

Cabinet agenda

Date: Tuesday 13 June 2023

Time: 10.00 am

Venue: The Oculus, Buckinghamshire Council, Gatehouse Road, Aylesbury HP19 8FF

Membership:

M Tett (Leader), Cllr A Macpherson (Deputy Leader and Cabinet Member for Health and Wellbeing), G Williams (Deputy Leader and Cabinet Member for Climate Change and Environment), S Broadbent (Cabinet Member for Transport), J Chilver (Cabinet Member for Accessible Housing and Resources), A Cranmer (Cabinet Member for Education and Children's Services), C Harriss (Cabinet Member for Culture and Leisure), A Hussain (Cabinet Member for Communities), P Strachan (Cabinet Member for Planning and Regeneration) and M Winn (Cabinet Member for Homelessness and Regulatory Services)

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To approve as a correct record the Minutes of the meeting held on 9 May 2023.

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Question from Councillor Robin Stuchbury to Councillor Angela Macpherson, Cabinet Member for Health and Wellbeing

"I have been made aware of a case of a Buckingham resident's experience in a Milton Keynes Hospital who has not been discharged for five months as his care home said they could no longer cater for his needs. For Buckingham residents this seems to be the norm rather than the exception. There was also confusion about who was responsible for funding and for submitting necessary forms. Could the Cabinet Member please explain who is responsible for co-ordinating hospital discharges to facilitate a move from Milton Keynes to Buckinghamshire health and social care and for delivering good outcomes for these residents including communicating with relatives about their pathway. In particular how is Buckinghamshire Council collaborating with partners to resolve discharge issues with neighbouring Trusts to improve things for the future? "

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To resolve that under Section 100(A)(4) of the Local Government Act 1972 the public be excluded from the meeting for the following item(s) of business on the grounds that it involves the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in Part I of Schedule 12A of the Act.

Paragraph 3	Information relating to the financial or business
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Cabinet minutes

Minutes of the meeting of the Cabinet held on Tuesday 9 May 2023 in The Oculus, Buckinghamshire Council, Gatehouse Road, Aylesbury HP19 8FF, commencing at 10.00 am and concluding at 11.55 am.

Members present

M Tett, Cllr A Macpherson, G Williams, S Bowles, S Broadbent, J Chilver, A Cranmer, C Harriss, P Strachan and M Winn

Others in attendance

P Martin, R Stuchbury, S Wilson

Agenda Item

1 Apologies

There were no apologies for absence.

2 Minutes

RESOLVED – That the Minutes of the Meeting held on 11 April 2023 were agreed as a correct record.

3 Declarations of interest

Cllr S Bowles declared an interest as a Director of Bucks Advantage.

4 Hot Topics

The following hot topics were reported:-

Cabinet Member for Education and Children's Services

School children from across Buckinghamshire took part in the grand finale of Buckinghamshire Council's Coronation crown making competition on Thursday 4 May. The 15 finalists each created incredible Coronation crowns, which were judged by Buckinghamshire Swan Envoy Lorraine Kelly, The Countess Howe, HM Lord-Lieutenant of Buckinghamshire, Chairman of Buckinghamshire Council, Dev Dhillon, Cllr Joseph Baum, Deputy Cabinet Member for Education and Skills, Chief Executive of Buckinghamshire Council, Rachael Shimmin and Adam Teeuw, Director of Physical Production at Lucasfilm, at the event held at the council offices in The Gateway, Aylesbury. The competition was extremely close, but the winners were Lent Rise School, Burnham (first prize for a primary school) and Heritage House School, Chesham (first prize for a secondary school).

Cabinet Member for Transport

Crews were continuing to work over the weekend filling potholes with a total of 1,140 filled which related directly to jobs raised through Fix my Street. The plane and patch programme had also ramped up from the additional funds committed to the budget. 10 schemes had been completed including Totteridge Lane, High Wycombe and White Hill, Chesham. Work on the A413 remained ongoing and further work would be carried out in Great Missenden shortly. These Schemes were weather dependent.

Cabinet Member for Communities

Street wardens had now completed their Community Safety Accreditation Scheme and from 16 May would be qualified to undertake additional responsibilities such as obtaining addressing from ASB offenders and issuing fixed penalty notices for low level offences. This would be on a trial basis but if successful Thames Valley Police would authorise additional enforcement powers.

Cabinet Member for Homelessness and Regulatory Services

The Cabinet Member referred to a consultation on Buckinghamshire Council's Charitable Collections Policy and also the Animal Licensing Policy which was available via the following link:-

https://yourvoicebucks.citizenspace.com/

5 Question Time

Question from Councillor Stuart Wilson to Councillor Martin Tett, Leader of the Council

It is noted that the recent Scrutiny Committee Chairmans' report to Full Council references that Scrutiny is cross-party and non-political, however, all 12 chair and vice-chair positions are held by one political grouping. This is very different from the Parliamentary model which I am informed was the basis for the introduction of Select Committees in Buckinghamshire local government. To further enhance the Council's regard for Scrutiny by the Local Government Association, then surely, even on the basis of proportionality, there should be 3 positions held by other political groupings or more and that this will be addressed in the remaining years of this Council?

RESPONSE from Councillor Tett

I would just reaffirm that Scrutiny is cross party and is a very effective part of governance of this Council. Under the Constitution, each Select Committee elects its own Chairman and this will be done after the Council's Annual General Meeting where nominations can be put forward by each political group.

Question from Councillor Robin Stuchbury to Councillor Peter Strachan, Cabinet Member for Planning and Regeneration

I have received an update from the archaeological department on the draft scope for the excavation work from Network Archaeology for the West End Farm site in Buckingham, outlining what analysis will be taking place as part of the post excavation assessment which includes radiocarbon dating to determine how old the skeletons are and the DNA analysis to assess and look at whether there was any family relationships. This information has been shared with experts at Historic England, who provided some useful feedback and suggestions. The Archaeological Team are awaiting information from Network Archaeology on the programme of works. Please could I have any additional information which you can share with me and also what information can be given to the wider community on the subject, including whether it would be possible to work with the local museum within Buckingham who could promote these historic findings.

RESPONSE from Councillor Strachan

Cllr Stuchbury, thank you for your continued interest in this site. Our archaeology team is working closely with the archaeological contractors, Network Archaeology, to progress this project. We all agree that there needs to be thorough assessment of the 75 skeletons discovered at West End Farm in Buckingham, and a clear plan for their long term storage and archiving. Network Archaeology have agreed a scope for the post-excavation assessment work going forward with the archaeology team and Historic England. This will include DNA analysis, isotope analysis and other investigations to determine the age, health, cause of death and origins of these individuals. The developers have been asked to agree to fund this work and all being well, assessments will start soon. This may take several months, but once the results are known we will ensure these are shared with the local community and discussion regarding the long-term deposition of the skeletons will follow.

6 Forward Plan (28 Day Notice)

The Leader introduced the Forward Plan and commended it to all Members of the Council and the public, as a document that gave forewarning of what reports would be discussing at forthcoming meetings.

RESOLVED – That the Cabinet Forward Plan be noted.

7 Children's Services update

Since the last update to Cabinet in October 2022, the Service had received two regulatory visits. The first was a Focused Visit from Ofsted that looked at the services and support offered to care leavers and the second was an inspection of Youth Offending Services by HM Inspectorate of Probation. Both visits went well and confirmed that the Service continued its improvement journey and whilst there was more to do, the Service had an accurate self-assessment and understanding of what was needed to be done. In addition, two of the Council's Children's Homes were now judged to be 'Outstanding' by Ofsted and the Council's new 4 bedded Parent and Baby residential assessment resource had just opened, following registration by

Ofsted.

IMPOWER had now completed their analysis of the profile of demand and developed a number of recommendations outlining how the Service could improve its financial sustainability by delivering better outcomes at less cost. The IMPOWER work also concluded that the service and its partners could work differently together to meet the needs of children and young people. The findings from this analysis had helped the Service to refine its self-assessment from which a whole system Children's Services Transformation Programme had been developed. This change programme would redefine the support that was to be provided to children and families and redevelop the model to enable interventions that were more responsive to children's needs. The ambition was to create more opportunities for professionals, including partner agencies, to integrate services around the needs of communities and move from a process driven case management model with multiple hand off points to a relationship based, solution focused system.

The Cabinet Member for Education and Children's Services reported that there were a number of significant national policy changes on the horizon and the proposed changes to the way in which the Service operated were in line with national policy direction and were based on ensuring that children receive a consistent, purposeful and child centred approach wherever they are on their journey of need from early help through to being in care. It also covered Buckinghamshire's local needs and identified any gaps in service. The report covered social care, schools, SEND provision, the implications of the new Child Care Provision and reforms, service transformation and strategy, placements, corporate parenting work and the two Ofsted visits mentioned above.

The Service area was dealing with increasing demand, increasing complexity of care, staff recruitment and retention, lack of cohesive partnership working, difficulty in accessing placements, rising costs of providers and subsequent year on year increasing costs. Overarching all of this was a national Strategy which was a direct response to the Care Review called 'Stable Homes; Built on Love'. The Council was broadly in support of the six pillars for reform, which were set out in the Strategy. The Council's goal was to ensure that children and young people receive the best care, have the best life possible and achieve their best potential. The Council was transforming itself to bridge gaps and fulfil needs.

During discussion the following points were noted:

One of the things that had been highlighted was the increasing demand and complexity of cases particularly since the pandemic. It was important to understand the causes of this and whether it was temporary or permanent. The Service Director of Children's Social Care reported that it was due to a combination of factors and he was concerned about the deterioration in children's and adults' mental health as a driving factor. There had been an increase in the level of demand in the Opportunity Bucks wards which could be a result of substance misuse, domestic violence and mental health issues.

- In terms of a question around the support from the Child and Adolescent Mental Health Services, the Service Director reported that the Council continued to work with CAMHS and that the relationship had developed year on year. They also faced similar challenges to the Council in understanding demand changes and responding to them in a defined financial envelope, with similar recruitment issues.
- Regional Care Co-operatives had been introduced by the Government to help manage the market, but some concerns had been voiced by the Local Government Association. The report referred to the County being in a crisis since last October when the availability of placements was significantly reduced, particularly for children with complex needs. There was recognition that local authorities could not solve the placement sufficiency on their own and the Co-operatives were a step in the right direction in the medium and longer term but did not address current pressures. The Cabinet Member reported that the transformation strategy would work with early years and families to address the major problem of family breakdown, trauma and anxiety to ensure that this did not result in longer term complex needs.
- It would be helpful for the work of the Corporate Parenting Panel to have more visibility at the Health and Wellbeing Board to increase the visibility on the mental health of Looked After Children. The Cabinet Member reported that changes had been made to the Panel to ensure that the Voice of the Child was heard and to look at what young people need and want.
- Buckinghamshire Council had now, along with all other local authorities, been mandated to take Unaccompanied Asylum Seeking Children (UASC) when they were referred via the National Transfer Scheme (NTS). In addition, the Council was also now required to continue to receive referrals until it reached 0.10% of the child (0-18) population (128 individuals for Buckinghamshire) compared to the previous ask of 0.07%, 89 individuals for Buckinghamshire. At the time of writing, the Service supported 73 UASC, an increase from 48 in September 2022. A question was asked about whether this had been factored into the budget, whether this had been funded by the Government and also how these children were housed. The maximum amount for Buckinghamshire was 130 young people. Placements were made on the individual needs of children and young people, such as a foster placement or semi-independent living. There was some unfunded burden due to the time it took the Home Office to make a decision (2/3 years). The age that the child was when they were referred was also important, as whilst a grant was given to under 18's, they would need to be supported by the Council over the age of 18, up to the age of 25 where the costs were much higher than the grant being received.
- With the Social Work Qualified Agency Rate agencies often restricted the supply of staff to teams rather than individual vacancies. A concern was raised with the Locality Based model and whether it would be more difficult to obtain individual agency staff and what was a realistic target, as 26% seemed to be quite high. Also a question was asked whether there would be any impact on the Council regarding recruitment with the Government harmonising agency rates. The Service Director reported that this was

difficult to predict but the main aim for the Council was to have as few agency staff as possible. Agency staff would always be required because of the statutory nature of the Service areas work. The rules that were being implemented were positive ones such as a newly qualified social worker could not leave their first place of work for five years and also individual agency staff could be allocated. Last week there were three sets of interviews and those candidates said they wanted to join Buckinghamshire because the Council was strong in their wellbeing support.

- The opening of further children's homes was dependent on capital funding and suitable sites. Registered Children's Homes have a requirement to ensure that there were good matching arrangements and that was one of the reasons it could be difficult to place a child. It was important to increase capacity in Buckinghamshire. A Mother and Baby Unit would be opened and potential buildings were being identified.
- The reform of the childcare system would have significant economic advantages to families so parents could go back to work. From 2025, 30 hours would be available for every child over 9 months. With more children in childcare any difficulties could be picked up early and addressed by the Service area. The Service area was also providing a new skills agenda for mothers returning to work. The Service Director reported that they were yet to understand what the funding arrangements would be for Buckinghamshire.
- Following the consultation on SEND Review: Right support, right place, right time which proposed reforms for a single, national SEND and alternative provision system, the Cabinet Member reported that the chief problems were waiting times and the need for more training and staff to encourage confidence for schools to provide good services. The Government had outlined the package that they would provide. The funding was £10 billion nationally by 2024 which would help the Service Area to provide more advisors for schools, so that the schools could take on more of the SEND provision and to recruit more staff; currently there were 6,000 ECHP's and rising. The Council were recruiting more psychologists from 12 to 20.
- In response to a question regarding what the differences were between the Government Independent Review of Children's Social Care proposed in 2022 and what was now being currently implemented, the Cabinet Member reported that the chief difference was the amount of money being devoted to all the reforms. The Government's initial review was that £2.5 billion was required over 5 years. The Government was now able to give local authorities nationally £200 million over two years, which was why a transformation policy was required. The Government said that Councils needed 500 more social workers nationally, but a plan had not yet been put in place on how to achieve this. However, there was a plan for Buckinghamshire. The Government would be allocating £45m to 12 families first for children pathfinder areas to trial the care review proposal to introduce multi-disciplinary family help services, however Buckinghamshire was not involved in this. The main issue was children's placements which was not being addressed nationally. There was no windfall tax on profitable care

- providers and no regulation and very little money for foster care (£27 million nationally).
- Reference was made to the unprecedented increase in referral and rereferral rates which were statistically higher than neighbouring councils and how these were contributing to extra demand pressures. The Cabinet Member reported that this was a reaction to national and local difficulties and the Transformation Programme would be based around partnership, community and co-operation. There needed to be a better alignment between services and a menu of intervention. Early help was also important to help the whole family unit. Less reliance on agency staff would also help and assigning social workers to a varied case load to avoid burn out. The Service Director reported that the Council wanted to be proactive in transforming ahead of the Government review and making sure all partners such as schools, voluntary sector and health services were involved with children and young people at an early stage. In terms of re-referrals, there had been a system issue in how the Council measured this area which had now been addressed. If a re-referral was made, analysis was undertaken on why the previous service offered had failed and what needed to be put in place in terms of having an effective partnership around children to ensure better outcomes.
- In terms of academisation of all schools, this initially caused alarm as there
 were 242 maintained schools. However, some schools got together in small
 groups, particularly with small village schools and also there was the option
 for local authorities having their own academies. This was a possibility for the
 future.
- The Corporate Parenting Panel used every other session to listen to the voiced wishes of the child and the other session to go through corporate reporting.
- With recruitment and retention the Council needed to be mindful of the cost of living crisis. The worst pressure was in child protection teams where the work was more complex and traumatic than other areas. Support was given to individuals and to teams, the staff survey had shown that staff felt well supported and there was a good culture for discussing difficult cases. There was also a comprehensive wellbeing offer for staff. The combination of this had led to people applying for work in Buckinghamshire.

RESOLVED -

That the national and local developments across the Children's Services Directorate be NOTED.

8 6 Monthly Adult Social Care update

The Cabinet report provided an update on the recent developments in adult social care, both locally and nationally, and plans for the next period. The report included updates on several recent developments in April, including the Next Steps to put People at the Heart of Care government white paper and the findings of the Hewitt Review into Integrated Care Systems. An update on the current position of adult

social care services in Buckinghamshire was provided.

The Cabinet Member for Health and Wellbeing referred to a number of issues in the report such as social care charging reforms, liberty protection safeguards, mental health reforms, Care Quality Commission assurance, national workforce challenges, the new Integrated Care System, Better Care Fund and Spending Plan, Better Lives Strategy, demand for social care and performance. Like Children's Services the Service Area was being proactive and undertaking a transformation exercise and was facing an increase in demand and more complex cases. With an increase in demand from older people the Council were trying to support people living as independently as they could. They were also working closely with hospitals on discharge arrangements. They were also preparing for a CQC Inspection which was likely to go ahead in the near future.

During discussion the following points were noted:-

- In terms of financial performance, the service area was currently overspent but putting in mitigation measures. A question was asked about whether there were any financial concerns in the future. The Cabinet Member reported that she was confident as she could be in the circumstances and robust measures had been put in place with the transformation programme. However, there were significant financial challenges in the future. The Service area was currently getting 3,500 referrals a week with an increased ageing population and people with learning disabilities. There was also the cost-of-living crisis and inflationary pressures.
- Living independently was crucial to resident's self-esteem and there was
 concern about managing future demand. The Cabinet Member reported that
 the work of the Health and Wellbeing Board was crucial in terms of making
 sure people lived independently to improve their self-esteem and mental
 health. Funding was also available to adapt accommodation if necessary and
 also provide supported living and intermediate care. The Corporate Director
 also mentioned that extra care played a huge role and also the importance of
 working closely with housing.
- Reference was made to digitalisation improved self-service options for residents who chose these channels and improved digital "backroom" processes to improve efficiency, especially greater automation of financial processes. The Social Care White Paper committed to accelerating the adoption of technology, however the Corporate Director reported that the White Paper was quite high level, and the Service area were waiting for further policy papers and for a funding announcement although in reality what was actually received by the Council was usually lower than expected. There was a workstream committed to this area.
- The CQC Framework has now been published so the Council could be inspected at any time. The Service area were undertaking a detailed selfassessment on how areas could be improved and having regular sessions with staff. This would continue to be developed including working with key partnership boards. This was well supported through the Better Lives

Strategy, looking at risk assessments and challenges around the workforce.

RESOLVED -

That the latest developments in relation to adult social care both locally and nationally be NOTED.

9 Safer Buckinghamshire Strategy 2023-26

The 2020-2023 Safer Buckinghamshire Strategy ended on 31 March 2023. Following the completion of the Community Safety Strategic Assessment and public consultation, the 2023-26 Safer Buckinghamshire Strategy had been produced ready for publication on 15 May 2023.

The Crime and Disorder Act (1998) (as revised by the Police and Justice Act 2006, and the Policing and Crime Act 2009) placed a duty on the Safer Buckinghamshire Board (SBB) to undertake a strategic assessment of community safety in its area and produce a three-year community safety strategy. The Safer Buckinghamshire Board considered the findings and recommendations of the Strategic Assessment at its meeting on 5th December 2022.

As part of developing the strategic priorities for the Safer Buckinghamshire Board it was also a legislative requirement that there be public engagement. During September and October, through a survey and extensive communications plan, people in Buckinghamshire were asked what their community safety concerns and priorities were. The survey, which included multiple choice questions and the opportunity to make additional comments, was also promoted to Councillors and Town and Parish Councils in Buckinghamshire. An analysis of the public engagement was also presented to the Safer Buckinghamshire Board on 5th December 2022.

Taking the Strategic Assessment, the public engagement findings and other known insights into account, the Community Safety Team developed proposed priorities and key actions. The 5 proposed priorities, outlined in more detail within the Safer Buckinghamshire Strategy 2023-26, were:

- Neighbourhood crime
- Anti-social behaviour
- Serious violence
- Violence against women and girls
- Exploitation of vulnerable people

With regard to the next steps, the Safer Buckinghamshire Strategy would be published on the Buckinghamshire Council website. The Safer Buckinghamshire Board Managers would work with the relevant Priority Sponsors to:

- Ensure that detailed delivery plans were developed for the delivery of the priorities.
- Ensure mobilisation and delivery of the Strategy, commissioning task and

- finish groups etc. as required.
- Develop a dashboard that would include delivery impact measure for the plans.

The Annual report on the work of the Safer Buckinghamshire Board would be produced in February/March 2024.

During discussion the following points were made:-

- Reference was made to the great work undertaken by the police force which was often difficult and dangerous.
- A Cabinet Member referred to the good work of the Thames Valley Independent Advisory Groups and asked how different community groups fed into the Strategy. In response it was noted that in developing the Strategy they consulted through their Annual Survey which was sent to a number of different partners such as the police, partnership boards etc. and their responses culminated in the resulting priorities alongside information received through police surveys.
- The National Crime Agency dealt with national scams, but the local police force and councils could provide advice if a resident was a victim of this type of crime. This was one of the most unreported crimes (20%). The first port of call was Action Fraud.
- With Violence against Women and Young Children partners were focussing on night-time economies, street violence and the sex trade, alongside all aspects of violence, to reduce this crime, which had been included in their detailed delivery plans.

RESOLVED -

- 1) That the priorities and key actions for the Safer Buckinghamshire Strategy 2023-26 be ENDORSED.
- 2) That the next steps be NOTED, which include;
 - i) Publication of the Safer Buckinghamshire Strategy 2023-26 by 15 May 2023.
 - ii) Development of detailed delivery plans for each priority area.
 - iii) Development of measures to track and demonstrate progress and impact.

10 Cost of Living Support for Buckinghamshire Residents

Buckinghamshire Council recognised the growing pressures being faced by its residents linked to the increases in the cost of living. The Council had developed and delivered a range of initiatives this year to support residents and staff in regard to these cost of living pressures and had committed to ensuring the continuation of its Helping Hand service to provide support to residents who needed it most.

The Council was pleased to receive confirmation of the fourth tranche of Household Support Fund grant allocation for the period from April 2023 to March 2024, which

would be used to continue to provide essential support to residents during the year. This built on the funding the Council had received from Government since 2020, initially through the Winter Grant and Local Support Grant and subsequently through the Household Support Fund.

Previous allocations of the Household Support Fund were awarded for a 6-month period only. For the period 1st October 2022 to 31st March 2023, Buckinghamshire was awarded £2.4m of funding from the Household Support Fund to provide support for residents in need of help with food, fuel and other essential household costs.

The Cabinet report outlined the support the Council had provided, and continued to provide, to support residents with cost-of-living pressures. The report also detailed how the previous Household Support Fund allocation was used and set out a proposed use of the new allocation between 1st April 2023 to 31st March 2024, ensuring that this would be targeted to residents in need of support and in line with the Government guidance. This was the first time Councils had been awarded a whole year's funding of £4.8 million.

Cabinet thanked the Team for their excellent work in this area and paid tribute to the Team and the Head of Community Support. A comment was made about the Government spending £100 billion on the cost of living crisis and energy costs and good support across the Country including the local support programme and winter grants. Reference was made to referrals and supporting a father who was unable to seek employment because of reading difficulties. The Service Director reported that a holistic approach was taken in this area and residents were supplied with information on how to address issues long term such as adult learning support.

A question was asked about making the applications as simple as possible so as not to provide a barrier to residents applying. In response it was noted that there was a balance between streamlining the forms and avoiding fraud as this was taxpayers' money but the Cabinet Member could look at this.

RESOLVED -

- 1) That the range of support provided by Buckinghamshire Council for individuals experiencing hardship across the County be NOTED.
- 2) That the arrangements for deploying the new Household Support Fund allocation be APPROVED.
- Buckinghamshire's Rural Business Grants Fund delivery and governance approach
 The Cabinet report set out details of the Rural England Prosperity Fund (REPF),
 which was announced by DEFRA in September 2022.

The REPF was a new capital fund from DEFRA and was a 'top-up' to the UKSPF. It was part of the succession from the EU funded LEADER and Growth Programmes, which were part of the Rural Development Programme for England and hugely successful

in Buckinghamshire with over 50 businesses supported.

The Council submitted its Addendum to the UK Shared Prosperity Fund (UKSPF) Investment Plan in November 2022. DEFRA had now approved the addendum and Buckinghamshire Council had been awarded £1.8m to deliver the Rural England Prosperity Fund Capital Grants programme over two financial years up to 31st March 2025.

The Cabinet report proposed the delivery approach and governance needed by the Council to ensure high quality delivery and value for money that would support growth for rural businesses and support a vibrant Buckinghamshire rural economy. A suggestion was made to provide maps to ward members to indicate which rural areas could apply for grant funding. Alongside maps information would be provided on social media.

Reference was made to the top down targets from Government and whether the Council was restricted by those for example creating 55 jobs. The Service Director reported that they were reference points for equivalent targets with the amount of funding that had been received, which was based on previous experience with the Leader programme. The sum of the projects funded would be expected to be measured In the range of these types of targets. The actual outcomes would be on an individual proposal basis which would be the main priority rather than the global target. In terms of businesses having to claim the funding back after they had spent the money, which could mean they were exposed to borrowing costs, they would need to establish they had succeeded in their proposal but the Council would ensure that the claim process was as quick as possible.

RESOLVED -

- 1) That the programme eligibility and parameters for businesses applying for a Grant be AGREED.
- 2) That the Buckinghamshire Rural Business Grants Fund be included in the Council's capital programme.
- 3) That a new funding panel be formed to guide the review process of eligible grant applications.
- 4) That the awarding of grants be delegated to the Economic Growth and Regeneration Service Director, in consultation with the Leader and S151 Officer.

12 Buckinghamshire Shareholder Committee Annual Report 2022-23

The role of the Buckinghamshire Shareholder Committee was to ensure that the Council's companies and limited liability partnerships acted in the interests of the Council as shareholder and that best practice was being adhered to in delivering statutory arrangements. In doing so, the Committee contributed to the proper governance of the Council's subsidiaries. This added level of governance was more important than ever, following a number of other local authorities experiencing difficulties. Understanding the risks associated with wholly or jointly owned

companies was a key task of the Committee.

This was the first year of the Shareholder Committee and producing an annual report to reflect the work and outcomes achieved by the Committee over the past year was considered good practice.

Members of the Shareholder Committee were not directors, and did not have any direct involvement, in any of the subsidiary bodies.

A Cabinet Member asked what the chief priorities were for this Committee. The Cabinet Member for Affordable Housing and Resources commented that the forward plan for the following year still had to be finalised but they would look at developing business plans and identifying key risk areas. They were also looking to create a pool of future directors who would follow best practice.

RESOLVED -

That the 2022-23 Annual Report of the Buckinghamshire Shareholder Committee and the work it has undertaken to date be NOTED.

13 Date of next meeting

13 June 2023 at 10am





Buckinghamshire Council Cabinet/Leader forward plan

The local authorities (executive arrangements) (meetings and access to information) (England) regulations 2012

This is a notice of an intention to make a key decision on behalf of Buckinghamshire Council (regulation 9) and an intention to meet in private to consider those items marked as 'private reports' (regulation 5).

A further notice (the 'agenda') will be published no less than five working days before the date of the decision meeting and will be available via the Buckinghamshire Council website (<u>Cabinet agendas</u> / <u>Leader decisions</u>).

All reports will be open unless specified otherwise.

Item and description	Wards affected	Councillor(s) / contact officer	Private report? (relevant para)	Date notified
Cabinet 13 June 2023				
Budget Monitoring - Outturn 2022-23 For information		Councillor John Chilver		6/4/23
		Dave Skinner		

Item and description	Wards affected	Councillor(s) / contact officer	Private report? (relevant para)	Date notified
Freehold Acquisition of the High Wycombe Social Club Building To exercise an Option to Purchase the freehold of the High Wycombe Social Club building, on Queen Victoria Road, High Wycombe	Abbey	Councillor John Chilver Charles Brocklehurst	Part exempt (para 3)	19/4/23
Q4 Performance Report 2022-23 For information		Councillor John Chilver Matthew Everitt		6/4/23
Cabinet 11 July 2023				
Children's and Education Select Committee Review of Access to Special Education Needs Information For Cabinet to discuss the recommendations within the Children's & Education Select Committee's inquiry into the support and information available for parents of children with autism, ADHD or anxiety.		Councillor Diana Blamires Katie Dover		11/5/23
Corporate Performance Indicators 2023-24 This report will set out the proposed corporate performance indicators for 2023-24, highlighting the suggested targets and any changes for the year ahead.		Councillor John Chilver Matthew Everitt		19/4/23

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Dementia Support Services - Rapid Review report For Cabinet to discuss the recommendations within the Health & Adult Social Care Select Committee's rapid review into the support for people living with dementia and their carers in Buckinghamshire		Councillor Carol Heap Liz Wheaton		27/4/23
Devolution Update For Cabinet to discuss and agree revisions to the Service Devolution and Asset Transfer Policy		Councillor Arif Hussain Roger Goodes		31/5/23
Q1 Budget Monitoring Report 2023-24 Quarterly report		Councillor John Chilver Dave Skinner		19/4/23
Youth Justice Strategic Plan 2023/24 The Youth Justice Strategic Plan lays out the plans of the Buckinghamshire Youth Offending Service (YOS), explains our achievements during the last twelve months and our priorities for the coming year.		Councillor Anita Cranmer John Macilwraith		6/4/23
Cabinet 12 September 2023				

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Buckinghamshire Healthy Ageing Strategy 2023-28 To approve the Council's Healthy Ageing Strategy 2023-2028. The Healthy Ageing Strategy sets out how the Council and its partners will work to make Buckinghamshire more age friendly, which is a priority in the Joint Health and Wellbeing Strategy. This will support Buckinghamshire residents to live healthy, fulfilling, and independent lives for as long as possible, to 'age well'.		Councillor Angela Macpherson Dr Jane O'Grady		23/12/22
Indoor Leisure Facilities Strategy Report To provide an assessment of indoor sports and leisure facilities, considering future opportunities and demand around this provision.		Councillor Clive Harriss Sophie Payne		26/1/23
Vale of Aylesbury Local Plan - Mixed Use Housing Allocation D-AGT1 - Supplementary Planning Document This Supplementary Planning Document provides guidance for the development of the D-AGT1 allocation within the Vale of Aylesbury Local Plan.	Aston Clinton & Bierton; Wendover, Halton & Stoke Mandeville	Councillor Peter Strachan Simon Meecham		15/2/23
Cabinet 10 October 2023				
Cabinet 14 November 2023				
Buckinghamshire Serious Violence Response Strategy 2023-2026 This sets out the strategy for tackling serious violence in Buckinghamshire, including the drivers of serious violence.		Councillor Arif Hussain Dr Jane O'Grady		31/5/23

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Director of Public Health Annual Report 2023-2024: Mental Health To endorse the Director of Public Health Annual Report (DPHAR) 2023-2024 which addresses Mental Health in Buckinghamshire		Councillor Angela Macpherson Dr Jane O'Grady		31/5/23
June 2023 Leader Decisions			,	
Adult Learning: Accountability Agreement From 2023/34 in order to access DfE grant funding to deliver adult learning, larger providers such as Buckinghamshire Adult Learning are required to produce an Accountability Agreement which details the scope and ambition of its delivery.		Councillor Anita Cranmer John Macilwraith	Part exempt (para 3)	23/5/23
Adult Social Care Travel Assistance Policy To agree the travel assistance policy for Adult Social Care		Councillor Angela Macpherson Tracey Ironmonger		22/9/22
Aylesbury Grid Reinforcement - Update An update on the way forward for the Aylesbury Grid Reinforcement Project.		Councillor Martin Tett David Johnson	Part exempt (para 3)	23/2/23

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Bierton Traffic Calming Public consultation is to be carried out on a traffic calming scheme along the A418 through Bierton. The proposals include; narrowings, chicanes, build-outs, and pedestrian, cycle, and bus stop improvements. Public consultation and the delivery of a traffic calming scheme was secured as a s106 obligation of the nearby Kingsbrook development.	Aston Clinton & Bierton	Councillor Steve Broadbent Christine Urry		25/5/22
Chilterns Beechwoods Mitigation Strategy Report to consider the recreational disturbance mitigation strategy for Ashridge Commons and Woods.	Amersham & Chesham Bois; Aylesbury South East; Chesham; Chess Valley; Chiltern Ridges; Great Missenden; Ivinghoe; Little Chalfont & Amersham Common; Penn Wood & Old Amersham	Councillor Peter Strachan Simon Meecham		18/10/22
CYP Integrated Therapies Strategy Sign off of CYP Integrated Therapies Strategy		Councillor Anita Cranmer Marie-Claire Mickiewicz	Part exempt (para 3)	30/6/22

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Fleet Trading Account Budget To confirm details of the 2023/24 Fleet Trading Account budget, which is a zero balanced budget and therefore can't be included in the full council decision taken in February for other revenue budgets.		Councillor Steve Broadbent Lindsey Vallis		7/3/23
Formal appointment of Buckinghamshire Council as Responsible Body to lead preparation of Local Nature Recovery Strategy Agreement of formal appointment of Buckinghamshire Council as Responsible Body to lead preparation of Local Nature Recovery Strategy as required by Environment Act 2021		Councillor Gareth Williams David Sutherland		23/2/23
Greyhound Lane Winslow Parking Review 2023 Report details the results of the public consultation on proposed restrictions to prevent inappropriate parking.	Winslow	Councillor Steve Broadbent Ian Thomas		23/5/23
Harmonisation of Pest Control Fees The harmonisation of policy and fees regarding which residents are able to access subsidised pest control treatment.		Councillor Mark Winn Jacqui Bromilow		30/8/22
Leasehold Acquisition - Coombe Lodge, Wendover Leasehold Acquisition to support the Councils response to Residential Temporary Accommodation needs in Buckinghamshire at Coombe Lodge, Nash Lee End, Wendover HP22 6BH	Ridgeway East	Councillor John Chilver John Reed	Part exempt (para 3)	2/2/23

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Market Sustainability Plan To agree the Market Sustainability Plan. As part of its adult social care reform programme, the government requires local authorities to submit a Market Sustainability Plan. The Market Sustainability Plan requires councils to identify the key risks to the adult social care market and plans to address those risks, including how the council will move towards a fair cost of care over the next 3 years.		Councillor Angela Macpherson Tracey Ironmonger		26/10/22
Mary Towerton Primary School Descision required on the future of The Mary Towerton School, Studley Green	Ridgeway West; West Wycombe	Councillor Anita Cranmer Paula Campbell-Balcombe		7/3/23
Non-Registered Alternative Education Provision and Therapy Provision Dynamic Purchasing Vehicle (DPV) Establishment of a Dynamic Purchasing Vehicle (DPV) for the purchasing of Non-Registered Alternative Education Provision and Therapy provision for children and young people (CYP) with Special Education Needs and Disabilities (SEND) in Buckinghamshire with an Education, Health and Care Plan (EHCP).		Councillor Anita Cranmer Marie-Claire Mickiewicz, Gemma Workman		11/5/23
Property acquisition in Chesham Property Purchase of 9 Flats in Chesham	Chess Valley	Councillor John Chilver John Reed, Lisa Michelson	Part exempt (para 3)	23/5/23

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Property acquisitions in Aylesbury, Chesham, and possibly other areas Property Purchase of up to 6 Houses in different locations throughout the County	Aston Clinton & Bierton; Chesham	Councillor John Chilver John Reed, Lisa Michelson	Part exempt (para 3)	23/5/23
Property at Cressex Road, High Wycombe Release of Covenant	Booker, Cressex & Castlefield	Councillor John Chilver John Reed	Part exempt (para 3)	2/2/23
Recommissioning of Buckinghamshire Adult Integrated Drug and Alcohol Treatment Service Recommissioning of Buckinghamshire Adult Integrated Drug and Alcohol Treatment Service		Councillor Angela Macpherson Cavelle Lynch	Part exempt (para 3)	23/2/23
The Courtyard, High Wycombe Disposal options for surplus land in High Wycombe.	Abbey	Councillor John Chilver John Reed	Part exempt (para 3)	10/11/22

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Vale of Aylesbury Local Plan - Affordable Housing - Supplementary Planning Document This Supplementary Planning Document provides affordable housing guidance to the Vale of Aylesbury Local Plan Policies H1, H2, H6a, H6c, BE2.	Aston Clinton & Bierton; Aylesbury East; Aylesbury North; Aylesbury North West; Aylesbury South East; Aylesbury South West; Aylesbury West; Bernwood; Buckingham East; Buckingham West; Great Brickhill; Grendon Underwood; Ivinghoe; Stone & Waddesdon; Wendover, Halton & Stoke Mandeville; Wing; Winslow	Councillor Peter Strachan Simon Meecham		15/2/23

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Vale of Aylesbury Local Plan - Design - Supplementary Planning Document This Supplementary Planning Document provides guidance to inform and guide the quality of development within the north and central planning areas.	Aston Clinton & Bierton; Aylesbury East; Aylesbury North; Aylesbury North West; Aylesbury South East; Aylesbury South West; Aylesbury West; Bernwood; Buckingham East; Buckingham West; Great Brickhill; Grendon Underwood; Ivinghoe; Stone & Waddesdon; Wendover, Halton & Stoke Mandeville; Wing; Winslow	Councillor Peter Strachan Simon Meecham		15/2/23
Water Stratford Traffic Calming Scheme Proposals to include dragon's teeth (white road markings), anti-skid surfacing/road marking improvements, and installing signs and gateways on the approaches to the Water Stratford village	Buckingham West	Councillor Steve Broadbent Tayo Akinyosade		19/4/23

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July 2023 Leader Decisions						
Proposed Traffic calming on High Street, Edlesborough Installation of 'build-out' feature within the carriageway to effectively narrow the road to one lane of traffic with northbound traffic giving way. This scheme is to be constructed and paid for by the developer to land north of Good Intent.	Ivinghoe	Councillor Steve Broadbent Joe Bates		23/5/23		
Proposed Traffic calming on Stratford Drive, Bourne End Proposed raised table covering a staggered junction on Stratford Drive to serve (newly created) junction into new residential development and the existing school access.	The Wooburns, Bourne End & Hedsor	Councillor Steve Broadbent Joe Bates		23/5/23		
September 2023 Leader Decisions						
All-age Autism Strategy To agree the All-age Autism strategy for Buckinghamshire		Councillor Angela Macpherson Simon Brauner-Cave		11/5/22		
Physical Activity Strategy 2024 - 2029 To approve the Councils physical activity strategy for 2024-29. The physical activity strategy sets out how the Council and its partners will improve the levels of physical activity and opportunities for Buckinghamshire residents.		Councillor Angela Macpherson Dr Jane O'Grady		19/4/23		

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School Competitions Recommendation of Preferred Sponsors Recommendation of proposed Academy Sponsors for three new primary schools: Kingsbrook Primary 2 Hampden Fields Primary School South West Milton Keynes Primary School		Councillor Anita Cranmer Paula Campbell-Balcombe		19/4/23

Individual Leader decisions (in consultation with the Cabinet Member) are not discussed at meetings – a report is presented to the Cabinet Member and the Leader will decide whether to sign the decision.

If you have any questions about the matters contained in this forward plan, please get in touch with the contact officer. If you have any views that you would like the cabinet member to consider please inform the democratic services team in good time ahead of the decision deadline date. This can be done by telephone 01296 382343 or email democracy@buckinghamshire.gov.uk. You can view decisions to be made and decisions taken on the council's website.

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(b) to make an order or direction under any enactment

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Report to Cabinet

Date: 13 June 2023

Title: Budget Monitoring - Outturn 2022-23

Relevant councillor(s):John Chilver, Cabinet Member for Accessible

Housing and Resources

Author and/or contact officer: David Skinner, Service Director – Finance &

S151 Officer

Ward(s) affected: none specific

Recommendations: Cabinet is asked to:

- note the report and the success in achieving an overall

balanced revenue outturn position.

 approve an increase to the Revenue Contribution to Capital Reserves (RCCR) by £0.6m to fund an update

to the CCTV Control Room.

- approve the transfers to reserves as set out in

paragraph 2.4b section vii.

note the overall Capital outturn position of £107.5m

of investment in Council's capital priorities.

- approve the carry-forward of slippage and accelerated

spend as detailed in this report.

Reason for decision: To understand the financial position of the Council in

respect of 2022-23 Budgets.

1. Executive summary

- 1.1 This report sets out the Revenue and Capital outturn position for Buckinghamshire Council for the financial year 2022/23.
- 1.2 The Council is continuing to experience significant financial pressures due to high levels of inflation and continued increase in demand and complexity in key services,

such as Adults Social Care and Children's Social Care. Portfolio budgets have seen unavoidable pressures in areas such as energy inflation, in the cost of placements for looked after children, in Adult Social Care, Temporary Accommodation and provision of Home to School Transport, with an adverse variance of £9.8m across portfolio budgets at financial year end.

- 1.3 Despite these pressures, the Council has managed to achieve a balanced revenue position overall, due to the effective processes in place for managing financial risk; pressures in portfolio budgets have been managed overall and mitigated by a favourable variance in corporate budgets.
- 1.4 The final year end position on capital is spend of £107.5m against a budget of £151.9m, and against total released budget of £129.9m, equating to 17% variance against released budgets.
- 1.5 Capital projects which were successfully completed this year include Kingsbrook Secondary School, Brunel Shed in Wycombe (which has now been leased out), the £1.8m DEFRA-funded Rural Broadband installation programme, the Berryfields and Haydon Hill Cycleways, upgrades to the Southern Waste Depot, a roof replacement on Bedgrove Community Centre, 7 School toilet projects, and SEN placement projects in Shortenhills, Holmer Green Senior School, Westfield and Princes Risborough Upper School.
- 1.6 Many capital projects have been impacted by the current challenging economic situation, with high levels of construction inflation, pressures in the labour market, supply shortages and delays to acquisitions causing slippage in the programme. This is reflected in the relatively high levels of slippage, but low level of overspends. Where necessary, projects are being reviewed and re-scoped, and funding implications being considered.
- 1.7 The final outturn variance of £44.3m consists of slippage into future years of £53.8m, accelerated spend ahead of profile of £16.3m, overspends of £4.0m, and underspends of £10.9m which will be released for other purposes.
- 1.8 Cabinet is requested to approve the carry forward of slippage to future years and accelerated spend as detailed in this report.

2. Revenue

- 2.1 The Revenue outturn for 2022/23 is a balanced position, after the proposed transfers to reserves as recommended above. This is in line with the forecast position at Quarter 3.
- 2.2 There has been an improvement within Portfolio budgets of £4.5m from the Quarter 3 forecast, from an adverse variance of £14.3m to an adverse variance of £9.8m.
- 2.3 The key areas of movement are as follows:

Forecast variance Quarter 3	£0.0m
Climate Change and Environment – favourable increase of £3.9m due to	(£3.9m)
additional electricity income from the council's Energy from Waste plant, due to the prevailing market rates.	
Education and Children's Services — reduction of £1.8m in the adverse	(£1.8m)
variance from £6.7m to £4.9m. This reflects a decrease in staffing spend,	
maximisation of grant funding, and a reduction in placement spend from the Quarter 3 forecast.	
Housing & Homelessness & Regulatory Services – an increase of £0.9m from	£0.9m
an adverse variance of £3.8m to £4.7m due demand pressures and cost	
increases in Temporary Accommodation.	
Accessible Housing and Resources – an increase in the adverse variance of	£0.6m
£0.6m from £1.4m to £2.0m predominantly due to Energy costs.	
Other – minor movements across other portfolios	(£0.3m)
Corporate and Funding – a movement of £4.5m from a favourable variance of	£4.5m
£14.3m to favourable £9.8m. This relates to contingency budgets of £4.3m	
which had been kept back to mitigate any emerging pressures in Portfolios,	
but were not required, additional interest income of £1.1m due to increased	
interest rates, and the proposed reserve movements as set out in paragraph	
2.4b section vii.	
Revenue Outturn 2022/23	£0.0m

- 2.4 Within the overall position the main variances are:
 - a) The £9.8m adverse variance in Portfolios includes:
 - i. £2.4m pressure (£2.7m last quarter) in Health and Wellbeing from demand pressures and fee uplifts in Adult Social Care.
 - ii. £4.9m pressure (£6.7m last quarter) in Children's Services, with the main pressures being:

- £2.6m in placement costs for children looked after. The
 national position in relation to the sufficiency of placements is
 leading to a shortage of available placements and very high
 unit costs of those placements that can be accessed.
- £1.3m adverse variance in support for children with disabilities; in domiciliary care and direct payments, due to continued increases in seriousness and complexity of support needed for children with disabilities;
- £1.2m in client costs in Children's social care due to demand pressures;
- £0.8m in costs of accommodation and allowances for care leavers and £0.3m in other pressures.
- The other pressures are offset by a £1.4m underspend in social care staffing costs due to difficulties in recruiting permanent staff and a reduction in the number of agency staff.
- iii. £2.1m in Accessible Housing and Resources (£1.4m last quarter), with the main variances being £2.1m pressure from inflation on energy costs in Property & Assets due to the exceptional price increases in 2022/23, £0.4m due to pressures in Insurance, and a favourable variance of £0.5m from increased rental income.
- iv. £3.2m adverse variance (£3.4m last quarter) in Transport Services due to increased contract costs and a 3% increase given to Home to School Contracts to mitigate rising fuel prices. Within the Highways service, energy pressures of £1.8m have been mitigated in year by additional income and underspends in contract payments.
- v. £4.7m adverse variance in Housing & Homelessness & Regulatory Services (£3.8m last quarter) in Temporary Accommodation budgets due to increased demand, particularly for nightly paid accommodation.
- vi. A favourable variance of £7.2m (£3.3m last quarter) in Climate Change & Environment from additional electricity income from the council's Energy for Waste (EfW) site due to prevailing market rates for electricity.
- b) The £9.8m of favourable variances in corporate budgets (£14.3m last quarter) includes:
 - £4.4m contribution from earmarked reserves from income received in the Climate Change and Environment portfolio contributed to reserves, following partial resolution of the legal dispute with the council's EfW contractor.

- ii. A contribution to reserves of £4.5m to set up a reserve for the Opportunity Bucks programme.
- iii. £4.0m increased favourable variance relating to Interest on Revenue Balances (£2.7m last quarter). This reflects a higher level of cash balances than budgeted, and the recent further increase in Bank of England base rate to 4% during February with a further increase on 23rd March to 4.25%.
- iv. £0.5m favourable variance on capital financing budgets (£0.8m last quarter). This includes an additional contribution of £0.6m to fund improvements works to the CCTV control room.
- v. A surplus of £0.9m in grant income budgets (£0.8m last quarter). This include a grant of £0.5m from distribution of Business Rates levy surplus which has been contributed to the Collection Fund reserve to mitigate the risk to future funding streams from the reset of the Business Rates system.
- vi. Corporate Contingencies: favourable variance of £4.1m (£5.5m last quarter). £3.2m of service risk contingency was being held back to support any further pressures that might arise, and £1.2m in Pay, Pension and Redundancy contingencies. These risks have not materialised at year end, and the unrequired balance on corporate contingencies has increased by £4.3m to a favourable variance of £9.9m. £0.5m of this is proposed to be contributed to Highways reserves to create a Highways lining fund for work to be delivered in 2023/24, and £4.7m is proposed to be contributed to the Mitigating Future Financial Risks reserve to address ongoing risk of pressures within Portfolios.
- vii. Cabinet is recommended to approve the following reserves transfers:
 - a transfer of £0.5m to the Collection Fund reserve from additional grant income from Business Rates levy surplus;
 - a transfer to the Highways Reserve of £0.5m to fund Highways lining;
 - a transfer of £4.7m to the Mitigating Future Financial Risks reserve.
- 2.5 The Council continues to experience significant financial pressures due to demand for key services and the impact of inflation. Pressures which have been felt in financial year 2022/23, are continuing into 2023/24 across the following areas and are expected to grow:

- a) Adult Social Care: pressures across the NHS are resulting in a higher demand for early hospital discharge, and clients having subsequent higher needs. In addition there is pent up demand for social care due to the impact of the Covid pandemic on mental health. Social care providers are also facing cost pressures as wages have not kept pace with the private sector.
- b) **Children's Social Care**: in Children's social care, the market has become suboptimal, with demand significantly outpacing supply. The national shortage of available placements has resulted in very high unit costs of those placements that can be accessed, and this trend is expected to continue into financial year 2023/24.
- c) Temporary Accommodation: the pressures seen in 2022/23 in terms of increased demand for temporary accommodation and also increased unit costs, are expected to continue into 2023/24.
- d) **Energy costs**: costs are expected to be higher than budgeted due to variable network costs and contract costs.
- e) A strategic contribution to the Mitigating Future Financial Risks reserve is proposed and included within the outturn figures. This will help to address the increased financial risks and pressures being felt in financial year 2023/24.
- 2.6 The forecast revenue budget outturn is summarised in Figure 1. The key Portfolio variances are explained in Appendix 1.

Figure 1: Revenue Budgets

Expenditure 9.2 9.9 0.7 (1.7) (1.0)		Budget	Y/E Outturn	Variance	Change in Variance (from Q3 Cab)
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2.7 The Appendix provides further detail for each Portfolio and information about performance relating to overdue debts and late payments of commercial debt.

3. Achievement of Savings

3.1 £19.2m of savings and income targets were incorporated into the approved 2022-23 Revenue budgets. The table below shows performance against those targets.

Figure 2 Savings Targets by Portfolio

Portfolio	Target £k	Delivered	Actual
		£k	Shortfall
Accessible Housing & Resources Portfolio	2.5	2.5	-
Climate Change & Environment	2.9	2.9	-
Communities	1.9	1.9	-
Culture & Leisure	1.6	1.6	-
Education & Children's Services	0.7	0.3	0.4
Health & Wellbeing	3.3	2.9	0.4
Housing & Homelessness & Regulatory Services	0.4	0.4	-
Leader	0.6	0.6	-
Transport	5.3	5.3	-
Total	19.2	18.4	0.8

- 3.2 Achievement of the £19.2m savings targets is summarised in the above table. Overall there was a shortfall of £0.8m (£0.5m Q3). The principal shortfalls relate to:
 - a) Health & Wellbeing a net adverse variance of £0.385m. A saving based on supporting more clients in Community Services rather than Residential and Nursing has not been achieved. Changes in the Discharge to Assess process have meant client numbers have exceeded the target, and increased Residential and Nursing clients in the last 2 months of the financial year has reduced the saving significantly.
 - b) Children's an adverse variance of £0.440m relating to elements of the Placement Sufficiency Strategy. The Placements budget has seen an overall overspend and the growth in Special Guardianship Orders could not be contained within the overall budget.

4. Capital Budget Outturn

- 4.1 The final outturn position on capital is a 17% variance against released budgets. There has been spend of £107.5m against the total budget of £151.9m, and against total released budget of £129.9m.
- 4.2 The total variance of £44.3m consists of slippage of £53.8m where spend has slipped into future years, accelerated spend ahead of profile of £16.3m, overspends of £4.0m, which have been funded through external funding and reserves, and some £0.1m of small scale overspends funded from the capital contingency (£2m, which now rolls forward to next year), and underspends of £10.9m which will be released for other purposes.
- 4.3 The table below shows the outturn compared to budgets by portfolio.

Figure 4: Capital Budgets

Portfolio	Released Budget	Unreleased Budget	Total Budget	Y/E Outturn	Variance	% of released budget	% of total budget	Change in Variance from Q3
	£m	£m	£m	£m	£m	%	%	£m
Leader	7.2	10.5	17.7	16.1	(1.6)	124%	(9%)	(0.2)
Climate Change & Environment	6.7	5.2	11.9	10.2	(1.7)	52%	(14%)	(2.4)
Communities	0.3		0.3		(0.3)	(100%)	(100%)	(0.1)
Culture & Leisure	7.1	0.6	7.7	3.9	(3.8)	(45%)	(49%)	(1.1)
Health & Wellbeing	0.3		0.3		(0.3)	(100%)	(100%)	
Transport	40.5	1.7	42.2	37.8	(4.4)	(7%)	(10%)	(0.4)
Homelessness & Regulatory Services	9.9	0.0	9.9	9.3	(0.6)	(6%)	(6%)	(1.4)
Education & Children's Services	38.2	0.8	39.0	23.4	(15.6)	(39%)	(40%)	(1.0)
Accessible Housing & Resources	5.5	0.6	6.1	3.5	(2.7)	(37%)	(43%)	(1.2)
Planning & Regeneration	14.1	2.6	16.7	3.2	(13.5)	(77%)	(81%)	(3.6)
Total	129.9m	22.0m	151.9m	107.5m	(44.3m)	(17%)	(29%)	(11.3m)

- 4.4 Spend was £11.3m less than forecast in Quarter 3. The main contributors to this change were Future High Streets Fund Programme (£1.8m, from some delays in contract payments on agreed projects), Cressex Aldi Regeneration project (£1.5m, due to the contractual timing of Escrow payments), Biowaste Treatment (£1.5m, project will now complete next year), Affordable Housing s.106 (£0.7m, as a registered provider did not yet claim their funding allocation), £0.7m additional slippage on Primary School Places, East West Rail Network Fibre installation (£0.6m, as Network Rail have not yet sent a completion statement for the works), £0.5m additional slippage on cycleway Canal Towpath project. In addition there was a further £3.8m of variance spread across 94 projects in the Capital Programme.
- 4.5 Projects and Programmes with Slippage over £1m are:
 - a) Future High Streets £9.6m the core original project for this funding (the Curve) fell through this year, and is in the process of being replaced by a proposal for the Tesco site at Eden Centre, plus slippage of contract and acquisition payments on

- approved projects into next year. The remaining c£7m of uncommitted funding has to be committed by 31 March 2024.
- b) Aylesbury HIF Grid Reinforcement £7.9m due to a project delay from finding an alternative site as original site (Bucks Sports and Social Club) has been allocated for housing; alternative sites have been identified and are being assessed for suitability by UKPN.
- c) **SEN School Placements** £3.2m from delays in commencing projects. SEN & School Placement budgets are fully externally funded from s.106 and grant.
- d) Affordable Housing s.106 £1.9m from a combination of funds remaining uncommitted, and Registered Providers not yet claiming agreed funds.
- e) Primary School Places £2.9m mainly from unallocated funds.
- f) Cressex Aldi works £1.3m as payments to Aldi will take place next year under an ESCROW arrangement.
- g) Culture & Leisure s.106 funded projects £1.1m slippage across 27 small projects.
- h) Parks and Play area projects £1m due to delays in equipment installation
- 4.6 A further 33 individual projects had slippage between £250k and £1m, totalling £13.0m.
- 4.7 Projects with accelerated spend over £1m were SEALR (£6.7m, from early works on archaeology and utilities), Eastern Link Road (£1.3m, from progression of design spend compared to original profile), and Disabled Facilities Grant (£1.3m, accelerated use of grant held over from prior years, as the team expanded to manage a backlog in adaptations).
- 4.8 7 projects had overspends which were funded as follows:
 - i) Chesham Grammar School £1.0m, currently with arbitrators due to dispute over final construction costs, to be funded from unallocated secondary school place budget (externally funded).
 - j) **Southern Waste London Road Depot improvement works** £0.8m, which has been funded from the Waste Reserve.
 - k) Southern Waste Depot enhancements £0.2m, has been funded from a revenue contribution from the Waste Reserve.
 - I) Strategic Highways Maintenance £0.4m from increased costs of tar removal, has been funded from a revenue contribution from Highways budgets.
 - m) **Great Missenden Junior expansion** £0.3m currently with legal due to dispute with contractor, funded from unallocated primary school place budget (externally

funded).

- n) **Desborough Road Temporary Accommodation** £0.3m of additional build costs, has been funded by s.106 contributions.
- o) **Community Centre maintenance** £0.2m from roof repairs on Bedgrove Communities Centre, has been funded from revenue contribution from headroom in Property Maintenance.
- 4.9 A small number of projects underspent, and the headroom funding is set to be redistributed formally by Cabinet at Quarter 1, including:
 - a) Kingsbrook Secondary School £6.6m from not requiring the contingency and temporary classroom budget, headroom will be redirected into HIF programme to support SEALR delivery (request currently with Homes England).
 - b) Kingsbrook Primary School £2.2m and Maids Morton Primary School £0.6m, from not requiring project contingency, headroom proposed to be retained in the Primary School Funding line for reinvestment in future years.
 - c) Chiltern Hills Academy £1m and The Amersham School £0.4m, from not requiring project contingency, headroom proposed to be retained in the Secondary School Places Funding line reinvestment in future years.
 - d) **Westcott Venture Park** £0.3m from project not requiring contingency, underspend to be returned to the corporate pot through the carry forward process.
 - e) There are other smaller projects with funding that is unlikely to be required, and this will be captured and reported via the carry forward and MTFP commitment review process, taking place in May and June.
- 4.10 Further details for each portfolio may be found in **Appendix 1.**

5. Other options considered

5.1 None arising directly from this report.

6. Legal and financial implications

- 6.1 This is a Finance report and all the financial implications are included in the report.
- 6.2 There are no legal implications arising from the report.

7. Corporate implications

7.1 Actions resulting from consideration of this report may influence future expenditure in areas of concern / interest.

- 8. Local councillors & community boards consultation & views
- 8.1 Not applicable.
- 9. Communication, engagement & further consultation
- 9.1 Not applicable.
- 10. Next steps and review
- 10.1 A report on the Council's 2023/24 financial position, based on the Q1 position, will be brought to Cabinet in July.

11. Background papers

11.1 Appendix 1 – Portfolio level summaries.

12. Your questions and views (for key decisions)

If you have any questions about the matters contained in this report please get in touch with the author of this report. If you have any views that you would like the cabinet member to consider please inform the democratic services team. This can be done by email [democracy@buckinghamshire.gov.uk].

Further detail by Portfolio, Outstanding Sundry Debt and Late Payment information

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Please note that the rounding of numbers gives rise to minor differences in the totals for each Portfolio between the covering report and this appendix.

1. Leader

1.1 **Leader Revenue**: Budget £8.5m, Outturn £8.2m, Var -£0.3m

	Budget	Y/E Outturn	Variance	Change in Variance (from
	2222			Q3 Cab)
	£000	£000	£000	£000
Expenditure	500	420	(80)	
Income	0	0	0	
Chief Executives Office	500	420	(80)	0
Expenditure	2,370	3,440	1,070	
Income	(120)	(980)	(860)	
Economic Growth & Regeneration	2,250	2,460	210	140 1
Expenditure	5,960	5,660	(300)	
Income	(550)	(540)	10	
Policy & Communications	5,410	5,120	(290)	(70) ↓
Expenditure	370	350	(20)	
Income	0	(150)	(150)	
Strategic Infrastructure	370	200	(170)	10 1
Leader	8,530	8,200	(330)	80 1

- a) Leader Revenue is reporting a favourable variance of £0.33m.
- b) Policy & Communications £0.29m underspend, primarily related to staffing underspends due to vacancies and recharges to Homes for Ukraine Scheme.
- c) Economic Growth had an £0.21m adverse variance due to a £0.05m increase in project work on economic growth, a small £0.02m drop off in markets income, and a change from Qtr 3 of £0.14m for PGS Directorate-wide consultancy savings which were delivered under the Transport and Planning & Regeneration portfolios.
- d) Strategic Infrastructure £0.17m favourable variance due to staffing vacancies in the team.

1.2 **Leader Capital:** Budget £17.7m, Outturn £16.1m Var -£1.6m

	Released	Unreleased	Total	Y/E	Variance	Change in
Programme	Budget	Budget	Budget	Outturn		Variance
						(from Q3 Cabinet)
	£000	£000	£000	£000	£000	£000
Rural Broadband	1,323		1,323	1,884	561	561
Economic Growth Total	1,323		1,323	1,884	561	561
A355 Improvement Scheme (Wilton Park)	397		397	58	(338)	(7)
Abbey Barn - HIF / S106	50		50	61	11	(14)
Aylesbury Eastern Link Road	274		274	1,537	1,263	37
Creditor Reserve Payments	194		194		(194)	(12)
Cycle Infrastructure	840	336	1,176	324	(852)	(481)
Grid Reinforcement Works		9,976	9,976	2,111	(7,865)	50
Marginal Viability Works		181	181		(181)	
Princes Risborough Relief Road	876		876	1,008	131	(5)
SEALR (South East Aylesbury Link Road)	2,000		2,000	8,737	6,737	(46)
Stoke Mandeville Relief Road / SEALR II	1,250		1,250	423	(827)	(266)
Strategic Infrastructure (HIF) Total	5,882	10,492	16,374	14,259	(2,115)	(744)
Grand Total	7,205	10,492	17,697	16,143	(1,554)	(183)

- a) There is £8.0m of accelerated spend in the Leader portfolio projects, including £6.7m on South East Aylesbury Link Road for advanced works on Archaeology and Utilities, £1.3m on Eastern Link Road design and planning work, ahead of original expected profile, plus £0.1m on Princes Risborough Housing Infrastructure Fund project from early works land acquisition.
- b) There was additional spend of £0.6m on the Rural Broadband voucher scheme as additional DEFRA grant was received in year for this scheme, which is now nearly completion.
- c) There was slippage of (£10.3m): (£7.9m) on Aylesbury Electricity Grid Reinforcement Works as potential shortlisted sites are undergoing suitability assessments with UKPN; (£0.9m) on Cycle Infrastructure projects due to ongoing discussions with landholders on the High Wycombe cycleway scheme; (£0.8m) on Phase II SEALR, as the funding sources continue to be secured; (£0.3m) on A355; (£0.2m) on retention payments as no such payments were required to be made this year, and (£0.2m) on Marginal Viability Works as funding is not yet committed.

2. Accessible Housing and Resources Portfolio

2.1 Accessible Housing and Resources Revenue: Budget £54.4m, Var +£2.0m

	Budget	Y/E Outturn	Variance	Change in Variance (from Q3 Cab)
	£000	£000	£000	£000
Expenditure	11,830	11,950	120	
Income	(370)	(590)	(220)	
Business Operations	11,460	11,360	(100)	(100) ↓
Expenditure	650	640	(10)	
Digital	650	640	(10)	(10) ↓
Expenditure	98,890	106,180	7,290	
Income	(89,680)	(96,680)	(7,000)	
Finance	9,210	9,500	290	(50) ↓
Expenditure	5,650	5,770	120	
Income	(830)	(1,030)	(200)	
Human Resources & Organisational Develo	4,820	4,740	(80)	(80) ↓
Expenditure	14,350	16,400	2,050	·
Income	(100)	(2,160)	(2,060)	
ICT	14,250	14,240	(10)	(10) ↓
Expenditure	16,220	17,490	1,270	
Income	(1,500)	(2,340)	(840)	
Legal & Democratic Services	14,720	15,150	430	(770) ↓
Expenditure	20,950	23,350	2,400	·
Income	(24,460)	(24,930)	(470)	
Property & Assets	(3,510)	(1,580)	1,930	1,370 1
Expenditure	650	590	(60)	
Income	40	0	(40)	
Resources Director and Bus Mngmnt	690	590	(100)	240 🕇
Expenditure	17,130	8,510	(8,620)	
Income	(15,050)	(6,800)	8,250	
Service Improvement	2,080	1,710	(370)	(10) ↓
Accessible Housing & Resources	54,370	56,350	1,980	580 ↑

a) The main revenue variances are as follows:

- i. £1.9m adverse variance in Property & Assets, primarily from Energy cost increases, which was an increase of £1.4m from the previous quarter's position. Overall income was £0.5m better than budgeted due to in-year rental deals. This increased income offset contract cost increases driven by an increase in property voids (rates, service charges). Movement adverse £1.4m.
- ii. £0.4m adverse variance in Legal & Democratic Services, mainly Business Assurance £0.7m adverse variance due to increased insurance premiums and outsourced audit costs to cover vacant posts within the internal audit team. This is offset by Democratic Services, £0.3m favourable variance due to staff vacancies and

- reduction in Member costs and allowances. Movement favourable £0.8m.
- iii. £0.29m adverse variance in Finance being £0.12m net adverse variance for Housing Benefits costs (which represents 0.1% of the gross expenditure budget for Housing Benefit payments), and £0.17m net adverse in other smaller budgets across the service. Movement favourable £0.05m.
- iv. Service Improvement £0.37m favourable variance on staffing, due to slippage on recruitment. Movement favourable £0.01m.

2.2 Accessible Housing and Resources Capital: Budget £6.1m, Var -£2.7m

	Released	Unreleased	Total	Y/E	Variance	Change in
Programme	Budget	Budget	Budget	Outturn		Variance
						(from Q3 Cabinet)
	£000	£000	£000	£000	£000	£000
					()	()
Buckinghamshire Network	2,026		2,026	1,267	(759)	(482)
Delivery of Technology Strategy	819	66	884	296	(588)	(238)
Device Refresh & Windows 10	57	250	307	303	(4)	(121)
Mobile Phone Refresh		200	200	200	(0)	(0)
Social Care Systems	200		200		(200)	(145)
ICT Total	3,101	516	3,617	2,066	(1,552)	(986)
Agricultural Estate	200		200	170	(30)	50
Conversion Old Wycombe Library	308		308	55	(254)	(45)
Corporate Investment Portfolio	639	79	718	373	(345)	(266)
Enhancement of Strategic Assets	200		200	72	(128)	72
Property Management Programme	1,048		1,048	712	(336)	(57)
Rowley Farm		25	25	12	(13)	(13)
Property & Assets Total	2,396	104	2,500	1,394	(1,105)	(259)
Grand Total	5,497	620	6,117	3,460	(2,657)	(1,245)

a) ICT Capital programme had variances of £1.6m, with £0.8m of costs for the new Buckinghamshire Network being spent on Revenue license costs rather than Capital, and some slippage on computer components due to global delivery delays. There was also slippage on the projects delivering the technology strategy (including Worksmart and data centres). Property & Assets maintenance and enhancement programmes had a variance of (£1.1m). (£0.8m) was due to slippage: the roof works at Vale Retail Park have slipped due to tender delays, the corporate maintenance programme due to shortages of contractors, Planning and Design work on Tilehouse land disposal has been delayed as the project is still in feasibility/viability stage, Rowley Farm barn refurbishment due to planning delays, and the maintenance programme for Friar's Square has been pushed back. The Old Wycombe Library conversion project underspent by £0.3m on the final retention amounts due.

3. **Climate Change and Environment**

3.1 Climate Change and Environment: Revenue Budget £29.5m, Variance £7.2m

	Budget	Y/E Outturn	Variance	Change in Variance (from Q3 Cab)
	£000	£000	£000	£000
Expenditure	3,720	3,660	(60)	
Income	(1,740)	(1,680)	60	
Environment	1,980	1,980	0	30 1
Expenditure	3,040	3,720	680	
Income	(380)	(900)	(520)	
Street Cleaning	2,660	2,820	160	50 ↑
Expenditure	34,600	52,140	17,540	
Income	(9,740)	(34,630)	(24,890)	
Waste	24,860	17,510	(7,350)	(3,940) ↓
Climate Change & Environment	29,500	22,310	(7,190)	(3,860) ↓

- EFW & Residual Waste Budget -£0.1m, Var Favourable £8.6m a)
 - £18.2m additional electricity income including the impact of i. electricity generator levy from 1st January 2023, 10 day unexpected plant outage in November and 7 days in January 23, and prevailing market rates over the year compared with the original budget assumptions.
 - £4.4m receipt related to a legal dispute on third party income for ii. previous years.
 - £13.9m net transfer to reserves due to the additional electricity iii. income.
 - Lower payments on EfW contractor charges (£0.5m), final settlement iv. of the 2021-22 income account (£0.7m), additional 3rd party income (£0.2m) offset by North Waste collection pressures due to increasing dry mixed recycling rates (£0.3m) and additional legal costs (£0.1m).
- b) Household Waste Recycling Centres Budget £3.2m, Var Favourable £0.1m Underspend due to savings achieved from a delay in the opening of the 10th site at Bledlow in January 23.
- c) Waste Collection Budget £16.7m, Var Adverse £1.4m Additional costs for round re-organisation and introduction of paid Wycombe Garden Waste Service net of additional green waste income. The pressure from dry mixed recycling market price volatility from October 2022 and additional contract operational costs from the paper sort facility back

- dated to April 2021 have been offset by additional third-party income waste received relating to previous year from EfW.
- d) Waste Disposal Budget £2.7m, Var Favourable £0.1m Reduced costs in Green Food Bulky Wood (GFBW) contract in relation to green waste cost reductions due to hot weather conditions in July and August and a reduction in business rates.

3.2 Climate Change & Environment Capital: Budget £11.9m, Var -£1.7m

Programme	Released Budget	Unreleased Budget	Total Budget	Y/E Outturn	Variance	Change in Variance
1 Togramme	244624	24464	2	0		(from Q3 Cabinet)
	£000	£000	£000	£000	£000	£000
Climate Change Strategy	374		374	121	(253)	101
Climate Change & Air Quality Total	374		374	121	(253)	101
Flood Defence Schemes	1,239	158	1,397	574	(822)	(241)
Strategic Flood Management	100		100		(100)	
Flood Management Total	1,339	158	1,497	574	(922)	(241)
Aylesbury Waste Vehicles Replacement	2,116	355	2,471	2,319	(152)	(152)
Biowaste Treatment	2,483		2,483	2,371	(112)	(1,512)
Buckingham HRC & Waste Transfer Station		275	275		(275)	
Pembroke Rd Depot Welfare Facilities	111		111	22	(89)	(89)
Recycling Centre Welfare Facilities	254		254	218	(36)	(36)
Recycling Centres Drainage EA Compliance	224		224	39	(185)	(185)
Recycling Centres Vehicles & Plant		360	360	210	(150)	(150)
Recycling Initiatives & Waste Containers	343		343	1,170	827	205
Southern Waste Contract - Vehicles		4,018	4,018	2,947	(1,071)	(471)
Southern Waste Contract-Depot Improvmn	(525)		(525)	228	753	153
Waste Management Vehicles & Plant						
Waste Total	5,006	5,008	10,014	9,524	(490)	(2,237)
Grand Total	6,719	5,165	11,884	10,219	(1,665)	(2,377)

- a) Waste had a (£0.5m) variance, from reduced procurement costs on the Southern Waste Vehicle Contract (£1.1m), overspends of £1.6m on Southern and North Waste and Paper sort facilities which were funded from reserves, and slippage into next year on the project delivery on the Biowaste and HRC projects
- b) There was (£0.9m) of slippage on Flood alleviation schemes, mainly from delays in the installation of culverts at Pednormead and Marlow.
- c) There was (£0.3m) of slippage on Climate Change strategy projects, including solar car ports (where suitable sites are being identified and viability assessments are still ongoing, in conjunction with the parking team), and solar panel installation project, which is being prepared for tender, and on the recently-added Shared Prosperity Grant funded Energy Doctor scheme, for which the tender processes are now underway.

4. Communities

4.1 **Communities Revenue:** Budget £7.7m, Outturn £7.7m, Var £0.1m

	Budget	Y/E Outturn	Variance	Change in Variance (from Q3 Cab)
	£000	£000	£000	£000
Expenditure	3,200	3,460	260	
Income	0	(210)	(210)	
Community Boards	3,200	3,250	50	230 1
Expenditure	3,550	3,320	(230)	
Income	(1,530)	(1,400)	130	
Community Safety	2,020	1,920	(100)	(80) ↓
Expenditure	5,560	5,770	210	
Income	(4,790)	(4,880)	(90)	
Localities & Strategic Partnerships	770	890	120	50 ↑
Expenditure	340	340	0	
Resilience Services	340	340	0	0
Expenditure	1,840	1,750	(90)	
Income	(470)	(380)	90	
Special Expenses	1,370	1,370	0	10 1
Communities	7,700	7,770	70	210 ↑

- a) Communities Revenue is reporting £0.07m adverse variance.
- b) Localities & Strategic Partnerships reporting £0.12m adverse variance due to 4th quarter Citizens Advice Bureau payment not accrued in FY22.
- c) Community Safety £0.1m underspend related to staffing underspends offset by a shortfall in car park income and additional project spend.
- d) Community Boards £0.05m overspend and £0.23m adverse movement from Q3 as the Boards underspend was transferred to reserves.
- 4.2 **Communities Capital:** Budget £0.27m, Var £0.27m

	Released	Unreleased	Total	Y/E	Variance	Change in
Programme	Budget	Budget	Budget	Outturn		Variance
						(from Q3 Cabinet)
	£000	£000	£000	£000	£000	£000
CCTV Projects	268		268		(268)	(50)
Community Safety Total	268		268		(268)	(50)
Grand Total	268		268		(268)	(50)

 Following a recommendation from Budget Scrutiny the full CCTV project amount of £268k has been released. This is in anticipation of future CCTV projects.

5. Culture and Leisure

5.1 Culture and Leisure Revenue: Budget £5.1m, Var £0.1m

	Budget	Y/E Outturn	Variance
	£000	£000	£000
Expenditure	8,870	10,320	1,450
Income	(3,780)	(5,360)	(1,580)
Culture & Leisure	5,090	4,960	(130)
Culture & Leisure	5,090	4,960	(130)

Change in
Variance (from
Q3 Cab)
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a) Arts & Culture - Budget £1.4m, Var Favourable £0.1m
 Vacancies and reduced Paralympic legacy contribution spend within Arts & Culture.

5.2 **Culture and Leisure Capital**: Budget £7.7m, Var (£3.8m)

	Released	Unreleased	Total	Y/E	Variance	Change in
Programme	Budget	Budget	Budget	Outturn		Variance
						(from Q3 Cabinet)
	£000	£000	£000	£000	£000	£000
Country Parks Visitors Centre		100	100	15	(85)	(5)
South Bucks Country Pk Leisure Facility	500		500	186	(314)	(314)
Country Parks Total	500	100	600	201	(399)	(319)
Chalfont & Chesham Leisure Centres	(60)		(60)	(37)	23	28
Chilterns Lifestyle Centre	1,453		1,453	1,173	(280)	
Leisure Centres Maintenance	605		605	319	, ,	(280)
					(286)	(286)
Leisure Centres Total	1,997		1,997	1,454	(543)	(539)
Libraries Enhanced Technology		100	100		(100)	
Libraries Self-Service Replacement	124		124	118	(6)	(6)
Wendover Library Project	50	380	430		(430)	(-7
Libraries Total	174	480	654	118	(536)	(6)
Parks & Play Areas	1,339		1,339	270	(1,069)	(33)
Parks & Play Areas Total	1,339		1,339	270	(1,069)	(33)
S106 Funded Projects	3,127		3,127	1,868	(1,259)	(186)
Sport & Leisure Projects Total	3,127		3,127	1,868	(1,259)	(186)
Grand Total	7,137	580	7,717	3,911	(3,806)	(1,083)

a) Slippage of £3.7m and underspend of £0.1m; Parks & Play area slippage of £1m for play area replacement projects due to long lead in times for equipment and a £0.1m underspend variance due to completion of projects planned for 23/24; net slippage of £1.3m from S106 Funded projects to be completed in 23/24; slippage of £0.5m for Libraries due to delays in testing

enhanced technology at the new Amersham Library and the Wendover Library project to be completed next financial year; slippage of £0.5m in Leisure on Chilterns Lifestyle Centre and Maintenance Programme; and slippage of £0.4m in Country Parks due to accessing project support for the Black Park Visitor Centre and construction to commence in 23/24 for the South Bucks Country Park ready for opening by the autumn of 2023.

6. Education & Children's Services

6.1 Education & Children's Services Revenue: Budget £90.3m, Var +£4.9m

	Budget	Y/E Outturn	Variance	Va
	£000	£000	£000	
Expenditure	81,680	86,690	5,010	
Income	(6,510)	(6,560)	(50)	
Children's Social Care	75,170	80,130	4,960	
Expenditure	27,130	24,870	(2,260)	
Income	(12,030)	(9,810)	2,220	
Education	15,100	15,060	(40)	
Expenditure	316,770	320,300	3,530	
Income	(316,770)	(320,300)	(3,530)	
Education - Dedicated Schools Grant	0	0	0	
Education & Childrens Services	90,270	95,190	4,920	

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	Change in
	Variance (from
	Q3 Cab)
	£000
	(1,390) ↓
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	(380) ↓
	0
	(1,770) ↓
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- a) An adverse variance of £4.9m is reported against the budget of £90.3m. This is a favourable movement of £1.8m compared with the previous quarter.
- b) An adverse variance of £5.0m is reported against the budgets for Children's Social Care and Education budgets show a break-even position.
- c) The factors contributing to the overspend for Children's Social Care are:
- d) National position in relation to the sufficiency of placements for children looked after continues to result in a shortage of available placements and very high unit costs of those placements that can be accessed. This has also resulted in the need to develop creative solutions to support young people with complex needs and manage risk. At the end of the year there is an adverse variance of £2.6m against budgets for placements for children looked after including budgets for adoption and Special Guardianship Order allowances. Placement costs are lower than forecast due to a number of high cost placements commencing at a later date than forecast at Q3.
- e) The costs of accommodation and allowances for care leavers exceed the budget by £0.8m.
- f) Continued increases in seriousness and complexity of support needed for children with disabilities have resulted in an adverse variance of £1.3m.
- g) Client cost budgets, to support children in need, are £1.2m overspent. This forecast reflects the increase in demand for support experienced by front line teams.

- Due to difficulties in recruitment of permanent staff and a reduction in the numbers of agency staff within the service through the year, there is a favourable variance of £1.4m against staffing budgets across Children's Social Care.
- i) Other pressures of £0.3m across Children's Social Care including £0.2m on client transport.

6.2 Education & Children's Services Capital: Budget £39.0m, Var (£15.6m)

Programme	Released Budget £000	Unreleased Budget £000	Total Budget £000	Y/E Outturn £000	Variance £000	Change in Variance (from Q3 Cabinet) £000
Children's Homes		499	499		(499)	
Children's Social Care Total		499	499		(499)	
Primary School Places	5,036	1,517	6,553	1,099	(5,454)	(782)
Provision for Early Years	83	101	183	0	(183)	(10)
Provision for Special Educational Need	2,593	1,799	4,391	1,219	(3,172)	(117)
School Access Adaptations	151		151	142	(9)	(9)
School Property Maintenance	5,625		5,625	5,383	(242)	(242)
School Toilets	217		217	302	85	85
Secondary School Places	24,489	(3,090)	21,399	15,243	(6,156)	52
Schools Total	38,193	326	38,519	23,388	(15,131)	(1,023)
Grand Total	38,193	825	39,018	23,388	(15,630)	(1,023)

- a) A favourable variance of £15.6m is reported against the Education and Children's Services capital programme.
- b) Slippage on Children's services Capital programme of £8.9m includes:
 - SEND Projects £3.0m, including slippage against the unallocated budget of £1.8m and slippage against Furzedown School £0.8m
 - Primary school projects slippage of £2.7m including £1.5m against unallocated budgets
 - Secondary school projects slippage of £2.5m
 - Children's Social Care residential provision £0.5m
- c) Underspends of £11.4m are reported against the programme, mainly from project contingencies not being needed, these contingencies are to be returned to the Education programme. The most significant underspends are as follows:
 - Kingsbrook Primary School £2.2m underspend

- Other Primary School Projects £0.9m
- Kingsbrook Secondary School current forecast underspend £6.7m
- Other Secondary School Projects £1.2m
- SEND projects £0.2m
- Early Years projects £0.2m
- d) Overspend £1.4m including £1.0m against Chesham Grammar School and £0.3m against Great Missenden.
- e) Accelerated Spend of £3.3m
 - Brookmead Primary Expansion £0.1m
 - School access projects, School toilets and Rolling maintenance projects overall £0.2m accelerated spend,
 - Unallocated Secondary School placement budget had £3.0m of accelerated spend in prior years.

Health & Wellbeing 7.

7.1 Health & Wellbeing Revenue: Budget £168.3m, Var +£2.4m

	Budget	Y/E Outturn	Variance	Change in Variance (fro Q3 Cab)
	£000	£000	£000	£000
Expenditure	228,900	234,290	5,390	
Income	(60,560)	(63,570)	(3,010)	
Adult Social Care	168,340	170,720	2,380	(320)
Expenditure	23,100	22,590	(510)	
Income	(23,100)	(22,590)	510	
Public Health	0	0	0	0
Health & Wellbeing	168,340	170,720	2,380	(320)

Change in
Variance (from
Q3 Cab)
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(320) ↓
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(320) ↓

- a) The Outturn position in Adult Social Care is an adverse variance of £2.4m, this has reduced by £0.3m since Q3 monitoring.
- b) Adult Social Care Operations is an adverse variance of +£4.0m, this relates to Residential +£2.7m Supported Living of +£3.1m, Day Care +£0.8m and Dom Care +£1.0m, Other Comm Care +£0.3m. This is partly offset by favourable variances on Nursing £-0.3m Direct Payments -£0.8m and staffing -£1.4m and additional income -£1.6m (inc bad debt provision).
- The favourable variance in Nursing is -£0.3m. There has been an increase of 24 FTEs and average unit cost increases of 5.7% for 65+ and 11.7% for 18-64 over the year. This growth was mitigated by an additional £2.3m being added to the Nursing budget.
- The adverse variance in Residential is +£2.7m, +£0.45m higher than forecast. Residential has shown a significant increase in demand (29FTE) mainly from dementia, Discharge to Assess and younger Learning Disability clients. The average unit cost of packages has increased by 9.7% for 65+ and 7.2% for 18-64 due to providers increasing their costs for new clients.
- The overspend in Supported Living is +£3.1m, +£0.2m higher than forecast. The adverse variance relates to growth this year of 14 FTE, an increase of 8.4% in average unit cost caused by existing clients receiving more care and new packages being much higher cost than those that have ended.
- There is an adverse variance of +£0.8m on Day Care due to an increase in year of 60 FTEs, and several high-cost placements.

- There is an adverse variance of +£0.96m in Dom Care. The overspend relates to 119 additional clients and existing clients receiving more care. The average package increased from 16.10 to 18.18 hours per week. The average hourly rate increased from £20.57 to £21.89.
- There is an overachievement in client and joint funded income of -£2.7m related to the growth in the number of Nursing -£1.48m and Residential -£2.14m clients, partly offset by lower Comm Care income +£0.48m.
- There is a favourable variance of -£1.4m on employee costs, this represents a net underspend due to staffing vacancies, after agency staff are included.
- c) **SMT and Transformation** -£0.8m relating predominately to additional improved Better Care Fund (iBCF) funding received in year.
- d) Integrated Commissioning -£0.6m relating to £0.5m contribution from Public Health towards the prevention contract and £0.2m one off income.
- e) **Quality, Performance and Standards** £0.2m relating to underspends on training and small underspends across the service.
- f) Public Health breakeven.

7.2 **Health & Wellbeing Capital:** Budget £0.34m, Var (£0.34m)

Programme	Released Budget	Unreleased Budget	Total Budget	Y/E Outturn	Variance	Change in Variance
	£000	£000	£000	£000	£000	(from Q3 Cabinet)
Respite Care	335		335		(335)	
Adult Social Care Total	335		335		(335)	
Grand Total	335		335		(335)	

a) Adult Social Care – Respite Care. This project has been removed from the Capital Programme however the £335k remaining is a grant from the then CCG towards the project. This is being returned to NHS England.

8. Housing & Homelessness & Regulatory Services

8.1 Housing & Homelessness & Regulatory Revenue: Budget £7.1m, Var £4.6m

	Budget Y/E Outturn		Variance
	£000	£000	£000
Expenditure	10,590	13,080	2,490
Income	(7,220)	(5,000)	2,220
Housing & Homelessness	3,370	8,080	4,710
Expenditure	10,740	10,610	(130)
Income	(6,990)	(6,930)	60
Regulatory Services	3,750	3,680	(70)
Housing & Homelessness & Regulatory Serv	7,120	11,760	4,640

	Change in Variance (from Q3 Cab) £000
	930 1
	(190) ↓
ı	740 1

- a) A final outturn position of £4.7m adverse variance in Housing was mainly due to pressures of £4.5m from Temporary Accommodation demand and cost increases. The year ended with nearly 250 families in expensive hotel accommodation, compared to 130 at the beginning of 22-23. The overall cost increased by £0.7m from Qtr 3 due to an increase in the rates being charged by hotels, and a demand increase from 230 to 250 households. A Housing Improvement Board is being established in 23-24, with one of its objectives being to manage the demand and costs for temporary accommodation. There was a further £0.2m increase in adverse variance across Housing budgets, including £0.1m staffing cost increases due to the need for agency cover, and £0.1m of extra spend on Rough Sleeper prevention.
- b) £0.1m net adverse variance in Regulatory Services, with pressures in Trading Standards from the staff pay award and reduction in primary authority income post-COVID (expected to recover by 2024), staffing cost increases in Coroners for additional administrative staff to work on an increasingly complex caseload, offset by a favourable variance in Registrars from increases in ceremony income, as the service is recovering well post-COVID.

8.2 Housing & Homelessness & Regulatory Capital: Budget £9.9m, Var £0.6m

	Released	Unreleased	Total	Y/E	Variance	Change in
Programme	Budget	Budget	Budget	Outturn		Variance
						(from Q3 Cabinet)
	£000	£000	£000	£000	£000	£000
Affordable Housing - S106 Funded	2,103	42	2,145	271	(1,874)	(732)
Affordable Housing Total	2,103	42	2,145	271	(1,874)	(732)
Temporary Accommodation	1,188		1,188	1,503	315	(285)
Homelessness Total	1,188		1,188	1,503	315	(285)
Disabled Facility Grants	3,848		3,848	4,979	1,130	21
Enabling Schemes	31	(31)		80	80	80
Raynes Avenue Park Drainage Replacement	152		152		(152)	(20)
Housing Total	4,032	(31)	4,000	5,059	1,058	81
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Cemeteries & Memorial Gardens	317		317	45	(272)	(269)
Chiltern & Bierton Crematoria	2,252		2,252	2,443	191	(148)
Cemeteries & Crematoria Total	2,569		2,569	2,488	(81)	(417)
Grand Total	9,891	11	9,902	9,320	(581)	(1,354)

- a) There was a £0.3m overspend on the Bridge Court Temporary Homelessness accommodation project, which was funded by s106. The site is due to open in May, and will help to mitigate Temporary Accommodation revenue pressures.
- b) There was (1.9m) of slippage in the spending of s.106 affordable housing funding, £0.6m of which was where agreed funding with Registered Providers has not yet been claimed, and £1.3m of which remains uncommitted, pending a business case coming forward for decision.
- c) There was £1.2m accelerated spend Disabled Facilities projects (mandatory adaptations, adult social care equipment and healthy homes on prescription scheme) which have all accelerated at pace following a backlog during COVID.
- d) Cemeteries & Crematoria: £0.2m over budget for Crematory and Hampden Chapel refurbishment/cremator replacement and building projects due to historical building defects with increased costs for furniture and crematory equipment and staffing – to be funded from reserves.

9. **Planning and Regeneration**

9.1 Planning & Regeneration Revenue: Budget £7.7m, Var £0.1m

	Budget	Y/E Outturn	Variance	Change in Variance (from Q3 Cab)
	£000	£000	£000	£000
Expenditure	1,180	1,080	(100)	
Income	(250)	(250)	0	
Economic Growth & Regeneration	930	830	(100)	(20) ↓
Expenditure	17,460	18,420	960	
Income	(10,690)	(11,460)	(770)	
Planning	6,770	6,960	190	(10) ↓
Planning & Regeneration	7,700	7,790	90	(30) ↓

- Regeneration had a £0.1m favourable variance on staffing vacancies as a) posts continue to be recruited to following the Service Review.
- Planning had a £0.2m adverse variance. Income from planning applications b) throughout the year was £0.7m more than budgeted due to increased application numbers, with additional staffing being taken on to process them. Income dropped off slightly in January and February resulting in the £0.2m variance, and the Planning Service will monitor income trends closely in the new year to determine if staffing levels need to be reduced to manage within budget.

9.2 **Planning & Regeneration Capital**: Budget £16.7, Outturn £3.2m Var (£13.5m)

Programme	Released Budget	Unreleased Budget	Total Budget	Y/E Outturn	Variance	Change in Variance
	£000	£000	£000	£000	£000	(from Q3 Cabinet) £000
LEP 3rd Party Schemes				552	552	552
LEP 3rd Party Schemes Total				552	552	552
Amersham Regeneration (St John's Build)		50	50		(50)	(50)
Ashwells	100		100	140	40	(33)
Aylesbury Town Centre	150	574	724	170	(553)	20
CIL Funded Regeneration	113	260	373		(373)	(113)
Employment & Regeneration Led Opportur	2,969		2,969	669	(2,300)	(1,527)
Environment Led Opportunities	349		349	68	(281)	18
Former WDC Third Party CIL Projects	125		125		(125)	(20)
Future High Street Funds	9,700	1,600	11,299	1,515	(9,785)	(1,814)
High Wycombe Town Centre	176	(3)	173	120	(53)	(30)
Retasking of Winslow Centre	326		326	1	(325)	(295)
Waterside North Development	81	100	181	5	(175)	(176)
Wycombe Air Park						(100)
Wycombe District Centres	25		25		(25)	(25)
Regeneration Total	14,113	2,580	16,694	2,689	(14,005)	(4,144)
Grand Total	14,113	2,580	16,694	3,240	(13,454)	(3,593)

- a) There was £14.0m of variance across Regeneration projects, notably:
 - (£9.8m) of slippage on Future High Streets Fund Programme as the core original project for this funding (the Curve) was delivered by the Private Sector instead, and a business case for an alternative project is now being written.
 - ii. (£1.4m) slippage on Cressex Island Aldi, as payments to Aldi will take place next year under a recently agreed ESCROW arrangement.
 - iii. (£0.5m) of slippage on the project to regenerate Kingsbury Market Square as the design and specification continues to be developed.
- b) (£0.9m) slippage across numerous Wycombe regeneration projects, Handy Cross Hub landscaping, Brunel Shed retention payments, Capital House upgrade works.
- c) There was a further (£0.09m) slippage across other North and Aylebsury area regeneration projects, including (£0.3m) on the Winslow Development which is currently at the feasibility stage; (£0.2m) delays on Waterside North development as the Aylesbury Regeneration plans continue to be developed.

10. Transport

10.1 Transport Revenue: Budget £55.4m, Variance £3.2m

	Budget	Y/E Outturn	Variance	Change in Variance (from Q3 Cab)
	£000	£000	£000	£000
Expenditure	35,200	35,440	240	
Income	(14,770)	(14,760)	10	
Highways & Technical Services	20,430	20,680	250	110 1
Expenditure	1,670	1,860	190	
Income	(960)	(1,150)	(190)	
HS2	710	710	0	(120) ↓
Expenditure	35,590	38,520	2,930	
Income	(2,430)	(2,500)	(70)	
Transport Services	33,160	36,020	2,860	(380) ↓
Expenditure	1,650	2,010	360	
Income	(570)	(810)	(240)	
Transport Strategy	1,080	1,200	120	120 1
Transport	55,380	58,610	3,230	(270) ↓

- a) Transport Services £2.9m adverse variance
 - i. £3.1m adverse variance within Home to School Transport: the service experienced increasing numbers of contracts being handed back which then required re-tendering or contract variations (to date 131 new contracts and multiple contract amendments). Efforts have been made to effectively manage the procurement process with a transparent, rigorous approach including rejection of prohibitively costly contracts. There have been constant changes during the financial year due to cost-of-living impacts on drivers and operators for which a 3% uplift was applied and absorbed within directorate. There were specific contract amendments which have increased the general 3% uplift value.
 - ii. £0.3m favourable variance on Public Transport due to a reduction in the concessionary pot following negotiations with commercial suppliers, offset by £0.1m additional operational costs within Client Transport.
- b) Highways & Technical Services £0.3m adverse variance
 - i. £1.8m adverse variance for increased electricity costs (forecasts updated in December 22 but costs came in higher on outturn) affecting Highways and Parking after taking into account the recently announced energy price cap and a new energy contractor.

- ii. The above is offset by favourable variances within Parking due to vacancies (£1m), Streetworks Temporary Traffic Orders (£0.5m), and the closing out of the Ringway Jacobs contract suspense account balances which are now realised with the contract ending.
- iii. Corporate Director £0.1m adverse variance relating to net increased costs of debt loss impairment calculation from 2021-22 to 2022-23.
- c) HS2 (and EWR) team break even. The Council is due to be in receipt of an additional £0.2m more than budgeted on HS2 income, for staffing expenditure incurred in line with the Funding and Service Level Agreements in place with HS2.
- d) Transport Strategy £0.1m adverse variance on unachievable income and savings targets which have been resolved next year via the recent restructure, plus a temporary increase in agency staffing costs to fill vacant posts following the recent service review. These variances are being offset and managed across the whole Service Area, with headroom on staffing under Infrastructure Projects under the Leader Portfolio.

10.2 Transport Capital: Budget £42.2m, Var (£4.4m)

	Released	Unreleased	Total	Y/E	Variance	Change in
Programme	Budget	Budget	Budget	Outturn		Variance
						(from Q3 Cabinet)
	£000	£000	£000	£000	£000	£000
Car Parks	566		566	571	5	(106)
Car Parks Total	566		566	571	5	(106)
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Active Travel Tranche II - Emerald Way	500		500	756	256	46
ADEPT Live Labs	925		925	662	(262)	(13)
Globe Park Access / Westhorpe Junction	50		50	74	24	(4)
Haydon Hill Cycle Way	42		42	36	(5)	4
Highways & Cycleway Funded Schemes	1,365		1,365	618	(747)	0
HS2 Funded Schemes	81		81	(28)	(109)	(62)
HS2 Road Safety Projects	383		383	498	115	(87)
NPIF Schemes	582		582	28	(554)	(141)
Taplow Cycle Way	607		607		(607)	
Highways & Cycleway Funded Schemes Tota	4,533		4,533	2,646	(1,887)	(255)
East West Rail	2,425		2,425	1,828	(598)	(589)
Electric Vehicle Charging Points	200		200	1	(199)	(9)
Other Highway & Technical	1,020		1,020	28	(992)	(123)
Wycombe Parking Review	50		50		(50)	(50)
Other Transport & Infrastructure Total	3,696		3,696	1,856	(1,839)	(772)
Berryhill Footbridge Repair				109	109	0
Denham Bridleway Bridge Replacement	213		213	(17)	(229)	(92)
Improvements to Rights Way	167		167	186	19	42
Rights of Way Total	380		380	279	(101)	(49)
Albani Mari Elizarian High Mirangaha	(70)	200	220	124	(107)	(7.0)
Abbey Way Flyover High Wycombe	(70)	300	230	124	(107)	(76)
Bridge Maintenance Failed Roads Haunching & Reconstruction	998		998	684	(313) 118	(138)
_	3,000		3,000	3,118	l	108
Footway Structural Repairs	2,065		2,065	1,930	(135)	(76)
Maintenance Principal Rds - Drainage	2,041	1 400	2,041	1,976	(65)	(30)
Marlow Suspension Bridge Plane & Patch	(1,107)	1,400	293	327	34	34
	4,369		4,369	4,259	(110)	(28)
Replacement Traffic Signals	938		938	855	(82)	522
Road Safety - Casualty Reduction Safety Fences	856		856 336	852 192	(3)	(4)
•	236		236		(44)	(97)
Strategic Highway Maintenance Program	16,051		16,051	16,700	648 (313)	952
Street Lighting	1,600 30,978	1 700	1,600 32,678	1,287		(179)
Strategic Highway Maintenance Total	30,578	1,700	32,0/8	32,306	(373)	990
Public Transport	131		131	31	(101)	(100)
Purchase of Fleet Vehicles	240		240	143	(97)	(97)
Transport Services Total	371		371	174	(198)	(197)
Grand Total	40,524	1,700	42,224	37,830	(4,393)	(391)
Orana Total	40,324	1,700	16,664	37,030	(4,555)	(331)

a) Strategic Highway Maintenance – Budget £32.7m, (£0.4m) variance - £0.8m of accelerated spend on Strategic Highways Maintenance and Failed roads, as the costs of schemes increased due to poor road conditions. Slippage

within: Structures of £0.3m due to mitigations no longer required; Street Lighting of £0.3m due to resource shortage; Footway schemes (£0.1m) and Plane and Patch (£0.1m) where completion of programme has come in less than anticipated; Drainage (£0.1m) & Traffic Signals (£0.1m) due to credits received following previous overpayments; Abbey Way Flyover (£0.1m) due to investigative works access permissions delaying completion of the final report and associated spend.

- b) Rights of Way Slippage of £0.2m on Denham Bridleway due to main construction now to commence in Spring 2023/24 to accommodate other works within the vicinity, and Accelerated spend for Berryhill Footbridge on design and cradle costs for removal and storage of the bridge.
- d) Highways & Cycleway Funded Schemes Budget £4.5m, var (£1.9m) (£0.7m) Slippage for Highways and Cycle schemes including the High Wycombe Cycleway (£0.5m) due to the National Trust negotiations and a further (£0.2m) net slippage on various cycleway projects; (£0.6m) slippage on the A40 London Road scheme in Wycombe mainly the A40 London Road in Wycombe; (£0.6m) under spend on Taplow Cross Rail project which is now complete.
- e) Other Transport & Infrastructure Budget £3.7m, var (£1.8m), notably from(£0.6m) net slippage on East West rail projects; (£0.6m) Freight Strategy due to resourcing following to service review, (£0.3m) (0.2m) on the Council-funded Electric vehicle charging points projects, as the Council has received Govt Grant funding to kickstart these projects.

11. Corporate & Funding

11.1 Corporate & Funding Revenue: Budget -£433.9m, Outturn -£443.7m, Var -£9.8m

	Budget £m	Y/E Out- turn £m	Variance £m	%	Change in Variance £m
Capital Financing	27.1	26.4	(0.7)	(3%)	
Corporate Costs	9.3	5.2	(4.1)	(44%)	
Reserves	(6.1)	(6.2)	(0.1)	2%	
Treasury Management	(3.2)	(7.2)	(4.0)		
Corporate Total	27.1	18.2	(8.9)	(33%)	4.6
Business Rates	(58.2)	(58.2)	-	-	
Council Tax	(377.4)	(377.4)	-	-	
Council Tax Surplus	-	-	-		
New Homes Bonus	(5.8)	(5.8)	-	-	
Special expenses Council Tax	-	-	-		
Unringfenced Grants	(19.6)	(20.5)	(0.9)	5%	
Funding Total	(461.0)	(461.9)	(0.9)	0%	(0.1)
Total	(433.9)	(443.7)	(9.8)	2%	4.5

- a) The £9.8m favourable variance (£14.3m last quarter) forecast comprises:
 - i. £4.4m contribution from earmarked reserves from income received in the Climate Change and Environment portfolio contributed to reserves, following partial resolution of the legal dispute with the council's EfW contractor.
 - ii. A contribution to reserves of £4.5m to set up a reserve for the Opportunity Bucks programme.
 - iii. £4.0m increased favourable variance relating to Interest on Revenue Balances (£2.7m last quarter). This reflects a higher level of cash balances than budgeted, and the recent further increase in Bank of England base rate to 4% during February with a further increase on 23rd March to 4.25%.
 - iv. £0.5m favourable variance on capital financing budgets (£0.8m last quarter). This includes an additional contribution of £0.6m to fund improvements works to the CCTV control room.
 - v. A surplus of £0.9m in grant income budgets (£0.8m last quarter). This include a grant of £0.5m from distribution of Business Rates levy surplus which has been contributed to the Collection Fund reserve to

- mitigate the risk to future funding streams from the reset of the Business Rates system.
- vi. Corporate Contingencies: favourable variance of £4.1m. At Quarter 3, a favourable variance on contingency budgets of £5.5m was being forecast to support the overall Council position. £3.2m of service risk contingency was being held back to support any further pressures that might arise, and £1.2m in Pay, Pension and Redundancy contingencies. These risks have not materialised at year end, and the unrequired balance on corporate contingencies has increased by £4.3m to a favourable variance of £9.9m. £0.5m of this is proposed to be contributed to reserves to create a Highways lining fund for work to be delivered in 2023/24, and £4.7m is proposed to be contributed to the Mitigating Future Financial Risks reserve to address increased risk of pressures within Portfolios.

12. Outstanding Sundry Debts

Figure 2: Sundry Debts Table



- 12.1 Unsecured debt over 90 days has seen an increase of £0.2m across Q4, rising from £9m to £9.2m, but still within the £10m KPI.
- 12.2 At the end of Q4 our total sundry debt sits at £22.3m, an increase of £2.7m from Q3. Of the £22.3m, £17.8m is unsecured with an age profile of: less than 30 days £5.1m (29%); 31-90 days £3.5m (20%); and over 90 days £9.2m (51%).

12.3 Improvement Actions:

- a) Strategic and operational Adult Social Care Debt Task and Finish groups have been set up to drive improvements across our ASC debt recovery. The operational group is made up of representation from across Adults & Health, Finance and Legal with the goal of improving our existing debt recovery processes and improving recoveries.
- b) As part of the AURA programme, ongoing work is currently being undertaken between Finance and ICT to automate parts of our debt collection process. These process automations will make our recovery process more efficient, and free up capacity for officers to focus on more complex debts.

13. Payment Performance

Figure 3: Payment Performance Table

Tgt: 95% 94% 97% 98% 91% 90% 87% Jan Feb Mar Jan Feb Mar 2023 2023 10 Day 30 Day No. Late **57** 60 71 636 317 493 No. Paid 367 **526** 719 9.353 12.462 17,131 No. Invoices 424 586 790 9989 12779 17624

Payment Performance Past 3 Months

13.1 For Q4 our overall invoice payment performance is 95.8% paid on-time (40,558 invoices), up 1.9% from Q3.

- 13.2 Our 30-day payment performance for Q4 is 96.1% (38,946) of invoices paid on time, up 1.9% from Q2
- 13.3 Our 30-day payment performance currently exceeds our KPI of 95% paid on-time, reaching upwards of 97% across most of the quarter. We are continuing to identify solutions and improvements to the challenges we face with the payment of invoices and are working closely with our colleagues across various service areas providing further training and support to drive efficiencies across our invoice processing.
- 13.4 Our 10-day payment performance for Q4 is 89.1% (1,612 invoices) of invoices paid on time, up 3.7% from Q2
 - a) Our 10-day payment performance currently falls below our KPI of 95% paid ontime, with 188 invoices paid late across the quarter. These late invoices represent just 0.44% of all invoices paid over Q4, but we are constantly trying to identify where there are themes or regular issues that arise so that we can assist in improving the payment performance.

13.5 Improvement Actions:

- a) As part of the AURA workstream we are currently working on improving our vendor creation process, implementing a more efficient, automated process for both requesting and creating a vendor record. We are also carrying out a cleanse on our existing vendor master records. These improvements should have a positive impact on our payment performance, making it faster for service users to identify and request vendor records.
- b) We are currently also reviewing our various payment methods as part of the AURA workstream and aim to ensure that our service users are using the most efficient & cost-effective method for making payments. This will include providing further training and support, improving our system controls and ongoing reporting around our payment methods.



Report to Cabinet

Date: 13 June 2023

Title: Q4 2022-23 Performance Report

Relevant councillor(s):John Chilver; Cabinet Member for Accessible

Housing and Resources

Author and/or contact officer: Matthew Everitt

Ward(s) affected: none specific

Recommendations: 1. Review how the Council is performing

2. Take action to improve performance where required

Reason for decision: The Corporate Performance Framework is

reported on a quarterly basis to Cabinet to ensure there is understanding, ownership and accountability for performance outturns, including actions to improve

performance where appropriate.

1. Executive summary

- 1.1 The report is comprised of the following two items:
- 1.2 1) The performance report, which provides details of the key performance measures reported through the corporate performance framework for 2022/23. Latest performance outturns and targets are reported alongside trend and benchmarking information, where available. The report also includes several indicators without targets for this year, which are being monitored to establish a baseline level of performance and monitor trends. Commentary is provided for each indicator explaining what is being measured, explaining the narrative behind each outturn and detailing improvement actions.

- 2) The performance scorecard, which provides information on four key elements of performance for the Council covering Finance, Customer Service, Performance and Human Resources indicators. These are arranged in four quadrants.
- 1.3 Within the performance report and performance scorecard, outturns which are performing at or better than target are classified as Green, those which are within 5% of the target are Amber and those which are more than 5% of the target are Red.
- 1.4 At the end of Quarter 4, 116 indicators had outturns reported with a Red, Amber or Green status. Of these, 63 are Green (54%), 11 are Amber (9%) and 26 are Red (22%).

2. Content of report

2.1 Please see attached performance report and performance scorecard for Quarter 4.

3. Other options considered

3.1 None arising directly from this report.

4. Legal and financial implications

4.1 None arising directly from this report.

5. Corporate implications

5.1 None arising directly from this report.

6. Consultation with local councillors & community boards

6.1 None arising directly from this report.

7. Communication, engagement & further consultation

7.1 None arising directly from this report.

8. Next steps and review

8.1 Improvement actions detailed in the performance report will be progressed. The next performance report will be prepared for Quarter 4 when data for this period is available.

- 9. Background papers
- 9.1 None for this report.
- 10. Your questions and views (for key decisions)
- 10.1 N/A





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8. Leaders Portfolio RED

Buckinghamshire Council

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PI	Aim to:	Current Value	Target	Trend Chart	Benchmarking	Commentary
Buckinghamshire unemployment rate as a percentage of National unemployment rate	Aim to Minimise	68%	55%	100% 90% 80% 70% 60% 50% 40% 30% 20% 10% 0 Anaghright Aghr Aghr Aghr Aghr Aghr Aghr Aghr Aghr	National claimant rate 3.8% (100%) Buckinghamshir e claimant rate 2.6% (68%)	This indicator measures the Buckinghamshire Claimant Rate as a percentage of the National Claimant Rate. The Claimant Rate measures the percentage of working age population claiming 'out-of-work' benefits from the total working age population. The target is for the percentage unemployed in Buckinghamshire to be less than 55% of the percentage unemployed nationally. In March 2023, 8,840 Buckinghamshire residents were claiming 'out-of-work' related benefits (the Claimant Count). Buckinghamshire's Claimant Count rate (number of claimants as a proportion of working age residents) currently stands at 2.6%, lower than the national average of 3.8%. Buckinghamshire's Claimant Count rate is the 11th lowest of 38 Local Enterprise Partnerships (LEPs) but has the joint 8th highest change in Claimant Count rate since March 2020. Rates vary across the County, with the Wycombe Parliamentary Constituency area reporting a Claimant Count rate that exceeds the national average (4.0%). The number of claimants in Buckinghamshire rose by 175 between February and March 2023, suggesting the decline in claimants throughout 2021 and most of 2022 has levelled off with monthly fluctuations. Improvement Actions: Ward-level monitoring by Bucks LEP to target improvement initiatives more effectively. Labour market and economic analysis by Bucks LEP to inform Local Skills Improvement Plan. Skills boot camp led by Flannery to alleviate recruitment challenges in the construction industry. Collaboration with key partners to better engage community groups in worst affected wards. Ensure local requirements are incorporated into recruiting business' employment processes. Investigate funding opportunities for targeted support for recruitment and onboarding processes.

8. Leaders Portfolio GREEN



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PI	Aim to:	Current Value	Target	Trend Chart	Benchmarking	Commentary
New business registrations: Rank against other Local Enterprise Partnerships (LEPs)	Aim to Minimise	8	10	13 12 11 10 9 8 7 6 5 4 3 2 1 OLAGORIA GORDAN AND OLAGORIA GORDAN	(1) South East 114.6 (2) London 113.2 (3) Greater Manchester 47.2 (4) Greater Birmingham and Solihull 45.5 (5) Hertfordshire 41.1 (6) Black Country 38.6 (7) Coventry and Warwickshire 37.8 (8) Buckinghamshir e 37.6 (9) Leicester and Leicestershire 36.7 (10) Thames Valley Berkshire 36.4	The indicator measures the number of new businesses registered across different Local Economic Partnerships (LEPs) and ranks them against each other. 1,675 new businesses registered in Buckinghamshire between January and March 2023. Buckinghamshire ranked 8th of 38 LEP areas in terms of the number of business registrations for every 10,000 residents aged 16 or over (a rate of 37.6). The most common sectors in which these new businesses are operating are: (1) Management consultancy (excluding financial management), (2) Buying and selling of own real estate, (3) Retail sale via mail order houses or via internet, (4) IT consultancy activities, (5) Other letting and operating of own or leased real estate, (6) Activities of other holding companies.

PI	Aim to:	Current Value	Target	Trend Chart	Benchmarking	Commentary
Transport Infrastructure and Funding (TIF) projects: % profiled spend achieved	Aim to Maximise	282%	100%	250% 200% 150% 100% 50% 0% Quarters Target (Quarters)	None available	This indicator measures a single figure for the percentage of actual spend against profiled spend, for projects within the Capital Programme funded from the Capital Budget. Projects include Phases 1 and 2 of the South-East Aylesbury Link Road (SEALR). The target was to hit 100% by year end, which was equally profiled throughout the year, even though actual spend may be more variable. The spend reported includes creditor values. Q4 performance is 282% which demonstrates that expenditure has exceeded the in-year budgets (greater than 100% is good). Whilst the in-year costs are above the target, the overall costs remain within the forecasts identified in the December 2022 Cabinet Report. Good progress has been made on the project which is reflected in the expenditure to date exceeding the in-year budget. We have worked closely with finance colleagues to ensure we set budgets at a level to achieve accelerated in-year spend. However, progress of the project as a whole continues to face significant challenges linked to global events and the subsequent inflationary impact on the national and local economy.



Accessible Housing and Resources Portfolio Cllr John Chilver





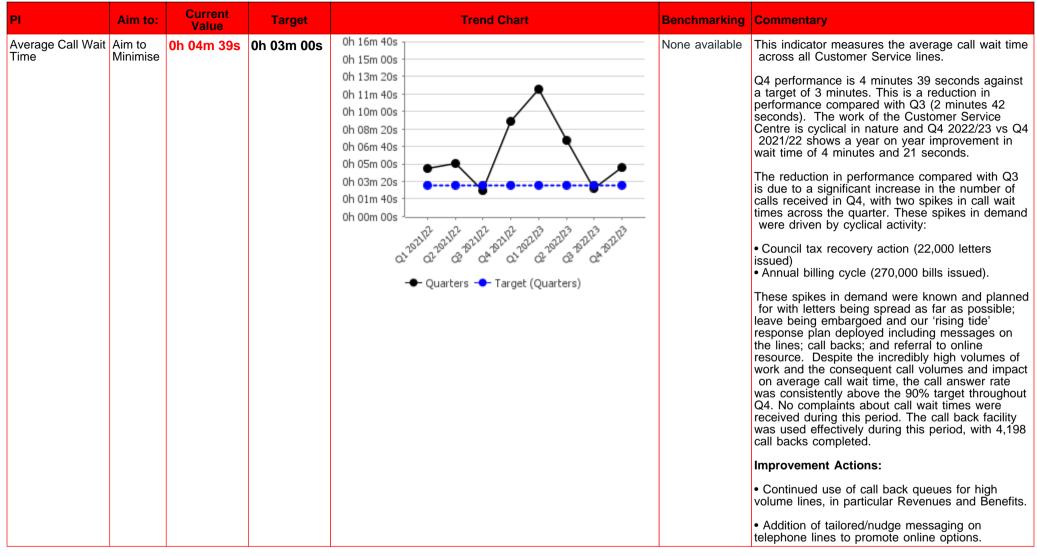
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5. Accessible Housing and Resources Portfolio RED



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PI	Aim to:	Current Value	Target	Trend Chart	Benchmarking	Commentary
Average webchat response time	Aim to Minimise	0h 01m 13s	0h 00m 50s	0h 01m 34s 0h 01m 25s 0h 01m 15s 0h 01m 06s 0h 00m 56s 0h 00m 47s 0h 00m 28s 0h 00m 18s 0h 00m 09s 0h 00m 00s	None available	This indicator measures the average time to respond to each interaction within a complete webchat journey. Q4 performance is 1 minute and 13 seconds against a target of 50 seconds. This is a reduction in performance when compared with Q3 (59 seconds). There was no return for Q2 as the webchat service was temporarily suspended. Following the suspension of webchat in Q2, webchat has been relaunched initially just as a contact channel on the contact us page, and it is now rolled out across the majority of pages on the website to provide an alternative contact channel. Performance in the period has been impacted by the Revenues and Benefits recovery action being restarted following the system closure, this has meant that Customer Service resource has been diverted to assist with spikes in telephone contact as well as ongoing work to train additional resources. Performance will improve as newly trained staff start to become more familiar with the webchat platform. Improvement Actions: • Exploring opportunities to deploy AI at the beginning of live chats, to handle FAQs without human intervention required. • Contact volumes are regularly reviewed to determine sufficient resources available to manage chat within Key Performance Indicators (KPIs). • Training and upskilling of staff is ongoing to increase Customer Service Assistant capacity to support the chat channel as required. • Additional holding replies have been added for quick use. • The flexible workforce has been developed and utilised, allowing colleagues from outside of the Customer Service Centre to support webchats as required.



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5. Accessible Housing and Resources Portfolio AMBER



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PI	Aim to:	Current Value	Target	Trend Chart	Benchmarking	Commentary
Number of sickness absence days per FTE annually (rolling 12-month period)	Aim to Minimise	9.01	9	9 8 7 6 5 4 3 2 1 0 Quarters Target (Quarters)	None available	This indicator measures the number of sickness absence days per full-time equivalent (FTE) employee in the Council. Q4 performance is 9.01 days against a target of 9 days. This is an improvement in performance when compared with Q3 (9.28) but remains just over the target. Targeted support has been provided to services and teams. Sickness absence levels continue to be monitored with targeted interventions for short and long-term absence. The organisational sickness absence performance has also been the subject of a review by the Finance and Resources Select Committee in March. Improvement Actions: Continue to monitor and understand sickness absence. Continue to promote health and well-being support across the Council. Continue to offer face-to-face physio appointments for depot and adult social care employees. Working with a new Occupational Health/Employee Assistance Programme (EAP) provider. From 1st April 2023, Managers can access a telephone line to receive quick information on supporting employees with health conditions or EAP-type issues. They can also directly refer their staff to TP Health's user-friendly system.

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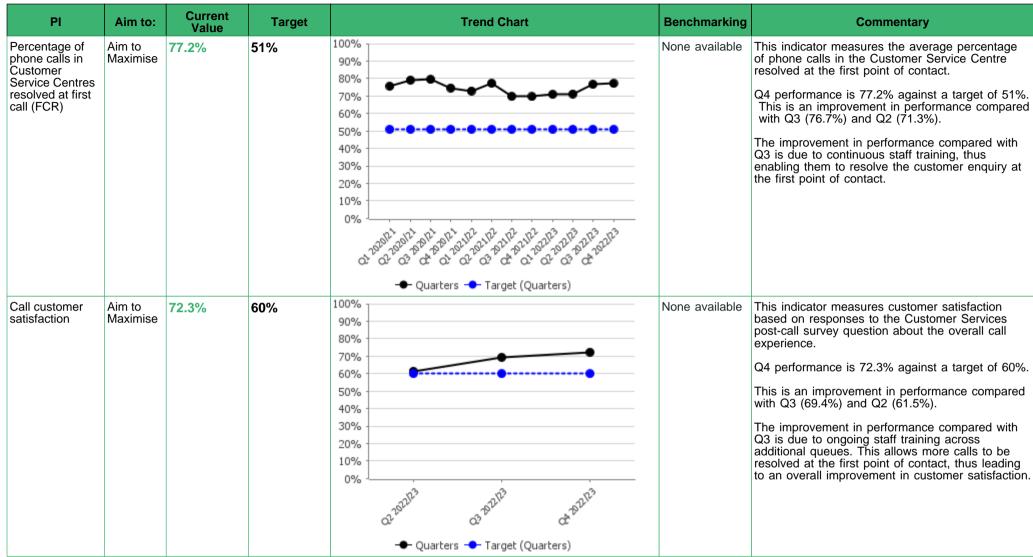
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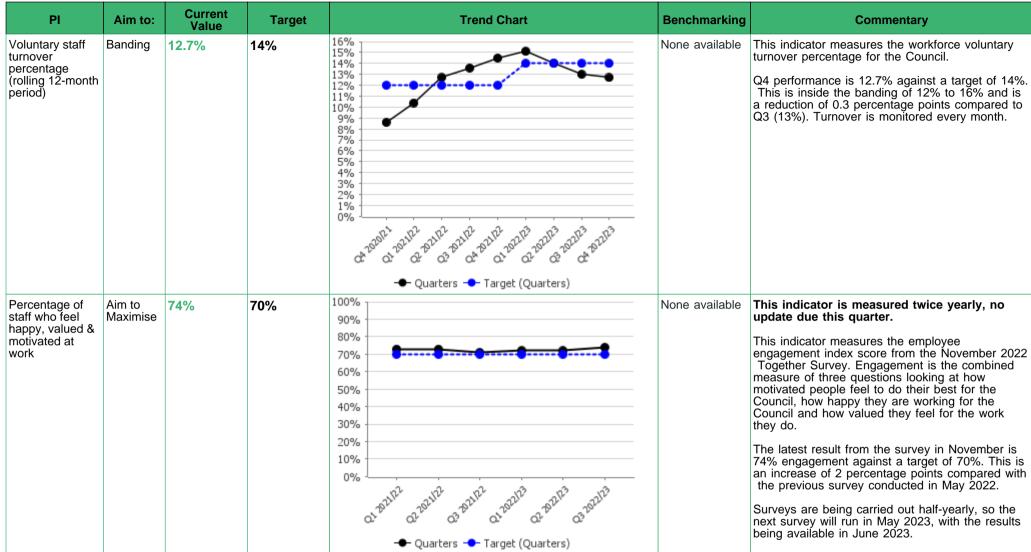
PI	Aim to:	Current Value	Target	Trend Chart	Benchmarking	Commentary
Council Access Point Plus customer satisfaction	Aim to Maximise	82%	75%	100% 90% 80% 70% 60% 50% 40% 30% 20% 10% 0% Quarters Target (Quarters)	None available	This indicator measures customer satisfaction for face-to-face visitors in the Council Access Point Plus locations. Q4 performance is 82% against a target of 75%. This is an improvement in performance compared to Q3 and Q2 (80%). The improvement in performance compared with Q3 is due to ongoing training of staff across multiple disciplines, thus leading to an overall improvement in customer satisfaction.
Percentage of phone calls answered in the Customer Service Centres	Aim to Maximise	94.5%	90%	100% 90% 80% 70% 60% 50% 40% 30% 20% 10% 0% Quarters Target (Quarters)	None available	This indicator measures the percentage of phone calls answered in the Customer Service Centre. Q4 performance is 94.5% against a target of 90%. This is a reduction in performance when compared with Q3 (97%), although it remains above target and is an improvement in performance when compared with Q2 (83.2%). The reduction in performance compared with Q3 is due to an increase in call volume following the February half-term and due to recovery action for Council Tax. Despite the slight reduction in performance in Q4, there has been a significant improvement since Q1 (73.9%) and Q2 (83.2%), which can be attributed to the ongoing improvement actions, including prioritisation of call answering over all other contact channels, prioritisation of high-volume lines and continued use of behavioural science nudges to encourage online reporting.

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Climate Change and Environment Portfolio Cllr Gareth Williams





1. Climate Change and Environment Portfolio RED



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PI A	Aim to:	Current Value	Target	Trend Chart	Benchmarking	Commentary
	im to laximise	47.96%	55%	100% 90% 80% 70% 60% 50% 40% 10% 0% Quarters Target (Quarters)	National Statistics: 2021/22 England (44.1%); South East (46.4%)	This indicator is reported one quarter in arrears. This is a former National Indicator, which measures the percentage of total household waste collected that is either sent for reuse, recycling, composting, or anaerobic digestion, divided by the overall tonnage of all household waste. The latter figure will include waste sent for energy recovery or landfill. Q3 performance was 47.96% against a target of 55% (good to be high). Performance is better than the same period last year (Q3 2021/22 - 44.12%). This improvement can be attributed to a more reliable food waste collection in the southern kerbside collection service. In Q1 and Q2 there have been known performance issues in the south of the county with missed bins. Q2 experienced extremely hot weather resulting in less green waste being received which lowered performance by approximately 4-6%. We will not achieve the full year target of 55%. Q1 and Q2 are the peak recycling period and performance was lower than expected. Improvement Action: Improvement Action: Improvement Action: Improvement Action:

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PI		Current Value	Target	Trend Chart	Benchmarking	Commentary
% of Missed Bin Collections	Aim to Minimise 0.2	21%	0.15%	0.8% 0.6% 0.2% 0.2% 0.1 Total Labert Dear Dear Dear Dear Dear Dear Dear Dear	None available	This indicator measures the number of missed domestic waste containers (not trade waste collections), as a percentage of total households. This service is delivered by two teams, an inhouse team to the North, and the contractor Veolia to the South. Instances where bins were 'not present', 'access was blocked', there had been 'contamination' or 'reports were raised too late' are not included in this measure, even though a resident may report this bin as missed. In Q4 performance was 0.21% (0.09% North, 0.27% South), this is a significant improvement on Q1 0.68% (0.06% North, 1.02% South), Q2 0.52% (0.06% North, 0.77% South), and Q3 0.26% (0.05% North, 0.39% South), but is still above the 0.15% target. This overall improvement is present despite new waste collection rounds going live in the North on 20th February. This change saw a peak in missed bins for the North (as their performance decreased to 0.09%), however the service is back to business as usual. It is thought that without the service change the 0.21% performance would be closer to target. Improvement Actions: Additional Veolia management structure deployed to improve monitoring and performance on the ground. The contractual Service Level Agreement (SLA) of fewer than 60 missed bins per 100,000 collections is now being regularly reached - for example during March the SLA was achieved for 2 out of 4 weeks. Continuing to hold weekly performance meeting with Veolia Regional Manager and Contract Manager. Continued close monitoring and management of Veolia through various meetings. Complaints and customer contract reduced to business as usual levels.

1. Climate Change and Environment Portfolio GREEN

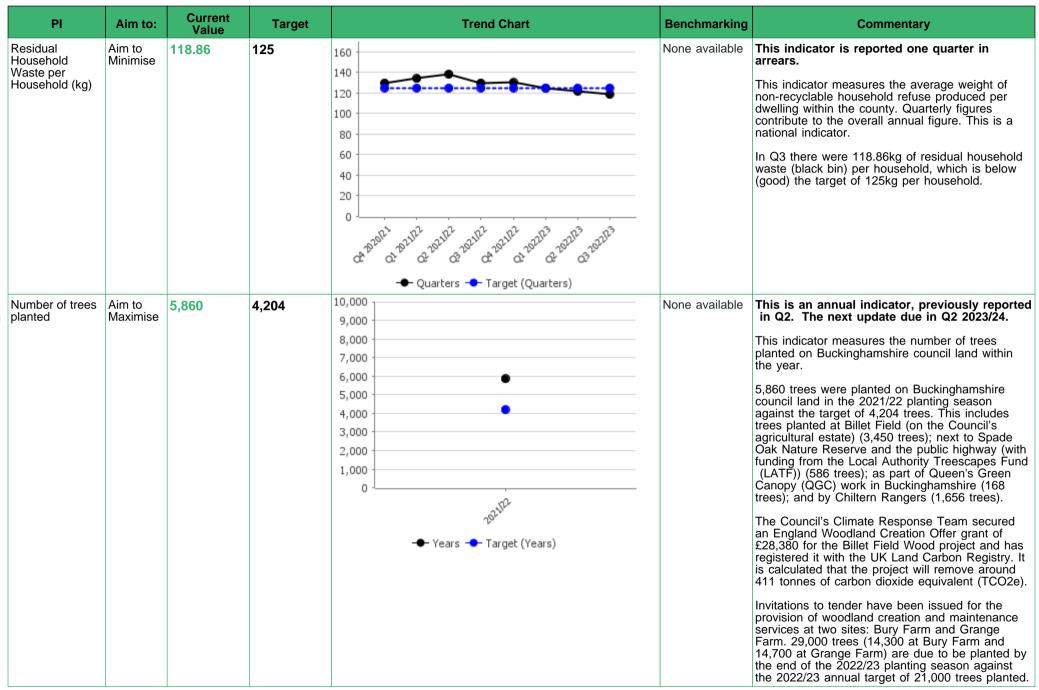


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PI	Aim to:	Current Value	Target	Trend Chart	Benchmarking	Commentary
Annual emissions: tonnes	Aim to Minimise	6,095	7,895	10,000 9,000 8,000 7,000 6,000 5,000 4,000 3,000 2,000 1,000 0 Augusts Argent (Years)	None available	This measure is reported a year in arrears. Next due in June 2023. This indicator measures greenhouse gas emissions (tonnes) from Buckinghamshire council's operations including emissions from the buildings and vehicles we operate, those associated with the transmission and distribution of electricity that the Council uses, and business travel emissions where staff and Councillors have used their own vehicles and submitted a mileage expense. Emissions from the use of public transport for work travel haven't been captured as the data is not available. We have additionally excluded emissions from our operations where our staff do not directly provide the service, for example waste collection vehicles operated by Veolia in the South of the county. In 2021/22 we emitted 6,095 tonnes of greenhouse gases, which is below the target of 7,895 tonnes of carbon dioxide equivalent (TCO2e) and equates to a 70% reduction since 1990 emissions (20,550 TCO2e). There have been significant emission savings across all aspects of our operations in 2021/22 compared to our emissions from 2018/19, including 52% and 50% reductions of TCO2e emissions from the council's fleet and building electricity consumption respectively, and bringing emissions from business travel down by 40%. An Annual Update on the Climate Change & Air Quality Strategy was agreed at Cabinet in October, that detailed the activity and achievements so far in reducing emissions in Buckinghamshire and from the council's operations.

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PI	Aim to:	Current Value	Target	Trend Chart	Benchmarking	Commentary
Annual emissions: % reduction	Aim to Maximise	70%	62%	100% 90% 80% 70% 60% 50% 40% 30% 20% 10% 0% Years Target (Years)	None available	This measure is reported a year in arrears. Next due in June 2023. This indicator measures greenhouse gas emissions (tonnes) from Buckinghamshire council's operations including emissions from the buildings and vehicles we operate, those associated with the transmission and distribution of electricity that the Council uses, and business travel emissions where staff and Councillors have used their own vehicles and submitted a mileage expense. Emissions from the use of public transport for work travel haven't been captured as the data is not available. We have additionally excluded emissions from our operations where our staff do not directly provide the service, for example waste collection vehicles operated by Veolia in the South of the county. In 2021/22 we emitted 6,095 tonnes of greenhouse gases, which is below the target of 7,895 tonnes of carbon dioxide equivalent (TCO2e) and equates to a 70% reduction since 1990 emissions (20,550 TCO2e). There have been significant emission savings across all aspects of our operations in 2021/22 compared to our emissions from 2018/19, including 52% and 50% reductions of TCO2e emissions from the council's fleet and building electricity consumption respectively, and bringing emissions from business travel down by 40%. An Annual Update on the Climate Change & Air Quality Strategy was agreed at Cabinet in October, that detailed the activity and achievements so far in reducing emissions in Buckinghamshire and from the council's operations.



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PI Aim To	Current Value	Trend Chart	Commentary
Number of fly tipping clearances where an action has been taken	31	25 20 15	This indicator measures the number of fly-tipping clearances where an action has been taken. In Q4 there were 31 clearances where action had been taken resulting in a positive outcome. Action taken is wholly dependent on available evidence relating to the dumping (eye witness accounts, evidence found and surveillance work where appropriate), the strength of available evidence varies as does the complexity of subsequent investigation. The number of investigations resulting in positive disposal is higher in Q4 than previous quarters this year.



Communities Portfolio Cllr Arif Hussain





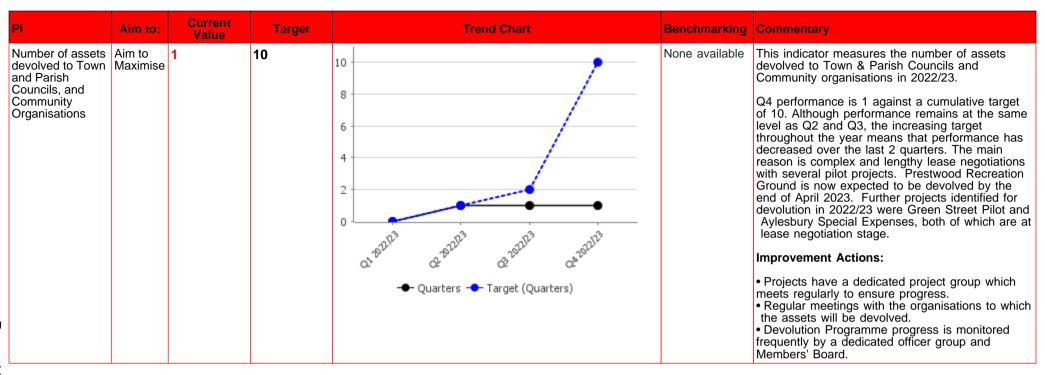
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PI	Aim to:	Current Value	Target	Trend Chart	Benchmarking	Commentary
% of female victims supported by IDVAs who have their risk level reduced	Aim to Maximise	70.9%	75%	100% 90% 80% 70% 60% 50% 40% 30% 20% 10% 0 ABAR BAR BAR BAR BAR BAR BAR BAR BAR BAR	None available	This indicator is reported one quarter in arrears. Current performance is for Q3. This indicator measures the percentage of Women's Aid female clients who receive support from an Independent Domestic Violence Advisor (IDVA) and as a result, see their domestic abuse risk-level reduce. Independent domestic violence advisors (IDVAs) are professionally qualified, specialist domestic abuse workers, who support high-risk victims of domestic abuse. This is a commissioned service provided to address the needs of domestic violence and abuse (DVA) victims. Q3 performance at 70.9% is below the 75% target, and has reduced since the previous quarter which was 75.4%. Fluctuations of risk occur due to mitigating factors including changes to contact between the victim and perpetrator, and challenges with monitoring progress if victims stop engaging with the service. Improvement Actions: There is a continued focus on individual cases where there is a challenge in reducing the risk, however there are complicating factors including the current cost of living crisis and housing shortage which affect this measure. There are two new Triage Workers who are supplementing the work of the frontline services and providing additional capacity to deal with complex cases within Adults and Childrens Services. Work is also being done with Housing Providers to support them in safeguarding domestic abuse victims.

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2. Communities Portfolio GREEN



PI	Aim to:	Current	Target	Trend Chart	Benchmarking	Commentary
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Household Support Fund (Helping Hand): Percentage of	Aim to Maximise	100%	100%	100% 90% 80%	None available	This indicator measures the percentage spent of the allocated Household Support Fund. Spend in Q4 has achieved the target of 100%.
profiled spend achieved				70% 60% 50% 40% 30% 20%		Household Support Fund 3: (£2,399,190.54) covered the period from 1st October 2022 - 31st March 2023. The fund has been utilised on several initiatives and specifically in Q4, this included Easter Holiday Food vouchers for eligible children/young people. These funds have been disbursed in line with the
				ON CLEANING CLEANING CARDING		October plan, which Cabinet approved. A Management Information report for the full grant period has been compiled and was submitted to Government.
				→ Quarters → Target (Quarters)		Grant determination letters have been received for Household Support Fund 4. Buckinghamshire has received £4,798,381 for the whole Fund period -1st April 2023 to 31st March 2024. A high-level delivery plan was submitted to Cabinet.
Amount of contributory funding secured	Aim to Maximise	£1.03	£0.55	£5.00 £4.00	None available	This indicator measures the amount of contributory funding secured for every £1 of council funds invested in a Community Board project.
for every £1 of council funds invested in a Community Board project.				£3.00		At the end of Q4, each £1 of Community Board funding has secured £1.03 in contributory funding, which is above the target of £0.55. The total amount in contributory financing received is
20a. a p. 0,00a.				£2.00		£1,538,569; this excludes 10 projects where the Community Board funding was a contributory factor, e.g. projects costing more than £100k.
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PI	Aim To	Current Value	Trend Chart	Commentary
Number of Community Resilience Plans in place	Aim to Maximise	1	2 1 Quarters Target (Quarters)	The Resilience Service works with communities across the County to put in place local Resilience Plans. This work is led and agreed by the Community and the Resilience Service supports them in this process. This indicator measures the number of local Resilience Plans that have been adopted by Community areas. This is a cumulative target. In Q3 and Q4 there was 1 local Resilience Plan in place. However there is significant work with Community areas to help them develop and adopt their own Resilience plan, these activities include: community workshops, community meetings, activities to develop community emergency plans (including flooding), provision of community training, and developing exercise programmes to support community resilience plan testing. A new indicator will be developed which shows how the Resilience Service undertakes a range of activities to support wider community resilience. These activities will include community workshops, community meetings, activity to develop community emergency plans (including flooding), provision of community training, and developing exercise programmes to support community testing. Due to the change in activities and approach, the current Q4 indicator has been assigned monitor status, meaning it no longer has a RAG rating.

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Culture and Leisure Portfolio Cllr Clive Harriss





3. Culture and Leisure portfolio RED



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PI	Aim to:	Current Value	Target	Trend Chart	Benchmarking	Commentary
Number of library information enquiries (signposting and referral)	Aim to Maximise	14,749	17,000	20,000 16,000 14,000 10,000 8,000 4,000 2,000 0 ARRIVATOR OF COLOR OF COLO	None available	This indicator measures the number of information requests received cumulatively in libraries relating to council and government services. The purpose of this measure is to establish the extent to which our libraries allow people to access other council services. There are 15 Council Access Points (CAPs) situated around the county, 11 of which are libraries. There were 3,648 enquiries in Q4, bringing the cumulative total to 14,749 which is below the 2022/23 target of 17,000. There was an increase in enquiries in Q4 in comparison to Q3, with a noticeable increase in IT and e-Library enquiries indicating that IT issues experienced during the One Network migration in Q3 impacted the access to those services; libraries also experienced lower than usual footfall in Q3 due to the adverse weather experienced in December. The highest number of enquiries during Q4 were recorded in the most recent month of March (1,378), which correlated with annual Council Tax changes. Improvement Actions: Continue to monitor enquiries levels closely. Work with staff members to ensure all enquiries are recorded accurately. Work with the Customer Experience team to improve the recording and monitoring process. Development of the marketing strategy for Libraries.

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3. Culture and Leisure portfolio AMBER



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PI	Aim to:	Current Value	Target	Trend Chart	Benchmarking	Commentary
Number of visitors to Country Parks	Aim to Maximise	1,161,602	1,200,000	2,500,000 2,000,000 1,750,000 1,250,000 1,000,000 750,000 250,000 250,000 Quarters Target (Quarters)	None available	This indicator measures the number of visitors to country parks. It is compiled from an automated count of cars entering car parks at Black Park, Langley Park and Denham. A multiplier of 2.5 is applied (assuming 2.5 visitors per vehicle). In Q4 there were 239,289 visits, bringing the cumulative figure for 2022/23 to 1,161,602 visitors, which is just below the target of 1,200,000. There has been a reduction in visitor numbers over the last two years following the record highs seen during the pandemic; this is due to a combination of factors including the return of overseas holidays and other activities; cooler/wetter weather; and participation in some activities such as ParkRun no longer reaching previous levels. Visitor numbers for 2022/23 are 27% higher than 2019/20 (917,899 visitors). New facilities being developed in the coming year may help boost visitor numbers but all outdoor sites are impacted by poor weather and visitor numbers will vary from year to year. As cost of living impacts are ongoing, it will be necessary to carefully monitor visitor numbers to ensure that inflationary increases in car park charges do not further impact visitor numbers. Improvement Action: We will continue to actively promote and monitor country parks to better understand visitor trends, and potentially re-profile targets to reflect current market conditions.

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3. Culture and Leisure portfolio GREEN



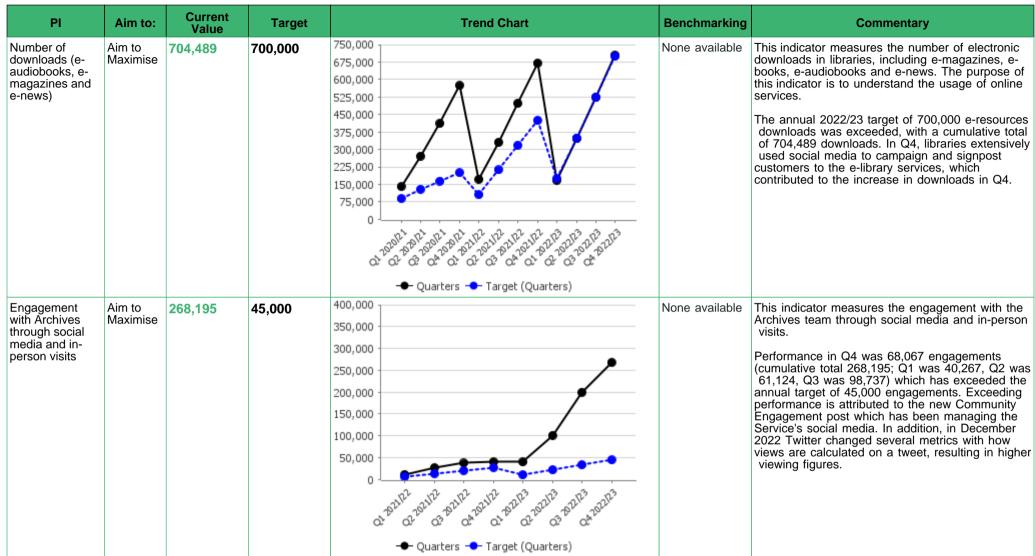
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PI	Aim to:	Current Value	Target	Trend Chart	Benchmarking	Commentary
Number of visits to main cultural venues	Aim to Maximise	497,766	480,000	600,000 550,000 450,000 450,000 350,000 250,000 200,000 150,000 50,000	None Available	This indicator measures the number of visitors to Aylesbury Waterside Theatre, Wycombe Swan Theatre, Discover Bucks Museum and Wycombe Museum. This is a cumulative measure. In Q4 these venues had 119,064 visits, which was the second highest quarterly figure, with theatres showing a particularly strong performance. The cumulative figure for 2022/23 was 497,766 which is above the target of 480,000.
Country and Town Park Satisfaction Ratings (Trip Advisor & Google)	Aim to Maximise	4.43	4.4	2 1 1 O Daniel Barring Charles	None available	This indicator measures public satisfaction ratings for our Country and Town Parks on Trip Advisor and Google. Q4 performance is 4.43 out of 5 (90.80% positive, 2.82% negative) and above the target of 4.4.

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Education and Children's Services Portfolio Cllr Anita Cranmer



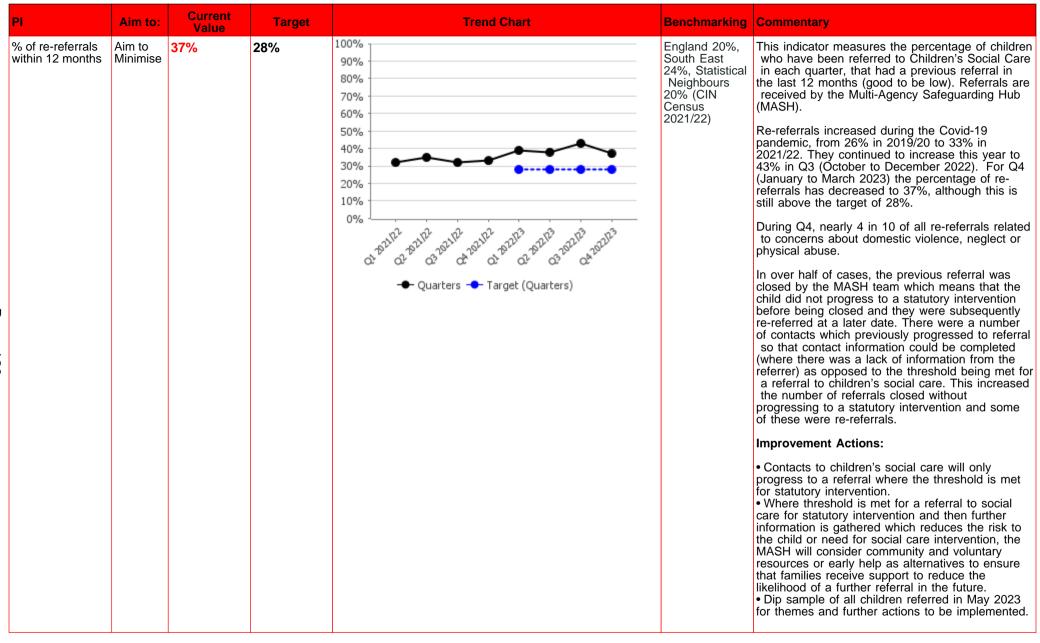


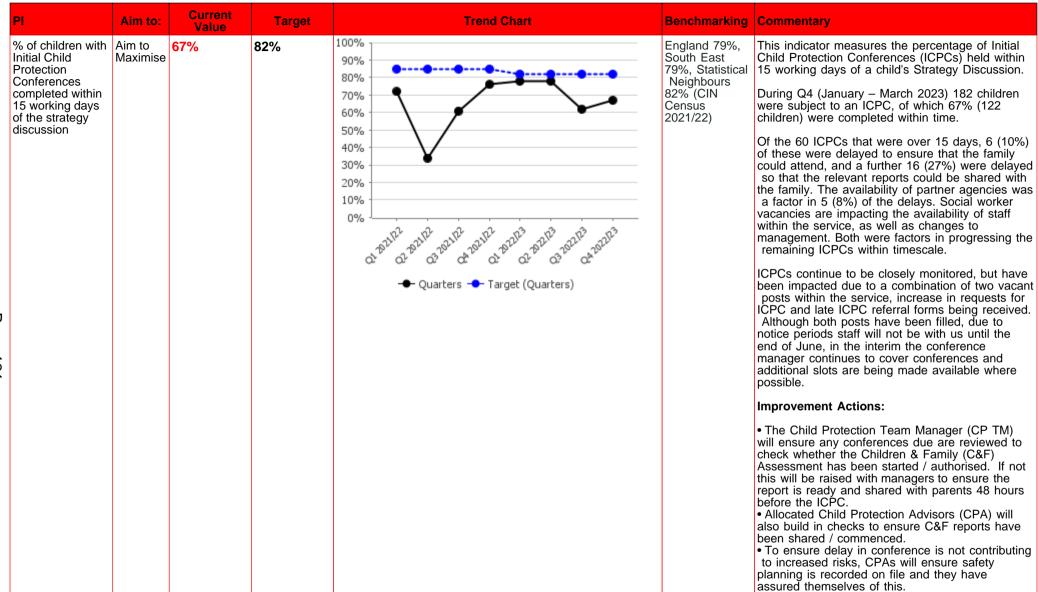
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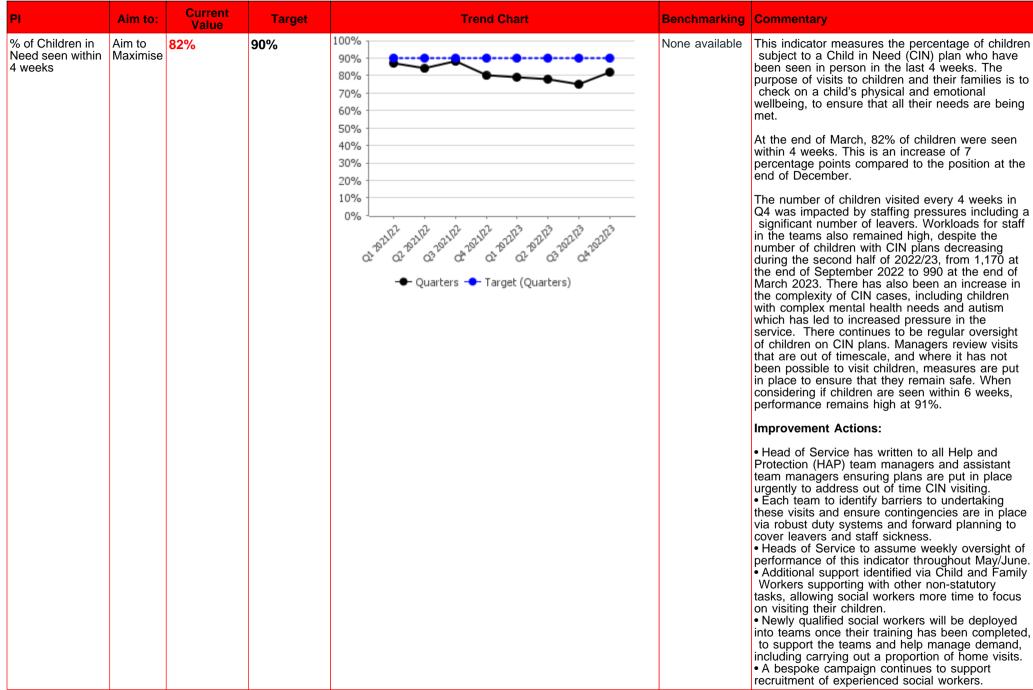


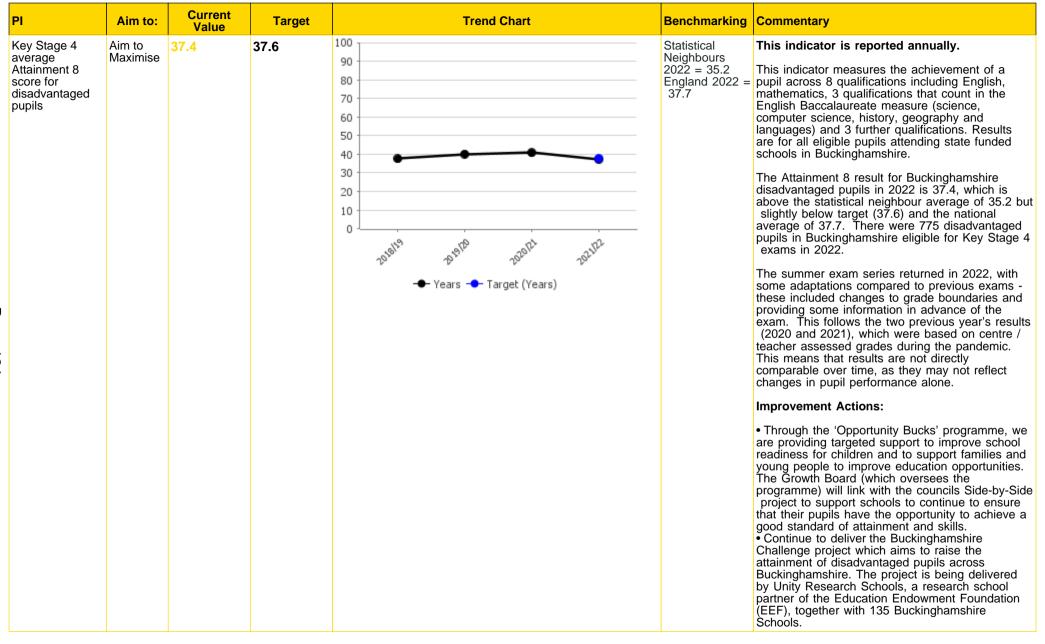
PI	Aim to:	Current Value	Target	Trend Chart	Benchmarking	Commentary
Education Health and Care Plan (EHCP) Annual Reviews - % of CYP with an EHCP who have had an annual review within the last 12 months	Aim to Maximise	58%	75%	100% 90% 80% 70% 60% 50% 40% 30% 20% 10% 0% Quarters Target (Quarters)	None available	This indicator measures the proportion of children and young people who have had an annual review within the last 12 months. The Annual Review of an Education Health and Care plan (EHCP) is a process by which the outcomes set out in the EHCP, and the effectiveness of provision are reviewed alongside all other sections of the EHCP. EHCPs must be reviewed, and the process completed by the local authority (LA) as a minimum within every 12 months. For under 5's with EHCPs, this review must be within 6 months. At the end of Q4, 58% of children and young people with an EHCP had an annual review in the past 12 months. This is below the agreed target of 75%. The service has introduced a consistent reporting mechanism for the Annual Review Strategy during the last year, which has focused on the most vulnerable children and young people by Area Team. Improvement Actions: • Continue to liaise with schools to ensure that all Annual Reviews are undertaken and that completed reviews are submitted to the integrated Special Educational Needs and Disabilities service (ISEND) on time. • Process redesign work in May 2023, to improve customer experience and efficiency. • Within the agreed growth funding to the iSEND Service from April 2023, we will be recruiting additional posts to support this target: 3 full-time equivalent (FTE) specialist EHC practitioners that will hold smaller caseload of the most vulnerable children and young people, 2.4 FTE Education Health and Care Coordinators and 1.8 FTE Assistant Education, Health and Care Coordinators. These posts will be bring capacity to process 800 to 1000 annual reviews per year which will enable sustained improvement in performance.

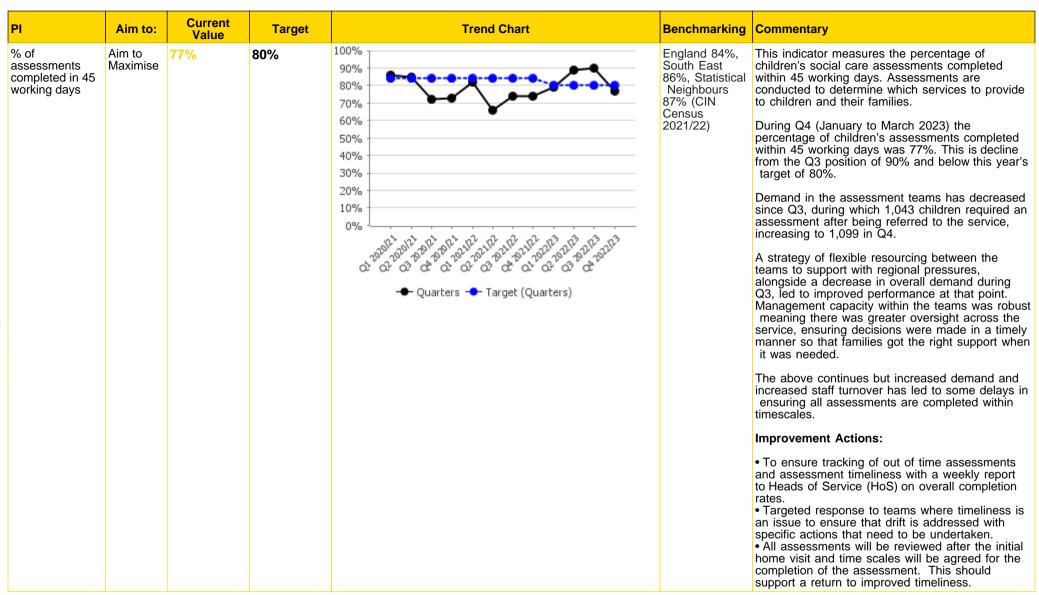


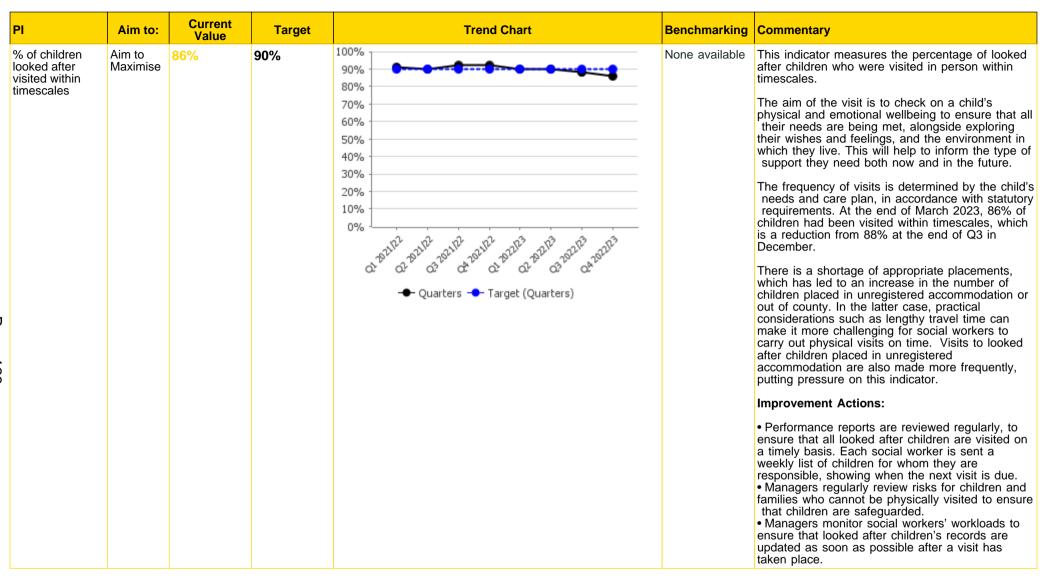


PI	Aim to:	Current Value	Target	Trend Chart	Benchmarking	Commentary
% children who became the subject of a Child Protection Plan for a second or subsequent time within 2 years	Aim to Minimise	15%	10%	100% 90% 80% 70% 60% 50% 40% 30% 20% 10% 0%	None available	This indicator measures the percentage of children becoming subject to a Child Protection (CP) Plan during the quarter who had previously been on a CP plan within the last 2 years. During Q4 (January – March 2023), of the 131 children starting on a CP plan, 15% (20 children across 10 families) had previously been subject to a CP plan within the last 2 years, which is above the target of 10%. Performance was below target in Q3 but was above target in both Q1 and Q2. We have seen more children coming back onto plans where there are concerns of Neglect and Domestic Violence. Child Protection Advisors and managers continue to work together with schools, police and health organisations, to ensure that children are supported on a CP plan until there is sufficient evidence that they are no longer at risk of significant harm. Improvement Action: • Children subject to repeat plans will be dip sampled to review reasons and assess what if anything could be done differently to support sustained changes. Findings of which will be reviewed and reported with any learning actioned.





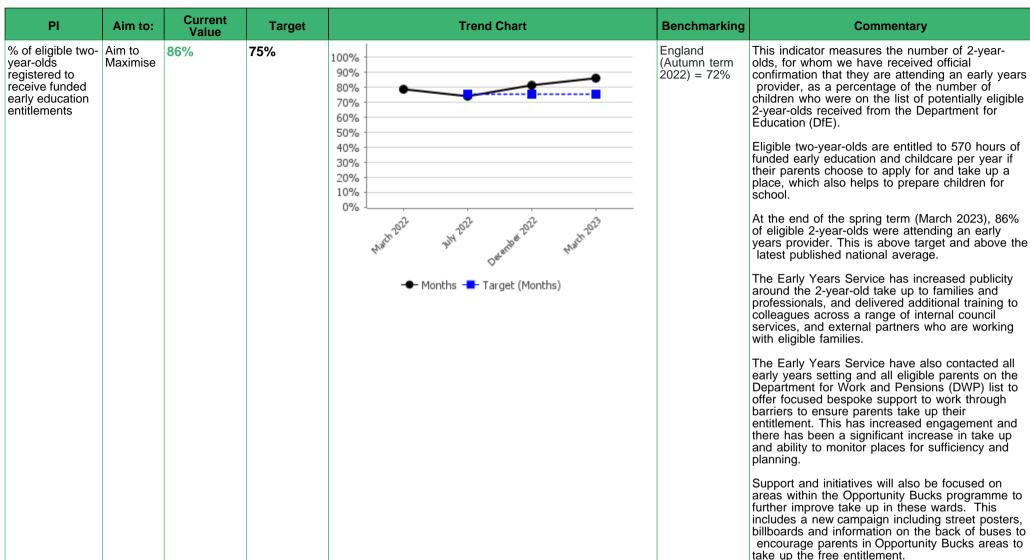




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PI		Current Value	Target	Trend Chart	Benchmarking	Commentary
Key Stage 4 average Attainment 8 score	Aim to Maximise 57.4	4 5	55.1	90	Statistical Neighbours 2022 = 51.7 England 2022 = 48.9	This indicator is reported annually. This indicator measures the achievement of a pupil across 8 qualifications including English, mathematics, 3 qualifications that count in the English Baccalaureate measure (science, computer science, history, geography and languages) and 3 further qualifications. Results are for all eligible pupils attending state funded schools in Buckinghamshire. The Attainment 8 result for Buckinghamshire in 2022 is 57.4, which is above both the statistical neighbour average of 51.7 and the national average of 48.9. The summer exam series returned in 2022, with some adaptations compared to previous exams these included changes to grade boundaries and providing some information in advance of the exam. This follows the two previous year's results (2020 and 2021), which were based on centre / teacher assessed grades during the pandemic. This means that results are not directly comparable over time, as they may not reflect changes in pupil performance alone.



PI	Aim to:	Current Value	Target	Trend Chart	Benchmarking	Commentary
% new Education, Health and Care Plans (EHCPs) issued within 20 weeks (excluding exceptions)	Aim to Maximise	82.2%	75%	100% 90% 80% 70% 60% 50% 40% 30% 20% 10% 0 Andrian And	2021 calendar year: South East = 49.3% England = 59.9% Buckinghamshir e = 82.0%	This indicator measures the percentage of Education, Health, and Care Plans (EHCPs) that are issued to families within 20 weeks and is cumulative for the calendar year. From January to March 2023 82.2% of EHCPs were issued within 20 weeks, which is above target and above the latest published national and regional averages (National 59.9% and South East 49.3% for 2021). This measure has improved from 65.3% at Q3, with performance maintained above 80% for each month since January. This has been achieved through improved management oversight ensuring assessment deadlines are met, alongside a focus on how appendices are requested and received from partners. Given the continued pressure from demand increase, weekly tracking, and oversight by the Integrated Special Educational Needs and Disability Service (iSEND) Management team will continue to minimise the risk of a decline in performance. Within the agreed growth funding to the iSEND Service, we will be recruiting additional resource to improve capacity to reach this target, which will include permanent and temporary resource.

PI	Aim to:	Current Value	Target	Trend Chart	Benchmarking	Commentary
% of pupils attending schools rated good and outstanding by Ofsted	Aim to Maximise	90.6%	89%	100% 90% 80% 70% 60% 50% 40% 30% 20% 10% 0% Quarters Target (Quarters)	State-funded schools in England (31/03/2022) = 88.0% State-funded schools in the South East region (31/03/2023) = 90.7%	This indicator measures the percentage of Buckinghamshire pupils who are attending schools judged by Ofsted to be good or outstanding. At the end of March 2023, 90.6% of Buckinghamshire pupils were attending a good or outstanding school, which is above target and also above the national average. Schools that were previously judged 'outstanding' (including converter academies whose predecessor school was outstanding) between May 2012 and November 2020 were 'exempt' from routine inspections. Following a change in regulations all outstanding schools are now subject to routine inspection. Many of these schools have not been inspected for over ten years, during which time the Ofsted inspection framework has been tightened with significant changes in 2019 and 2021. Focused intensive work is carried out for schools in the Requires Improvement or Inadequate Ofsted categories through the Side by Side intervention programme. All schools have been risk assessed for academic year 2022/23, and additional support is put in place for schools in need through the Side by Side programme prior to inspection. In addition, a rigorous programme of Headline Visits to schools nearing their Ofsted inspection window is being undertaken this academic year and a traded school service is providing additional, non-statutory support for schools. Support is also focused on areas where we know that the percentage of children attending good or outstanding schools is currently a little lower than the overall average, for example in Opportunity Bucks wards. Work is underway to develop a programme of activities to support the closing the gap agenda through the Challenge Programme specifically targeting schools in the 10 Opportunity Bucks Wards to support raising attainment.

PI	Aim to:	Current Value	Target	Trend Chart	Benchmarking	Commentary
% of initial Family Support Plans completed within 31 working days	Aim to Maximise	92%	85%	100% 90% 80% 70% 60% 50% 40% 10% 0% 10% Quarters Target (Quarters)	None available	This indicator measures the percentage of Initial Plans completed within 31 working days of the start of Family Support Service involvement, which provides one to one support for families and individuals (Level 3 support). Between January and March 2023, 92% of Initial Plans had been completed within 31 working days of the start of Family Support Service involvement (220 of 239 Initial Plans). This is 2 percentage points lower than Q3, but still above target. Despite increased demand into the service, performance in this area has been maintained at 7% points above target. The service strives to provide timely support and positive engagement with families, to support positive progress and prevent escalation of need. Support plans being co-produced with families promptly has a direct impact on enabling positive outcomes for children.

PI	Aim to:	Current Value	Target	Trend Chart	Benchmarking	Commentary
% of 19-21 year olds who have left care that are in education, employment or training	Aim to Maximise	71%	65%	100% 80% 70% 60% 50% 40% 30% 20% 10% 0% Alternational Action Act	England 55%, South East 57%, Statistical Neighbours 57% (Children Looked After Return - SSDA903, 2021/22)	This indicator measures the percentage of care leavers aged between 19 and 21 who are in education, employment, or training (EET). The figure at the end of March 2023 was 71%, which remains above the target of 65% and well above the benchmark figures for England, the South East and our statistical neighbours. Of the 175 care leavers aged 19-21, 125 are in EET. The 50 care leavers who are not in EET represent 30% of the total number. Of those, 9% are unable to work or attend college because of severe disability or mental health concerns, 5% are currently unable to access EET opportunities because of parenting or pregnancy and 5% are former unaccompanied asylum seeking young people, who have Home Office limitations on their access to work. The Leaving Care team is actively working with the remaining 11% to help them overcome their barriers to EET opportunities. Regular panel meetings are held about the care leavers who are not in EET, to discuss the opportunities available to them and how best to support them, both now and in the future. The team are exploring employment opportunities for care leavers with local and national employers. Work experience placements and voluntary work options are also being explored for young people for whom confidence or health concerns are a barrier to full time employment.

PI	Aim to:	Current Value	Target	Trend Chart	Benchmarking	Commentary
% of children subject to a Child Protection Plan seen within 4 weeks	Aim to Maximise	95%	95%	100% 90% 80% 70% 60% 50% 40% 30% 20% 10% 0%	None available	This indicator measures the percentage of children subject to a Child Protection (CP) Plan who have been seen in person within the last 4 weeks. At the end of March 2023, 95% of children subject to a CP plan were seen within 4 weeks. The team has had difficulties with recruitment of social work staff for key front-line child protection teams, with up to 30% of posts vacant during Q4. To mitigate for this the service put in measures to ensure that managers were supported to focus on risk, and that children not seen on time had management oversight. Social workers were supported to ensure the most at-risk children got the support they needed.



Health and Wellbeing Portfolio Cllr Angela Macpherson



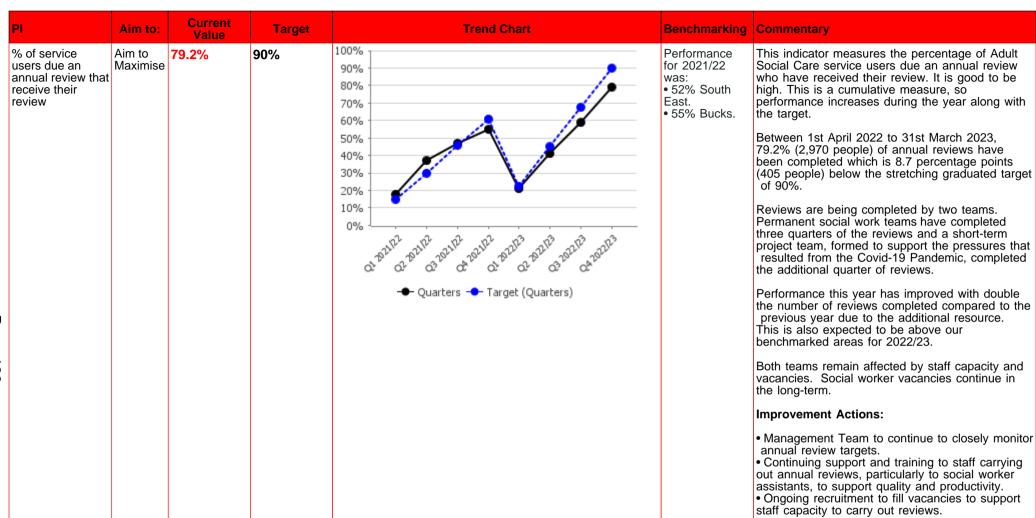


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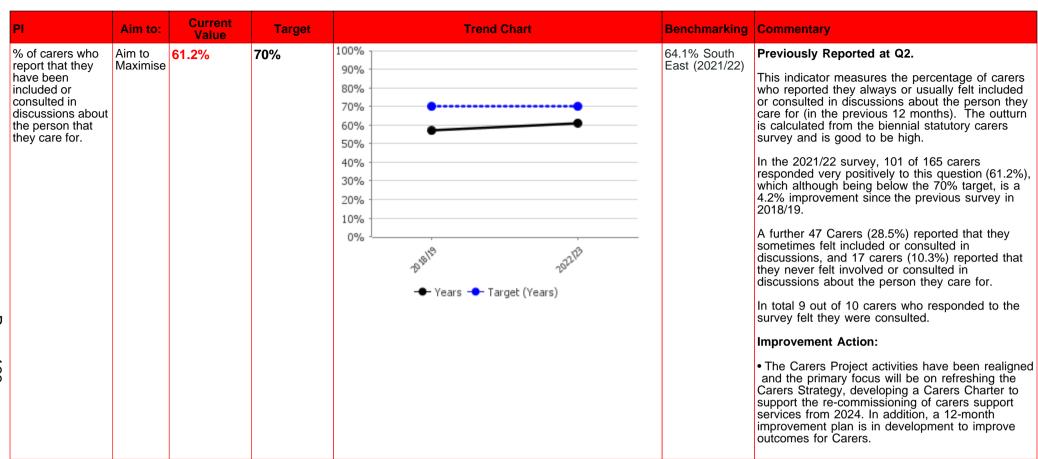
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PI	Aim to:	Current Value	Target	Trend Chart	Benchmarking	Commentary
% of births that receive a face-to-face New Birth Visit within 14 days by a health visitor in the quarter	Aim to Maximise	83%	90%	100% 90% 80% 70% 60% 50% 40% 30% 20% 10% 0 ARAPITARINATION AND AND AND AND AND AND AND AND AND AN	79.3% England (Q4 2021/22) 77.1% (Q4 2021/22 South East region) 73.8% (Q4 2021/22 mean of CIPFA peers)	This indicator is reported one quarter in arrears. Current performance is for Q3. This indicator measures the percentage of New Birth Visits (NBV) undertaken within 14 days. Performance in Q3 2022/23 (83%) is below the contractually targeted level (90%). This equates to 1,156 visits undertaken within 14 days out of a possible 1,394. This is a slight increase from the previous quarter (80%), and it remains an improvement in trend over the previous year. The children with no recorded visit have remained at less than 2%. Of the 30 children missing a reported visit, only 3 have not been seen for a NBV at any time (as it was declined), the rest had been seen at later dates, transferred out of Buckinghamshire, or were seen but data was not captured. This data represents visits from health visitors and does not include the visits from a midwife, which mothers will also receive post birth. Data is also captured for more deprived areas in Buckinghamshire, where the need for a visit to be conducted within 14 days can be greater. Within the Aylesbury area, 89% of NBVs were completed in 14 days and in High Wycombe, 93% of NBVs were completed in 14 days. Improvement Actions: There is a focus on ensuring all visits that took place are correctly reported. There has been a review of the current action plan which introduced next stage actions to take effect in Q4 data in 2022/23, including tracking late completions and prioritising based on need.



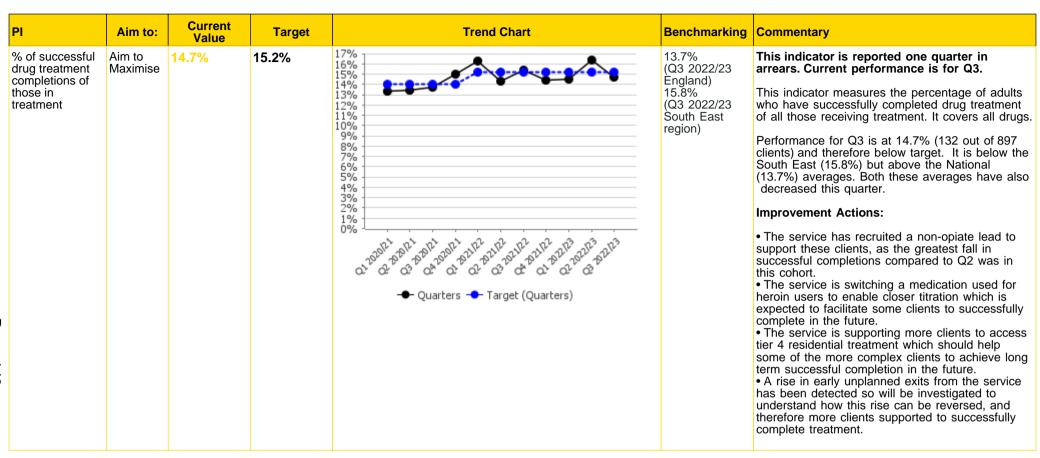
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Number of older people (65+) admitted to permanent residential or nursing care homes per 100,000 population	Aim to Minimise	516	489	495 440 385 330 275 220 165 110 55 0	Performance for 2021/22 was: • 524.3 South East. • 522.5 Bucks.	This indicator measures the number of older adults whose long-term support needs are best met by admission to a residential or nursing care home, relative to the population size. It is expressed as a rate per 100,000 population and is good to be low. This is a cumulative measure, so performance increases during the year along with the target. Between 1 April 2022 and 31st March 2023, 537 older adults (516 per 100,000 population) were permanently admitted to care homes. This is 28 people above the target of 509 people (489 per 100,000 population) which is set at the previous (2020/21) South East benchmark level. Validation checks continue to be carried out on this data as part of the annual Short and Long Term Data Return. The rate of permanent admissions amongst older adults is higher than previous years because of the Hospital Discharge to Assess pathway that was put in place during the pandemic, which is now resulting in increased admissions and these account for one third of all permanent residential and nursing admissions. Social workers are continuing to ensure that practice is based on the Better Lives independence model, which focuses on independence, and short-term and strength-based interventions, thereby minimising long-term care placements. Improvement Actions: • The Buckinghamshire, Oxfordshire and Berkshire West Integrated Care System (BOB ICS) are in the process of developing a Transfer of Care Hub, which once implemented will help to reduce admissions to care homes from hospital settings. • Continue to ensure that there is strong management oversight of the authorisation process relating to placement decisions when finding services for individuals' care plans. • A deep dive is being produced to further understand the reasons for the increase in admissions and the cohorts this is affecting in more detail.

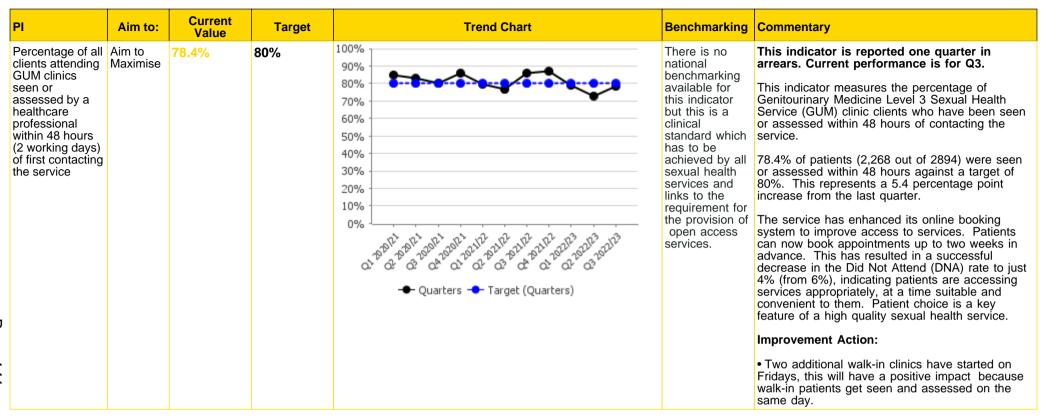


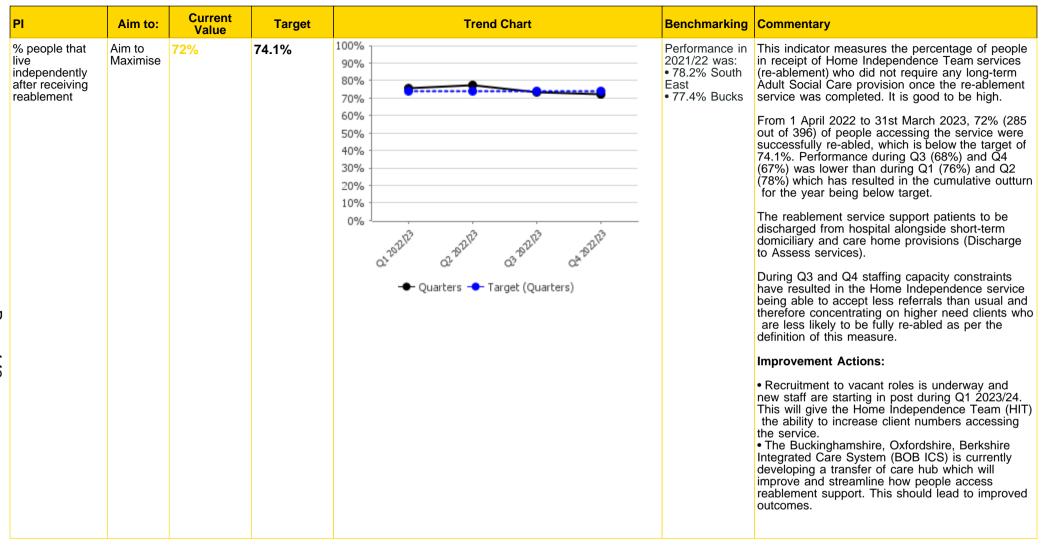
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PI	Aim to:	Current Value	Target	Trend Chart	Benchmarking	Commentary
% of successful alcohol treatment completions of those in treatment	Aim to Maximise	36.5%	37%	100% 90% 80% 70% 60% 50% 40% 30% 20% 10% 0% Quarters — Target (Quarters)	36.2% (Q3 2022/23 England) 36.5% (Q3 2022/23 South East region)	This indicator is reported one quarter in arrears. Current performance is for Q3. This indicator measures the percentage of adults who have successfully completed alcohol treatment of all those receiving treatment. Performance for Q3 is at 36.5% (201 out of 550 clients), 0.5 percentage points off target. While this is a decrease from 37.6% in Q2, it is the same as the South East (36.5%) and above National (36.2%) averages, both of which have also decreased this quarter. Improvement Action: The quarter's successful completions are likely to have been affected by the Christmas period when people are reluctant to be discharged from treatment. This is consistent with seasonality in national averages. Data will be monitored closely during Q4 to ensure that performance returns to 37% or above.







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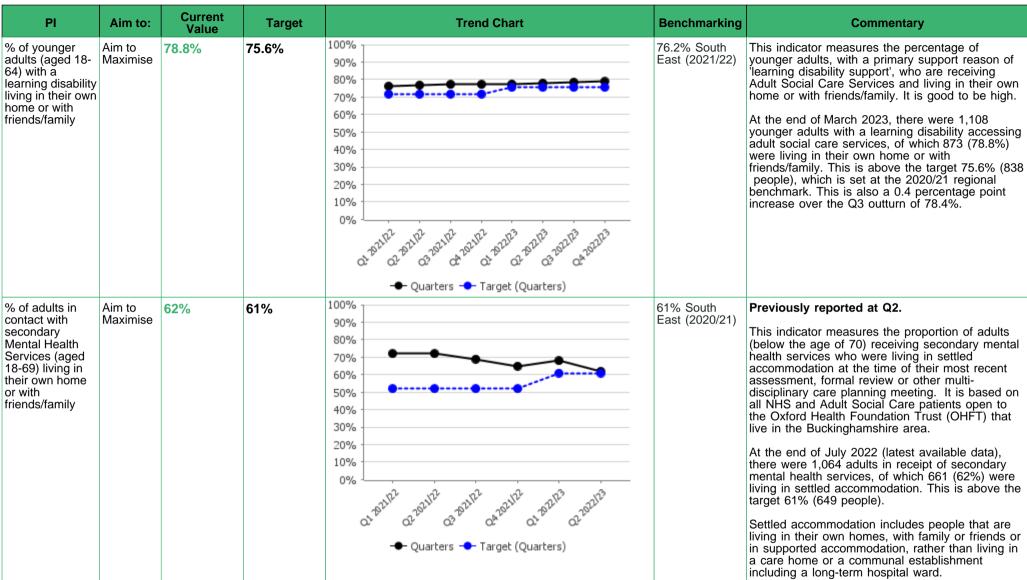


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PI	Aim to:	Current Value	Target	Trend Chart	Benchmarking	Commentary
% of those who have set a quit smoking date who have successfully quit at 4 weeks	Aim to Maximise	54%	50%	100% 90% 80% 70% 60% 50% 40% 30% 20% 10% 0% Quarters Target (Quarters)	England 54.8% (April to March 2022) South East 54.3% (April to March 2022)	This indicator is reported one quarter in arrears. Current performance is for Q3. This indicator measures the percentage of people who have set a quit date with the service and who have successfully quit smoking at 4 weeks. In Q3, 85 smokers successfully quit smoking out of the 156 people who set a quit date (54%). The indicator remains green at 4 percentage points above the target of 50%.
% of those in most deprived quintiles (DQ 4/5) who have set a quit smoking date who have successfully quit at 4 weeks	Aim to Maximise	58%	50%	100% 90% 80% 70% 60% 50% 40% 30% 20% 10% 0% Quarters Target (Quarters)	None available	This indicator is reported one quarter in arrears. Current performance is for Q3. This indicator measures the percentage of people who have set a quit date and successfully quit at 4 weeks who live in the more deprived areas of Buckinghamshire (quintiles 4 and 5). This is important as smoking and the harm it causes are not evenly distributed across the population. Smoking is increasingly concentrated in more disadvantaged groups and is the main contributor to health inequalities. In Q3 there were 71 people from the more deprived areas that set a quit date and 41 successfully quit at 4 weeks (58%). Q3 performance remains above target. The quit rate for those living in deprived areas remains higher than the total quit rate for Buckinghamshire.

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PI	Aim to:	Current Value	Target	Trend Chart	Benchmarking	Commentary
% of safeguarding eligibility decisions made within 2 working days of the concern being received.	Aim to Maximise	75%	70%	100% 90% 80% 70% 60% 50% 40% 30% 20% 10% 0% Quarters Target (Quarters)	None available	This indicator measures the percentage of safeguarding concerns that have been completed within 2 working days, to decide on whether the issue needs to progress to be a Safeguarding Enquiry. It is good to be high. From 1 January 2023 to 31 March 2023, 3,152 eligibility decisions were completed of which 2,371 were completed in 2 working days (75%). This is above the target (70%). Over the course of this year, improvements have been made to how safeguarding concerns are allocated to workers, to ensure that there is sufficient time for the concern to be triaged within the 2 working day target.



Homelessness and Regulatory Services Portfolio Cllr Mark Winn





7. Homelessness and Regulatory Services Portfolio GREEN



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PI	Aim to:	Current Value	Target	Trend Chart	Benchmarking	Commentary
Average number of days to issue taxi vehicle licence and plate from valid application received	Aim to Minimise	4	10	Ouarters - Target (Quarters)	None available	This indicator measures the average number of working days to issue a taxi vehicle licence and plate from the date a valid application is received. This excludes an application that needs to be passed on to an officer for investigation and a decision as applications are only deemed valid once all aspects are deemed satisfactory. Q4 performance was 4 working days which is better than the service level agreement (SLA) of 10 working days and is consistent with previous performance across the year.
Number of applicants with/expecting children who have been in non-self-contained Bed & Breakfast accommodation for longer than 6 weeks	Aim to Minimise	0	0	5 4 3 2 1 0 ARAPLARA ARAPARA ARAPARAP	None available	This is a snapshot at the end of the quarter to show the number of applicants for housing with or expecting children who were in non-self-contained Bed & Breakfast (B&B) accommodation for longer than 6 weeks. Throughout the year there were no families in non self-contained B&B accommodation for longer than 6 weeks. The service will continue to monitor this area closely.

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PI	Aim to:	Current Value	Target	Trend Chart	Benchmarking	Commentary
Customers rating the Registration Service as good or excellent		100%	95%	100% 90% 80% 70% 60% 50% 40% 30% 20% 10% 0% Quarters Target (Quarters)	None available	This indicator is reported on a half-yearly basis, in Q2 and Q4. This indicator measures the number of customers rating the service as Excellent or Good. For Q4 2022/23 100% of customers rated the service as Good or Excellent. 64 customers responded via customer survey cards covering birth and death registrations, notice of marriage or civil partnership and attendance at ceremonies. 1 rated the service as Good and 63 rated the service as Excellent. This was an increase from 97% reported in Q2 and above the 95% target.

7. Homelessness and Regulatory Services Portfolio NO RAG



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PI	Aim To	Current Value	Trend Chart	Commentary
Total homelessness approaches into service	Monitor	1,492	1,900 1,710 1,520 1,330 1,140 950 760 570 380 190 0 Quarters Quarters	This indicator measures the total number of homelessness approaches into the service. In Q4 there were 1,492 approaches, an increase from Q3 (1,202). This includes the provision of extra support for winter warmth and Ukrainian approaches. The largest increase has come from those approaching for affordability issues and referrals for debt advice.
Homelessness cases closed because homelessness has been prevented	Monitor	436	500 450 400 350 300 250 200 150 100 50 0 Quarters	This indicator measures the number of homeless cases closed because homelessness has been prevented. In Q4 436 cases were closed because homelessness had been prevented this is an increase of 1 from Q3 (Q3, 435, Q2, 249 and Q1, 266). There has been an increase in the number of cases received by 290 from last quarter which resulted in officers being diverted to relief duties which means the percentage of preventions will decrease with more new demand. The increase in caseload is coming from an increase in Ukrainian cases via the Homes for Ukraine scheme and those approaching who have affordability issues and cannot afford to pay their housing costs. Lack of affordable accommodation across Buckinghamshire and other options are still an issue. The service continues to work hard to meet demand and prevent homelessness wherever possible.

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Planning and Regeneration Portfolio Cllr Peter Strachan





9. Planning and Regeneration Portfolio RED



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PI	Aim to:	Current Value	Target	Trend Chart	Benchmarking	Commentary
Number of homes built against housing requirements	Aim to Maximise	2,616	2,763	3,600 3,240 2,880 2,520 2,160 1,800 1,440 1,080 720 360 0 Years Target (Years)	None available	This indicator is measured one year in arrears. This indicator measures the number of homes built against housing requirements as set out in the local plan. The number of homes built against housing requirements in 2021/22 was 2,616 against a target of 2,763. This represents a 32% increase on the number of homes completed during the previous municipal year (1,982). Local authorities do not have direct influence over new housebuilding rates. A high number of planning approvals doesn't always result in housing schemes being built quickly. External factors such as the Covid pandemic, ability of home buyers to obtain mortgages, economic recession and labour supply shortages are significant determinants. Nationally Q1 2023 saw the fewest home completions in England since Q1 2018. Improvement Action: • The preparation of the Local Plan for Buckinghamshire, which is a key corporate priority, will reset the annual housebuilding target and is likely to result in higher housing completion figures over the course of the next five years.

9. Planning and Regeneration Portfolio AMBER



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PI	Aim to:	Current Value	Target	Trend Chart	Benchmarking	Commentary
% of Building Control applications checked within 21 days	Aim to Maximise	86%	90%	100% 90% 80% 70% 60% 50% 40% 30% 20% 10% 0% Quarters — Target (Quarters)	None available	This indicator measures the percentage of Building Control applications that are checked within 15 working days (21 days). Q4 performance is 86% against a target of 90%. This is a slight decrease in performance when compared with Q3 (91%). The number of applications received has been steadily increasing to above average volumes since December. The average was 164 per month, however the numbers received were January 181, February 171, March 194. This increase could be due to the growing confidence in the market and the end of the financial year. This together with annual leave and the need for more surveyors may have impacted Q4 performance. Improvement Actions: Additional resource has been put in place to support the processing of applications. A recruitment campaign for Surveyors has been launched.

9. Planning and Regeneration Portfolio GREEN



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PI	Aim to:	Current Value	Target	Trend Chart	Benchmarking	Commentary
% of major planning applications determined in 13 weeks, or with agreed extension of time	Aim to Maximise	93%	80%	100% 90% 80% 70% 60% 50% 40% 30% 20% 10% 0% Quarters Target (Quarters)	None available	This indicator measures the percentage of 'major' planning applications determined within 13 weeks, or within an agreed extension of time. 'Major' development is defined as involving the provision of 10 or more houses, or outline housing proposals on an area of 0.5 hectares or more, or the provision of any other building(s) of 1,000 square metres or more, or development carried out on a site having an area of one hectare or more. Q4 performance was 93%, which is considerably higher than previous quarters this year and above the 80% target for the year. The determination of 'major' planning applications in accordance with agreed timescales has remained above target throughout the year.
% of minor planning applications determined in 8 weeks, or with agreed extension of time	Aim to Maximise	83%	75%	100% 90% 80% 70% 60% 50% 40% 30% 20% 10% 0% Quarters Target (Quarters)	None available	This indicator measures the percentage of 'minor' planning applications determined within 8 weeks, or within an agreed extension of time. Minor development is defined as where the number of dwelling/houses to be provided is between one and nine inclusive on a site having an area of less than one hectare. Where the number of dwelling/houses to be provided is not known, a site area of less than 0.5 hectares and for all other uses, a minor development is one where the floor space to be created is less than 1,000 square metres or where the site area is less than one hectare. Q4 performance is 83% which is above the target of 75%.

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PI	Aim to:	Current Value	Target	Trend Chart	Benchmarking	Commentary
% of other applications determined in 8 weeks, or within the agreed extension of time	Aim to Maximise	93%	80%	100% 90% 80% 70% 60% 50% 40% 30% 20% 10% 0% Quarters Target (Quarters)	None available	This indicator measures the percentage of 'other' (e.g., house extensions, advert consent, listed building consent, changes of use, etc.,) planning applications determined within 8 weeks, or within an agreed extension of time. Q4 performance is 93% which is above the target of 80%.

9. Planning and Regeneration Portfolio NO RAG



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PI	Aim To	Current Value	Trend Chart	Commentary
Town centre occupancy rate	Monitor	92.2%	100% 90% 80% 70% 60% 50%	This indicator measures the percentage of 'door on the high street' premises that are occupied across key towns in Buckinghamshire (Aylesbury; Amersham (Onthe-Hill and Old Town); Beaconsfield (Old and New); Buckingham; Chesham; Gerrards Cross; Great Missenden; High Wycombe; Marlow; Princes Risborough; Wendover and Winslow). The pre-Covid baseline for these towns was 93.2%
			30% - 20% - 10% -	(2,126 premises), falling to 89.4% (2,039 premises) during Covid and currently stands at 92.2% (2,103 premises). This is an improvement on the peak Covid figures (89.4%) and just 1 percentage point away from the pre-Covid baseline for Bucks (93.2%).
			QLARITE QUARTERS QUARTERS	Of the current 177 empty shop units, 39 are subject to planning / being fitted out. The top four highest occupation rates are for Wendover (97.1%); Amersham-on-the-Hill (96.8%); Winslow (96.8%) and Princes Risborough (95.9%).
Town Centre footfall	Monitor	11,368,184	14,000,000 12,000,000 10,000,000 8,000,000 4,000,000 2,000,000	This indicator measures data provided from Town & Place Artificial Intelligence (AI). Footfall is derived and modelled using anonymised mobile device data. 2019 data has now been populated providing a pre-Covid baseline for comparison. Since the last report the company have secured a wider data set and figures have been remodelled. Data is available for: Aylesbury; Amersham (On-the-Hill and Old Town); Beaconsfield (Old and New); Buckingham; Chesham; Gerrards Cross; Great Missenden; High Wycombe; Marlow; Princes Risborough; Wendover and Winslow. This gives a good spread of 'high street' locations by market town size and a rural / urban split.
			Q12Q14Q2 Q2Q14Q2 Q2Q14Q2 Q2Q1Q2Q2Q2Q2Q2Q2Q2Q2Q2Q2Q2Q2Q2Q2Q2Q2Q	In Q4 the forecast footfall is 11,368,184 (based on actual 7,578,789 for January and February and modelled data for March because there is a month's lag for verified data). For January and February there is a 3% increase against 2021 (300k more counts) and 12% increase on 2020 (1.4m more counts).
				The cumulative position recorded 49,591,909 visits which is an 18.4% increase on last year, with only Winslow showing a small reduction (-1.8%).

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PI	Aim To	Current Value	Trend Chart	Commentary
Number of valid Planning Appeals received	Monitor	68	130 120 110 100 90 80 70 60 50 40 30 20 10 0 Quarters	This indicator measures the number of valid planning appeals received (excluding appeals against planning enforcement notices). Applicants have the right to appeal if they disagree with the planning decision reached. The number submitted to the Council is entirely dependent on the Planning Inspectorate (PINs). In Q4 the council received 68 appeals.



Transport Portfolio Cllr Steve Broadbent





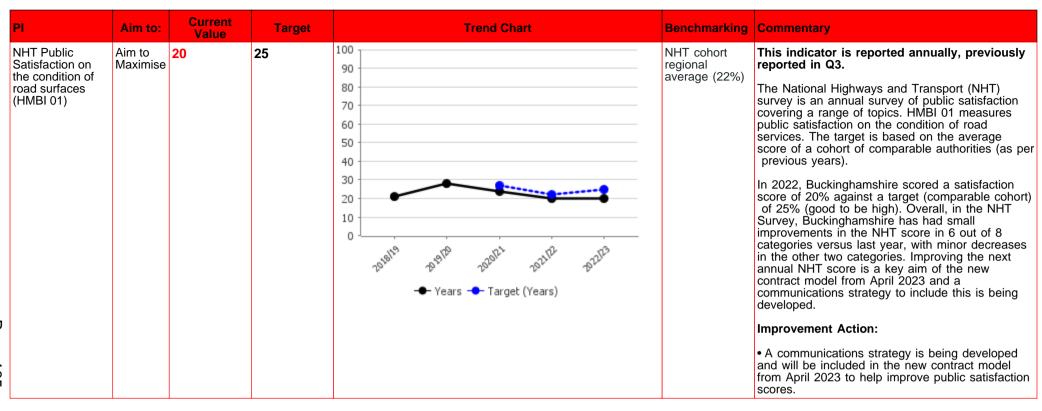
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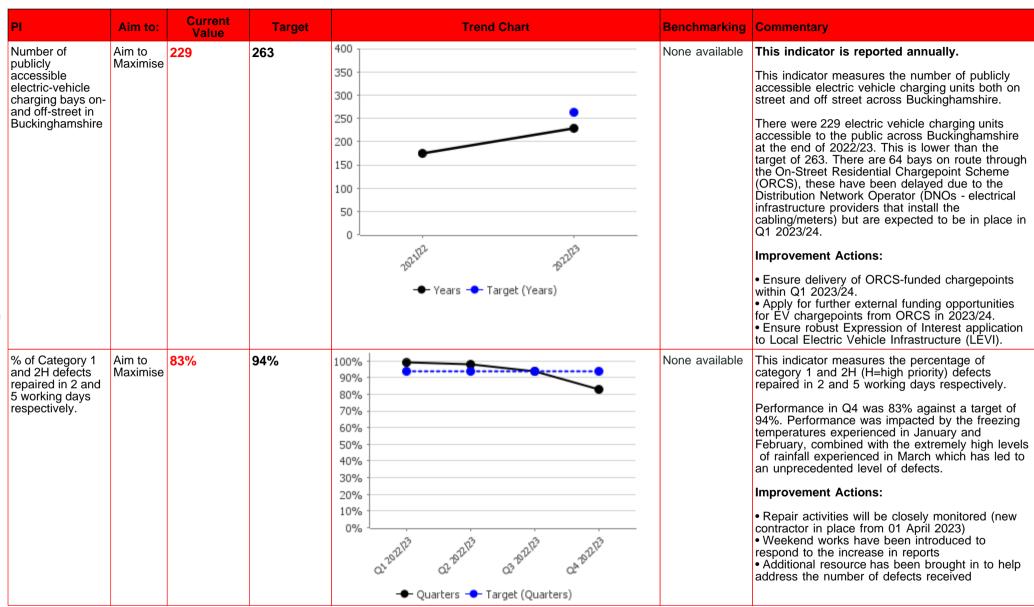


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PI	Aim to:	Current Value	Target	Trend Chart	Benchmarking	Commentary
% of gullies cleaned against the cyclical gully programme	Aim to Maximise	89%	98%	100% 90% 80% 70% 60% 50% 40% 30% 20% 10% 0% —————————————————————————————	None available	This indicator measures the percentage of gullies cleaned against the cyclical gully programme (to clean all gullies within 1 year) with an annual target of 98%. This target has been pro-rata'd equally across each quarter to help show progress, although delivery may not actually be evenly distributed. The final out-turn for gullies cleaned was 89%, which is below the 98% target. The crews worked through a period of extremely cold and wet weather which impacted performance against the work programme with gully cleaning not undertaken during continually frozen weather and crews being moved onto emergency pothole repairs in part of January. Performance was also impacted by vehicles parked over gullies (4,214), meaning these could not be cleaned first time. Efforts to suspend parking were hampered by programme changes due to adverse weather conditions. 75,761 gullies were cleaned and working. On top of the cyclical programme, investigative and reactive works were undertaken as well as revisits to gullies not accessible first time. We have seen a 16% reduction in average silt levels this year because of the enhanced programme in 2021/22. Those gullies not completed by the end of March 2023 will be visited early on in the programme next year. Improvement Action: Programme will be closely monitored (new contractor in place from 01 April 2023).

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PI	Aim to:	Current Value	Target	Trend Chart	Benchmarking	Commentary
% Streetlights in light	Aim to Maximise	84%	95%	100% 90% 80% 70% 60% 50% 40% 10% 0% 10% Quarters Target (Quarters)		This indicator measures the percentage of streetlight columns that are working (in light) as well as illuminated signs and bollards. Q4 performance is 84% against a target of 95% and is lower than Q1 to Q3 this year. A night scouting exercise has recently been completed, which gave an updated total figure of the number of working lights (in previous quarters the percentage given was calculated using the number of defects that had been reported against the street lighting asset). Improvement Actions: • Maintenance activities will be closely monitored (new contractor in place from 01 April 2023). • Night scouting reports will be used to produce a targeted programme of works to address all defects.

PI	Aim to:	Current Value	Target	Trend Chart	Benchmarking	Commentary
-)	Aim to Maximise	67.3	75		None available	This indicator measures the average daily cycling count per active cycle counter per day.
active cycle counter per day				Aranth Quarters Target (Quarters)		The Q4 forecast is 67.3 counts per day, which is below the target of 75 counts. Q1 and Q2 counts are generally higher than Q3 and Q4 due to favourable weather conditions in Spring and Summer. The average actuals for the year-to-date (Q1 to Q3) are 75.9 counts per day, which is higher than our target of 75. However, projecting forward for the whole of 2022/23, we are anticipating an average count of 73.7 per day. It should be noted that this is higher than the average count for 2021/22 (70.5 per day). This projected dip in performance is due to typical observations of lower cycling counts during the winter months. Work is ongoing to improve our visibility of cycling across the County with a new cycle counter added for Churchill Road Aylesbury in September 2022. 5 additional Vivacity Al-based sensors have come online in February 2023, and will be included for 2023/24 once we are satisfied with compatibility of the data. Improvement Actions: Improvement Actions: Improvement Actions: Increasing coverage of cycling counters to improve data coverage and understanding of existing cycling routes, and collecting enhanced data on recently delivered schemes to evidence usage levels, and in proposed future scheme locations to understand the potential demand. Plans to procure e-bikes to complement our existing e-scooter schemes in Aylesbury and High Wycombe, which is likely to increase counts in 2023/24. Following a successful bid, Buckinghamshire is being awarded £396k of Capability and Ambition funding. This Fund is focused on building local authority capabilities to deliver active travel infrastructure, carrying out evidence-based planning and delivering behaviour change initiatives. Promote the Platinum Way cycling route to schools and businesses on that route once the scheme is fully delivered (end of 2022/23). Offer and deliver training to Officers (in planning / transport roles) and Members on good quality active travel infrastructure design.

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PI	Aim to:	Current Value	Target	Trend Chart	Benchmarking	Commentary
% of strategic carriageway network in fair/good and very good condition	Aim to Maximise	92%	93%	100% 90% 80% 70% 60% 50% 40% 30% 20% 10% 0% Years Target (Years)	None available	This indicator is reported annually. This indicator measures the condition of the strategic carriageway network (strategic roads: 2, 3A, 3B, 4A). It reports on the percentage of the network in very good, good, and fair condition. It is good to be high. 2022/23 performance is 92% which is just below the target of 93% and the 2021/22 figure of 94%. The marginal decrease in strategic road condition is balanced by the steady improvement in the condition of local roads. This is in line with expectations as the Strategic Highway Maintenance budget roughly maintains a steady state. The additional investment from plane and patch has been typically focussed on local roads over recent years. The impact of High Speed Rail 2 (HS2) and East West Railway (EWR) traffic is also a potential cause of increased deterioration on the main roads. Inflationary impacts can be expected to have a negative impact on road condition in the next year, although the additional £7.3M funding provided for 2023/24 is likely to more than offset this. Improvement Actions: • The majority of the additional £7.3M of funding announced at full council is being targeted on strategic roads and this, in combination with the original capital programme, is hoped to address this fall in condition. • Deterioration due to HS2 and EWR traffic is being assessed and in 2023/24 it is hoped that HS2 will fund works on key strategic routes which have deteriorated due to construction haulage. • Additional compensation will also be sought from HS2 for damage to main roads and specific haul roads.

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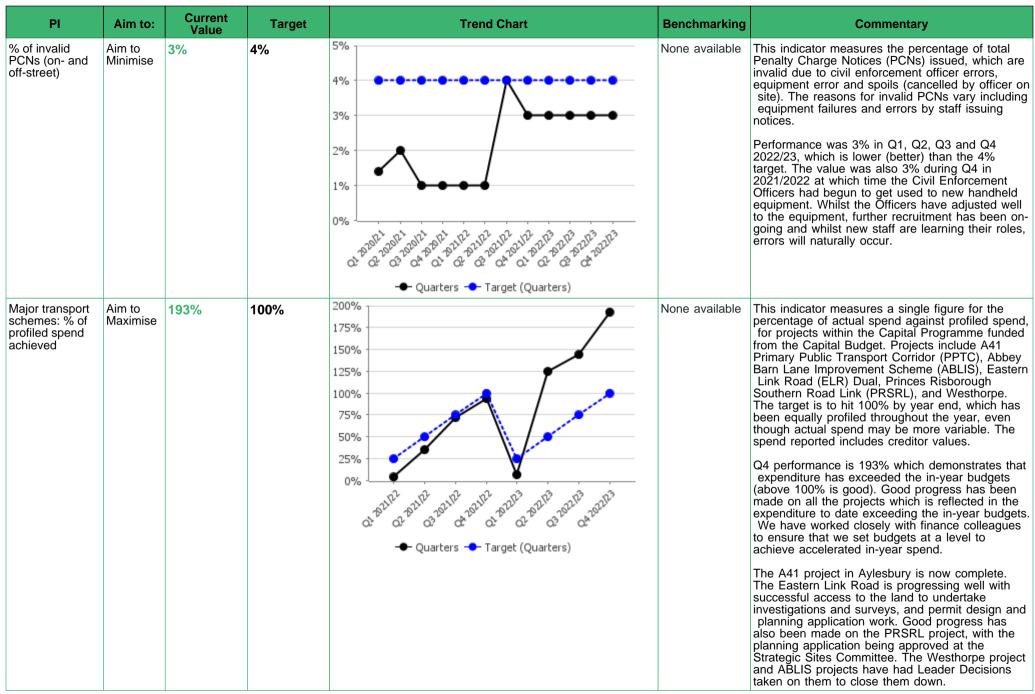
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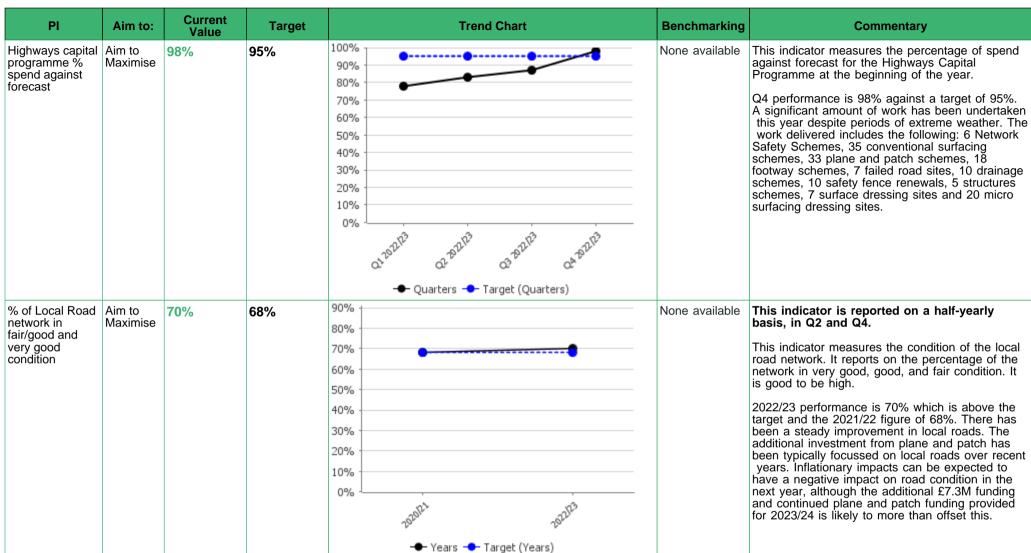
PI	Aim to:	Current Value	Target	Trend Chart	Benchmarking	Commentary
NHT Public Satisfaction Survey: (KBI 15) % of customers satisfied with their local Rights of Way Network	Aim to Maximise	56%	55%	100% 90% 80% 70% 60% 50% 40% 30% 20% 10% 0% Years Target (Years)	NHT South east regional average (57%)	This indicator is reported annually, previously reported in Q3. The National Highways and Transport survey is an annual survey of public satisfaction covering a range of topics. KBI 15 measures public satisfaction with their local rights of way e.g., footpaths. In 2022, Buckinghamshire scored a satisfaction score of 56% against a South East 2022 average score of 55%. Satisfaction is up slightly from 2021 (where we scored 54%). However, it is likely that there is an impact on use of the network due to the Covid-19 lockdown periods, which saw an increase in footfall damaging footpaths. Additionally, the amount of summer clearance carried out on the network is insufficient, and there is a shortfall on budget to increase the metreage cleared. Furthermore, path volunteers have a backlog of works as they were stood down during Covid-19, which meant some maintenance tasks could not be completed. Due to the High Speed Rail 2 (HS2) and East West Railway (EWR) project which has impacted a number of public paths across the project sites, it is likely that a significant number of path users are dissatisfied with the inability to access the network. Additional resources have been requested under medium term financial planning both capital and revenue 2022 to undertake repairs and path maintenance and there will be a small increase in spend on annual summer clearance for 2023 which will improve accessibility.

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10. Transport Portfolio NO RAG



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PI	Aim To	Current Value	Trend Chart	Commentary
Number of car parking ticket sales managed by Buckinghamshire Council	Monitor	1,135,459	1,500,000 1,200,000 1,050,000 900,000 450,000 300,000 150,000 0 QLANUR GRANK GLANK	This indicator measures the number of car park ticket sales managed by Buckinghamshire Council. These figures combine on-street ticket sales and car park ticket sales. In Q4 2022/23 1,135,459 tickets were sold, which is an improvement on Q3 (1,127,806) and also an improvement Q4 2021/22 (1,044,543). The implementation of new ticket machines in Chiltern, South Bucks and Wycombe areas have improved sales, making purchases more reliable for our customers. Ticket sales were impacted by anti-social behaviour in the Easton Street car park in High Wycombe and further technical issues within The Swan and Handy Cross car parks. The barrier systems have been removed as of April 2023 and a pay & display system implemented.
% eligible clients who are provided with transport before the required start date, or no later than 15 working days from the date the transport assessment was completed (SEND), or all information was received to provide transport (Mainstream)	Aim to Maximise		100% 90% 80% 70% 60% 50% 40% 10% 0% A RAPIT AND RAPIT A	This indicator measures the percentage of eligible clients who are provided with transport before the required start date, or no later than 15 working days from when the transport assessments were completed (SEND clients) or when all the information was provided (Mainstream clients). Q4 - nil return. Unfortunately due to some unforeseen data issues the service is unable to provide a return for this indicator. These issues are being investigated and we aim to provide a meaningful measure of service performance from Q1 2023-24.

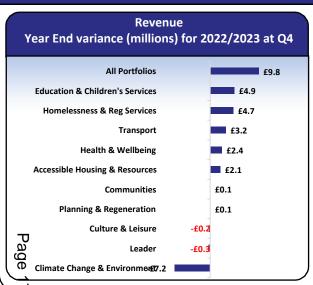
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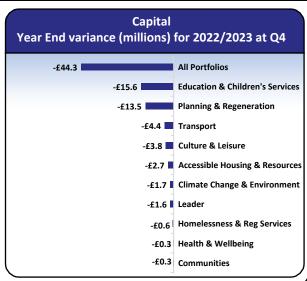
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Number of public transport bus routes in Buckinghamshire	Monitor	95	100 90 80 70 60 50 40 30 20 10 0 ABARANARANARANARANARANARANARANARANARANAR	This indicator measures the number of public bus routes in Buckinghamshire. There were 95 bus routes running in Q4. The Service works with operators and utilises external grant funding to maintain current services where there is a likelihood that they may be withdrawn. This work has continued through Q4.

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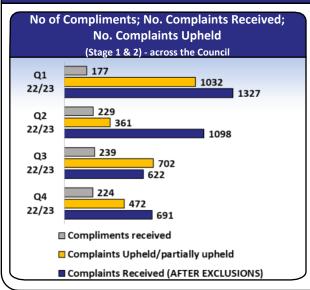
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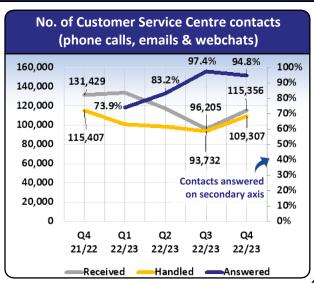
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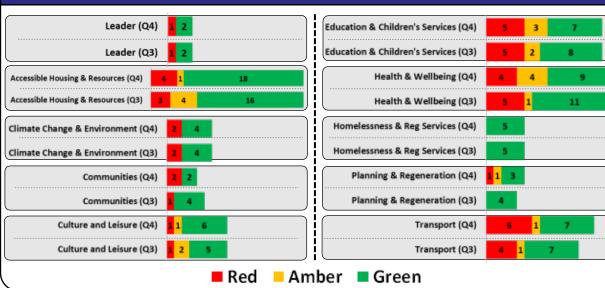


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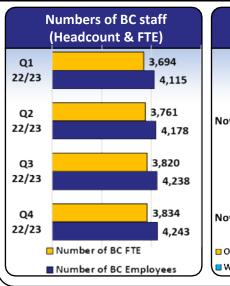


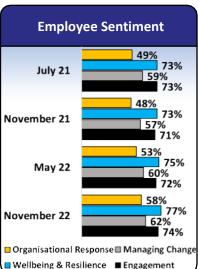


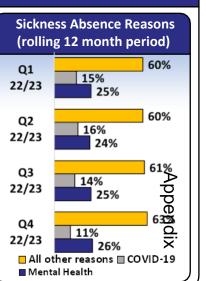
Quad 3 - Strategic priority indicators (RAG Status of Indicators by Portfolio Q3 & Q4 22/23)



Quad 4 - Colleagues, self and partners (HR)







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Report to Cabinet

Date: 13 June 2023

Title: Future High Streets – Freehold Acquisition of the High

Wycombe Social Club Building

Cabinet Member(s): John Chilver

Contact officer: Charles Brocklehurst

Ward(s) affected: Abbey – Cllr Arman Alam, Cllr Lesley Clarke, Cllr

Mahboob Hussain

Recommendations: 1, To exercise the Council's Option to Purchase, from

the Trustees of the High Wycombe Social Club ('HWSC'), their freehold interest in the Liberal Club building on Queen Victoria Road, High Wycombe and grant them a leaseback of the ground floor, on the financial terms set

out in the Confidential Annex.

2, To delegate to the Service Director – Property and Assets, in conjunction with the Cabinet Member for

Accessible Housing and Resources, both the

procurement and completion of building contracts to

repair and improve the building and (subject to

planning), converting its first floor to a gallery with craft workshops, by adding a new side entrance, subject to the contract costs being within the overall revised

budget, as set out in the Confidential Annex.

3, To grant a lease of the first floor to the Wycombe Museum for the storage and display of the town's Chair

Collection.

Reason for decision:

A July 2021 Cabinet report approved the then overall Future High Streets regeneration programme budget but required individual acquisitions to be approved by Cabinet. Since then, there have been changes to the Future High Streets programme and a revised overall budget requires approval.

1. Executive summary

- 1.1 To exercise an Option to Purchase the freehold of the High Wycombe Social Club building, on Queen Victoria Road, High Wycombe; lease back the ground floor to the Club and convert the first floor to gallery/storage for the town's Chair Collection; refurbish and improve the building in the process, as part of the Future High Streets funded 'Southern Gateway' area improvement.
- 1.2 The underlying objectives of this project are twofold:
 - (i) To create an impressive gateway building comprising a new visitor attraction (Wycombe's answer to BBC's The Repair Shop), rejuvenating an active social club in the process.
 - (ii) To resolve a bright future for the town's Chair Collection, utilising Future High Streets grant/associated committed Council 'match funding', to reduce the financial burden of maintaining it.

2. Content of report

- 2.1 The Wycombe Future High Streets regeneration programme included plans for a perception changing 'Southern Gateway', of which the HWSC (ex-Liberal Club) property forms a prominent part. It is currently a run-down 1930's building with poor external areas and an unsightly side elevation (exposed by the access road to the adjoining Swan Theatre), on a main approach to the town centre.
- 2.2 HWSC (which now incorporates the Irish Club), has struggled to gain new members because of its dated interior (included a little used snooker hall). The Club, with 130 members, will re-invest part of the capital released by the proposed sale of their freehold interest, in a re-fit of the ground floor, including converting the snooker hall into a multi- function event space overlooking the River Wye, with a new riverside external sitting area. Their aim being to attract new members and generate event hire income and thereby put the Club on a new financial footing.
- 2.3 The first floor of the building comprises a disused former ballroom and a flat. It is proposed that the former be converted into a gallery and the latter into craft workshops. The proposed gallery to be leased to Wycombe Museum, to house the town's Chair Collection (of which Wycombe Museum custodians), which currently is

- in a damp basement in Marlow. The workshops to be sublet by the Museum, to help cross-finance the upkeep of the proposed gallery.
- 2.4 The building is in urgent need of external repairs, the plan being to undertake these to enable the Chair Collection to be relocated into the first floor as soon as possible. A second phase of works will involve self-containing the first floor with a new publicly accessible side entrance (see street view visualisation attached). Both the proposed gallery use, and its subsequent public access will require planning consents.

3. Other options considered

3.1 The proposed acquisition/refurbishment was included in the DLUHC approved Future High Streets regeneration programme. Not proceeding would put at risk the grant received for the project.

4. Legal and financial implications

- 4.1 The capital expenditure for the freehold purchase and building works is to be funded from the Future High Streets project a £15m programme funded by Government (£12m) and the Council (£3m of match funding). and which included in the Council's Capital programme. There is a requirement to commit Future High Streets funding by 31 March 2024. The total budget for this project is as set out in the Confidential Annex, and no changes are required to the overall Capital Budget for the Future High Streets Programme for this project
- 4.2 The proposed leaseback carries a risk of HWSC failing financially, over time (although they will be re-capitalised by the freehold sale). If this were to happen and the Club's lease were to be forfeited, the ground floor would revert to the Council for reletting.
- 4.3 The Option and phasing of the works allows time to resolve detailed design and construction costs. The Council will only be obligated under the terms of the deal, to undertake building repairs and improvements (Phase 1 works), not requiring planning permission. This is because proposed development of the side entrance (Phase 2 works) carries some planning risk (mostly delay). It is not absolutely essential for Wycombe Museum's proposed occupation, although desirable for public access.
- 4.4 When it comes to construction cost risk, the estimated budget cost of the proposed works, as set out in the Confidential Annex, has been drawn up with advice form external Quantity Surveyors.
- 4.5 Given the need to meet Future High Streets spend profile, the proposal is to go ahead and exercise the Council's Option to Purchase the freehold, with the risk on

- construction costs being managed by a construction management approach to the works, enabling their extent to be reduced, if required.
- 4.6 Time has been incurred in agreeing the various legal agreements with HWSC including an Option Agreement, draft Transfer, Agreement for Lease and Lease as HWSC is an unincorporated body. HWSC has instructed solicitors to advise them on the sale and leaseback and the Council has agreed to pay £1,000 plus VAT towards their legal costs, which will be paid from the Future High Streets funding. The Director of Property and Assets in consultation with Members has authorised completion of the Option Agreement under an Officers Executive Decision. This decision is to authorise exercising the Option and purchasing the freehold building of HWSC and the leaseback/proposed letting.
- 4.7 This decision is also to authorise procurement of the building contracts so the Future High Streets funding can deliver a better facility for HWSC, house the town's Chair Collection and allow craft workshops to be developed and let. The Council is required to follow the Public Procurement Regulations 2015 when procuring contracts. The works proposed under the building contracts are estimated to be under the threshold of £5,336,937. The Council is required to publish procurements on Contracts Finder where the works are over the sum of £25,000. The Council will comply with the Contract and Financial Procedures Rules in its Constitution and follow the Council's procurement procedures when procuring building contracts for this matter.

5. Corporate implications

5.1 Securing sustainable low-cost storage accommodation for the preservation and display for the Chair Collection will avert the risk to the Council of becoming liable for these chattels, for ultimately, they belong to the Council (some having been bequeathed). The aim is to make the venture self-financing (see Confidential Annex), to ensure that the future of the Chair Collection is secure. The Council will have a 'safety net', comprising the rent from the leaseback to the Club, to ensure that in the long term, there is no new revenue cost to the Council from preserving the Collection.

6. Local councillors consultation & views

Ward Members have been consulted.

Cllr Lesley Clarke says "I have always fully supported this and despite the long lead in timetoo! But go for it! Be a good acquisition and tidy up this end of the town no end, which is now in some desperate need". So, yes, support your proposal. Cllr Mahboob Hussain says, "I fully support the proposal-something for the betterment of the town".

Cllr Matthews "is keen to make sure that we don't simply use it as a storage facility and feels that we should set a timescale for opening up the Chair Collection to the public, whilst retaining the workshops"

Cllr John Chilver. "I am fine with the proposal, It sounds a very worthwhile project".

7. Communication, engagement & further consultation

7.1 The planning process for the proposed Phase 2 addition will involve some public consultation. Bucks New University are to be consulted, once the proposed purchase has been approved, as there is 'synergy' there, given their design-based heritage.

8. Next steps and review

8.1 Complete the Option to Purchase and subsequently exercise it. Agree terms with Wycombe Museum and enter into a lease with them. Apply for planning permission(s). Procure building contracts and proceed with the works to the building.

9. Background papers

9.1 July 2021 Cabinet paper.

10. Your questions and views (for key decisions)

10.1 If you have any questions about the matters contained in this report, please get in touch with the author of this report. If you have any views that you would like the cabinet member to consider, please inform the democratic services team. This can be done by telephone 01494 421280/077111 69440 or email Charles.brocklehurst@buckinghamshire.gov.uk



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