

1.General Fund Revenue Account Out-turn Position 2020/21

The out-turn position on the General Fund Revenue Account for 2020/21 is a favourable variance of (£269,000) for Core Council and an adverse variance of £9.141 million for the Dedicated Schools Grant. £164,000 of the General Fund balance is requested to be carried forward or contributed to reserves per Table 3 .

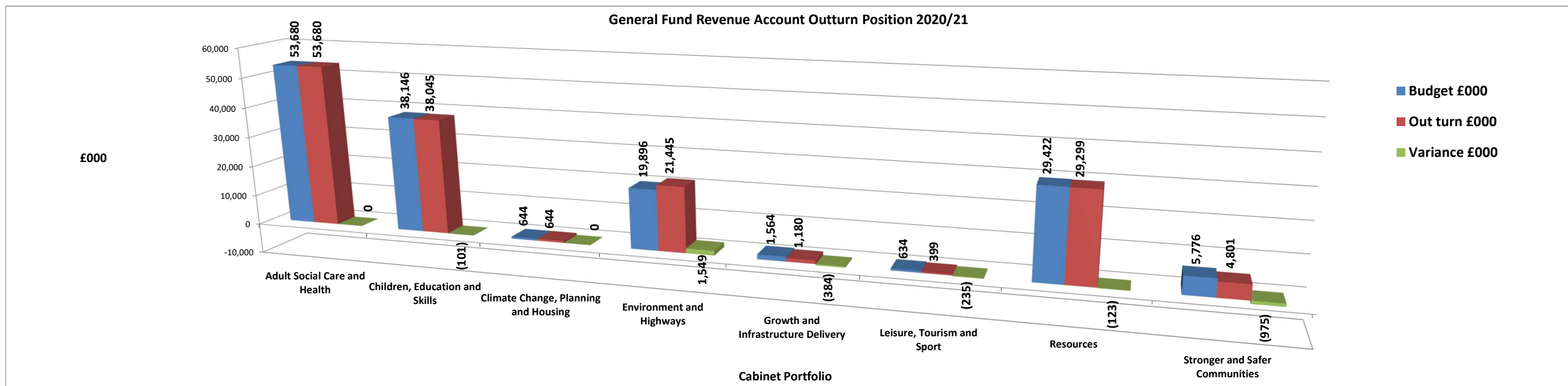


Table 2.General Fund Revenue Account Out-turn Position 2020/21 and Explanation of Key Variances (BEFORE RESERVE REQUESTS)

Cabinet Portfolio	Budget £000's	Variance £000's	Explanation of Key Variances
Adult Social Care and Health	53,680	0	There is a (£59,000) variance in the budgeted use of reserves, a (£322,000) favourable variance on Occupational Therapy and Reablement due to vacancies, on care purchasing contracts of (£1.114 million), a provision of (£641,000) for Section 117 no longer required, changes in access to care (£1.007m), reduced take-up of provider services (£321,000) and other variances following the release of surplus prior year accruals. Approval has been given for the balance of +£3.464 million to be contributed to directorate reserves. Public Health Grant of (£326,000) from redeployment of staff to the Covid response, salaries income and vacancies, (£451,000) from service restrictions due to Covid-19 and sundry net savings, gave a total of (£777,000) contributed to the Public Health grant reserve +£777,000.
Children, Education and Skills	38,146	(101)	Children's Placements outturn variance is +£2.472 million as Children In Care numbers increased by 90 local looked after children in 2020/21. Section 17 costs are also overspent by +£712,000, (mainly due to CDT £573,000), with the staffing pressures in the SEND service to cost +£317,000 and Early Help returned an unfavourable variance +£225,000. The new UASC rates generated (£183,000), there are savings in Home to School Transport (£181,000), the SEIS of (£175,000) and in the Early Retirement budget of (£158,000). Grant and other funding set aside for pressures ensured favourable variances of (£1.483 million). Use of reserves of (£1.546 million), to achieve a net nil position. A request is made to contribute the surplus on Employment and Skills of £101,000 due to improved grant income activity to the existing Employment and Skills reserve +£101,000 to offset risk in relation to future years grant activity.
Climate Change, Planning and Housing	644	0	Under recovery of Planning income unrelated to Covid-19 most significantly a delay in HS2 car park application +£408,000 offset by Early delivery of savings reinvested in the Economy and Infrastructure directorate as part of MTFS and use of reserves to balance the Directorate to a nil variance (£209,000); the use of planning fee income variation reserve (£104,000); and other net savings to salaries and running costs across the service (£95,000)
Environment and Highways	19,896	1,549	Waste Collection, Disposal and Recycling +£1.638m due to Waste Collection service no longer partly funded from Weekly Collection Revenue grant, previous changes to commingled waste recycling, plus an increase in contract costs relating to waste disposal and housing growth, brown recycling bins defects replacement/legal case, partly offset by the Coventry and Solihull Waste Disposal Company dividend, additional waste collection income and some one-off minor favourable variances on waste disposal costs. Cleansing Services Streetcare contract growth, ongoing costs from Strategic Environment Contract Pensions liability +£156,000, net Highways Services position +£16,000, other minor variances +£5,000, partly offset by early delivery of savings reinvested in the Economy and Infrastructure directorate as part of MTFS and use of reserves to balance the Directorate to a nil variance (£209,000) and Trees and Forestry (£57,000).
Growth and Infrastructure Delivery	1,564	(384)	Early delivery of savings reinvested in the Economy and Infrastructure directorate as part of MTFS and use of reserves to balance the Directorate to a nil variance (£209,000); one off savings on salary and agency expenditure from posts held vacant (£135,000) and one off running cost savings (£40,000).
Leisure, Tourism and Sport	634	(235)	Early delivery of savings reinvested in the Economy and Infrastructure directorate as part of MTFS and use of reserves to balance the Directorate to a nil variance (£209,000), Arts non-Covid (£26,000). Surplus on Solihull Active and Leisure due to delayed leisure centre maintenance (£517,000) and restricted programme activities and vacancies (£96,000) gave a contribution of +£613,000 to the Leisure reserve to meet delayed maintenance and future service financial support.

Resources	29,422	(123)	Pressures from allowance for contribution to debt impairment +£577,000 and one-off funding of in-year pressures +£238,000. Offset by additional ICT software and additional recharges (£427,000), Corporate facilities utilities and repairs and maintenance (£290,000), reduced Democratic Services costs from mayoral events and postponed elections (£159,000) and other minor net variances (£65,000). Net surpluses within Property Services Team (£619,000), Insurance (£427,000), Catering (£254,000) and Internal Audit (£94,000) and other minor variances of +£3,000 have been contributed to reserves +£1,394m.
Stronger and Safer Communities	5,776	(975)	Early delivery of savings reinvested in the Economy and Infrastructure directorate as part of MTF5 and use of reserves to balance the Directorate to a nil variance (£209,000), Libraries and Customer Services due to vacant posts held pending review of operating model (£494,000), Stronger (Communities and Partnerships) (£240,000), Regulatory services vacancies (£175,000), Stronger (Housing) (£63,000) due to lower private sectors works financing from capital required, partly offset by Bereavement Services cost pressure +£211,000 and other minor net variances (£5,000).
Total Council Portfolios	149,762	(269)	
Levies	8,543	0	No Variance
Working Balances / Contingency	8,587	0	
Total Council (excl. DSG)	166,892	(269)	
Dedicated Schools Grant (DSG)	(7,815)	9,141	There is an in-year adverse variance of +£3.102 million against the High Needs Block in 2020/21. In addition to this, a gross adverse variance of +£6.039 million against the HNB has been carried forward from 2019/20 (there was (£105,000)) of one off favourable variances helping to support the position last year). The updated DSG Recovery Plan was approved by Full Cabinet in November 2020 and sets out plans to bring the in-year position back into balance by year 3, while recovering the accumulated deficit over a longer period as permitted under the School and Early Years Finance (England) Regulations 2020.
Total Council (incl. DSG)	159,077	8,872	

Full Cabinet Revenue and Capital Outturn 2020/21

Table 4. Capital Budget - Out-turn Position 2020/21 - further details of rephasing can be found in Appendices D & E.

Table 3. Requests For Contributions To New or Existing Reserves and Requests for Future Year Commitments

Cabinet Portfolio	Amount £000's	Reason for Request for Contribution to Reserve / Future Year Commitments
Resources	18	Balance on Apprentice Levy to be used to invest in future staff training
Stronger and Safer Communities	45	Ward Budgets £45,000 to be used for volunteering associated with Commonwealth Games supporting community activity
Children Education and Skills	101	Employment and Skills reserves required to offset risk in relation to future years grants and support future investment. Surplus due to improved outturn across a number of grants
Reserve Requests	164	

Cabinet Portfolio	Budget £000's	Actual Spend £000's	Variance £000's	Analysis of Variance		
				Rephasing £000's	Adverse Variance Funded by Service & Other £000's	Funding Released £000's
Adult Social Care & Health	1,891	1,553	(338)	(338)	0	0
Children Education & Skills	6,249	6,615	366	371	342	(347)
Climate Change, Planning & Housing	101	10	(91)	(91)	0	0
Environment & Highways	11,138	8,845	(2,293)	(2,254)	62	(101)
Growth & Infrastructure Delivery	26,307	14,860	(11,447)	(12,218)	781	(10)
Resources	11,072	9,218	(1,854)	(1,914)	73	(13)
Stronger & Safer Communities	374	209	(165)	(171)	6	0
Total General Fund	57,132	41,310	(15,822)	(16,615)	1,264	(471)
Housing Revenue Account (HRA)	20,091	17,989	(2,102)	(1,996)	414	(520)
Total General Fund inc. HRA	77,223	59,299	(17,924)	(18,611)	1,678	(991)

Table 5. MTFS 2020/21 Savings Targets - Out-turn Position

Cabinet Portfolio	Red	Amber	Green	Total	Details of Red Savings
	£000's	£000's	£000's	£000's	
Adult Social Care and Health	0	0	(2,789)	(2,789)	N/A
Children, Education and Skills	0	0	(4)	(4)	N/A
Climate Change, Planning and Housing	0	0	(31)	(31)	N/A
Environment and Highways	0	0	(895)	(895)	N/A
Growth and Infrastructure Delivery	0	0	(2)	(2)	N/A
Leisure, Tourism and Sport	0	0	(2)	(2)	N/A
Resources	0	0	(558)	(558)	N/A
Stronger and Safer Communities	0	0	(25)	(25)	N/A
Total Savings	0	0	(4,306)	(4,306)	
% of Total	0%	0%	100%	100%	

2020/21 RAG rated Savings Target - The net savings target as per the MTFS was £4.306 million for 2020/21. The final position shows that 100% of the savings targets are RAG rated as Green.

Table 6. Summary of Reserves and Contingencies 2020/21

Cabinet Portfolio	Balance as at 1st April 2020	Net change during 2020/21	Balance as at 31st March 2021	Movement from P9
	£000's	£000's	£000's	£000's
Adult Social Care and Health	(999)	(4,291)	(5,290)	(2,489)
Children, Education and Skills	(695)	8,179	7,484	7,909
Climate Change, Planning and Housing	(2,723)	456	(2,267)	70
Environment and Highways	(6,434)	1,604	(4,830)	(776)
Growth and Infrastructure Delivery	(740)	(824)	(1,564)	(931)
Leisure, Tourism and Sport	(2,042)	(762)	(2,804)	(394)
Resources	(17,188)	(11,593)	(28,781)	(14,450)
Stronger and Safer Communities	(1,265)	(284)	(1,549)	(495)
Levies	(200)	(53,885)	(54,085)	(53,885)
Contingency Funding - Adult Social Care and PH	(5,407)	(3,466)	(8,873)	(4,595)
Corporate reserves (incl Treas Man) and contingency funding - BSR and Windfall	(14,590)	(20,066)	(34,656)	(6,462)
Total	(52,283)	(84,932)	(137,215)	(76,499)

The balance of Portfolio Reserves at 1st April 2020 was (£52.283 million). During 2020/21 there was a net contribution to reserves of (£84.932 million) leaving a balance of (£137.215 million) at 31st March 2021. The movement between P9 of this financial year and the final position has resulted in £76.499 million more in reserves at the 31st March 2021.