

## Proposed Allocation of the General Fund Outturn Variance 2023/24 and In-Year Budget Adjustments for 2024/25

Description	Expenditure Budget £	Income Budget £	Comments / Reason for Adjustment
<b>SECTION 1 - ALLOCATION OF GENERAL FUND OUTTURN VARIANCE 2023/24 AND RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE FINANCE AND GOVERNANCE PORTFOLIO HOLDER</b>			
<b>Section 1a</b>			
Use of GF Outturn Variance 2023/24 Carried Forward via the Revenue Commitments Reserve		(1,828,974)	
Additional costs to support the tender of the Waste and Street Cleansing Contract	100,000		Although a sum of £0.200m has already been set aside to support the important elements of this work, this additional funding would enable the completion of the necessary activities to deliver a successful procurement process.
Temporary District Wide Family Solutions Officer (12 month period) - reduced grant income	10,000		Following further review, grant income originally anticipated from ECC (as reported to Cabinet in May 2024) is no longer receivable as there was no prior approval given from ECC to carry this money forward into 2024/25 as originally expected. Given the important work that such posts undertake as reported to Cabinet in May, it is proposed to fund this limited shortfall rather than explore potential alternatives such as reducing the period this temporary post covers.
Increased Crematorium Gas Costs	80,000		It has emerged that a 'back-dated' gas bill that is due to be paid has placed pressure on the 2024/25 budget. Although this issue remains under review, it is prudent to set aside this funding now and revisit it in more detail during the year as part of the quarterly financial performance reports.
Increased Homelessness Temporary Accommodation Costs	500,000		In light of the outturn position set out in the PFH Report it is likely that an increase to the budget in 2024/25 is required and it is felt prudent to set aside this level of funding now. However, the positive impact of the Spendells House scheme that is scheduled to be completed later in the year will have a positive impact on this budget, which will therefore be considered as part of the quarterly financial performance reports during the year.
Career Track - Reduction in income	50,000		As previously reported (latest update considered by Cabinet in April 2024) the Service continues to work towards reducing the overall subsidy where possible. This amount reflects a potential reduction in income in 2024/25 based on the position experienced in 2023/24. Although this remains under review, it is felt prudent to set aside this sum now and review the position on an on-going basis as part of the financial performance reports during the year.
Set Aside of Off-Street Parking Variance 2023/24	259,000		This reflects the surplus within the Off-Street Parking Account for 2023/24 that is proposed to be set aside for investment back into the Service. Spending from this budget will require separate decisions during the year.
Swimming Pool Grant funded Capital Schemes	150,000		Following further review, it has emerged that the cost of the schemes previously approved and funded by an associated Government Grant have significantly increased. The items that these relate to (Air Handling Units and Building Management System at Walton Pool) remain as essential upgrades and would therefore remain as a cost pressure regardless of the funding receivable from the Government. Therefore rather than potentially return the money to the Government, it is proposed to set aside the Council's own contribution to ensure that these works can go ahead.
Seasonal Grounds Maintenance and Cleaning Costs	100,000		As highlighted in the PFH report, there may be opportunities to support additional items that may emerge including those that support the Council's priorities that may require a timely decision e.g. seasonal implications. With this in mind it is proposed to set aside this sum to invest in grounds maintenance and cleaning costs across the district during the summer / main tourism period.
Balance of GF Outturn 2023/24 - Transferred to the Corporate Investment Fund (See Section 3 Below)	579,974		Please see the main body of the report for further details.
<b>Section 1b</b>			
Citizens Advice Tending Grant Contribution 2024/25	144,000		Please see the main body of the report for further details (this item is not a further contribution from the outturn for the year but confirmation of the use of the existing associated budget)
Citizens Advice Tending - Use of Existing Grant Budget		(144,000)	
<b>Section 1 Totals</b>	<b>1,972,974</b>	<b>(1,972,974)</b>	

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<b>SECTION 2 - IN-YEAR BUDGET ADJUSTMENTS 2024/25</b>			
Clacton Leisure Centre - Contract Cleaners	46,200		Due to significant recruitment challenges etc., it is proposed to engage the services of contract cleaners in the short term (for the period up to the end of March 2025). The cost will be met by the proposed transfer from the existing employees budget for the centre.
Clacton Leisure Centre - Employee Budgets		(46,200)	
<b>Section 2 Totals</b>	<b>46,200</b>	<b>(46,200)</b>	
<b>SECTION 3 - IN-YEAR BUDGET ADJUSTMENTS - ESTABLISHMENT OF A CORPORATE INVESTMENT FUND AND INITIAL ALLOCATIONS 2024/25</b>			
Unallocated Outturn Variance 2022/23		(3,508,400)	
Unallocated Balance of New Homes Bonus Grant 2024/25		(347,800)	
Balance of General Fund Outturn Variance 2023/24 (set out in Section 1 above)		(579,974)	
<b>Establishment of New Corporate Investment Fund</b>	<b>4,436,174</b>		
<b>Initial Allocations from the Corporate Investment Fund Above</b>			
Proposed Set Aside to Support the Review of Careline	746,000		As set out elsewhere on the agenda, it is proposed to set aside this sum of money to support the on-going review of Careline, with any expenditure from this budget being subject to further decisions.
Establishment of a Project Delivery Unit	1,000,000		As set out elsewhere on the agenda, it is proposed to allocate this sum of money to provide additional capacity to support the delivery of a number of key projects and activities.
Increase to CRP Project Budget	250,000		As set out elsewhere on the agenda, it is proposed to allocate this sum of money to complement existing external CRP grant funding to deliver this element of the wider project.
Use of Corporate Investment Fund*		(1,996,000)	
<b>Section 3 Totals</b>	<b>6,432,174</b>	<b>(6,432,174)</b>	

\* Remaining Balance on the Corporate Investment Fund after Proposed allocations above = £2,440,174