

Proposed Adjustments to the In-Year Budget July 2023

Description	Expenditure Budget £	Income Budget £	Reason for Adjustment
SECTION 1 - GENERAL FUND REVENUE			
<i>The following items have no net impact on the overall budget</i>			
Planning Services - Agency Staff	104,000		Use of vacancies to support short term temporary staff costs.
Planning Services - Employee Expenses	(104,000)		
Total General Fund Revenue with no net impact on the overall budget	0	0	
<i>The following items will be adjusted against the Forecast Risk Fund</i>			
Planning Appeal Costs	102,000		To reflect potential additional costs associated with Planning appeals
Airshow 2023 Net Costs	10,000		Although the cost of the 2023 show remains subject to being finalised, it is expected that the overall position will be £10k in excess of the budget, which is over and above the additional £50k already included within the original estimate.
Legal Costs - Benefit Fraud Case	10,000		This reflects costs associated with an ongoing legal matter and is over and above an additional sum of £35k that was included within the 2022/23 budget.
Waste Collection Contract - Costs of disposing of collected waste to an alternative ECC site.	90,000		This relates to amounts claimable by the current contractor that reflects the additional costs that they incur in tipping collected waste to an alternative site provided by ECC. Although ECC will reimburse the Council (approximately 50% of the costs) in line with an associated agreement, this remaining sum has to be met by TDC.
Upcoming Waste & Recycling / Street Cleaning Tender - Additional Capacity / Support	100,000		This reflects an initial sum to provide additional capacity and support to deliver a successful procurement process relating to the Council's Waste, Recycling and Street Cleaning Contract.

Appendix 1H

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Reduced Planning Income		175,000	As highlighted previously, planning income is cyclical and reflects wider economic / market factors. The service continues to see a reduction in income in the first few months of the year. Although this could change over the second half of the year, it is proposed to adjust the budget now to reflect the position at the end of July and review it again as part of future financial performance reports.
Homelessness Net Costs	250,000		Although the Government have recently provided additional grant funding of £234k, (which brings the total level of Government Grant to £1.039m in 2023/24, it is estimated that this additional contribution is still required by the Council to meet current demand.
The Council's Corporate Income Management System	7,000		The Council's current system will no longer be supported from June 2024 and given the lead in time to migrate to the associated updated system, a commitment is now required. The full proposed 5 year cost of the 'upgrade' is £47,000, with the cost set out in this table representing the cost in 2023/24. The cost in the remaining 4 years is £10,000 per annum which will be reflected in the financial forecast as it develops over the second half of the year.
Additional Resource for Capacity for North Essex Collaboration and Regeneration / Economic Development	20,000		Working collaboratively across Local Authorities within Essex, it is proposed to establish additional regeneration / economic capacity working across the county. This should be seen as a 'pilot' approach with any longer term view being considered in light of the success of the initial proposed period.
Additional Treasury Investment Income		(932,630)	This reflects the increased income from treasury investments which are influenced by the underlying base rate set by the Bank of England. The base rate has steadily increased over recent months and now stands at 5.25%.
Contribution to the Forecast Risk Fund	168,630		
TOTAL	757,630	(757,630)	

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SECTION 2 - Carry Forward Requests from 2022/23 Referred to Cabinet (One-Off Adjustments)			
1. Additional cost of new HR / Payroll system	113,000		As set out in an earlier and separate decision of the Leader and Portfolio Holder for Finance and Governance, the current system becomes unsupported shortly with a replacement therefore required. Given the lead in time and the need for parallel running it is essential that the associated project gets underway as soon as possible.
2. New Legal Case Management Software	7,000		It is proposed to implement a new case management system to support efficiency and time saving within the Service. Essentially this cost would be funded from increased legal fee income achieved in 2022/23.
3. HR Capacity	111,000		It is proposed to increase capacity within the HR Service on a fixed term basis along with supporting qualification training and consultancy support fees to support the design of strategic delivery models.
4. Investment in Career Track Service	46,000		It is proposed to provide further investment in the career track service
5. Jaywick Community Centre Repairs	12,000		It proposed to undertake a number of repairs to the building
6. Leisure Centre Repairs	71,000		A recent survey has identified a number of relatively urgent cost pressures due to the age of the buildings. It is therefore proposed to utilise this funding towards building repairs during 2023/24.
Revenue Commitments Reserve	(360,000)		The above amounts are currently being held within the revenue commitments reserve, which can therefore be used to fund the above requests
Total	0	0	