

## Budget Monitoring Report No.1, 2023/24

<b>Cabinet</b>	21st September 2023
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<b>Portfolio Holder</b>	Cllr Rob Yates, Portfolio Holder for Finance
<b>Status</b>	For Decision
<b>Classification:</b>	Unrestricted
<b>Key Decision</b>	No
<b>Ward:</b>	All Wards

### Executive Summary:

This report provides the 2023/24 Quarter One budget monitor for General Fund revenue and capital forecasts against budget, as well as the Housing Revenue Account.

### Recommendation(s):

- 1) That Cabinet notes the following:
  - i) The General Fund revenue budget 2023/24 forecast position.
  - ii) The General Fund Capital Programme 2023/24 forecast position.
  - iii) The Housing Revenue Account position.
- 2) That Cabinet agrees up to £75k General Fund revenue budget virement as outlined at 3.2 to the Community Safety budget to facilitate the continued provision of showers, toilets and utilities for the traveller community currently located on land at Ramsgate Port and to fund associated legal costs, to be funded from a corresponding reduction in the corporate contingency budget.
- 3) That Cabinet recommends to Council for approval the supplementary budgets for:
  - i) The £10k requirement for the Legal system upgrade to be funded from reserves as set out in section 3.3
  - ii) £154k identified at section 3.4 from the Business Rates Growth Reserve to fund the Legal and Procurement fees associated with Port projects.
- 4) That Cabinet notes the reprofiling of the revenue budgets pertaining to UKSPF as indicated at 4.1 below and that they agree that we reserve the right to vary 24/25 in consultation with the Portfolio Holder if and when requirements change.
- 5) That Cabinet recommends to Council for approval the supplementary capital budget, numbered i to vii inclusive, as set out in section 7.5 and Annex 1 to this report.

- 6) That Cabinet agrees to the capital programme budget adjustments, numbered i to ix inclusive, as set out in section 7.4 and Annex 1 to this report.

## **Corporate Implications**

### **Financial and Value for Money**

The financial implications have been reflected within the body of the report. There remain some residual impacts from the Covid pandemic upon the Council's finances, however this has moved to epidemic now and therefore is largely considered to be treated as business as usual.

### **Legal**

Section 151 of the 1972 Local Government Act requires a suitably qualified named officer to monitor and control the Council's finances in order to provide a balanced budget.

### **Corporate**

Corporate priorities can only be delivered with robust finances and this report gives Members the opportunity to review the Council's current position.

### **Equality Act 2010 & Public Sector Equality Duty**

Members are reminded of the requirement, under the Public Sector Equality Duty (section 149 of the Equality Act 2010) to have due regard to the aims of the Duty at the time the decision is taken. The aims of the Duty are: (i) eliminate unlawful discrimination, harassment, victimisation and other conduct prohibited by the Act, (ii) advance equality of opportunity between people who share a protected characteristic and people who do not share it, and (iii) foster good relations between people who share a protected characteristic and people who do not share it.

Protected characteristics: age, sex, disability, race, sexual orientation, gender reassignment, religion or belief and pregnancy & maternity. Only aim (i) of the Duty applies to Marriage & civil partnership.

There are no direct equality implications arising from this report, however the delivery and implementation of and budgetary changes will consider this as part of the budget setting process and be reported to members in due course.

It is important to be aware of the Council's responsibility under the Public Sector Equality Duty (PSED) and show evidence that due consideration has been given to the equalities impact that may be brought upon communities by the decisions made by Council.

## **Corporate Priorities**

This report relates to the following corporate priorities: -

- Growth
- Environment
- Communities

## 1. General Fund – Revenue Forecast 2023/24

- 1.1 The 2023/24 General Fund net revenue budget of £20.755m was agreed at the Council meeting on 23 February 2023.
- 1.2 At the end of Quarter 1 there was a forecast **£489k** overspend on General Fund revenue service budgets, largely due to the continued pressure arising within the Homelessness service alongside significant income shortfalls in a number of other services.
- 1.3 The council continues to face challenges as a result of the lasting effects of the pandemic and now the cost of living crisis, most notably through the aforementioned shortfall in service income and the ongoing impact on utilities. Managers continue to estimate the financial impact of this crisis and future monitoring will allow for greater certainty of where we will be over the coming months.
- 1.4 Table 1 below summarises at directorate level **£489k** projected overspend on General Fund revenue services based on actuals to the end of Quarter 1 and forecasts from budget holders for the remainder of the year. Paragraphs 2.1 - 2.4 explain variances between the budget and forecasts.

**Table 1 - General Fund - Forecast against Budget 2023/24**

Function	2023/24 Budget £'000	2023/24 Forecast £'000	2023/24 Variance £'000	Paragraph
Chief Executive	1,842	1,842	0	n/a
Place	3,876	3,876	0	See paragraph 2.1
Environment	6,437	7,330	+893	See paragraph 2.2
Corporate Services and s151 Officer	3,679	3,689	+10	See paragraph 2.3
Corporate Budgets	4,921	4,507	-414	See paragraph 2.4
<b>Total Net Expenditure</b>	<b>20,755</b>	<b>21,244</b>	<b>+489</b>	

*Note: + overspends or underachievement of income, - underspends or surplus income*

## 2. General Fund detail by Directorate/Department:

### Director of Place

#### 2.1

##### (i) Housing Needs +£0

Homelessness has continually grown as a challenge for many local authorities, Thanet included. There are additional pressures on Housing as the gap between supply and demand increases. The council has reviewed and is delivering its

homelessness strategy action plan, is regularly monitoring the levels of homelessness and has commissioned new services to address the increasing need for support. This work will continue.

An additional +£800k was added into the 2023/24 budget to recognise and fund the rising costs of homelessness. Due to the nature of the service being provided it is difficult to accurately forecast both expenditure and recoveries as there are many external factors involved that impact on the number of homeless placements. In-year forecasts are based on forward projections for service demand in combination with the application of prior year trend analysis on the proportion of costs that historically have been recovered from Housing Benefit.

Historically central government has also provided additional resources for homelessness which also can have an impact on the year end position.

Due to all of these factors, at this early stage in the financial year, it is difficult to anticipate an end of year position. But members should note that this continues to be an area of high budgetary pressure and will be closely monitored as the year progresses.

(ii) **Housing Benefits +£0**

Due to the volatility around Housing Benefit, including increasing pressures associated with supported accommodation, a +£300k shortfall is forecast, it is anticipated that this will be met using the Equalisation reserve as previously agreed, this reserve is used to manage the peaks and troughs associated with the volatilities of our benefits services.

(iii) **Property +£0**

To address long-standing income budget shortfalls, rent review and leasing surveyors have been recruited to undertake outstanding rent and lease reviews in the current portfolio. Allowance has been made for an increase in staff resource as well as compensating increases in income, but this will ultimately be a phased increase across the year in order to manage the impact.

**Director of Environment**

2.2 An overspend of **+£893k** is currently forecast:

(i) **Parking and Enforcement £0k**

Parking fee income relating to on-street parking has returned to pre-covid levels and early forecasts show a potential for a -£375k surplus, however, income from parking fines associated with on-street is forecast to be +£355k below budget.

The overall deficit from on-street parking is more than offset by savings against the current salary budget of -£260k, resulting in a net surplus of -£280k.

Overall this position will be managed through a corresponding +£280k contribution to the earmarked reserve associated with this activity, resulting in a net zero impact on the council's General Fund balances.

Parking and enforcement activity associated with TDC owned off-street car parks is currently forecast to break even against the budget.

(ii) **Domestic Waste Collection +£210k**

Funding for two additional permanent collection rounds were incorporated into the 2022/23 budget. However, due to higher than historical rates of sickness absence there has been significant reliance on agency staff, both in waste collection and beach cleaning, that will result in a +£210k overspend.

(iii) **Maritime and Technical Services +£523k**

Income is projected +£369k lower than budget expectations within Port operations. This is due to restricted opportunities, in part stemming from the global shortage of components to manufacture vehicles that had previously generated income through car importation and vehicle storage on site. Legal and Procurement Fees associated with delivery of Port projects are expected to cost +£154k, but it is anticipated these costs can be funded from the Business Rates Growth Reserve.

(iv) **Bulky/Clinical Waste +£60k**

A significant increase to the income target based on 22/23 projected outturn, combined with a change to the pricing structure to individual items to facilitate online booking, has resulted in a projected shortfall this year of +£40k in bulky waste. The clinical waste target of +£20k is a legacy budget that is unachievable as this service is not charged to customers.

(v) **Coastal Development +£50k**

Additional seaweed clearance costing an extra +£50k is expected to be undertaken during the peak summer period.

(vi) **Crematorium Income +£50k**

The varying impact of covid on mortality rates has made it more difficult to forecast income for the service. Compared to the same period last year income is +£30k higher so the current prediction is that this service could break even. However, the opening of a new Crematorium in Herne Bay is likely to have an impact, the extent of which will not be known for several months so it is prudent at this stage to assume a +£50k shortfall.

**Director of Corporate Services and s151 Officer**

2.3 Currently there is an expected overspend of **+£10k** in this area.

- (i) An upgrade to the Legal system IKEN with the addition of the Court Bundle is requested which will create a +£10k overspend. With agreement this will be funded from the Legal reserve, using monies received from HMRC.

**2.4 Other and Corporate** is currently forecast to under spend by **-£414k**:

- (i) Included within corporate budgets are such items as:
- East Kent Shared Services and their central charge,

- HRA recharges i.e. service costs that are recharged to the HRA but which are held centrally for monitoring purposes,
  - Capital charges including recharges for staff time,
  - External funding and
  - The 2022-23 assumed collection fund deficit that hits 2023-24.
- (ii) There are additional costs associated with the unprecedented increases in Electricity and Gas prices that can't be contained within existing budgets. There is possible mitigation through some corporate budgets but this will be carefully monitored over the course of the year to make sure.
- (iii) A reserve contribution is required to cover Legal and Procurement Fees at the Port and is expected to be -£154k, this is covered at 3.2 below, as well as -£10k use of the Legal reserve to fund IKEN upgrade, again covered at 3.2 below.
- (iv) Income generated as a result of the Council's investment activities is being positively impacted by the current increased interest rates, although the counter side to this is increased borrowing costs, we are currently projecting a net gain of -£250k on these activities.

### **3. Supplementary Budget Requests**

3.1 This section of the report provides additional information and context associated with any recommendations which request additional budget provision to be approved with the General Fund revenue budget.

3.2 It is recommended that Cabinet approve a General Fund Revenue Budget virement of up to £75k to transfer funding to the Community Safety budget, to facilitate provision of Showers, Toilets and Utilities and Legal Costs for the Traveller community currently located on land at Ramsgate Port. It is proposed this virement is financed from the Corporate Contingency budget.

A magistrates court has determined on welfare grounds the Council has a duty to provide suitable facilities at this temporary site. As such, if a budget virement was not approved this expenditure would still need to be incurred and consequently would be recorded as an overspend.

The section 151 officer has the authority to approve budget virements (transfers) up to £50k, but any budget transfers exceeding this amount must be approved by Members; At the end of May 2023 funding totalling £50k had been vired (transferred) from the corporate contingency budget to the community safety budget for the above purposed. Spend for the whole financial year will be in excess of the budget already agreed and therefore a further virement of up to £75k is required from corporate contingency, to fund the anticipated total annual costs.

3.3 £10k use of the Legal reserve is required to fund IKEN upgrade as this falls outside of the base budget allocated

3.4 Legal and Procurement Fees at the Port are expected to cost £154k but will be offset by a contribution from the Business Rates Growth Reserve.

## 4. UKSPF reprofiling

- 4.1 Delays to the announcement of the funding meant that year one funding and delivery was rolled into year two, with central government supporting the roll over of the funding for local authorities. We have reviewed the spend and activity to be delivered and we have reprofiled the funding to be agreed. This will be reported back to central government in the next monitoring and evaluation report.

The recruitment of the UKSPF Coordinator has allowed resources to reassess the proposed projects and the initial funding allocation across the proposed projects. There is no change in the yearly allocation, it has therefore been necessary to move funds within the delivery projects.

Project		Original Budget Profile	Updated Budget Profile
Capital	2023-24	£50,000	£65,000
	2024-25	£150,000	£150,000
Big Ideas	2023-24	£50,000	£10,000
	2024-25	£0	£0
VCS Mapping	2023-24	£20,000	£35,000
	2024-25	£0	£0
Small Grants	2023-24	£145,965	£220,000
	2024-25	£100,000	£65,000
Community Champions Programme	2023-24	£153,988	£39,673
	2024-25	£78,004	£58,004
PM Costs	2023-24	<i>These costs were within the Community Champions Programme</i>	£50,280
	2024-25		£55,000
Growing Social Economy	2023-24	£0	£0
	2024-25	£100,000	£100,000
Employment Support for Inactive People	2023-24	£0	£0
	2024-25	£100,000	£100,000
Enrichment and Volunteering Activities	2023-24	£0	£0
	2024-25	£105,514	£105,514
Green skills	2023-24	£0	£0

	2024-25	£100,000	£100,000
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## 5 Corporate Income

- 5.1 The net budget requirement is the term used to explain the total amount the council spends on services after taking account of income streams that are specific to particular service activities such as specific grants or fees and charges (e.g. homelessness grants or car park income). For 2023/24 the net budget requirement was set at £20.755m and was funded from the following corporate (i.e. non service specific) income streams.

	£000	£000
<b>2023-24 NET GENERAL FUND REVENUE BUDGET</b>		<b>20,755</b>
<b>Funded by</b>		
Government Grants	-1,317	
Retained Business Rates & Section 31 Grants	-8,060	
Business Rates Collection Fund Deficit	199	
Council Tax	-11,690	
Council Tax Collection Fund Deficit	113	
<b>Total Funding</b>		<b>-20,755</b>

### 5.2 Business Rates

The retained business rates system is a highly complex system, but in simple terms the Council included £8.060m in this year's budget from business rates related income.

Since the retained business rates system was introduced local authorities have been allowed to retain a proportion of the additional business rates that are generated in their district. TDC also participates in a Kent wide pool that allows Kent authorities to retain a greater proportion of income than operating independently under the national scheme.

However this strand of income is most uncertain and is highly volatile; both in terms of in-year allocations and also for future reform. As such, the budget strategy for the number of years was to only include approximately half of possible growth in the base budget. For 2023/24 the full amount of anticipated growth has been assumed and therefore £1.358m of possible retained growth is included in the base budget.

### 5.3 Council Tax

The council has budgeted for an income of £11.690m from council tax this year. In budgetary terms, this budgeted income is secure for the financial year, because due to the statutory arrangements for the accounting of council tax income, any surplus or deficit on the actual collection of council tax from residents is accounted for through

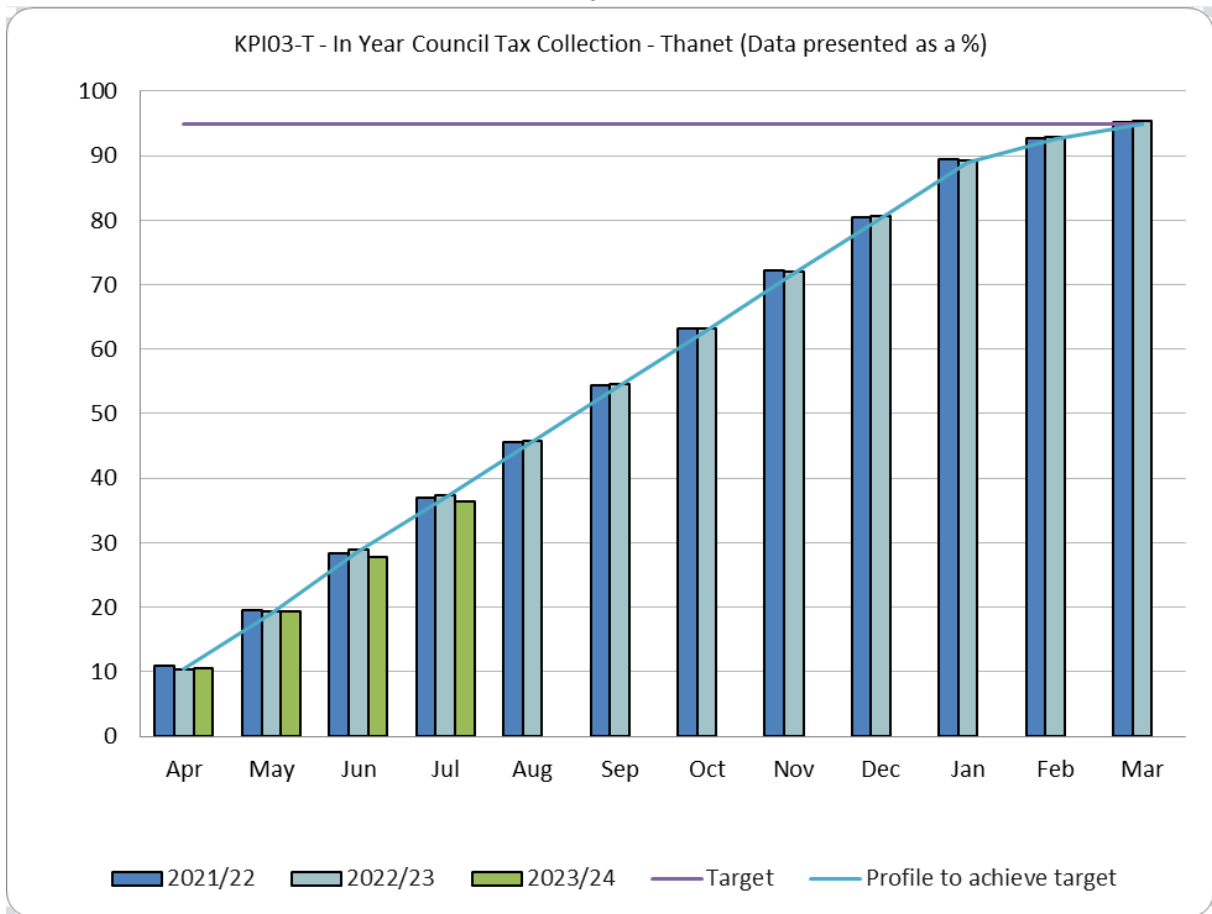


the collection fund. Subsequently, any surplus or deficit that is accumulated in the collection fund is credited or charged to the General Fund revenue budget as part year budget setting process for future years.

In terms of actual collection of council tax within this financial year, the headline is that collection is largely on profile, with actual collections hitting 27.82% against a target of 28.63% at the end of June 2023.

The annual target for collection of council tax is 94.91% by the end of March 2024, however it should be noted that the vast majority of any council tax that hasn't been paid by the end of the financial year will still be collected and recovered in following years.

The chart below shows actual and projected council tax collection rates for June 23.



## 6. Addressing Budget Variance

- 6.1 Current forecasts show a potential overspend of just over +£739k against General Fund Revenue service budgets. However, it should be noted it is typical for early budget monitoring to be pessimistic in nature and there remains a substantial proportion of the financial year remaining to address the forecast overspends.
- 6.2 The most concerning forecast budget overspends are those of a demand-led nature, where our spending or income levels are dedicated by external demand for our services (e.g. number of homeless families, or number of building control applications) and as such the potential opportunities to manage down spending pressures through conventional budgetary control measures are limited.

6.3 All budgets will continue to be regularly monitored to ensure that the council's expenditure remains where possible, within the agreed budget. This will include monitoring income and controllable spend in order to manage down the potential impact. Each of the services projecting an overspend as above are striving to minimise or eliminate the overspend before the end of the year, but failure to do so will require consideration of the use of reserves.

## **7. General Fund Capital Programme – Forecast 2023/24**

7.1 The council's 2023/24 revised General Fund capital programme of £26.236m (£26.184m as per annex 1 + £0.052m flexible use of capital receipts) is expected to be underspent by -£5.960m.

7.2 **Annex 1** provides a breakdown of the forecast underspend at scheme level and also shows that £1.915m (7.31%) has been committed against this year's budget as at 30 June 2023.

7.3 The projected underspend and budget reprofiling includes the following relatively large projects:

### **(i) Ramsgate Levelling Up**

£1.425m 2023/24 capital budget, £1.425m forecast spend, £0m forecast underspend:

This project is currently behind the original forecasted spend profile and as such the budget has been reprofiled in line with the Council's Pathfinder pilot over the remaining programme. This has resulted in £18.242m being removed from the 2023/24 Capital Programme and moved to 2024/25 & 2025/26.

Further resources have been engaged through an external project management team who are driving the Ramsgate Levelling Up Fund projects forward, and supporting delivery. This is reported to central government through the monitoring and evaluation returns.

### **(ii) Margate Levelling Up Fund**

£1.273m 2023/2 capital budget, £1.273m forecast spend, £0m forecast underspend:

This project is being delivered by East Kent College Group who are reviewing the project in line with inflation and construction challenges, this has included a reprofiling of expenditure and the delivery timeframe.

£4.891m has therefore been slipped from the 2023/24 Capital Programme in order to match the proposed re-profile. This is reported to central government through the monitoring and evaluation returns.

### **(iii) Margate Town Deal**

£3.188m 2023/24 capital budget, £3.188m forecast spend, £0m forecast underspend:

The project has been re-profiled in line with the current timetable for delivery and this means slippage of £14.457m from the 2023/24 programme to 2024/25 & 2025/26.

### **(iv) Housing Assistance Policy**

£5.130m 2023/24 capital budget, £3.123m forecast spend, £2.007m forecast underspend:

The majority of forecast expenditure is on providing Disabled Facilities Grants to local residents. Final spend is dependent upon local need and timing of providing grant assistance. It is anticipated that any underspend at year-end will be available to be carried forward into the next financial year.

(v) **Public Toilet Refurbishment**

£0.749m 2023/24 capital budget, £79k forecast spend, £0.670m forecast underspend:

Expenditure on this programme was previously predicated on the achievement of capital receipts from the disposal of closed public conveniences, however as part of the closedown of the 22/23 accounts £400k has been identified that removes the need for these disposals. This will now allow for investment in these facilities to be planned.

(vii) **Office Accommodation**

£3m 2023/24 capital budget, £0 forecast spend, £3m forecast underspend:

Accommodation requirements are still under review given scope for flexible working as highlighted by Covid. Similarly to the Public Toilet Refurbishment scheme, the financing of the Office Accommodation project is dependent on the proceeds of asset sales from existing office accommodation.

(viii) **Ramsgate Future High Street Fund**

£0.803m 2023/24 capital budget, £0.803m forecast spend, £0m forecast underspend:

It is mainly the highway element of the scheme which has been delayed. This has been caused by delays in the approval of the s278 agreement with KCC, these delays have also impacted on the coalition and review of contract documents due to the change in time period for the proposed works. As a result £1.867m has been slipped to 2024/25,

7.4a It is proposed that the following changes to last year's capital programme (already reflected in the Annex 1 opening balances) be approved by Cabinet, as per recommendation 3 to this report:

(i) **Ramsgate Port & Harbour Truck:** Now that the truck has been purchased, transfer the remaining budget of £10,562 to Ramsgate Harbour Toilet Cabin at Outer West Marina to offset additional anticipated costs. As the cost of the truck was under £15,000 (the threshold for capital) it becomes revenue rather than capital.

7.4b It is proposed that the following changes to this year's capital programme be approved by Cabinet, as per recommendation 3 to this report:

(ii) **Ramsgate Port & Harbour Truck:** As per 5.4a(i) above, remove the residual budget of £14,438.

(iii) **Walpole Coping and Sea Wall:** Reprofile this £450k project to 2024/25.

- (iv) **End User Computing - Refresh of Devices:** Transfer additional budget of £178k to this project from IT Infrastructure. Funding to replenish the IT Infrastructure budget to be identified.
- (v) **Ramsgate East Pier Building Structural Improvements:** Transfer additional budget of £22.5k to this project from the Property Enhancement Programme.
- (vi) **Margate Town deal:** Reprofile £14,456,556 of the budget to future years.
- (vii) **Ramsgate Future High Street Fund:** Reprofile £1,867,059 of the budget to future years.
- (viii) **Margate Levelling Up Fund:** Reprofile £4,890,956 of the budget to future years.
- (ix) **Ramsgate Levelling Up Fund:** Reprofile £18,242,381 of the budget to future years.

7.5a It is proposed that the following changes to last year's capital programme (already reflected in Annex 1 opening balances) be recommended to Council for approval, as per recommendation 2 to this report.

- (i) **Replace Crematorium Chapel Roof:** Increase the budget by £2,150, funded from revenue and reserves, for additional spend on this project.
- (ii) **Homelessness Accommodation:** Increase the budget by £60,000, funded from housing capital receipts, for additional spend on this project.
- (iii) **Community Parks:** Increase the budget by £29,110 funded from revenue and reserves, to replace fire damaged playground equipment at Warre Recreation Ground.
- (iv) **Viking Bay Boardwalk:** Add a budget of £41,000, which is externally funded, to replace the Viking Bay Boardwalk.
- (v) **Thanet District LED Lighting:** Increase the budget by £70,000 from external funding, for additional spend on this project.

7.5b It is proposed that the following changes to this year's capital programme be recommended to Council for approval, as per recommendation 2 to this report.

- (vi) **IT Infrastructure:** Once funding has been identified, increase the budget by £178,000 to replace the virement of this amount to Device Refresh.
- (vii) **Smart Metering Upgrade:** Increase the budget by £5,000, funded from revenue, for additional spend on this project.

7.6 It is noted that the following 2023/24 budget transfers have been approved by Council management:

- (i) **Ramsgate Harbour - Toilet Cabin at Outer West Marina:** Increase budget by £6,078 by transfers from Pontoon Decking Improvements (£3,489) and Harbour Gate & Bridge (£2,589).
- (ii) **Replacement Mobile Elevating Work Platform (MEWP) at Ramsgate Port & Harbour:** Increase budget by £720 by transfer from Pontoon Decking Improvements.

7.6 **Capital Receipts**

As at 30 June 2023 there was a forecast deficit of £0.216m in capital receipts to fund the 2023/24 GF capital programme. This is in addition to the Office Accommodation project and £0.670m of the Public Toilet Refurbishment project, which are both assumed to be self-financing from receipts from the sale of associated assets.

## 8. Housing Revenue Account (HRA)

8.1 The HRA is currently forecasting a surplus against the budget of £199k. This would result in a year-end net deficit of £1.237m in 2023-24, which would be financed by drawing down from HRA balances.

### 8.2 Income

8.2.1 Dwelling rents are forecasting a surplus of £37k. This is as a result of a slow down in Right-to-Buys (RTB) in the first quarter of 2023/24 and a lower level of voids.

### 8.3 Expenditure

#### 8.3.1 Repairs and Maintenance

Repairs and Maintenance remains under pressure since the service came back in house. Until the major works in the capital programme have been completed and the overall R&M schedules have cleared the backlog, this budget continues to be stretched.

It is too early in the financial year to accurately forecast a potential overspend at this time and so detailed monitoring will be undertaken over the next few months.

#### 8.3.2 Contribution to Capital

An additional £70k has been added as an additional contribution to capital to fund the proposed £70k cost of IT replacement in the HRA Capital Programme.

### 8.4 HRA Investment Income

Interest rates continue to rise, the base rate is now 5.25%. However the HRA interest earned is based on an average of HRA cash balances held over the course of the year multiplied by the average investment rate and so it's difficult to accurately predict actual interest to be earned. A prudent assumption of £180k additional interest earned over budget has been forecast for Q1.

**Table 2 - HRA – Forecast against Budget 2023/24**

	2023/24 Budget	Move- ment	2023/24 Budget	2023/24 Forecast	2023/24 Variance
	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000
<b>Income:</b>					
Dwelling Rents	(14,922)		(14,922)	(14,959)	(37)
Non-dwelling Rents	(277)		(277)	(277)	-
Charges for services and facilities	(579)		(579)	(579)	-
Contributions towards expenditure	(520)		(520)	(520)	-

<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>	<b>(16,298)</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>(16,298)</b>	<b>(16,335)</b>	<b>(37)</b>
<b>Expenditure</b>					
Repairs & Maintenance	5,255		5,255	5,255	-
Supervision & Management	5,901		5,901	5,901	-
Depreciation & Impairments	4,310		4,310	4,310	-
Allowance for bad or doubtful debts	260		260	260	-
Contribution to Capital	300	70	370	370	-
Non-service specific expenditure	246		246	246	-
Debt Management Costs	9		9	9	-
<b>TOTAL EXPENDITURE</b>	<b>16,281</b>	<b>70</b>	<b>16,351</b>	<b>16,351</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Other Adjustments:</b>					
Share of Members and Democratic Core	148		148	148	-
HRA Investment Income	(770)		(770)	(950)	(180)
Debt Interest Charges	1,487		1,487	1,487	-
Government Grants and Contributions	0		0	0	-
Adjustments, accounting /funding basis	588		588	588	-
<b>Deficit/ (Surplus) for HRA Services</b>	<b>1,436</b>	<b>70</b>	<b>1,506</b>	<b>1,289</b>	<b>(217)</b>

## 9. Housing Revenue Account Capital Programme – Forecast 2023/24

- 9.1 **Annex 2** shows the revised 2023/24 Capital Programme.
- 9.2 At the end of June 2023 £1.022m had been spent or committed, this represents 4.24% of the revised budget.
- 9.3 A £70k budget has been added to the programme for the purchase of new ICT equipment for the housing team, to be funded via a revenue contribution to capital.
- 9.4 As per the Council report dated 13 July 2023, £7.485m has been added to the HRA Capital Programme for the acquisition of new affordable housing units at Spitfire Green and the Local Authority Housing Fund funded units initially for the Ukraine and Afghan refugee households.

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### Annex List

Annex 1 GF Capital Programme  
Annex 2 HRA Capital Programme  
Annex 3 GF Revenue Budget Summary

### Background Papers

Budget monitoring papers held in Financial Services

**Corporate Consultation**

**Finance:** *N/A*

**Legal:** Sameera Khan, Interim Monitoring Officer