

2013/14 Revenue Budget Variations over £50,000							Comments
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		General	1% Pay Award	Included in Savings Schedule for 13/14			
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Childrens Safeguarding							
Children in Care Placements	10,004,147	1,946,823			1,946,823	The 2012/13 reported outturn position was £2.397m overspent. The budget strategy included growth of £600k and a review of costs resulting in a Cost Improvement Plan. In addition to the service base budget a corporate contingency was established as part of the 2013/14 estimates to meet demand which results in unplanned placement costs. Current forecasts are that the service is having some success in implementing the plan, and cost reductions of around £845k are being forecast to be achieved resulting mainly from "Step Down" within Placements. However, this leaves around £1.9m in placement costs over budget and therefore the forecasts include use of the Contingency in full and a residual overspend of around £1m remains. Work continues to assess the placement costs being incurred, including reviewing unit costs, numbers of children in care and the placement strategy, and currently around £132k of further cost reductions has been identified from further "Step down" of care placements. The number of Children in Care at 10th October: 315 compared to 31st March 2013:321	
Corporate Contingency	930,000	(930,000)			(930,000)	Use of one off contingency set aside as part of the budget strategy	
Children in Care Placements					(300,000)	(300,000) Using DSG to fund the education element of residential placements currently funded from General Fund	
Other placement and parent assessments	487,430	177,988			177,988	Parenting assessments forecast overspend of £106k, relating to growth in both residential and community based assessments for babies. Resource Allocation Management Panel (RAMP) scrutiny will assist in controlling further costs. The forecast includes a small contingency for the remainder of the year.	
Staffing	4,846,243	(305,254)	42,333	(22,000)	(284,921)	The Cost Improvement Plan referred above also includes a target to reduce the use of Agency staff from the numbers called upon in 2012/13 of around 13fte's. The final 2012/13 Safeguarding overspend included £558,617 for the net cost of agency staff after accounting for vacancy savings - a total of £814k was spent on agency workers in 2012/13. The current forecast is for an outturn of around £314k in 2013/14 with the target number of agency staff being reduced down to 2 by the end of 2013/14. Current number of agency staff 6 (Cost improvement plan target at end Oct- 5)	
Staffing					43,334	43,334 Pressure identified mainly in CIC Team and to be addressed in first instance by savings proposed	
Variations under £50k	2,377,655	220,771			220,771	Includes Transport,	
Total Children's Safeguarding	18,645,475	1,110,328	42,333	(278,666)	873,995		

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Corporate Parenting	230,263	(83,936)	575		(83,361)	Use of DSG has led to a projected DSG underspend	
ICT Commissioning	409,950	(146,971)			(146,971)	Use of DSG has led to a projected DSG underspend	
Supply Agency	56,437	57,257	131		57,388	Reserves previously used to support this budget have been fully spent	
Joint/Community Use	728,600	85,051			85,051	Loss of income from Shortwood School arising from requirement to implement a new funding formula for schools.	
Advisory Mngmnt & Support	433,124	(67,938)	2,524		(65,414)	General operational underspends	
Traded Advisory	30,718	(47,306)	1,349	(52,710)	(98,667)	Additional income forecast from traded services to schools compared to budget	
Education Services Grant	2,930,000	95,063			95,063	Revised Grant projection following the conversion of several secondary schools to Academies - ESG is only paid for pupils in maintained schools.	
School Transport	2,780,055	(67,000)			(67,000)	Current projected expenditure is at a similar level to 2012/13 which would result in a saving against the 2013/14 budget.	
Progress & Review	416,366	51,083	3,966		55,049	Additional staffing costs compared to budget.	
Variations under £50k	9,848,416	33,355	10,813	(20,000)	24,168		
Total Education & Corporate Parenting	11,891,055	(91,342)	19,358	(72,710)	(144,694)		
Family & Cohesion Services							
Transport	2,761,974	177,360	15,744		193,104	The overspend reported on Transport is arising in 2013/14 due to savings being taken out of the budget of £533k(out of £857k total Transport savings) which has not yet been delivered in full. There is a review of transport underway, this is unlikely to deliver savings this year so this overspend is likely to prevail unless met from one off's or action is undertaken to meet this elsewhere in the Service area	
Cohesion	3,227,570	(175,728)			(175,728)	Review of spending and a revision to forecasts within various service areas within cohesion has resulted in savings being identified	
Housing	728,787	53,034			53,034	The main cause of this overspend results from a shortfall in rents collected against target for BTW owned/operated properties operated as part of the homelessness service	
Early Intervention	4,683,334	(167,586)	28,947	(10,000)	(148,640)	A review of expenditure against budgets in the Children's and Family Centres and Early Intervention and family service has resulted in the savings reported	
Other variations under £50k	5,394,070	(27,398)	56,991	(90,000)	(60,407)	Savings within various budgets which are already subject to action to deliver savings or are already underspending in year	
Total Family and Cohesion Services	16,795,735	(140,318)	101,682	(100,000)	(138,636)		

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Care & Support							
Purchasing-all types of care for all client groups	37,695,160	2,920,739		(175,000)	2,745,739	The overspend on purchasing budgets now forecast is the result of savings of £1.667m taken out of purchasing budgets, growth in the base cost of externally purchased care of around £1.1m. The savings of £1.667m are expected to result from various Transformation initiatives which are being implemented, but are having limited impact as yet in decreasing costs or are being offset by growing costs of care. The overspend reported throughout 2012/13 included the significant impact of CHC clients no longer funded by the PCT, this position has been reflected within the base budget and is dependant on significant funding from the NHS including £2.771m-"Lansley funding" and £3.4m of one off's of which £2.4m is now back under discussion- £2.0m is now agreed and dialogue over the remaining £400k is ongoing (This contribution from the CCG was formerly thought to have been agreed) and £1m is part of a £3m payment received in 2011/12 and is being released over 3 years. Therefore a total of £6.1m of funding is included within the base budget to offset pressures resulting from the many pressures to impact the Social Care budget including CHC which is estimated to be costing the Council £8.5m per annum.	
Financial Improvement Plan savings achieved:						These savings are the result of actions undertaken to reduce the level of overspend. The Care and Support Management team have responded to the pressure on the Care and Support budget by creating a financial improvement plan which is being actioned now. In addition a Panel meeting has been re-established to consider the care cases put forward for financial support by Social Workers and to determine if when looking to meet assessed needs full consideration has been given to prevention, lower level support, reablement and efficient use of pre-purchased care contracts. The panel is also assessing whether Personalisation is being considered such as by promoting personal budgets/Direct Payments as a way of meeting assessed needs.. The underlying result on purchasing(reported above) compared to the last reported monitoring is a net marginal decrease of £79k on a like for like basis	
High Cost ALD placements			-154,985		(154,985)	A review of high cost placements has resulted in reducing the cost of some care placements	
Decommissioned blocks			-88,000		(88,000)	A review of useage of pre-purchased beds has resulted in the decommissioning of more than one contract	
Recovered duplicate payments			-32,758		(32,758)	Recovery of payments made in error	
SLA savings			-47,700		(47,700)	A review of the SLA's with the Third Sector and Advocacy groups has resulted in a small reduction in the useage and cost of service provision	
Revised purchasing variation			2,597,296	0	(175,000)	2,422,296	
Reablement and In House ALD service provision	Staffing costs	1,374,000	331,000		331,000	This overspend was formerly reported as part of purchasing. It relates to salaries including overtime paid to staff delivering in house support services as part of care for ALD clients in services operated by the Council.	

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Care Leavers	574,560	433,134			433,134	This overspend at the end of 2012/13 was around £700k. The current forecasts reveal an improved position with overall lower cost care packages being awarded than last financial year. A review of the service is expected to commence shortly and there may be further in year cost reductions.	
Supporting People	2,042,050	514,000		(20,000)	494,000	A large part, £385k of this overspend is as a result of the additional savings agreed with WHT expected to result from a claim against Housing Benefit by the WHT. The remainder is forecast to arise from demand on the service	
Transport	881,000	164,001			164,001	This is a forecast based on 2012/13 outturn, the most significant is as a result of transporting ALD clients	
Other variations under £50k	5,334,560	(83,774)	108,820	(20,000)	5,046	The movement from the last reported monitoring is an increase of £113k arising from various overspends largely from spending on prevention.	
Total Care & Support	47,901,330	3,955,657	108,820	(215,000)	3,849,477		
Public Health							
Staffing and operational budgets	1,275,000	(366,690)		(30,730)	(397,420)	This underspend has arisen due to vacancies in posts yet to be filled	
Drugs and Alcohol Services	2,563,032	(103,072)			(103,072)	This figure relates to a number of general underspends, some of a one off nature, arising in the internal service. The service is facing significant cost pressures which they have sought to manage within the overall position but it is likely that the figure shown here will reduce prior to year end.	
Sexual health Services	1,012,218	98,479		(1,250)	97,229	This overspend results from a number of previously unknown cost pressures within the service. These will be addressed as part of the overall Public Health budget in 2014/15.	
Variations under £50k	3,265,750	131,981		(100,000)	31,981	Savings result from reducing the amount to be paid to the CCG re Community infection prevention and control	
Total Public Health	8,116,000	(239,302)	0	(131,980)	(371,282)		
Neighbourhood & Leisure Services							
Leisure	Net impact of variances across a number of Leisure Centres and Facilities	717,000	150,000		43,000	193,000	Net impact of variances across a number of Leisure Centres and Facilities, including variances in income and the costs of leasing new equipment and additional costs arising from the new Dawley Sports and Learning Community.
Arts and Culture	The Place Theatre	(677,321)	88,000			88,000	The 2013/14 budget proposals included increased income from The Place of £100k. Whilst income from the pantomime is projected to be above budget and an improvement on last years income it is unlikely that the increased and challenging income target can be met. This will be offset by funding from Corporate savings.
	Music Service		17,000		40,000	57,000	Music Service current / historical income pressure.
Public Realm	Winter Maintenance	586,527	66,000			66,000	Additional pressures on the severe weather budget anticipated in order to maintain a service based upon an average winter. This figure will increase if we get periods of prolonged severe weather during winter 2013/14. It is proposed that this is funded from the budgeted contingency.
			(66,000)			(66,000)	One off from budgeted contingency to meet winter maintenance overspend.

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	Environmental Maintenance	4,465,574	25,000			25,000	Following requests from the public and Members two additional grass cuts have been carried out as an additional to the existing TWS contract following service reductions in 2011/2012. It is proposed that this is funded from the budgeted contingency.
			(25,000)			(25,000)	One off from budgeted contingency to meet cost of additional grass cuts.
Highways & Neighbourhood Management	Rapid Response Highways Gangs	312,000	212,000			212,000	Several highways gangs operating at the start of year, now reduced down to 2 highways gangs.
	Street lighting	1,194,000	(72,000)			(72,000)	Savings a result of change of lamps more energy efficient, plus below the capped rate on energy costs.
	Waste	11,025,000	(511,000)			(511,000)	A number of savings arising from general and recycling waste.
Variations under £50k			94,100	86,300	(2,500)	177,900	
Total Neighbourhood & Leisure Services			(21,900)	86,300	80,500	144,900	
Development, Business & Employment							
Lifelong Learning	Loss of Grant & Salaries	879,690	304,000			304,000	Largely as a result of Government grants no longer being received.
Estates & investments	Rental Income	(56,000)	56,000			56,000	The retail unit to the front of the Bingo & Bowling recently constructed in Southwater was planned to be operational in 13/14. However due to construction within the area ongoing, the part year budgeted rental income for 2013/14 cannot be achieved. The unit continues to be actively marketed.
Estates & investments	PIP rationalisation		183,000			183,000	The ongoing rationalisation of the PIP has resulted in an in year pressure of £183k. Whilst individual investments have been prudent and developed on a business case basis, funding has been secured through the disposal of very poor properties, which have high yields. However, they do not represent good long term investments and would not support the income target long term. Whilst rationalisation has resulted in a pressure it will deliver certainty in terms of income moving forward. £88k of this has been identified as an ongoing pressure but pressures are greater this year due to the timing of disposals against acquisitions which has left a period where there is no income stream, a delay in receiving ERDF funding to renovate the Business development centre (where we continue to carry considerable voids) and the economic climate. We are due to hear on ERDF in the next month but indications are positive. Moving forward consideration will be given to using prudential borrowings to secure new property before disposal occurs to reduce impact on the income target as costs of borrowing are likely to be lower than loss of rent
Estates & investments	PIP - other	(5,487,000)	124,000			124,000	Net impact of void PIP properties. These continue to be marketed actively and the monitoring of voids will feed into the investment portfolio rationalisation above.
Estates & investments	Southwater Multi Storey Car park	(162,000)	162,000			162,000	The multi storey car park currently being constructed in Southwater is planned to be operational by 1st April 2014. Therefore the part year budgeted income for 2013/14 cannot be achieved.

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Development, Business & Housing	Salaries		(104,030)	71,030		(33,000)	Budget held centrally by AD for incremental increases in salaries to top of scale. This pressure will be passed to SDU to deliver year on year.
Property & Design	Property rationalisation (Phase 2)		0		(108,100)	(108,100)	Savings associated with further property rationalisation, in addition to that already included within the budget strategy.
Development Planning	Planning & Building Reg Applications	(1,248,000)	(182,000)			(182,000)	Net of one off over achievement of Planning Application income as a result of BSF programme & other schemes.
Development Management	Salaries		(200,400)		(56,600)	(257,000)	Various one off savings including vacancy management within Business and Development Planning.
Variations Under £50k			44,000	0		44,000	
Total Development, Business & Employment			386,570	71,030	(164,700)	292,900	
Customer & People Services							
ICT	Supplies & Services	1,041,510	13,216		350,000	363,216	Over spend against software maintenance budget for various Council systems. Budget is £243k with costs projected totalling £607k. This is in line with 2012/13
ICT	Income	(2,672,460)	80,716			80,716	Shortfall against service specific income budget of £539k. This is in line with previous years however work is ongoing to win new business from Shropshire Schools and small businesses.
Revenues & Benefits	Supplies & Services	550,480	65,518		50,000	115,518	Additional costs projected on printing and postage as a result of the Governments Welfare Reforms and increase in postage particularly in Revenues to aid collection challenges eg summonses up by 45% this is in line with 2012/13.
Revenues & Benefits	Transfer Payments	400,720			(233,000)	(233,000)	Underspend projected within budgets within Revenues and Benefits through more targeted use of Government funding which has been used to help cover planned revenue expenditure.
People Services	Employees	1,355,020	(100,329)			(100,329)	Under spend from vacant posts that are being held vacant due to restructure of the service.
Catering	Employees	1,856,880			(32,230)	(32,230)	Early delivery of restructure savings included in budget strategy for 2014/15.
FM & Cleaning	Income	(3,455,216)	63,801		200,000	263,801	The impact of loss of school and commercial trading income on cleaning, facility management services and catering services. Work ongoing to win new business, particularly from private nurseries within the borough.
PFI Insurance					(93,000)	(93,000)	Saving from insurance on the PFI contract.
Variations Under £50k		5,741,140	(371,311)	147,547	(39,450)	(263,214)	Saving from Burials Service re grounds maintenance costs.
Total Customer & People Services			(248,389)	147,547	202,320	101,478	
Finance, Audit & Information Governance							
Treasury			(1,086,000)		(14,000)	(1,100,000)	Benefit from low interest rates and slippage in 12/13
Variations Under £50k		679,770	(171,558)	36,090	(62,000)	(197,468)	Under spends mainly arising from staffing due to vacant posts and back fill arrangements. £15k saving from Life Assurance Policy due to reducing numbers of staff on old Wrekin terms.
Total Finance, Audit & Information Governance			(1,257,558)	36,090	(76,000)	(1,297,468)	

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Law, Democracy & Public Protection							
Licensing	Income	(381,600)	166,700			166,700	Shortfall against licensing income mainly arising from taxi drivers
Land Charges	Income	(54,570)	(120,326)			(120,326)	Additional income generated from Land Charges. A review is currently
Legal	Employees	1,000,410	64,195			64,195	Costs of locum solicitors taken on to address capacity issues within the service.
Variations Under £50k		1,592,330	(65,405)	33,560	(52,726)	(84,571)	
Total Law, Democracy & Public Protection			45,164	33,560	(52,726)	25,998	
Co-Operative Delivery Unit							
Corporate Marketing - Sponsorships	Income	(57,010)	57,010			57,010	Provider of roundabout sponsorship scheme went into administration. Only £20k of income is anticipated for the year which will cover income due from the company in administration in respect of 2012/13.
Corporate Communications	Employees	419,580	(36,179)		(25,000)	(61,179)	Under spends from reduction in hours, vacant posts and officers on
Delivery & Planning	Employees	584,094	(62,396)		(6,000)	(68,396)	Under spends from reduction in hours and vacant posts.
Variations Under £50k		470,836	(3,378)	20,450	(17,910)	(838)	
Total Co-Operative Delivery Unit			(44,943)	20,450	(48,910)	(73,403)	
Council Wide							
Housing Benefit Subsidy		(13,980)	(294,559)			(294,559)	Variation from budget as a result of recovery of overpayments. It should be noted that there is no spend to date on B & B accommodation as the temporary leased accommodation has been used and has not been at full capacity as yet.
Central Government Grant Refund			(731,000)			(731,000)	The Revenue Support Grant settlement included a reduction in funding relating to central support costs of academies; the information and formula used to calculate this has been changed which results previously disadvantaged local authorities receiving a refund. £351k was returned to the Council in 2012/13; £731k is expected in 2013/14.
Purchase Rebates		(202,500)	(148,240)			(148,240)	Surplus dividend from West Mercia Energy
Employee Car Parking			104,000			104,000	The Council has made significant in-year budget savings whilst work is ongoing on the equal pay project (which will include a review of terms and conditions) this will not be completed within this financial year. At the same time we have continued to work both with the Town Centre and also the owners of another central car park in order to find a car parking solution which minimises individual costs. These negotiations are still in progress and are unlikely to be finally resolved before the end of the year. Implementation of employee car parking charges will not therefore occur during this financial year.
One Off Resources and Additional Funds			(2,368,000)		(500,000)	(2,868,000)	Mainly one off resources and some uncommitted ongoing budgets identified to contribute to the Care & Support overspend
Total Council Wide			(3,437,799)	0	(500,000)	(3,937,799)	
Total Variations			16,168	667,170	(1,357,872)	(674,534)	

Capital Approvals**Virements**

Scheme	13/14 £
Improve Local People's Prospects through Education and Skills Training	
All Other School schemes	5,000
Ensure That Neighbourhoods are Safe, Clean and Well Maintained	
Leegomery Local Centre BT1	-5,000
Total	0

Slippage

Scheme	13/14 £	14/15 £	15/16 £	Later Yrs £
Ensure That Neighbourhoods are Safe, Clean and Well Maintained				
Box Road	-2,672,000	2,672,000		
Box Road	-474,441	474,441		
Local Sustainable Transport Fund(LSTF)	-347,000	347,000		
Integrated Transport	-205,000	205,000		
Integrated Transport	-130,000	130,000		
Integrated Transport	-28,000	28,000		
Regenerate Those Neighbourhoods in Need and Work Hard to Ensure That Local People Have Access to Housing				
Youth	-75,000	75,000		
Brookside	-500,000	500,000		
Hadley Local Centre Phase 1 & 2	-297,000	297,000		
Improve Local People's Prospects through Education and Skills Training				
Building Schools for the Future	-483,399	483,399		
Building Schools for the Future	-7,125	7,125		
Building Schools for the Future	-1,395,679	1,395,679		
Building Schools for the Future	-20,097,210	20,097,210		
Managing the Organisation				
Managing the funding of the Capital Programme - rephasing of capital receipts	-9,430,000	9,191,150	238,850	
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Protect and Support Our Vulnerable Children & Adults				
ICT Social Care Review	-200,000	200,000		
Total	-26,911,854	26,911,854	0	0

New Allocations				
Scheme	13/14	14/15	15/16	
	£	£	£	
Regenerate Those Neighbourhoods in Need and Work Hard to Ensure That Local People Have Access to Housing				
Housing	110,000			
Protect and Support Our Vulnerable Children & Adults				
Social Care Capital Grant	232,371			
Ensure That Neighbourhoods are Safe, Clean and Well Maintained				
Box Road	1,121,000			
Jiggers Bank Stabilization	8,000			
Jiggers Bank Stabilization	32,000			
Highways Maintenance	82,000			
Improve Local People's Prospects through Education and Skills Training				
All Other School schemes	21,183			
Total	1,606,554	0	0	0

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Comment

SCE (C) Capital Maintenance Grant - Madeley Court Academy
Demolition Costs

SCE (C) Capital Maintenance Grant

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Prudential
External
Gov Grant
Gov Grant
Borrow App
Prudential

Capital Receipts
Prudential
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Borrowing Approval to 2014/15
Capital receipts to 2014/15
Prudential to 2014/15
Grant to 2014/15

Capital Receipts
Prudential

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Capital Receipts Recommended for approval at Full Council
21/11/13 as per Cabinet 19/09/13, Temporary accommodation

Grant Additional In Year Allocation

DFT Grant Malinslee Roundabout-Local Pinchpoint fund
Prudential - additional allocation based on revised forecast for
Jiggers Bank Stabilisation
HCA Grant - additional allocation based on revised forecast for
Jiggers Bank Stabilisation
External S106 - Traffic calming work funded from developer
contributions

External

