

## Appendix 2 - Service Variance Narrative

Service	Variance Last Month £000	Variance This Month £000	Change £000	Description
Housing and Communities	1	-22	-23	Minor variances
Education and Children's Service	1,041	1,853	812	See body of report for summary. Overspend in children's social care (£1.721m) due to placements costs, further increasing this month with a new residential placement, 2 Independent living placements and 5 new independent fostering placements. All placements have been costed to realistic timescales, however no allowance has been made for any further placements throughout the year. Projected overspend in Education services (£132k) due to grant match-funding requirements.
Corporate Support: Performance, Digital, Assets	25	7	-18	Overspend due to premises costs of surplus assets offset by small efficiencies this month
Corporate Support: People	-99	-128	-29	Underspend due to, and further increased this month by, vacancies and minor variances
Finance and Audit	-217	-217	0	Underspend due to vacancies and minor variances
Highways and Environmental Services	199	958	759	Budget pressure due to increasing fleet costs in streetscene. The increase this month reflects the postponement by the partners of refinancing the debt associated with Parc Adfer, which was previously projected within the income for this service.
Planning, Public Protection and Countryside	22	-43	-65	The overall pressures in planning and parking have reduced this month with an increase in income projected and further offset by drawdown of reserves. Current School Transport contracts are included in the projection, but risks remain as there is no allowance for any further emergency or discretionary transport requirements.
Adult Social Care and Homelessness	2,152	1,793	-359	See body of report for summary. The £1.8m overspend is due to an overall pressure in Adult Social Care (£0.9m) due to increased costs in Domiciliary Care and Community Living, higher costs for residential, nursing and specialist placements, and reduced projected care income, and in Homelessness (£0.9m). The pressures in Adult Social Care have been offset this month by drawdown of reserves and a reduction in the number of domiciliary care cases.
Leisure - Retained Budgets	-5	-5	0	Minor variances
Corporate & Miscellaneous	0	0	0	See body of report for details
Precepts & Levies	0	0	0	See body of report for details
Capital Financing	0	-750	-750	Reduced capital financing costs in-year due to delayed expenditure on some capital projects. The position on capital financing is very much related to progress on capital projects and variances do not fully crystallise until the final outturn is known. Whilst in previous years any underspend on this budget has been carried forward to help support the capital programme, this will not be possible this year due to the level of overspend currently being reported.
<b>Council Services &amp; Corporate Budget</b>	<b>3,119</b>	<b>3,446</b>	<b>327</b>	