

Key Variances between Q2 and Q3 Forecasts
General Fund Monitoring Report Q3

Cost Centre	Description	Approved Budget £	Revised Budget £	Q2 Forecast £	Q3 Forecast £	Variance Between Forecasts £	Comments
People							
4500	Transformation Programme Team	0	329,600	249,000	277,700	28,700	Increase in expenditure since Q2 as a result of increased agency staff costs on Ofsted Inspection Readiness
4207	Disabled Children	83,800	83,800	150,200	186,700	36,500	Due to an educational placement being unable to continue to safely meet need we have commissioned a specialist residential placement for a young person with complex needs which has increased the spend against this budget by £80k. There have also been increases in some respite requirements in this financial year. There is currently 1 residential care placement, 13 respite packages and 17 Direct Payment packages made from this budget.
4490	Mental Health	188,100	188,100	140,000	158,100	18,100	There has been an increase in spend against this budget since Q2 due to a high cost residential placement being required. There are currently 33 cases held by the team. Of these, 3 people receive residential care out of county, 1 person has a domiciliary care package and 6 people are in receipt of direct payments.
5855	Supporting Independence Staffing	217,800	221,400	218,700	248,900	30,200	Adverse Variance due to Agency staff costs as a result of staff vacancies including Blue Badge assessor, Occupational Therapists and Admin Support. Most posts now filled with permanent staff although due to the significant number of new staff, a hand over period was required. The budget covers 6.2 FTE staff including Senior Practitioner, Occupational Therapists, OT Assistants, Blue Badge Assessor and Admin.
4259	Older People	2,444,500	2,571,100	2,402,200	2,454,300	52,100	There has been further spend on domiciliary care and residential care in line with seasonal pressures. The Direct Payments budget remains significantly underspent due to a long period without a DP Support Worker in post. Permanent admissions and discharges to residential care until the end of Q3: Independent Sector 37 admissions/38 discharges and Rutland Care Village 10 admissions and 10 discharges.
4211	Placements	712,600	712,600	722,300	748,900	26,600	There has been a reduction of income due to Leicestershire no longer paying for a child placed with Rutland foster carers who is now adopted and an increase in expenditure as a result of one young person being accommodated. The forecast also includes a commitment for four connected persons placements as well as an additional Special Guardianship Order support package. If these 5 placements do not go ahead, then the overspend could reduce to £11k.
	Total Over Spends			3,882,400	4,074,600	192,200	

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4713	Youth Housing	93,400	115,000	115,000	80,200	(34,800)	Variance due to project not going live and utility costs estimated at significantly lower level.
5377	SEN Transport	375,800	375,800	588,700	570,500	(18,200)	There has been a reduction in anticipated spend since Q2 due to a reduction in contracts and an increase in the use of parental mileage instead of commissioned transport.
4551	Home Care Service (in House)	637,400	646,200	609,500	569,400	(40,100)	Variance due to staff vacancies. Recent recruitment partially successful. Further recruitment underway but this will not impact on the underspend in 2014/15.
4103	Purchasing Transport Budget	60,400	60,400	61,100	34,500	(26,600)	Clawback of transport costs for Care Commissioning Group funded clients.
4258	Adult Social Care Contracts	300,900	300,900	258,700	234,700	(24,000)	Transfer of the contract for the Community Alarm and reduction of Age UK day service to two days a week from 1st October 2014 has created savings. 4 contracts remain in this costs centre- Vista £24.4k, Spire £128.6k, Age UK £13.3k (Community Support), Leicestershire County Council £10k (Deaf and Hard of Hearing service).
	Total Under Spends			1,633,000	1,489,300	(143,700)	
	People Directorate Total			5,515,400	5,563,900	48,500	
Places							
1502	Drainage and Jetting	133,800	120,000	120,000	140,000	20,000	£200k saving was identified in the highway function for 2014/15 as a result of the new term contract. This is spread across several thousand items in the schedule of rates and was difficult to allocate to cost centres.
1508	Carriageway Patching	521,900	626,000	626,000	661,000	35,000	The overall saving was correct but some of the assumption used in the allocations were wrong. The savings needed rebalancing across cost centres, hence savings made in some cost centres, to offset deficit in others.
1510	Minor Repairs	202,900	120,000	133,400	183,400	50,000	
2500	Waste Management	1,098,500	1,049,600	1,061,100	1,080,300	19,200	The projected variance is due to the introduction of charging system for inert waste (soil and rubble etc.) being received at Civic Amenity sites not going ahead following Cabinet decision £15k and increased waste disposal costs £15k due to indexation being higher than expected.
	Total Over Spends			1,940,500	2,064,700	124,200	
1500	Surface Dressing	158,100	140,000	140,000	105,000	(35,000)	£200k saving was identified in the highway function for 2014/15 as a result of the new term contract. This is spread across several thousand items in the schedule of rates and was difficult to allocate to cost centres.
1501	Safety	109,300	95,000	95,000	72,400	(22,600)	The overall saving was correct but some of the assumption used in the allocations were wrong. The savings needed rebalancing across cost centres, hence savings made in some cost centres, to offset deficit in others.
1503	Bridges and Culverts	44,700	56,600	56,600	36,600	(20,000)	
1506	Street Lighting	203,200	211,600	211,600	186,600	(25,000)	

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1520	Home to School Transport	689,500	689,500	679,000	640,000	(39,000)	The forecast is based on current students numbers using the service being less than originally budgeted for. Also operator given notice due to non compliance in January 2015 and new contract has come in at a lower cost.
2490	Refuse Collection	972,500	972,500	966,500	947,400	(19,100)	Indexation figure has gone down significantly hence the favourable variance
1401	Development Control	83,400	88,600	56,600	6,300	(50,300)	Forecast income increased significantly compared to previous months as planning application fees continue to increase significantly each months. Difficult to predict planning application fees.
1409	Neighbourhood Plans	0	13,900	13,000	(11,000)	(24,000)	Forecast reduced significantly due to reduced legal cost on Uppingham Neighbourhood Plan. Council was successful in High Court challenge, this could be challenged through the appeal process.
	Total Under Spends			2,218,300	1,983,300	(235,000)	
	Places Directorate Total			4,158,800	4,048,000	(110,800)	
Resources							
3820	IT Operational Support	919,900	729,400	773,300	796,300	23,000	The budget assumed savings of £58k, some aspects of which we are unable to deliver. Essential expenditure was incurred during the quarter on the replacement of kit such as the firewall. Although every effort is being made to manage the overspend on this budget it is now unlikely that the overspend can be mitigated.
3840	Legal Services	287,900	277,900	314,900	359,700	44,800	Due to increased activity, including around employment cases and a judicial review (Uppingham), we are currently spending above profile on the legal budget. The forecast has increased from Q2 as we have now been notified that the Q3 legal time costs will be significantly higher than the previous 2 quarters, partly due to further costs for one particularly high cost employment tribunal.
	Total Over Spends			1,088,200	1,156,000	67,800	
3708	Review of People Directorate	0	69,300	69,300	15,900	(53,400)	At Q2, it was envisaged that additional support would be required to take forward recommendations raised in the PeopleFirst review. Whilst additional support may be required it is unlikely to be in 2014/15 so it is requested that the budget is carried forward to 2015/16 in Invest to Save.
3740	Information Technology Dept	242,900	246,600	254,900	235,800	(19,100)	
3718	Training, Confs & Seminars	151,700	201,800	181,800	162,000	(19,800)	Budget includes b/f provision for Customer services training which has been deferred to 15-16; assessment of directorate training plans has not delivered to full programme. Projection is based on current knowledge of scheduled training plus £10,000 to respond to any emerging pressures/priorities by end March 2015.

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3021	Housing Benefit Payments	46,300	46,300	55,300	(14,700)	(70,000)	The Council has reviewed its approach to dealing with housing benefit overpayments which have traditionally been treated as unrecoverable with any amounts credited to the revenue account as 'windfall'. All housing benefit overpayments will now be recognised in full and an appropriate bad debt provision made of c80% of the debt. This has resulted in an initial credit of £110k offset by additional discretionary housing payments made.
	Total Under Spends			561,300	399,000	(162,300)	
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	Resources Directorate Total			1,649,500	1,555,000	(94,500)	
	Net Total of Overs and Under Spends			11,323,700	11,166,900	(156,800)	