



CABINET

When: Tuesday 12 September 2023 at 18:30

Where: Council Chamber, Civic, 1 Saxon Gate East, Milton Keynes, MK9 3EJ and on [YouTube](#)

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Members of the Cabinet

Councillors Marland (Leader), R Bradburn (Deputy Leader), J Carr, Darlington, Middleton, Nolan, Townsend, Trendall and Wilson-Marklew

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Agenda

1. Apologies

2. Cabinet Announcements

To receive any announcements from the Leader and members of the Cabinet.

3. Disclosures of Interest

Councillors to declare any disclosable pecuniary interests, other registerable interests, or non-registerable interests (including other pecuniary interests) they may have in the business to be transacted, and officers to declare any interests they may have in any contract to be considered.

4. Minutes

(Pages 5 - 8)

To approve, and the Chair to sign as a correct record, the Minutes of the meeting of Cabinet held on 6 June 2023.

5. Questions from Members of the Public

To receive questions from members of the public of which notification has been received.

6. Councillors' Items

To receive any Councillors' Items.

7. Councillors' Questions

Councillors to ask questions of the Leader of the Council or a Cabinet member on issues within their Portfolio (15 minutes).

8. References from Other Bodies

To consider referrals and the Cabinet's response (written responses to follow).

8(a) Corporate Parenting Panel - 20 June 2023

(Pages 9 - 34)

To receive the Corporate Parenting Annual Report.

8(b) Public Realm and Environment Scrutiny Committee - 4 July 2023

The Committee recommends that Officers include considerations of the effects of vehicle use and speed on the environment and health of the residents of Milton Keynes in the preparation of Local Transport Policy 5.

The Committee also recommends that the Cabinet consider the findings of this Committee in its future deliberations of local transport policy, including in its considerations of Local Transport Policy 5.

8(c) Housing Needs Task and Finish Group (Pages 35 - 68)

To receive the final report of the Housing Needs Task and Finish Group.

9. Improving Hospital Discharge (Pages 69 - 72)

To consider a report on commissioning two new services to support hospital discharge and system flow.

10. Update on Youth Led Democracy (Pages 73 - 82)

To consider a report on an update on Youth Led Democracy.

11. Quarter 1 2023/24 Forecast Outturn, General Fund Revenue, Housing Revenue Account, Dedicated Schools Grant and Capital Programme 2023/24 (Pages 83 - 180)

To consider a report on the 2023/24 Quarter 1 forecast outturn.

Minutes of the meeting of the Cabinet held on Tuesday 6 June 2023 at 18:30

Present: Councillor Marland (Chair)

Councillors R Bradburn, Middleton, Nolan, Townsend, Trendall and Wilson-Marklew

Apologies: Councillors J Carr and Darlington

Also Present: Councillor Ferrans

Officers: T Aldworth (Deputy Chief Executive), M Bracey (Chief Executive), S Bridglalsingh (Director of Law and Governance), M Green (Property Director - MKDP), E Scott (Company Secretary - MKDP) and R Tidman (Committee Services Manager).

C1 Apologies

Apologies were received from Councillor Darlington and Councillor J Carr.

C2 Cabinet Announcements

None received.

C3 Minutes

RESOLVED:

That the Minutes of the meeting of Cabinet held on 7 February 2023 be approved and signed by the Chair as a correct record.

C4 Disclosures of Interest

Councillor R Bradburn declared an 'Other Registerable Interest' in Item 11, as his wife was the current Chair of the Corporate Parenting Panel (CAG).

C5 Questions from Members of the Public

The following question was received from Paul Williams:

"A number of Local Authorities (such as Hackney) have introduced a 'Companion Pass' scheme, to combat the theft of blue badges. Is this something Milton Keynes Council have explored, or might consider exploring in the future?"

Mr Williams was unable to attend the meeting and he was provided with the following written response from the Cabinet member for Public Realm:

“The Council does not currently offer a Companion Pass as part of its Blue Badge scheme. A number of Councils have introduced this type of scheme to try and broaden the support for disabled users and also reduce the level of potential abuse of the system. There would be a cost to administering this type of scheme which would need to be investigated should the Council wish to consider this further.

The total Blue Badges issued in 22-23 was 4,665 @ £10.00 each. Stolen (and misplaced) cards have to be reported to MKCC so we can re-issue and there have been no reports of theft in 2022-23, which indicates this problem may predominantly be in London Boroughs.”

C6 Councillors' Items

None received.

C7 Councillors' Questions

None received.

C8 Community & Housing Scrutiny Committee - 1 March 2023

Councillor Ferrans introduced the referral, noting that the Committee had considered the issue of homelessness at their March meeting and had heard evidence from the Homelessness Partnership. They had explained that financial and non-financial support from the Council was critical to its success. The Committee therefore wanted to highlight this issue to ensure in particular the ongoing financial support by the Council despite the challenging financial times.

Councillor Marland noted the written response from Councillor Darlington to the referral.

RESOLVED:

That the referral and the written response provided be noted.

C9 Council Plan Delivery Plan 2023/24

Councillor Marland introduced the item noting that this was the annual refresh of the Council Plan Delivery Plan. Councillor Marland noted the efforts of officers to deliver the ambitions of the previous plan. Cabinet Members highlighted the following actions within the Delivery Plan:

- (a) New waste contract which will lead to cleaner streets and higher quality recycling; additional funding for pothole, highway defects, redway and pavement repairs; urban tree planting scheme; and a programme of improvement for local play areas;
- (b) Continues ambition of helping residents of Milton Keynes to deal with the cost of living crisis including the energy advice line, mortgage interest relief fund; funding to parish council's to provide local support initiatives and continuing support for MK Food Bank, expanding the number of food larders and funding for school holiday lunch vouchers;
- (c) The provision of excellent services for our young people including: improvements to the foster service and increasing the number of foster carers; new special educational needs provision and investing in high quality SEN support; and

- (d) Commitment to the decarbonisation fund, support for public transport; creating a city centre tech campus; support for white ribbon and dementia friendly city status.

RESOLVED:

That the Council be recommended to approve the new Council Plan Delivery Plan for 2023/24

C10 Governance changes to Milton Keynes Development Partnership (MKDP)

Councillor Marland introduced the item noting that the changes proposed to the current structure of Milton Keynes Development Partnership (MKDP) meant that it would move away from having councillors and the Chief Executive as board members to creating an oversight panel which would be a cabinet advisory group.

The Monitoring Officer advised that the words 'maintaining political membership on a proportionate basis' should be omitted from recommendation 1.1 as this was already dealt with in the Terms of Reference.

Councillor Middleton thanked officers who had been leading on this matter. He noted that this change in governance would allow councillors to provide an appropriate level of scrutiny and challenge to MKDP and he was satisfied that these new arrangements were fit for purpose.

RESOLVED:

1. That a new body called the Owners Advisory Group (OAG) with the Terms of Reference in Annex A be constituted to advise the Cabinet on MKDP matters.
2. That the Members Agreement be amended to:
 - a) recognise the OAG;
 - b) remove the Commissioning Statement and the Reserved Matters listed in this report; and
 - c) reflect the role of Develop MK's as a consultee in the approval of the Business plan.
3. That authority be delegated to the Director of Law and Governance to amend the Members Agreement in accordance with this decision and make any other non-material drafting amendments deemed necessary.
4. That authority be delegated to the Director of Law and Governance in consultation with the Leader and the members of the OAG to amend the Terms of Reference.
5. That the Leader's intention that decisions in relation to MKDP be reserved to Cabinet be noted.
6. That these changes take effect on the 1 September 2023.

C11 Annual Appointment of Advisory Groups and Outside Organisations

Councillor Marland introduced the item regarding appointments to Outside Bodies. He noted that Councillor Townsend was to be appointed to the PATROL Joint Committee and that the reference to Councillor Nazir on the Schools Advisory Committee on Religious Education should actually refer to Councillor Imran.

RESOLVED:

1. That appointments to the various outside organisations, advisory groups and strategic partnerships for 2023/24, as set out in Annex A, be agreed.
2. That the following amendments to the appointments be made:
 - (a) Councillor Townsend be nominated to the PATROL Joint Committee; and
 - (b) The reference to Councillor Nazir on the Schools Advisory Committee on Religious Education should refer to Councillor Imran.
3. That authority be delegated to the Director Law and Governance, in consultation with the Leader of the Council, to agree appointments to any vacancies that remain, or arise during the 2023/24 council year.

Corporate Parenting Annual Report

1 April 2022 to 31 March 2023

Report Author: Sharon Godfrey, Head of Corporate Parenting

Approved by: Mac Heath, Director of Children's Services and Sophie Marshall, Group Head, Children and Families



Introduction

Welcome to our Corporate Parenting Annual Report and my second report for Panel as the Head of Corporate Parenting Service. It has been a challenging and busy year for us all within Children's Services. Positively, we have managed to maintain a stable looked after children's population, due to continuous throughput and maintaining a strong family support ethos to support children remaining within their families where it is safe to do so.

In October, we invited Local Government Association (LGA) to hold a peer review. We felt this was a valuable piece of work and assisted us with thinking how we can develop our Corporate Parenting Panel and continue the support to our children in care. This review led to the most significant change this year for Corporate Parenting Panel, moving from a public to a private Corporate Parenting Panel. We held the first private meeting in March and going forward it will ensure panel has a more open discussion and is more inclusive for children and young people.

In November, we welcomed Ofsted colleagues for a focused visit on children in care, although, this inspection did not provide a specific judgement on the visit, the feedback was positive and recognised the progress we had made for children in our care since the full inspection in 2021, where we were judged to be requires improvement.

This report sets out a picture of our children in care over the last twelve months, including those entering care and who have left our care. I will provide details about permanence and placement stability, to enable oversight of how we have progressed children's care plans during the year. I will look at how we have worked with our partner agencies to meet the health and education needs of our children. I will draw your attention to how our children and young people with care experience have contributed to the service over the last twelve months and finally setting out some proposed objectives for the future.

Definition of Corporate Parent and Principles

Milton Keynes City Council is a 'Corporate Parent' which means it is the 'collective responsibility' of the whole Council, elected member, employees, and partner agencies to provide the best possible care and safeguarding for Children in Care (CIC), young people with care experience (CL) and vulnerable children. As 'Corporate Parents', the Corporate Parenting Panel oversees the Council's fulfilment of this 'collective responsibility'. The Panel is a separate committee of the Council and not part of the Council's Cabinet Scrutiny arrangements.

The work of the Corporate Parenting Panel is underpinned by the seven key principles introduced by the Children and Social Work Act 2017, which state that when Local Authorities exercise their function or role in relation to CIC and CL, they must consider that they:

- act in the Best Interests and promote the physical and mental health and well-being of those children and young people;
- encourage children and young people to express their views, wishes and feelings, but also consider them;
- ensure our children and young people have access to services;
- make sure our children and young people are safe, in stable homes, relationships, education and work;

- promote high aspirations, securing best outcomes for our children and young people; and
- prepare them for adulthood and Independent Living. The question Corporate Parents should be asking when considering the needs of our Corporate Children is 'What would I want for my own child, or children I care deeply for?'

Corporate Parenting Panel Contributions 2022/23

Corporate Parenting Panel has met throughout the year on the following dates, 8 June, 13 October, 7 December and 1 March. We had an additional panel on 4 January to consider taking the panel from a public to a private meeting.

Cllr Marie Bradburn has remained the Chair of Corporate Parenting panel during this time.

During the year, Panel have had updates and reports on the following:

- Updated report on annual engagement for Children's Services with Ofsted from March 2022.
- Report and data from CAMHS on number of looked after children waiting and in receipt of a service.
- Updated Terms of Reference CPP.
- Annual report for CPP 2021/2022.
- Update and refresh of Champion model, introducing role profiles and performance data.
- Special Guardianship Reports.
- Fostering Annual Report.
- Fostering Friendly Council policy.
- Fostering Recruitment and Retention Strategy.
- Virtual School Annual Report.
- Adoption Connects Annual Report.
- Adoption Connects Panel Chair Annual Report.
- Adoption Connects recruitment strategy.
- Private Fostering Annual report.
- Pathway Plan Audit report.
- Sufficiency Strategy 2022 to 2025.
- Fostering review report.
- Bright spots feedback report.
- Participation report.
- SGO finance report.

- Contextual safeguarding presentation.
- Young people with care experience local offer.
- Joint housing allocations protocol.
- IRO annual report.
- Financial support for young people with care experience.

Service Review Over the Year

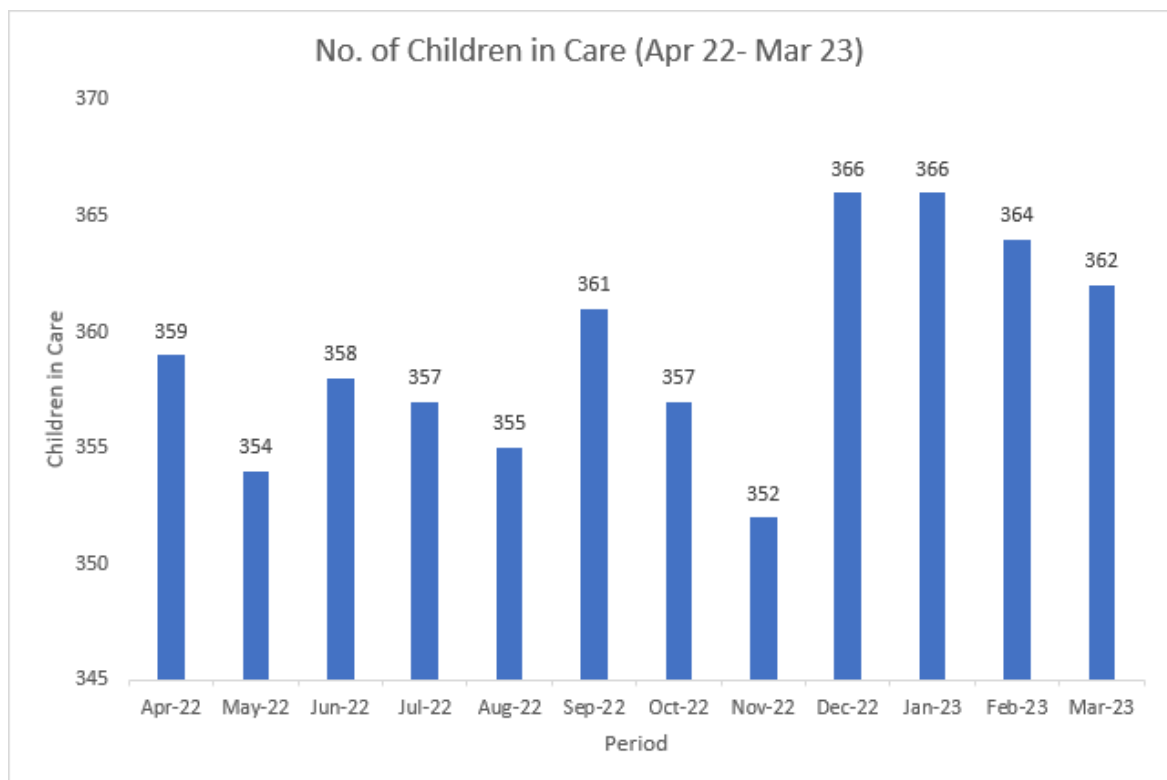
- Children's Service Plan finalised April 2022.
- LGA Diagnostics of children in care and Corporate Parenting October 2022.
- Ofsted focused visit on Children in Care November 2022.
- March 2023 Annual Ofsted conversation.
- March 2023 Annual Ofsted inspection of Westminster House.

Our Key Priorities 2022/2023 - What we Achieved

- A. We have reviewed our Fostering Service to consider if a restructure of the Service would be necessary to look at specialist Kinship Team. The outcome of the review did not currently support any change to the structure of the Team but concluded to continue to embed and support the existing structure to ensure robust retention and development of the whole fostering service.
- B. The Local Government Agency (LGA) supported us with undertaking a Corporate Parenting Diagnostic. This took place in October 2022. The review made a number of recommendations, including Corporate Parenting Panel moving from a public to a private meeting. This has since been implemented.
- C. We have worked closely with our commissioning colleagues to recommission the Young People's Supported Living and Accommodation alongside new 'published offer' for Care Leavers. A 'Block contract' will be published in May 2023 for tender. Commissioners have also been working hard to implement a dynamic purchasing scheme, for semi-independent providers to register on. A proposed paper has been prepared to look at residential children's homes to be run by Milton Keynes City Council.
- D. Over the course of the year, we have held regular Virtual School Performance Board to strengthen the Virtual School Governing Body to ensure 'Good' Virtual School performance and Governance and embed in School Improvement framework.
- E. A Children in Care conference has been scheduled for 24 June 2023.
- F. We have approved nine new carers in total (seven mainstream foster carers and two supported lodgings carers). We have a further ten assessments in progress.
- G. We have improved the quality and frequency of supervision and support of foster carers. This is monitored by managers within Fostering Service and shared with Senior Leaders in Performance Management Meeting.

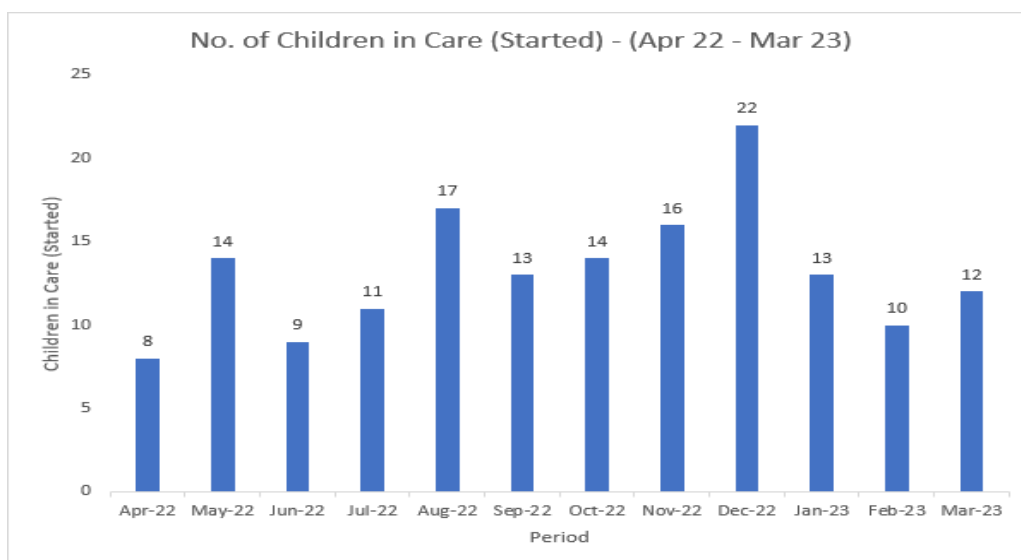
- H. We have reviewed the arrangements and monitoring of those children placed with parents under Placement with Parents regulations to ensure permanence is achieved timely for these children where it is appropriate to do so.
- I. We have worked collaboratively with Adult Social Care and Housing Colleagues to formulate a new Joint Housing protocol for young people with care leavers. No young person is made homeless and young people are supported to secure a housing tenancy when it is right for them. We have also reviewed our offer of accommodation and introduced a shared house living arrangement as requested by our young people.
- J. The Virtual School has robust oversight of all children in school through Personal Education Plan meetings. Additionally, we hold a regular operational meeting to consider young people with care experience have education/training and employment plans and opportunities appropriate to the young person’s aspirations and skill set. This meeting provides information to the strategic meeting to ensure all opportunities are being explored and we focus on supporting young people to access education/employment and training.

Our Children in Care



Over the last 12 months the children in care population has remained relatively steady ranging from 352 to 366. We continue to ensure throughput for those children who have a permanent plan of adoption, Special Guardianship Order or have returned home to the care of a parent. Our children in care population are currently below national average at 52.6 per 10,000, the national average is 70 per 10,000 and statistical neighbour is 65.2 per 10,000.

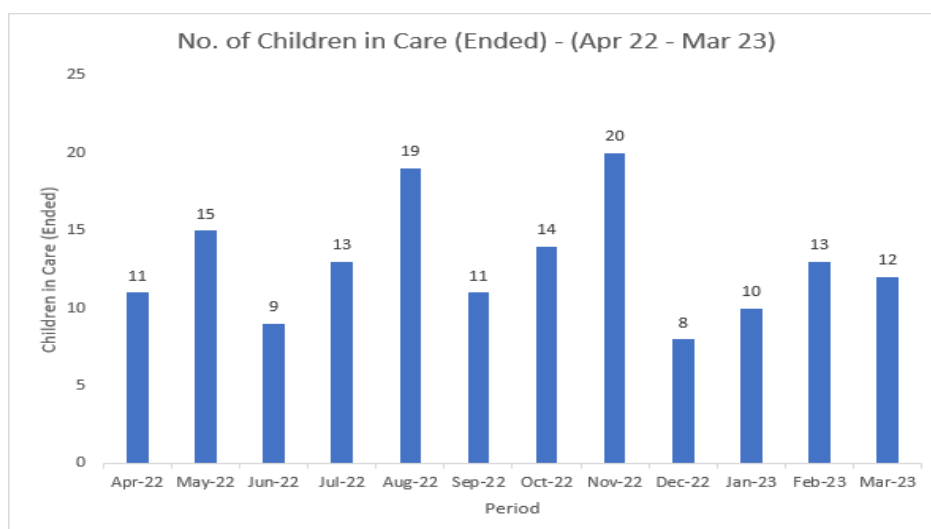
Children Who Have Entered Care Between 1 April 2022 - 31 March 2023



A total of 159 have entered care during the last financial year. The number remain steady with peaks in August and December (during school holiday period). We have a steady number of children coming into care, during the last 12 months. The average age of a child entering care is eight years.

Milton Keynes City Council is part of the National Transfer Scheme (NTS). We continue to accept two unaccompanied children seeking asylum per month as part of NTS. We may be asked to take additional children to ease the pressure from Kent and Southampton, both of which have high numbers of UASC's arriving. We are working closely with Home Office, Refugee Council, and partner agencies to appropriately support these children upon arrival in Milton Keynes.

Children who have left care between 1 April 2022 to March 2023

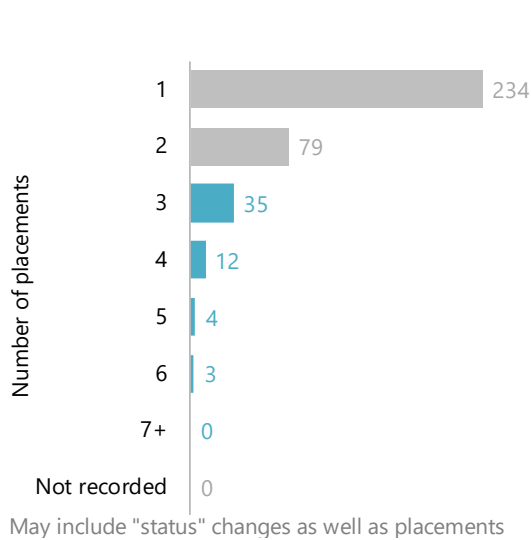


We had a total of 155 children leave care between April 2022 to March 2023. We continue to see a steady flow of children leaving care, through Special Guardianship Orders, Adoption Orders, turning 18 or children who have returned to care of parents.

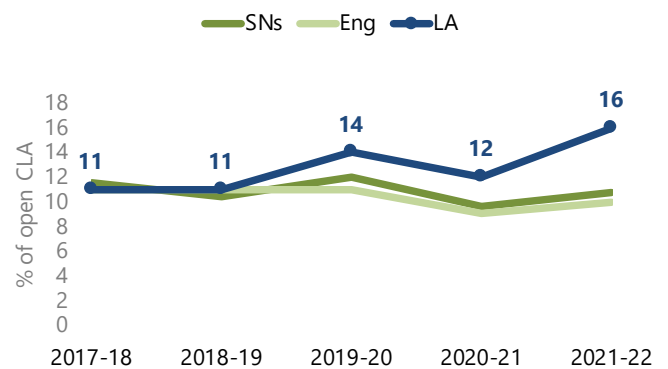
It is very positive picture ensuring throughput remains high on our agenda to ensure we have the right children in care and progressing care plans in a timely manner for children.

Placement Stability

Number of placements in the last 12 months



Comparing short term placement stability



Due to limited data in the Annex A dataset, ChAT does not present short-term stability alongside published statistics

Most children in care experience one or two placements, but a smaller proportion experience multiple moves, this can be due to placement breakdown, because of carers ability to manage child's presenting behaviour, clash of personalities or placement unable to meet the child's needs.

Some children who come into care on an emergency basis may have to go into an emergency accommodation until a short-term placement can be identified, whilst other children struggle to settle in a type of placement and experience multiple breakdowns before settling in a more specialist provision.

Our priority is to focus on ensuring less children have multiple moves and children are placed in a provision that best suits their needs.

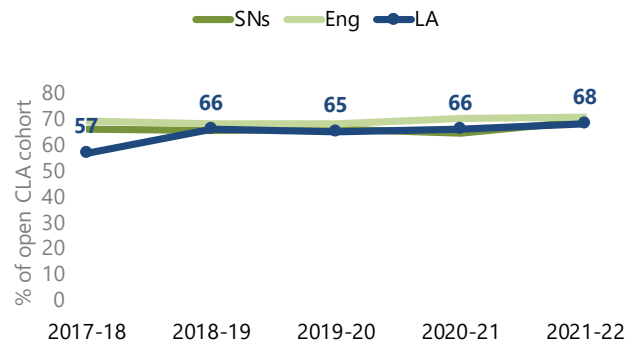
Duration of placements

Duration of latest placement for each current CLA aged under 16 who have been looked after for 2½ years or more



May include "status" changes as well as placements

Comparing long term placement stability



Due to limited data in the Annex A dataset, ChAT does not present long-term stability alongside published statistics

Given the number of children entering and leaving care, there is always a constant throughflow of movement of children in and out of Milton Keynes care. The above data shows 50 children under the age of 16 who have been in care for 2½ years or more. Majority of these children are likely to have a long-term plan of foster care. It is our responsibility to undertake annual child and family assessments to consider if the care plan should remain the same or if appropriate to consider a return home to care of parents or other family members.

Securing Permanence

When children enter care, we have a statutory duty to formulate a permanent plan for each child by the second childcare review. We always first consider if the child is able to return to birth parents if this is not possible then close family are considered and assessed as appropriate, where neither of these options are not possible and the child is young enough, permanence through adoption will be considered, for some children none of these options are possible and the child needs to remain in long term foster care potentially through to independence at adulthood.

From April 2022 to March 2023

Returned home to family 42 children

Special Guardianship Order 23 children

Adoption 19 children

Adoption: (Annual Report will be available later in the year)

The Adoption Service for children who require adoption, and post-adoption support is provided through Adoption Connects. This is a joint Regional Adoption Agency (RAA) established in 2019 with Milton Keynes City Council and hosted by Central Bedfordshire Council Children's Services. Effective system leadership has resulted in coalition building and efficient mobilisation of shared services.

Adoption Connects has flexed to the needs and circumstances of our families, providing a comprehensive, continued and developing service.

Adoption connects have continued to provide independent services to birth families, and adoption support universal and therapeutic interventions to adopted children and their families. A varied range of services has been valued by the people using them.

Access to information about adoption was adapted and improved by the remote offer of information sessions. This significantly increased attendance and access to information about adoption for all enabling and maintaining a positive rate of applications of prospective adopters. Recruitment of prospective adopters is stable and supports sufficiency and placement choice for children. Nationwide family finding is progressed without delay to achieve permanency in a placement that meets children's individual needs.

Children for whom the plan is adoption are placed with their adoptive family on average within 403 days of becoming looked after. Sixteen children were matched with prospective adoptive parents and nineteen Adoption Orders were granted. Eight out of the nineteen children adopted were aged over five years or part of a sibling group and fourteen out of nineteen waited less than 14 months between entering care and moving in with their adoptive family. This is strong performance within the expected national performance.

A robust permanency planning process is embedded and continually developed throughout our service, offering parallel planning for children. Permanency planning meetings take place alongside consultations with Adoption Connects to consider all permanence options.

Special Guardianship Orders

Over the last 12 months we have reviewed and developed our post Special Guardianship Order service to those children living with Kinship Carers. We have a rising population of children living with family/friends under a Special Guardianship Order. We have statutory duties to support, advise and assist these families who live in our area, below is a list of what we have done over the last year to improve the service.

- General advice, guidance, and information around the role of a Special Guardian, including managing issues such as contact, education and behaviour.
- Coordinating services to work as a team around the family, including education.
- Signposting carers to organisations who specifically offer support and guidance to Special Guardians.
- Advocating on behalf of carers to ensure that the family's voice is heard, and decisions are made in their best interests.
- Management of financial queries, including completing the annual financial assessment and access to additional financial support.
- Signposting carers to services who can support their family and support with accessing resources.
- Details of our local Kinship Support Group, run *by* a Special Guardian *for* Special Guardians.
- Monthly 'drop ins' for emotional support and a safe space to talk.
- Access to specialist online/face-to-face training and webinars on a variety of subjects.
- A newsletter produced for Special Guardians circulated every four months.

- Access to Clinical Supervision with an attachment-expert.
- Networking events where you can connect with other Special Guardians.
- Assessment of need for families with children subject to Special Guardianship Orders.

Sufficiency

Foster Care

Most children in care in Milton Keynes are placed with foster carers (73%), either with in house mainstream carers, kinship arrangement or with external providers (IFAs). We would like more of our children to be cared for by our own foster carers and remain locally to their families.

We have continued with our recruitment of new foster carers and have made progress, between April 2022 to March 2023 we have recruited a total of seven mainstream foster carers and two supported lodgings carers: totalling of nine carers with six in assessment. Since April 2023, we have approved three mainstream foster carers and have a further six mainstream foster carers in assessment.

We had a target to recruit 15 foster carers last year and a new target of 15 this year. We are currently looking at a refreshed marketing campaign to increase recruitment of foster carers. We want to attract more carers who provide specialist care to support parent and child placements, children with complex health needs or teenagers with complex behavioural needs. We are continually working hard to maintain our current foster carers, through effective supervision and support, broad training offer and financial package.

Residential Provision

Some children in care need a more specialist provision. We have a small number of children in care who live in a residential children's home. Currently, Milton Keynes City Council only runs one children's home, Westminster House, which caters for children with complex disabilities. We are therefore exploring the feasibility of increased inhouse children's residential home provision locally. Commissioning colleagues are currently in the process of preparing a paper with all the viable options. Plans are considered at our Placement Budget and Sufficiency Panel with a view to considering all options and how best to proceed. We are considering the viability of two separate units, one as an emergency provision where children could be cared for short term, thus mitigating the need for an unregulated provision. A further children's home is also under consideration as a short to medium term option to enable an increase in children being able to be locally placed.

Semi-independent Accommodation

For those young people who are older and approaching adulthood with a level of independent skills, these young people prefer to live in semi-independent accommodation. There has been significant work in developing the provision of semi-independent accommodation with the dynamic purchasing system inviting providers to register who are able to offer a range of care for those young people aged 16+ who wish to live more independently and not within a family setting. All providers are aware of the changes in legislation due in this area and providers will be required to register with Ofsted between end of April 2023 to October 2023. This significant change will ensure quality of provision for young people through robust inspection framework and provide Milton Keynes City Council with additional assurance of quality of service.

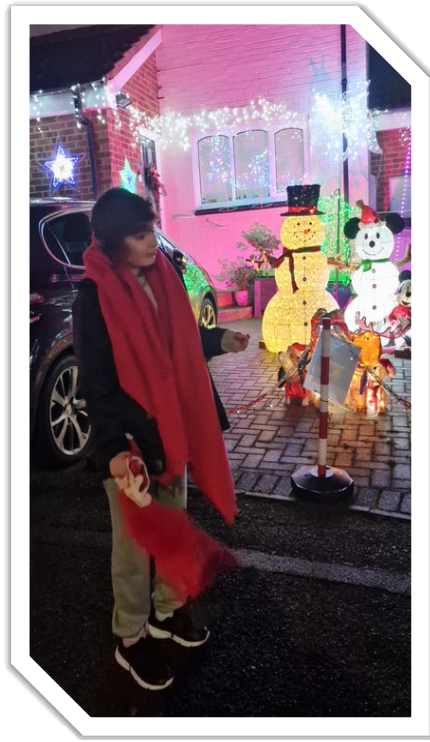
Following a consultation with young people, we have widened our offer of accommodation options for young people with care experience, to include a shared house 'community style living', if successful, we will look to expand on this offer. We have also reviewed and revised the joint housing protocol with adult social care and housing colleagues to ensure no young person is made homeless and all young people with care experience receive priority status if and when trying to access council housing.

Residential Care Service - Westminster House

We had our annual Ofsted inspection of Westminster House in March 2023. The outcome of this inspection was good. We have already completed the suggested actions and are looking at models of practice that can be implemented which will support us in securing an Outstanding rating.

We have seen two young people move on to adult social care services and one new young person move into Westminster House. Currently, we have four young people in the home. The children are very settled and making good progress. The children have enjoyed a range of celebrations over the last year, including summer BBQ, Halloween party, True Triumph, and Christmas party (photos below).





Participation

Raise Your Voice has had a busy year, creating a new logo, attending several Corporate Parenting Panel meetings, supporting with interviews for senior management positions within Children's Services and creating videos of our experiences for use within the council and wider social care teaching partnership. We celebrated our Children in Care and Care Experienced young people through our annual True Triumph celebrations and also social activities including ice skating and a football tournament between our New2UK team, the Police and an MKCC team. True Triumph for Children in Care was an outing to Gulliver's Land including free entry for children and carers as well as lunch provided. Our Care Leavers celebrated in Bistro live, with free food and entertainment provided. Our New2UK team also played home and away ties with several other local authority teams, and to date are undefeated across a home and away tie! CPP members have regularly engaged with RYV and our wider cohort of children in care and care leavers including at archery tag, ice skating and summer BBQs. The Children in Care Youth Club continues to be well attended with specialist sports providers delivering expert training across a number of sports. The Champion model has seen officers supporting Members to be assured of good practice, plans to develop and positive news stories for our children. Young people have also supported Children's Social Care with the recent LGA peer diagnostic review and Ofsted Focus Visit on Corporate Parenting.

We conducted the Coram Voice Brightspots surveys: Your Life, Your Care for our children in care, and Your Life Beyond care for our Care Leavers. Our Children gave us lots of feedback which we are using to develop the service to Children in Care and Care Leavers, a few of the key bits of feedback are:

Positives noted:

- Family Support managers identified that most young people felt their lives had improved since coming into care, which demonstrates the right decisions are being made.
- Feedback from young people with care experience demonstrates that PAs go above and beyond for their young people, even if this is not reflected in our recording.
- Our Children in Care feel safe and trust the people they live with and are happy at home.
- We are pleased to hear how children feel about their social workers.
- Our children trust and can get hold of their Social Workers.
- Our young people enjoy the activities that we put on for them, e.g. New2UK and the music group.
- We know our children and young people well.
- Activities children enjoy, include, playing music, watching TV and social media.

Areas for development noted:

- Young people with care experience have too many changes of worker.
- Our young people are lonely, this increases the older they get, they want friends and cannot afford to go to the things they want to.

- We need to consider more funding for hobbies, social opportunities and holidays for our young people aged 16+.
- Young people should be supported to access activities like the gym and music lessons.
- Our children and young people don't feel they are able to do the same things as their friends.
- Finances are a struggle for our young people with care experience.
- Our care leavers have low life satisfaction and emotional and mental wellbeing, and do not identify as 'high' or 'very high' in happiness, possibly due to trauma of coming into care.
- Our children face stigma at school and are less likely to enjoy school than their peers.
- Accommodation is not a choice-based lettings scheme, they must take the first property they are given so are unlikely to stay near to where their support network is, they do not feel safe where they live.
- Young people are not happy with the amount of family time that they have, a mix of too much for some and not enough for others.

Health of Our Children and Young People

Looked After Children Nursing Team CNWL-MK (LAC Central & North West London- Milton Keynes)

The LAC Nursing Team continue to work in partnership alongside Milton Keynes Children's Services including providing all statutory health duties including Initial Health Assessments and Review Health Assessments.

We work within a Multi-Agency Safeguarding Framework for all looked after children and provide case support/advice across Social Work Teams, Foster Carers, Universal Services, Schools, Voluntary organisations, and any relevant professional body caring for these children and young people.

Bedfordshire, Luton and Milton Keynes Integrated Care Board & Bedfordshire (BLMK) Luton and Milton Keynes Health and Care Partnership

Services Commissioned by BLMK

The Designate Nurse for Safeguarding Children and Looked after Children is a full-time role within Bedford, Luton, and Milton Keynes Integrated Care Board (ICB). Currently, this is a development post to work in partnership with the health provider Central and Northwest London NHS Foundation Trust, Corporate Parenting and Social Care. The role ensures unmet health needs are addressed, concerns are escalated regarding individual Children and liaison is secure with other LAC health teams and Designates across the country. The role also represents Looked After Children along with Care Leavers at board, strategic and operational meetings.

Review Health Assessments Clinics:

The Looked after Children's Nurses see the same children for their health assessment to provide ongoing continuity. If we have a child or young person with a known or suspected health concern we will pull forward their health assessment so that we can assess and support any area of health that requires attention.

Clinics are held at Neath Hill Centre and nurses will complete home visits for children/young people who require a home assessment.

We will travel out of area on a case-by-case basis, and we will liaise with Out of Area Looked After Children (LAC) Teams for children placed too far away for us to complete.

Young People who decline an appointment:

If we do have a young person who declines their statutory assessment the allocated Looked after Child's Nurse will review their previous assessment, review their health record, liaise with the Social Worker and Independent Reviewing Officer, and write a letter to the young person which will offer them an open door to contact us at any time.

Themes-Safeguarding:

The level of strategy meetings being called for Looked After Children has evidently increased, requiring LAC Nurses to attend multi-agency meetings where needed to ensure a robust approach for safeguarding young people.

Themes-Neurodevelopmental Disorders:

We appear to be seeing an increase in presentation of suspected Autism/Attention Deficit Disorder. This includes young people who are on the verge of or are brought into the care system who it would appear have fallen through a gap in their younger years. Often, we see a pattern of young people with a history of multiple school exclusions, social disconnect, family disconnect and high vulnerability to exploitation.

As a diagnosis, it is important to ensure neurodevelopmental disorder is ruled in or ruled out. This is a complex area of health as Adverse Childhood Experience can cause similar presentations.

Partnership work with MK CAMHS positive outcome of an ADHD Pathway which will now include direct work with foster carers to support children who are on the waiting list for assessment.

Cases of concern are escalated for CAMHS Management review.

Themes-Emotional Wellbeing & Mental Health

This remains a recognised key area for LAC where there is a high need for targeted and preventative work and support. Children and Young People will have Adverse Childhood Experiences and multi-additional complexities which can impact on a child's development and experience of the world, including parental and genetic vulnerabilities.

Capturing Data

We are aiming to improve capturing key data of health themes which are evident/or emerging within this group of children and young people so we can ensure there is targeted and sustained provision to improve outcomes and their life chances.

Covid Vaccination

We worked in partnership with Public Health, alongside social care teams, providing a co-ordinated approach to continue to promote Covid Vaccination uptake in LAC to ensure as many children as possible were vaccinated as per public health guidance and also carers who were vulnerable also had correct and up to date advice.

New Process Implemented:

The *Pre-IHA-Risk Assessment Tool* was devised and implemented to provide *an additional brief health check overview of key areas:*

Known diagnosis, known allergies, medication, key professionals and provide guidance for the allocated Social Worker and Independent Reviewing Officer. This is in addition to the **Statutory Initial Health Assessment.**

This has been well received by Social Workers/Independent Reviewing Officers.

Un-accompanied Asylum-Seeking Children (UASC)

We continue to work to progress the health needs of this cohort of young people.

We developed information leaflets in relation to the TB to support young people to the importance of awareness of this condition and screening opportunity. These were translated into 11 different languages.

We devised a health information poster-health topic Tuberculosis- for the CSC Newsletter to raise awareness for foster carers.

We continue to actively source evidence-based practice for UASC and are currently comparing health advice and promotion with CNWL Ealing London.

A current challenge raised to our ICB is that our BCG Pathway, which screens for TB, is not currently in place, following our health provider ending contract. This is on our risk register and Public Health to be supporting progress to source service. All young people who have missed screening-will be picked up once a new service has been sourced.

Audit:

Looked After Children Pregnancy & Identifying Risk Factors

An audit was completed by Looked after Children's Nurse Tara Harris looking at care experienced young people in Milton Keynes Children's Social Care to identify trends in risk and pregnancy outcome, which can then be used to explore areas in need of additional support for LAC. 24 LAC or Care Leavers up to the age of 25 who were under the care of MK in April 2022, and were pregnant, expectant fathers, or have one or more children, were reviewed.

The findings of this data collection show that the risk areas present before a pregnancy can influence the outcome regarding Children Social Care involvement. Young people who have a combination of coming into care at a late age, having a history of mental health issues or additional learning needs, being placed into semi-independent housing, not engaging with education or employment, or having additional learning needs are at a higher risk of their children being brought into care or placed for adoption. A recommendation from this audit is research into the services available for each key risk area, what support they offer and how efficiently it is meeting the need.

This audit is pending CNWL final ratification, but discussions have taken place with Public Health for a joint approach in this key area of health care.

Training Provided:

For Social Workers- monthly sessions continue in relation to Corporate Parenting.

For Foster Carers in the area of Good Health for Children in Care.

We are working currently with our Workforce Development Officer to review training offered and streamline training which will include covering specific age ranges and involving external speakers from Specialist Universal Services.

We provided training in London to the CNWL Trust Council of Governors Conference in relation to the health needs of Looked After Children.

Education of Our Children in Care

Virtual School Update April 22-March 23

Milton Keynes Virtual School works with children aged 2-18 who are in the care of Milton Keynes City Council (MKCC). Many of these children will have experienced distress, loss and trauma which may affect their development and education. The Virtual School (VS) also offers advice and guidance to parents, carers, education settings and social workers working with children who are previously looked after (PLAC) and those who have a social worker.

Specifically, the Virtual School are here to:

- **Promote** the educational achievement of children and young people who are looked after, previously looked after children and those who have social care involvement.
- **Raise** attainment for the children and young people that are looked after by Milton Keynes City Council.
- **Advise** and guide professionals working with looked after children, previously looked after children and children with a social worker.
- **Support** schools to develop programmes and systems which will ensure the gap is narrowed between looked after children and their non-looked after peers.
- **Train** professionals working with children that come under the remit of the Virtual School.
- **Champion** the educational needs of all children with partner agencies who are involved with those children who are looked after, previously looked after or have social care involvement.

As outlined in the Virtual School Annual Report 21/22, key areas for development with associated actions were identified. An update on the progress of these areas in the April 22-March 23 reporting period are outlined below:

Key Area for Development	Key Actions Identified	Update as of 31/03/23
<p>Improve understanding and practice around the work of the Virtual School, increasing aspirations for our children and young people and championing their educational progress</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Development of the Virtual School Governing Board • Delivery of the Virtual School Conference with a focus on working to secure the best outcomes for children with social workers • Updating the Virtual School website to improve communication with all stakeholders 	<p>The VS Conference was delivered to a mixture of Designated Teachers and Designated Safeguarding Leads and was positively reviewed by attendees. The practice of the Virtual School is regularly reported to the Education Learning and Inclusion Board, VS Governing Board and School Performance Board. Additionally, the VS work with an Education Champion as part of the MKCC Councillor Champion Model.</p>
<p>Ensuring that Personal Education Plan (PEP) completion is as close to 100% as possible</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Greater challenge of all professionals to meet deadlines and engage with the PEP process 	<p>The completion of core PEP meetings is consistently between 95-98% in this reporting period. Initial PEP completion requires further intervention in the next reporting period.</p>
<p>To secure adequate staffing within the Virtual School to allow for manageable caseloads as well as fulfilling the wider responsibilities of the Virtual School Head (VSH) with regards to children with a social worker</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Review of Virtual School staffing and potential recruitment 	<p>The team has increased in size with the fixed-term appointments of a Lead VS Officer for Vulnerable Children (to fulfil the Children with Social Worker extended duties) and an additional PEP Quality and Compliance Officer. This has allowed for more manageable caseloads.</p>

Key Area for Development	Key Actions Identified	Update as of 31/03/23
<p>Avoiding 'drift and delay' when a young person needs a school move, especially when this is out of area</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Continued promotion of the need to work closely with social care colleagues to plan school moves where necessary • Continued contact with other virtual schools for advice when a child or young person is placed in another local authority 	<p>Placement referral forms have been updated to note the advice of the VS. Monthly exception reporting of 'non-standard school places' to Head of Corporate Parenting to ensure clear communication. The VSH has challenged professionals responsible for school admissions for children without school places who are placed out of MK and escalated to the Children's Commissioner as necessary. Advice about local education settings and arrangements are sought from appropriate virtual schools to aid decision making. There continue to be children who are not on a school roll due to their personal circumstances however in addition to seeking school places for these children, the Virtual School provide (or support the application for) tutoring arrangements in the interim.</p>
<p>Focussing a strand of the work of the Virtual School on raising aspirations; both raising the aspirations of the children and young people we work with themselves and the adults who work alongside them.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • PEP Officers asking specific questions where attainment or progress in PEPs in less than expected and working with others to support individual strategies to improve this • Tracking attainment data more effectively 	<p>Quality assurance of all Core PEPs is undertaken by the VSH and Deputy VSH to ensure that PEPs are comprehensive and if they do not meet expectations that actions are taken to remedy this. Progress data is reviewed by VSH and reported to School Performance Board.</p>

Key Area for Development	Key Actions Identified	Update as of 31/03/23
Reduction in the number of children and young people classed as Persistent Absentees and/or are not in full-time education	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Improved attendance monitoring and communication between Virtual School Officers and Social Workers 	New contract for external attendance monitoring implemented for both statutory school age children and post-16 learners. Attendance analysed to identify trends and concerns – these are reported to social workers for information and support. Additionally, monitoring of suspension data has been more accurate because of these arrangements allowing for increased challenge by the VS.
Reduction of suspensions for looked after children and vulnerable children	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Continued support and robust challenge 	The pattern for number of suspensions has shown an increase in this reporting period despite VS intervention and support. This is due to several complex factors including children in settings that cannot adequately meet their needs and requiring new settings to be agreed. Training on exclusions and suspensions has been delivered to all VS staff to encourage robust challenge in all meetings. Reduction in suspensions remains a key focus in the next reporting period. There have been no permanent exclusions this year and the VS have worked with settings to avoid at least three permanent exclusions this year.

Key Area for Development	Key Actions Identified	Update as of 31/03/23
<p>We are keen that our post-16 support, specifically, the aspirations and interventions for the small cohort of NEET is an area of focus</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Review of post-16 Virtual School support 	<p>There is an embedded Personal Advisor (PA) working four days per week with post-16 LAC who are NEET. The PA has worked hard to build relationships and encourage engagement with opportunities whilst documenting all engagement in PEPs held on the young person's file. This has been positively reviewed in a Matric Accreditation Review in January 23. The Virtual School are active participants in the Operational and Strategic EET Panels.</p>
<p>Ensuring that the quality training sessions that are provided by the Virtual School team have a higher take-up and reach across all stakeholders</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Training offer delivered to foster carers, education settings, governors, and social workers 	<p>Extensive training sessions delivered across stakeholder groups including foster carers, education settings and school governors. Designated Teacher forums are delivered termly in addition to 'New to Role' training sessions. VS Conference delivered in November 22. There is an extensive free training offer available to schools and professionals advertised on the VS website. Further training for social workers will need to be developed in the next reporting period.</p>

Key Area for Development	Key Actions Identified	Update as of 31/03/23
The strategic implementation of the guidance for children with a social worker (CWSW)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Continued promotion of the services of the Virtual School, including the support for PLAC and CWSW. This includes advice and guidance as well as internal and external training offers in addition to regular communication with Designated Teachers 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Attendance at weekly Emergency LAC Panel Advice and guidance to Social Workers and Independent Reviewing Officers to support children on CIN and CP plans Training offer advertised on VS website Tailored session delivered as part of VS Conference Reviewing data for CWSW on part-time timetables at Legacy Panel Weekly drop-in sessions for social workers to discuss cases and formulate plans <p>This will remain a focus for the next reporting period.</p>

At the end of the April 2022 - March 2023 reporting period, the Virtual School have identified the following as key strengths:

- The Virtual School team continues to be knowledgeable and committed. PEP Officers are specialists within their educational phases with up-to-date knowledge of attachment and trauma-aware research. Their continued work has ensured that there are strong relationships between schools and providers, especially post-16 links with MK College. Additionally, the Virtual School has strong links with peers across virtual schools in the South East region. The team work well with other professionals including Social Workers, Designated Teachers, Carers, SEN teams and Educational Psychology colleagues to support and challenge others to provide the best for our children and young people. When all of the team are operational, there is sufficient capacity.
- The Virtual School continues to be proud of the preventative and advocacy work undertaken to prevent permanent exclusions.
- Delivery of the Book Trust Letterbox Parcel programme to targeted primary year groups to support literacy and empowerment. These are received positively by children and carers. One letter received by the Virtual School reported the following:

“I am writing to thank you for the books and items you have sent to S. We both enjoyed reading and playing with them. S looked forward to receiving the purple envelopes and the Gruffalo book at the end.”

- The PEP process is well established with built-in quality assurance of requests for Pupil Premium Plus funding. Communication with education settings is clear with information on the MKCC Virtual School website, in the Designated Teacher handbook and in the training sessions offered.
- The Virtual School provision for 16–17-year-olds who are NEET.
- The appropriate scrutiny and challenge provided by the Virtual School SPB and Governing Board.

Further information can be found in the Virtual School Annual Report.

Care Experienced Young People (Care Leavers)

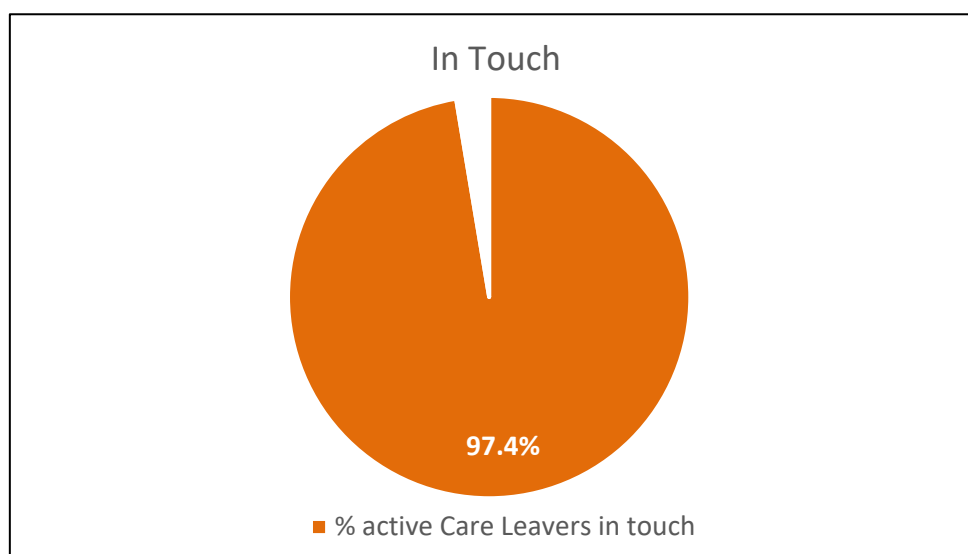
- Number of Care Leavers

Year	Number of care experienced young people
31 March 2023	228
31 March 2022	208
31 March 2021	176
31 March 2020	182

We have an increasing population of care experienced young people who are entitled to a service post 18. To respond to this demand, we have increased capacity of Personal Advisors from 10 to 12 and plan to increase further from 12 to 14 to be able to provide support to those approaching 18.

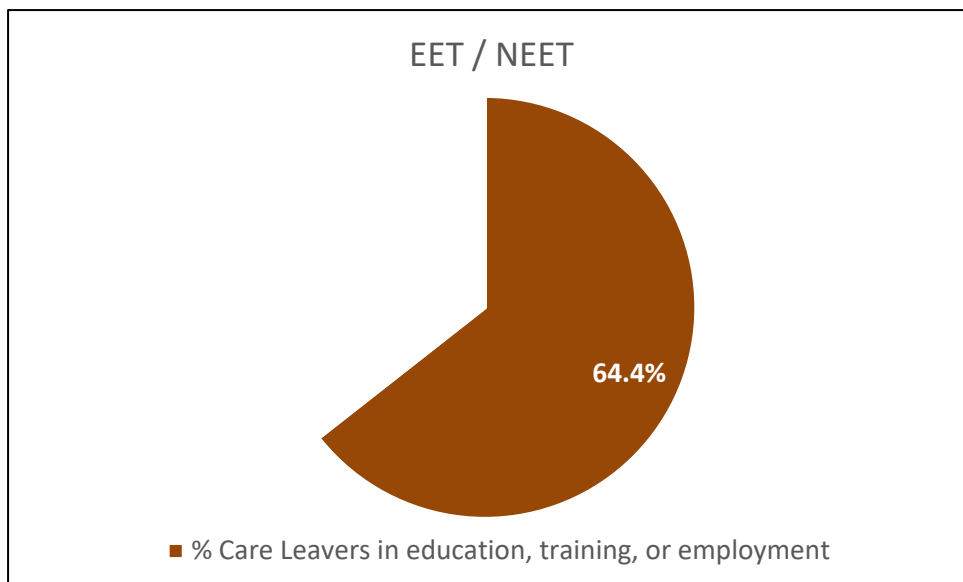
Number of Care Leavers in Touch

We are currently in touch with 97.4% care leavers. This has increased since end of March 2022. Compared to the National rate 2021/22 which is 92%.



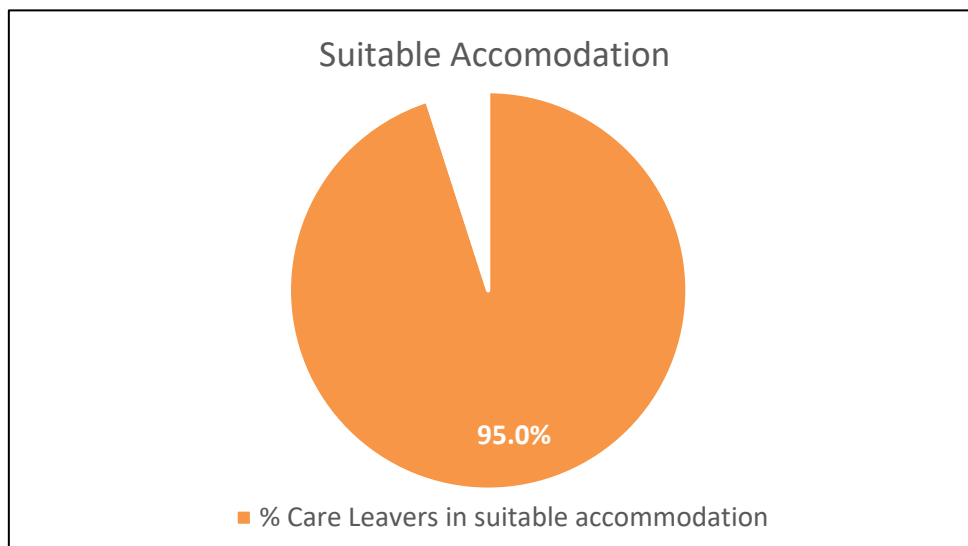
Young People in Education/Employment/Training

We have supported more young people into education/employment and training over the last 12 months from 59.9% to 64.4%. We are working closely with colleagues across the council and partners. We have an ambitious target of 70% this year.



Care Experienced Young People in Suitable Accommodation

We have 95% of our young people in suitable accommodation. Those who are considered not in suitable accommodation are in custody, no fixed abode or in bed and breakfast. The latter two young people have not been contactable, so we do not have an up-to-date record.



Looking Forward to the Year Ahead

- To recruit 15 foster carers, to enable us to grow our fostering community and keep children close to their communities.
- Retention of foster carers through effective support and supervision and valuable training offer.

- Ambitious for young people with care experience with a focus on supporting more young people into education/employment/training with a target of 70%.
- Children's Services to develop a greater understanding of the mental wellbeing needs of children and young people, build on partnership with CAMHS to have better mental health support for children in care.
- Continued throughput to secure permanence early for children.

N/B - This report does not include any information from our Independent Reviewing Officers, a separate annual report will be provided later in the year by Jenny Thomas Safeguarding Manager

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What Type of Housing Does Milton Keynes Need And How Can It be Delivered?

Report of the Housing Need Task and Finish Group

September 2023



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Note on the Text

After the first reference, the “What Housing Does Milton Keynes Need? Task and Finish Group” will be referred to as either “the TFG” or “the Group” and Milton Keynes City Council will be referred to as “the Council” throughout this report.

1. Introduction and Task and Finish Group Membership

Task and Finish Groups (TFGs) are established by the Council's Scrutiny Function to carry out time-limited examinations of specific issues of interest or concern. This may include reviewing particular proposals or decisions as well as giving input to policy development. They are small cross-party working groups of interested councillors who scrutinise an issue in depth.

The Housing Need Task and Finish Group was established during the 2021/22 council year by the Scrutiny Management Committee to identify the types of affordable and social housing the Council needed to build, acquire, or get built by others, to meet the needs of Milton Keynes residents, together with the most appropriate route for delivery, as councillors were concerned that this need was not being adequately met by current house building programmes.

Membership of the Group was cross-party, on a 2:2:2 basis. For 2021/22 Councillors Ferrans, Fuller, Hume, Marlow, Reilly and Verma were members of the Group, with Alex Melia as the Scrutiny Officer. Following changes to the make-up of the Council at the May 2022 elections, Councillors Marlow and Reilly stood down, being replaced by Councillors Balazs and Montague. Due to restructuring of the Democratic Services Department, Elizabeth Richardson replaced Alex Melia as the Group's Scrutiny Officer.

The Group's Terms of Reference can be found at Annex A.



Members of the TFG on a site visit to the new modular housing development at Pencarrow Place, Fishermead

L to R: Councillor Jenni Ferrans, Elizabeth Richardson (Overview & Scrutiny Officer), Councillor Manish Verma, Councillor Ed Hume (Chair) and Councillor Donna Fuller

2. Foreword from the Chair

This has been a wide ranging and difficult topic to scrutinise, set against an ever changing backdrop of the constantly changing housing policies from central government and the current financial crisis, which has meant a 7% cap on social housing rents, greatly reducing the Council's income into the Housing Revenue Account (HRA) and its ability to borrow against that income in order to take its plans to both increase its housing stock and to improve the existing stock.

I would like to thank all the officers and witnesses for their support for this Task and Finish Group. Thank you to Elizabeth Richardson for all her excellent support in organising and drafting the report and the members of the Group who have asked searching questions.

It has not been the smoothest of Task and Finish Groups, as it has had to scrutinise a very broad and complex problem but there are some clear recommendations that can be taken forward, that whilst they won't bring a complete solution to the problem, will help the Council work with its partners to start improving the housing situation in Milton Keynes.

The purpose of this report is:

- (i) to outline the work the Housing Needs Task and Finish Group has carried out to identify the types of affordable¹, social and other housing the Council needed to build, acquire, or commission, in order to meet the needs of Milton Keynes residents; and
- (ii) to present the Group's recommendations to Cabinet on 12 September 2023.

This report is the result of the Group's evidence gathering, analysis and consideration of the factors which could affect the provision of suitable housing in Milton Keynes in the future.

On behalf of the Group, I commend it to Cabinet and the wider Council.

Councillor Ed Hume
Chair, Housing Needs Task & Finish Group

4 September 2023

¹ See Annex C for a definition of "affordable" housing

3. Task and Finish Group Work Programme

The Group met on a number of occasions to consider the following:

Date	Subject
15 March 2022	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>The Housing and Economic Needs Development Assessment (HEDNA)</i> – Principal Planning Officer • Work of the Enablement & Partnership Team - Team Leader - Strategy & Commissioning • <i>The Allocations Scheme - Demand and Need Overview</i> - Housing Allocations Manager
28 July 2022	Planning meeting to reset the work programme and timeline for the work of the group following changes to the membership of the Group and support officer resources
22 August 2022	A round-table discussion on the causes of housing need, what frees up available housing, whether the work of the Group could influence / impact the current housing crisis and how it could influence the medium to long-term supply of affordable housing in Milton Keynes and who does the Group need to hear from at future meetings?
15 September 2022	This scheduled meeting was cancelled as it fell in the period of National Mourning for her late Majesty, Queen Elizabeth II
29 September 2022	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Raising the Local Housing Allowance <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Reviews & Business Improvement Manager • Report on Level of Housing Benefit in MK <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Group Head of Revenues and Benefits • Work of MKDP to Deliver Affordable Housing in MK <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Property Development Director, MKDP
17 November 2022	Closed Session: attended by the Housing Delivery Team
13 December 2022	Closed Session: Review of evidence and formulation of initial recommendations
09 February 2023	Meeting with the Housing Service Manager: Supply and Acquisitions and Private Sector Housing Manager
14 February 2023	Site visit to modular housing development at Fishermead

19 April 2023	Closed Session: Meeting with the Planning Policy Manager and Principal Planning Officer (Development Plans) to discuss the Housing and Economic Development Needs Assessment (HEDNA)
5 July 2023	Draft Report presented to Corporate Overview and Scrutiny Management Committee for approval

At the meeting on 28 July 2022 the Group agreed that it would present the final report Cabinet as soon as practicable in the 2023/24 council year.

This was a longer timescale than would generally be needed for a Task and Finish Group, but it should be noted that during October 2022 and then January 2023, both the Chair and the Scrutiny Officer had needed to concentrate on the work the Budget and Resources Scrutiny Committee did in relation to the preparation of the Council’s draft 2023/24 budget. A further delay to progress was caused by the suspension by the Council of meetings during the period of National Mourning for HM, The Queen, during September 2022.

The agenda, reports, presentations and minutes for those meetings which were held in public are available on the Council’s Meeting Information System website (Modern.Gov): [Housing Need Task & Finish Group](#)

4. The Evidence

Over the course of its work, the Group received a large amount evidence, both oral and written, which it has used to draw its conclusions and formulate the recommendations set out in this report. As well as the evidence received during meetings, the Group also undertook a lot of background reading and a list of those supporting documents is included at Annex B.

At its first meeting the Group received a number of presentations which covered the draft *Housing and Economic Needs Development Assessment*, the work of the Enablement and Partnership Team, an overview of the demands on the Council's Housing Allocations Scheme and the needs of those using the scheme.

During the session the Group noted the following key points:

- That the housing need, including that projected at the time, for affordable housing of different sizes and tenures, is calculated as part of the national planning policy, using a standard formula. Councils may then add additional housing. Local Plans which do not meet the housing need formula are unlikely to be accepted;
- In 2020 there were 49 private registered housing providers working in Milton Keynes with 15,261 homes reported, 11,118 tenanted council houses, plus an additional 1,618 leasehold properties and 953 shared ownership properties;
- The average waiting time for a council property in Milton Keynes following receipt of an application was approximately 18 months, which was considered favourable in relation to other local housing authorities. However, this varied considerably, depending on the size of property required, and the need for disabled adaptations, with those needing larger properties having longer waits.

At its meeting in August, the Group considered the core question of “What causes housing need, what data is available to indicate that demand may change and how does the Council plan to resolve it?”, producing a list of a wide range of factors (see Table 3).

The Group then considered the question “What frees up available housing?”, coming up with a much shorter list than that for the causes of housing need (Table 3). The Group then raised a number of other questions and discussed possible witnesses for future meetings.

During the September meeting the Group received detailed presentations on the Local Housing Allowance (LHA) and the shortfall between that and the level of rents in Milton Keynes, the level of housing benefit in Milton Keynes and the work being done by the Milton Keynes Development Partnership (MKDP) to provide affordable housing for both sale and rent on its development sites in Milton Keynes.

The next meeting of the Group was a closed session attended by the Head of Housing Delivery and the Team Leader for Strategy and Commissioning.

Earlier that day, the Chancellor had announced a cap on social housing rents of 7%. Although below the current rate of inflation at the time (10.7%) this was better than the 5% cap which had been anticipated and on which the Finance Team had done some modelling of the possible effects of a cap at that rate. This work would now have to be redone and there would therefore be a delay before the full financial position was clear.

The key takeaway point from this meeting was that the current financial crisis meant that the Council had moved from having positive headroom for borrowing within the HRA to negative headroom. This would limit what it could deliver to increase its housing stock in the short-term, as well as having a negative impact on the work being done by the Repairs and Maintenance Service and the Regeneration and Renewal Programme to bring existing housing stock up to an acceptable standard.

The Group also noted that even if the Council was able to proceed with every development in its pipeline, it still wouldn't be enough to fill the housing need gap by providing permanent homes for all those currently in temporary accommodation / on the housing register. This means that the Council remains very dependent on the variable provision of affordable housing to rent or buy by developers under S106 agreements.

At its meeting in December 2022, the Committee reviewed the draft report so far, agreed a number of additional sections to be included, started to formulate its recommendations and considered who else it needed to hear from in order to get an all-round grip on the issue.

In February the Group met with the Housing Service Manager: Supply and Acquisitions and Private Sector Housing Manager and were updated on the most recent figures for households in temporary accommodation, the number of rough sleepers, overcrowding rates, the need for more 2 and particularly 3-bed properties, the causes of delays in handing over newly completed social housing to the Council and work being done by the Supply and Acquisitions Team with private sector landlords to encourage them to take on council tenants with longer term tenancies to provide security for the tenants and support to landlords in managing their properties.

At its final evidence gathering session the Group met with the Planning Policy Manager and Principal Planning Officer (Development Plans) to discuss the housing aspects of the draft Housing and Economic Development Needs Assessment (HEDNA).

The HEDNA is an update of the 2018 Strategic Housing Market Assessment (SHMA) and will determine what housing should be planned for in Milton Keynes and influence future planning decisions. It will be used to formulate the new City Plan due towards the end of 2023 or early 2024. The data in the HEDNA would also be used by the Housing Department to decide strategy and plan the provision of social housing.

At this meeting, the Group also learnt that part of the work for the Local Plan was to be more creative in looking for alternative delivery mechanisms to provide the identified housing need. The Council was also looking at how developers could be required to match their affordable housing offer more closely to its needs. At the moment, the only policy was a city-wide average target, and there was no real mechanism by which the Council could be specific about what size of houses it expected to be delivered from any particular site. Sites being developed by MKDP received a planning brief from the Council at the start, but this did not apply for private developers. The Group agreed that the Council needed more confidence about what each site could deliver in the way of housing and welcomed the information that this would be more clearly addressed in the new City Plan with site-specific policies.

5. Evaluation and Conclusions

What is the Extent of the Housing Crisis in Milton Keynes?

As well as the long list of families to be rehoused, differential waiting times indicate that there is an imbalance between the types of housing needed and the types being developed. Councillors have been concerned for some years about whether the right mix of housing was being provided in Milton Keynes in both the private and public sectors to meet the needs of local residents. The anecdotal evidence, the time taken to sell properties and the waiting times for affordable housing all seem to indicate that there is too much provision at the lower end, ie 1 or 2 bedroom flats or at the upper end of 5 bedroom executive homes, with very little in the middle of average sized homes for average sized families with an average income. However, even this situation is somewhat skewed as many of the 1 or 2 bedroom flats are part of the luxury housing market, with prices for sale or rent way beyond that of the average person/family.

Although the Council has an ambition to provide many more council houses, as well as making significant improvements to its existing housing stock to ensure that it remains habitable, providing safe and decent homes well into the future, its ability to deliver on its ambitions is hampered by a constantly changing raft of government policies and regulations and the continuing squeeze on its finances.

The Group therefore set out to answer the question “What type of housing does Milton Keynes need and how can it be delivered?”

It was clear from the start of the Group’s work that the big issue was the availability of “affordable” housing across all sizes of housing and all tenures, and that the official definition of “affordable” housing (see Annex C) still put having a proper, safe and secure home of one’s own, whether that was rented, or purchased, beyond the reach of many of people.

During the course of its evidence gathering, the Group asked itself and witnesses a number of questions, identifying the core questions as being:

- What causes Housing Need?
- What frees up available housing?
- What can the Council do to impact/influence the current housing crisis and how can it influence the medium to long-term supply of affordable housing in Milton Keynes?

Other questions included:

- How many households are living in inappropriate housing (eg over-crowding)?

- On average, how many households are in temporary accommodation?
- Is relevant data from the latest census available and what can be learnt from it?
- Is it being used to calculate the future growth of Milton Keynes and the increasing needs of a local, ageing population?
- What is the ratio between births and deaths in Milton Keynes?
- Can the Council's databases be used to predict possible demographic changes?
- How many young people brought up in Milton Keynes have moved out of the area as they can't afford to stay?
- Are they moving back later in life?
- Are housing association tenants in shared ownership properties trapped in a system they can't get out of due to a lack of suitable "move-on" housing?

For some of these questions there are many answers, some are difficult to quantify, as the situation is constantly changing, eg how many households are living in temporary accommodation, and for some there may be no answer at all.

In order to address some of these questions, the following tables and appendices are provided:

Table 1: Breakdown by Type of Milton Keynes City Council Social Housing Properties;

Table 2: Social Housing Waiting List in Milton Keynes

Table 3: A list of demographic factors that influence housing need and the nature of change they produce

Appendix 1: Housing Growth Predictions for Milton Keynes 2022-50

Appendix 2: Overall Housing Mix, Type and Size

Appendix 3: Housing supply diagram.

Note: Where data has changed since the Group's meetings, the most up to date information has been included in the report where possible

What is the Impact of this Crisis/Shortfall?

What is the impact of the lack of genuinely affordable housing on the wider society, local creativity, cultural diversity and business entrepreneurship?

The following have been reported in economic surveys or in the census data:

- Difficulty in recruiting staff due to the lack of affordable housing in the area;
- Difficulty in providing services as a result;
- Loss of young adults to the city due to lack of affordable housing;
- Difficulty in working from home or starting up a business for many people due to overcrowding and thus restricting their employment options.

Conclusions

Predicting Housing Need

- a) It may be useful to think of need in two timescales – the short-term need over the next 2 years, evidenced by the existing waiting list and known demographics of existing occupiers, ideally to be satisfied by relets and homes already under construction and the medium to long-term period after that.
- b) The Strategic Housing Market Assessment (SHMA) would normally be the starting point for a long-term need prediction, but major changes to benefits levels, combined with the effect of COVID, have rendered the current SHMA significantly out of date, particularly as the 2018 SHMA was based on the data available in 2016, which is now 7 years out of date. Work is being done to update the SHMA, relabelled as the *Housing and Economic Development Needs Assessment* (HEDNA). This will form the basis of the new City Plan scheduled for publication later in 2023 or early 2024. The early draft conclusions of the HEDNA were reported to the April 2023 meeting of the TFG².
- c) The current housing list reflects the short-term need and trends which could be used to predict housing need over the next couple of years.
- d) Data on household composition and need could also assist in predicting needs (eg the factors in Table 3 – Demographic Factors) over the next couple of years.
- e) Similarly, trends in the availability of housing for relet could be used to predict the availability of housing from that source over the next few years.
- f) Data is available from the Planning Team on what affordable housing is expected within the next few years, updated annually, and on some of the housing expected in the next 10 years, although long term delivery timetables are not reliable.
- g) In general, any new build should address the longer-term need as indicated by the HEDNA, adjusted for the external factors that affect housing need as indicated in Table 3.
- h) The difference between short term need and supply should show up serious short term shortages that need to be addressed by the new build programme.

² A revised and updated HEDNA was published at the end of August, but this was too late for the TFG to take any changes into consideration as it had already drafted this report.

Ensuring Supply

- a) It is imperative that Registered Housing Providers (ie Housing Associations) do indeed offer the required number of relets to the Council as agreed in their policies, and the Council should monitor both their policies and the implementation for compliance.
- b) The Council must seek to maximise the fit of residents to property in its existing stock and encourage Registered Social Landlords to do the same; the TFG welcomes the recent incentives encouraging council tenants to downsize.
- c) The benefits of Sheltered Housing or other retirement facilities need to be promoted more positively to older and more frail residents, enabling them to down-size effectively.
- d) Bungalows, rather than flats, were often seen as more desirable for older people but in reality, these bring maintenance problems, particularly gardens, with which eventually residents can no longer cope.
- e) New homes come via council build, MKDP build and developer s106 provision. At present, there is a lack of detail in planning policy so that the Council cannot effectively require developers to provide the right size of housing that meets local need. This will be addressed in the updated Local Plan.
- f) The Council also needs to influence the provision of low-cost private housing as far as possible in order to reduce the demand on affordable/social housing.
- g) There is a massive discrepancy in the rates charged for 1-bed properties, particularly in HMOs³ when compared to the level of Local Housing Allowance (LHA) payable, which particularly affects young, single people who either have to, or want to, move out of the family home and more work may be needed on this.
- h) The current squeeze on Council funding means that planned house building will be much reduced. Inventive thinking is urgently needed on how else Milton Keynes can acquire the affordable housing it needs.
- i) The HEDNA conclusions on the housing needs of young people were not available for the TFG's evidence gathering sessions. The availability of affordable housing for young people in Milton Keynes will also be affected by the possible future development of an undergraduate university and again more work may be needed on this.

³ HMOs – Houses in Multiple Occupation

Ensuring Affordable Supply

- a) In some cases, 80% rents and private rents were above LHA rates, so costs need to be cut somehow and the use of social rent in new builds needs to address these categories in particular.

Housing benefit and other benefit levels are not affected by additional support schemes such as the Local Welfare Provision fund which provides assistance to those struggling financially to purchase necessities such as white goods, beds etc at low cost so it is definitely worth doing this.

- b) Similarly, the provision of cheap goods by charitable efforts eg toys, school uniforms and food, does not affect benefit levels, so this too assists with meeting household costs.
- c) The energy efficiency of homes does not affect housing benefits either, so measures to improve this would make existing homes more affordable to tenants and the Group welcomes the news that the Council has been successful in bidding for two grants from the Social Housing Decarbonisation Fund which will enable it to carry out insulation improvement works to 1,472 houses across 5 estates.
- d) The use of factory-made homes may reduce costs, and this needs to be explored further, with positive engagement with residents to explain the benefits and dispel the myths around this type of housing. The new, modular housing scheme at Pencarrow Place, Fishermead, has recently been completed and is being used to provide temporary accommodation for those in housing need who qualify for assistance from the Council.
- e) The Government needs to be asked to review LHA rates in Milton Keynes as a matter of urgency.
- f) More liaison is also needed between the District Valuer and the Housing Department as to where to find cheap properties, as there is a difference between the prices typically found and the prices used to calculate 80% rent.
- g) A fall in house prices might render more properties affordable to the Council to buy as part of its Supply and Acquisitions Programme, or to point applicants who might be able to afford to buy towards suitable properties.

Further work on young people's accommodation should consider whether the Council should be building/converting its own HMOs to provide affordable accommodation for single people on lower incomes? Is a flat/house share scheme a viable idea? Or even a "buddy" scheme pairing young people with older people needing help at home.

The Group briefly considered the problem that shared ownership properties rapidly become unaffordable with high cash premiums being charged locally on top of the share sale price.

6. Recommendations

Note: Where a recommendation refers to the 'Council' this is an umbrella term which includes both the Cabinet and council officers.

General:

1. That the Council should monitor and model the short term need for affordable housing, considering:
 - the need from the current housing register;
 - the likely need due to demographic changes among its tenants;
 - the likely relets indicated by trends in lettings;
 - the housing expected from developments already approved.
2. That the Council should seek to use acquisitions to meet any shortfall in the short term need if funds and borrowing limits permit.
3. That as a matter of course, the Council collects the right data, including ages and gender of any children when households apply to go on the housing register, and update it periodically for existing, settled tenants, in order to predict the household's changing needs in a few years' time as the children grow up.
4. That the Housing Delivery Team liaises with the Planning Department to ensure that the development of s106 housing is maximised, and a detailed statement of need is produced which is updated quarterly, including which types/sizes of social rented housing are most needed and what level of subsidy others need.

Working with Developers:

5. That, when the Council advises developers on the need for affordable housing it should consider:
 - the long-term predicted market demand;
 - any shortfall indicated by the short term modelling not able to be met by acquisitions;
 - the expected supply of already approved developments;
 - the expected relets.
6. That a more sophisticated land assessment process to establish the sizes of affordable and market-rate housing to be developed on each site or type of site, should be included in updated versions of the Local Plan and be an integral part of future planning policy.

7. That the Council should monitor the response from developers, and if some types of housing consistently fail the viability test on developments, the Council should prioritise those on its own development programmes and those of MKDP.
8. That the Council considers developing an incentive scheme for developers to speed up the final “snagging” of houses allocated to the Council and other registered providers.

Working with Registered Housing Providers:

9. That the Council maximises the use of its nomination rights to Registered Housing Provider (ie Housing Associations) properties and that it robustly challenges any refusals by Registered Providers to take nominated tenants.
10. That the Council ensures that it has up to date copies of the letting policies from Registered Providers and monitors their implementation to ensure that they are in compliance with the Council’s own policy on lettings.
11. That the possibility of establishing more co-living developments for the over 55s if the Wolverton one is successful and a possible “buddy” system between young and older residents be explored.

Working with the Public:

12. That the Council increases the use of factory constructed kit houses and “container” developments to speed up housing provision, reduce prices and initiates an information campaign to dispel the myths about them covering such matters as outer appearance, quality, insulation, speed and nuisance from the build phase, cost etc and encourages private sector developers to also consider similar alternative means of construction.
13. That the Council undertakes a promotional campaign, including open days, to dispel myths about the nature of sheltered housing and the benefits it can provide for older tenants.
14. That the Council also undertakes a campaign to encourage more tenants between the “empty nest” and elderly housing provision or those with very busy lifestyles, to consider the benefits of living in a flat, rather than under-occupying a house.

Cabinet Member for Adults, Housing and Healthy Communities

15. That the Cabinet Member for Adults, Housing and Healthy Communities, on behalf of the Council, continues to lobby the Department for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities to change its policy on local authorities being able to

retain 100% of their Right To Buy receipts and a reduction in the extent, or initiate local control of the Right to Buy policy generally.

16. That the Cabinet Member for Adults, Housing and Healthy Communities, on behalf of the Council, continues to lobby the Department for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities to revoke the Section 21 evictions policy.
17. That the Cabinet Member for Adults, Housing and Healthy Communities, on behalf of the Council, lobbies the Department for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities to remove the cap on social housing rents.
18. That the Cabinet Member for Adults, Housing and Healthy Communities, on behalf of the Council, lobbies the Department for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities to review the Local Housing Allowance rates for Milton Keynes as these are clearly insufficient in relation to the local, private sector rental market.

Response to the Housing and Economic Development Needs Assessment (HEDNA):

19. That the TFG welcomes the increased stress on the size mix in recent development plans reports and the resultant improvement in the numbers of affordable bedrooms achieved, although in total they still fall somewhat short of the old Strategic Housing Market Assessment target level of affordable bedrooms.
20. That the outstanding sections of the HEDNA and any changes from the draft be referred to the Housing, Planning and Placemaking Scrutiny Committee for scrutiny and comment once they are available.

7. Acknowledgements, Thanks and Commendations

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Thanks are also due to the IT Team who facilitated the set-up of the equipment necessary to record meetings and, where appropriate, facilitate remote participation by witnesses.

Table 1:**Breakdown by Type of Milton Keynes City Council Social Housing Properties**

Property Type	Numbers of units	Shown as a %
Bungalows	1971	17.5
Disabled adapted bungalows	573	5.1
Sheltered bungalows	111	1
Houses	5199	46.1
Disabled adapted house	12	0.1
Sheltered houses	1	-
Flats	2264	20.9
Disabled adapted flats	90	0.8
Sheltered flats	809	7.5
Maisonette	88	0.8
TOTAL TENANTED PROPERTIES	11,118	
Leasehold properties	1,618	
Shared Ownership	953	

Table 2:**Social Housing Waiting List in Milton Keynes***As at 04/09/23*

Total number of households on waiting list	571
Number of households requiring 1 bedroom	170
Number of households requiring 2 bedrooms	80
Number of households requiring 3 bedrooms	267
Number of households requiring more than 3 bedrooms	54

Overcrowding in Social Housing*As at 04/09/23*

Number of overcrowded households in MKCC properties	97
Number of households requiring 2 bedrooms	14
Number of households requiring 3 bedrooms	68
Number of households requiring 4 bedrooms	11
Number of households requiring 5 bedrooms	4

- *Households needing a three bedroomed house were likely to have the longest wait for suitable accommodation.*

Table 3:

Demographic Factors Affecting Housing Need






Causes	Effects
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Current level of housing benefit is lower than commercial/private sector rents and caps on other benefits 	<p>Increased demand for social housing as commercial/private sector rents are not affordable to those on benefits or even to those who are working but on a low wage.</p> <p>Increased demand for social housing rather than affordable housing</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Wages are too low - could worsen due to inflation 	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Changes to people’s financial situation, including changes to Universal Credit (eg a small wage rise could affect the level of in-work benefits, and the loss of the benefits was often greater than the wage rise) 	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Increase in poverty levels as a result of the above – likely to get worse in current economic situation 	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Section 21 evictions 	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Government’s definition of “affordable” isn’t genuinely affordable for most people 	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Family / relationship breakdowns caused by Covid, lockdowns, cost of living crisis and other factors 	<p>Single household splitting into two or more other households</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Increase in family size / blended families 	<p>Two households merging – could need a larger property</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Age range & gender of children which make room sharing inappropriate 	<p>Single household, but needing a larger property</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Grown-up children wanting to move out to their own place 	<p>Lack of suitable ‘move-on’ properties for young people starting out</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Young people not in employment, education, or training (NEETs) but can no longer stay in family home 	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Rise in the number of single person households <p><i>Although supply of 1-2 bedroom flats in Milton Keynes is good, they are often at the luxury end of the market</i></p>	<p>Increased need for affordable and social rented property.</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Aging population wanting to downsize but needing adapted properties 	<p>Once adapted these properties can only be relet to those needing the same adaptations</p>

Causes	Effects
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Older people being enabled to be independent in own homes with the assistance of care packages but who would rather be part of a retirement community to avoid loneliness and isolation 	<p>Single person occupancy of homes that are now too large and which could be released to house families if suitable alternative provision is available</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Population (of any age) with potential to downsize but unwilling to do so to the size recommended 	<p>Consider more work to investigate the different objections and consider ways to meet them</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> More and more single occupancy homes occupied by people with mental health needs or other vulnerabilities 	<p>Again, more provision of properly supported accommodation needed</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Health changes, generally caused by aging, but not necessarily 	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Domestic Abuse 	<p>Emergency accommodation often required</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Harassment or anti-social behaviour 	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Possible pressure on private sector rentals if a proposed university in CMK becomes fully operational 	<p>Hopefully will be mitigated by the provision of specially built student accommodation, although some students will prefer to live in the community rather than halls/student flats and provision may be insufficient</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Migration from other more expensive locations, eg London, and increase in working from home 	<p>Pushes up house prices locally if demand exceeds supply, particularly if influx is from more expensive areas</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> MK SEND offer very attractive to parents with special needs children 	<p>Sometimes requires extra bedrooms but generally this may have more impact on school provision rather than housing</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Developers supplying more smaller houses rather than family homes 	<p>Not enough provision of larger homes by developers leading to rising numbers in overcrowded houses</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> City status likely to attract more businesses to MK and create additional need for housing for their staff 	<p>Supply of “executive” housing generally good which could attract business owners/bosses but again lack of small and medium sized, medium priced houses for staff an issue</p>

Causes	Effects
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Current MKCC housing policy 	Failure to provide regulated HMO accommodation adds to the problem for young adults. Failure to detail size of homes required leads to incorrect mix being provided
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Not enough homes of the right size and affordability being built in MK, either council, housing association or private sector 	Demand in all sectors and price brackets is outstripping supply
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Marrying/moving in together 	May release 1 property for relet
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dying 	May release a property for relet but tenancy inheritance rights may come into play
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Evictions 	Can just move the problem down the line
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Job mobility 	Net influx of people into MK may be greater than those leaving
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Building enough homes of the right size and affordability 	The ideal solution but takes time and money


Appendix 1: Housing Growth Predictions for Milton Keynes 2022-50






The strategic approach for housing growth in Milton Keynes has been estimated as follows:


-  26,500 homes (across all types of tenure) over 15 years at a rate of 1,767 per annum set out in Plan:MK for the period 2016-2031;
-  Current rate of delivery for new homes in Milton Keynes is approximately 1,917 per annum;
-  The re-assessed Local Housing Need (LHN) figure using the Government's Standard Method of calculation and based on 2014 data, is for a total of 53,200 homes over 28 years (2022-2050) at a rate of 1,902 homes per annum;
-  A minimum of 511 of the annual 1,902 homes would need to be "affordable" homes;
-  Growth ambitions for Milton Keynes as set out in the draft HEDNA, however, suggest that an annual figure of 2,265 new homes per annum is more realistic, giving a total of 63,400 over 28 years to meet the needs of an expanding Milton Keynes.





Appendix 2: Overall Housing Mix, Type and Size Required


Based on the Local Housing Need requirement for 53,200 new dwellings to be built over 28 years (2022-2050), the estimate is that the following types and sizes of homes will be needed:





 37,600 dwellings at market value, as follows:

-  21,056 x 3-bed homes
-  10,904 x 4+-bed homes
-  3,800 x 2-bed homes
-  2,256 x 1-bed homes
-  376 x other homes

 12,000 dwellings at affordable rent, as follows:


-  5,640 x 3-bed homes
-  3,360 x 2-bed homes
-  1,680 x 1-bed homes
-  1,320 x 4+-bed homes

 2,300 dwellings at affordable homeownership:


-  989 x 2-bed homes
-  736 x 3-bed homes
-  391 x 1-bed homes
-  184 x 4+-bed homes

 1,300 C2 bedspace allowance (residential care provision)

Over the period to 2050, the following additional needs have also been identified:

 8,000 specialist homes for older people;

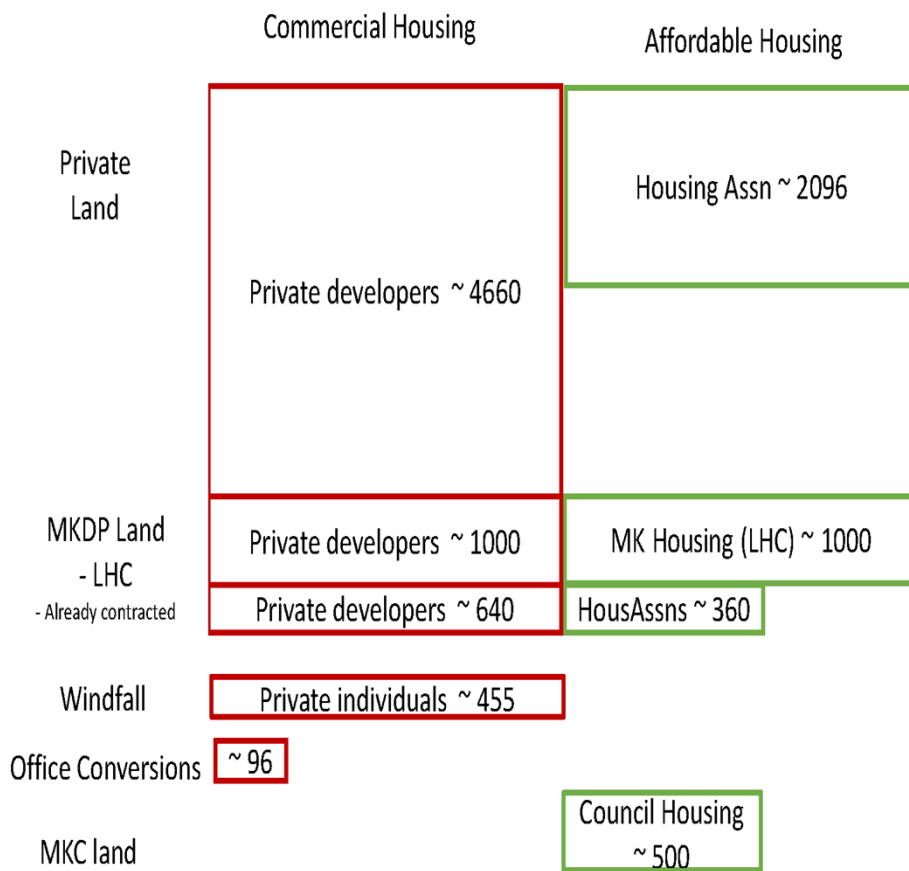
 9,000+ adapted homes, including 3,000 wheelchair adapted;

 Possible accommodation for up to 12,000 students in the private sector (depending on whether plans for a university in CMK go ahead).

Appendix 3: Housing Supply Diagram

Housing Supply Diagram

Housing Completions Planned over next 5 years – Very rough



Boxes are roughly to scale

Affordable housing

Under planning law developers will only build what we're allowed to require them to build which is

- No more than 31% total
- No more than 5% social rent
- From housing needs study
15% affordable rent
6% shared ownership

But rules have now changed leaving us

- No more than 31% total
- No more than 5% social rent
- 7.75% first homes (30% discount)
- 14.05% affordable rent
- 4.2% shared ownership

- if contract law applies we can ask for more – but it costs someone!

Annex A: Terms of Reference

1. To understand the housing needs of residents over the short, medium and long term.
2. To provide recommendations to inform the Council's policies on the quantity and type of affordable housing that is needed.
3. To provide recommendations as to what housing types might be most difficult to source and should therefore be for the Council to either build or acquire.
4. To provide recommendations to the Milton Keynes Development Partnership as to what types of housing it commissions from the new Local Housing Company.

Annex B: List of Background Papers

- [Taking on the Housing Challenge - A Scrutiny Councillors' Guide](#) (Centre for Governance and Scrutiny [CfGS])
- [What is Affordable Housing?](#) (House of Commons Library Research Briefing)
- [The Affordable Housing Challenge - A New Honesty?](#) (LGIU Briefing Paper)
- [A Decent Place to Live - Homes for Key Workers](#) (Unison/APSE)
- [Impossible Homes](#) (A report from the YMCA on the barriers to independent living for young people)
- [Falling Short Housing Benefit & the Rising Cost of Renting in England](#) (Crisis / Zoopla)
- [Social Housing and Overcrowding](#) (Shelter Briefing)
- [Affordable Housing - MK Futures 2050.pdf](#) (MK Strategy for 2050)

Annex C: Glossary and Definitions

Affordable Housing:

Housing for sale or rent, for those whose needs are not met by the market (including housing that provides a subsidised route to home ownership and/or is for essential local workers); and which complies with one or more of the following definitions:

- a) **Affordable housing for rent:** meets all of the following conditions:
 - the rent is set in accordance with the Government's rent policy for Social Rent or Affordable Rent, or is at least 20% below local market rents (including service charges where applicable);
 - the landlord is a registered provider, except where it is included as part of a Build to Rent scheme (in which case the landlord need not be a registered provider); and
 - it includes provisions to remain at an affordable price for future eligible households, or for the subsidy to be recycled for alternative affordable housing provision. For Build to Rent schemes affordable housing for rent is expected to be the normal form of affordable housing provision (and, in this context, is known as Affordable Private Rent).
- b) **Starter homes:** is as specified in Sections 2 and 3 of the Housing and Planning Act 2016 and any secondary legislation made under these sections. The definition of a starter home should reflect the meaning set out in statute and any such secondary legislation at the time of plan-preparation or decision-making. Where secondary legislation has the effect of limiting a household's eligibility to purchase a starter home to those with a particular maximum level of household income, those restrictions should be used.
- c) **Discounted market sales housing** is that sold at a discount of at least 20% below local market value. Eligibility is determined with regard to local incomes and local house prices. Provisions should be in place to ensure housing remains at a discount for future eligible households.
- d) **Other affordable routes to home ownership** are houses provided for sale that provide a route to ownership for those who could not achieve home ownership through the market. It includes shared ownership, relevant equity loans, other low-cost homes for sale (at a price equivalent to at least 20% below local market value) and rent to buy (which includes a period of intermediate rent). Where public grant funding is provided, there should be provisions for the homes to remain at an affordable price for future eligible households, or for any receipts to be recycled for alternative affordable housing provision or refunded to Government or the relevant authority specified in the funding agreement.

Housing Allocation Scheme: The Council's arrangements for the qualification and prioritisation of residents joining the Housing Waiting List.

Housing and Economic Needs Assessment (HEDNA): an assessment of future housing needs, the scale of future economic growth and the quantity of land and floorspace

required for economic development uses which will be used to inform the new City Plan in 2024/25.

Housing Revenue Account (HRA): The Local Government and Housing Act 1989 requires each local housing authority to keep a separate account for all transactions relating to housing provided by the Council. This is termed the Housing Revenue Account (HRA).

Housing Stock: Residential accommodation owned by a local authority and usually rented to local residents. Not all local authorities have housing stock, having undertaken a large-scale voluntary transfer (LSVT) to a Housing Association.

Housing Waiting List: The list of residents waiting for an allocation of social housing.

House(s) in Multiple Occupation (HMO(s)): A building that is occupied, as a main residence, by more than one household.

Local Housing Allowance (LHA): effectively the maximum limit of how much Housing Benefit can be paid to people living in private rented accommodation (with a few exceptions). Housing Benefit falling under the LHA scheme is usually paid direct to the tenant.

Social Rent: The rent set by councils and housing associations, with a limited rent (either is set in accordance with the Government's rent policy). Social rent is usually rent that is paid to registered providers and local authorities. It is low-cost rent that is set by a government formula. This means it is significantly lower than the rent a tenant would pay in the normal market.

Strategic Housing Market Assessment (SHMA): the previous assessment of the number of homes needed in future to inform local plans and housing strategies, which seek to meet housing need, support a healthy economy and achieve a 'balanced' housing market. The current MKCC SHMA was published in 2018. It is due to be replaced by the **Housing and Economic Development Needs Assessment (HEDNA)** – see above.

Scrutiny - An Explanation

As Milton Keynes Council has a Cabinet (Executive) system it is required by law to have a Scrutiny function to support and scrutinise its executive decision-making arrangements.

Scrutiny committees and scrutiny task and finish groups are not “decision making” bodies but are bodies which monitor and influence the decision makers. The committees and task and finish groups are made up of non-Cabinet members, and are designed to support the work of the Council in the following ways:

- assisting the executive in research, policy review and development and thus helping drive improvements in public services;
- reviewing and scrutinising decisions to be taken, or ones which have been taken by the Cabinet and officers, also known as acting as a “critical friend”, challenging policy and decision makers;
- considering the Council’s performance;
- reviewing the work of external organisations operating in the Borough to ensure that the interests of local people are enhanced by collaborative working; and
- enabling the voice and concerns of the public to be heard and listened to.

Each scrutiny committee or task and finish group has its own terms of reference. The scrutiny committees / task and finish groups consider issues by receiving information in a number of ways including by receiving presentations and taking evidence from councillors, Council officers and external witnesses or partners to develop an understanding of proposals or practices. As scrutiny committees and scrutiny task and finish groups have no decision-making powers they can present their recommendations to the Cabinet, full Council, Council officers, or external partners. The committees will often request a formal response and progress report on the implementation of recommendations that they have provided to various parties.

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If you would like to make a representation to councillors on behalf of yourself or others on one or more the items on the agenda, let us know you are attending before the meeting so that the Chair can be advised in advance, either by calling 01908 691691 (ask for the Scrutiny Team in Democratic Services) or by emailing democracy@milton-keynes.gov.uk You will have up to 3 minutes to address the meeting.

On occasions there are specific issues that the meeting must consider in private so everyone except members of the committee / task and finish group and key officers will be asked to leave.

If you want to speak on a matter that is not scheduled to be discussed by a scrutiny

committee or task and finish group, then please either call or email the address above and we will contact you to discuss how best to take this forward.

Meetings are generally held at the Civic Offices, Central Milton Keynes, the Chair of the meeting will try and make the meeting as informal as possible, but, by their nature, local authority meetings must retain a degree of formality, with the meeting being controlled by the Chair.

If you are to speak on an agenda item, you will be able to speak when the item is considered. The Chair of the meeting will either call out your name when it's your turn if you have given prior notice or ask if any members of the public wish to speak.

You will either be invited to come forward to speak or remain in your seat – the Chair will let you know.

Depending on the room in which the meeting is being held the committee / task and finish group may be using microphones. If so and you are asked to come forward to sit at the table provided, a microphone will already be there, if you are asked to remain in your seat, a colleague will bring a hand-held microphone to you.

When asked to speak, please give your name and let us know if you are representing any organisation or speaking in your own right.

The maximum time you will have to speak is three minutes. If there are lots of people wanting to speak, then the Chair might reduce the time per person to one or two minutes to enable everyone to have their say. Please try not to repeat what has been said before.

If you have been invited to give evidence to the scrutiny committee or task and finish group, you will be contacted by one of the Council's Scrutiny Officers who will brief you on what the committee and task and finish group would like you give evidence on and what to expect at the meeting. You will be allowed sufficient time to speak to give your evidence. You will not be limited to 3 minutes.

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Executive Report

Cabinet – 12 September 2023

Improving Hospital Discharge

Name of Cabinet Member	Councillor Emily Darlington Cabinet Member for Health and Wellbeing
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Exempt / confidential / not for publication	No
Council Plan reference	Ref No 6
Wards affected	All wards

Executive summary

This report is seeking approval to commission two new services that support hospital discharge and system flow using the Councils existing Dynamic Purchasing System (DPS) for domiciliary homecare services.

The services are a 24-hour short term live-in care for people suffering from delirium (for up to 2 weeks post discharge) and a bridging care service (up to 1 week post discharge), to provide immediate care and support in their own homes from the point of being medically fit for discharge.

Milton Keynes City Council (MKCC) and its integrated care partners have identified the need for services that will offer timely hospital discharge and reduce the number of hospital readmissions. There is also a clear view that going from full hospital support to reduced support packages of care at home (or no care at home) is impacting people's ability to fully recover.

Evidence suggests that patients who have suffered from delirium whilst in hospital, and previously lived at home prior to the admission, are best supported in their own homes. The service will be for a period of up to two weeks, to support people to resume their activities of daily living. A social work assessment will take place during this time to ensure that any ongoing care needs are met.

The bridging care service will enable the person to recover in their own home following a hospital stay. All too often discharge is delayed whilst care and support is arranged. To maximise the person's potential for independence, and help prevent any deconditioning, the new service will be put in place to coincide with the person being discharged from hospital when medically fit. The service will last for up to seven days.

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A social work assessment will take place during this time to ensure that any ongoing care needs are met.

Introducing both services will strengthen MKCC’s commitment to supporting residents to live independently, enabling them to live their lives with greater choice and control to achieve their maximum potential.

Providers of domiciliary homecare services in Milton Keynes will be invited to deliver both services via the DPS. The funding available for both services for 2023/24 is £0.650m, which is available until the end of March 2024;

It is anticipated that both services will be piloted from 1 November 2023 until 31 March 2024 and if deemed to be successful in supporting residents could be extended for up to two years at the cost of £1.950m. This would be dependent on available funding and approval.

1. Proposed Decision/s

- 1.1 That use of the Council’s existing Dynamic Purchasing System for the procurement of bridging care, and 24-hour live-in services to run for a period of 1 November 2023 until 31 March 2024, be agreed.
- 1.2 That authority be delegated to the Director, Adult Services to award the contracts within the budget outlined in this report.
- 1.3 That approval to extend both services for a period of up to two years, if following evaluation and subject to funding, the pilot has proved to be successful, be granted.
- 1.4 That authority be delegated to the Director Adult Services to award the contract extensions, if applicable and within the budget outlined in this report.

2. Why is the decision needed?

- 2.1 Both services align with the Council’s Delivery Plan to help people stay independent when they leave hospital and reduce hospital re-admissions.
- 2.2 The Council has an opportunity to pilot new concepts and has an obligation to explore innovation rather than commissioning traditional homecare services.

3. Implications of the decision

Financial	Y	Human rights, equalities, diversity	y
Legal	Y	Policies or Council Plan	y
Communication	N	Procurement	y
Energy Efficiency	Y	Workforce	N

a) Financial implications

An implementation fee of £4,032.00 is payable to Access the provider of the DPS.

The funding available for the two new services is £0.650m. For 2023/24 this is funded from the Hospital Discharge grant which is part of the Better Care Fund. It is anticipated that if the pilot is successful (and the grant remains available) then the service will be continued to be funded from the Hospital Discharge grant. The annual amount of £0.650m will remain the same unless the grant is uplifted by inflation and therefore the amount of grant for this service would also reflect this increase.

b) Legal implications

Procurement via the Adam Dynamic Purchasing System (DPS) is a legitimate route to the market and shall be compliant with the Public Contract Regulations 2015 and the Council's Contract Procedure Rules, provided that the terms and conditions of the DPS are strictly adhered to.

c) Procurement

The services will be procured via a Call-Off from the dynamic purchasing system, on an individual basis, not on a block basis. This will ensure compliance with the Council's Constitution and relevant UK and EU legislation.

d) Human Rights.

An equality impact assessment will be conducted separately.

4. Alternatives.

4.1 Do nothing.

Milton Keynes hospital readmission rates are higher than the national average and this impacts negatively on people's health and wellbeing and on hospital capacity.

This option is not recommended.

4.2. MKCC provides the service.

Providing the services inhouse is not viable. due to the significant additional cost and capacity required to deliver the services by the Council.

This option is not recommended.

4.3. Using the Home Care DPS.

Using the Home Care dynamic purchasing system to procure individual packages of bridging or short-term live in care. Domiciliary care providers on the DPS are CQC registered with a rating of good or above and must comply with both council requirements before being enrolling on the DPS. In addition, the Council has established a process of monitoring the quality of services provided and this will help to ensure that it supports the council plan.

This option is recommended.

5. Timetable for implementation

- 5.1 Once approved, implementation of the services can be undertaken with a go live date of October 2023.
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None

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Market Position Statement

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UPDATE ON YOUTH LED DEMOCRACY

Name of Cabinet Member	Councillor Jane Carr Cabinet member for Social Inequality
Report sponsor	Sharon Bridglalsingh Director for Law and Governance
Report author	Peter Taylor Electoral Services Manager Peter Taylor

Exempt / confidential / not for publication	No
Council Plan reference	Not in Council Plan
Wards affected	All wards

Executive summary

This report seeks to update Cabinet on the progress with the Council's Youth Led Democracy project, since the transition to Democratic Services in the second half of 2022. The transition of the service followed a [Full Council motion in January 2022](#), asking officers to expedite the return to school elections and to consider the introduction of a Youth Mayor and Councillor Youth Democracy Champion.

In September 2022 Councillor Mahendran was appointed as the Council's Youth Democracy Champion, in February 2023 elections took place across all secondary schools with turnout in excess of 90%, whilst in June 2023 the Council's first Youth Mayor (Chloe D'Souza) was elected.

1. Proposed decisions

- 1.1 That the progress, work and outcomes set out in sections 3 and 4, be noted.
- 1.2 That Cabinet offer any feedback or recommendations on the next steps set out in section 5 of the report.

2. Background

2.1 Further to the transfer of Youth Led Democracy, into Democratic Services in autumn 2022, informal consultation was undertaken with a range of stakeholders:

- Key Councillors, including the Leaders of all Political Groups, affected Cabinet Members and previous Youth Council members.
- Officers, including the Chief Executive and Director of Children's Services.
- Young people who were members of the previous body (MK YCAB - Milton Keynes Youth Cabinet).

- 2.2 Officers also made contact with colleagues from other authorities with established elected Youth Councils, Youth Mayors or similar, to understand good practice and challenges from elsewhere.
- 2.3 All those consulted were broadly positive about the work of MKYCAB over a number of years, but reflected on a number of opportunities for improvement. For example, there was a feeling that MK YCAB could be a more genuinely representative of young people in Milton Keynes. For a number of reasons (principally Covid-19) there had been no actual elections to MK YCAB since 2019.
- 2.4 MKCC Councillors in particular, felt there was a disconnect between MK YCAB and decision makers at MKCC. Whilst YCAB members attended Children and Young Peoples Scrutiny Committee, an opportunity was being missed for MKCC to understand the views of young people in the city, in decision making.
- 2.5 Existing YCAB members felt very strongly that resources to support campaign groups should be maintained and the value and contribution of YCAB campaigns over the years should continue to be recognised and supported.
- 2.6 Other opportunities identified during informal consultation were:
- a) securing representation from particular groups including those resident in Milton Keynes but attending school outside of the city, home schooled young people, and those with SEND requirements; and
 - b) providing opportunities for young people to learn skills that would form a pathway to serving as elected representatives of the future, via a body which broadly mirrored the governance arrangements at MKCC.
- 2.7 Officers therefore identified a number of objectives for 2023:
- a) Refreshed structure and renamed body in place from Spring 2023
 - b) Delivery of school elections in February 2023
 - c) Introduction of a Youth Mayor from Summer 2023
 - d) Revised meeting arrangements from Autumn 2023
- 2.8 Since the transition of youth led democracy into Democratic Services, colleagues in Children's Services have continued to play an important role, supporting, advising, collaborating and providing resources in key areas.

3. Progress against objectives

Refreshed and revised structure

- 3.1 Further to consultation a number of changes were agreed, including the renaming of MK YCAB to MK Youth Council. Additionally, an 'Advisory Group' comprising a core of Youth Councillors (Youth Mayor, Deputy Youth Mayor, Youth Council Chair, Campaign Group Leads [x2] and Members of Youth Parliament) was agreed with the intention of working analogously to the Council's executive. With time it is hoped a closer working relationship will develop between the Advisory Group and Cabinet / CLT.
- 3.2 Full details of the structural changes agreed are set out in detail, in **Annex A**.

School elections

- 3.3 Based on the school population each secondary school was allocated a number of places on the new Youth Council. Schools were provided with basic resources to support the nominations process and all schools engaged positively, with some embracing the opportunity to explore democracy by holding hustings or other activities. Of the 17 secondary school sites in Milton Keynes, 13 had contested elections and required a poll whilst in total 160 young people put themselves forward for election.
- 3.4 Secondary head teachers supported the idea of running elections as closely as possible to ordinary elections and referenda, so dates were agreed for polling at individual schools (a week had been allocated for polling and declaring the results) and ballot papers printed by colleagues in MKCC print.
- 3.5 The broader democratic services team supported the administration of polls on site (alongside designated school staff), and the subsequent count, which required most of the service and took in excess of 8 hours (most of the elections were multi member vacancies which require more labour-intensive counting methodology).
- 3.6 Results were announced on Friday 10 February and published on the Council's website. Since then, Youth Councillors have been inducted and supported in a range of ways:
 - a) A funded 3-day residential induction trip to Green Park Inspiring Learning Centre, at the end of March to team build, understand how the Youth Council operates, and agree initial roles.
 - b) Workshops led by senior officers including Mac Heath, Michael Bracey, Marie Denny and Sharon Bridglalsingh. Sessions have included; influencing decision makers, public speaking, and personal resilience.

Youth Mayor

- 3.7 A number of options were explored in relation to Youth Mayor elections, including the option of a directly elected position. Based on the feedback from other Councils who operate this model, and the resources and time constraints, it was decided not to pursue this option in time for February elections.
- 3.8 Alternatively, a framework was agreed for the Youth Mayor to be elected from the membership of Youth Council. In June, a special meeting was held to hear speeches from those nominated and Youth Councillors voted using a supplementary voting method, to ensure that the winner would have a strong mandate.
- 3.9 Chloe D'Souza was elected from the Youth Council as Milton Keynes' first Youth Mayor, whilst Maggie Beckett is Deputy. The Youth Mayor is currently working with the Advisory Group and officers to identify her priorities.
- 3.10 To support the role, a chain of office has been procured and our webpages have been updated to include the Youth Mayor's bio and an option to invite the Youth Mayor to events. This link is also on the Mayor of Milton Keynes web page.

- 3.11 The Youth Mayor has been busy in her first 3 months in role, speaking at Children and Young People’s Scrutiny Committee and attended events such as Bletchley Carnival and ‘Zine’ magazine launch in the central MK library.

Revised meeting arrangements

- 3.12 Whilst the Youth Council will continue to meet monthly at Civic, officers have worked closely with the Chair to develop a new agenda style, which will be prepared and published in a similar way to other MKCC meetings. The September meeting agenda is published on modern.gov.
- 3.13 Agenda items are a blend of traditional topics and new items such as a monthly debate, consultation responses and a look at forthcoming MKCC executive decisions and meetings.
- 3.14 Meetings will run in a similar way to committee meetings and be supported by Democratic Services, with summary minutes produced.

4. Other updates

- 4.1 Councillors J Carr and Mahendran continue to have regular briefings with lead officers for youth led democracy (Peter Taylor [Electoral Services Manager] and Lisa Thompson [Democratic Participation Officer]) guiding their work from a member perspective and exploring relevant opportunities.
- 4.2 In February, Youth Councillors attended YouthCon in London. Organised by the British Youth Council, it was a day of discussions, guests, workshops and campaigns supporting #YouthVoice and a positive social impact. During July, Members of Youth Parliament attended the UK MYP annual conference held at the University of Leeds.
- 4.3 In July, Youth Councillors helped to deliver a conference to commemorate 250 years of amazing grace in conjunction with Cowper and Newton Museum in Olney. Students from 7 schools were in attendance at an informative and powerful event.
- 4.4 Youth Councillors have also been part of consultations for projects such as the Good City and Central Milton Keynes Market Space, but the demand for views or representation from the Youth Council has grown and this will need to be managed carefully moving forward.

5. Next steps

- 5.1 Work for the remainder of 2023 will focus on continuing to support the Youth Council and Youth Mayor to embed, develop and work effectively. The Youth Democracy Champion and Cabinet member are keen to maintain momentum and make good use of the discretionary budget allocated to Councillor Champions in this area.
- 5.2 Moving forward, planned work includes:
- a) Exploring more organised and proactive two-way communication channels between the Youth Council and the Mayor, Cabinet, Youth Democracy Champion and CLT, to enable the Youth Council to understand and influence in areas where they have an interest.

- b) A review of the arrangements, resourcing and funding for Youth Council campaigns in the run up to the next British Youth Council 'Make Your Mark' ballot in February 2024.
 - c) A formal options appraisal of the arrangements for next Youth Mayor elections (February 2025).
 - d) An agreed, structured approach to how the Youth Council responds to consultation or representation requests from other organisations.
 - e) Development of an agreed plan (which will form part of the Council's Democratic Engagement Plan) for the Youth Council to play an active role in encouraging young people in Milton Keynes to understand and engage in politics, register to vote as soon as they are able, and improve turnout at local and parliamentary elections amongst young people.
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Annex A – Briefing Note – Youth Led Democracy Recommendations 2022-23
(November 2022)

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Briefing Note

Review of Youth Led Democracy 2022-23

21 November 2022

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Background

Following an informal consultation with a range of stakeholders, draft proposals for changes to YCAB were discussed with young people, Peter Brown (Head of Democratic Services), Peter Taylor (Electoral Services Manager), Sharon Bridgalsingh (Director for Law and Governance) and Michael Bracey (Chief Executive).

We have now formalised our draft recommendations below after receiving further feedback from young people, Cabinet member and Youth Democracy Champion.

Indicative membership arrangements are set out in the Annex A and the recommended outline structure is in Annex B.

Recommendations

The structure of MKYCAB

1. MKYCAB should become Milton Keynes Youth Council (MKYC), but without significant changes to branding etc (for example only the letters on the logo will change). There is a suggestion that our new “city” status should be incorporated but we feel MKYC sounds and feels better than MKYCC.
2. MKYC will continue to have a rotating Chair and will meet monthly. The agenda for full MKYC meetings will be agreed in advance of the meeting by the Democratic Participation Officer, in consultation with the MKYC Chair, and Youth Mayor / Deputy Youth Mayor.
3. Core membership of MKYC should be based on 28 elected places (or co-opted, in the event of a vacancy and by-election) for secondary schools in Milton Keynes. The number of places allocated will be based on the school population (Annex A) and will be reviewed annually. We believe that in addition, there should be co-opted places for other groups (for example, those who are home schooled), and we will consult further with MKYCC after elections in February.
4. A Youth and Deputy Youth Mayor should be introduced with a 2-year term (deputy becomes Mayor after the 1st year). The Youth Mayor will have a limited Civic role but will be a more public face of MKYCC. We propose that initially the Youth Mayor is elected from the membership on MKYCC, but that we will consult more widely on a directly elected Youth Mayor, and on the introduction of a Youth Mayor’s budget.
5. In addition to MKYCC we propose to introduce a sub-group of MKYC, (Youth Executive, or Advisory Group), which is elected from the membership. This sub-group would comprise 6-8 members including the Youth Mayor and Deputy Youth Mayor (who will chair the group) and meet every six weeks or so to feed views of young people on council plans and policies to Officers / CLT, Cabinet / Cabinet members and Council. Each member will have a portfolio or area of special interest. They will attend meetings such as Children and Young People’s Scrutiny and other decision-making meetings, as appropriate.

6. The maximum term for a MKYCC member should be 4 years (two terms, or part thereof). However, there will also be up to 12 co-opted mentoring roles agreed by selection panel comprising officers and some MKYCC members. To qualify, an applicant must not currently be a MKYC member and have previously served on MKYCC or a predecessor body (MKYCAB). Youth Council mentors may attend full Youth Council meetings and other meetings by invitation of the Chair of the relevant group. They may also be invited to assist with democratic participation events and initiatives (for example – attending school assemblies).

Elections

1. School elections should be in early February 2023 (and every second year thereafter) on a day (or days) agreed by MKSH.
2. To stand for election, a candidate should complete a nomination form which is subscribed (signed by) 10 pupils and endorsed by a teacher nominated by the school's leadership team.
3. Voting should be in person, following similar rules to local and parliamentary elections, utilising a register of pupils provided by the school, on polling day.
4. Candidates should be able to submit a 'personal statement / manifesto' of up to 200 words alongside their nomination papers, which will be placed on the Council's website (and the school's website, should they so wish) for school pupils / electors to consider prior to polling day. A support service will be offered to pupils who want to apply but are deterred by writing a manifesto.
5. The Council will provide guidance to prospective candidates and supporting materials for the school leadership team. They will also fix a date for an online briefing session for prospective candidates.
6. The number of resources allocated by the school in support of elections is discretionary, but we recommend that as a minimum, the schools will provide:
 - a) a designated area for polling;
 - b) a resource to sit alongside Democratic Services staff on polling day; and
 - c) a local framework for campaigning / awareness / debate, in the run up to polling day.

British Youth Council / Campaign Work

We note the strong and established links between the British Youth Council, Make Your Mark Ballots and local youth led democracy projects. Local campaign work has been popular and very well regarded by those young people who have participated. However, youth led democracy and youth campaign work are discreet areas of work and we feel there are opportunities to review this relationship in more detail.

1. The Council should continue its relationship with the British Youth Council and continue to nominate members of Youth Parliament. This will include schools participating in Make Your Mark Ballots on a voluntary basis, in the years that there are no Youth Council elections.
2. Members of Youth Parliament serve a 2-year term and can be elected from the Youth Council. To qualify as a member of Youth Parliament a young person should ideally have previously held a leadership role but would not usually hold a leadership role whilst they are serving as a MYP. Youth Council mentors or elders will be eligible to be members of Youth Parliament. We do not elect MYPs that would attain the age of 19 before 18 months of the two-year term are up.
3. Campaign work linked to Make Your Mark ballots should be less resource intensive and allow for broader participation than just Youth Council members. After elections we will explore and consult more widely on the arrangements for campaign work.

Annex A – Indicative YCAB membership

Name	Quadrant	Type of school	NOR (yr 7-13)	First language not English 2020/2021	Free school meals eligibility 2020/2021	Latest ofsted	Ward	Y-CAB Places
St Paul's Catholic School	East	Maintained	1875	56.1	20.6	Good (Nov 19)	Woughton & Fishermead	2
The Hazeley Academy	West	Academy	1592	15.6	13.6	Good (Oct 18)	Loughton & Shenley	2
Denbigh School	West	Academy	1753	16.3	11	Good (Jan 19)	Loughton & Shenley	2
Shenley Brook End School	West	Academy	1875	16.9	15.4	Good (Sept 18)	Shenley Brook End	2
Walton High	East	Academy	2795	21.7	20	Good (Jan 18)	Monkston, and Broughton	4
Lord Grey Academy	South	Academy	1430	14.8	29	Good (May 22)	Bletchley West	2
Ousedale School	North	Academy	2204	6.1	9.1	Good (Jan 20)	Newport Pagnell South, and Olney	3
The Radcliffe School	West	Maintained	1215	16.3	24.1	Good (Jan 20)	Wolverton	2
Sir Herbert Leon Academy	South	Academy	556	30.5	52.6	Inadequate (May 22)	Bletchley East	1
Milton Keynes Academy	East	Academy	1243	42.8	41.3	Good (Oct 17)	Woughton & Fishermead	2
Glebe Farm all-through	East	Academy	120			N/a	Danesborough & Walton	0
Oakgrove School	East	Academy	1810	18.5	14.6	Good (June 19)	Broughton	2
Kents Hill Park all-through	East	Academy	567	22.7	26.2	N/a	Monkston	1
Stantonbury School	North	Academy	1533	No data available	No data available	N/a	Stantonbury	2
Watling Academy	West	Academy	481	15.6	18.9	N/a	Stony Stratford	1

Mainstream schools total 28

Co-opted places (TBC)

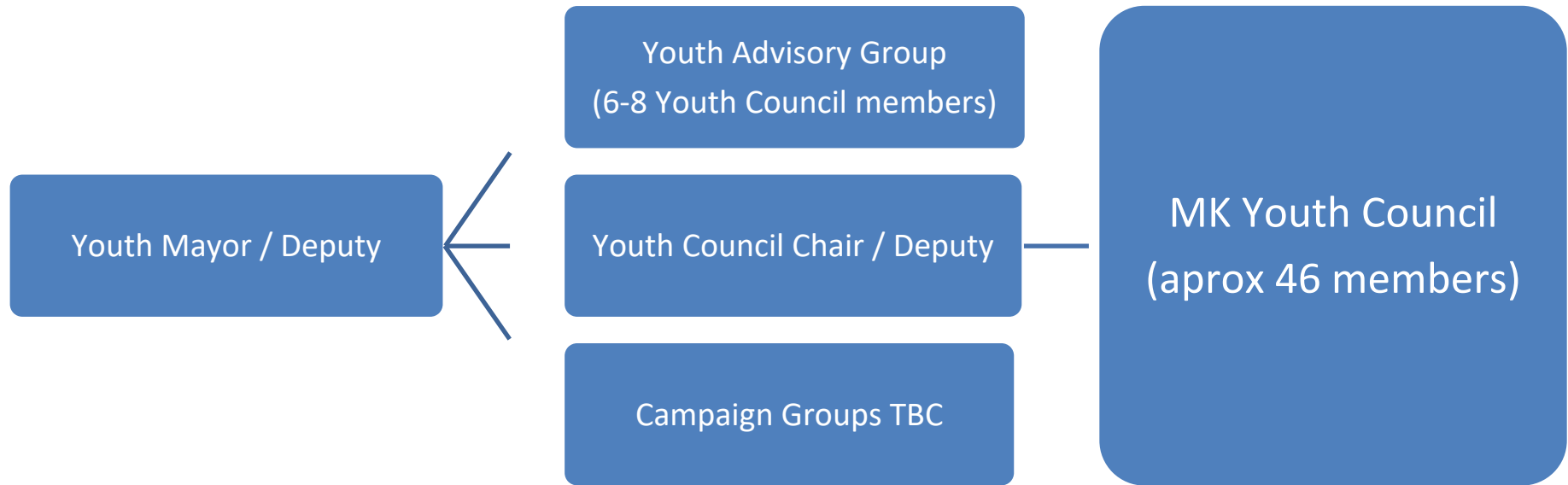
Indicative allocation 6

YCAB 'elders / mentors' 12

Co-opted total 18

TOTAL 46

Annex B – Recommended Outline Structure



Executive Report

Cabinet – 12 September 2023

QUARTER 1 FORECAST OUTTURN, 2023/24 GENERAL FUND REVENUE, HOUSING REVENUE ACCOUNT, DEDICATED SCHOOLS GRANT AND CAPITAL PROGRAMME

Name of Cabinet Member	Councillor Middleton Resources
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Exempt / confidential / not for publication	No
Council Plan reference	1 – “A Balanced Budget”
Wards affected	All wards

Executive summary

This report sets out the 2023/24 quarter 1 (QTR) forecast outturn for the General Fund (GFRA); Dedicated Schools Grant (DSG); Housing Revenue Account (HRA) and Capital Programme; based upon income and expenditure between 1 April 2023 and 30 June 2023.

General Fund Services are currently forecasting an overspend of £4.019m. The continuing increase in demand and uncertainty around the inflation is causing pressure in year and will also continue into the Medium Term Financial Plan.

The Housing Revenue Account (HRA) forecast outturn is an underspend of £1.265m, which will be offset by an increase in the planned level of Revenue Contribution to Capital (RCCO). There will also be a transfer between reserves (RCCO to Major Repairs Reserve) of (£0.458m) to reflect the decrease value in depreciation linked to our stock values.

Public Health budget is forecasting a contribution from the Public Health reserve of £0.422m. The forecast overspend is as a result of using £0.576m for one-off political priority projects, offset by an underspend in the service of (£0.120m).

The Dedicated Schools Grant (DSG) is forecasting an improved position with an estimated surplus carry forward £6.037m rather than estimated budgeted surplus of £2.897m.

The Capital Programme is reporting an in-year forecast underspend of (£22.057m), of which £21.053m is planned to slip to later years, leaving an in-year underspend of (£1.004m).

The report also includes recommendations to amend the 2023/24 Capital Programme, details of which are included in **Annex's M**.

The Tariff Programme is reporting and underspend of £6.036m, of this amount £6.036m is required to be slipped into 2024/25, leaving a nil variance. The report also includes recommendations to amend the 2023/24 Tariff Programme, details of which are included in **Annex's N**.

Proposed Decision/s

- 1.1 That the GFRA forecast outturn of £4.019m against budget be noted, together with the management actions set out at **Annex A** of this report.
- 1.2 That GFRA savings of £7.490m savings are forecast to be achieved (95% of budget) be noted, which is set out in **Annex B** of this report.
- 1.3 That the forecast outturn for the HRA is an underspend of £1.265m, which has been funded through an increase in the transfer to reserves be noted, together with the management actions set out at **Annex C** of this report.
- 1.4 That the DSG forecast surplus carry forward of £6.037m be noted, together with the management actions set out at **Annex D** of this report.
- 1.5 That the reserves position as detailed in **Annex E** are noted.
- 1.6 That the forecast outturn on the 2022/23 Capital Programme is an underspend of £1.004m after proposed slippage of £21.053m as detailed in **Annex F** of this report be noted.
- 1.7 That the forecast outturn position of the 2022/23 tariff programme as detailed in **Annex G** be noted.
- 1.8 That the debt position of the Council at the end of quarter 1 as detailed in **Annex H** are noted.
- 1.9 That the Write-off of an unrecoverable debts that exceeds £50,000 as detailed in **Annex H** are approved.
- 1.10 That the Treasury Management report including prudential indicators, as detailed in **Annex I** are noted.
- 1.11 That the virements to the original budget as detailed in **Annex J** are approved.
- 1.12 That the current position on the Collection Fund as detailed in **Annex K** are noted.

1.13 That the procurement waiver decisions as detailed in **Annex L** are noted.

1.14 That the additions and amendments to resource allocation and spend approval for the 2023/24 capital programme and Tariff Programme are detailed in **Annex M** and **Annex N** be approved.

2. Why is the decision needed?

2.1 To ensure that the Council delivers a balanced budget in 2023/24 in line with the Council Plan.

Key Issues

General Fund Revenue Account (GFRA)

2.2 General Fund Revenue Account (GFRA) – is currently forecasting an overspend of £4.019m. The Corporate Leadership team are currently assessing measures to address the projected overspend to ensure that this is brought back in line with the approved net budget.

2.3 The table below shows the forecast outturn position by service area.

Table 1 – General Fund Forecast Outturn

General Fund High Level Revenue Summary	P3 Position		
	2023/24 Full Year Budget	Forecast Outturn	Variance
Service	£m's	£m's	£m's
Adult Social Care	98.934	101.871	2.937
Public Health	12.517	12.517	0.000
Children's Services	55.640	56.731	1.091
Customer and Community	6.135	6.024	(0.111)
Strategy and Futures	0.000	0.000	0.000
Housing and Regeneration	0.000	0.000	0.000
Planning and Placemaking	2.137	2.174	0.037
Environment & Property	73.170	73.313	0.143
Resources - Retained MKC	5.196	4.902	(0.294)
Resources - Shared Services	(0.215)	(0.215)	0.000
Law & Governance	2.463	2.678	0.215
Corporate Codes & Debt Financing	18.698	18.699	0.001
Assets Management	(26.030)	(26.030)	0.000
General Fund Requirement	248.645	252.664	4.019
New Homes Bonus	(4.542)	(4.542)	0.000
NNDR	(72.599)	(72.599)	0.000
RSG	(6.731)	(6.731)	0.000
Public Health	(12.517)	(12.517)	0.000
Other Government Grants	(1.879)	(1.879)	0.000
Council Tax	(150.377)	(150.377)	0.000
Total Financing	(248.645)	(248.645)	0.000
Net Surplus / Deficit	0.000	4.019	4.019

- 2.4 The GFRA forecast outturn variance and management actions set out at **Annex A** of this report.
- 2.5 General Fund Services are currently reporting a forecast overspend of £4.019m. The Key GFRA Variances are:

Adult Services

- 2.6 Adult Social Care are forecasting an overspend of £2.937m this is due to:
- **Assessment, Review and Hospital Discharge** is forecast to overspend by **£1.563m**. Older people support at home placements has a predicted overspend of £1.200m, the average cost of home care packages has increased by 15% (from £0.017m in January 2023, to £0.020m in June 2023). In addition, there has been an increase of support at home packages (11%) from 484 in January 2023 to 546 in June 2023. An additional £0.905m has been added to 2024/25 budget.
 - **Autism Service** is forecast to overspend by **£0.409m**, £0.184m of the overspend relates to one complex package. Currently, there are 52 number of packages, compared to 47 in April 2023.
 - **Commissioning and Contracts** is forecasting an underspend of **(£0.789m)**. Care home placements are forecast to underspend by (£0.500m), predominately due to increases in client contributions and backpay of income. Domestic Violence is forecast to underspend by (£0.240m) due to grant funding for part of the core Domestic Abuse contract. Additionally, the Manor House Contract is forecast to underspend by (£0.056m) as the number of clients has reduced from 23 to 19.
 - **Homelessness** is forecast to overspend by **£0.929m** due to temporary accommodation costs. This is a result of the invest to save project introduced in 2020/21 which can no longer be delivered due to the current financial climate. The project aimed to reduce the overall costs to temporary accommodation by increasing prevention, move-on's and Assured Shorthold Tenancies. The current cost of repairs (including repairs after properties become void) is forecasted to be £0.534m overspent. Hotel use has increased to 21 households in June 2023 and 40 households are presenting as homelessness each week. An additional pressure of £1.4m has been added to the 2024/25 budget to reflect this pressure.
 - **Learning Disability** is forecast to overspend by **£0.420m**. External support at home is forecasting an overspend of £0.362m due to the increasing cost of packages, on average this is £0.027m (two packages are costing £0.325m).

- **Mental Health** is forecast to overspend by **£0.084m**, due to an increase in external residential care placements which has a £0.509m overspend but offset by a £0.402m underspend in external supported living placement. The new Supported Living framework is now live so there should be more availability of providers going forward. The pressure for 2024/25 has been increased to reflect the increase in placements.
- **Physical Disabilities** is forecast to overspend by **£0.187m**. This is due to a decrease in CHC joint funding packages. Additionally, Direct Payments are overspending by £0.125m.
- **Reablement, OT and Home Care** is forecast to underspend by **(£0.234m)**. This is due to 19 staffing vacancies across homecare (£0.195m). Whilst this service area is experiencing difficulties in recruiting to the vacant posts, a recruitment plan is in place, which included a recent campaign and ongoing adverts.

Children Services

2.7 Children Services are reporting a pressure of £1.091m at period 3, this is due to:

- **Children's Social Work Staffing** is forecast to overspend by £0.427m across the Family Support (FST) and Children with Disabilities (CWD) teams. The FST's have restructured into nine new teams, expanding from four previously. Significant investment was put into the budget to fund this change however there are a number of vacancies and long term absences which are being covered by agency staff to ensure statutory social work duties are being met and cases are allocated. Recruiting and retaining permanent staff continues to be a problem and the high level of agency use is putting a pressure on the budget. In addition, the shortage of agency staff means that the cap on agency workers has increased to £42 an hour, 67% of the current agency workers in the FST's are on the top amount.
- **Children's Placements** is forecast to overspend by £0.735m. The minimum allowance paid to in house carers is set by the DFE annually and rates were uplifted by 12.5% in April 2023 (4.5% was allowed for in the budget), this above inflation increase was announced after the budget was set resulting in a in year pressure of £0.383m. The number of residential placements continues to remain high. In 22/23 we had an average of 24 residential placements (up from 16 the year before) and in June 2023 we have 21 placements. We also have two unregulated placements which have significant costs of £17.5k per week each. The pressure for 2024/25 has been increased to reflect the increase in rates and demand.

Customer & Community

2.8 Customer & Community are forecasting an underspend of (£0.111m) at period 3, this is mainly due to an error in the budget for recovery of utility costs within the Sustainability team, as full recovery had not been fully reflected in the budget. Gas and electricity costs now being correctly allocated to the services.

Planning & Placemaking

2.9 Planning & Placemaking are reporting an overspend of £0.037m. This is mainly due a forecast pressure of £0.178m in land charges income due to a slowdown in the market. This is partially offset against additional DLUHC grant income that has been carried forward of (£0.159m).

Environment & Property

2.10 Environment & Property are reporting an overall pressure of £0.143m at period 3. This is due to:

- **Parking Income** – Income continues to steadily increase. Income in 2022/23 was 74% of that in 2019/20 (pre-pandemic) however, as the income trends were still being monitored, the budget for 2023/24 was set at 66%. To date, the income is tracking strongly against the target, and currently forecast to be £9.7m for the year, an increase of (£0.819m) on the budget. However, this forecast may be conservative and will likely to be increased to around £10m in the half year monitoring report. This will be in line with the position in 2022/23. A saving has been added into the 2024/25 budget to reflect this trend of £1m
- **Waste Tonnage and Waste Disposal Costs**
 - The cost of disposing of items of upholstered domestic seating is forecast to be £0.300m following new guidance from the Environment Agency that waste containing persistent organic pollutants (POPs) must go to incineration rather than landfill. A pressure has been added to the 2024/25 budget.
 - Insurance of waste facilities is currently volatile, and the Council was notified late last year of an annual £0.102m increase in costs for 2023/24, this is expected to higher next year as we are seeing a stepped increase over the last few years. A pressure has been added into 2024/25 of £0.200m.
 - Work is being carried out with the support of external specialists to review the MKWRP contract with unbudgeted one-off costs of £0.100m.

- **New Waste and Environmental Service Contract £0.570m** - The decision to award a five-year contract to Suez Recycling and Recovery UK Ltd (Suez) to collect waste, keep the streets clean and maintain council owned green spaces and play areas from 4 September 2023, at the very end of the budget process has resulted in a number of variances mainly due to updated assumptions which had led to an in year pressure in 2023/24, with the full year affect added to next year's budget of £0.717m. Key pressures include
 - Staff costs of £0.220m for the 7 months on the new contract as the pay award for April 2023 was assumed to be 5% when the budget was set but the final pay award was actually 8%.
 - Landscape contract costs are showing a pressure due to a review of the Geographical Information Systems (GIS) data included in the original contract specification. Work is underway to confirm the position but at this stage, it is estimated that there could be a pressure of £0.200m for the 7 months of the new contract following the inclusion of more land parcels in the contract.
 - 2023/24 is a combination of both old (Serco) and new (Suez) contract costs and an assessment was carried out before the budget was set as to the impact of this. The estimated costs are circa £0.150m more than provided for as a one-off pressure essentially due to increased inflation.
- **Street lighting Electricity Costs** - Following an update from the MKCC energy buyer, it is forecast that electricity costs will decrease in October 2023 rather than increase as expected when the budget was set. Whilst this has still to be confirmed and will not be certain until October, the street lighting electricity costs are forecast to be (£0.223m) lower than budget. This saving will be reflected in the updated inflation assumption in the future years budget.
- **Property Staff Costs** – There are a number of staff within the property team that are either recharged to capital or income generating schemes to offset their costs. As the year progresses and schemes are approved in line with planned delegated decisions, this opportunity to recharge becomes clearer. However, currently there are costs of £0.162m that require firm schemes to be allocated against, thus showing as a revenue pressure. Should the level of schemes not be sufficient to offset the costs of agency staff, a review of these costs will be undertaken.

Resources

2.11 Resources are reporting an underspend of (£0.294m) this is due to savings from staffing vacancies across the service but mainly in Internal Audit, HR and Professional finance. The vacancies are expected to be recruited to in year.

Law & Governance

2.12 Law & Governance are showing a pressure of £0.215m at period 3 this is due to:

- The legal service has a staff pressure of £0.073m due to the continued use of agency staff to back-fill vacant posts. Legal has also recognised a pressure of £0.021m for annual subscriptions. Legal income is forecasted to be lower than budgeted by £0.058m due to recognising trends in previous actuals received.
- The new voter ID system in place for elections resulted in a pressure of £0.035m from additional equipment required for the May 2023 local elections.

Housing Revenue Account (HRA)

2.13 The HRA is currently reporting a forecast underspend of (£1.265m). The underspend will be offset by an increase in the revenue contribution to capital reserves. There will also be a transfer between reserves (RCCO to Major Repairs Reserve) of (£0.458m) to reflect the decrease value in depreciation linked to the stock valuation.

2.14 The details of the HRA variance are included in **Annex C**. The key variations are:

- Social and affordable rental income is forecast to be £0.377m adverse, due to higher than anticipated voids (incl. out of management and Serpentine Court) with 291 units to date compared to a budgeted position of 248 units. Higher right to buy (RTB) stock loss with 13 units sold giving an annual projection of 49 units (budget 27 units).
- Service charges for caretaking and cleaning is forecast to be (£0.418m) favourable because of a change to the service delivery model used when setting the budget. The budget didn't take into account the removal of the phased capping.
- An increase in interest rates on current balances has led to a saving of (£0.434m) in 2023/24, although this will not be ongoing as cash balances are utilised.
- The latest inflation forecast on utilities predicts that electricity will increase by 8% from October 2023 which has resulted in a pressure of £0.036m, when forecasting based on prior year usage, gas costs will increase by 6% but reduce by 12% from October 2023 which results in a favourable forecast in Sheltered Housing of (£0.161m).
- Caretaking budgets for utilities based on the latest predictions has resulted in a forecast favourable movement of (£0.307m) on gas costs.

Public Health

2.15 Public Health is forecasting an overspend of £0.422m which will be a contribution from the ring-fenced reserve. The forecast overspend is as a result of using £0.576m for one-off political priority projects, offset by a continued underspend in Smoking Cessation Service (£0.120m) due to demand for the service not returning to pre covid levels. The demand trend is being reviewed and monitored regularly.

Dedicated Schools Grant (DSG)

2.16 When the budget was set, it was anticipated that there would be a surplus carry forward of £2.897m into 2024/25, however the forecast carry forward is a surplus of £6.037m.

2.17 The main area of risk is in high needs where there have been increases in the number of children requiring support at increasing levels of complexity. High needs funding remains a national issue and although we currently have a high needs surplus, this is one off and the future funding increases remain uncertain on the DSG and have not up until now, kept up with demand. In addition, the early years block is very volatile and remains uncertain in terms of the level of take up due to the impact of COVID-19. There is a low level of contingency in the block in which to deal with the pressures should they arise. Pending education reforms also add to the uncertainty to future funding levels.

Delivery of Savings

2.18 Savings of £7.723m were approved for implementation in 2023/24, and £0.163m savings were carried forward from 2022/23, resulting in a total of target of £7.886m to deliver in 2023/24. £7.490m (95%) is forecast to be delivered in year, and £0.396m (5%) will either not be delivered until next year or are undeliverable.

2.19 A full schedule of all delayed and non-deliverable budget reductions and income proposals is attached at **Annex B** to this report and sets out the detailed position on each of the individual proposals.

Collection Fund

2.20 The Collection Fund includes all income generated from council tax and business rates that is due in the year, including arrears, from council taxpayers and ratepayers.

2.21 The Collection Fund for Business rates will have an in- year surplus for 2023/24, details of this are set out in Annex K. Surpluses will be released into the General Fund in 2024/25.

2.22 The current position of the Collection Fund is reported in **Annex K**.

Reserves

2.23 The main reasons the Council holds reserves are to:

- Manage known financial risks;
- Hold funding as one-off contributions to expenditure, allowing ongoing revenue budget reductions;
- Manage timing differences between the receipt of funding and actual spend;
- Hold ring-fenced funds such as specific grants, trusts, schools or the HRA.

2.24 Reserves can only be spent once, and the on-going discipline of not using reserves to manage on-going expenditure must remain. Reserves are monitored during the year and reviewed at year end and when setting the budget.

2.25 The Council also has a working balance of £26.048m. This is below the minimum recommended level for 2023/24. Management actions are required to reduce the overspend in year to bring the General Fund balance back up in line with the minimum recommended level.

2.26 **Annex E** shows the reserves balances based on actual spending and contributions made as part of the MTFP and new in year movements approved by the Chief Finance Officer in line with the Council's Constitution.

2.27 The Council reserves are forecasting to increase from £172.493m to £204.693m by the 31 March 2024. The key increase in reserves relates to:

- Collection Fund Cashflow Reserve (£25.494m) – Our share of the surplus on Council Tax and Business Rates from the previous year cannot be used until the following financial year. This reserve is held to deal with the volatility of business rates income as a result of unexpected changes to income from appeals and potential future changes to the system by government and to help fund the pressures within the MTFP.
- Capital Reserve (£24.433m) – Using the Collection Fund Surplus to fund the pressure we have in the Capital Programme over the MTFP.
- Political Priority & Council Plan Reserves £8.407m – This reserve funds the Political Priorities & Council Plan Priorities of the Council agreed as part of the budget process.
- Waste asset renewal fund £3.918m - Through annual revenue contributions, the Waste Renewal Fund will be built up to enable the capital financing of replacement waste vehicles, once they reach the end of their useful life.

Revisions to the Capital Programme

2.28 There are a number of schemes that were not included in the original 2023/24 capital programme but have now completed the officer review process. Cabinet approval for resource allocation and spend approval is now sought to include new capital projects (summarised in **Annex M**) in the 2023/24 capital programme. **Table 2** summarises the changes on the capital programme.

Table 2– Summary of the changes to the 2023/24 Capital Programme

	Resource Allocation 23/24	Spend Approval 22/23	Total Resource Allocation	Total Spend Approval
	£m	£m	£m	£m
2023/24 Capital Programme as agreed July 2023 Cabinet	230.987	214.732	539.061	354.094
New Projects	0.369	0.369	2.419	2.419
Amendments to Existing Project	4.436	4.436	6.886	6.886
Total	235.792	219.537	548.365	363.399

2.29 New schemes submitted for inclusion in the 2023/24 capital programme are:

- a) The Family Assessment & Support Team (FAST) relocation to Warwick Road £0.427m – To note the DD approved on 25 July 2023 to move the FAST team currently located in 135 Johnathan’s to Warwick Road Activity Centre. The current location is no longer fit for purpose to. This project will be funded from the Property Reserve.
- b) Local Authority Housing Fund (LAHF) £2.443m – The Government announced a second round of Local Authority Housing Fund (LAHF) in June 2023. This capital fund is intended to help local authorities provide long term housing solutions for Afghan and Ukrainian arrivals who are homeless or at risk of becoming homeless. The Delegated Decision was approved on the 8 August 2023 to agree Resource Allocation and spend approval for the LAHF (round 2) to purchase a maximum of 6 properties for use by Afghan and Ukrainian arrivals at risk of homelessness. Over 300 Afghan refugees are being housed in hotels at the present time and whilst this is a limited action in addressing the wider issue, it is seen as a step in the right direction. This project will be funded by the LAFH grant and match funded by MKCC using un-ringfenced Homes for Ukraine grant funding.
- c) Additional On Street Charging £0.428m – Grant funding has been awarded from The Office for Zero Emission Vehicles (OZEV) to deliver on-street charging solutions for residents with no access to charging at home (i.e. driveway). The Initiative will fund 60% of the cost of the installations. Our supplier BP Pulse will provide the 40% contribution required from the private sector and will be responsible for the delivery, management and maintenance of the infrastructure in line with their contractual arrangements in their existing installation, operational management and maintenance contract with MKCC.

d) Local Electric Vehicle Infrastructure (LEVI) £1.642m - The Office of Zero Emission Vehicles (OZEV) has allocated MKCC £1.6m grant funding (plus private sector match-funding) from the Local Electric Vehicles Infrastructure (LEVI) fund to expand our provision of Electric Vehicle charging infrastructure across Milton Keynes. The LEVI fund aims to:

- Deliver a step change in the deployment of low power, on street charging infrastructure
- Accelerate the commercialisation of and investment in the charging infrastructure sector
- Benefit residents without off street parking Jan 2024 – March 2025 On site delivery of scheme

e) Magiovinium Public Footpath Crossing £0.250m - To seek Resource Allocation and Spend Approval to utilise Section 106 and Tariff funding to deliver a footpath connection across the adjacent Scheduled Ancient Monument (SAM) site known as 'Magiovinium'. This is part of the new development at Eaton Leys and will improve connections between the development and the rest of the city.

f) Junction improvement schemes in and around Milton Keynes £0.500m – Tariff funding is sought for Feasibility Design Works on a number of junction improvements that will increase capacity and improve traffic flows on the highway network. An initial network study by the MKCC Transport Team has identified multiple junctions, of strategic importance that are intended to be investigated for improvement, as part of this project. The highways authority has prioritised 6 of these identified junctions for further feasibility investigation.

g) Tattenhoe Park Neighbourhood Play £0.400m – Resource Allocation and Spend Approval is required to deliver a new Neighbourhood Play Area (NEAP) at Tattenhoe Park in the Western development area and seek the agreement to utilise Tariff funding to lay out the play areas including the outdoor gym provision as designed and submitted for planning permission.

h) Resident Leaseholder Shared Equity Proposal Serpentine Court.

2.30 Approval is sought for the following amendments to resource allocation and spend approval:

a) St Pauls School - Special Provision £0.268m - Additional Resource Allocation and Spend Approval is requested to fund the extra cost resulting in a delay to the delivery of the project. This will be fully funded from the Special Provision Capital Fund.

- b) Fairfields Playing Fields Ecological Mitigation £0.100m – Additional Resource Allocation and Spend approval funded from Tariff is required to complete the soft landscape works to comply with District Licence newt mitigation requirements and prevent enforcement action, include all remaining tree and shrub planting, aquatic and scrub planting, grass establishment works and installation of Hibernacula.
- c) Brinklow V11 Improvements £2.450m – Use of Tariff funding to progress with the preliminary design, consultation, and installing the traffic signals on Brinklow Roundabout. The aim of the project is to increase the junction capacity and to improve the existing highway network along the V11 corridor between (and including) the Monkston and Brinklow junctions and to accommodate forecast growth associated with the development of the Eastern Expansion area of Milton Keynes.
- d) Emberton Park – Changing Places £0.027m - Grant funds were awarded to provide a Changing Places facility at Emberton park. In addition, work needs to be done to check land suitability and access to appropriate levels of services. The grant will not cover investigative work, foundations or the necessary improvements to the bridlepath to enable wheelchairs suitable access, therefore a further £0.027m Resource Allocation and Spend Approval is required funded from Developer Contributions.

2023/24 Forecast Outturn

- 2.31 **Table 3** shows a summary of the forecast position for the 2023/24 capital programme compared to budget (resource allocation). The outturn position shows an underspend of (£22.057m); however, after slippage of £21.053m, this will result in an underspend of (£1.004m) in year.
- 2.32 Detailed individual project outturn, including total project positions are detailed in **Annex F**.

Table 3: Capital Programme – 2023/24 Outturn at 31 March 2024

Capital Summary	In Year Forecast Outturn			Forecast Outturn after Slippage	
	2023/24 Revised Budget	2023/24 Forecast Outturn	In year Variation	Project Slippage to later Years	2023/24 Under/ Overspend
Service	£m's	£m's	£m's	£m's	£m's
Adult Social Care	0.068	0.068	0.000	0.000	0.000
Children Services	29.095	28.586	(0.510)	0.000	(0.510)
Housing and Regeneration – HRA	88.515	66.855	(21.660)	20.753	(0.907)
Housing and Regeneration - GF	1.328	1.725	0.397	0.000	0.397
Customer and Community	3.297	3.297	0.000	0.000	0.000
Planning and Placemaking	12.824	12.524	(0.300)	0.300	(0.000)
Environment and Property	99.556	99.572	0.016	0.000	0.016
Resources	1.109	1.109	0.000	0.000	0.000
Capital Programme Requirements	235.792	213.735	(22.057)	21.053	(1.004)
Capital Financing					
Capital Receipts	(27.464)	(27.464)	0.000	0.000	0.000
Major Repairs Reserve	(16.413)	(16.413)	0.000	0.000	0.000
Government Grants	(95.984)	(95.984)	0.000	0.000	0.000
Prudential Borrowing	(29.970)	(29.970)	0.000	0.000	0.000
Developer Contribution	(12.688)	(12.688)	0.000	0.000	0.000
Third Party Contributions	(0.566)	(0.566)	0.000	0.000	0.000
Parking Income	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000
Revenue Contributions	(47.488)	(47.488)	0.000	0.000	0.000
New Homes Bonus	(5.219)	(5.219)	0.000	0.000	0.000
Total Capital Financing	(235.792)	(235.792)	0.000	0.000	0.000
Net Surplus / Deficit	(0.000)	(22.057)	(22.057)	21.053	(1.004)

2.33 Key Project Variances

- a) Glebe Meadows Primary & Secondary School (£0.457m) - The project is in 12-month aftercare phase with final retention payment to be released after any defect's rectification in September 23. Forecast includes any remaining fees, and the underspend can be re-allocated.
- b) Melish and Gables Demolition (£0.900m) - Demolition of both tower blocks completed. Foundations being excavated at Mellish Court, unknown ground conditions and possibility of asbestos in the ground is not as bad as anticipated, leading to an underspend.
- c) Disabled Facilities Grant £0.397m – Commitment to complete 155 cases in 2023/24 costing £1.7m. The Council has a statutory duty to help meet the costs for essential adaptations.

2.34 2023/24 Key Slippage to later Years

- a) The Lakes Estate Regeneration £20.631m – Project forecasting to slip into future year. The procurement of this project has been complicated and delayed the project. Works expected on site towards the end of 2023/24 hence slippage.
- b) Replacement of Planning IT system £0.300m – Replacement of Planning, Building Control & Land Charges IT systems if forecasting the slip into 2024/25. The Procurement route is proposing to change from an open tender to G cloud resulting in delays to the start of the project.

Revisions to the Tariff Programme

2.35 The revised programme is detailed in **Annex N** and included the following amendments to the Programme:

- a) Fairfields Playing Fields Ecological Mitigation £0.100m – Virement to move Green Space Tariff funding to this project to complete the soft landscape works to comply with District Licence newt mitigation requirements and prevent enforcement action, include all remaining tree and shrub planting, aquatic and scrub planting, grass establishment works and installation of Hibernacula.
- b) Brinklow V11 Improvements – To rephase the Tariff funding to 2025/26 in line with the new capital scheme outlined in para 2.30 C above.
- c) WEA Junction Improvements - To rephase the Tariff funding to 2027/28 to reflect the new capital scheme outlined in para 2.29 F above.

2.36 The new schemes submitted for inclusion in the 2023/24 Tariff programme are:

- a) Tattenhoe Park Neighbourhood Play £0.400m – To use Green Space Tariff funding already approved in the Tariff budget, to deliver a new Neighbourhood Play Area (NEAP) at Tattenhoe Park in the Western development area. The play area includes the outdoor gym provision as designed and submitted for planning permission.
- b) Magiovinium Public Footpath Crossing £0.250m - To deliver a footpath connection across the adjacent Scheduled Ancient Monument (SAM) site known as 'Magiovinium'. This is part of the new development at Eaton Leys and will improve connections between the development and the rest of the city.
- c) Fairfields Tudor Gardens Redway £0.500m - Tariff funding required to provide a missing Redway link from the Fairfields (WEA 11) to Stony Stratford via Calverton End, a length of approximately 150 meters, the scheme also includes traffic calming measures along the H1 Ridgeway.

d) MK Museum Redevelopment £0.040m – Use of Tariff Museum and Archive budget to match fund the Museum Trust and Foundation funds acquired for MKM’s Ancient Gallery. Phase 1 delivery of the funded scheme is to be completed over 12 months.

2023/24 Tariff Forecast Outturn

2.37 **Table 4** shows a summary of the forecast outturn for the Tariff programme compared to budget for 2023/24. The current position shows a forecast underspend of £6.036m; however, after slippage of £6.036m, this becomes a nil variance overall.

2.38 Detailed individual project forecast outturn position, including total project positions are detailed in **Annex G**.

Table 4 - Tariff Monitoring

Tariff Summary	Forecast Outturn			Slippage	
	2023/24 Project Budget	2023/24 Forecast Outturn	In year Variation	Project Slippage to later Years	2023/24 Under/ Overspend
Service	£m's	£m's	£m's	£m's	£m's
Roads and Highways	4.494	2.211	(2.283)	2.283	0.000
Public Transport	1.233	0.500	(0.733)	0.733	0.000
Schools	(0.000)	0.000	0.000	(0.000)	0.000
Leisure and Culture	9.495	9.222	(0.273)	0.273	(0.000)
Social Care and Health	5.010	5.000	(0.010)	0.010	0.000
Other Services	5.519	3.470	(2.049)	2.049	0.000
Costs of Running Tariff	0.174	0.174	0.000	(0.000)	(0.000)
Works in Kind	18.786	18.097	(0.689)	0.689	0.000
Tariff Programme	44.710	38.674	(6.036)	6.036	0.000
Tariff Financing					
Tariff Receipts	(44.710)	(44.710)	0.000	0.000	0.000
Total Tariff Financing	(44.710)	(44.710)	0.000	0.000	0.000
Net Surplus / Deficit	0.000	(6.036)	(6.036)	6.036	0.000

2.39 2023/24 Key Slippage to later Years

- A422 Junction Improvements £2.000m – The scheme is unlikely to be delivered this year due to other works on other junction and this being a diversion route for these other works. The funding will be required in future years.
- Phase 2 Expansion Teaching & Learning £2.000m - Study work is ongoing to inform future development proposal for this scheme which is unlikely to happen this financial year. Funding will be used in future years once the proposals has been developed and agreed.

- Planning & Transport Patronage and Subsidy £0.500m – Currently there are no proposals that are likely to be developed for this financial year. The funding will be required in future years.
- Works in kind £0.689m- The majority of the works covered by this element have been or are in the process of being delivered. The Council acknowledges the completion of the works when the credits are recovered against contributions due which will always be later.

Debt Collection and Performance

2.40 **Annex H** details the Council’s overall debt position and collection performance in quarter.

2.41 The Council’s scheme of delegation requires that where the value of an individual debt to be written off exceeds £20,000 it should be referred to Cabinet for authorisation following the relevant approval by s151 Officer.

2.42 There were no debts written off in Q1 that exceeds £50,000 and requires authorisation.

2.43 Full details of the Debt Collection and Performance can be found in **Annex H**.

Treasury

2.44 **Annex I** reports the current treasury management forecast.

Virements

2.45 Financial procedure rules require virements between services to be reported and agreed, **Annex J** details the virements processed in the quarter.

Procurement Waivers

2.46 Financial procedure rules require all variations to the ordering system to be approved by the Director of Finance and Resources. A summary of the procurement waivers are in **Annex L**.

3. Implications of the decision

Financial	X	Human rights, equalities, diversity	
Legal	X	Policies or Council Plan	X
Communication		Procurement	
Energy Efficiency	X	Workforce	

a) Financial implications

Capital implications are fully considered throughout the report. Revenue implications as a result of capital schemes are built into the Council’s debt financing and other revenue budgets as appropriate through the Medium Term Planning process. Where significant risks are known they are highlighted in this report.

Y	Capital	Y	Revenue	N	Accommodation
N	IT	Y	Medium Term Plan	Y	Asset Management

b) Legal implications

Legal implications may arise in relation to specific capital schemes or revenue projects. In particular a capital scheme or revenue project may be needed to meet a specific legal requirement. These implications are addressed in the individual project appraisals. There are no significant legal implications arising as a result of this report.

c) Other implications

Policy: The recommendations of this report are consistent with the Council's Medium Term Financial Plan.

Carbon and Energy Management: All capital schemes consider Carbon and Energy Management implications at the capital appraisal stage before they are added to the capital programme. All new buildings included within the report for inclusion in the capital programme will be built to achieve EPC rating A.

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Background papers - None

ANNEX A – GFRA KEY VARIANCES AND MANAGEMENT ACTIONS

The Council General Fund Services are currently forecasting and overspend of £4.019m.

General Fund High Level Revenue Summary	P3 Position		
	2023/24 Full Year Budget	Forecast Outturn	Variance
	£m's	£m's	£m's
Adult Social Care	98.934	101.871	2.937
Public Health	12.517	12.517	0.000
Children's Services	55.640	56.731	1.091
Customer and Community	6.135	6.024	(0.111)
Strategy and Futures	0.000	0.000	0.000
Housing and Regeneration	0.000	0.000	0.000
Planning and Placemaking	2.137	2.174	0.037
Environment & Property	73.170	73.313	0.143
Resources - Retained MKC	5.196	4.902	(0.294)
Resources - Shared Services	(0.215)	(0.215)	0.000
Law & Governance	2.463	2.678	0.215
Corporate Codes & Debt Financing	18.698	18.699	0.001
Assets Management	(26.030)	(26.030)	0.000
General Fund Requirement	248.645	252.664	4.019
New Homes Bonus	(4.542)	(4.542)	0.000
NNDR	(72.599)	(72.599)	0.000
RSG	(6.731)	(6.731)	0.000
Public Health	(12.517)	(12.517)	0.000
Other Government Grants	(1.879)	(1.879)	0.000
Council Tax	(150.377)	(150.377)	0.000
Total Financing	(248.645)	(248.645)	0.000
Net Surplus / Deficit	0.000	4.019	4.019

GFRA KEY VARIANCES AND MANAGEMENT ACTIONS

Service Area	Adult Services	Responsible Officer	Victoria Collins	Variance £m	£2.937m
<p>Key variations:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Assessment, Review and Hospital Discharge is forecast to overspend by £1.563m. Older people support at home placements has a predicted overspend of £1.200m, the average cost of home care packages has increased by 15% (from £0.017m in January 2023, to £0.020m in June 2023). In addition, there has been an increase of support at home packages (11%) from 484 in January 2023 to 546 in June 2023. Autism Service is forecast to overspend by £0.409m, £0.184m of the overspend relates to one complex package. Currently, there are 52 number of packages, compared to 47 in April 2023. Commissioning and Contracts is forecasting an underspend of (£0.789m). Care home placements are forecast to underspend by (£0.500m), predominately due to increases in client contributions and backpay of income. Domestic Violence is forecast to underspend by (£0.240m) due to grant funding for part of the core Domestic Abuse contract. Additionally, the Manor House Contract is forecast to underspend by (£0.056m) as the number of clients has reduced from 23 to 19. Day Services, Short Breaks and Shared Lives is forecast to underspend by (£0.085m). This is due to five staff vacancies within the LD Internal Day Care Team which are currently in the process of being recruited to. Homelessness is forecast to overspend by £0.929m due to temporary accommodation costs. This is a result of the invest to save project introduced in 2020/21 which can no longer be delivered due to the current financial climate. The project aimed to reduce the overall costs to temporary accommodation by increasing prevention, move-on's and Assured Shorthold Tenancies. The current cost of repairs (including repairs after properties become void) is forecasted to be £0.534m overspent. Hotel use has increased to 21 households in June 2023 and 40 households are presenting as homelessness each week. Learning Disability is forecast to overspend by £0.420m. External support at home is forecasting an overspend of £0.362m due to the increasing cost of packages, on average this is £0.027m (two packages are costing £0.325m). Mental Health is forecast to overspend by £0.084m, due to an increase in external residential care placements which has a £0.509m overspend but offset by a £0.402m underspend in external supported living placement. The new Supported Living framework is now live so there should be more availability of providers going forward. Physical Disabilities is forecast to overspend by £0.187m. This is due to a decrease in CHC joint funding packages. Additionally, Direct Payments are overspending by £0.125m. 					

- **Reablement, OT and Home Care** is forecast to underspend by **(£0.234m)**. This is due to 19 staffing vacancies across homecare (£0.195m). Whilst this service area is experiencing difficulties in recruiting to the vacant posts, a recruitment plan is in place, which included a recent campaign and ongoing adverts.

Key demand budgets concerns and actions

- Temporary Accommodation – the impact of the current economic climate and high inflation could result in an increase in households presenting at homeless.
- Discrepancies between systems – currently there is a £2.000m annual commitment variance between two social care systems (LAS and Adam); the majority of this will be due to packages remaining open on the payment system which need to be closed and therefore commitments are overstated. However, we need assurance that the packages are correct and end dates are input on the system when required. This is being discussed at Adults Leadership Team meeting during July, with an immediate action plan implemented.

Action plan for overspending areas

- A project group has been created for temporary accommodation demand, with the aim to increase the number of move-on's, as well as increasing the number of preventions which will ultimately bring down expenditure. There are currently 40 households under offer and preventions increased from 13 during June 2022 to 25 during June 2023.
- A demand management project group has been re-established, focusing initially on demand for older people's services. The aim will be to reduce demand by offering alternative solutions and determine the baseline for our services moving forward following disruption to trends and services over the COVID period.

Service Area	Public Health	Responsible Officer	Vicky Head	Variance £m	£0.000
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Key variations:

- The Public Health grant for 2023/24 is £12.522m, an increase of 3.26% from 2022/23.
- Public Health is forecasting a contribution of £0.422m from the Public Health reserve after using £0.576m for one-off projects agreed as part of the budget, including Homelessness support on running the Old Bus Station, Young People focusing on Youth Counselling, Youth Justice Knife Crime, Mental Health and supporting vulnerable gamblers. This reduced the value of the reserve from £2.839m to £2.263m. Over the next 2 years, £1.175m has been committed from the reserve.
- There has continued to be an underspend in Smoking Cessation services of (£0.120m) due to demand for the service not returning to pre covid levels. The demand trend is being reviewed and monitored regularly.

Key demand budgets concerns and actions

- Risk of additional costs materialising from the Agenda for Change due to NHS staff pay increase, discussions are ongoing with our legal team and commissioned providers. There is a potential risk of £0.289m for 2023/24 and this will increase year-on-year in line with pay inflation.

Service Area	Children's Services	Responsible Officer	Mac Heath	Variance £m	£1.091m
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Key variations:

- **Children's Social Work Staffing** is forecast to overspend by £0.427m across the Family Support (FST) and Children with Disabilities (CWD) teams. The FST's have restructured into nine new teams, expanding from four previously. Significant investment was put into the budget to fund this change however there are a number of vacancies and long term absences which are being covered by agency staff to ensure statutory social work duties are being met and cases are allocated. Recruiting and retaining permanent staff continues to be a problem and the high level of agency use is putting a pressure on the budget. In addition, the shortage of agency staff means that the cap on agency workers has increased to £42 an hour, 67% of the current agency workers in the FST's are on the top amount.
- **Children's Placements** is forecast to overspend by £0.735m. The minimum allowance paid to in house carers is set by the DFE annually and rates were uplifted by 12.5% in April 2023 (4.5% was allowed for in the budget), this above inflation increase was announced after the budget was set resulting in a in year pressure of £0.383m. The number of residential placements continues to remain high. In 22/23 we had an average of 24 residential placements (up from 16 the year before) and in June 2023 we have 21 placements. We also have two unregulated placements which have significant costs of £17.5k per week each.

Key demand budgets concerns and actions

- **Children's Placements** – the number of Looked After Children (LAC) has been steadily declining over recent years. In 2022/23 we had an average of 357 LAC (down from 369 the previous year) and in June 2023 we had 356. However, we are seeing an increasing pressure in the Leaving Care service. The numbers of Unaccompanied Asylum Seeking Children have increased. We had an average of 29 in 2022/23 (up from 25 the previous year) and in June 2023 there are 32 UASC. This number is expected to increase as we are part of the National Transfer Scheme (NTS) meaning we are on a rota for picking up additional UASC from other Local Authorities as well as the Home Office scheme to move on UASC from hotels. The UASC cohort tend to arrive in their teens and therefore only remain a LAC for a short time. This is keeping trend with our general LAC population who are older and ageing out quicker, nevertheless MKCC is still required to provide a statutory duty to support Care Leavers until 25 meaning demand in this area is increasing.

- **The Support Living Block contract** is due to expire in October 2023. The contract is currently held by Look Ahead and supplies 45 beds for our 16+ cohort, bids have been received for the new contract and these will be assessed and reviewed. A pressure has been put in the budget as the expectation is the new contract will cost more than the current one due to the changing needs of the service as well as changing regulations.
- **Home to School Transport** - The service continues to ensure that value for money and efficiency is being achieved through the reprocurement project, however given the volatility and demand led nature of Home to School Transport, there remains potential risks depending on the successful outcomes of reprocurement for the new academic year.

Action plan for overspending areas

- Step down plans for high costing residential placements are reviewed monthly by the Head of Service for Corporate Parenting and placement changes are chased up to avoid delays where a child can move on.
- A recruitment officer has been in place in the service since September 2022 and part of their focus is permanent staff recruitment including a marketing campaign to attract new staff. The service are also reviewing staffing structures to determine whether more easily recruitable ASYE staff can join teams where higher level social worker vacancies are available.

Service Area	Customer and Community	Responsible Officer	Sarah Gonsalves	Variance £m	(£0.111m)
<p>Key variations:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Regulatory unit staffing vacancies have resulted in a net underspend forecast of (£0.051m). • Within Sustainability the net recovery of utility costs are forecast to be (£0.110m) below budget due to gas and electricity costs now being correctly allocated to the services. • An unbudgeted seconded worker within the Performance Service has resulted in a pressure of £0.044m. This is offset by vacancies of (£0.078m). • There is a pressure in Information Governance of £0.027m relating to staffing costs. • A pressure of £0.055m has been forecasted in Leisure and Community due to unachievable income targets. <p>Action plan for overspending areas</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A review of all contracts within Leisure and Community is to be undertaken to ensure they remain sustainable and affordable. 					

Service Area	Planning and Placemaking	Responsible Officer	Paul Thomas	Variance £m	£0.037m
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Key Variations:

- A slowdown in the market has resulted in a forecast pressure of £0.178m in land charges income. This is partially offset against DLUHC grant income of (£0.159m). Recharge costs from the Environment and Property service area will be factored into the land charges budget, these amount to £0.036m for P3.
- Recharge costs from the Urban Design Team will be factored into Development Management; these amount to £0.050m.
- Urban design has forecast a reduction in income of £0.046m as in-house work on the New City Plan is being prioritised over fee-earning work with other Local Authorities.
- An underspend of (£0.090m) is forecasted in Planning projects due to staff vacancies.

Key demand budgets concerns and actions

- Land charge income will continue to be closely monitored in the context of the wider economy and forecasted with consideration of previous trends.

New Pressures / Other key concerns

- Development management income is also being assessed regularly alongside land charges income, applying housing market intelligence and previous trends.
- DHLUC's direction of travel with regard to an increase in planning fees is being closely monitored.

Service Area	Environment & Property	Responsible Officer	Stuart Proffitt	Variance £m	£0.143m
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Key Variations:

- **Parking Income and Costs** - Parking income continues to steadily increase, and as such, is a relevant factor in the 2023/24 budget and monitoring. Income in 2022/23 was 74% of that in 2019/20 (pre-pandemic) however, as the income trends were still being monitored, the budget for 2023/24 was set at 66%.

To date, the income is tracking strongly against the budget, and currently forecast to be £9.7m for the year, an increase of (£0.819m) on the budget. However, this forecast may be conservative and will likely to be increased to around £10m in the half year monitoring report. This will be in line with the position in 2022/23.

In line with the increased income however is that the parking contract costs are showing a pressure of £0.127m. This is due to costs such as non-cash fees, texts and penalty charge notices which are variable and so increase as the income increases.

- **Waste Tonnage and Waste Disposal Costs** – Costs at the MK Waste Recovery Park (MKWRP) are impacted by the residual waste tonnage levels. The levels over the last 4 years show a depict an increase in 2020/21 with increased working from home but a significant drop last year, essentially due to economic changes and a general return to working in the office.

Whist a £0.400m saving was included in the 2023/24 budget to reflect the tonnage drops in 2022/23, the current tonnage trend implies that this may still be a conservative position. Over the year, the current forecast is that tonnage will be 77,500 rather than the budgeted 80,000, thereby a saving of a further (£0.400m). This will continue to be monitored each month and any long-term changes can be reflected in the MTFP.

However, the cost of disposing of items of upholstered domestic seating is forecast to be £0.300m following new guidance from the Environment Agency that waste containing persistent organic pollutants (POPs) must go to incineration rather than landfill.

In addition, insurance of waste facilities is currently volatile, and the Council was notified late last year of an annual £0.102m increase in costs for 2023/24. Also, work is being carried out with the support of external specialists to review the MKWRP contract with unbudgeted costs of £0.100m.

- **New Waste and Environmental Service Contract** - The decision to award a five-year contract to Suez Recycling and Recovery UK Ltd (Suez) to collect waste, keep the streets clean and maintain council owned green spaces and play areas from 4 September 2023, at the very end of the budget process has resulted in a number of variances mainly due to updated assumptions.
 - Staff costs are showing a pressure of £0.220m for the 7 months on the new contract as the pay award for April 2023 was assumed to be 5% when the budget was set but the final pay award was actually 8%.
 - Landscape contract costs are showing a pressure due to a review of the Geographical Information Systems (GIS) data included in the original contract specification. Work is underway to confirm the position but at this stage, it is estimated that there could be a pressure of £0.200m for the 7 months of the new contract following the inclusion of more land parcels in the contract.
 - 2023/24 is a combination of both old (Serco) and new (Suez) contract costs and an assessment was carried out before the budget was set as to the impact of this. The estimated costs are circa £0.150m more than provided for as a one-off pressure essentially due to increased inflation.

- **Street lighting Electricity Costs** - Following an update from the MKCC energy buyer, it is forecast that electricity costs will decrease in October 2023 rather than increase as expected when the budget was set. Whilst this has still to be confirmed and will not be certain until October, the street lighting electricity costs are forecast to be (£0.223m) lower than budget.

- **Property Staff Costs** – There are a number of staff within the property team that are either recharged to capital or income generating schemes to offset their costs. As the year progresses and schemes are approved in line with planned delegated decisions, this opportunity to recharge becomes clearer. However, currently there are costs of £0.162m that require firm schemes to be allocated against, thus showing as a revenue pressure. Should the level of schemes not be sufficient to offset the costs of agency staff, a review of these costs will be undertaken.

Key demand budgets concerns and actions

- Currently the demand and market rates for recycled materials is in line with the budget assumptions but this could quickly change.
- Highways Adoptions has an income target of £1.586m and if the increase in interest rates and mortgages leads to a slump in the housing market, then developments may be deferred, and this income will be at risk.
- Both these risks are monitored closely each month.

New Pressures / Other key concerns

Possible pressures:

- Continued low UK economic growth coupled with inflation and higher interest costs could have a significant impact on rental income from the commercial property portfolio (bad debts and voids) plus Highways Adoptions income.

Possible opportunities for reduced costs or increased income:

- Parking income has stabilised with the latest full year income projection being (£1.12m) greater than budget. This positive variance has partly been factored into the forecast (£0.819m) and income trends will continue to be closely monitored and reflected in the MTFP.
- The bus stop advertising income includes an element related to a share of the advertising revenue generated by the operator from MKCC's assets. This has been conservatively forecast and may be increased once the first quarter's actual data is received.
- The MKWRP forecast waste volumes are currently showing a demand saving. This is being monitored closely each month; a further slowdown in UK economic activity could further reduce waste tonnage over the rest of the year.
- No demand saving on concessionary fares has been forecast. This is being monitored closely each month and a saving maybe recognised as the year progresses.

Service Area	Finance and Resources	Responsible Officer	Steve Richardson	Variance £m	(£0.294m)
<p>Key Variations:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Revenue & Benefits - A pressure of £0.045m has been recognised due to continued increased workloads linked to the cost-of-living crisis which has required the extension of a number of temporary officers for Q1 of the financial year. • Internal Audit - A saving of (£0.107m) has been recognised in staff costs due to on-going vacancies. • IT – An underspend of (£0.037m) in staffing has been recognised due to vacancies. No HRA income is expected during the year as previously supported services have now been replaced, resulting in a pressure of £0.103m, however an increase in schools' income of (£0.090m) is expected to partially alleviate this pressure. • HR - A saving of (£0.169m) is recognised in staffing due to vacancies not yet filled. However, there is an overspend of £0.028m due to an increase in Occupational Health services & a further £0.017m overspend as a result of employee DBS checks. • Finance - Currently some vacancies within Professional Finance are resulting in an overall saving of (£0.052m). An underspend in on-going pensions of (£0.045m) has been forecasted, based on 22-23 actuals due to current year projections not yet being available. <p>New Pressures / Other key concerns</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mobile phone and print costs will be reviewed to ensure only necessary costs are incurred. <p>Action Plan for overspending areas</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Revenue and Benefits will be monitoring workloads closely and planning resource accordingly. 					

Service Area	Law and Governance	Responsible Officer	Sharon Bridglalsingh	Variance £m	£0.215m
<p>Key Variations:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The legal service has a staff pressure of £0.073m due to the continued use of agency staff to back-fill vacant posts. Legal has also recognised a pressure of £0.021m for annual subscriptions. Legal income is forecasted to be lower than budgeted by £0.058m due to recognising trends in previous actuals received. The new voter ID system in place for elections resulted in a pressure of £0.035m from additional equipment required for the May 2023 local elections. <p>Key demand budgets concerns and actions-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Legal income is currently forecasted below budget; further work is being carried out to assess future income levels. <p>New Pressures / Other key concerns</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Election costs are expected to rise in future years; this is being reflected in the MTFP. <p>Action Plan for overspending areas</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Legal is continuing with a robust recruitment campaign in order to further reduce the usage of agency staff. Vacancies within the department, coupled with an increase in workload on the back of covid, increased a reliance on agency staff and a reduction in establishment costs, can be seen in the below, right-hand graph. Continued recruitment into vacant posts will see a reduction in more expensive agency resources. 					

Service Area	Debt Financing & Corporate Items	Responsible Officer	Steve Richardson	Variance £m	0.001
Key Variations: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• No Variations					

ANNEX B – BUDGET REDUCTIONS AND INCOME PROPOSALS DELIVERY TRACKER

Savings of £7.723m were approved for implementation in 2023/24, and £0.163m savings were carried forward from 2022/23, resulting in a total target of £7.886m to deliver in 2023/24. £7.490m (95%) is delivered in year, and £0.396m (5%) will either not be delivered until next year or are undeliverable.

Table 1 - Budget Reductions & Income Proposals Tracker 2023/24

Savings Status	Number of Savings Targets	Income/Savings Target £	2023/24 Forecast value to be delivered by YE £	Variance £
Achieved	12	(1,884)	(1,884)	0
On-track	8	(4,863)	(4,863)	0
Delayed	2	(213)	0	213
Part delivered	2	(926)	(743)	183
Undeliverable	0	0	0	0
Grand Total	24	(7,886)	(7,490)	396

The table on the next page shows the undelivered; part delivered and delayed budget reduction and Income:

Table 2 – Undelivered and Delayed Budget Reductions and Income

Reference	Proposal	Target	Status	2023/24 Forecast	Variance	Progress update on saving to date
S23-4N	Internal Day-care and Short Breaks - the day-care centres and short breaks provide day sessions and respite stays to service users who are funded via the CCG. The CCG commission the service and the needs are highly complex therefore demanding a high rate per session the saving is anticipated to be above the budgeted income amount therefore does not impact the deliverability of the service itself	(416)	Part delivered	(313)	103	Currently forecasting £103k variance to budget, the income received does depend on the service users in the current cohort
S23-6N	Role Consolidation - A review of services across the Directorate has been undertaken and includes the consolidation of some roles and functions to mitigate the impact on frontline delivery. This revision includes some Children's Centre functions, alongside some Supported Employment and Youth engagement activities. Through this work efficiency savings have been identified whilst continuing to address service delivery and management oversight for the most vulnerable children and families.	(510)	Part delivered	-430	80	Due to service priorities and focus on the Cafe Civic consultation process, there has been a delay on the next review of service delivery so this is likely to cause an in-year pressure however options are currently being explored in order to meet the saving
S23-12L	Closure of the Theatre Car Park - closure approved in Delegated Decision 17 November 2020. The saving has been slipped to 23/24 as NNDR will still be payable up until the point the car park is sold.	(50)	Delayed	0	50	Sold subject to planning permission with completion expected in 2024/25
S22-8L	Saxon Court savings (S13 2017/18) - sale was originally planned for 20/21. The sale has now been agreed and the council will vacate the building in March 22. This is later than previously budgeted, and the savings proposal reflects the full year value.	(163)	Delayed	0	163	Sold subject to planning permission with completion now expected in late 2023/24 or 2024/25
	Total				396	

ANNEX C – Housing Revenue Account (HRA)

Table 1 - High Level Revenue Summary to Period 3 (June 2023)

Revenue Summary	Forecast Outturn P3		
	Budget	Forecast	Variance
Service	£m	£m	£m
Tenant and Leaseholder Income	(62.828)	(63.118)	(0.289)
Housing Management	1.728	1.294	(0.434)
Asset Management	16.607	16.612	0.005
Sheltered Housing	2.811	2.693	(0.118)
Housing Regeneration	1.061	1.081	0.020
Housing Systems & Strategy	4.043	4.065	0.022
Housing Operations	7.579	7.131	(0.448)
Prevention & Access	0.257	0.257	0
Housing Allocations	0.672	0.649	(0.022)
HRA Revenue Total	(28.070)	(29.335)	(1.265)
Depreciation (Major Repairs Reserve)	17.036	16.579	(0.458)
Revenue Contribution to Capital	3.175	4.898	1.723
HRA Reserves & Technical Total	20.211	21.476	1.265
HRA Total	(7.859)	(7.859)	0.000

Table 2 – High Level Variations

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Service Area	HRA	Responsible Officers	Stuart Proffitt, Victoria Collins, Steve Richardson	Outturn Variance	(£1.265m)
<p>Tenant and Leasehold Income – (£0.289m) Underspend</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Social and affordable rental income is forecast to be £0.377m adverse, due to higher than anticipated voids (incl. out of management and Serpentine Court) with 291 units to date compared to a budgeted position of 248 units. Higher right to buy (RTB) stock loss with 13 units sold giving an annual projection of 49 units (budget 27 units). • Modular income is forecast to be (£0.062m) favourable due to a July handover date, the business plan was based on an October handover. • Service charges for utilities is forecast to be (£0.106m) favourable due to inflation predictions being lower than assumptions rates used when setting budget. • Service charges for caretaking and cleaning is forecast to be (£0.418m) favourable because of a change to the service delivery model used when setting the budget. The budget didn't take into account the removal of the phased capping. • Other income and debt variances have a favourable forecast of (£0.080m) due to a reduction in shared ownership bad debt (£0.058m) and building insurance (£0.056m). <p>Housing Management – (£0.434m) Underspend</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The forecast reflects an increase in interest rates on current balances, although this will not be ongoing as cash balances are utilised. <p>Sheltered Housing – (£0.118m) Underspend</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The latest inflation forecast on utilities predicts that electricity will increase by 8% from October 2023 which has resulted in a pressure of £0.036m, gas costs will increase by 6% but reduce by 12% from October 2023 which results in a favourable forecast of (£0.161m). <p>Housing Operations – (£0.448m) Underspend</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Caretaking budgets for utilities based on the latest predictions (as above) has resulted in a forecast favourable movement of (£0.307m) on gas costs. 					

- Caretaking services is forecasting an underspend of (£0.072m) mainly due to lower spend on uniform and miscellaneous spend being reduced to reflect previous years usage.
- The Housing Neighbourhood Team forecast underspend of (£0.058m) is the net result of increased spend in tenant decanting, waste management and reductions in staff costs.
- Anti-Social Behaviour team is forecasting an underspend of (£0.057m) due to a reduction in staff costs.

Depreciation (Major Repairs Reserve)

- Depreciation is forecast to be (£0.458m) favourable because some assets listed as out of management and known future demolitions have been impaired, resulting in a decrease of the stock value from which depreciation is calculated.

Reserves and Technical Adjustments – Increase in Contribution to Reserves £1.723m

- The HRA is a ring-fenced account, meaning any funds left over after financing the revenue running costs of the service, are transferred to our capital reserve and when we set the budget this was expected to be £3.175m. The effect of the budget variations (outlined above) results in an increase in the amount of funding able to be transferred to our general capital reserves by £1.723m.

Key demand budgets concerns and actions

- The Service Charge Consultation is now underway (to consider further changes ahead of the 2024/25 budget), the sixth meeting was held on 12 July, more information can be viewed here [Service Charge Consultation | Milton Keynes City Council \(milton-keynes.gov.uk\)](https://www.milton-keynes.gov.uk/service-charge-consultation)
- The HRA business plan has been updated to reflect changes in some core assumptions (namely inflation and borrowing) and on specific schemes/forecast spend. The headroom position has reduced significantly, and discussions are taking place on how to manage this.

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ANNEX D – DSG KEY VARIANCES AND MANAGEMENT ACTIONS

The DSG has a forecast carry forward at the end of 2023/24 of £6.037m.

Table 1 - The DSG High Level Summary to June 2023

DSG Budget Headlines	£m				
	Schools	Central Services	Early Needs	High Needs	Total
2023/24 Budget c/f	(0.016)	(0.005)	(1.501)	(1.375)	(2.897)
2022/23 Surplus c/f	(0.451)	(0.013)	(2.973)	(3.358)	(6.795)
2023/24 DSG Allocation	(257.565)	(1.829)	(23.537)	(59.785)	(342.716)
2023/24 DSG Income	(258.016)	(1.842)	(26.510)	(63.143)	(349.511)
Forecast Expenditure	258.310	1.842	23.537	59.785	343.474
2023/24 Forecast c/f	0.294	0.000	(2.973)	(3.358)	(6.037)
2023/24 Variance to Budget	0.310	0.005	(1.472)	(1.983)	(3.140)

Table 2 – High Level Variations

Service Area	DSG	Responsible Officer	Mac Heath	Variance £m	(£6.037m)
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Schools Block: There is a forecast deficit carry forward of £0.294m (0.1%) which will need to be managed through the 2024/25 funding formula. The in-year overspend of £0.310m is due to additional growth funding requests for secondary places, because of increased pressure for year 7 places in the 2023/24 academic year. This was approved at the July 2023 Schools Forum. <li>○ Early Years Block: There is a forecast surplus carry forward of £2.973m (12.6%). The in-year underspend of (£1.472m) is due to an increase in the carry forward balances, however the funding allocation for 2022/23 will not be confirmed by the Education and Skills Funding Agency (ESFA) until Summer 2023. The Early Years Reference Group are exploring options of using one-off funding from the carry forward position so that some of the funding will be paid out to providers during 2023/24. <li>○ High Needs Block: There is a forecast surplus carry forward into 2023/24 of £3.358m (5.6%) which is equal to the surplus brought forward from 2022/23. The in-year underspend of £1.983m is due to an increase in the carry forward balances from 2022/23. The 2023/24 budget includes a demand reserve for high needs growth of £1.000m, at this early stage in the financial year, it is anticipated that this will be sufficient to contain any demand increases and cover the cost of any new high needs placements required in September 2023 but given increasing demand (both locally and nationally), this will need to be closely monitored. <li>○ Individual Schools Budgets: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ In March 2023 the surplus maintained school balances were £12.627m revenue and £1.380m capital. <li>○ The original 2023/24 budgets submitted in May 2023 predicted closing surplus balances of £7.162m revenue and £0.633m capital. <li>○ There are currently 13 schools in a deficit position as at July 23, the total deficit is £0.498m. In addition there is one school with a notice of concern in place and one school with a sponsored academy conversion notice in place. 					

ANNEX E – RESERVES POSITION

The table below summarises the movement in reserves position of the Council for the year ending 31 March 2024:

Opening Balance on reserves	(172.493)
<u>Key movements in reserves</u>	
General Fund Balance	3.619
Schools Balances	3.711
Covid 19 Expanded Retail Relief Reserve	2.740
Council Plan 2020/21 Reserve - Covid 19 funding Council Plan Priorities	1.751
Political Priorities Reserve	6.657
Waste asset renewal fund	(3.918)
Collection Fund Cashflow Reserve - Covid 19 funding Collection Fund Deficit	(25.494)
Delivering the Capital Programme	(24.433)
Total	(207.859)
Movement in other reserves	3.166
Closing Balance on Reserves	(204.693)

This table details the expected reserves position of the Council for the year ending 31 March 2024:

Reserve	Opening Balance 1 April 2023	In-Year Movements	Outturn Current Balance 31/03/24
Unearmarked reserves			
General Fund Balance	(29.668)	3.619	(26.049)
Earmarked reserves			
Non Distributable reserve			
Funding Core Responsibilities			
Corporate Property Reserve * <i>sinking funds</i>	(1.961)	0.623	(1.338)
Brooklands & Whitehouse Sinking Fund	(0.715)	(0.033)	(0.748)
3G Pitch sinking fund	(0.220)	(0.055)	(0.275)
HR Manpower Planning Reserve	(1.462)	0.000	(1.462)

Internal Insurance Fund	(2.247)	0.200	(2.047)
Pension Fund	(4.434)	0.000	(4.434)
Legal Fees Reserve	(1.959)	0.000	(1.959)
Covid 19 Reserve	(0.268)	0.268	0.000
Highways Severe Weather Reserve	(0.200)	0.000	(0.200)
Highways and E&W transformation reserve	(0.732)	0.732	0.000
Housing Benefit Subsidy Equalisation	(0.458)	0.000	(0.458)
Devolved Landscape provision	(0.044)	0.044	0.000
LCTS & Welfare	(1.136)	0.215	(0.921)
Paper Recycling Market Risk Reserve	(0.700)	0.000	(0.700)
School Academy Conversion	(0.495)	0.174	(0.321)
Overpayments and Welfare Reform	(0.342)	0.040	(0.302)
Delivering Transformation and Change			
Strategic Development Fund	(2.038)	(0.280)	(2.318)
Office 365 Implementation	0.000	0.000	0.000
One Off Pressures Funding Reserve	(1.177)	0.827	(0.350)
Housing Systems Service review	(0.100)	0.100	0.000
Customer Service and Digital	0.000	0.000	0.000
Feasibility Fund	(0.100)	0.000	(0.100)
Budget Management - Ring-fenced			
Better Care Fund	(0.655)	0.000	(0.655)
Cyber Security Measures	(0.096)	0.000	(0.096)
Bereavement Reserve	(4.674)	(0.939)	(5.613)
Parking Reserve	(0.436)	0.200	(0.236)
Public Health	(2.839)	0.576	(2.263)
3rd Party Funds			
Shared Services Reserve	(1.315)	0.000	(1.315)
Collection Fund Cashflow Reserve	(0.001)	(25.494)	(25.494)
Health Funding for CSC External Placements	(0.491)	0.491	0.000
Social Care grant reserve (earmarked in MTFP)	0.000	0.000	0.000
LD Pooled Budget Reserve	(0.150)	0.000	(0.150)
Broadband Delivery UK project.	(0.045)	0.023	(0.023)
Schools Balances	(11.533)	3.711	(7.822)

Tariff Management			
One-off Costs of the HCA Transfer	(0.227)	0.028	(0.198)
Tariff Reserve	(6.921)	(0.580)	(7.501)
Delivering Capital Programme - GF			
Capital Reserve - GF	(7.085)	(41.887)	(48.971)
Infrastructure Reserve	(15.426)	1.072	(14.354)
New Homes Bonus	(1.806)	1.850	0.044
Planning Gain Reserve (S106)	(1.414)	0.000	(1.414)
Waste asset renewal fund	0.000	(3.918)	(3.918)
Waste Cashflow Reserve	(0.103)	0.000	(0.103)
Covid 19 earmarked one-off reserve			
Covid 19 Expanded Retail Relief Cashflow Reserve	(2.740)	2.740	0.000
TOTAL EARMARKED NON DISTRIBUTABLE RESERVES	(78.746)	(59.271)	(138.017)
Earmarked reserves			
Distributable reserve			
GF Temporary Earmarked Reserves			
City Archives Project	(0.004)	0.000	(0.004)
Community & Cultural Services Review (CCSR)	(0.049)	0.000	(0.049)
Conservation Areas	(0.013)	0.004	(0.009)
Heritage at Risk	(0.046)	0.003	(0.043)
Independent Review of Flooding Incident	(0.051)	0.000	(0.051)
Council Plan 2021/22	(1.501)	1.751	0.250
Events Reserve	(0.050)	0.000	(0.050)
Political Priorities Reserve - 23/24	(0.526)	(0.721)	(1.247)
Political Priorities Reserve - Annex U	(1.092)	1.092	0.000
Political Priorities Reserve - Annex R	(2.380)	2.238	(0.142)
Political Priorities Reserve - Annew W	(3.619)	4.047	0.428
European City of Sport	(0.034)	0.000	(0.034)
School Mobility Action Plan	(0.022)	0.000	(0.022)
Mobility Action Plan	(0.067)	0.000	(0.067)
Hot spot litter pick	0.000	0.000	0.000
Tree management survey and strategy	(0.303)	0.125	(0.178)
Estate regeneration	(0.027)	0.027	0.000

Fly tipping	(0.027)	0.027	0.000
Illegal encampments	(0.043)	0.043	0.000
Environmental Crime Enforcement officers	0.000	0.000	0.000
Period Poverty	(0.037)	0.037	0.000
E&W Contamination reserve	0.000	0.000	0.000
Neighbourhood Planning Support	(0.109)	0.050	(0.059)
Passenger Transport Studies and Projects	(0.010)	0.000	(0.010)
Traveller Site Clearance	0.000	0.000	0.000
Care Leavers Support	(0.070)	0.070	0.000
Poverty Strategy	0.000	0.000	0.000
2022/23 Budget Pressure reserve	0.000	0.000	0.000
Towns Fund Revenue Reserves	(0.251)	0.000	(0.251)
Children's Centre Activity Sessions	(0.026)	0.010	(0.016)
HMO License Fee	(0.052)	0.037	(0.015)
Homework Club	(0.019)	0.019	0.000
Temporary Accommodation Bad Debt Management	(0.091)	0.091	0.000
Emberton Country Park Manager	(0.023)	0.023	0.000
Parish Partnership	(0.011)	0.000	(0.011)
Landscaping at CMK	(0.013)	0.013	0.000
Building control reserves	(0.030)	0.000	(0.030)
Pest Control Programme	(0.023)	0.023	0.000
Additional support for major projects	(0.350)	0.000	(0.350)
Environmental Crime CCTV	(0.038)	0.000	(0.038)
Wheeled Bins Communications Plan	(0.450)	0.364	(0.086)
Biodiversity Net Gain Grant	(0.027)	0.027	0.000
Womans Euro - Woughton On the Green	0.000	0.000	0.000
Women's Euro	0.000	0.000	0.000
TOTAL DISTRIBUTABLE RESERVES	(11.480)	9.399	(2.082)
Total General Fund Reserves	(119.894)	(46.253)	(166.148)
HRA Reserves			
HRA Working Balance			
HRA Prudent Minimum Balance	(7.380)	(0.479)	(7.859)
Delivering Capital Programme - HRA			

Capital Reserve - HRA	(45.147)	14.532	(30.615)
Major Repairs Reserve	(0.000)	0.000	(0.000)
Regeneration - Estates Renewals Forums	(0.045)	0.000	(0.045)
Resident Involvement	(0.027)	0.000	(0.027)
Total HRA Reserves	(52.598)	14.053	(38.546)
Total Reserves	(172.493)	(32.200)	(204.693)

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Capital Expenditure Forecast July 2023

Account/Project	Project Manager Name	Total Project					In Year						Commentary	RAG Status	Forecast Reason	Forecast Completion Date	
		Total Expenditure Capital Budget	Prior Year Expenditure Actuals	Total Expenditure Actuals to date	Total Scheme Forecast	Forecast Variance to Capital Budget	Current Year Capital Budget	Current Year Actuals	Current Year Actuals Variance to Capital Budget	Current Forecast 2023/24	Forecast Slippage to Future Years	Forecast Variance to Capital Budget					
50T2X010	Adult Social Care and Health	85,756	17,422	17,422	85,756	0	68,334	0	-68,334	68,334	0	0					
50T3X032	Social Care	85,756	17,422	17,422	85,756	0	68,334	0	-68,334	68,334	0	0					
50T4X012	Social Care - Property	85,756	17,422	17,422	85,756	0	68,334	0	-68,334	68,334	0	0					
50CPX00 104	Health & Safety in Social Care Buildings	Yvonne Mullens	85,756	17,422	17,422	85,756	0	68,334	0	-68,334	68,334	0	0	26/06/23: Tower Drive Day Care - Critical H & S scheme to keep building operational for next 12 years	Green	On Target	31/10/2023
50T2X011	Children and Families	146,753,226	104,653,951	106,322,080	146,288,568	-464,658	29,095,405	1,668,129	-27,427,276	28,585,501	0	-509,904					
50T3X019	Education, Effectiveness & Participation	145,776,334	103,850,089	105,514,657	145,288,805	-487,529	28,977,629	1,664,568	-27,313,061	28,490,100	0	-487,529					
50T4X014	Fire Alarms	1,207,178	560,716	604,566	1,207,178	0	646,462	43,850	-602,612	646,462	0	0					
50CPX00 581	Fire Protection Improvements	Mark McKinlay	1,207,178	560,716	604,566	1,207,178	0	646,462	43,850	-602,612	646,462	0	0	27/06/23: 27-06-23: 3 FA & EL & distribution board projects planned for this year. This is a 5-yr rolling programme.	Green	Slippage	31/03/2027
50T4X015	Heating Installations	2,793,739	967,564	1,095,982	2,793,739	0	1,826,175	128,418	-1,697,757	1,826,175	0	0					
50CPX00 580	Boiler & Distribution Replacements & Enhancements	Mark McKinlay	2,793,739	967,564	1,095,982	2,793,739	0	1,826,175	128,418	-1,697,757	1,826,175	0	0	27/06/23: 27-06-23: 7 projects being undertaken this year in this field. 4 boiler plant replacements & 3 ASHP installs. This is a 5-yr rolling programme.	Green	Slippage	31/03/2027
50T4X019	Windows & Doors	2,881,984	1,832,101	2,002,543	2,881,984	0	1,049,883	170,442	-879,441	1,049,883	0	0					
50CPX00 582	Roofs, Windows and Doors	Mark McKinlay	2,881,984	1,832,101	2,002,543	2,881,984	0	1,049,883	170,442	-879,441	1,049,883	0	0	27/06/23: 27-06-23: 2 building fabric projects planned for this year. Both on site and working towards completion in early summer holidays. This is a 5-yr rolling programme.	Green	Slippage	31/03/2027
50T4X020	Internal Works	1,000,000	216,743	222,172	1,000,000	0	783,257	5,429	-777,828	783,257	0	0					
50CPX00 583	Emergency/reactive improvements Health and Safety	Mark McKinlay	1,000,000	216,743	222,172	1,000,000	0	783,257	5,429	-777,828	783,257	0	0	27/06/23: 27-06-23: Some emergency works have been identified & will continue through to year end. This is a 5-yr rolling programme.	Green	Slippage	31/03/2027
50T4X024	Primary - Nursery Places	419,821	419,821	419,821	419,821	0	0	0	0	0	0	0					
50CPX00 147	Stony Stratford Day Nursery	Peter Beer	419,821	419,821	419,821	419,821	0	0	0	0	0	0	06/07/23: Project completed	Green	On Target	31/12/2022	
50T4X025	Primary - Extension/Structural Works	7,478,501	7,171,353	7,108,688	7,478,500	-1	307,148	-62,665	-369,813	307,147	0	-1					
50CPX00 155	Priory Rise 1FOE	Sarah Bayliss	2,543,122	2,540,837	2,540,837	2,543,122	0	2,285	0	-2,285	2,285	0	0	30/06/23: Works complete, in defects period. Money retained for professional fees at end of defects	Green	On Target	30/08/2022
50CPX01 087	Primary PRU site in Bletchley	Sarah Bayliss	280,000	233,222	227,610	280,000	0	46,778	-5,612	-52,390	46,778	0	0	30/06/23: Works complete, budget for professional fees and additional works at end of defects period	Green	On Target	16/09/2022
50CPX00 887	Hanslope Primary School Expansion	Mark McKinlay	4,596,238	4,338,153	4,281,100	4,596,237	-1	258,085	-57,053	-315,138	258,084	0	-1	27/06/23: 27-06-23: Snagging & Defects undertaken end May 2023, works relating to this being continued to work inline with school.	Green	Slippage	31/05/2022
50CPX01 117	Wood End Infant & Pre-School	Dominic Williams	59,141	59,141	59,141	59,141	0	0	0	0	0	0	0				
50T4X026	Primary - New Build	42,649,738	16,594,185	18,185,296	42,653,446	3,708	14,606,937	1,591,111	-13,015,826	14,610,645	0	3,708					
50CPX00 178	Shenley Wood New Primary 2 FOE	Kathleen Cook	8,054,977	8,054,977	8,058,685	8,058,685	3,708	0	3,708	3,708	0	3,708	27/06/23: Late issue of legal fees to cover Car Park ownership, overspend to be funded by Basic Need	Green	Overspend	30/06/2023	
50CPX00 997	MK East - HIF Social Infrastructure	Maria Demmon	24,094,761	598,584	693,790	24,094,761	0	12,047,561	95,206	-11,952,355	12,047,561	0	0	26/06/23: 26/06/23: Construction contract awarded following Full Council funding approval decision. Due to start on site early August 23, following receipt of planning permission, due early July 23.	Green	On Target	31/03/2025
50CPX00 996	Calverton Lane Primary School	Sarah Bayliss	10,500,000	7,940,624	9,432,821	10,500,000	0	2,559,376	1,492,197	-1,067,179	2,559,376	0	0	30/06/23: Due to complete on site July 23. Forecast final account is within budget	Green	On Target	17/07/2023
50T4X028	Secondary - New Build	74,105,019	73,357,707	72,418,989	73,607,707	-497,312	747,312	-938,718	-1,686,030	250,000	0	-497,312					
50CPX00 584	Whitehouse 12FE Secondary School	Kathleen Cook	39,359,547	39,169,547	38,686,770	39,319,547	-40,000	190,000	-482,777	-672,777	150,000	0	-40,000	27/06/23: Contribution towards Fire doors and handrails to be agreed and installed in the summer. Any underspend to be returned to source	Green	Underspend	30/10/2023
50CPX00 889	Glebe Meadows Primary & Secondary School	Maria Demmon	34,745,472	34,188,160	33,732,219	34,288,160	-457,312	557,312	-455,941	-1,013,253	100,000	0	-457,312	26/06/23: 26/06/23: In 12-month aftercare phase with final retention payment to be released after any defect's rectification in Sept 23. Forecast amount includes for remaining fees. Identified underspend can be re-allocated.	Green	Underspend	31/08/2023
50T4X029	Special Schools	13,038,407	2,562,526	3,284,227	13,044,483	6,076	8,975,881	721,701	-8,254,180	8,981,957	0	6,076					
50CPX00 757	Shepherdswell Academy - Special Provision	Sarah Bayliss	297,687	297,687	291,998	303,376	5,689	0	-5,689	-5,689	5,689	0	5,689	30/06/23: Project in defects period. Forecast is for final QS fees. Funding available and will be requested as required.	Green	On Target	28/02/2022
50CPX00 827	St Pauls School - Special Provision	Sarah Bayliss	2,870,981	113,962	171,186	2,870,981	0	2,757,019	57,224	-2,699,795	2,757,019	0	0	30/06/23: Works commenced, completion Feb 24	Green	On Target	28/02/2024
50CPX00 899	White Spire - Special Provision	Sarah Bayliss	403,601	403,101	396,063	403,601	0	500	-7,038	-7,538	500	0	0	30/06/23: Works complete, in defects period. Retained budget for final account and fees at end of defects period	Green	On Target	18/02/2022
50CPX00 900	New Bradwell - Special Provision	Sarah Bayliss	91,215	91,215	93,149	91,215	0	0	1,934	1,934	0	0	20/02/23: Project complete	Green	On Target	02/10/2020	
50CPX00 901	Romans Field - Special Provision	Sarah Bayliss	394,774	359,774	351,549	394,774	0	35,000	-8,225	-43,225	35,000	0	0	30/06/23: 20/02/23: Project complete, in defects period. Budget retained for professional fees at end of defects period	Green	Slippage	30/09/2022
50CPX00 999	The Walnuts (Bletchley) Phase Three - Special Provision	Sarah Bayliss	160,149	160,149	160,536	160,536	387	0	387	387	0	387	30/06/23: Project complete, budget for retention release	Green	On Target	31/01/2022	
50CPX01 115	Stephenson Academy - Special Provision	Sarah Bayliss	2,000,000	1,049,158	1,727,272	2,000,000	0	950,842	678,114	-272,728	950,842	0	0	30/06/23: Works complete, final account to be agreed.	Green	On Target	13/06/2023
50CPX01 109	Primary PRU - Special Provision	Sarah Bayliss	1,820,000	87,480	92,474	1,820,000	0	1,732,520	4,994	-1,727,526	1,732,520	0	0	30/06/23: Works commenced on site, completion Dec 23, on programme and budget	Green	On Target	20/12/2023
50CPX01 288	Refurbishment works to create Higher Complex Needs Provision for SEND pupils	Sarah Bayliss	5,000,000	0	0	5,000,000	0	3,500,000	0	-3,500,000	3,500,000	0	0	30/06/23: Works commenced, completion Feb 24	Green	On Target	31/07/2024
50T4X077	Access Initiative	201,947	167,373	172,373	201,947	0	34,574	5,000	-29,574	34,574	0	0					
50CPX00 717	Pupil Specific Works-Pre & Primary	Kathleen Cook	201,947	167,373	172,373	201,947	0	34,574	5,000	-29,574	34,574	0	0	27/06/23: Await school specific requests for works/adaptations, which will be agreed at Board	Green	On Target	31/03/2024
50T3X039	Integrated Support & Social Care	976,892	803,862	807,423	999,763	22,871	117,776	3,561	-114,215	95,401	0	-22,375					
50T4X048	Libraries	866,706	697,153	698,373	806,713	-59,993	114,299	1,220	-113,079	93,060	0	-21,239					
50CPX01 127	Community Learning MK - CMK Library changes	Janis Stars	152,340	149,825	149,825	152,340	0	2,515	0	-2,515	2,515	0	0	05/07/23: Final contract invoice to be agreed and paid.	Green	On Target	30/06/2023
50CPX01 216	Bletchley Library - Building work at Bletchley Library	Janis Stars	45,625	0	1,220	45,625	0	45,625	1,220	-44,405	45,625	0	0	05/07/23: Currently on site with handover to user for 14 August.	Green	On Target	30/08/2023

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		Total Expenditure Capital Budget	Prior Year Expenditure Actuals	Total Expenditure Actuals to date	Total Scheme Forecast	Forecast Variance to Capital Budget	Current Year Capital Budget	Current Year Actuals	Current Year Actuals Variance to Capital Budget	Current Forecast 2023/24	Forecast Slippage to Future Years	Forecast Variance to Capital Budget					
50CPX00 283	Self Service Kiosks in Libraries	Simon Sims	198,701	167,701	167,701	194,534	-4,167	10,333	0	-10,333	10,333	0	0	28/06/23: 02/03/23: 23/12/22: Remaining amount to support roll-out of contactless payment installation and for maintenance after the first year - Expected to finish in 2024-2025 FY.	Amber	On Target	31/12/2019
50CPX00 647	Library ICT Upgrade	Simon Sims	100,000	78,761	78,761	78,761	-21,239	21,239	0	-21,239	0	0	-21,239	23/12/22: All work has been completed on this capital project - the upgrade has been completed.	Green	Underspend	31/03/2022
50CPX00 648	Open Libraries Solutions	Simon Sims	183,979	183,979	183,979	183,979	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	23/12/22: Remaining amount to support the future development of Libraries Xtra (Open Libraries) to other libraries - this is expected to happen in 2023/24 looking to expand our open libraries offer.	Green	On Target	31/03/2022
50CPX00 841	Central Library and City Archive Integration, Phase 1	Simon Sims	100,000	30,826	30,826	65,413	-34,587	34,587	0	-34,587	34,587	0	0	28/06/23: 23/12/22: Bee Lewis is project lead and on hold pending further studies on condition of the building - No further updates, still the case with this.	Amber	Slippage	30/06/2020
50CPX00 949	Library Provision for Western Expansion Area	Simon Sims	86,061	86,061	86,061	86,061	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	23/12/22: Project has been completed.	Green	Underspend	00/01/1900
50T4X087	Adoption and Fostering		25,772	23,597	23,597	107,597	81,825	2,175	0	-2,175	0	0	-2,175				
50CPX00 193	Adoption and fostering service: Building adaptations and car	Sharon Godfrey	25,772	23,597	23,597	107,597	81,825	2,175	0	-2,175	0	0	-2,175	Adaptation works on house underway. Project started in 22/23 and was part funded from the DFG but this is now fully spent. Funding has been identified for the remaining works required this FY and a START doc has been prepared to add this funding to the 23/24 programme	Green	Overspend	31/03/2024
50T4X091	Childrens Centres		84,414	83,112	85,453	85,453	1,039	1,302	2,341	1,039	2,341	0	1,039				
50CPX00 998	Hedge rows Childrens Centre	Janis Stars	84,414	83,112	85,453	85,453	1,039	1,302	2,341	1,039	2,341	0	1,039	05/07/23: Final contract invoice to be agreed and paid. Additional funding to be covered from BMP	Green	Overspend	30/03/2023
50T2X013	Housing & Regeneration - HRA		295,516,840	172,072,309	177,249,523	310,743,432	15,226,592	88,515,318	5,177,214	-83,338,104	66,855,069	20,753,372	-906,877				
50T3X021	New Council Housing		44,886,727	32,165,879	32,327,643	44,886,522	-205	12,210,848	161,764	-12,049,084	12,088,271	122,372	-205				
50T4X037	New Build		8,901,057	8,239,998	8,320,114	8,900,852	-205	661,059	80,116	-580,943	538,482	122,372	-205				
50CPX00 775	Talland Site 1&2 New Council Houses	Rahul Mundry	1,614,897	1,614,897	1,578,592	1,615,397	500	0	-36,305	-36,305	500	0	500	23/06/23: 26/06/2023: project handed over; forecast overspend due to original budgets produced by YourMK no longer being valid;	Red	Overspend	31/05/2022
50CPX00 907	Rowlands Close - New Council Houses	Rahul Mundry	1,487,298	916,845	1,100,644	1,487,298	0	570,453	183,799	-386,654	448,081	122,372	0	23/06/23: 23/02/2023 financial year profit: Project within approved budget but increased from original forecast due to utility delays and price volatility and inflation.	Amber	Slippage	31/03/2021
50CPX00 242	Coltsfoot New Council Houses	Peter Wilson	4,398,952	4,308,346	4,256,722	4,398,247	-705	90,606	-51,624	-142,230	89,901	0	-705	22.02.23 Scheme handed over figures reflect final account including EOT claim resolved	Amber	Overspend	01/03/2022
50CPX00 246	Germander New Council Houses	Peter Wilson	1,256,893	1,256,893	1,241,139	1,256,893	0	0	-15,754	-15,754	0	0	0	22.02.23 Scheme Completed Dec 21. Retention payment to be paid. Figure includes agreed final account and EOT claim resolved	Amber	Overspend	09/11/2021
50CPX00 776	Fern Grove New Council Houses	Peter Wilson	30,735	30,735	30,735	30,735	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	22.02.23 tender evaluation completed - progress subject to gateway review due to HRA headroom - Construction costs omitted at this time	Amber	Overspend	31/03/2022
50CPX00 781	Surrey Road New Council Houses	Peter Wilson	112,282	112,282	112,282	112,282	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	22.02.23 tender evaluation completed - progress subject to gateway review due to HRA headroom - Construction costs omitted at this time	Amber	Slippage	31/03/2022
50T4X038	Conversions		1,163	1,163	1,163	1,163	0	0	0	0	0	0	0				
50CPX00 906	159 Ramsons Conversions	Clare Dowds	1,163	1,163	1,163	1,163	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	26/06/23: 26/06/23 Project no longer being considered	Green	Slippage	31/03/2022
50T4X039	Acquisitions		35,984,507	23,924,718	24,006,366	35,984,507	0	11,549,789	81,648	-11,468,141	11,549,789	0	0				
50CPX00 722	Purchase of Properties (Council Dwellings)	Julia Banham	19,582,995	19,477,903	19,557,311	19,582,995	0	105,092	79,408	-25,684	105,092	0	0	23/12/22: 24/12/22: JB: No change - At present only 1 acquisition is in the pipeline, total spend in the region of £136,400. 825k to slip to 2023.	Green	On Target	31/03/2024
50CPX00 963	NSAP 1 Bed Acquisitions	Julia Banham	4,413,172	4,413,172	4,413,172	4,413,172	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	23/12/22: 24/12/22: JB: Project ended. NO further spend expected.	Green	On Target	31/03/2022
50CPX01 289	Local Authority Housing Fund (LAHF)	Melanie Marshman	2,100,000	0	0	2,100,000	0	2,100,000	0	-2,100,000	2,100,000	0	0	28/06/23: Offers accepted on five properties, due to complete by August.	Green	On Target	01/09/2023
50CPX01 244	Local Authority Housing Fund (LAHF) Second round	Mel Marshman	2,443,340	0	0	2,443,340	0	2,443,340	0	-2,443,340	2,443,340	0	0				
New 1	Resident Leaseholder Shared Equity Proposal Serpentine Court.	Will Rysdale	510,000	0	0	510,000	0	0	0	0	0	0	0				
50CPX00 964	Fishermead - Modular	Peter Wilson	6,935,000	33,643	35,883	6,935,000	0	6,901,357	2,240	-6,899,117	6,901,357	0	0	22.02.23 Units being delivered to site. Expected completion Mar 23. COW fee added - there will be further extras not reflected in the current forecast to complete e.g. CCTV	Amber	Slippage	31/12/2021
50T3X022	Regeneration HRA		66,980,988	7,765,205	8,211,232	82,207,786	15,226,798	24,796,571	446,027	-24,350,544	3,258,899	20,631,000	-906,672				
50T4X036	Regeneration (HRA)		66,980,988	7,765,205	8,211,232	82,207,786	15,226,798	24,796,571	446,027	-24,350,544	3,258,899	20,631,000	-906,672				
50CPX00 995	Mellish and Gables Demolition	Kathleen Cook	4,317,521	2,457,835	2,609,658	3,417,521	-900,000	1,859,686	151,823	-1,707,863	959,686	0	-900,000	27/06/23: Demolition of both tower blocks completed. Foundations being excavated at Mellish Court, unknown ground conditions and possibility of asbestos in the ground is not as bad as anticipated, hence the underspend	Green	Underspend	10/07/2023
50CPX00 784	Lakes Satellite Sites - Land Value Enhancement	Rahul Mundry	2,934,173	2,934,173	2,932,173	2,938,478	4,305	0	-2,000	-2,000	4,305	0	4,305	23/06/23: 26/06/2023: RM/PW: Includes grounds investigations and pre-tender design, construction budget for Phase A shown below separately.	Green	On Target	31/03/2022
50CPX00 974	Lakes Estate - Environmental Improvements	Rahul Mundry	941,465	941,465	941,465	1,029,448	87,983	0	0	0	87,983	0	87,983	23/06/23: 26/06/2023:(RM/PW): Cycle path and 4.no play areas completed, on-going work on courtyards; expected completion Q3/23-24;	Green	On Target	00/01/1900
50CPX01 000	The Lakes Estate Regeneration	Rahul Mundry	57,596,712	390,615	599,908	73,346,592	15,749,880	22,786,885	209,293	-22,577,592	1,772,295	20,631,000	-383,590	23/06/23: 23/02/23: 23/02/2023: Current figures represent change of substitution of A2 for site A3 and is based on Gleeds existing costings; Financial year profiling to be completed once project is approved.	Green	On Target	31/03/2027
50CPX01 225	Leasehold Buy Backs Lakes Estate	Rahul Mundry	95,173	95,173	208,551	478,763	383,590	0	113,378	113,378	383,590	0	383,590	23/06/23: Purchases of Serpentine Court funded from Lakes Estate Regen.	Green	On Target	00/01/1900
50CPX00 953	Fullers Slade Regeneration	Peter Wilson	196,489	196,489	197,487	196,489	0	0	998	998	0	0	0	9/12/22 CPB Nov meeting - regen project paused due to HRA Headroom Position 22.02.23 22/23 figure includes fees not billed for work completed 13/07 488 of cost incorrectly coded	Amber	On Target	01/10/2022
50CPX01 047	Cripps Lodge	Peter Wilson	899,455	749,455	721,990	800,495	-98,960	150,000	-27,465	-177,465	51,040	0	-98,960	22.02.23 Working to produce invitation to tender, inclusive of Parks Trust land purchase and site security - progress subject to gateway review due to HRA headroom - Construction costs omitted at this time	Green	Overspend	00/01/1900

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		Total Expenditure Capital Budget	Prior Year Expenditure Actuals	Total Expenditure Actuals to date	Total Scheme Forecast	Forecast Variance to Capital Budget	Current Year Capital Budget	Current Year Actuals	Current Year Actuals Variance to Capital Budget	Current Forecast 2023/24	Forecast Slippage to Future Years	Forecast Variance to Capital Budget						
50T3X023	Asset Management	175,366,050	124,844,652	129,039,181	175,366,050	0	50,521,398	4,194,529	-46,326,869	50,521,398	0	0						
50T4X018	Urgent Failing Components	3,322,410	1,628,195	1,516,234	3,322,410	0	1,694,215	-111,961	-1,806,176	1,694,215	0	0						
50CPX00 223	Harrier Court	Clare Dowds	1,263,583	28,774	28,774	1,263,583	0	1,234,809	0	-1,234,809	1,234,809	0	0	26/06/23: 26/06/23 Budget spend is dependent on specialist contractors being available and subject to distribution network providers cutting off supplies when required.	Green	On Target	31/03/2022	
50CPX00 832	Reema Blocks - 16 Blocks	Clare Dowds	440,640	0	53,525	440,640	0	440,640	53,525	-387,115	440,640	0	0	27/06/23: 27/06/23 works continue to assess buildings requirements	Amber	On Target	31/03/2022	
50CPX00 989	Replacement stairlifts	Clare Dowds	70,264	51,498	53,823	70,264	0	18,766	2,325	-16,441	18,766	0	0	26/06/23: 26/06/23 this is demand led budget based on failures to existing stairlifts installed in tenanted properties.	Green	On Target	31/03/2022	
50CPX01 157	Ongoing Council Dwelling Insurance Works	Clare Dowds	287,662	287,662	289,295	287,662	0	0	1,633	1,633	0	0	0	0	0	Green	On Target	00/01/1900
50CPX00 962	Granby Court and Everglade House	Alison Cook	1,260,261	1,260,261	1,090,817	1,260,261	0	0	-169,444	-169,444	0	0	0	0	0	Green	Underspend	31/03/2022
50T4X031	Decent Homes Programme		77,150,803	65,135,166	66,255,944	77,150,803	0	12,015,637	1,120,778	-10,894,859	12,015,637	0	0					
50CPX00 202	Communal	Clare Dowds	12,291,194	10,554,981	10,714,805	12,291,194	0	1,736,213	159,824	-1,576,389	1,736,213	0	0	26/06/23: 26/06/23 Projects in year expected to be delivered, subject to leasehold consultation. Pressure could arise if element replacements, deferred to FY2425 due to budget, begin to fail in year	Green	On Target	31/03/2022	
50CPX00 203	Doors	Clare Dowds	7,878,824	5,350,747	5,455,895	7,878,824	0	2,528,077	105,148	-2,422,929	2,528,077	0	0	26/06/23: 26/06/23 Currently forecasting to budget however risk may come if significant numbers require leasehold consultation, subject to varying lease terms	Green	On Target	31/03/2022	
50CPX00 204	Windows	Clare Dowds	4,308,314	4,169,659	4,208,379	4,308,314	0	138,655	38,720	-99,935	138,655	0	0	26/06/23: 26/06/23 Spend to budget	Green	On Target	31/03/2022	
50CPX00 586	Bathrooms	Clare Dowds	11,089,366	9,915,434	10,159,707	11,089,366	0	1,173,932	244,273	-929,659	1,173,932	0	0	26/06/23: 26/06/23 Significantly reduced budget from previous years. Will focus on in year failures therefore risk of overspend if more become beyond economical repair in year.	Green	On Target	31/03/2022	
50CPX00 587	Electrics / Wiring	Clare Dowds	9,053,617	6,270,056	6,734,766	9,053,617	0	2,783,561	464,710	-2,318,851	2,783,561	0	0	26/06/23: 26/06/23 Possible pressure if no. of properties requiring Fixed Wiring Periodic test require upgrades to consumer unit, ventilation & fire detection	Red	On Target	31/03/2022	
50CPX00 588	Kitchens	Clare Dowds	23,989,508	22,327,851	22,360,999	23,989,508	0	1,661,657	33,148	-1,628,509	1,661,657	0	0	26/06/23: 26/06/23 Spend to budget	Amber	On Target	31/03/2022	
50CPX00 827	External Walls & Fencing	Clare Dowds	8,539,980	6,546,438	6,621,393	8,539,980	0	1,993,542	74,955	-1,918,587	1,993,542	0	0	26/06/23: 26/06/23 Spend to budget	Amber	On Target	31/03/2022	
50T4X032	Structural Upgrades		21,188,346	19,239,386	19,515,292	21,188,346	0	1,948,960	275,906	-1,673,054	1,948,960	0	0					
50CPX00 591	Structural - Roofing	Clare Dowds	20,931,945	19,071,113	19,347,019	20,931,945	0	1,860,832	275,906	-1,584,926	1,860,832	0	0	26/06/23: 26/06/23 projects are based on failing components which are beyond economical repair or where there has been damage due to incident (fire/ impact).	Green	On Target	31/03/2022	
50CPX00 930	Lifts at Sheltered Schemes	Clare Dowds	256,401	168,273	168,273	256,401	0	88,128	0	-88,128	88,128	0	0	26/06/23: 26/06/23 Replacement lift at Petworth will be delivered in year but costs mean pressure on funds to deliver other failing lift.	Green	On Target	31/03/2022	
50T4X033	Heating Upgrades		10,823,502	9,482,866	9,565,311	10,823,502	0	1,340,636	82,445	-1,258,191	1,340,636	0	0					
50CPX00 590	Boilers & Heating Distribution	Clare Dowds	6,899,246	6,439,890	6,522,335	6,899,246	0	459,356	82,445	-376,911	459,356	0	0	26/06/23: 26/06/23 this is demand led based on failed heating systems.	Green	On Target	31/03/2022	
50CPX00 826	Communal Heating	Clare Dowds	3,924,256	3,042,976	3,042,976	3,924,256	0	881,280	0	-881,280	881,280	0	0	26/06/23: 26/06/23 significant risk due to unbudgeted failure of pipework at a sheltered scheme, in addition to the failure already budgeted for at another scheme, costs are still being sought.	Amber	On Target	31/03/2022	
50T4X035	Fire Safety Works		3,033,478	1,894,727	2,204,687	3,033,478	0	1,138,751	309,960	-828,791	1,138,751	0	0					
50CPX00 829	Fire Safety Works	Clare Dowds	3,033,478	1,894,727	2,204,687	3,033,478	0	1,138,751	309,960	-828,791	1,138,751	0	0	26/06/23: 26/06/23 spend to budget subject to outcomes of fire risk assessments and compartmentation surveys which could create pressure. This will also include projects requiring leasehold consultation	Green	On Target	31/03/2022	
50T4X078	Voids		31,470,619	26,070,399	26,991,893	31,470,619	0	5,400,220	921,494	-4,478,726	5,400,220	0	0					
50CPX00 593	Voids - Bathroom	Clare Dowds	1,668,790	1,668,790	1,744,783	1,668,790	0	0	75,993	75,993	0	0	0	26/06/23: 26/06/23 Budget is showing on Voids - Structural and covers all capital elements of spend on voids	Green	On Target	31/03/2025	
50CPX00 594	Voids - Door	Clare Dowds	1,945,692	1,945,692	2,054,372	1,945,692	0	0	108,680	108,680	0	0	0	26/06/23: 26/06/23 Budget is showing on Voids - Structural and covers all capital elements of spend on voids	Green	On Target	31/03/2025	
50CPX00 595	Voids - Kitchen	Clare Dowds	2,910,719	2,910,719	2,990,227	2,910,719	0	0	79,508	79,508	0	0	0	26/06/23: 26/06/23 Budget is showing on Voids - Structural and covers all capital elements of spend on voids	Green	On Target	31/03/2025	
50CPX00 596	Voids - Structure	Clare Dowds	22,888,870	17,488,650	18,044,631	22,888,870	0	5,400,220	555,981	-4,844,239	5,400,220	0	0	26/06/23: 26/06/23 demand led based on condition of properties when they become vacant. Continue to monitor.	Red	On Target	31/03/2025	
50CPX00 597	Voids - Windows	Clare Dowds	212,644	212,644	219,941	212,644	0	0	7,297	7,297	0	0	0	26/06/23: 26/06/23 Budget is showing on Voids - Structural and covers all capital elements of spend on voids	Green	On Target	31/03/2025	
50CPX00 598	Voids - Wiring	Clare Dowds	1,843,904	1,843,904	1,937,939	1,843,904	0	0	94,035	94,035	0	0	0	26/06/23: 26/06/23 Budget is showing on Voids - Structural and covers all capital elements of spend on voids	Green	On Target	31/03/2025	
50T4X092	Energy Improvement		28,376,892	1,393,913	2,989,820	28,376,892	0	26,982,979	1,595,907	-25,387,072	26,982,979	0	0					
50CPX01 088	Netherfield Decarbonisation	Clare Dowds	11,498,539	770,613	2,263,919	11,498,539	0	10,727,926	1,493,306	-9,234,620	10,727,926	0	0	27/06/23: 27/06/23 budget pressures identified following tendering of works, adapted to cover elements identified through further surveys and trial properties	Green	On Target	00/01/1900	
50CPX01 226	SHDF Wave 2	Clare Dowds	16,264,244	9,191	-830	16,264,244	0	16,255,053	-10,021	-16,265,074	16,255,053	0	0	27/06/23: 27/06/23 This is subject to the full scope of works being developed, designed and costed before final project scope confirmed.	Green	On Target	00/01/1900	
50CPX01 283	Tinkers Bridge Wave 2	Clare Dowds	47,924	47,924	59,186	47,924	0	0	11,262	11,262	0	0	0	27/06/23: 27/06/23 budget is currently sitting in overall SHDF Wave 2 pending full scope of whole project being costed	Green	On Target	00/01/1900	
50CPX01 284	Bradville Wave 2	Clare Dowds	31,645	31,645	62,352	31,645	0	0	30,707	30,707	0	0	0	27/06/23: 27/06/23 budget is currently sitting in overall SHDF Wave 2 pending full scope of whole project being costed	Green	On Target	00/01/1900	
50CPX01 285	Stacey Bushes Wave 2	Clare Dowds	85,816	85,816	81,555	85,816	0	0	-4,261	-4,261	0	0	0	27/06/23: 27/06/23 budget is currently sitting in overall SHDF Wave 2 pending full scope of whole project being costed	Green	On Target	00/01/1900	

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50CPX01 286	Netherfield Wave 2	Clare Dowds	448,724	448,724	523,638	448,724	0	0	74,914	74,914	0	0	0	0	0	27/06/23: 27/06/23 budget is currently sitting in overall SHDF Wave 2 pending full scope of whole project being costed	Green	On Target	00/01/1900
50T3X025	Disabled Adaptations HRA		8,283,075	7,296,573	7,671,467	8,283,074	-1	986,501	374,894	-611,607	986,501	0	0	0					
50T4X030	Disabled Adaptations		8,283,075	7,296,573	7,671,467	8,283,074	-1	986,501	374,894	-611,607	986,501	0	0	0					
50CPX00 585	Aids & Adaptations	James Hellard	8,283,075	7,296,573	7,671,467	8,283,074	-1	986,501	374,894	-611,607	986,501	0	0	0		27/06/23: Jun-23 forecast-not forecasting overspend. Commitments of £2.1m/275 cases - no budget for an overspend any work once this limit is reached will be put on stop until additional funding is identified	Amber	Slippage	31/03/2022
50T2X014	Housing & Regeneration - GF		10,376,357	9,048,738	9,340,828	10,773,240	396,883	1,327,619	292,090	-1,035,529	1,724,502	0	396,883						
50T3X020	Disabled adaptations GF		10,376,357	9,048,738	9,340,828	10,773,240	396,883	1,327,619	292,090	-1,035,529	1,724,502	0	396,883						
50T4X040	Disabled Facilities Grant		10,376,357	9,048,738	9,340,828	10,773,240	396,883	1,327,619	292,090	-1,035,529	1,724,502	0	396,883						
50CPX00 538	Disabled Facilities Grant	James Hellard	10,376,357	9,048,738	9,340,828	10,773,240	396,883	1,327,619	292,090	-1,035,529	1,724,502	0	396,883		27/06/23: Jun-23 forecast - commitments of £1.7m/155 cases	Amber	Slippage	31/03/2022	
50T2X020	Customer and Community Sevices		13,107,337	9,260,713	9,549,974	13,107,337	0	3,296,624	289,261	-3,007,363	3,296,624	0	0						
50T3X052	Customer and Community Sevices		12,658,339	8,869,661	9,157,612	12,658,339	0	3,238,678	287,951	-2,950,727	3,238,678	0	0						
50T4X016	Leisure		9,070,818	6,155,334	6,475,307	9,070,818	0	2,915,484	319,973	-2,595,511	2,915,484	0	0						
50CPX00 842	MK Arts Centre	Janis Stars	1,271,000	538,778	540,273	1,271,000	0	732,222	1,495	-730,727	732,222	0	0		05/07/23: Almshouses transferred to MK Parks Trust completed and in design stage by MKPT to be delivered in 23/24. H&S works to Radcliffe building prior future use of the building by MKCC.	Amber	On Target	30/12/2023	
50CPX00 011	Fairfield Pitches	Paul VanGeete	620,000	514,097	518,536	620,000	0	105,903	4,439	-101,464	105,903	0	0		27/06/23: Planned soft landscape works now complete.	Green	On Target	31/07/2023	
50CPX00 050	Whitehouse Community Facility	Sarah Bayliss	1,900,000	130,257	418,643	1,900,000	0	1,769,743	288,386	-1,481,357	1,769,743	0	0		30/06/23: Works on site, completion Feb 24	Green	On Target	20/02/2024	
50CPX00 975	Wavendon Playing Fields	Susannah Brown	960,000	849,833	905,995	960,000	0	110,167	56,162	-54,005	110,167	0	0		27/06/23: Pitch secondary drainage now complete and establishment works ongoing. Site wide snagging issues being addressed to enable handover to the Parish in September.	Green	On Target	30/09/2023	
50CPX00 129	Tattenhoe Park Community Wellness Hub	Melanie Marshman	2,159,482	2,159,482	2,107,321	2,159,482	0	0	-52,161	-52,161	0	0	0		28/06/23: Project now complete and facility open. Pending final agreement on retention.	Amber	On Target	31/03/2024	
50CPX00 271	Woolstones Community Centre Refurb	Melanie Marshman	54,601	42,745	42,745	54,601	0	11,856	0	-11,856	11,856	0	0		28/06/23: Works to heating needs to be completed, due to be completed in autumn.	Green	On Target	31/12/2023	
50CPX00 641	Refurbishment of Local Community Centres	Melanie Marshman	98,625	55,831	55,831	98,625	0	42,794	0	-42,794	42,794	0	0		28/06/23: Project to deliver Tattenhoe Pavilion development, work planned to be delivered in 23/24. Seeking third party funding.	Green	On Target	31/03/2024	
50CPX00 645	Fairfields (Area 11) WEA Leisure and Community Facilities	Melanie Marshman	1,822,110	1,822,110	1,822,201	1,822,110	0	0	91	91	0	0	0		28/06/23: Project completed. Final small retention to be released. Lease awaiting sign off from Football Foundation. Final retention outstanding.	Green	On Target	30/09/2022	
50CPX01 089	Improved Security at Leisure Sites	Melanie Marshman	150,000	42,201	63,762	150,000	0	107,799	21,561	-86,238	107,799	0	0		28/06/23: A programme of improvements has been agreed and work is ongoing.	Green	On Target	31/03/2024	
50CPX01 290	Fairfields Community Meeting Place (CMP)	Tsatsu Negedu	35,000	0	0	35,000	0	35,000	0	-35,000	35,000	0	0		05/07/23: Project to create Fairfields Community Meeting place. Approval given to progress to planning consent, to enable design and construction at the 2nd stage.	Green	On Target	30/09/2023	
50T4X049	Sports		3,337,521	2,714,327	2,682,305	3,337,521	0	73,194	-32,022	-105,216	73,194	0	0						
50CPX00 839	SLA Wavendon Community Facility	Sarah Bayliss	2,605,000	2,581,806	2,549,784	2,605,000	0	23,194	-32,022	-55,216	23,194	0	0		30/06/23: Works complete, in defects period. Budget retained for fees and additional works	Green	On Target	15/07/2022	
50CPX00 262	Westcraft Pavilion Reconfiguration	Melanie Marshman	132,521	132,521	132,521	132,521	0	0	0	0	0	0	0						
50CPX00 840	[CLOSED] Whitehouse (Area 10) WEA Leisure and Community Facilities	Melanie Marshman	600,000	0	0	600,000	0	50,000	0	-50,000	50,000	0	0		28/06/23: Additional funding required, discussions ongoing.	Green	On Target	31/03/2024	
50T4X090	Community Safety		250,000	0	0	250,000	0	250,000	0	-250,000	250,000	0	0						
50CPX00 948	CCTV	Melanie Marshman	250,000	0	0	250,000	0	250,000	0	-250,000	250,000	0	0		28/06/23: Procurement in process, delivery by TVP planned by the end of 23/24.	Green	On Target	31/03/2024	
50T3X037	Regulatory Unit		448,998	391,052	392,362	448,998	0	57,946	1,310	-56,636	57,946	0	0						
50T4X069	Environmental Health		448,998	391,052	392,362	448,998	0	57,946	1,310	-56,636	57,946	0	0						
50CPX00 484	Provision of Additnl Cemetery Facilities	Angela Abbott	129,999	127,739	127,919	129,999	0	2,260	180	-2,080	2,260	0	0		06/07/23: Drainage work being reviewed at Wolverton. Business case to confirm costs and funding being develop to go forward for approvals	Green	On Target	31/03/2024	
50CPX00 761	Improve Security at Sensitive sites	Shaun Greig	249,999	242,164	241,776	249,999	0	7,835	-388	-8,223	7,835	0	0		27/06/23: Project to defend sensitive sites from illegal encampments as they are identified by bunding or physical barriers. Work on H10 completed. £2k for Farmborough; Balance to be allocated and new funding being sought.	Green	On Target	30/09/2023	
50CPX01 224	St Mary's Wavendon - Garden of Rest	Susannah Brown	69,000	21,149	22,667	69,000	0	47,851	1,518	-46,333	47,851	0	0		27/06/23: Plans being updated in accordance with Diocese recommendations. Tender to be published August and works to commence October 2023	Green	On Target	31/03/2024	
50T2X015	Planning and Placemaking		40,068,276	18,898,378	19,372,456	40,068,276	0	12,824,231	474,078	-12,350,153	12,524,231	300,000	0						
50T3X014	Innovation		13,281,956	11,995,618	12,004,278	13,281,956	0	1,286,338	8,660	-1,277,678	1,286,338	0	0						
50T4X075	Transport Innovation		5,577,080	4,516,889	4,516,889	5,577,080	0	1,060,191	0	-1,060,191	1,060,191	0	0						
50CPX00 518	Go Ultra Low - Infrastructure	Brian Matthews	3,955,802	3,910,421	3,910,421	3,955,802	0	45,381	0	-45,381	45,381	0	0		04/07/23: Final install in progress. Complete March 2024	Green	On Target	31/03/2024	
50CPX01 038	On Street Residential Chargepoint Scheme (ORCS)	Brian Matthews	865,000	606,468	606,468	865,000	0	258,532	0	-258,532	258,532	0	0		04/07/23: Phase 2 starts Aug 23 completes Dec 23. Phase 3 in preparation for start Jan 24 completes March 24	Green	On Target	31/03/2024	
50CPX01 282	Local Electric Vehicle Infrastructure (LEVI)	Brian Matthews	42,000	0	0	42,000	0	42,000	0	-42,000	42,000	0	0		04/07/23: Office Zero Emission Vehicles (OZEV) grant funded to deliver 117 Electric Vehicle chargers by March 2024	Green	On Target	31/03/2024	
50T4X089	Connectivity Infrastructure		7,704,876	7,478,729	7,487,389	7,704,876	0	226,147	8,660	-217,487	226,147	0	0						
50CPX00 894	MKSG - Connecting Communities	Brian Matthews	5,303,429	5,077,821	5,077,821	5,295,308	-8,121	225,608	0	-225,608	217,487	0	-8,121		04/07/23: Remaining budget for MKCC Travel App using 5G data planned to be delivered Q4 2024. £8,121 to be used for overspend on 50CPX00976	Green	Underspend	31/03/2024	
50CPX00 976	MK 5G Create	Brian Matthews	2,401,447	2,400,908	2,409,568	2,409,568	8,121	539	8,660	8,121	8,660	0	8,121		04/07/23: 28/06/23: Programme complete . Overspend of £8121.00 funded from 50CPX00894 see above.	Green	Overspend	30/06/2023	
50T3X029	Economy and Culture		2,629,753	2,272,252	2,251,696	2,629,753	0	357,501	-20,556	-378,057	357,501	0	0						
50T4X050	Culture		2,259,753	2,248,252	2,227,314	2,259,753	0	11,501	-20,938	-32,439	11,501	0	0						

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50CPX00 297	Bradwell Abbey Improvements Programme	Mark McKinlay	2,259,753	2,248,252	2,227,314	2,259,753	0	11,501	-20,938	-32,439	11,501	0	0	27/06/23: 27-06-23: Snagging & defects taking place in farmhouse & other building. Conservation officer sign off still required. Completion now expected in end July 2023.	Amber	On Target	31/05/2023
50T4X079	Public Art		370,000	24,000	24,382	370,000	0	346,000	382	-345,618	346,000	0	0				
50CPX00 994	Oakgrove Public Art Commission	Fiona Boundy	370,000	24,000	24,382	370,000	0	346,000	382	-345,618	346,000	0	0	04/07/2023 - Pre-app submitted for series of sculptural works along Ouze Valley. Full planning to be submitted in Aug. Procurement of main contractor to commence in July.	Green	On Target	31/01/2024
50T3X041	Planning		243,000	237,637	237,637	243,000	0	5,363	0	-5,363	5,363	0	0				
50T4X044	Urban Design		243,000	237,637	237,637	243,000	0	5,363	0	-5,363	5,363	0	0				
50CPX00 956	Fairfields Allotments	Susannah Brown	243,000	237,637	237,637	243,000	0	5,363	0	-5,363	5,363	0	0	27/06/23: Newt fence still requires removal by Barrett Homes. Once removed grading and planting to boundary can commence towards the end of summer / early autumn	Green	On Target	31/12/2023
50T3X042	Infrastructure		23,913,567	4,392,871	4,878,845	23,913,567	0	11,175,029	485,974	-10,689,055	10,875,029	300,000	0				
50T4X045	Infrastructure Co-ordination		23,913,567	4,392,871	4,878,845	23,913,567	0	11,175,029	485,974	-10,689,055	10,875,029	300,000	0				
50CPX00 263	BDUK - Phase 2	Martyn Smith	550,749	524,910	524,910	550,749	0	25,839	0	-25,839	25,839	0	0	04/07/23: Delay in finalising the contract due to third party issue between BDUK and BT/Openreach regarding amount of subsidy applicable. This is a national issue and not limited to this contract.	Amber	On Target	30/09/2023
50CPX00 264	BDUK - Phase 3	Martyn Smith	2,219,291	1,377,454	1,377,454	2,219,291	0	841,837	0	-841,837	841,837	0	0	04/07/23: Delay in finalising the contract due to third party issue between BDUK and BT/Openreach regarding amount of subsidy applicable. This is a national issue and not limited to this contract.	Amber	On Target	30/09/2023
50CPX01 085	Warrelle Avenue	Paul VanGeete	7,109	7,109	7,109	7,109	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	Discussions on going to agree the next steps	Green	On Target	31/03/2024
50CPX01 106	Replacement of Planning IT system	Sarah Evans	700,000	0	0	700,000	0	700,000	0	-700,000	400,000	300,000	0	27/06/23: Replacement of Planning, Building Control & Land Charges IT systems. Officer Decision to award taken (contract value under DD threshold). Contract to be signed when outstanding legal issue resolved. Slippage is from change in Procurement route (from G-Cloud to open tender)	Amber	Slippage	31/12/2024
50CPX01 082	Whitehouse Allotments	Susannah Brown	275,000	20,190	75,338	275,000	0	254,810	55,148	-199,662	254,810	0	0	27/06/23: Fencing installed. Main contract due to start mid July to be completed Autumn 2023	Green	On Target	31/07/2024
50CPX01 083	Brooklands Allotments	Susannah Brown	250,000	22,656	31,606	250,000	0	227,344	8,950	-218,394	227,344	0	0	27/06/23: Newt issues resolved and works under construction due to be completed Autumn 2023	Green	On Target	31/07/2024
50CPX01 084	Fairfields LP4	Susannah Brown	910,000	65,963	367,911	910,000	0	814,037	301,948	-512,089	814,037	0	0	27/06/23: Park contract and play area contract under construction, due to complete end of August. Planting and seeding works to be tendered for autumn winter implementation.	Green	On Target	31/12/2024
50CPX01 218	Glebe Farm Allotments	Susannah Brown	225,000	10,606	10,606	225,000	0	200,000	0	-200,000	200,000	0	0	27/06/23: Planning consent granted. Tender to be published early August with works to commence October 2023. Establishment works will run into 2024/25	Green	On Target	31/10/2024
50CPX01 018	Towns Fund - 1. Innovation Hub	Tracey Aldworth	3,509,845	0	0	3,509,845	0	1,707,220	0	-1,707,220	1,707,220	0	0	06/07/23: Funding has been received for financial year. Procurement underway to secure operator - spend profile dependant on this process	Amber	On Target	31/03/2026
50CPX01 019	Towns Fund - 2. RDF	Tracey Aldworth	8,464,500	2,310,185	2,315,830	8,464,500	0	5,000,000	5,645	-4,994,355	5,000,000	0	0	06/07/23: Sainsburys acquisition completed February 2023. Project will continue to identify priority acquisitions and spend forecast may adapt	Green	On Target	31/03/2026
50CPX01 020	Towns Fund - 3. Transport Hub	Tracey Aldworth	3,714,500	0	0	3,714,500	0	389,500	0	-389,500	389,500	0	0	06/07/23: Project spend currently on track, however delivery of project dependant on outcome of EWR options. Feasibility options underway	Amber	On Target	31/03/2026
50CPX01 021	Towns Fund - 4. Public Realm Imps	Tracey Aldworth	1,996,573	0	6,450	1,996,573	0	47,500	6,450	-41,050	47,500	0	0	06/07/23: Feasibility options being tested. Project is dependant on delivery of wider programme and spend forecast profiled accordingly	Green	On Target	31/03/2026
50CPX01 022	Towns Fund - 5. Redway Improvements	Tracey Aldworth	722,000	53,798	53,798	722,000	0	668,202	0	-668,202	668,202	0	0	06/07/23: Detailed design stage complete. Project moving into delivery phase (summer 2023). Spend forecast on track.	Green	On Target	31/03/2024
50CPX01 023	Towns Fund - 6. Tech Park Bletchley	Tracey Aldworth	274,000	0	107,833	274,000	0	203,740	107,833	-95,907	203,740	0	0	06/07/23: Project delivery underway - technical fitout nearing completion. Additional funds profiled for remaining financial years	Green	On Target	31/03/2026
50CPX01 025	Towns Fund - 8. Fibre Connectivity	Tracey Aldworth	95,000	0	0	95,000	0	95,000	0	-95,000	95,000	0	0	06/07/23: Project dependant on outcome of Gov Project gigabit. Funding may slip into next financial year or need reallocation within other Towns Deal projects.	Amber	On Target	31/03/2024
50T2X017	Environment & Property		322,876,614	137,887,722	144,088,939	322,869,872	-6,742	99,555,507	6,201,217	-93,354,290	99,571,767	0	16,260				
50T3X010	Traffic Management		3,360,373	2,252,494	2,259,538	3,360,373	0	1,107,879	7,044	-1,100,835	1,107,879	0	0				
50T4X061	Traffic Management		3,360,373	2,252,494	2,259,538	3,360,373	0	1,107,879	7,044	-1,100,835	1,107,879	0	0				
50CPX01 090	Northfield Roundabout Signal Upgrade	Andrew Dickinson	120,000	1,479	1,479	120,000	0	118,521	0	-118,521	118,521	0	0	30/06/23: Carrying out design in Year 1, delivery Year 2. Design options now being considered to be delivered by December 2023	Green	On Target	31/12/2023
50CPX00 822	Traffic Management & Road Safety	Luciana Smart	2,523,710	1,873,710	1,878,969	2,523,710	0	650,000	5,259	-644,741	650,000	0	0	03/07/23: TM & RS Programme to provide traffic management and road safety schemes to improve highway network. Various schemes at different stages- design, consultation and delivery.	Green	On Target	31/03/2024
50CPX00 824	20mph Zones	Luciana Smart	179,637	78,929	78,925	179,637	0	100,708	-4	-100,712	100,708	0	0	03/07/23: Delegated Decision on the schemes criteria's and approval to be reviewed in Q2 2023/24.	Green	On Target	31/03/2024
50CPX00 932	Ferry Meadows	Luciana Smart	143,000	8,980	13,798	143,000	0	134,020	4,818	-129,202	134,020	0	0	03/07/23: To improve parking and traffic movement in Ferry Meadows Close, delays on negotiations of 3rd party land and subject to planning consent and environmental surveys. Planning decision expected in Aug 23 and delivery by March 24.	Amber	On Target	31/03/2024
50CPX01 039	Hanslope Pedestrian Crossing outside Primary School	Luciana Smart	68,101	68,101	67,506	68,101	0	0	-595	-595	0	0	0	03/07/23: Scheme completed at the end of Aug 22. Overhead accrual outstanding.	Green	On Target	31/03/2023
50CPX01 110	Magna Park - Road Safety scheme	Luciana Smart	154,049	154,049	152,307	154,049	0	0	-1,742	-1,742	0	0	0	03/07/23: Scheme completed. Overhead accrual outstanding.	Green	On Target	31/07/2023

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50CPX01 111	Cross End, Wavendon - Road closure	Luciana Smart	45,161	2,958	2,958	45,161	0	42,203	0	-42,203	42,203	0	0	03/07/23: Scheme was reviewed following results of the consultation. Phase 1 - minor works vegetation clearance and road signs and lines to be completed in March 23. Phase 2 - traffic calming measures to be implemented in July/Aug 23.	Amber	On Target	31/03/2024
50CPX00 825	Accessibility Fund	Rachel Munday	126,715	64,288	63,596	126,715	0	62,427	-692	-63,119	62,427	0	0	04/07/23: 5 schemes planned following requests from the public to improve accessibility at various locations. Overhead accrual outstanding.	Green	On Target	31/03/2024
50T3X012	Land Development		38,089,981	8,277,576	8,360,253	38,089,981	0	7,150,000	82,677	-7,067,323	7,150,000	0	0				
50T4X074	Land Development		38,089,981	8,277,576	8,360,253	38,089,981	0	7,150,000	82,677	-7,067,323	7,150,000	0	0				
50CPX00 979	Agora	Kathleen Cook	36,688,583	7,026,178	7,095,131	36,688,583	0	7,000,000	68,953	-6,931,047	7,000,000	0	0	27/06/23: PCSA contract awarded to work through detailed design stage & carry out surveys. Contractor build price to be submitted September, funding approvals to be sought, start on site February 24.	Amber	On Target	30/08/2025
50CPX00 509	Tickford Park Developments	Peter Beer	1,401,398	1,251,398	1,265,122	1,401,398	0	150,000	13,724	-136,276	150,000	0	0	06/07/23: Approval to appoint Development partner DD 04/07. Expected to start on site late 2023/24	Green	On Target	31/03/2030
50T3X013	Property		19,014,811	13,917,591	14,200,920	19,044,071	29,260	4,194,963	283,329	-3,911,634	4,224,223	0	29,260				
50T4X067	Smart Property		15,616,109	13,256,886	13,406,166	15,616,109	0	2,359,223	149,280	-2,209,943	2,359,223	0	0				
50CPX00 517	Whitehouse Health Facility	Sarah Bayliss	15,116,109	12,784,524	12,940,087	15,116,109	0	2,331,585	155,563	-2,176,022	2,331,585	0	0	30/06/23: Works commenced June 23 and due to complete September 23	Green	On Target	30/09/2023
50CPX00 982	Galley Hill Community Centre	Sarah Bayliss	500,000	472,362	466,079	500,000	0	27,638	-6,283	-33,921	27,638	0	0	30/06/23: Works completed, in defects period. Budget retained for professional fees and final outstanding works	Green	On Target	30/09/2023
50T4X071	Admin Buildings		3,398,702	660,705	794,754	3,427,962	29,260	1,835,740	134,049	-1,701,691	1,865,000	0	29,260				
50CPX01 028	Asset rationalisation programme	Janis Stars	449,461	438,721	476,540	478,721	29,260	10,740	37,819	27,079	40,000	0	29,260	05/07/23: Phase 1 to 3 of 5 completed. Phase 4 cancelled. Phase 5 (NatWest area) creation of appointment centre completed. Reception doors replaced and fire doors to Appointment Centre require replacement - to be funded from Property Reserve.	Amber	Overspend	30/08/2023
50CPX01 091	FAST Relocation to Warwick Road	Janis Stars	426,678	0	0	426,678	0	426,678		-426,678	426,678		0	05/07/23: Furze Hse to be completed by 14 July. Westminster Hse started to be completed by 14 July. Tower Drive Day Centre and Whaddon Way Day Centre works out to tender with planned start date of 7 August	Green	On Target	30/03/2024
50CPX01 092	Asset Rationalisation Programme - Phase 2	Janis Stars	425,000	0	0	425,000	0	425,000	0	-425,000	425,000	0	0	05/07/23: Work is now underway on the business case and START document for a single-site Adults Day Centre and associated services. Plans to move the FAST team at Jonathan's been finalised, pending a DD by August 2023.	Green	On Target	30/08/2024
50CPX01 094	Building Maintenance programme	Janis Stars	1,573,322	97,743	193,973	1,573,322	0	573,322	96,230	-477,092	573,322	0	0	05/07/23: Furze Hse, Westminster Hse out to tender. Willow Chapel feasibility completed - with Client to agree. Oak Chapel remedials awarded with start date for September. Kitchener Centre out to tender. Greenleys Family Centre in design stage.	Green	On Target	30/03/2024
50T3X015	Bridge Programme		13,228,150	10,611,755	10,624,290	13,228,150	0	2,616,395	12,535	-2,603,860	2,616,395	0	0				
50T4X051	Bridge Programme		13,228,150	10,611,755	10,624,290	13,228,150	0	2,616,395	12,535	-2,603,860	2,616,395	0	0				
50CPX00 312	Bridge Approach Safety Barrier Upgrades	Susan Keem	2,041,944	1,759,267	1,773,354	2,041,944	0	282,677	14,087	-268,590	282,677	0	0	30/06/23: Little Linford Lane & H4 Canal Bridge vehicle restraint system (VRS) upgrades. Briefs to develop for design by consultant for protection of parapets at H8 & H5 railway bridges	Green	On Target	31/03/2024
50CPX00 315	Protective coating to structural element	Susan Keem	756,708	683,166	692,216	756,708	0	73,542	9,050	-64,492	73,542	0	0	30/06/23: 6 in programme - Saxon Court / Westminster House retaining wall parapets, H4 Canal Bridge parapet & 1 footbridge various stages	Green	On Target	31/03/2024
50CPX00 316	Porte Cochere Roof Upgrades	Susan Keem	3,049,793	2,683,049	2,680,896	3,049,793	0	366,744	-2,153	-368,897	366,744	0	0	30/06/23: 20 assets in the 23-24 programme to be priced.	Green	On Target	31/03/2024
50CPX00 317	Structural Improvements to structures	Susan Keem	2,066,941	1,840,041	1,835,626	2,066,941	0	226,900	-4,415	-231,315	226,900	0	0	30/06/23: 8 schemes in programme including bridge joint replacement, upgrade of masonry parapets, preventative maintenance on structural elements. Some work will require design by consultants	Green	On Target	31/03/2024
50CPX00 318	Footbridge Refurbishments	Susan Keem	1,214,866	1,016,145	1,016,120	1,214,866	0	198,721	-25	-198,746	198,721	0	0	30/06/23: Leys Road Bridge redecking complete, Bancroft Causeway stage 2 on site upgrading 10 bridge supports, New Bradwell Canal Footbridge solution for cable issue progressing further schemes to be designed	Green	On Target	31/03/2024
50CPX00 325	Special Investigation of Half Joint St	Susan Keem	383,604	314,769	314,314	383,604	0	68,835	-455	-69,290	68,835	0	0	30/06/23: All reports received, under review. 23-24 programme to be discussed with Ringway for investigation of Secklow Gate Bridge.	Green	On Target	31/03/2024
50CPX00 326	Special Investigatn of Pst Tensiond St	Susan Keem	88,375	88,375	88,339	88,375	0	0	-36	-36	0	0	0	30/06/23: Stage 1 complete, final overhead charge outstanding.	Green	On Target	31/03/2023
50CPX00 332	H10 Canal Bridge Upgrading	Susan Keem	445,940	130,094	130,094	445,940	0	315,846	0	-315,846	315,846	0	0	30/06/23: The design and specification has not been issued to MKCC by AECOM, they are finalising some details. Once received will issue to Ringway for pricing.	Green	On Target	31/03/2024
50CPX00 815	Principal Bridge Inspection Programme	Susan Keem	607,480	532,480	532,460	607,480	0	75,000	-20	-75,020	75,000	0	0	30/06/23: Programme of inspections developed, programme for access requirements on river and road bridges to be issued to Ringway in July.	Green	On Target	31/03/2024
50CPX00 816	Black Horse Canal Bridge refurbishment	Susan Keem	558,589	558,589	558,588	558,589	0	0	-1	-1	0	0	0	30/06/23: Complete	Green	On Target	31/03/2023
50CPX00 926	H9 Bridge River Challenge Fund	Susan Keem	830,000	316,870	317,875	830,000	0	513,130	1,005	-512,125	513,130	0	0	30/06/23: Canal Bridge design & specification issued/reviewed, few amendments, once finalised issue to Ringway for Pricing. River Bridge passes assessment but requires major works to be designed	Green	On Target	31/03/2024
50CPX00 927	Tickford Bridge Newport Pagnell Re-painting	Susan Keem	661,122	661,122	656,620	661,122	0	0	-4,502	-4,502	0	0	0	30/06/23: complete. Awaiting final agreed costs.	Green	On Target	31/03/2023
50CPX00 928	Stag Railway Bridge, Fenny Stratford	Susan Keem	457,788	27,788	27,788	457,788	0	430,000	0	-430,000	430,000	0	0	30/06/23: Ongoing work to resolve the access issues to enable the maintenance works to go ahead. Agreement not yet reached, massive cost implications/risk. Project will be reviewed to consider rephasing	Amber	On Target	31/03/2024
50CPX01 095	Footbridge low bridge height restrictions	Susan Keem	65,000	0	0	65,000	0	65,000	0	-65,000	65,000	0	0	30/06/23: Desk study continues and checks of actual heights required on site before implementing height measures.	Green	On Target	31/03/2024
50T3X016	Highways Services		48,328,650	41,455,544	41,721,056	48,328,650	0	6,873,106	265,512	-6,607,594	6,873,106	0	0				
50T4X017	Resurfacing		39,365,292	34,705,292	34,921,464	39,369,753	4,461	4,660,000	216,172	-4,443,828	4,664,461	0	4,461				

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50CPX00 130	Lining Upgrade – MK Network	Andrew Dickinson	804,332	654,332	668,341	805,593	1,261	150,000	14,009	-135,991	151,261	0	1,261	30/06/23: Works started with Junction 14 project. Further works to take place through year up to March 2024	Green	On Target	31/03/2024
50CPX00 336	Carriageway Resurfacing	Andrew Dickinson	20,705,004	19,397,004	19,390,859	20,705,004	0	1,308,000	-6,145	-1,314,145	1,308,000	0	0	30/06/23: Programme to Start July 2023 completed by September 2023	Green	On Target	30/09/2023
50CPX00 337	Surface Dressing Programme	Andrew Dickinson	14,281,266	12,579,266	12,560,742	14,281,266	0	1,702,000	-18,524	-1,720,524	1,702,000	0	0	30/06/23: Programme to Start July 2023 completed by September 2023	Green	On Target	30/09/2023
50CPX00 941	Road Patches greater than 10 square metres	Andrew Dickinson	1,317,075	567,075	695,372	1,317,075	0	750,000	128,297	-621,703	750,000	0	0	30/06/23: Works started April 2023 to continue until December 2023	Green	On Target	31/12/2023
50CPX00 942	Crack Sealing	Andrew Dickinson	180,584	80,584	80,584	180,584	0	100,000	0	-100,000	100,000	0	0	30/06/23: Programme being planned, requiring permits for closures to be delivered by December 2023	Green	On Target	31/12/2023
50CPX00 967	Emergency Active Travel Fund 2 - Redway - Safety Imps.	Andrew Dickinson	0	0	2,998	3,200	3,200	0	2,998	2,998	3,200	0	3,200	30/06/23: Overspend following small amount of extra works required on Tongwell Lane project. Majority offset from 50CPX00936 Redway improvements budget see below.	Green	Overspend	30/06/2023
50CPX01 029	Potholes 10m2	Andrew Dickinson	2,077,031	1,427,031	1,522,568	2,077,031	0	650,000	95,537	-554,463	650,000	0	0	30/06/23: Additional funding used to repair road defects greater than 10m2 completed by March 2024	Green	On Target	31/03/2024
50T4X053	Drainage		2,453,840	2,173,797	2,183,413	2,453,840	0	280,043	9,616	-270,427	280,043	0	0				
50CPX00 339	Drainage	Andrew Dickinson	727,727	677,727	689,947	727,727	0	50,000	12,220	-37,780	50,000	0	0	30/06/23: 1st Drainage scheme undertaken in year further schemes being planned to be delivered by December 2023	Green	On Target	31/12/2023
50CPX00 340	Lavendon Drainage	Andrew Dickinson	256,288	256,288	256,216	256,288	0	0	-72	-72	0	0	0	Project completed awaiting final overhead charge	Green	On Target	31/03/2022
50CPX00 341	Upgrading of Highway Carrier Drains	Andrew Dickinson	1,259,825	1,159,825	1,156,029	1,259,825	0	100,000	-3,796	-103,796	100,000	0	0	30/06/23: Projects being planned projected completion by December 2023	Green	On Target	31/12/2023
50CPX01 159	Coffee Hall Sustainable Drainage system Pilot - flood prevention	Naomi Chatfield-Smith	150,000	79,957	79,141	150,000	0	70,043	-816	-70,859	70,043	0	0	29/06/23: Largest project deliverable completed, three smaller components in process. On target to deliver and complete by November.	Green	On Target	30/11/2023
50CPX01 160	Sustainable Drainage in Schools - Cold Harbour Primary School flood prevention	Naomi Chatfield-Smith	60,000	0	2,080	60,000	0	60,000	2,080	-57,920	60,000	0	0	29/06/23: Preliminary surveys completed and first element due to be installed this school summer holiday. Future elements being planned.	Green	On Target	30/03/2024
50T4X054	Redway & Footways		4,425,691	2,776,149	2,831,520	4,421,230	-4,461	1,649,542	55,371	-1,594,171	1,645,081	0	-4,461				
50CPX00 933	Redway Resurfacing	Andrew Dickinson	901,618	701,618	699,702	901,618	0	200,000	-1,916	-201,916	200,000	0	0	30/06/23: Works being planned, expected start October 23	Green	On Target	31/12/2023
50CPX00 934	Redway Signage	Andrew Dickinson	30,853	30,853	30,814	30,853	0	0	-39	-39	0	0	0	19/10/22: Works Complete, awaiting final overhead charge.	Green	On Target	01/12/2022
50CPX00 936	Redways Improvements	Andrew Dickinson	572,601	360,800	362,184	569,603	-2,998	211,801	1,384	-210,417	208,803	0	-2,998	30/06/23: Works being planned, expected start October 23, underspend to fund overspend on 50CPX00967 above.	Green	On Target	31/01/2024
50CPX00 937	Footpath Improvements	Andrew Dickinson	1,191,625	1,031,625	1,044,347	1,191,625	0	160,000	12,722	-147,278	160,000	0	0	30/06/23: First scheme delivered, rest schemes being planned to start December 23	Green	On Target	31/03/2024
50CPX00 939	CMK Capital Programme works (Pavements & Street Furniture)	Andrew Dickinson	96,483	46,483	57,032	96,483	0	50,000	10,549	-39,451	50,000	0	0	30/06/23: Scheme identified, works being planned expected to be completed by March 2024	Green	On Target	31/03/2024
50CPX00 940	Supporting Access and Mobility across Milton Keynes	Andrew Dickinson	80,000	41,446	78,537	78,537	-1,463	38,554	37,091	-1,463	37,091	0	-1,463	30/06/23: Projects delivered by June 23, underspend to fund overspend 50CPX00130 above.	Green	On Target	30/06/2023
50CPX01 315	Magiovinium Public Footpath Crossing	Sue Brown	250,000	0	0	250,000	0	250,000		-250,000	250,000	0	0				
50CPX01 086	Tudor Gardens	Luciana Smart	502,511	2,511	2,511	502,511	0	500,000	0	-500,000	500,000	0	0	26/06/23: Project now being delivered by Highways under separate project reference.	Green	On Target	31/03/2024
50CPX01 293	Fairfields Tudor Gardens Redway	Luciana Smart	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	03/07/23: The proposal is to provide a missing Redway link from Fairfield's to Stony Stratford. The new infrastructure will benefit the WEA development and the Stony Stratford communities.	Green	On Target	31/03/2024
50CPX00 935	Highways and pavement asset enhancement programme	Tina Guile	800,000	560,813	556,393	800,000	0	239,187	-4,420	-243,607	239,187	0	0	30/06/23: New programme of works prepared, due to start end of July. Monthly finance meetings will be scheduled to keep track of all costs and additional charges. Hopeful that all remaining sites will be done this financial year	Green	On Target	31/03/2024
50T4X055	Vehicle Safety Barriers		687,139	637,139	635,218	687,139	0	50,000	-1,921	-51,921	50,000	0	0				
50CPX00 345	Vehicle Safety Barriers	Andrew Dickinson	687,139	637,139	635,218	687,139	0	50,000	-1,921	-51,921	50,000	0	0	30/06/23: 1st project Junct 14 delivered. Rest of projects being designed and delivered by December 2023	Green	On Target	31/12/2023
50T4X072	Signage		1,396,688	1,163,167	1,149,441	1,396,688	0	233,521	-13,726	-247,247	233,521	0	0				
50CPX00 821	Directional Signs	Andrew Dickinson	1,211,688	1,161,688	1,147,962	1,211,688	0	50,000	-13,726	-63,726	50,000	0	0	30/06/23: All designs done , planning programme , to be delivered by October 23	Green	On Target	31/10/2023
50CPX01 096	Traffic Signals Upgrade	Andrew Dickinson	185,000	1,479	1,479	185,000	0	183,521	0	-183,521	183,521	0	0	30/06/23: Designs being undertaken for pedestrian traffic signal replacements, complete by December 2023	Green	On Target	31/12/2023
50T3X017	Passenger Transport		3,323,332	2,356,732	2,393,332	3,323,331	-1	966,599	36,600	-929,999	966,599	0	0				
50T4X057	Passenger Transport		3,323,332	2,356,732	2,393,332	3,323,331	-1	966,599	36,600	-929,999	966,599	0	0				
50CPX00 362	Passenger Transport	Janice McGowan	2,076,040	1,576,040	1,613,060	2,076,040	0	500,000	37,020	-462,980	500,000	0	0	04/07/23: Delivery of new bus stop pads, shelters, and upgrades to power & lighting. £60k for info totems project, £40k for CMK mobility hub project. Footpath improvements.	Green	On Target	31/03/2024
50CPX00 729	CMK Passenger Transport	Janice McGowan	128,954	128,953	128,534	128,953	-1	0	-419	-419	0	0	0	04/07/23: Upgrade of two bus stops on Midsummer Blvd, each with 3bay shelter and upgraded power supply. Works completed. Awaiting final overheads.	Green	On Target	31/07/2023
50CPX00 892	Magna Park and Whitehouse Bus Stops	Janice McGowan	140,000	33,115	33,115	140,000	0	106,885	0	-106,885	106,885	0	0	04/07/23: Three shelters installed at Magna Park. Awaiting formal costs.	Green	On Target	31/07/2023
50CPX00 893	Low Emission Buses Initiative	Adele Wearing	544,314	446,600	446,600	544,314	0	97,714	0	-97,714	97,714	0	0	28/06/23: Additional vehicles being charged to scheme 23/24	Amber	On Target	01/12/2023
50CPX00 944	Bus Interchanges	Adele Wearing	172,024	172,024	172,023	172,024	0	0	-1	-1	0	0	0	28/06/23: Project Complete and closed	Amber	On Target	31/03/2023
50CPX01 291	Transport E INK displays	Adele Wearing	262,000	0	0	262,000	0	262,000	0	-262,000	262,000	0	0	28/06/23: 50 e-ink displays at bus stops, ordering July, delivery from August, installation Sept/October.	Green	On Target	01/12/2023
50T3X031	Major Schemes		107,247,976	17,414,091	17,287,723	107,247,975	-1	28,111,509	-126,368	-28,237,877	28,111,509	0	0				
50T4X046	Major Schemes		107,247,976	17,414,091	17,287,723	107,247,975	-1	28,111,509	-126,368	-28,237,877	28,111,509	0	0				
50CPX00 951	Housing Infrastructure Fund	Paul VanGeete	79,556,689	13,320,942	13,320,942	79,556,689	0	23,182,511	0	-23,182,511	23,182,511	0	0	26/06/23: Highway procurement led by Berkeley Group and Project funding utilising HIF.Preliminary work completed in December22. Detailed technical design stage, main works commencement in Autumn 2023,project extended to 2025.	Amber	On Target	31/03/2025

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50CPX00 658	A421	Dimple Somerton	1,622,484	1,204,515	764,043	1,622,484	0	417,969	-440,472	-858,441	417,969	0	0	29/06/23: Joint project between MKCC & Central Bedfordshire Council (CBC) lead authority). Working with legal and the developer to agree land access to construct the cycle path. Currently planned for Q4.	Green	On Target	31/03/2024
50CPX01 161	Brinklow V11 Improvements	Luciana Smart	2,500,000	740	22,115	2,500,000	0	449,260	21,375	-427,885	449,260	0	0	03/07/23: Design & Construction of new layout at Brinklow Roundabout. Procurement 22/23, Consultation & preliminary & detailed design 23/24, Construction anticipated 2024/25 subject to cost. Additional funding is required for further design & construction.	Amber	On Target	31/03/2025
50CPX01 313	Junction improvement schemes in and around Milton Keynes	Luciana Smart	500,000		0	500,000	0	160,000		-160,000	160,000						
50CPX00 353	Monkston V11 Improvements	Luciana Smart	5,113,682	453,484	470,036	5,113,681	-1	496,917	16,552	-480,365	496,917	0	0	07/07/23: Scheme re-profiled design work for 22 to 24 and estimate delivery dates for 25-26 to ensure construction workload is spread out for new Service Provider. Consultant appointed.	Green	On Target	31/03/2026
50CPX00 354	Crownhill-Loughton Improvements	Luciana Smart	2,500,000	172,887	195,385	2,500,000	0	327,113	22,498	-304,615	327,113	0	0	07/07/23: Scheme re-profiled design work for 22 to 24 and estimate delivery dates for 25-26 to ensure construction workload is spread out for new Service Provider. Delays on the procurement to appoint a Consultant under Midlands Highways Agreement.	Green	On Target	31/03/2028
50CPX00 773	Section 106 - V6 Grid Road Corridor Improvement Schemes	Luciana Smart	1,399,121	1,394,836	1,394,807	1,399,121	0	4,285	-29	-4,314	4,285	0	0	03/07/23: Scheme completed under budget- remaining budget to be spent in other minor works and in accordance with s106.Less than 1% under budget on the £1.2m scheme. Savings made due to in house design work.	Green	On Target	30/11/2021
50CPX00 954	Bletchley to Blue Lagoon Redway links	Luciana Smart	2,445,000	395,839	566,743	2,445,000	0	2,049,161	170,904	-1,878,257	2,049,161	0	0	07/07/23: Sections 3 & 4 are currently under construction and to be completed in Dec 23. MKCC recently won an Active Travel 4 Fund bid (£1.1M) to construct Redway Section 2 by March 2024 .Re-apply for planning consent for Section 2.	Amber	On Target	31/03/2024
50CPX01 030	Parking and Street Improvements - Agora and Wolverton High Street	Luciana Smart	3,761,000	113,793	113,793	3,761,000	0	300,000	0	-300,000	300,000	0	0	03/07/23: Phase 1-St George's Way delays on the planning process & consent, planned to start construction works on site March 24. Phase 2- Church St -to allow for the highway design to be produced in 23-24. Concept design completed in June 23.	Amber	On Target	01/05/2026
50CPX01 162	H10 Bletcham Way	Luciana Smart	200,000	25,169	46,017	200,000	0	54,831	20,848	-33,983	54,831	0	0	03/07/23: Feasibility design for the extension of the H10 Bletcham Way from its current extent at the junction of Gregories Drive & Britten Grove, that are consistent with the adopted SEMK and the MKCC Highway Design Guide.	Amber	On Target	31/03/2024
50CPX00 265	East West Rail	James Povey	7,650,000	331,886	393,842	7,650,000	0	669,462	61,956	-607,506	669,462	0	0	03/07/23: Spend reprofiled to align with latest Town Deal Transport Hub design and delivery programme of new Highways' Contractor. Costs limited to design and feasibility work in 22/23, and preliminary & detailed design in 23/24. Delivery in 24/25.	Amber	Acceleration	31/03/2025
50T3X033	Street Lighting		23,233,022	12,713,435	14,290,777	23,233,022	0	10,519,587	1,577,342	-8,942,245	10,519,587	0	0				
50T4X060	Street Lighting		23,233,022	12,713,435	14,290,777	23,233,022	0	10,519,587	1,577,342	-8,942,245	10,519,587	0	0				
50CPX00 668	Street Lighting Column Replacement & LED	Christopher Hales	12,966,022	11,466,022	11,524,326	12,966,022	0	1,500,000	58,304	-1,441,696	1,500,000	0	0	03/07/23: Working on failing MKCC private cable Network & Street Light column testing before replacing failed columns, also upgrading Lanterns not in the LED upgrade programme.	Green	On Target	31/03/2024
50CPX01 223	Street Lighting LED Upgrade Programme	Christopher Hales	10,267,000	1,247,413	2,766,451	10,267,000	0	9,019,587	1,519,038	-7,500,549	9,019,587	0	0	06/07/23: 04/07/23: Upgrading 20,000 non LED Lanterns to new efficient LED Lanterns. Fitting a Computer Monitoring/Controlled System to all 58,000 MKCC Lighting Columns	Green	On Target	31/03/2024
50T3X034	Parking		9,462,619	9,462,619	9,462,619	9,472,619	10,000	0	0	0	10,000	0	10,000				
50T4X081	Other Parking		9,462,619	9,462,619	9,462,619	9,472,619	10,000	0	0	0	10,000	0	10,000				
50CPX00 679	CMK multi-storey car park	Kathleen Cook	9,462,619	9,462,619	9,462,619	9,472,619	10,000	0	0	0	10,000	0	10,000	27/06/23: Potential funding required to pay Network Rail fees. Awaiting response	Amber	Overspend	30/03/2024
50T3X035	Landscape Services		2,552,399	1,763,567	1,791,928	2,506,399	-46,000	642,486	28,361	-614,125	619,486	0	-23,000				
50T4X064	Landscape Services		2,552,399	1,763,567	1,791,928	2,506,399	-46,000	642,486	28,361	-614,125	619,486	0	-23,000				
50CPX01 041	Local Authority Tree Fund - Queens Canopy	Phillip Snell	183,335	87,335	88,065	137,335	-46,000	48,000	730	-47,270	25,000	0	-23,000	30/06/23: Tree management / watering ongoing for the next two years	Green	Underspend	31/03/2025
50CPX01 048	Woburn Sands Recreation Ground	Phillip Snell	231,200	141,174	141,174	231,200	0	90,026	0	-90,026	90,026	0	0	30/06/23: Second item of play equipment due for installation July and completion in August	Green	On Target	01/09/2023
50CPX01 163	New Bradwell - Off site open space improvements	Phillip Snell	85,212	0	0	85,212	0	85,212	0	-85,212	85,212	0	0	30/06/23: Awaiting outcome of funding bid expected November, if unsuccessful will deliver a smaller scheme	Green	On Target	31/03/2024
50CPX01 217	Biodiversity: Caldecotte South at Magiovinum	Phillip Snell	200,000	1,654	29,527	200,000	0	100,000	27,873	-72,127	100,000	0	0	30/06/23: Initial establishment works undertaken, hedge planting in autumn	Green	On Target	01/03/2027
50CPX00 891	Landscape Maintenance Equipment	Rebecca Trowse	598,000	592,677	592,677	598,000	0	5,323	0	-5,323	5,323	0	0	04/07/23: Currently reviewing any further requirements before the new contract commences in September.	Green	On Target	31/08/2023
50CPX00 682	Public Rights of Way Bridges	Susan Keem	461,921	457,921	457,898	461,921	0	4,000	-23	-4,023	4,000	0	0	30/06/23: Simpson arch initial target for maintenance excessive. Under review. Principal inspection of 1 large footbridge required this year	Green	On Target	31/03/2024
50CPX00 990	Oxley Park - Off site open space improvements	Tina Guile	463,532	389,258	389,258	463,532	0	74,274	0	-74,274	74,274	0	0	30/06/23: Awaiting outcome of WREN application for additional funds to enhance Nelson Drive works, on top of the S,106 funds allocated	Green	On Target	31/10/2023
50CPX00 681	Parish and Town Council Investment Scheme	Rachel Munday	72,710	48,248	48,248	72,710	0	24,462	0	-24,462	24,462	0	0	04/07/23: Fund to be used as a contingency to ensure CIF projects are delivered in case of escalating costs of materials or additional works required.	Green	On Target	31/03/2024
50CPX00 849	Community Infrastructure Fund	Rachel Munday	211,189	0	0	211,189	0	211,189	0	-211,189	211,189	0	0	04/07/23: 16 community public realm projects to be delivered by parish or highways as per delegated decision list.	Green	On Target	31/03/2024
50CPX01 011	CIF - Sherington - Village entry signs	Rachel Munday	7,825	7,825	7,745	7,825	0	0	-80	-80	0	0	0	24/02/23: Completed. Overhead accrual outstanding.	Green	On Target	30/06/2022
50CPX01 016	CIF - Wolverton & Greenleys - Alleyway improvements	Rachel Munday	37,475	37,475	37,336	37,475	0	0	-139	-139	0	0	0	24/02/23: Completed. Overhead accrual outstanding.	Green	On Target	30/06/2022
50T3X036	Play Areas		493,275	0	0	493,275	0	493,275	0	-493,275	93,275	0	0				
50T4X066	Play Areas		493,275	0	0	493,275	0	493,275	0	-493,275	493,275	0	0				

Account/Project	Project Manager Name	Total Project					In Year						Commentary	RAG Status	Forecast Reason	Forecast Completion Date	
		Total Expenditure Capital Budget	Prior Year Expenditure Actuals	Total Expenditure Actuals to date	Total Scheme Forecast	Forecast Variance to Capital Budget	Current Year Capital Budget	Current Year Actuals	Current Year Actuals Variance to Capital Budget	Current Forecast 2023/24	Forecast Slippage to Future Years	Forecast Variance to Capital Budget					
50CPX01 292	Emberton Park – Changing Places	Laura Clancy	93,275	0	0	93,275	0	93,275	0	-93,275	93,275	0	0	12/07/23: Project to design and build a Changing Places disabled toilets at Emberton Park, in planning stage and to be delivered by 24/3/24. S106 funds available and requesting approval in progress.	Green	On Target	24/03/2023
50CPX01 344	Tattenhoe Park Neighbourhood Play	Sue Brown	400,000		0	400,000	0	400,000		-400,000	400,000		0				
50T3X046	Waste		50,304,950	14,098,440	18,036,140	50,304,950	0	36,206,510	3,937,700	-32,268,810	36,206,510	0	0				
50T4X068	Waste		50,304,950	14,098,440	18,036,140	50,304,950	0	36,206,510	3,937,700	-32,268,810	36,206,510	0	0				
50CPX00 992	Euro Bins	David Proctor	100,000	52,384	52,384	100,000	0	47,616	0	-47,616	47,616	0	0	04/07/23: It is an ongoing requirement to procure and take delivery of euro waste and recycling bins in flats and multiple dwelling apartment. This will be extended to support the new waste collection service.	Green	Slippage	31/03/2024
50CPX01 002	Environmental Services Commissioning – Private Wire	David Proctor	2,470,000	478,056	478,056	2,470,000	0	1,991,944	0	-1,991,944	1,991,944	0	0	04/07/23: Works commenced at MKWRP and Waste Transfer Station. Works due to start at Depot weekend of 8 July. Ordered placed for transformers with lead time of 4 weeks. On target for completion in August.	Green	On Target	01/09/2023
50CPX01 101	Provision of electric charging infrastructure for new fleet	David Proctor	0	0	1,016,482	0	0	1,016,482	1,016,482	0	0	0	0	04/07/23: Electric charging project has been combined with the Private Wire project (50CPX01002). Actuals to be corrected.	Green	On Target	01/09/2023
50CPX01 104	Conversion to waste transfer Stations	David Proctor	4,300,000	1,365,320	1,729,358	4,300,000	0	2,934,680	364,038	-2,570,642	2,934,680	0	0	04/07/23: Phase 1 (conversion to a waste transfer station) and Phase 2 (yard and drainage) works complete and operational. Mobile shredder trial ongoing and detailed design for permanent shredder, metal recovery and exhaust extraction being finalised.	Green	On Target	31/03/2024
50CPX01 098	Purchase of Wheeled Bins for new Waste Collection contract	Rebecca Trowse	6,240,450	868,598	3,241,037	6,240,450	0	5,371,852	2,372,439	-2,999,413	5,371,852	0	0	04/07/23: Bins will be delivered to August. Delivery to residents will be between June and late August. Payment of bins is paid once delivered.	Green	On Target	30/09/2023
50CPX01 099	Purchase of Fleet for new Waste Collection contract	Rebecca Trowse	18,691,000	0	0	18,691,000	0	18,691,000	0	-18,691,000	18,691,000	0	0	04/07/23: Orders have been placed for the new fleet for the new contract. Payments will be made on delivery. The first deliveries will arrive in July.	Green	On Target	31/08/2023
50CPX01 100	Improvements to Waste Services Depot	Rebecca Trowse	3,232,000	45,671	230,412	3,232,000	0	3,186,329	184,741	-3,001,588	3,186,329	0	0	04/07/23: A tender for the improvement of one building will close shortly. A staff car park is now open and works on the landscape and play depot are close to completion.	Green	On Target	31/03/2024
50CPX01 164	Environmental Services Facility Land	Rebecca Trowse	10,271,500	10,271,500	10,271,500	10,271,500	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	04/07/23: A site has been acquired for the expansion of the Environment and Waste Old Wolverton hub	Green	On Target	30/10/2023
50CPX01 229	MKWRP Investment Programme	Rebecca Trowse	5,000,000	1,016,911	1,016,911	5,000,000	0	3,983,089	0	-3,983,089	3,983,089	0	0	04/07/23: Smoke tube boiler and superheater replaced/repared in 2022/23. In July shutdown due to install new duplex, repair refractory, replacement of super heater tubes, sonic cleaner, water treatment and MT spares.	Green	On Target	31/03/2024
50T3X050	Transport Policy & Programmes		4,237,076	3,563,878	3,660,363	4,237,076	0	673,198	96,485	-576,713	673,198	0	0				
50T4X062	Transport Policy & Programmes		4,237,076	3,563,878	3,660,363	4,237,076	0	673,198	96,485	-576,713	673,198	0	0				
50CPX00 676	Smarter Choices - CMK Wayfinding	Andrew Dickinson	254,463	231,310	231,289	254,463	0	23,153	-21	-23,174	23,153	0	0	30/06/23: New project to be delivered by March 2024 in conjunction with Environment	Green	On Target	30/09/2023
50CPX00 672	CITS Real Time Parking Information System	Brian Matthews	175,000	164,013	164,013	175,000	0	10,987	0	-10,987	10,987	0	0	04/07/23: Budget completed but reviewing options	Green	On Target	31/03/2024
50CPX00 438	Redway Super Routes	Kevin Hyatt	1,048,762	901,792	936,369	1,048,762	0	146,970	34,577	-112,393	146,970	0	0	04/07/23: Design work currently underway regarding name plates and wayfinding for V6 & V7 routes	Green	On Target	31/03/2024
50CPX00 677	CMK Urban Traffic Management and Control (UTMC) System	Kevin Hyatt	2,400,000	2,263,151	2,266,357	2,400,000	0	136,849	3,206	-133,643	136,849	0	0	05/07/23: only work being undertaken on this is the finalisation of phase 4 Secklow Gate designs	Green	On Target	31/10/2023
50CPX01 219	Safer Streets project	Kevin Hyatt	358,851	3,612	62,335	358,851	0	355,239	58,723	-296,516	355,239	0	0	04/07/23: underpass lighting work currently underway, underpass painting part finished and in discussion	Green	On Target	30/09/2023
50T2X018	Resources		3,542,244	2,433,673	2,214,381	3,542,244	0	1,108,571	-219,292	-1,327,863	1,108,571	0	0				
50T3X011	ICT		3,542,244	2,433,673	2,214,381	3,542,244	0	1,108,571	-219,292	-1,327,863	1,108,571	0	0				
50T4X073	ICT		3,542,244	2,433,673	2,214,381	3,542,244	0	1,108,571	-219,292	-1,327,863	1,108,571	0	0				
50CPX00 499	ICT Asset Funding Programme	Peter Firth	823,625	788,625	815,351	823,625	0	35,000	26,726	-8,274	35,000	0	0	28/06/23: Project is to replace core network ICT asset infrastructure, current expenditure linked to phone system. Meeting Rooms upgrades planned later in the year.	Green	On Target	31/03/2028
50CPX00 702	Network Security & Wifi	Peter Firth	202,978	182,978	183,235	202,978	0	20,000	257	-19,743	20,000	0	0	28/06/23: Project to support implementation of Wi-Fi and security. Whaddon Way install in progress, Kitchener Centre will be next with potential for Furze House to be added.	Green	On Target	31/03/2024
50CPX01 032	VDI Replacement with Laptops	Peter Firth	1,274,149	1,100,173	1,106,977	1,274,149	0	173,976	6,804	-167,172	173,976	0	0	28/06/23: Refresh project for end user mobile devices	Green	On Target	31/03/2028
50CPX01 092	Investment in the smarter working programme	Peter Firth	460,000	57,528	102,828	460,000	0	402,472	45,300	-357,172	402,472	0	0	28/06/23: Refresh project for end user mobile devices	Green	On Target	31/03/2027
50CPX01 103	IT Improvement Fund	Peter Firth	405,500	5,500	5,990	405,500	0	400,000	490	-399,510	400,000	0	0	28/06/23: Project to support improving IT systems across the Council to deliver efficiencies to the business. Currently evaluating single sign on for Adults and Childrens systems	Green	On Target	31/03/2028
50CPX01 102	Income Management System	Robin Bates	375,992	298,869	0	375,992	0	77,123	-298,869	-375,992	77,123	0	0	System implementation largely complete. Outstanding include Chip & PIN devices, webpay integration with third party providers and elements of payments over the phone. Timeline for webpay and telephone elements delayed, we await further update.	Amber	On Target	30/09/2023
GRAND TOTAL			832,326,651	454,272,906	468,155,603	847,478,726	15,152,075	235,791,610	13,882,697	-221,908,913	213,734,600	21,053,372	-1,003,638				

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Tariff Programme Forecast June 2023

Scheme	Budget	Forecast	Variance	Slippage	Variance to Capital Budget after Slippage	Explain the reason for the forecast outturn position
	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	
Cash Investment						
Roads and Highways						
Monkston Junctions	456	250	(206)	206	0	Design ongoing
Brinklow Junction	400	400	0	0	0	Delivery phase to commence early 2024
Crownhill & Loughton Junctions	327	200	(127)	127	0	Design options still being evaluated
Northfield Roundabout Signals	99	99	0	(0)	0	
WEA Junction Improvements	160	160	0	0	0	Design development on V6/H6 junctions ongoing
A422 Junction Improvements	2,000	0	(2,000)	2,000	0	Not likely to be deliverable this year due to other works and this being a diversion route
Strategic Land Traffic Mitigation	34	34	0	0	0	
Broughton Brook Fen Street crossing	200	0	(200)	200	0	
Tariff Local Roads	500	500	0	0	0	Fairfield's to Stony Stratford redway connection
H10 connection to Church Farm	175	175	0	(0)	0	
Magiovinium Public Footpath Crossing	206	206	0	0	0	
Redway Super Routes	75	75	0	0	0	
Fairfield's Civils Infrastructure	112	112	0	(0)	0	
Kents Hill School Redway Connections	(250)	0	250	(250)	0	Development commencing but receipt unlikely this financial year
Total Roads and Highways	4,494	2,211	(2,283)	2,283	0	
Public Transport						
Magna Park & Whitehouse Bus Stops	108		(108)	108	0	
P T Patronage and Subsidy	500		(500)	500	0	No proposals likely to be developed in time for this financial year
Demand Responsive Transport	625	500	(125)	125	0	Subsidy contribution limited
Total Public Transport	1,233	500	(733)	733	0	
Schools						
Leisure and Culture						
MK Museum Redevelopment	40	40	0	0	0	Match funding to allow access to other grant funding
Fairfields Community Meeting Place	87	87	0	0	0	
Whitehouse (Area 10) WEA Leisure Facilities	50	50	0	0	0	
CMK Library	124	0	(124)	124	0	Uncertainty over development strategy
Fairfields LP4	1,248	1,248	0	0	0	
Fairfields Playing Fields	145	145	0	0	0	
WEA Community Meeting Place	1,781	1,781	0	(0)	0	
Wavendon Playing Fields	95	95	0	(0)	0	
Brooklands Allotments	383	383	0	(0)	0	
Whitehouse Allotments	540	540	0	(0)	0	
SLA Allotments	300	300	0	0	0	
Brooklands Connections	150	0	(150)	150	0	Likely to be deferred until 2024/25
Tattenhoe Park Neighbourhood Play	400	400	0	0	0	
Green Spaces	4,153	4,153	(0)	0	0	Additional funding support to Fairfield's Playing Fields
Total Leisure and Culture	9,495	9,222	(273)	273	0	
Social Care and Health						
MKUH Pathway Unit	5,000	5,000	0	0	0	

Scheme	Budget	Forecast	Variance	Slippage	Variance to Capital Budget after Slippage	Explain the reason for the forecast outturn position
Strategic Land GP Surgery	10	0	(10)	10	0	
Total Social Care and Health	5,010	5,000	(10)	10	0	
Other Services						
Expansion Area Flooding & Drainage Schemes	250	250	0	0	0	
Phase 2 Expansion Teaching & Learning	2,245	245	(2,000)	2,000	0	Study work ongoing to inform future development proposal. Unlikely to happen this year
St Mary Wavendon - Garden of rest	35	35	0	0	0	
Community Recycling Facility	1,920	1,920	0	0	0	
Carbon Offset Schemes	402	402	0	(0)	0	
Voluntary Sector	250	250	0	0	0	
Expansion Area Public Art	178	128	(50)	50	0	WEA ongoing. Awaiting SLA proposals
Inward Investment	240	240	0	0	0	
Total Other Services	5,519	3,470	(2,049)	2,049	0	
Total Cash	25,750	20,403	(5,347)	5,347	0	
Works in Kind						
Fen City Street	5,433	5,433	0	0	0	
Tariff Local Roads WIK	750	750	0	0	0	
TP Open Space and Play	640	0	(640)	640	0	
TP Local Play Area 1	179	179	0	0	0	
Fen Street Magna Park to Brooklands	1,524	1,524	0	0	0	
Calverton Lane/Fairways	1,612	1,612	0	0	0	
KS Incidental Open Space	58	0	(58)	58	0	Tattenhoe Park Neighbourhood Play now MKCC delivered . KS complete.
EEA Local Play Area 6	315	315	0	0	0	
Brooklands Open Space phase 2	1,250	1,250	0	0	0	
EEA District Park and Playing Fields	1,527	1,527	0	0	0	
Western Expansion Area Local Play Area 5	236	236	0	0	0	
Western Expansion Area Neighbourhood Play Area 4	171	171	0	(0)	0	
Strategic Land	1,592	1,600	8	(8)	0	
V2 Extension	3,500	3,500	0	0	0	
Total Works in Kind	18,786	18,097	(689)	689	0	
Running Costs	174	174	0	(0)	0	
Total Tariff Programme	44,710	38,674	(6,036)	6,036	0	

ANNEX H- MKC DEBT COLLECTION PERFORMANCE SUMMARY QUARTER 1

The Council collects a large range of different types of debts for the services that it provides to individuals and organisations. Whilst payment for a service in advance is the preferred method of collection there are some services where invoices will be issued.

The collection of debts for General Debtors, Council Tax & Business Rates and Housing Benefit Overpayments is centralised within the Corporate Recovery team based in the Revenues and Benefit service.

The Housing Service is responsible for the collection of debts in the Housing Revenue Account (HRA) with the exception of Former Tenant Arrears which sits with the Corporate Recovery team.

General Debtors

These debts cover a wide range of services that the Council provides such as adult social care, rents and service charges on Council owned commercial properties, planning obligations and traded services such as the community language service, IT and HR for schools etc.

Invoices are issued by the service area and if the invoice is unpaid when its due date is passed it becomes the responsibility of the corporate recovery team.

Recovery is undertaken in accordance with the Council's Income & Collection policy and Debt stream collection guidance. Up to three reminder letters are automatically generated for unpaid invoices and the corporate recovery team will seek to contact the customer to secure payment. If payment is not received, recovery options including the use of a debt collection agency or seeking to obtain a judgment in the County Court which would allow for the use of bailiffs, attachment of earnings, insolvency, charging order or third party payment orders are used as appropriate. Where actions incur upfront costs to the Council these will, where possible be recovered from the debtor.

Table 1 - In year Performance

Invoices Raised in 23/24 £m's	Invoices Written Off £m's	2023/24 Invoices Cleared £m's	In Year Collection Rate %
16.769	0.197	11.932	71.15

% of Invoices Cleared Within 3 Months	% of Invoices Cleared Within 6 Months
93.34	97.55

The in-year collection rate (71.15%) is based on the value of invoices raised in Q1 of 2023/24 that were cleared by the end of the Q1. Q1 historically has a lower collection rate and it is expected that this will improve as we move through Q2.

The % of invoices cleared within 3 months (93.34%) and 6 months (97.55%) is based on the value of invoices raised in March 2023 and December 2022 respectively that are now cleared.

Unrecoverable debt written off

The Council's scheme of delegation requires that where the value of a debt to be written off exceeds £50,000 it should be referred to Cabinet for authorisation following the relevant approval by s151 Officer.

There have been no balances written off in Q1 that are over £50,000.

Table 2 – Aged Debt

	1-30 Days Overdue £m's	31-90 Days Overdue £m's	91-183 Days Overdue £m's	184-365 Days Overdue £m's	Over 365 Days Overdue £m's	TOTAL £m's
Q1	5.548	1.637	1.145	0.988	2.570	11.888

Breakdown of aged debt by service area

	1-30 Days £m's	31-90 Days £m's	91-183 Days £m's	184-365 Days £m's	Over 365 Days £m's	TOTAL £m's
Chief Executive	0.411	1.255	1.037	0.973	2.528	6.203
Corporate	4.178	0.343	0.000	0.000	0.000	4.521
Deputy Chief Executive	0.958	0.040	0.108	0.014	0.039	1.159
not allocated to a directorate	0.001	0.000	0.000	0.001	0.003	0.004
Grand Total	5.548	1.637	1.145	0.988	2.570	11.888

Council Tax & Business Rates (NNDR)

Bills are issued annually for Council Tax and Business Rates and are payable in either 10 or 12 monthly instalments.

Reminders are issued if a payer should fall behind with their monthly instalments and if they fail to bring their instalments up to date, the right to pay in instalments is lost and the balance of the full year becomes payable immediately. Failure to make payment in full will result in the issue of a summons to the magistrates court and at the hearing the Council will be granted a liability order to recover the unpaid debt. Costs become payable by the debtor and are added to the liability order.

Debts may be recovered by payment arrangement, referral to enforcement agents, attachment of earnings or benefits (council tax only), insolvency, charging order (council tax only) or committal to prison for up to 90 days.

Table 3 - In year collection for 2023/24

	Net Collectible Debit	Amount Collected	Target Collection Rate	Actual Collection Rate	MKC 2022/23 Collection Rate	Average Collection Rate for Unitary Authorities 2022/23
	£m	£m	%	%	%	%
Council Tax	196.115	58.338	29.95	29.75	97.24	96.20
NNDR	200.724	58.643	30.50	29.22	98.33	97.23

*Source from DLUHC – latest available data (June 2023)

Collection rates are currently slightly below target, this may be due to a shift to 12 monthly instalments or could be the impact of cost of living increases, the trend will be monitored closely.

Table 4 - In year movement all years

	Council Tax			NNDR		
	Previous Year Arrears Outstanding	Current Year 2023/24	Total Outstanding	Previous Year Arrears Outstanding	Current Year 2023/24	Total Outstanding
	£m	£m	£m	£m	£m	£m
01/04/2023	9.878	195.745	205.623	4.721	202.908	207.629

30/06/2023	8.389	139.052	146.441	4.183	142.143	146.326
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At year end current year outstanding balance will be added to previous years arrears and therefore it is important to ensure that active recovery continues on both current year debt and arrears from previous years.

Table 5 - Long Term Collection

Council Tax

	Collectable debit £m	Balance uncollected £m	still in recovery £m	written off £m	long term collection rate	Write-off rate
2013	109.605	0.500	0.018	-0.482	99.55%	0.44%
2014	112.750	0.532	0.020	-0.512	99.53%	0.45%
2015	117.095	0.537	0.031	-0.506	99.54%	0.43%
2016	123.833	0.563	0.050	-0.513	99.55%	0.41%
2017	132.213	0.710	0.100	-0.610	99.47%	0.46%
2018	142.350	0.880	0.208	-0.673	99.38%	0.47%
2019	151.484	1.148	0.485	-0.664	99.25%	0.44%
2020	157.242	1.370	0.922	-0.448	99.13%	0.28%
2021	170.121	2.191	1.854	-0.337	98.71%	0.20%
2022	182.447	4.168	4.053	-0.114	97.72%	0.06%

The table above shows the long-term collection rate at the end of Q1 2023. Debts continue to be recovered in subsequent years with older debts usually secured by charging orders and unlikely to be collected until the property is sold. The average long term collection rate (debts more than 5 years old) is currently 99.5% with less than 0.5% of the collectable debit being written off as uncollectable.

Business Rates

	Collectable debit £m	Balance uncollected £m	still in recovery £m	written off £m	long term collection rate	Write-off rate
2013	145.694	1.437	0.001	-1.436	99.02%	0.99%
2014	151.201	0.874	0.001	-0.873	99.43%	0.58%
2015	158.008	0.828	0.000	-0.828	99.48%	0.52%
2016	163.685	0.782	0.007	-0.775	99.52%	0.47%
2017	168.569	0.722	0.056	-0.666	99.57%	0.40%
2018	173.278	1.007	0.102	-0.905	99.42%	0.52%
2019	177.014	1.167	0.128	-1.039	99.34%	0.59%
2020	108.054	0.890	0.229	-0.661	99.18%	0.61%
2021	152.392	1.232	0.849	-0.383	99.19%	0.25%
2022	182.854	2.931	2.784	-0.147	98.40%	0.08%

The table above shows the long-term collection rate at the end of Q1 2023. Debts continue to be recovered in subsequent years with older debts subject to long term repayment plans. The average long term collection rate (debts more than 5 years

old) is currently 99.4% with less than 0.6% of the collectable debit being written off as uncollectable.

Housing Benefit Overpayment Debt

Housing Benefit overpayments may be recovered in three different ways:

- (1) A standard weekly deduction made from a claimant's ongoing housing benefit claim, (in most cases £11.10 per week)
- (2) Issuing an invoice where the claimant is no longer in receipt of housing benefit; recovery options include payment arrangement, deductions from earnings, referral to debt collection agents or county court action.
- (3) By requesting the DWP to make a standard weekly deduction from other welfare benefits

Table 6 – Housing Benefit Overpayments Aged Debt

	Recovery From Ongoing Benefit (OGB)	Invoiced Recovery	Deductions From DWP Benefit (PDP)	TOTAL Overpayment to be Recovered
	£m	£m	£m	£m
Overpayments raised in previous years	0.938	4.242	1.024	6.204
Overpayments raised in current year	0.372	0.271	0.189	0.832
TOTAL overpayment to be recovered	1.310	4.513	1.213	7.036

The increase in working age claimants onto Universal Credit is now reflected in the method of recovery for overpayments. Overpayments being recovered through ongoing benefit and invoiced recovery are declining whilst the number of requests to DWP for direct deduction from Universal Credit has increased. The move to universal Credit is also starting to be reflected in the number of overpayments being created with overall debt to be recovered beginning to fall.

Movement in recovery method for Housing Benefit Overpayment since 1 April 2020

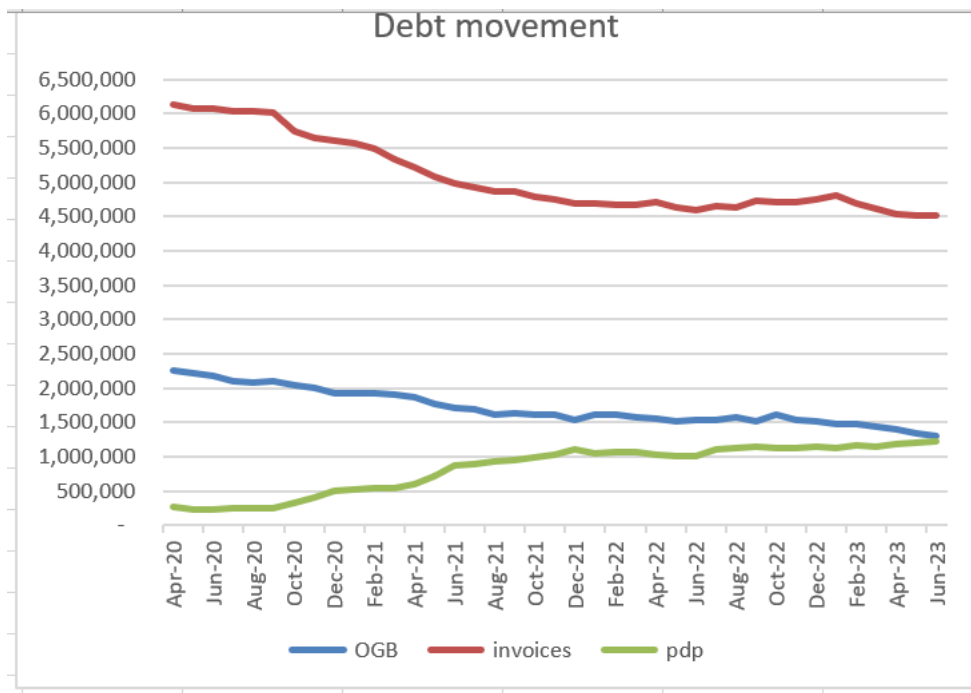


Table 7 - Recovery from Ongoing Benefit

Balance as at:	Total Overpayment to be Recovered From Ongoing Benefits	Inactive (Claim Suspended or Pending)	In Active Recovery or Queued to Start	% of Total Debt in Active Recovery
	£m	£m	£m	%
01.04.2023	1.430	0.178	1.252	87.55
30.06.2023	1.309	0.170	1.139	87.01

Inactive debt is where the Housing Benefit claim is not currently in payment due to an outstanding query and deductions cannot be made until the claim is put back into payment.

Table 8 - Recovery by Invoice in year

In Year Collection	Opening Debit 01/04/23	Change in Debit	Cash Collected	Write Offs	Balance Outstanding	2023/24 Collection at End Q1	2022/23 Collection at 31/03/2023
	£m	£m	£m	£m	£m	%	%
	4.619	0.148	(0.235)	(0.020)	4.512	5.08	18.26

Table 9 – Long Term Collection- since 2012

Opening Debit 01/04/12	Change in Debit	Cash Collected	Write Offs	Balance Outstanding	Long Term Collection Rate	Long Term Write Off Rate
£m	£m	£m	£m	£m	%	%
3.550	17.899	(13.120)	(3.817)	4.512	61.17	17.79

This table shows an analysis of collection since April 2012 showing a long term collection rate of 61.17% .

Housing (HRA & AS/GF)

The Housing Revenue Account (HRA) records all revenue expenditure and income relating to the provision of council dwellings and related services. HRA rents and service charges are billed through the NEC housing system. In addition to these HRA charges, Temporary Accommodation (TA) relating to Adult Services (AS) and garage rents relating to General Fund housing (GF) are also billed through NEC. Outstanding debt balances for HRA, AS & GF are shown in table below. Collection of Housing debts sits within Housing teams.

Table 9 – NEC Housing system Debt

Service	Opening Outstanding Debt 1 April 23	Current Debt Outstanding at 30 June 23	Q1 Move ment	0-90 Days	91-180 Days	181+ Days	Write-offs
	£m	£m	£m	£m	£m	£m	£m
Tenant Rent debts (current & former)	2.949	3.197	0.247	1.376	0.659	1.161	-
Shared ownership	0.370	0.413	0.042	0.041	0.096	0.276	-
Leasehold Service charge debts	1.108	0.917	(0.190)	TBC	TBC	TBC	-
Leasehold Major works debts	1.315	1.318	0.003	TBC	TBC	TBC	-
Other (repairs & commercial)	0.056	0.052	(0.003)	0.001	0.00	0.051	-
Total HRA Debt	5.798	5.897	0.099	2.251	1.743	1.966	-
MKC Housing (TA and GF)	2.058	2.053	(0.005)	1.259	0.376	0.418	0.077
Total Housing Debt	7.856	7.949	0.094	3.510	2.119	2.385	0.077

HRA Tenant and MKC/GF debts

Tenant debts are on an upward trend, impacted by cost-of-living crisis. The wider economy pressures are expected to increase continue, presenting significant risks to future collection rates. It will be a challenge to maintain performance levels at current

levels, but the service is showing strong signs of improvement as they continue to respond to this and maintain performance.

HRA Shared ownership and Leasehold debts

Analysis work conducted to review type of Shared Ownership (SO) debt identified that 16% of debt owing is due from Non-Residents or Executors of the SO properties. Work is ongoing to actively reduce this debt.

Of the 1331 Owner Occupiers, 358 accounts are in arrears- the top 20 owing over £5k (total of £147k). These accounts are being treated as priority, and work is ongoing with Legal team to review options to recover payment.

Shared Ownership Resident Type	Count	Arrears Total	%age of stock	%age of debt
Executor	38	£34,450.93	2.50%	8.79%
Non-residential	152	£30,412.27	9.99%	7.76%
Owner occupied	1331	£326,978.80	87.51%	83.45%
Total at review date	1521	£391,842.00		

For Leaseholders Service Charge debts, it has been identified the largest debts are owed by non - residential leaseholders, and the top 30 owners have 340 properties between them owing debts of over £539k (including Major Works). We are working with Legal team to ensure we start recovery action and/or forfeiture if necessary to clear the debts.

In addition, we have identified some accounts with large credits on the Service Charge accounts, and where there are arrears on the Major Works accounts, we will transfer the debit to reduce/clear the MW accounts.

2023/24 TREASURY MANAGEMENT Q1 (APR-JUN) UPDATE**1. Purpose**

1.1. The Chartered Institute of Public Finance and Accountancy (CIPFA) Code of Practice for Treasury Management recommends that members be updated on treasury management activities at regular intervals. This report ensures this Council is implementing best practice in accordance with the Code.

2. Economic Update

2.1. A commentary on economic conditions during Q1 2023/24 (second calendar quarter of the year) can be found in Appendix 4, including the latest view on interest rates.

2.2. Headline points include:

- A 0.2% month-on-month rise in real economic growth (GDP – gross domestic product) in April;
- Annual Consumer Price Index (CPI) inflation fell from 10.1% to 8.7% in April, before remaining at 8.7% in May; Annual core CPI inflation rose in both April and May, reaching a new 31-year high of 7.1%;
- A tighter labour market (number of job vacancies increased in comparison to available workers) in April, as the 3-month year-on-year growth of average earnings rose from 6.1% to 6.5%;
- Interest rates rose by a further 0.75% over the quarter, taking Bank Rate from 4.25% to 5.00%;
- 10-year gilt yields – representative of the Governments cost of new borrowing – approached levels seen during the September 2022 “mini-Budget” peaks, as inflation pressure mounted.

3. Borrowing

3.1. The Council’s primary objective when borrowing is to strike an appropriately low risk balance between securing low interest costs and achieving cost certainty over the period for which funds are required. The flexibility to renegotiate loans should long-term plans change is a secondary objective.

3.2. Table 1 below summarises changes to the Council’s overall external borrowing portfolio during the quarter.

Table 1: 2023/24 Q1 external borrowing portfolio movements

	General Fund	HRA	Total	
Opening Balance	£220.432m	£288.110m	£438.542m	
Opening weighted average rate	4.34%	3.66%	4.30%	
Opening weighted average maturity	18yrs 2mths	16yrs 11mths	19yrs 6mths	
Q1 Movements:				
New loan principal raised	£0.000m	£0.000m	£0.000m	-
Existing loan principal repaid	(£3.000m)	£0.000m	(£3.000m)	↓
Net total Q1 movements	(£3.000m)	£0.000m	(£3.000m)	↓
Revised balance at end of Q1	£217.432m	£288.110m	£435.542m	↓
Revised weighted average rate	4.34%	3.66%	4.24%	↑
Revised weighted average maturity	18yrs 2mths	16yrs 8mths	19yrs 5mths	↑

3.3. Appendix 1 to this report shows the Council’s overall external borrowing portfolio and, as the Council operates separate loan pools for General Fund and Housing Revenue Account (HRA) debt, the breakdown of Council’s loans between the respective two fund pools.

3.4. From 15 June 2023, the Government introduced separate PWLB HRA borrowing rate which applies an interest rate of gilt yield plus 40 basis points (G+0.40%). This is only available for one-year and is solely intended for use in Housing Revenue Accounts primarily to support new housing delivery.

3.5. For General Fund borrowing, in return for provide information on our long-term borrowing and associated capital spending, the Council can borrow at gilt plus 80 basis points (G+80bps).

Debt rescheduling:

3.6. No debt rescheduling was undertaken during the quarter. Debt rescheduling opportunities have increased significantly in the current quarter where gilt yields, which underpin PWLB rates and market loans, have risen materially. Officers and the Councils treasury advisors continue to monitor this position.

Lender’s Option Borrower’s Option (LOBO) loan:

3.7. The Council continues to hold a £5m LOBO loan where the lender has the option every 6 months to propose an increase in the interest rate at set dates, following which the Council has the option to either accept the new rate or to repay the loan at no additional cost. This loan is shown in the tables and charts throughout this report at its final maturity date (in this case November 2041) as despite underlying market conditions, the lender has not previously exercised their option, and is not expected

to do so. The lender may be open to negotiating the early settlement of this loan in the future, and officers will consider any approaches received in consultation with our treasury advisors.

Internal loans:

- 3.8. The Council is developing ambitious plans to invest in large-scale housing capital schemes and the majority of these will apply borrowing powers to facilitate delivery. However, a capital programme borrowing demand does not necessarily create an immediate external borrowing requirement, as cash-backed reserves and working capital may be available to suppress external borrowing.
- 3.9. The CIPFA Prudential Code promotes cash management on a net basis and only committing to raising external loans at last resort. Running down investment balances in this way reduces and minimise refinancing, interest rate and credit risks. Typically, the cash backed resources of the Council will predominately belong to the General Fund, representing reserves and balances set aside to meet a future spending requirement. Subject to future projections, these General Fund resources could be internally lent to the HRA. So far £70m of loans have been agreed from the General Fund to the HRA and details of these loans can be found in Appendix 1 Table 6. Further loans may be agreed in future where mutually beneficial.

4. Annual Investment Strategy

- 4.1. The Treasury Management Strategy Statement (TMSS) for 2023/24, which includes the Annual Investment Strategy, was approved by the Council on 22nd February 2023. It sets out the Council's fundamental investment priorities as being (in order):
1. Security - of capital sums invested;
 2. Liquidity – cash available to meet spending demands; and then
 3. Yield – return on investments thereafter.
- 4.2. The Council's investment activity during the quarter conformed to the approved strategy and the Council had no difficulties meeting its liquidity requirements.

Investment Balances:

- 4.3. The Council's investment portfolio represents the holding of positive short-term cashflows at any given time plus prudent medium and long-term provisions, balances, and reserves.
- 4.4. Table 2 below summarises changes to the Council's investment portfolio during the quarter.

Table 2: Summary investment movements during Q1

Opening balance	£456.685m	
Opening portfolio interest rate	3.88%	
Opening weighted average maturity	138 days	
Q1 Movements:		
Total investments deposited	+£589.616m	
Total investments repaid	(£577.337m)	
Net movement during quarter	+£12.279m	↑
Low during quarter	£456.679m	
High during quarter	£512.323m	
Average during quarter	£494.701m	
Closing balance	£468.964m	↑
Closing portfolio interest rate	4.46%	↑
Closing weighted average maturity	146 days	↑

4.5. Appendix 2 provides details of the Council’s investment portfolio at 30th June 2023.

Strategic approach to investments:

- 4.6. Investment rates have improved markedly during the first quarter of 2023/24 and are expected to further improve should Bank Rate continues to increase over the next few months.
- 4.7. A rising interest rate environment gives rise to a delicate balancing act; locking into current rates too soon or too long risks not being able to take advantage of further improvements, whereas delaying too long risks failing to maximise yield opportunities. Investment maturities are therefore being laddered, whereby deposits are placed in tranches over 1 to 12 months to take advantage of current enhanced rates, but with a regular rolling flow of maturities that can be reinvested at further improved prevailing market rates should this be the case as expected. When investment rates eventually peak, opportunities to lock into higher returns for longer will be explored to delay the unavoidable impact of falling rates.
- 4.8. There have been few changes to credit ratings over the quarter, and officers continue to closely monitor changes as they occur as well as other measures of creditworthiness, to ensure that only appropriate counterparties are considered for investment purposes.

Externally managed strategic funds:

- 4.9. The Council invested a cash sum of £15.0m into an externally managed strategic pooled property fund with the CCLA; £10.0m in March 2015 and a further £5.0m in February 2016. Short-term security and liquidity are lesser considerations for this type of investment with the primary objectives instead being regular revenue income and long-term price stability.
- 4.10. At 31st May 2023 (latest available at time of writing), the Council's holdings stood at £14.325m against opening balance of £14.279m at 1st April 2023, representing an increase in fair value of +£0.046m and an overall unrealised loss of -£0.675m against the £15.0m cash deposit. The Council has no plans to liquidate this investment. Despite challenging market conditions, this investment has yielded a 4.25% average gross return this quarter.

Investments for policy reasons outside of normal treasury management operations:

- 4.11. Although not classed as treasury management activities per se, the 2021 CIPFA Code requires the Council to report on investments for policy reasons outside of normal treasury management operations. This includes service investments for operational and/or regeneration as well as commercial investments made primarily for financial income reasons. These investments typically earn a higher rate of return compared to normal treasury management investments, which reflects the additional risks that the Council is exposed to.

Company loan to Milton Keynes Development Partnership:

- 4.12. The Council advanced a one-year loan to its wholly owned subsidiary company Milton Keynes Development Partnership (MKDP) starting from 30th September 2022 to 29th September 2023, with the following characteristics:

- A maximum loan facility of £22.0m.
- An initial drawdown on day 1 of £12.0m.
- Quarterly options at the end of December 2022, March 2023 and June 2023 to repay (in part or full) principal or drawdown additional funds up to a maximum of the total loan facility amount.
- A loan rate of 4.01% - set with reference to State Aid regulations and prevailing market rates. This rate will apply throughout the entire loan term in return for a £75,000.00 commitment fee paid in advance.

- 4.13. MKDP previously elected to make two principal repayments during the 2022/23; 1) - £3.5m on 30th December, reducing the ongoing balance outstanding to £8.5m, and 2) -£0.5m on 31st March 2023, reducing the opening balance outstanding on 1st April 2023 to £8.0m. MKDP has since elected to make a further principal repayment at the

end of Q1 2023/24; 3) -£3.5m on 30th June 2023, reducing the ongoing balance outstanding to £4.5m.

National Homelessness Property Fund:

4.14. The Council holds a £5.0m principal investment (match-funded by external investment) in a National Homelessness Property Fund, the assets of which are for use as housing temporary accommodation in Milton Keynes. This investment is not shown within the tables and charts within this report as it was funded through the capital programme and reported through the capital monitoring process.

Investment income performance:

4.15. Investment income performance is compared to the bidding rate at which banks are willing to lend and borrow from each other, shown in Table 3 below. The benchmark used is the Sterling Overnight Index Averages (SONIA) 3-month backward-looking rate, which compares the Council's actual return against market returns available during the period in which they were placed.

Table 3: Investment income performance against 3-month backward-looking SONIA benchmark

Period	MKC Performance	Benchmark Performance	Difference
Q1 (Apr-Jun)	4.19%	4.11%	+0.08%

4.16. Investment income budget projections are reported through the Budget Monitoring process.

5. Compliance with Treasury and Prudential Limits

5.1. It is a statutory duty for the Council to determine and keep under review the affordable borrowing limits. The Council's approved Treasury and Prudential Indicators are set as part of the Treasury Strategy and Capital Strategy.

5.2. During the quarter the Council has operated within its treasury limits and Prudential Indicators, shown in Appendix 3.

MKCC External borrowing portfolio

Table 1: External borrowing profile on 30th June 2023 by loan source

Tenor Bucket	Market Loans		PWLB Loans		Total	
	Amount	% of Total	Amount	% of Total	Amount	% of Total
Liquid	£0.00	0.0%	£0.00	0.0%	£0.00	0.0%
< 1 Year	£0.00	0.0%	£13,214,716.41	3.1%	£13,214,716.41	3.0%
1 - 2 Years	£0.00	0.0%	£13,337,381.06	3.2%	£13,337,381.06	3.1%
2 - 5 Years	£0.00	0.0%	£40,795,836.10	9.7%	£40,795,836.10	9.4%
5 - 10 Years	£0.00	0.0%	£53,920,081.68	12.8%	£53,920,081.68	12.4%
10 - 20 Years	£5,000,000.00	33.3%	£128,914,247.99	30.7%	£133,914,247.99	30.7%
20 - 30 Years	£0.00	0.0%	£45,000,000.00	10.7%	£45,000,000.00	10.3%
30 - 40 Years	£0.00	0.0%	£125,360,000.00	29.8%	£125,360,000.00	28.8%
40 - 50 Years	£10,000,000.00	66.7%	£0.00	0.0%	£10,000,000.00	2.3%
> 50 Years	£0.00	0.0%	£0.00	0.0%	£0.00	0.0%
Total	£15,000,000.00	100.0%	£420,542,263.24	100.0%	£435,542,263.24	100.0%

Table 2: External borrowing profile on 30th June 2023 by loan source

Tenor Bucket	Fixed Rate Loans	% of Total	Variable Rate Loans	% of Total	Total	% of Total
Liquid	£0.00	0.0%	£0.00	0.0%	£0.00	0.0%
< 1 Year	£13,214,716.41	3.1%	£0.00	0.0%	£13,214,716.41	3.0%
1 - 2 Years	£13,337,381.06	3.1%	£0.00	0.0%	£13,337,381.06	3.1%
2 - 5 Years	£40,795,836.10	9.5%	£0.00	0.0%	£40,795,836.10	9.4%
5 - 10 Years	£53,920,081.68	12.5%	£0.00	0.0%	£53,920,081.68	12.4%
10 - 20 Years	£128,914,247.99	29.9%	£5,000,000.00	100.0%	£133,914,247.99	30.7%
20 - 30 Years	£45,000,000.00	10.5%	£0.00	0.0%	£45,000,000.00	10.3%
30 - 40 Years	£125,360,000.00	29.1%	£0.00	0.0%	£125,360,000.00	28.8%
40 - 50 Years	£10,000,000.00	2.3%	£0.00	0.0%	£10,000,000.00	2.3%
> 50 Years	£0.00	0.0%	£0.00	0.0%	£0.00	0.0%
Total	£430,542,263.24	100.0%	£5,000,000.00	100.0%	£435,542,263.24	100.0%

Chart 1: External borrowing profile on 30th June 2023 by annual maturities

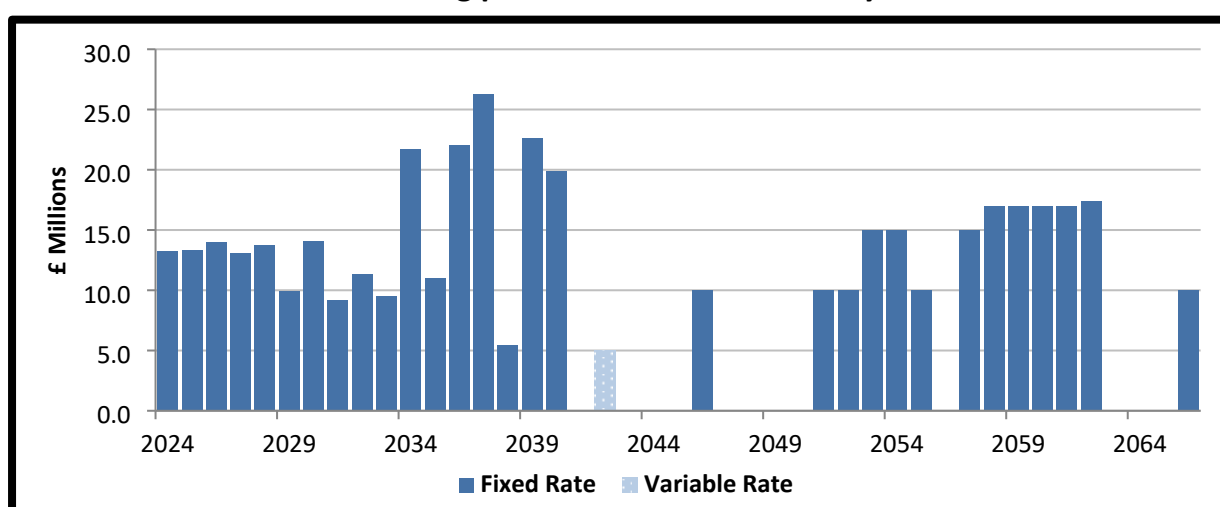
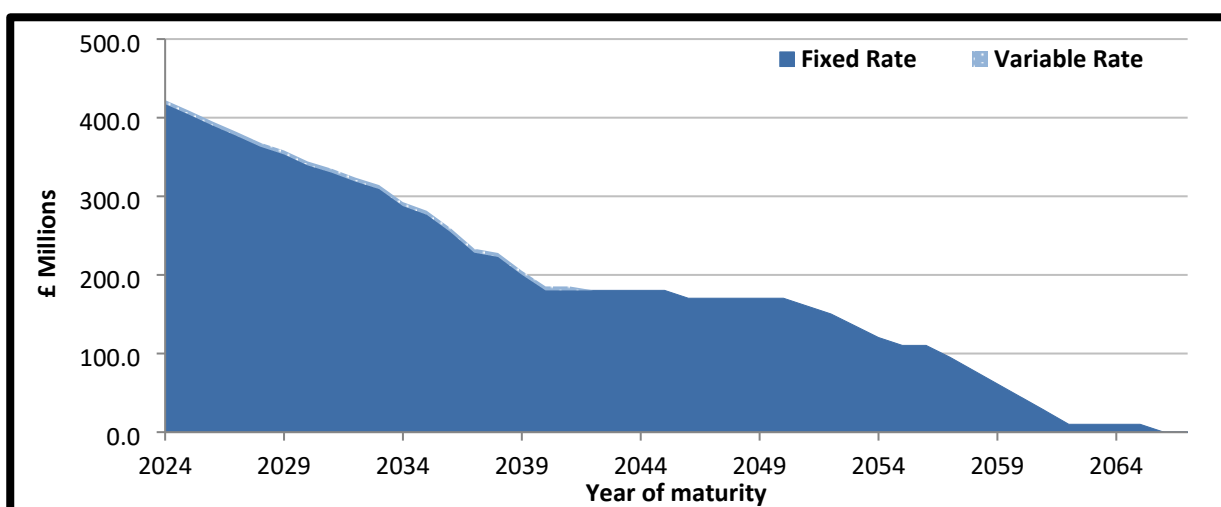


Chart 2: External borrowing profile on 30th June 2023 by cumulative maturities

General Fund Loans Pool

Table 3: General Fund borrowing profile on 30th June 2023 by loan source

Tenor Bucket	Market Loans		PWLB Loans		Total	
	Amount	% of Total	Amount	% of Total	Amount	% of Total
Liquid	£0.00	-	£0.00	-	£0.00	-
< 1 Year	£0.00	-	£3,214,716.41	1.6%	£3,214,716.41	1.5%
1 - 2 Years	£0.00	-	£6,587,381.06	3.3%	£6,587,381.06	3.0%
2 - 5 Years	£0.00	-	£22,795,836.10	11.3%	£22,795,836.10	10.5%
5 - 10 Years	£0.00	-	£40,920,081.68	20.2%	£40,920,081.68	18.8%
10 - 20 Years	£5,000,000.00	33.3%	£43,914,247.99	21.6%	£48,914,247.99	22.5%
20 - 30 Years	£0.00	-	£45,000,000.00	22.2%	£45,000,000.00	20.7%
30 - 40 Years	£0.00	-	£40,000,000.00	19.8%	£40,000,000.00	18.4%
40 - 50 Years	£10,000,000.00	66.7%	£0.00	-	£10,000,000.00	4.6%
> 50 Years	£0.00	-	£0.00	-	£0.00	-
Total	£15,000,000.00	100.0%	£202,432,263.24	100.0%	£217,432,263.24	100.0%

Table 4: General Fund borrowing profile on 30th June 2023 by interest rate structure

Tenor Bucket	Fixed Rate Loans	% of Total	Variable Rate Loans	% of Total	Total	% of Total
Liquid	£0.00	-	£0.00	-	£0.00	-
< 1 Year	£3,214,716.41	1.5%	£0.00	-	£3,214,716.41	1.5%
1 - 2 Years	£6,587,381.06	3.1%	£0.00	-	£6,587,381.06	3.0%
2 - 5 Years	£22,795,836.10	10.7%	£0.00	-	£22,795,836.10	10.5%
5 - 10 Years	£40,920,081.68	19.3%	£0.00	-	£40,920,081.68	18.8%
10 - 20 Years	£43,914,247.99	20.7%	£5,000,000.00	100.0%	£48,914,247.99	22.5%
20 - 30 Years	£45,000,000.00	21.2%	£0.00	-	£45,000,000.00	20.7%
30 - 40 Years	£40,000,000.00	18.8%	£0.00	-	£40,000,000.00	18.4%
40 - 50 Years	£10,000,000.00	4.7%	£0.00	-	£10,000,000.00	4.6%
> 50 Years	£0.00	-	£0.00	-	£0.00	-
Total	£212,432,263.24	100.0%	£5,000,000.00	100.0%	£217,432,263.24	100.0%

Chart 3: General Fund borrowing profile on 30th June 2023 by annual maturities

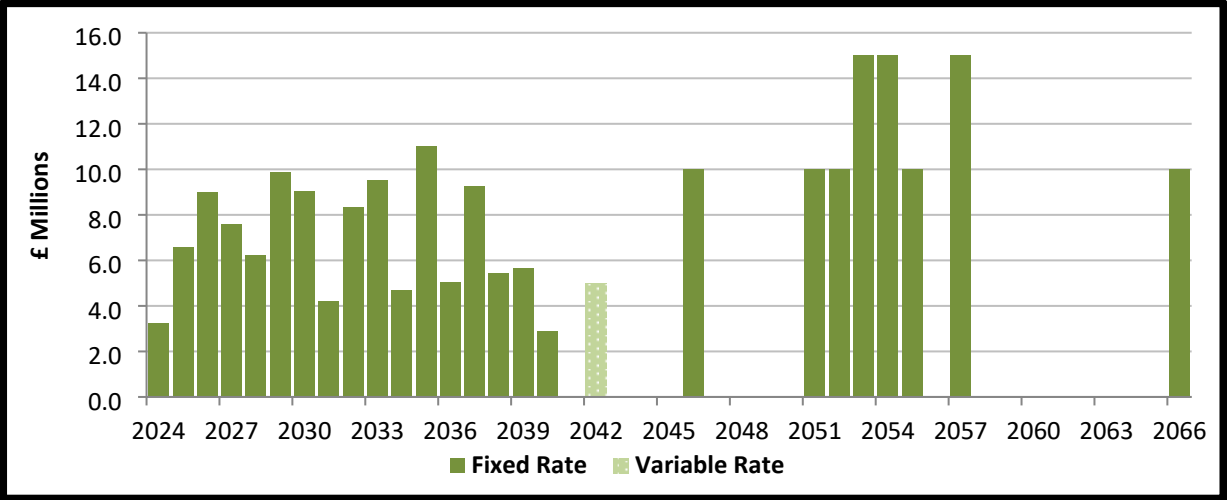
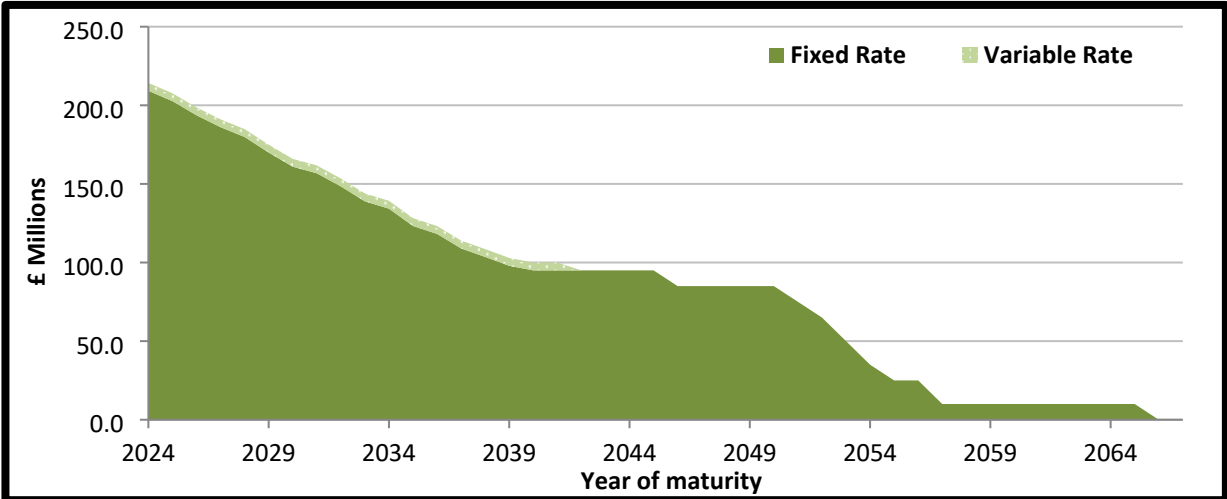


Chart 4: General Fund borrowing profile on 30th June 2023 by cumulative maturities



HRA Loans Pool**Table 5: HRA borrowing profile on 30th June 2023 by loan source**

Tenor Bucket	External		Internal		Total	
	Amount	% of Total	Amount	% of Total	Amount	% of Total
Liquid	£0.00	0.0%	£0.00	0.0%	£0.00	0.0%
< 1 Year	£10,000,000.00	4.6%	£0.00	0.0%	£10,000,000.00	3.5%
1 - 2 Years	£6,750,000.00	3.1%	£8,000,000.00	11.4%	£14,750,000.00	5.1%
2 - 5 Years	£18,000,000.00	8.3%	£33,000,000.00	47.2%	£51,000,000.00	17.7%
5 - 10 Years	£13,000,000.00	6.0%	£29,000,000.00	41.4%	£42,000,000.00	14.6%
10 - 20 Years	£85,000,000.00	39.0%	£0.00	0.0%	£85,000,000.00	29.5%
20 - 30 Years	£0.00	0.0%	£0.00	0.0%	£0.00	0.0%
30 - 40 Years	£85,360,000.00	39.0%	£0.00	0.0%	£85,360,000.00	29.6%
40 - 50 Years	£0.00	0.0%	£0.00	0.0%	£0.00	0.0%
> 50 Years	£0.00	0.0%	£0.00	0.0%	£0.00	0.0%
Total	£218,110,000.00	100.0%	£70,000,000.00	100.0%	£288,110,000.00	100.0%

Table 6: HRA internal loans – effective from 1 March 2022

Duration (Years)	Start Date	Maturity Date	Value	Rate
3	01/02/2022	31/01/2025	£8,000,000.00	1.69%
4	01/02/2022	31/01/2026	£12,000,000.00	1.72%
5	01/02/2022	31/01/2027	£11,500,000.00	1.75%
6	01/02/2022	31/01/2028	£9,500,000.00	1.79%
7	01/02/2022	31/01/2029	£17,000,000.00	1.84%
8	01/02/2022	31/01/2030	£12,000,000.00	1.91%
Total			£70,000,000.00	Av. 1.79%

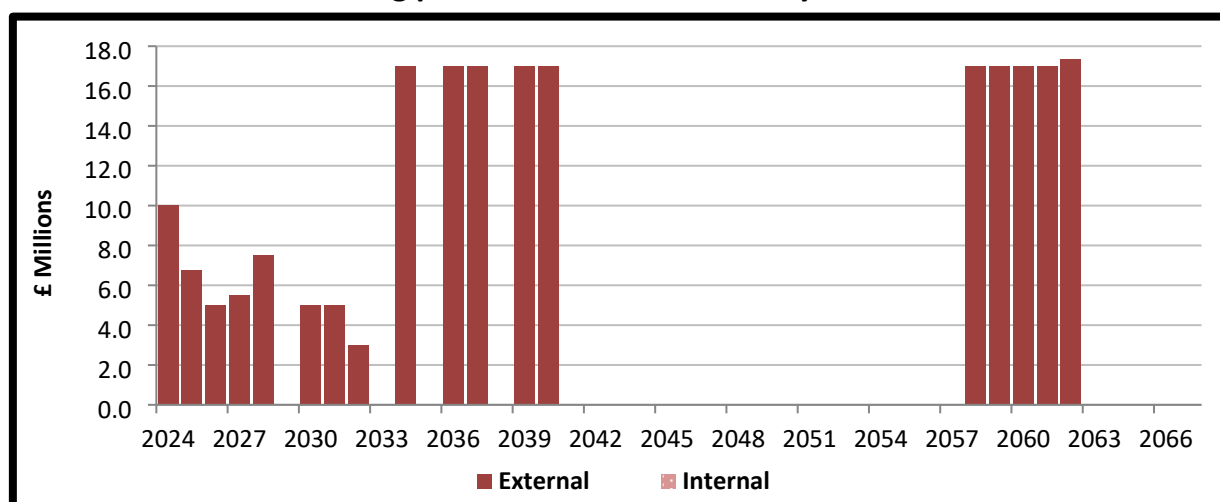
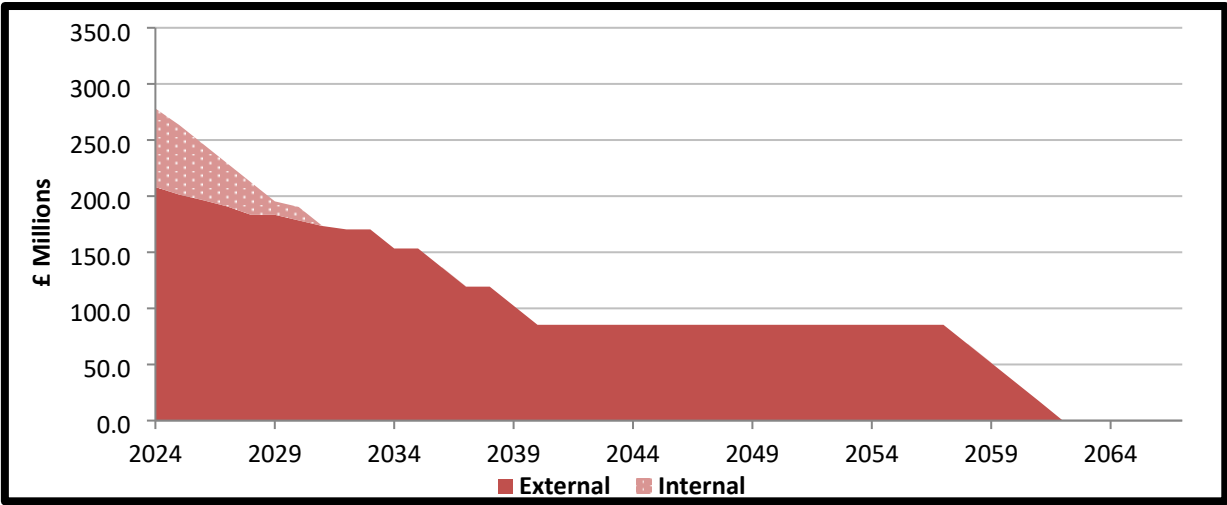
Chart 5: HRA borrowing profile on 30th June 2023 by annual maturities

Chart 6: HRA borrowing profile on 30th June 2023 by cumulative maturities



MKCC Investment portfolio

Table 1: Investment portfolio on 30th June 2023

Counterparty	Start Date	Maturity Date	Interest Rate	Interest Rate Structure	Principal O/S (£)
Same-day access: Banks					
Barclays Bank plc	n/a	n/a	1.0000%	Variable	13,913.80
National Westminster Bank plc	n/a	n/a	1.5500%	Variable	285.84
					14,199.64
Same-day access: Money Market Funds					
Abrdn	n/a	n/a	4.8184%	Variable	15,000,000.00
Deutsche	n/a	n/a	4.8052%	Variable	15,000,000.00
Federated	n/a	n/a	4.7303%	Variable	15,000,000.00
Morgan Stanley	n/a	n/a	4.7227%	Variable	15,000,000.00
State Street	n/a	n/a	4.7168%	Variable	6,490,000.00
LGIM	n/a	n/a	4.7077%	Variable	3,855,000.00
Goldman Sachs	n/a	n/a	4.7065%	Variable	100,000.00
Insight	n/a	n/a	4.7001%	Variable	9,680,000.00
					80,125,000.00
UK Government:					
Debt Management Office	09/06/23	10/07/23	4.5400%	Fixed	75,000,000.00
Debt Management Office	23/06/23	25/09/23	5.0700%	Fixed	40,000,000.00
					115,000,000.00
Banks and Building Societies:					
Lloyds Bank plc (NRFB)	05/01/23	05/07/23	4.3300%	Fixed	£5,000,000.00
Danske Bank	06/01/23	06/07/23	4.1200%	Fixed	£10,000,000.00
Bayerische Landesbank					
Nationwide Building Society	13/01/23	13/07/23	3.7200%	Fixed	£10,000,000.00
Norddeutsche Landesbank Girozentrale	13/04/23	13/07/23	4.4900%	Fixed	£10,000,000.00
Oversea-Chinese Banking Corp	15/08/22	15/08/23	2.9000%	Fixed	£10,000,000.00
Landesbanken Hessen-Thuringen Girozentrale (Helaba)	15/08/22	15/08/23	3.0350%	Fixed	£5,000,000.00
Lloyds Bank plc (NRFB)	15/02/23	15/08/23	4.3400%	Fixed	£5,000,000.00
Bayerische Landesbank	23/02/23	23/08/23	4.3500%	Fixed	£10,000,000.00
SMBC Bank International plc	23/02/23	23/08/23	4.3400%	Fixed	£5,000,000.00
National Australia Bank Ltd	24/08/22	24/08/23	3.6300%	Fixed	£10,000,000.00
DNB Bank	26/08/22	25/08/23	3.8300%	Fixed	£10,000,000.00
Landesbanken Hessen-Thuringen Girozentrale (Helaba)	09/09/22	08/09/23	3.9200%	Fixed	£5,000,000.00
SMBC Bank International plc	08/03/23	08/09/23	4.5000%	Fixed	£5,000,000.00
Royal Bank of Canada	23/09/22	22/09/23	4.4000%	Fixed	£10,000,000.00
Toronto Dominion Bank	28/09/22	28/09/23	5.4000%	Fixed	£5,000,000.00
Lloyds Bank plc (NRFB)	06/04/23	06/10/23	4.8200%	Fixed	£2,500,000.00
National Bank of Canada	06/04/23	06/10/23	4.6200%	Fixed	£2,500,000.00
Standard Chartered Bank	06/04/23	06/10/23	4.6500%	Fixed	£2,500,000.00
SMBC Bank International plc	06/04/23	06/10/23	4.5700%	Fixed	£2,500,000.00
DZ Bank	08/11/22	08/11/23	4.4900%	Fixed	£5,000,000.00

Counterparty	Start Date	Maturity Date	Interest Rate	Interest Rate Structure	Principal O/S (£)
Standard Chartered Bank	23/05/23	23/11/23	4.9700%	Fixed	£10,000,000.00
National Bank of Canada	23/05/23	23/11/23	4.8700%	Fixed	£5,000,000.00
Santander UK plc	25/05/23	27/11/23	4.8300%	Fixed	£12,500,000.00
National Bank of Canada	08/06/23	08/12/23	5.1700%	Fixed	£5,000,000.00
Toronto Dominion Bank	12/12/22	12/12/23	4.7800%	Fixed	£5,000,000.00
UBS AG	13/01/23	12/01/24	4.7100%	Fixed	£10,000,000.00
Credit Agricole Corporate and Investment Bank	11/05/23	12/02/24	5.1100%	Fixed	£12,500,000.00
Svenska Handelsbanken	15/05/23	15/02/24	4.8500%	Fixed	£10,000,000.00
DZ Bank	27/02/23	27/02/24	4.6500%	Fixed	£5,000,000.00
Credit Industriel et Commercial	27/02/23	27/02/24	4.8200%	Fixed	£5,000,000.00
Toronto Dominion Bank	06/04/23	05/04/24	5.1000%	Fixed	£2,500,000.00
Landesbanken Hessen-Thuringen Girozentrale (Helaba)	06/04/23	05/04/24	4.6400%	Fixed	£2,500,000.00
Skandinaviska Eskilda Banken	14/04/23	12/04/24	5.0400%	Fixed	£12,500,000.00
Rabobank Nederland	25/05/23	24/05/24	5.3400%	Fixed	£12,500,000.00
Nordea Bank AB	25/05/23	24/05/24	5.3400%	Fixed	£12,500,000.00
					255,000,000.00
Company Loans/Shares:					
Milton Keynes Development Partnership LLP	30/09/22	29/09/23	4.0100%	Fixed	4,500,000.00
					4,500,000.00
Property Funds (variable net asset value [VNAV]):					
CCLA Local Authorities Property Fund	30/03/15		4.2533%	Variable	4,581,456.52
CCLA Local Authorities Property Fund	26/02/16		4.2533%	Variable	9,743,667.34
					14,325,123.86
					468,964,323.50

Chart 1: Investments on 30th June 2023 by maturity category & tenor buckets

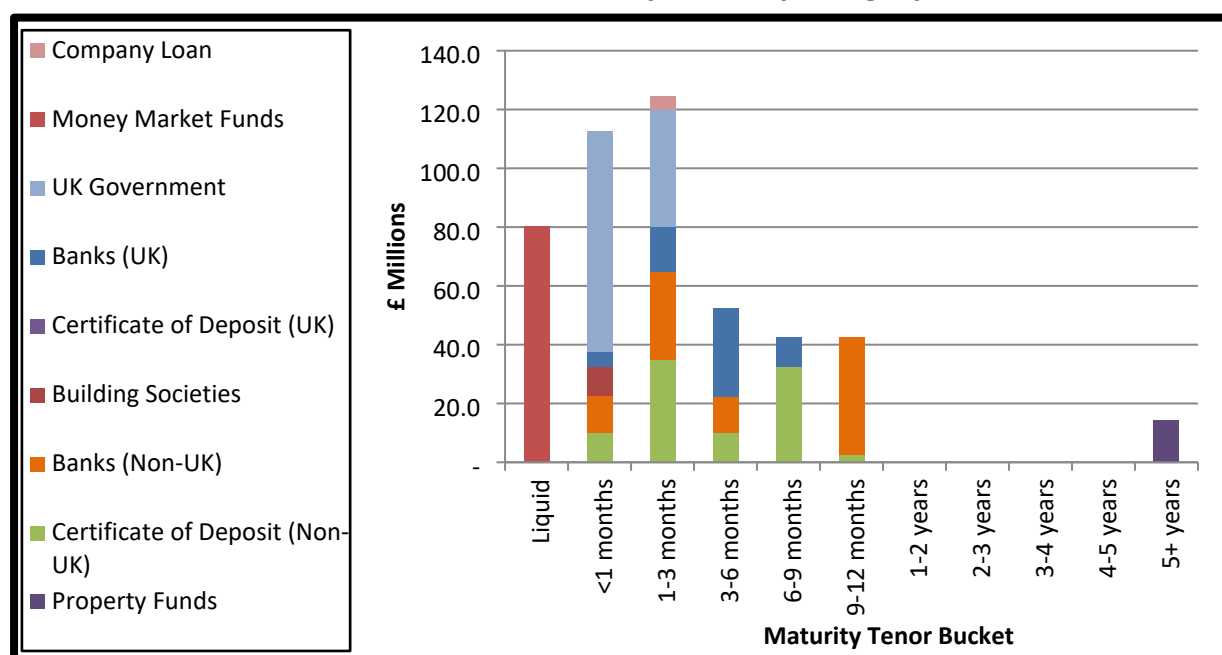


Chart 2: Investment profile on 30th June 2023 by deposit category

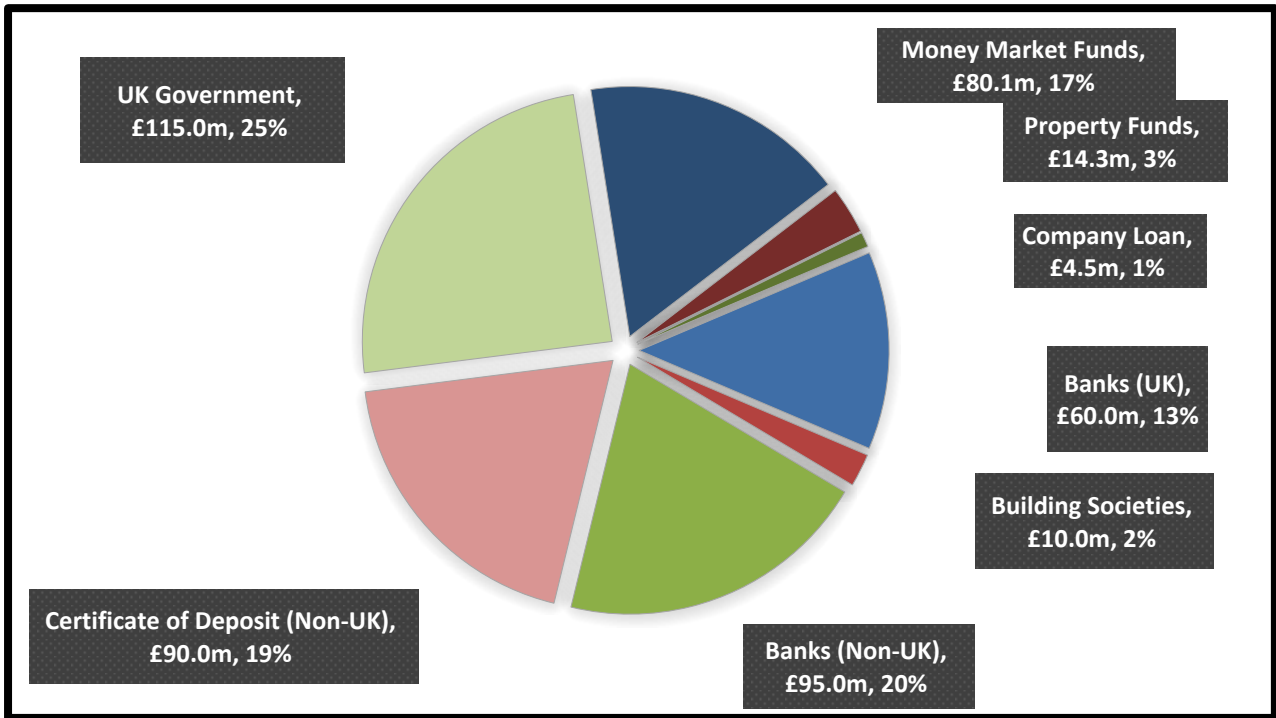


Table 1: Treasury Limits and Prudential Indicators

TREASURY LIMITS			
	Authorised Limit	Operational Boundary	Q1 Actual
General Fund External Loans	£470.000m	£455.000m	£217.432m
General Fund Other Long-Term Liabilities	£25.000m	£20.000m	£4.004m
Total General Fund Limit	£495.000m	£475.000m	£221.436m
HRA External Loans	£295.000m	£285.000m	£218.110m
HRA Other Long-Term Liabilities	£5.000m	£5.000m	£0.000m
Total HRA Limit	£300.0m	£290.0m	£218.110m
Combined External Loans	£765.000m	£740.000m	£435.542m
Combined Other Long-Term Liabilities	£30.000m	£25.000m	£4.004m
Combined Total Limit	£795.000m	£765.000m	£439.546m
Maturity structure of <u>external</u> debt limits	Limits	GF Q1 Actual	HRA Q1 Actual
Under 12 months	Max. 15% Min. 0%	1.5%	3.5%
12 months to 2 years	Max. 15% Min. 0%	3.0%	5.1%
2 years to 5 years	Max. 50% Min. 0%	10.5%	17.7%
5 years to 10 years	Max. 50% Min. 0%	18.8%	14.6%
10 years and above	Max. 100% Min. 50%	66.2%	59.1%
		Limit	Q1 Actual
Investments with longer than 365 days to maturity		£75.000m	£14.325m
PRUDENTIAL INDICATORS			
	Indicator	Q1 Forecast	
General Fund External Loans 31/03/2024	£214.218m	£214.218m	
General Fund Other Long-Term Liabilities 31/03/2024	£4.004m	£4.004m	
Total General Fund Gross Debt 31/03/2024	£218.222m	£218.222m	
General Fund Capital Financing Requirement 31/03/2024	£440.599m	£439.197m	
Gross Debt below Capital Financing Requirement?	Yes	Yes	

HRA External Loans 31/03/2024	£208.110m	£208.110m
HRA Other Long-Term Liabilities 31/03/2024	£0.000m	£0.000m
Total HRA Gross Debt 31/03/2024	£208.110m	£208.110m
HRA Capital Financing Requirement 31/03/2024	£252.838m	£252.641m
Gross Debt below Capital Financing Requirement?	Yes	Yes
Ratio of financing costs to net revenue streams: GF	8.57%	8.52%
HRA	41.67%	41.64%

Economic Commentary Q1 2023/24 (second calendar quarter of the year)

- 1.1. The UK economy has weathered the drag from higher inflation better than was widely expected. The 0.2% m/m rise in real GDP in April, following March's 0.3% m/m contraction, will further raise hopes that the economy will escape a recession this year. Some of the strength in April was due to fewer workforce strike actions in that month. Moreover, some of the falls in activity in other areas in April were most likely temporary too. Strikes by junior doctors and civil servants contributed to the fall in health output (0.9% m/m) and a 0.1% m/m increase in public administration.
- 1.2. A fall in the composite Purchasing Managers Index (PMI – a survey of major purchasing managers indicating the prevailing direction of economic trends in the manufacturing and service sectors) to a three-month low in June was worse than previously forecast. Output for the service sector remains consistent with activity expanding by an annualised 2%. However, for the manufacturing sector output is consistent with productivity falling by around -5.0%.
- 1.3. Meanwhile, the +0.3% m/m rise in retail sales volumes in May was far better than the consensus forecast of a -0.2% m/m and followed the robust +0.5% m/m rise in April. Some of the rise was due to the warmer weather. Indeed, the largest move was a +2.7% m/m jump in non-store sales, due to people stocking up on outdoor-related goods. But department stores also managed a +0.6% m/m rise in sales and the household goods sub-sector enjoyed a reasonable performance too. Overall, the figures were far better than analysts had expected.
- 1.4. The recent resilience of the economy has been due to a confluence of factors including; the continued rebound in activity after the pandemic, households spending some of their pandemic savings, and the tight labour market and Government support both influencing household incomes. That said, as Government support fades, real household incomes are unlikely to grow rapidly. Furthermore, higher interest rates will mean the economy is likely to contract later this year. Latest assumption is that inflation will only drop to the 2.0% target if the Bank triggers a recession by raising rates from the current (June) 5.00% to at least 5.50% and keeps rates there until at least mid-2024. Market commentators Capital Economics estimate that around 60% of the drag on real activity from the rise in rates has yet to bite, and the drag on the quarterly rate of real economic growth over the next year may be about 0.2ppts bigger than over the past year.
- 1.5. The labour market became tighter over the quarter and wage growth reaccelerated. Labour demand was stronger than consensus expectation. The three-month change in employment rose from +182,000 in March to +250,000 in April. Meanwhile, labour supply continued to recover as the size of the labour force grew by +303,000 in the three months to April. That was supported by a further -140,000 decline in inactivity as people returned to work from retirement and caring responsibilities

(while inactivity due to long-term sick continued to rise). But it was not enough to offset the big rise in employment, which meant the unemployment rate fell from 3.9% to 3.8%.

- 1.6. The tighter labour market supported wage growth in April, although the 9.7% rise in the National Living Wage on 1st April (compared to the 6.6% increase in April last year) almost certainly had a lot to do with it too. The 3my/y rate of average earnings growth reaccelerated from 6.1% to 6.5% (consensus 6.1%) and UK wage growth remains much faster than in the US and the Euro-zone. In addition, regular private sector wage growth increased from 7.1% 3my/y to 7.6%, which left it well above the Bank of England's (the Bank) forecast for it to fall below 7.0%. Overall, the loosening in the labour market appears to have stalled in April and regular private sector wage growth was well above the Bank's forecast.
- 1.7. CPI inflation stayed at 8.7% in May (consensus 8.4%) and, perhaps more worryingly, core CPI inflation rose again, from 6.8% to a new 31-year high of 7.1%. The rise in core inflation built on the leap from 6.2% in March to 6.8% and means it is accelerating in the UK while it is slowing in the US and the Euro-zone (both fell to 5.3%). A further decline in fuel inflation, from -8.9% to -13.1%, and the second fall in food inflation in as many months, from 19.3% to 18.7%, explained why overall CPI inflation didn't rise. And the scheduled fall in the average annual utility price from £2,500 to £2,074 on 1st July means overall CPI inflation will probably ease in the coming months. But the problem is that the recent surge in core inflation and the reacceleration in wage growth shows that domestic inflationary pressures are still strengthening.
- 1.8. This suggests the Bank may have more work to do than the US or EU counterparts. Indeed, the Bank commentary appears to favour the continued raising of interest rates to fight inflation in the June meeting. This came through most in the decision to step up the pace of hiking from +0.25% to +0.50%. The committee voting 7-2 in favour of that greater increase revealed support for stepping up the fight against high inflation.
- 1.9. That said, the Bank has not committed to raising rates again or suggested that +50% rises are now the norm. What it did say was that "the scale of the recent upside surprises in official estimates of wage growth and services CPI inflation suggested a +0.50% increase in interest rates was required at this particular meeting". Moreover, the Committee did not strengthen its forward guidance that any further rate hikes would be conditional on the data. However, it looks highly probable, given the on-going strength of inflation and employment data, that the Bank will need to raise rates to at least 5.50% and to keep rates at their peak until the mid-point of 2024. It is generally expected to be only a matter of time before the rise in rates weakens the economy sufficiently to push it into recession. That is why instead

of rising to between 6.00%-6.25%, as is currently priced in by markets, it is more likely for rates to peak between 5.50-6.00%. Rates could then likely be cut in the second half of 2024 and potentially fall further than markets are currently pricing in.

- 1.10. Growing evidence that UK price pressures are increasingly becoming domestically generated has driven up market interest rate expectations and at one point pushed the 10-year gilt yield up to 4.49% in late June, very close to its peak seen after the September 2022 “mini-budget”. Yields have since fallen slightly but growing expectations that rates in the UK will remain higher for longer than in the US mean they are still more than 70 bps above comparative US yields. While higher interest rates are priced into the markets, the likely dent to the real economy from the high level of interest rates is not and supports the opinion that there is scope for market rate expectations to fall back in 2024 and the 10-year PWLB Certainty Rate to drop back from c.5.20% to 5.00% by the end of this year and to 4.20% by the end of 2024.
- 1.11. The pound strengthened from \$1.24 at the start of April to a one-year high at \$1.26 in early May, which was partly due to the risks from the global banking issues being seen as a bigger problem for the US than the UK. The pound then fell back to \$1.23 at the end of May, before rising again to \$1.28 in the middle of June as the strong core CPI inflation data released in June suggested the Bank was going to have to raise rates more than US or European counterparts to tame domestic inflation. However, sterling’s strong run may falter because more hikes in the near term to combat high inflation are likely to weaken growth (and, hopefully, at some point inflation too) to such a degree that the policy rate will probably be brought back down, potentially quite quickly, as the economic cycle trends downwards decisively. This suggests that additional rate hikes are unlikely to do much to boost the pound.
- 1.12. In early April, investors turned more optimistic about global GDP growth, pushing up UK equity prices. But this period of optimism appears to have been short-lived. The FTSE 100 has fallen by 4.8% since 21st April, from around 7,914 to 7,553, reversing part of the 7.9% rise since 17th March. Despite the recent resilience of economic activity, expectations for equity earnings have become a bit more downbeat. Nonetheless, further down the track, more rate cuts than markets anticipate should help the FTSE 100 rally.

The Bank’s Monetary Policy Committee (MPC) meetings 11th May and 22nd June 2023:

- 1.13. On 11th May, the Bank increased Bank Rate by +0.25% to 4.50%, and on 22nd June moved rates up a +0.50% to 5.00%. Both increases reflected a split vote – seven members voting for an increase vs two voting for none.

- 1.14. Nonetheless, with UK inflation significantly higher than in other G7 countries, the MPC will have a difficult task in convincing investors that they will be able to dampen inflation pressures anytime soon. Talk of the Bank's inflation models being "broken" is perhaps another reason why gilt investors are demanding a premium relative to US and Euro-zone bonds, for example.
- 1.15. Activity outside of the UK is also critical to movement in UK gilt yields. The US has already hiked short-term rates to a range of 5.00%-5.25%, but a further increase is pencilled in for July, whilst the EU looks likely to raise its Deposit rate at least once more to a peak of 3.75%, with upside risk of higher to come.

Future path of Bank Rate:

- 1.16. It is expected that Bank Rate will need to increase to at least 5.50%, if not higher, to sufficiently slow the UK economy and loosen the labour market. Moreover, it is anticipated the Bank will be keen to loosen monetary policy when the worst of the inflationary pressures are behind us – but timing on this will remain one of fine judgment: cut too soon, and inflationary pressures may well build up further; cut too late and any downturn or recession may be prolonged. Current judgment is that rates will have to increase and stay at their peak until the second quarter of 2024 as a minimum.
- 1.17. In the upcoming months, forecasts will be guided not only by economic data releases and clarifications from the MPC over its monetary policies and the
- 1.18. Government over its fiscal policies, but also international factors such as policy development in the US and Europe, the provision of fresh support packages to support the faltering recovery in China as well as the on-going conflict between Russia and Ukraine and whether there are any further implications for Russia itself following the recent aborted mutiny by the Wagner group.
- 1.19. On the positive side, consumers are still estimated to be sitting on excess savings left over from the pandemic, which could cushion some of the impact of the above challenges and may be the reason why the economy is performing somewhat better at this stage of the economic cycle than may have been expected. However, most of those excess savings are held by more affluent people whereas lower income families already spend nearly all their income on essentials such as food, energy, and rent/mortgage payments.

The balance of risks to the UK economy:

- 1.20. The overall balance of risks to economic growth in the UK is to the **downside**.

Downside risks to current forecasts for UK gilt yields and PWLB rates include:

- **Labour and supply shortages** prove more enduring and disruptive and depress economic activity (accepting that in the near-term this is also an upside risk to inflation and, thus, the rising gilt yields we have seen of late).
- **The Bank of England** increases Bank Rate too fast and too far over the coming months, and subsequently brings about a deeper and longer UK recession than we currently anticipate.
- **UK / EU trade arrangements** – if there was a major impact on trade flows and financial services due to complications or lack of co-operation in sorting out significant remaining issues.
- **Geopolitical risks**, for example in Ukraine/Russia, China/Taiwan/US, Iran, North Korea and Middle Eastern countries, which could lead to increasing safe-haven flows.
- **A broadening of banking sector fragilities**, which have been successfully addressed in the near-term by central banks and the market generally, but which may require further intervention if short-term interest rates stay elevated for longer than is anticipated.

Upside risks to current forecasts for UK gilt yields and PWLB rates:

- Despite the recent tightening by 0.5%, the **Bank of England proves too timid** in its pace and strength of increases in Bank Rate and, therefore, allows inflationary pressures to remain elevated for a longer period within the UK economy, which then necessitates Bank Rate staying higher for longer than we currently project.
- **The pound weakens** because of a lack of confidence in the UK Government's fiscal policies, resulting in investors pricing in a risk premium for holding UK sovereign debt.
- Longer-term **US treasury yields** rise strongly if inflation remains more stubborn than the market currently anticipates, pulling gilt yields up higher consequently.
- Projected **gilt issuance, inclusive of natural maturities and QT**, could be too much for the markets to comfortably digest without higher yields compensating.

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Annex J – List of Virements Posted in Quarter 1 – 2023/24

Service Area	Note	Permanent Virement £'000	Temporary Virement £'000
Adult Services	HR new Budget 23-24	(15)	0
	Pensions Budget Adjustment 2023/24	(345)	0
	Transfer budget for MK Citizens Advice Bureau to Commissioning	100	0
Chief Executive	Pensions Budget Adjustment 2023/24	(3)	0
Children's Services	Central Library Chubb and ADT Contracts Budget Transfer	(2)	0
	Corporate Data Network Annual Rental IT Centralisation	(6)	0
	IT recurrent software and system budget centralisation correction	11	0
	Pensions Budget Adjustment 2023/24	(395)	0
	Youth Offending Centre Manor Road Bletchley ARP Budget Transfer	(30)	0
Customer and Community Services	Costs for the social media role now being carried out by Comms	16	0
	Pensions Budget Adjustment 2023/24	(76)	0
	Transfer budget for MK Citizens Advice Bureau to Commissioning	(100)	0
Deputy Chief Executive	Pensions Budget Adjustment 2023/24	(2)	0
Environment & Property	Central Library Chubb and ADT Contracts Budget Transfer	2	0
	Debt Charge Corrections	(44)	0
	Head of Service Highways Budget Reallocation	(5)	0
	Moving budget from MK PDC to Corporate Landlord	213	0
	Pensions Budget Adjustment 2023/24	(95)	0
	Youth Offending Centre Manor Road Bletchley ARP Budget Transfer	30	0
Finance & Resources - Corporate Codes	1Life Loan budget adjustment	143	0
	LGSS 23-24 Virement	215	0
	Pensions Budget Adjustment 2023/24	1,100	0
Finance & Resources - Debt Financing	1Life Loan budget adjustment	(143)	0
	Debt Charge Corrections	44	0
Finance & Resources - Services	Corporate Data Network Annual Rental IT Centralisation	6	0
	Costs for the social media role now being carried out by Comms	(16)	0
	Head of Service Highways Budget Reallocation	5	0
	HR new Budget 23-24	15	0
	IT recurrent software and system budget centralisation correction	(11)	0
	LGSS 23-24 Virement	(215)	0
	Moving budget from MK PDC to Corporate Landlord	(213)	0
	Pensions Budget Adjustment 2023/24	(134)	0
Law & Governance	Pensions Budget Adjustment 2023/24	(24)	0
Planning and Placemaking	Pensions Budget Adjustment 2023/24	(26)	0
Grand Total		0	0

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Collection Fund

- 1.1. The Collection Fund includes all income generated from council tax and business rates that is due in the year, including arrears.
- 1.2. The collection rate for Council Tax is currently just below target. At the end of the first quarter the collection rate was 29.75% against a target of 29.95%, down by 0.20%. The collection rate for business rates was 29.22% against a target of 30.50% down by 1.28%.
- 1.3. Council Tax – The latest collection fund forecasts shows a surplus of £5.020m of which £4.206m is MKCC’s share. This is after taking into account a surplus brought forward balance of £2.383m
- 1.4. Council Tax collection rates are slightly lower at quarter 1 and LCTS claimant numbers are lower than when the budget was set. This position will be monitored closely given the potential impact of inflation and other adverse economic factors on household incomes.

Table 1 - Council Tax Collection Fund – June 2023

	Carried Forward	Q1	Total
	£m	£m	£m
Council Tax Collection Fund Surplus	(2.383)	(2.207)	(5.020)
Milton Keynes Share	(1.999)	(2.207)	(4.206)

- 1.5. Business Rates - The Council’s budget for retained business rates income for 2023/24 is £72.599. It is currently projected that the Council’s actual share of retained business rates will be £73.430m, giving a surplus of £0.831m.
- 1.6. The benefit in the GF will be held in the Collection Fund and released into the General Fund in 2024/25.

Table 2 - Business Rates General Fund – June 2023

MKC Share	Budget £m	Q1 Forecast £m	Variance £m
Business Rates (net of s31 grant for enhanced retail reliefs)	72.599	73.430	0.831

Annex L – Waivers

Financial year	2023/2024
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Directorate	Option 1 - Waiver from CPR rules		Option 2 - Request for non-conformance		Option 3 - Request to use single supplier	
	Number of waivers	Value of waivers	Number of waivers	Value of waivers	Number of waivers	Value of waivers
Adult Services	0	£0.00	0	£0.00	0	£0.00
Children's Services	0	£0.00	0	£0.00	0	£0.00
Environment and Property	0	£0.00	0	£0.00	0	£0.00
Finance and Resources	0	£0.00	0	£0.00	0	£0.00
Housing and Regeneration	0	£0.00	0	£0.00	0	£0.00
Law & Governance	0	£0.00	0	£0.00	0	£0.00
Planning, Strategic transport and placemaking	0	£0.00	0	£0.00	0	£0.00
Policy, Insight & Communications	0	£0.00	0	£0.00	0	£0.00
Public Health	0	£0.00	0	£0.00	0	£0.00
Strategy and Futures	0	£0.00	0	£0.00	0	£0.00
0	0	£0.00	0	£0.00	0	£0.00
Total	0	£0.00	0	£0.00	0	£0.00

**This do not include Adult Social Care Waivers.*

%age total spend through waivers against total spend with suppliers	0.00%
%age total against total number of contracts awarded	0.00%

Annex L – Waivers

	Total Expenditure with suppliers	
	2017/2018	£218,989,215.74
as of 31/03/19	2018/2019	£243,777,985.00
01/04/2019 - 31/03/2020	2019/2020	£266,907,781.09
01/04/2020 - 31/12/2020	2020/2021	£254,454,136.15
01/04/2021 - 31/03/2022	2021/2022	£281,226,959.28
01/04/2022 - 31/12/2022	2022/2023	£319,709,860.82
01/04/2023 - 30/06/2023	2023/2024	£77,797,395.30

Number of contracts awarded during the year

2017/2018	154
2018/2019	73
2019/2020	41
2020/2021	63
2021/2022	116
2022/2023	99
2023/2024	13

Total Number of Exemptions in years	
2011/12	14
2012/13	33
2013/14	48
2014/15	41
2015/16	72
2016/17	63
2017/2018	88
2018/2019	20
2019/2020	36
2020/2021	36
2021/2022	38
2022/2023	2
2023/2024	0

Annex M

Capital Programme Changes - P3

Scheme	Resource Allocation					
	2023/24 £m	2024/25 £m	2025/26 £m	2026/27 £m	2027/28 £m	Total £m
Capital Programme Council July 2023	230.987	182.655	79.478	34.910	11.031	539.061
Amendments to the programme:						
St Pauls School - Special Provision	0.268	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.268
Fairfield Pitches Ecological Mitigation	0.100	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.100
Brinklow V11 Improvements	0.400	2.050	0.000	0.000	0.000	2.450
Emberton Park – Changing Places	0.027	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.027
Building Maintenance programme	(0.427)	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	(0.427)
New Projects:						
FAST Relocation to Warwick Road	0.427	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.427
Local Authority Housing Fund (LAHF) Second round	2.443	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	2.443
Additional On Street Charging (ORCS 304)	0.714	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.714
Local Electric Vehicle Infrastructure (LEVI	0.042	1.600	0.000	0.000	0.000	1.642
Magiovinium Public Footpath Crossing	0.250	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.250
Junction improvement schemes in and around Milton Keynes	0.160	0.340	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.500
Tattenhoe Park Neighbourhood Play	0.400	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.400
Resident Leaseholder Shared Equity Proposal Serpentine Court.	0.000	0.510	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.510
Total Capital Programme	235.792	187.155	79.478	34.910	11.031	548.365

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Annex N
Tariff Programme Changes -

Scheme	Resource Allocation					
	2023/24 £m	2024/25 £m	2025/26 £m	2026/27 £m	2027/28 £m	Total £m
Tariff Programme Council July 2023	44.411	34.018	16.123	12.288	6.015	112.856
New Projects:						
Tattenhoe Park Neighbourhood Play	0.400	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.400
Magiovinium Public Footpath Crossing	0.206	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.206
Tariff Local Roads - Fairfields Tudor Gardens to Stony Stratford	0.193	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.193
MK Museum Redevelopment	0.040	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.040
Amendments to the programme:						
Green Spaces	(0.500)	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	(0.500)
Fairfields Playing Fields	0.100	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.100
Brinklow Junction	(0.050)	0.000	0.050	0.000	0.000	0.000
WEA Junction Improvements	(0.090)	(2.660)	0.000	0.000	2.750	0.000
Total Tariff Programme	44.710	31.358	16.173	12.288	8.765	113.295

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