & Social Care Ombudsman (LG&SCO).

The report explained that during the period 2022-23, two complaints had been upheld relating to:

1. a failure by the Council to notify the complainant of a change to the plans submitted for a housing development.
2. a failure by the Council to establish the planning position and resolve the unauthorised use of land next to the complainant's home

Members were concerned that both were in the Planning Service. The Customer Service Manager explained that one of the complaints was because the Council did not adhere to an aspect of the Local Plan, so there was no fine involved. She added that the number of complaints in this year was relatively small.

The Customer Service Manager explained that the other complaint was regarding something next to the complainant's home causing noise disturbance, and this was a genuine fault and the Council was fined. Members were informed that Planning issues could be very complex, which was why complaints like this were often made towards Planning & Development.

RESOLVED – That the Committee acknowledged the report and findings of the Local Government & Social Care Ombudsman.

SSC/ **The Council's People Strategy**

14/2

3-24

The Managing Director delivered a People Strategy Development 2024 presentation to Members.

The presentation explained that when Senior Officers were identifying the strategies and policies that would underpin the Council Plan, they placed the People Strategy underneath the priority of A great place to access good public services.

The presentation summarised the following:

- Council Plan development timeline (each step to follow for the Council Plan, including its approval at Council and the finalised service plans coming from it)
- Identifying the Strategies that underpin the Council Plan
- Early areas of focus
- Strategy development process
- Early Vision, objectives and high-level outcomes
- Scoping

The Chair asked if apprentices were employed by the Council from the beginning of their terms. The Managing Director confirmed they were employed by the Council immediately. The Director of Finance and Resources added that apprentices were on fixed-term contracts.

The Managing Director stated that the Talent Pipeline Strategy would be circulated to Members.

RESOLVED – That the Committee noted the presentation.

SSC/ **The Council's Engagement and Improvement Strategy**

15/2

3-24

The Director of Finance and Resources gave Members an update on the progress of the Engagement and Improvement Strategy. Similarly to the People Strategy, this Strategy was also identified underneath the Council Plan priority of A great place to access good public services.

The Strategy would aim to improve engagement with residents, partners and businesses.

Members were informed that the Strategy would be considered at the Committee meeting on 21 November 2023.

Members referred to closed rent offices in Killamarsh and Clay Cross. The Managing Director stated that a number of difficult financial decisions had to be made since the recession in 2008.

Members asked if a mobile office had been considered to pick up the areas missed by rent office closures. The Director of Finance and Resources stated that this option was being considered.

RESOLVED – That the Committee noted the update.

SSC/ **Medium Term Financial Plan Budget Monitoring Report April- June 2023**
(Q1)

16/2

3-24

The Director of Finance and Resources presented to Members a summary of the budget position for the first quarter of 2023/24 for the General Fund, the Housing Revenue Account and the Capital Programme. Members were advised that the report would also be considered by Cabinet on 21 September 2023.

Committee discussed the report. Members asked if the depot in Eckington was going to be closed. The Director of Finance and Resources responded that there were no plans to close the depot, but it was in need of an update.

Members referred to the recent financial troubles at Birmingham City Council and asked if there was a danger of the Council being in the same situation. The Director of Finance and Resources explained that the Council's finances were in better condition than Birmingham's.

Members referred to the national Local Government Pay Claim 2023/24 and asked if the Council was prepared for the impact. Members were assured that the Council would be as resilient as possible.

RESOLVED – That the Committee noted the report.

SSC/ Compressed Working Hours

17/2

3-24

The Assistant Director of Governance presented a report with more information on the possibility of the Council introducing four-day working weeks. This came as a result of Members discussing the subject at the informal Services Scrutiny Committee on 11 July 2023, where Members mentioned a pilot being carried out at South Cambridgeshire District Council.

The report included an attachment where Lee Rowley MP had submitted his concerns about the pilot scheme to South Cambridgeshire District Council.

Members felt they would like to consider the possibility in detail at some point in the future.

The Managing Director informed Members that Central Government had not yet issued any guidance on the issue (aside from the letter from Lee Rowley MP) so for the time being, the Council would monitor what unfolds at South Cambridgeshire District Council.

RESOLVED – That the Committee noted the report.

SSC/ Cabinet Business

18/2

3-24

The Governance Manager presented the Forward Plan of Executive Decisions for the period 15 August 2023 – 15 September 2023, and informed Members that future Forward Plan updates to the Committee would be done in a digest style.

RESOLVED - That the Committee noted the information.

SSC/ Work Programme

19/2

3-24

The Governance Manager presented a list of suggestions in preparation for drafting the Committee's Work Programme for 2023/24. Members were asked to consider the suggestions after the meeting and present Governance with any amendments or additions to the list.

RESOLVED - That the Committee noted the information.

SSC/ Additional Urgent Items

20/2

3-24 None.

SSC/ Date of Next Meeting

21/2

3-24 10.00am Tuesday 21 November 2023.

North East Derbyshire Council

Services Scrutiny Committee

**Council Plan Objective – A Great Place to Access Good Public Services -
Update April to September 2023**

21st November 2023

Report of the Information, Engagement & Performance Manager

Classification: This report is public

Report By: Kath Drury, Information, Engagement and Performance Manager

Contact Officer: As above

PURPOSE / SUMMARY

To report progress on the strategies underpinning the Council Plan objective - “A great place to access good public services” for the period ending 30th September 2023.

RECOMMENDATIONS

1. That progress against the Council Plan “A great place to access good public services” objective be noted.
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IMPLICATIONS

Finance and Risk: Yes No

Details:

On Behalf of the Section 151 Officer

Legal (including Data Protection): Yes No

Details

On Behalf of the Solicitor to the Council

Staffing: Yes No

Details:

On behalf of the Head of Paid Service

DECISION INFORMATION

Decision Information	
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<p>Is the decision subject to Call-In? (Only Key Decisions are subject to Call-In)</p>	No
<p>District Wards Significantly Affected</p>	None
<p>Consultation: Leader / Deputy Leader <input type="checkbox"/> Cabinet <input type="checkbox"/> SMT <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Relevant Service Manager <input type="checkbox"/> Members <input type="checkbox"/> Public <input type="checkbox"/> Other <input type="checkbox"/></p>	<p>Details: Ward Members</p>

Links to Council Plan priorities, including Climate Change, Equalities, and Economics and Health implications.

- A great place to access good public services:
- Assist and influence other public partners to improve their services in the district.
 - Continually improve Council services to deliver excellence and value for money.

REPORT DETAILS

1 Background

The Council plan 2023-27 has four objectives:

- A great place to work.
- A great place to access good public services.
- A great place to live well.
- A great place that cares for the environment

Information on progress on what the Council has done for the *access good public services* objective is contained at appendix one and will be brought to the committee quarterly.

- 1.2 Under each objective there are several strategies which prioritise what the Council is setting out to achieve by March 2027. Under each strategy there are specific tactics or commitments that will shape our approach and under those a range of activities that in combination will help us to deliver the objectives.
- 1.3 Under the good public services objective there are two strategies – Assist and influence other public partners to improve their services in the district and Continually improve Council services to deliver excellence and value for money. There are three and five tactics under the respective strategies.

2. Details of Proposal or Information

- 2.1 The appendix lists what has been done and achieved by those service areas with contributions to make for this period. These are noted under each strategy and tactic.
- 2.2 This is a new way of reporting progress against the Council Plan, and it will evolve over time. This approach is wider and more cohesive seeking contributions from all departments across the performance framework supporting the new plan. Feedback and suggestions from the committee are welcomed.
- 2.3 The report was taken to Senior Management team on 23rd October 2023 for consideration and oversight.
- 2.4 No specific concerns or issues have been raised under this objective for this period.

3 Reasons for Recommendation

- 3.1 This is an information report to keep Members informed of progress against the council plan objective for the good public services.

4 Alternative Options and Reasons for Rejection

- 4.1 Not applicable to this report as providing an overview of progress against the council plan objective for the good public services.

DOCUMENT INFORMATION

Appendix No	Title
1	A summary of progress for the Council Plan objective – A Great Place to Access Good Public Services – for the period ending September 2023
Background Papers (These are unpublished works which have been relied on to a material extent when preparing the report. They must be listed in the section below. If the report is going to Cabinet you must provide copies of the background papers)	

Council Plan 2023-2027 – A summary of progress by objective for the period ending 30th September 2023

A Great Place to Access Good Public Services

*The following progress has been made on **Assist and influence other public partners to improve their services in the district***

Actively participate, nurture relationships and maximise benefits for NEDDC residents in partnerships such as Health, Economy, Resilience, etc.

Reinstated the core grant to Derbyshire Unemployed Workers' Centres to help vulnerable families during the cost-of-living crisis, awarding £22,377 for 2023/24. (Regeneration & Programmes)

Produced the latest Armed Forces Community bulletin in June 2023, which signposts people to various NEDDC and external agency support provision. (Regeneration & Programmes)

New Derbyshire Police Safer Neighbourhood Team Headquarters being progressed on Council owned site at Bridge St Clay Cross. Contracts exchanged and completion now subject to planning. New NHS Health Clinic being considered on remaining Council owned land at Bridge St Clay Cross - private treaty disposal being progressed. New Sharley Park Leisure Centre to have dedicated leased space for other public sector services - terms agreed for both NHS & Citizen Advice Bureau to take space in the building. (Property and Estates)

Collate and analyse district wide data to inform improvements

Updated the District health data about 'Diamond' and 'Silver' Communities, to inform local intervention. Commencement of development of biennial Residents Survey, to issue in November 2023 (Regeneration & Programmes)

Customer satisfaction information, and how we collect data for Property and Estates, is to be considered as part of the Strategic Asset Management Plan that is currently being drafted. (Property and Estates)

Directly assist residents and businesses to access all available public services and support

For this period Leisure Services have worked with public partners including:

- Respiratory Rehab – discussions about relocation of their service into the new facility at Clay Cross Active.
- Parkinson's UK - Funding secured in August for Parkinson's project. MP met with Parkinson's regional rep and Senior Neuro physio in North East Derbyshire. Funding (£2.5K) for activities at Eckington & Killamarsh centres (anticipated to run until December with a view to continuing).
- Cardiac Rehab stakeholders meeting – potential funding opportunity.
- Killamarsh Medical Practice – meeting to plan open day at Killamarsh Active to support Exercise by Referral. A successful meeting which achieved 25 new referrals.

Council Plan 2023-2027 – A summary of progress by objective for the period ending 30th September 2023

*The following progress has been made on **Continually improve Council services to deliver excellence and value for money***

Fiscally responsible and efficient

Council Tax and Business Rates collection rates on track at 56% and 59% respectively.

Claims for Housing Benefit and Council Tax reduction administered on average within 17.5 days (standard 20 days). Similarly change in circumstances are being administered on average quicker than standard (within 3 days, standard 6 days).

Comparison of fees and charges commenced pending review (Streetscene)

New fees and charges schedule being considered by Estates for non-statutory functions that are requested by residents. (Property & Estates)

Quarter 1 (April to June 2023) budget monitoring reports presented to the Services Scrutiny Committee and Cabinet in October. No budget pressures of concern were noted at this time. (Finance)

Recently reviewed the debt outstanding for Private Water Supplies and improved debt recovery processes. (Property & Estates)

Listen to customers (Residents and Businesses) to improve services

A Residents Survey (sample approach) developed and to go live in November 2023. The survey focuses on 'place' and local services and will provide valuable resident insight and satisfaction with local service provision to help monitor the new council plan and priorities. Consultation on 2 play parks in Killamarsh and 1 play park in Clay Cross undertaken (Regeneration & Programmes, Streetscene)

Sought feedback on No Mow May (Streetscene)

Environmental Health ran a customer satisfaction survey, with a 3-month period sample from May-July '23 taken from the Environmental Health customer database. The survey ran for 4 weeks, closing on Sunday 10th September, 107 responses were received with 58.9% of customers either 'very' or 'fairly' satisfied. (Environmental Health).

Ensure good governance and transparency in all we do

Clay Cross Town Deal received Substantial assurance level from Internal Audit review in September 2023. (Regeneration & Programmes)

All customer requests for Internal Reviews (6) under the Complaints Policy dealt within standard (within 20 working days). 78% of 51 formal complaints dealt within 15 days (78%). (Communities)

Data protection & /Freedom of Information, and equalities briefing sessions have been delivered to new starters in September 2023. (Regeneration & Programmes)

Council Plan 2023-2027 – A summary of progress by objective for the period ending 30th September 2023

Consulting ward Members and Parish Councils on applications and presenting cases to planning committee. Updated Statement of Community Involvement adopted June 2023 (Planning)

Public Service Network certification achieved Oct 2023. (ICT)

All major ICT security policies currently being reviewed. (ICT)

Terms of Reference for the Asset Management Board and operational group have recently been reviewed and are going to board on 09/11/23 for approval. The revised terms of reference now give clear direction for NEDDC/Rykneld for the management of their assets. (Property & Estates)

Council website is currently the best for accessibility in Derbyshire and 14th in the country. (Communications)

The Engagement and Improvement Strategy steering group has been established and held its first meeting. (Corporate)

Maintain a motivated and skilled workforce

Officers supported to present to Senior Management Team, Portfolio Holder, Cabinet, and Scrutiny Committees. Within the period two officers have qualified at Level 5 and one with an MBA, whilst another has joined the Level 3 Apprenticeship Programme (Regeneration & Programmes)

Staff enrolled on level 3 and level 5 ILM apprenticeships and 2 x degree apprenticeships. (Planning)

Domestic Abuse project (SALUS) nominated for affordable housing award. (Communities)

Full refresh of all risk assessments and safe systems of work ongoing pending delivery to staff December onwards (Streetscene)

Designing new holiday procedures to ensure enough cover when staff are off. Mental Health focus based on sickness analysis. (Streetscene)

New career graded posts created in Estates Team for Senior Valuer/Estates Surveyors with progression built in giving incentive for postholders to progress and achieve professional RICS qualification. (Property and Estates)

5 staff have started ILM courses. (Streetscene)

Modernise and innovate services to continually improve

Hybrid mail roll out progressing well. Testing taken place within various departments including for the Resident's survey and Armed Forces community bulletins. This system will improve service efficiency and reduce costs across the Council. (Communities Services/Corporate)

Council Plan 2023-2027 – A summary of progress by objective for the period ending 30th September 2023

Increased use of technology has significantly reduced the time taken to validate planning applications (by approximately 40%). (Planning)

Developed the Teams staff news bulletin which is due to go live next month providing useful information and updates for staff, sharing stories and learning, and successes. (Communications)

Using URL's and QR codes on our printed media to evidence usage and value to residents. This will provide valuable data to inform our future decisions on the media channels to use for different services. (Communications)

The Football Foundation have started the feasibility on the 3G pitch at Clay Cross Active. They will fund the feasibility (and 75% of the overall project cost) and procure the contractor to carry out the works. The football foundation board will then make a decision, regarding the suitability of a pitch at Clay Cross Active. This is decision expected Spring 2024. If approved, the works on the new pitch will start on site from October/November 2024 , lasting approx. 12 weeks, and the pitch will be available for use from Jan/Feb 2025. (Leisure)

North East Derbyshire District Council

Services Scrutiny Committee

21 November 2023

Medium Term Financial Plan – Revised Budget 2023/24

Report of the Director of Finance and Resources (S151 Officer)

Classification: This report is public

Report By: Jayne Dethick, Director of Finance and Resources (S151 Officer)

Contact Officer: Jayne Dethick

PURPOSE/SUMMARY

To present revisions to the 2023/24 budget for the Services Scrutiny Committee to consider.

RECOMMENDATIONS

1. That the Services Scrutiny Committee note the report concerning the Council's Medium Term Financial Plan - Revised Budgets 2023/24 and make any comments that they believe to be appropriate concerning the budget to the Council's Cabinet.
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IMPLICATIONS

Finance and Risk

Yes ✓

No

All financial implications are covered in the relevant sections of the attached report.

On Behalf of the Section 151 Officer

Legal including Data Protection

Yes

No ✓

There are no legal issues arising directly from the report.

On Behalf of the Solicitor to the Council

Staffing

Yes

No ✓

There are no staffing issues arising directly from this report.

On Behalf of the Head of Paid Service

DECISION INFORMATION

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Is the decision subject to Call-In? (Only Key Decisions are subject to Call-In)	N/A
District Wards Significantly Affected	None
Consultation: Leader / Deputy Leader <input type="checkbox"/> Cabinet <input type="checkbox"/> SMT <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Relevant Service Manager <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Members <input type="checkbox"/> Public <input type="checkbox"/> Other <input type="checkbox"/>	Yes Details:

Links to Council Plan priorities, including Climate Change, Equalities, and Economics and Health implications.

All

1. REPORT DETAILS

- 1.1 The attached report details the original budget position as approved by Council in January 2023 and the revised position following the in-depth revised budget review. The report which will be taken to the Council's Cabinet on 23 November 2023 is accordingly now brought to the Services Scrutiny Committee for its consideration.
- 1.2 Following scrutiny, any comments that the Committee believes to be appropriate concerning the budget will be duly reported to the Council's Cabinet.

2 Reasons for Recommendation

- 2.1 The purpose of this report is to ensure that the Services Scrutiny Committee is kept informed of the latest position concerning budgets and can scrutinise.

3 Alternative Options and Reasons for Rejection

- 3.1 There are no alternative options being considered at this time. How resources are utilised is ultimately a decision Members which will take as part of the 2024/25 Medium Term Financial Planning process.
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DOCUMENT INFORMATION

Appendix No	Title
1	Cabinet General Fund Revised Budget 2023/24 Pack
Background Papers	

North East Derbyshire District Council

Cabinet

23 November 2023

Medium Term Financial Plan – Revised Budget 2023/24

Report of Cllr P Kerry, Portfolio Holder for Finance

Classification: This report is public

Report By: Jayne Dethick, Director of Finance and Resources (S151 Officer)

Contact Officer: Jayne Dethick

PURPOSE/SUMMARY

To present revisions to the 2023/24 budget that was approved by Council in January 2023 for Cabinet to consider.

RECOMMENDATIONS

1. That the following recommendations are made to Council:
 - 1a the budget in respect of the General Fund as set out in **Appendix 1** of this report be approved as the Current Budget for 2023/24
 - 1b the budget in respect of the HRA as set out in **Appendix 3** of this report be approved as the Current Budget for 2023/24
 - 1c The Capital Programme as set out in **Appendix 4** of this report be approved as the Current Budget for 2023/24

Approved by the Portfolio Holder for Finance

IMPLICATIONS

Finance and Risk

Yes ✓ No

The issue of financial risk is covered throughout the report. In addition, it should be noted that not achieving a balanced budget is outlined as a key risk within the Council's Strategic Risk Register. While officers are of the view that these risks are being appropriately managed it needs to be recognised that the continued budget pressures on the Council's financial position, in particular the impact of the uncertainty surrounding

national funding, need careful consideration when the Medium Term Financial Plan is refreshed in the coming months.

The capital programme identifies and recognises the need to maintain the Council's assets in a fit for purpose state and to retain and attract income streams for the Council. The financing of the capital programme is secured for 2023/24 thus minimising the risk of any additional unplanned borrowing.

All financial implications are covered in the relevant sections throughout the report.

On Behalf of the Section 151 Officer

Legal including Data Protection **Yes** **No ✓**

There are no legal issues arising directly from the report.

On Behalf of the Solicitor to the Council

Staffing **Yes** **No ✓**

There are no staffing issues arising directly from this report.

On Behalf of the Head of Paid Service

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Is the decision subject to Call-In? (Only Key Decisions are subject to Call-In)	Yes
District Wards Significantly Affected	None
Consultation: Leader / Deputy Leader <input type="checkbox"/> Cabinet <input type="checkbox"/> SMT <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Relevant Service Manager <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Members <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Public <input type="checkbox"/> Other <input type="checkbox"/>	Yes Details:

REPORT DETAILS

1 General Fund Revenue Account

- 1.1 The revised budget process is now complete and the proposed revisions for the General Fund are attached at **Appendix 1**. The appendix shows the original budget for 2023/24 which was approved by Council in January 2023, the current budget, and the proposed revised budget for 2023/24. **Appendix 2** details the net cost of each cost centre by Directorate.
- 1.2 The Original Budget approved in January 2023 included a contribution from the Resilience Reserve of £0.784m to fund the extraordinarily high inflationary pressures being encountered. The revised budget position, taking account of growth and efficiencies identified reduces the required contribution from the Resilience Reserve by £0.452m to £0.343m.
- 1.3 Variances from the current budget are detailed in Table 1 and 2 below. These include variances in amounts transferred to and from grants and reserves. Some of the costs in the General Fund are funded by grants and reserves and some of the income in the General Fund needs to be moved to the grants and reserves to fund future expenditure commitments. Therefore, these movements are necessary to show the “true” position of the General Fund. This is particularly noticeable in the Growth and Assets Directorate this year, grants in excess of £0.6m have been received since April, largely being the receipt of UK Shared Prosperity Funds.
- 1.4 The main Net Cost of Services variances can be further analysed as:

Table 1

Net Cost of Services:

	‘£000
Pay award	470
Employer pension contributions	94
Vacancy savings	(343)
Utilities	(793)
Transport materials	75
Homelessness & temporary accommodation costs	132
Insurance premiums	61
Planning fee income	201
Leisure centre income	(166)
Miscellaneous variances	16
Expenditure funded from grants and reserves	1,590
Grant income moved to reserves	(1,271)
Total	66

1.5 Reserves variances can be further analysed as:

Table 2

	£000
Transfers to Reserves:	
Revenue grants	1,250
Other earmarked reserves	0
Total	1,250
Transfers from Reserves:	
Shortfall funded from Resilience reserve	452
Revenue grants	(605)
Invest to save	(45)
Other earmarked reserves	(707)
Total	(905)
Net Reserves Variance	345

- 1.6 Whilst the efficiencies identified through the budget process have been sufficient to reduce the contribution needed from the Resilience Reserve, they are not entirely sufficient to reduce the need altogether. The revised shortfall of £0.331m will therefore continue to be met from the Resilience Reserve and savings identified during the remainder of this financial year will be used to further reduce the call on reserves.
- 1.7 Whilst the forecast contribution from the Resilience Reserve is now reduced, and use of reserves is in line with the Local Government Finance Policy Statement 2023/24 – 20245 issued by the Government in December 2022, it is recognised that use of reserves is not a sustainable solution for the medium term; this is being considered as part of the budget setting process and medium-term financial plan refresh currently being undertaken. The final position will clearly be dependent on the actual financial performance out-turning in line with the revised budgets and there may be further budget changes required as the year progresses.
- 1.8 The Invest to Save Reserve had an opening balance of £2.7m at the 1 April 2023. Commitments already made against this reserve amount to £0.8m leaving £1.9m uncommitted.
- 1.9 The Resilience Reserve had an opening balance of £2.27m and after accounting for contributions made to the General Fund the estimated balance is £1.939m. This reserve will continue to be utilised to provide financial resilience to the General Fund in future years as required by Medium Term Financial Plan.

General Fund Balances

- 1.10 The level of General Fund Balances has been maintained at £2m in this budget. The General Fund balances are considered to be at an acceptable level rather than generous. The General Fund balance needs to be considered against the background of ongoing reductions in the level of Government funding together with the range of risks facing the Council. With only a limited level of General Fund reserves it is crucial that the Council continues to maintain robust budgetary control while securing its ongoing savings targets in order to safeguard both its reserves and its financial sustainability.

- 1.11 Section 25 of the Local Government Act 2003 requires the Chief Financial Officer (Section 151 Officer) to report formally on the adequacy of proposed reserves when setting a budget requirement. Given the current level of general balances and the earmarked Resilience Reserve, the Council has sufficient balances to provide a period in which to review and recover financial challenges. In a situation in which the Council were operating at a lower level of balances and an overspend or an under achievement of income occurred which took balances to below minimum levels then immediate 'crisis' remedial action would need to be considered. Such a response is not conducive to sound financial management but more importantly would have a significant detrimental impact upon the Council's ability to deliver the planned and agreed level of services to local residents. However, Cabinet will recognise that given a level of General Fund Balances of £2m, against the savings requirement in the Medium Term Financial Plan, the need to continue to tackle the underlying forecast budget deficit remains.

Housing Revenue Account (HRA)

The Housing Revenue Account revised budget for 2022/23 is set out in **Appendix 3** to this report.

Income

- 1.12 Overall, there are no major income variances to report with revised income budgets being marginally higher (£0.072m) than the original budget.

Expenditure

- 1.13 Rykneld Homes Limited (RHL), who undertake the management of the Council's housing stock, receive a management fee for provision of these services. The management fee agreed in the original budget was £10.612m. Like ourselves, RHL has experienced considerable financial pressures over the past few years with both pay inflation and the cost of contracts putting considerable pressure on their budgets. Further, the rigorous demands placed on housing providers through the emerging social housing regulations is placing a further burden on resources. The total pressure in 2023/24 is £1.811m. RHL have been able to absorb £0.758m through prudent financial management. The remainder will be met through an increase to the management fee in 2023/24 of £1.052m, funded from the HRA Resilience Reserve.
- 1.14 The remainder of the HRA expenditure is managed by the Council. The main variance of note is the increase in depreciation of £0.584m. Interest costs are £1.8m higher than the current budget, however this is offset by increased interest receivable of £2.2m. Both are the result of increased interest rates.
- 1.15 Taking account of the proposed budget changes detailed above, a contribution of £0.300m is required from the HRA resilience reserve is required to balance the HRA in 2023/24. A contribution of £0.05m has been made to the insurance reserve and £7.5m has been contributed to the major repairs reserve towards funding the HRA capital programme.
- 1.16 The HRA balance is being maintained at £3m in line with the level of financial risk facing the HRA. Maintenance of this balance is necessary as it will help ensure the financial and operational stability of the HRA which is essential if we are to maintain the level of services and quality of housing provided to our tenants. Given the challenges that regulation will present and the Council's ambition to increase social housing across the

district, the Council and Rykneld Homes will need to continue to work closely together in order to ensure the sustainability of the HRA over the life of the 30 year Business Plan.

Capital Investment Programme

The Council's capital programme is shown in **Appendix 4**. It has been updated from the original budgets to reflect approvals within the year and the profiling of the individual schemes following approved changes by Members and from detailed discussions with budget officers.

1.17 HRA Schemes

The housing investment programme for 2023/24 was increased post outturn to take account of the budgets rolled over from 2022/23. Additional grant funding of £2m has been received for EWI works since setting the original forecast, which has provided additional funding for the stock purchase scheme this year.

1.18 General Fund

The General Fund element of the Capital Programme has also been increased to take account of budget rollovers from 2022/23. The main variances in the General Fund relate to the grant funded Clay Cross Town Fund scheme and UK Shared Prosperity schemes, these are medium term projects and are on track to be delivered on programme over the next few years. Grant funding has also been utilised to fund asset refurbishments at Mill Lane, this was in part planned maintenance that was required and in part response to changes to working practices, agile working and co-location with Rykneld Homes.

Capital Financing

1.19 **Appendix 4** also details how each scheme is financed. In summary:

HRA Capital Financing

1.20 The HRA Capital Programme is financed from a combination of capital receipts, revenue contributions, prudential borrowing, use of reserves and grants. Grant funding for EWI, alongside a commitment from the HRA has allowed us to accelerate the scheme significantly over the next two years.

General Fund Capital Financing

1.21 The General Fund Capital Programme is financed from a combination of capital receipts, revenue contributions, prudential borrowing and grants. The Prudential Borrowing financing arrangements were agreed by Council as part of the Treasury Management Strategy at its meeting in January 2023.

2 Reasons for Recommendation

2.1 The purpose of this report is to prepare revised budgets as early as possible within the financial year to provide sufficient time to allow any planned changes to be delivered. The Council has faced financial challenges this year putting pressure on the ability to set a balanced General Fund budget but careful budget management, use of reserves ring fenced for providing resilience when needed, and the ongoing progression of the transformation agenda has mitigated this.

3 Alternative Options and Reasons for Rejection

3.1 There are no alternative options being considered at this time. How resources are utilised is ultimately a decision Members which will take as part of the 2024/25 Medium Term Financial Planning process.

DOCUMENT INFORMATION

Appendix No	Title
1	General Fund Revised Budget - Summary 2023/24
2	General Fund Revised Budget - Detail 2023/24
3	HRA Revised Budget 2023/24
4	Capital Expenditure Revised Budget 2023/24
Background Papers	

GENERAL FUND ACCOUNT - SUMMARY REVISED BUDGET 2023/24

APPENDIX 1

	Original Budget 2023/24 £	Current Budget 2023/24 £	Revised Budget 2023/24 £	Variance £
Organisation and Place Directorate	7,098,395	7,098,395	7,926,480	828,085
Finance and Resources Directorate	4,620,372	4,660,525	4,281,525	(379,000)
Growth and Assets Directorate	3,736,445	3,696,292	3,247,273	(449,019)
Recharges to Capital and HRA	(618,350)	(618,350)	(618,350)	0
Net Cost of Services	14,836,862	14,836,862	14,836,928	66
Investment Properties	(449,920)	(449,920)	(473,095)	(23,175)
Bad Debt Provision	40,000	40,000	40,000	0
Interest	(479,180)	(479,180)	(801,564)	(322,384)
Debt Repayment Minimum Revenue Provision	56,000	56,000	56,000	0
Parish Precepts	3,467,459	3,556,306	3,556,306	0
Transfer To Earmarked Reserves	20,000	20,000	1,270,546	1,250,546
Transfer From Earmarked Reserves	(232,064)	(232,064)	(1,589,551)	(1,357,487)
Transfer Shortfall From Resilience Reserve	(977,011)	(783,661)	(331,241)	452,420
Total Spending Requirement	16,282,146	16,564,343	16,564,329	-14
Business Rates	(5,297,035)	(5,297,035)	(5,297,035)	0
New Homes Bonus	(602,080)	(602,080)	(602,080)	0
Lower Tier Services Grant	(367,849)	(367,849)	(367,835)	14
Collection Fund (Surplus)/Deficit - Council Tax	(81,168)	(81,168)	(81,168)	0
Collection Fund (Surplus)/Deficit - NNDR	0	0	0	0
NEDDC Council Tax Requirement	(6,466,555)	(6,659,905)	(6,659,905)	0
Parish Council Council Tax Requirement	(3,467,459)	(3,556,306)	(3,556,306)	0
Council Tax Requirement	(16,282,146)	(16,564,343)	(16,564,329)	14

	Original Budget 2023/24 £	Current Budget 2023/24 £	Revised Budget 2023/24 £	Variance £
<u>Operations and Place Directorate</u>				
Managing Director & Head of Paid Service				
4500	132,203	132,203	143,595	11,392
5720	133,957	133,957	149,772	15,815
	266,160	266,160	293,367	27,207
Assistant Director Environmental Health				
3400	104,830	104,830	127,854	23,024
3401	115,496	115,496	137,544	22,048
3402	112,159	112,159	152,961	40,802
3403	(2,423)	(2,423)	0	2,423
3404	9,324	9,324	9,039	(285)
3405	118,699	118,699	131,139	12,440
3407	20,527	20,527	45,555	25,028
3408	21,810	21,810	15,428	(6,382)
3409	270,449	227,519	259,403	31,884
3410	78,016	78,016	88,152	10,136
3419	1,500	1,500	1,500	0
3420	3,000	3,000	3,000	0
3426	0	0	20,706	20,706
3427	0	0	0	0
3428	0	0	0	0
3429	0	42,930	45,490	2,560
3430	0	0	(11,710)	(11,710)
	853,387	853,387	1,026,061	172,674
Assistant Director Streetscene				
3174	402,527	326,551	298,823	(27,728)
3227	494,185	494,185	555,220	61,035
3244	(360,000)	(360,000)	(360,000)	0
3282	186,091	186,091	149,272	(36,819)
3285	3,495	3,495	3,670	175
3511	(47,655)	(47,655)	(47,820)	(165)
3513	(4,385)	(4,385)	(5,865)	(1,480)
3514	(62,185)	(62,185)	(62,185)	0
3516	(17,015)	(17,015)	(19,200)	(2,185)
3918	(57,760)	(57,760)	(65,180)	(7,420)
3921	576,104	576,104	632,904	56,800
3943	548,072	548,072	679,221	131,149
3944	604,340	604,340	510,833	(93,507)
3945	1,551,778	1,551,778	1,800,330	248,552
3946	(267,412)	(267,412)	(274,486)	(7,074)
3947	0	75,976	80,390	4,414
	3,550,180	3,550,180	3,875,927	325,747
Assistant Director Planning				
4111	(674,000)	(674,000)	(472,000)	202,000
4113	0	0	25,063	25,063
4116	376,090	376,090	311,066	(65,024)
4311	14,520	14,520	18,630	4,110
4511	64,844	64,844	64,020	(824)
4513	726,432	726,432	861,990	135,558
4515	58,000	58,000	39,000	(19,000)
5354	(5,132)	(5,132)	12,576	17,708
	560,754	560,754	860,345	299,591
Assistant Director Governance				
1121	481,277	481,277	503,815	22,538
1123	6,500	6,500	7,400	900
1131	190,000	190,000	190,000	0
1137	0	0	0	0
1138	0	0	0	0
1139	0	0	0	0
1231	41,980	41,980	46,280	4,300

		Original Budget 2023/24	Current Budget 2023/24	Revised Budget 2023/24	Variance
		£	£	£	£
1259	Corporate Groups	6,000	6,000	7,500	1,500
1311	Human Resources	278,091	278,091	303,626	25,535
3121	Health & Safety Advisor	92,477	92,477	96,760	4,283
5273	Brass Band Concert	5,000	5,000	0	(5,000)
5313	Register Of Electors	179,559	179,559	158,311	(21,248)
5321	Assistant Director Governance	89,431	89,431	96,648	7,217
5353	Legal Section	162,912	162,912	186,743	23,831
5392	Scrutiny	35,425	35,425	39,511	4,086
5711	Democratic Services	299,262	299,262	234,186	(65,076)
		1,867,914	1,867,914	1,870,780	2,866
Total for Organisation and Place Directorate		7,098,395	7,098,395	7,926,480	828,085

Finance & Resources Directorate

Director of Finance & Resources

1312	Payroll	56,429	56,429	90,712	34,283
1315	Design & Print	118,714	118,714	131,524	12,810
1321	Communications & Marketing	107,708	107,708	127,338	19,630
1323	NEDDC News	33,000	33,000	38,000	5,000
1329	Corporate Web Site	1,115	1,115	2,350	1,235
3512	CBC Crematorium	(200,000)	(200,000)	(200,000)	0
5113	Unison Duties	18,447	18,447	8,612	(9,835)
5611	External Audit	153,400	153,400	174,640	21,240
5615	Bank Charges	115,000	115,000	133,500	18,500
5621	Contribution to/from HRA	(185,450)	(185,450)	(185,450)	0
5713	Audit	112,821	112,821	115,020	2,199
5714	Financial Support Services	3,500	3,500	3,500	0
5715	Procurement	39,600	39,600	32,420	(7,180)
5716	Director of Finance & Resources	0	53,987	57,419	3,432
5721	Financial Services	335,955	281,968	311,643	29,675
5724	Insurance	363,215	363,215	409,820	46,605
5725	Apprenticeship Levy	45,000	45,000	45,000	0
5727	Cost Of Ex-Employees	794,000	794,000	169,800	(624,200)
5728	Covid-19 Response	0	0	35,425	35,425
		1,912,454	1,912,454	1,501,273	(411,181)

Assistant Director ICT

5215	Telephones	45,720	45,720	45,260	(460)
5216	Mobile Phones and I pads	28,300	28,300	28,300	0
5701	Joint ICT Service	(25,877)	(25,877)	15,800	41,677
5734	NEDDC ICT Service	691,782	691,782	682,194	(9,588)
5736	Business Development	122,549	122,549	122,176	(373)
5737	Corporate Printing Costs	20,770	20,770	20,665	(105)
		883,244	883,244	914,395	31,151

Assistant Director Communities

1218	Community Safety	43,699	43,699	42,005	(1,694)
1220	Assistant Director Communities	0	40,153	39,072	(1,081)
3165	Housing Options Team	199,058	199,058	360,267	161,209
3176	Pool Car	500	500	500	0
3740	Strategic Housing	142,743	142,743	122,019	(20,724)
3747	Homeless Temp Accomodation	6,373	6,373	36,990	30,617
3748	Homelessness Grant	62,000	62,000	(98,206)	(160,206)
3749	Empty Properties	1,500	1,500	1,500	0
3750	Housing Growth	11,792	11,792	35,734	23,942
3754	Rough Sleepers	0	0	6,000	6,000
3759	Emergency Welfare Assistance Grant	20,000	20,000	20,000	0
5221	Customer Services	354,483	354,483	359,399	4,916
5223	Franking Machine	47,900	47,900	47,700	(200)
5741	Housing Benefit Service	541,113	541,113	652,162	111,049
5745	Covid New Burdens	0	0	(17,460)	(17,460)
5747	Debtors	57,967	57,967	65,525	7,558
5751	NNDR Collection	(457)	(457)	(5,368)	(4,911)
5759	Council Tax Administration	346,693	346,693	209,618	(137,075)
5825	Concessionary Bus Passes	(10,690)	(10,690)	(11,600)	(910)

	Original Budget 2023/24 £	Current Budget 2023/24 £	Revised Budget 2023/24 £	Variance £	
	1,824,674	1,864,827	1,865,857	1,030	
Total for Finance & Resources Directorate	4,620,372	4,660,525	4,281,525	(379,000)	
Growth & Assets Directorate					
Director of Growth & Assets					
1283	Emergency Planning	16,000	16,000	17,390	1,390
4600	Director of Growth & Assets	108,279	108,279	116,832	8,553
		124,279	124,279	134,222	9,943
Assistant Director Property, Estates & Assets					
3135	Drainage	16,011	16,011	16,120	109
3172	Engineers	98,573	98,573	107,353	8,780
3241	Car Parks	47,460	47,460	49,300	1,840
3247	Street Names/Lights	5,000	5,000	3,500	(1,500)
3249	Footpath Orders	(400)	(400)	(400)	0
3265	Dams And Fishing Ponds	(450)	(450)	50	500
3281	Clay Cross Depot	670	670	670	0
4412	Midway Business Centre	(76,310)	(76,310)	(72,915)	3,395
4425	Coney Green Business Centre	(44,795)	(44,795)	(94,752)	(49,957)
4523	Estates Administration	359,592	359,592	334,823	(24,769)
4525	Miscellaneous Properties	0	0	31,148	31,148
5204	Assistant Director Property, Estates & Assets	74,417	74,417	80,463	6,046
5205	Mill Lane	213,133	213,133	913,074	699,941
5209	Facilities Management	52,910	52,910	83,750	30,840
5210	Pioneer House	85,364	85,364	66,934	(18,430)
		831,175	831,175	1,519,118	687,943
Assistant Director - Regeneration & Programmes					
1255	Strategy and Performance	116,285	116,285	152,624	36,339
1256	Corporate Consultation	18,596	18,596	0	(18,596)
1331	Strategic Partnerships	290,912	214,936	195,458	(19,478)
1333	Healthy North East Derbyshire	0	0	(90,395)	(90,395)
1336	UKSPF	0	0	(395,321)	(395,321)
3284	Wingerworth OPE	0	0	15,592	15,592
4211	Tourism Promotions	47,718	47,718	33,390	(14,328)
4238	Working Communities Strategy	77,716	77,716	85,853	8,137
4351	Alliance	0	0	3,590	3,590
4443	Elderly Peoples Clubs	4,000	4,000	4,000	0
4512	Growth Agenda	16,000	16,000	16,000	0
4517	Economic Development	224,996	224,996	165,134	(59,862)
5748	Ukrainian Guests	0	0	402	402
5750	Assistant Director Regeneration & Programmes	38,748	74,571	82,395	7,824
5785	Contributions	136,085	136,085	136,085	0
		971,056	930,903	404,807	(526,096)
Assistant Director Leisure					
4561	Leisure Centre Management	171,056	171,056	51,577	(119,479)
4723	Generation Games	(51)	(51)	0	51
4724	Walking into Communities	8,670	8,670	10,000	1,330
4727	Five 60	(67)	(67)	0	67
4731	Promotion Of Recreation And Leisure	32,369	32,369	35,834	3,465
4732	Schools Promotion	(294)	(294)	0	294
4736	Derbyshire Sports Forum	14,450	14,450	14,450	0
4742	Arts Development	2,530	2,530	2,570	40
8441	Eckington Swimming Pool	390,717	391,417	127,296	(264,121)
8445	Eckington Pool Cafe	(15,722)	(16,422)	(10,580)	5,842
8451	Dronfield Sports Centre	137,095	137,095	16,399	(120,696)
8455	Dronfield Café	(4,856)	(4,856)	(927)	3,929
8461	Sharley Park Sports Centre	971,180	971,180	690,108	(281,072)
8465	Sharley Park Sports Centre Outdoor	(2,100)	(2,100)	(1,250)	850
8471	Killamarsh Leisure Centre	126,114	126,114	230,951	104,837
8475	Killamarsh Outdoors	(17,000)	(17,000)	(11,200)	5,800
8476	Killamarsh Café	(4,156)	(4,156)	33,898	38,054
		1,809,935	1,809,935	1,189,126	(620,809)

		Original Budget 2023/24 £	Current Budget 2023/24 £	Revised Budget 2023/24 £	Variance £
Total for Growth & Assets Directorate		3,736,445	3,696,292	3,247,273	(449,019)
Corporate Charges					
5790	Savings Target	0	0	0	0
0001	Recharges to Capital and HRA	(618,350)	(618,350)	(618,350)	0
Total for Corporate Charges		(618,350)	(618,350)	(618,350)	0
Net Cost of Services		14,836,862	14,836,862	14,836,928	66
Investment Properties					
4411	Stonebroom Industrial Estate	(55,400)	(55,400)	(54,170)	1,230
4413	Clay Cross Industrial Estate	(83,970)	(83,970)	(85,680)	(1,710)
4415	Norwood Industrial Estate	(226,480)	(225,680)	(201,350)	24,330
4417	Eckington Business Park	(3,600)	(3,600)	1,400	5,000
4418	Rotherside Court Eckington Business Unit	(15,225)	(15,225)	(27,745)	(12,520)
4423	Pavillion Workshops Holmewood	(86,830)	(87,630)	(98,050)	(10,420)
4432	Miscellaneous Investment Properties	21,585	21,585	(7,500)	(29,085)
Total for Investment Properties		(449,920)	(449,920)	(473,095)	(23,175)

	Original Budget 2023/24 £	Current Budget 2023/24 £	Revised Budget 2023/24 £	Variance 2023/24 £
INCOME				
Dwelling Rents	(33,625,570)	(33,625,570)	(33,687,136)	(61,566)
Non-Dwelling Rents	(456,490)	(456,490)	(443,038)	13,452
Charges for Services and Facilities	(89,000)	(89,000)	(113,130)	(24,130)
Contributions Towards Expenditure	(50,000)	(50,000)	(50,000)	0
INCOME TOTAL	(34,221,060)	(34,221,060)	(34,293,304)	(72,244)
EXPENDITURE				
Repairs & Maintenance	5,224,241	5,224,241	5,927,645	703,404
Supervision and Management	7,417,969	7,417,969	7,962,526	544,557
Rents, Rates & Taxes	110,000	110,000	112,000	2,000
Capital Charges - Depreciation	7,737,791	7,737,791	8,322,072	584,281
Provision for Bad Debts	250,000	250,000	250,000	0
Debt Management Expenses	11,500	11,500	11,500	0
EXPENDITURE TOTAL	20,751,501	20,751,501	22,585,742	1,834,241
NET COST OF SERVICES	(13,469,559)	(13,469,559)	(11,707,561)	1,761,998
Corporate & Democratic Core	185,450	185,450	185,450	0
NET COST OF HRA SERVICES	(13,284,109)	(13,284,109)	(11,522,111)	1,761,998
Interest Payable	5,255,692	5,255,692	7,024,746	1,769,054
Transfer - Pensions Reserve				
Interest Receivable	(612,305)	(612,305)	(2,784,808)	(2,172,503)
Transfer to/(from) Resilience Reserve	446,463	446,463	(300,755)	(747,218)
Transfer to HRA Insurance Reserve	50,000	50,000	50,000	0
Contribution to MRR	8,117,309	8,117,309	7,532,928	(584,381)
Contribution to Development Reserve	0	0	0	0
(Surplus)/Deficit on HRA Services	(26,950)	(26,950)	(0)	26,950
Opening HRA Balance	(3,000,000)	(3,000,000)	(3,000,000)	
Transfers (to)/from Balances	0	0	0	
Closing HRA Balance	(3,000,000)	(3,000,000)	(3,000,000)	

	Original Budget 2023/24 £	Current Budget 2023/24 £	Revised Budget 2023/24 £	Variance £
Capital Expenditure				
Housing Revenue Account				
Capital Works - Council Housing	21,228,000	21,337,000	21,337,100	100
Garage Demolitions	23,000	83,000	83,000	0
Pine View Danesmoor	0	0	110,000	110,000
Parking Solutions	288,000	703,000	703,000	0
North Wingfield New Build Scheme	7,325,000	7,402,000	7,402,000	0
Stock Purchase Programme	1,000,000	3,164,000	4,964,000	1,800,000
LADS 3 Project	0	0	437,000	437,000
HRA - Capital Expenditure	29,864,000	32,689,000	35,036,100	2,347,100
General Fund				
Private Sector Housing Grants (DFG's)	820,000	820,000	820,000	0
Asset Refurbishment	500,000	779,000	1,436,000	657,000
Roller Shutter Doors	0	0	1,000	1,000
Eckington Pool Carbon Efficiency Programme	0	134,000	4,000	(130,000)
Killamarsh Leisure Centre Refurbishment	0	36,000	36,000	0
Dronfield Sports Centre Carbon Efficiency Programme	0	98,000	98,000	0
Clay Cross Football Pitch	0	9,000	9,000	0
Coney Green Telephony System	0	0	36,000	36,000
Replacement of Vehicles	2,210,000	3,619,000	3,786,450	167,450
Contaminated Land	0	42,000	42,000	0
ICT Schemes	199,000	591,000	518,700	(72,300)
CX Town Market Street Regeneration	1,999,000	1,740,000	5,871,000	4,131,000
CX Town Clay Cross Skills and Enterprise Hub	1,500,000	1,500,000	0	(1,500,000)
CX Town Clay Cross Creative (inc LC Energy Network)	850,000	852,000	0	(852,000)
CX Town Sharley Park Active Community Hub	8,100,000	12,655,000	12,655,000	0
CX Town Clay Cross Connections	1,500,000	1,500,000	0	(1,500,000)
CX Town Low Carbon Housing Challenge Fund	650,000	1,300,000	1,300,000	0
CX Town Rail Station Feasibility	0	150,000	150,000	0
CX Town Programme Management	241,000	423,000	423,000	0
CX Acc Fund School Demolition	0	158,000	0	(158,000)
CX Acc Fund CX Depot Demolition	0	86,000	0	(86,000)
CX Acc Fund Public Art Work	0	32,000	0	(32,000)
CX Acc Fund Land Assembly	0	3,000	0	(3,000)
UK SPF Grants	0	0	1,534,000	1,534,000
General Fund Capital Expenditure	18,569,000	26,527,000	28,720,150	2,193,150
Total Capital Expenditure	48,433,000	59,216,000	63,756,250	4,540,250

	Original Budget 2023/24 £	Current Budget 2023/24 £	Revised Budget 2023/24 £	Variance £
Capital Financing				
Housing Revenue Account				
Major Repairs Reserve	(15,855,000)	(15,964,000)	(15,974,100)	(10,100)
Prudential Borrowing - HRA	(8,973,000)	(10,348,000)	(9,628,400)	719,600
Development Reserve	(311,000)	(786,000)	(886,000)	(100,000)
External Grant	(3,395,000)	(3,395,000)	(5,632,000)	(2,237,000)
Capital Receipts Reserve	0	0	0	0
1-4-1 Receipts	(1,330,000)	(2,196,000)	(2,915,600)	(719,600)
HRA Capital Financing	(29,864,000)	(32,689,000)	(35,036,100)	(2,347,100)
General Fund				
Disabled Facilities Grant	(820,000)	(820,000)	(820,000)	0
External Grant	(8,095,000)	(13,705,000)	(15,094,000)	(1,389,000)
Prudential Borrowing	(6,745,000)	(6,781,000)	(8,846,000)	(2,065,000)
RCCO - Roller Shutter Doors	0	0	(803,150)	(803,150)
Useable Capital Receipts	(2,909,000)	(5,221,000)	(3,157,000)	2,064,000
General Fund Capital Financing	(18,569,000)	(26,527,000)	(28,720,150)	(2,193,150)
HRA Development Reserve				
Opening Balance	(955,000)	(892,000)	(892,000)	0
Amount due in year	(553,000)	(553,000)	0	553,000
Amount used in year	311,000	786,000	886,000	100,000
Closing Balance	(1,197,000)	(659,000)	(6,000)	653,000
Major Repairs Reserve				
Opening Balance	(537,000)	(970,000)	(970,498)	(498)
Amount due in year	(15,855,000)	(15,855,000)	(15,855,100)	(100)
Amount used in year	15,855,000	15,964,000	15,974,100	10,100
Closing Balance	(537,000)	(861,000)	(851,498)	9,502
Capital Receipts Reserve				
Opening Balance	(52,000)	(1,680,000)	(1,680,236)	(236)
Income expected in year	(4,000,000)	(4,000,000)	(1,500,000)	2,500,000
Debt Repayment/Other Expenses	1,000,000	0	0	0
Amount used in year	2,909,000	5,007,000	3,157,000	(1,850,000)
Closing Balance	(143,000)	(673,000)	(23,236)	649,764
Capital Receipts Reserve 1-4-1 receipts				
Opening Balance	(1,323,000)	(2,183,000)	(2,183,065)	(65)
Income expected in year	(1,800,000)	(1,800,000)	(1,000,000)	800,000
Amount used in year	1,330,000	2,410,000	2,915,600	505,600
Closing Balance	(1,793,000)	(1,573,000)	(267,465)	1,305,535
Total Capital Financing	(48,433,000)	(59,216,000)	(63,756,250)	(4,540,250)

DIGEST OF CABINET DECISIONS – SERVICES SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

Date	Title	Portfolio Holder	Status	Decision	Reasons for Decision
29 June 2023	Planning/Environmental Enforcement Scrutiny Review	Report of the Previous Administration's Organisation Scrutiny Committee	Non-Key & Open	<p>That Cabinet noted the recommendations of the previous Administration's Organisation Scrutiny Committee, as set out in the review report.</p> <p>That these recommendations be considered as part of the development process for the new Council Plan</p>	To appraise Cabinet of the Scrutiny Committee's review and recommendations.
29 June 2023	Engagement with Business Scrutiny Review	Report of the Previous Administration's Growth Scrutiny Committee	Non-Key & Open	<p>That Cabinet noted the recommendations of the previous Administration's Growth Scrutiny Committee, as set out in the review report.</p> <p>That these recommendations be considered as part of the development process for the new Council Plan.</p>	To appraise Cabinet of the Scrutiny Committee's review and recommendations.
29 June 2023	Leisure Provision for Older Residents Scrutiny Review	Report of the Previous Administration's Communities Scrutiny Committee	Non-Key & Open	<p>That Cabinet noted the recommendations of the previous Administration's Communities Scrutiny Committee, as set out in the review report.</p> <p>That these recommendations be considered as part of the development process for the new Council Plan.</p>	To appraise Cabinet of the Scrutiny Committee's review and recommendations

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29 June 2023	Adoption of the Revised Statement of Community Involvement (SCI)	Councillor S Pickering - Portfolio Holder for Environment & Place	Non-Key & Open	<p>That Cabinet approved the Officer responses to the representations received to the public consultation on the Draft Revised Statement of Community Involvement (SCI), as set out in the Consultation Statement in Appendix 1 to the report.</p> <p>That Cabinet adopted and brought into effect the Revised Statement of Community Involvement (SCI) in Appendix 2 to the report to replace the current SCI (2014).</p>	To formalise the Council's response to the comments received during the consultation on the draft SCI, and to enable the document to be formally adopted as the Council's Statement of Community Involvement.
29 June 2023	Purchase of Property in North Wingfield	Councillor N Barker – Leader of the Council and Portfolio Holder for Strategic Leadership & Finance	Key & Exempt	That Cabinet endorsed the purchase of the property in North Wingfield to help reduce hotel costs and to safeguard the property and local community.	By acquiring the property, the Council will be able to significantly reduce the use of hotels by its Homelessness Service and the associated costs, whilst also increasing its emergency housing capacity, at a time when pressures on the Homelessness Service are greater than ever before.

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29 June 2023	Housing at North Wingfield (Whiteleas) Development	Councillor N Barker – Leader of the Council & Portfolio Holder for Strategic Leadership and Finance	Non-Key & Exempt	That Cabinet agreed to the proposed change of tenure mix required on the Whiteleas development at North Wingfield.	Developing the vacant Council owned land at Whiteleas supports the delivery of new homes in the District. Changing the mix supports the Council's commitment to the delivery of high-quality affordable housing for rent in the District.
27 July 2023	The Council Plan 2023 - 2027	Councillor N Barker – Leader and Portfolio Holder for Strategic Leadership and Finance	Non-Key & Open	That Cabinet recommended to Council to approve the draft Council Plan for 2023 to 2027.	To ensure that the Council's work is carefully planned and structured.
27 July 2023	Five Year Housing Land Supply - Position Statement	Councillor S Pickering – Portfolio Holder for Environment & Place	Non-Key & Open	That Cabinet noted the annual assessment of the five-year land supply of deliverable sites for Housing.	To ensure Members are aware of the Council's latest position on the Five Year Housing Land Supply, prior to publication of the information on the Council's website.

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27 July 2023	Council Plan Targets Performance Update, January to March 2023 (Quarter 4)	Councillor J Barry – Portfolio Holder for Growth & Assets	Non-Key & Open	That Cabinet noted the outturns against the Council Plan 2019-2023 targets.	This was an information report to keep Members informed of progress against the Council Plan targets. This was the last report on performance on the previous Council Plan, and work was ongoing in relation to the new Council Plan performance framework.
27 July 2023	Medium Term Financial Plan - Financial Outturn 2022/23	Councillor N Barker – Leader and Portfolio Holder for Strategic Leadership & Finance	Non-Key & Open	That Cabinet noted the outturn position in respect of the 2022/23 financial year. That Cabinet approved the proposed carry forward of capital budgets detailed in Appendix 4 totalling £10.783m.	To appraise Cabinet of the Council's financial management during 2022-23, and to enable specific capital budgets to be carried forward into the current financial year.
27 July 2023	Funding to Voluntary and Community Sector Infrastructure Support Organisations - Summary of Outcomes for 2022/23	Councillor J Barry – Portfolio Holder for Growth & Assets	Non-Key & Open	That Cabinet noted the report.	To ensure that the Council maximises efficiencies and outcomes through commissioning voluntary sector organisations to help achieve the Council's Priorities.

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21 Sept 2023	Medium Term Financial Plan: Budget Monitoring Report April-June 2023 (Q1)	Cllr P R Kerry – Deputy Leader and Portfolio Holder for Strategic Leadership and Finance	Non-Key & Open	That Cabinet noted the Quarter One budget monitoring position outlined in the report and detailed in Appendices 1-4 of the report.	The report summarised the financial position of the Council following the first quarter's budget monitoring exercise for the General Fund, the Housing Revenue Account and Capital Programme.
21 Sept 2023	Establishment of Local Plan Review Working Group	Councillor S Pickering – Portfolio Holder for Environment & Place	Non-Key & Open	That Cabinet recommend to Council at its meeting on 25 September 2023, the establishment of a Local Plan Review Working Group, in accordance with the structure in Option 4 of the report, and the terms of reference detailed in Appendix 1 of the report.	To establish a Local Plan Review Working Group in order to undertake the review of the Local Plan. Based on the benefits and risks assessment of the 4 options, officers were of the view that Option 4 was the most appropriate course of action and struck the best balance. The Member Working Group would provide regular feedback to officers during the Local Plan review process.

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21 Sept 2023	Decision on the Brampton Parish Neighbourhood Plan	Councillor S Pickering – Portfolio Holder for Environment & Place	Non-Key & Open	<p>That Cabinet accepted the Examiner’s report and recommended modifications to the Plan as set out in the Decision Statement at Appendix 1 of the report in their entirety, and that the Plan, as amended, be taken forward to a referendum within the Parish as outlined in the report.</p> <p>That following a successful referendum, if more than half of those voting in the referendum vote in favour of the Neighbourhood Plan, the Managing Director should bring the Neighbourhood Plan into effect ('Made').</p>	The Brampton Neighbourhood Plan has been subject to examination by an independent examiner. The Examiner’s view is that subject to specified modifications the Plan meets the Basic Conditions and other relevant legal requirements. It is considered that, subject to the modifications set out in the Decision Statement, the Draft Neighbourhood Plan would meet the legal requirements and Basic Conditions as set out in legislation, and that the Plan should proceed to Referendum.
21 Sept 2023	North East Derbyshire UK Shared Prosperity Fund Update	Councillor J Barry – Portfolio Holder for Growth & Assets	Non-Key & Open	That Cabinet noted the report.	To note progress of the activity funded by UK Shared Prosperity Fund.
21 Sept 2023	Funding to Voluntary and Community Sector Infrastructure Support Organisations - Summary of Outcomes for 2022/23	Councillor J Barry – Portfolio Holder for Growth & Assets	Non-Key & Open	That Cabinet noted the report.	To ensure that the Council maximises efficiencies and outcomes through commissioning voluntary sector organisations to help achieve the Council's Priorities.

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21 Sept 2023	Clay Cross Town Centre Regeneration Scheme	Councillor J Barry – Portfolio Holder for Growth & Assets	Non-Key & Exempt	<p>That the Council retains legal ownership of the new commercial units and public realm areas that will be developed as part of the Clay Cross Town Centre Regeneration Scheme.</p> <p>That the Council adopts the ongoing management responsibilities of the new commercial business units and the public realm area within the Clay Cross Town Centre Regeneration Scheme.</p> <p>That the Council secures a Planning Approval and then seek further assurance from Derbyshire County Council in relation to their participation in the Clay Cross Town Centre Regeneration Scheme, and if necessary to report this response to Cabinet for further consideration.</p>	The proposals allowed the Council to retain ownership and management control of the asset to ensure the long-term success of the regeneration project.
26 Oct 2023	Equality Plan and Objectives 2023 - 2027	Councillor J Barry – Portfolio Holder for Growth & Assets	Non-Key & Open	<p>That Cabinet approved and adopted the Equality Plan and objectives for 2023-2027.</p> <p>That Cabinet noted the achievements and progress made under the last two years of the previous plan (2019-2023).</p>	To put into place the proposed Equality Plan and objectives 2023-2027, which will provide the framework for implementing the Council's obligations regarding the general and specific equality duties. The proposed Equality Plan and objectives have received broad support.

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26 Oct 2023	Safeguarding Policy and Procedures - Protecting Children and Adults at Risk	Councillor N Barker – Leader and Portfolio Holder for Strategic Leadership & Finance	Non-Key & Open	That Cabinet approved and adopted the final draft of the Derbyshire-wide policy (Safeguarding Policy and Procedures, Protecting Children and Adults at Risk).	The Derbyshire-wide policy will subsequently replace the current Adult and Child Safeguarding policies. The Policy complies with legislation and provides a framework for Safeguarding.
26 Oct 2023	Purchase of 3 New Build Homes at Woolley Moor	Councillor N Barker – Leader and Portfolio Holder for Strategic Leadership & Finance	Key & Exempt	That Cabinet approved the purchase of 3 new build affordable rent homes, recognising the need for affordable housing in this area.	Purchasing these homes will help to meet the housing need in this area, where there is a limited number of homes for rent at affordable levels.

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