



Corporate Scrutiny Panel Budget Monitoring Report

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2007-08 Outturn: Council

SERVICE	07-08 Budget (£m)	07-08 Net Expenditure (£m)	Variance (£m)	Below the line adjustments (£m)	Bottom line Outturn (£m)
Regeneration	2.567	2.721	0.155	-0.574	-0.419
Neighbourhood Services	52.978	54.468	1.490	-1.589	-0.099
Children and Young People	43.846	45.586	1.740	-1.105	0.635
Social Care & Inclusion	65.149	65.207	0.058	0.067	0.126
Corporate Services	18.422	16.621	-1.801	-0.064	-1.865
Centrally Held Budgets	29.963	15.469	-14.494	15.359	0.865
Net Position as at 31.03.08	212.924	200.073	-12.851	12.095	-0.756



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Key 2007-08 Variances: Council

- **Regeneration** – underspends in Business Support and HRD due to vacancies and slippage of costs
- **Neighbourhood** – underspend in Street Pride offset by overspend in Leisure relating to the Illuminations and Catering
- **Children and Young People** – overspend in Print and Design
- **Social Care and Inclusion** – overspend in Adult Social care
- **Corporate Services** – underspend in Revenues and Benefits due to provision no longer needed
- **Centrally Held Budgets** – underspend due to funds released from the insurance fund following a review



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2007-08 Outturn: Corporate including Transformation and Performance

Area	Budget (£m)	Expenditure (£m)	Variance (£m)	Use of / Transfer to Reserves (£m)	Bottom Line (£m)
Finance	14.081	13.707	- 0.373	- 0.004	- 0.377
Legal (including mayoral)	- 0.349	- 0.137	0.212	0.000	0.212
Internal Audit	0.058	- 0.019	- 0.078	- 0.015	- 0.093
CMT	- 0.053	- 0.017	0.037	- 0.045	- 0.008
Revs and Bens	4.685	3.087	- 1.598	0.000	- 1.598
Total	18.422	16.621	-1.801	- 0.064	- 1.865
Transformation	- 0.514	-0.632	- 0.117	- 0.262	- 0.379
CPM	- .085	-0.187	- 0.102	-0.001	- 0.103
Overall Total	17.823	15.802	-2.019	- 0.327	- 2.347



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Key 2007-08 Variances: Corporate including Transformation and Performance

- **Finance - £0.377m** underspend due to tight management of Council Wide costs and vacancy management.
- **Legal - £0.212m** overspend due to cost of locums linked to staff turnaround and maternity leave
- **Internal Audit - £0.093m** underspend due to vacancy management
- **CMT - £0.008m** underspend with vacancy management offsetting recruitment costs
- **Revenues and Benefits - £1.598m** underspend due to transitional protection provision no longer being needed, and improvements in the recovery and administration of benefit overpayments
- **Transformation - £0.379m** underspend due to vacancy management and additional income.
- **Performance - £0.103m** underspend due to vacancies and slippage of project to 08-09



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Current 2008-09 Outturn: Corporate including Transformation and Performance

Area	Budget (£m)	Expenditure (£m)	Variance (£m)	Use of Reserves (£m)	Bottom Line (£m)
Finance (inc internal audit, insurance)	4.317	4.604	0.287	-0.287	0.000
CWSS, NDC'S & C&DC	2.487	2.487	0.000	0.000	0.000
CMT	1.117	1.117	0.000	0.000	0.000
Legal and constitutional	2.863	2.870	0.007	-0.007	0.000
Revenue & benefits (incl. welfare services)	2.912	2.912	0.000	0.000	0.000
Total	13.695	13.989	0.293	-0.293	0.000
Transformation	14.108	14.792	-0.684	0.646	-0.039
CPM	1.911	1.993	-0.082	0.082	0.000
Overall Total	29.714	30.774	-0.473	0.434	-0.039



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Key Anticipated 2008-09 Variances: Corporate

No significant variances currently estimated

- **Finance** – Overspend relating to costing of single status and Oracle initiatives both covered by carry forwards.
- **Legal** - £0.007m relating to Dora Awards income has been carried over to 08-09
- **Transformation** - £0.039m overspend relates to single status costs for which contingency funding has been requested.
- **CPM** - £82k covered by reserve for performance management projects

Note - In monitoring excludes internal central support charges income.



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2008-09 Outturn: Council

Service	08-09 Net Budget (£m)	08-09 Forecast Spend (£m)	08-09 Variance (£m)	Below the line adjustments (£m)	08-09 Bottom Line Forecast (£M)	%
Regeneration	18.357	19.159	0.802	-0.745	0.058	0.31
Neighbourhood Services	51.536	52.633	1.098	-0.964	0.134	0.26
Corporate	13.695	13.989	0.293	-0.293	0.000	0.00
Children's, ICT and Procurement Services	41.679	42.664	0.985	-0.913	0.072	0.17
Social Care & Inclusion	63.942	64.540	0.598	-0.067	0.531	0.83
Centrally Held Budgets	38.212	38.812	0.600	-0.600	0.000	0.00
Forecast Net Position	227.421	231.798	4.377	-3.582	0.794	0.35



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Key 2008-09 Variances: Council

- Neighbourhood Services: £0.134m
 - This is due to non achievement of budgeted management fees to be charged to schools. The charging of the fees was not approved and no alternative has yet been found.
- Social Care and Inclusion: £0.531m
 - Due to the delay in implementation, procurement savings will not be realised in full. The current forecast is that only 25% will be achieved.

