



North Tyneside Council

Overview & Scrutiny Co-ordination & Finance Committee

Friday, 29 September 2023

Monday, 9 October 2023 0.02 Chamber - Quadrant, The Silverlink North, Cobalt Business Park, North Tyneside, NE27 0BY commencing at 6.00 pm.

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**Members of the Overview and Scrutiny Co-ordination and Finance
Committee**

Councillor Jim Montague (Chair)

Councillor Lewis Bartoli

Councillor Davey Drummond

Councillor Martin Murphy

Councillor Pat Oliver

Councillor Jane Shaw

Councillor Judith Wallace

Councillor Pam McIntyre

Councillor Debbie Cox (Deputy Chair)

Councillor Liam Bones

Councillor Tommy Mulvenna

Councillor Andy Newman

Councillor Willie Samuel

Councillor Matthew Thirlaway

Councillor Matt Wilson

Councillor Cath Davis

Ms Fiona Burton

Mr Stephen Fallon

Rev Michael Vine

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Overview & Scrutiny Co-ordination & Finance Committee

Tuesday, 12 September 2023

Present: Councillor J Montague (Chair)
Councillors D Cox, L Bartoli, L Bones, D Drummond,
M Hall, T Mulvenna, M Murphy, A Newman, P Oliver, J
Shaw, M Thirlaway and M Wilson

In attendance:
Councillor C Johnson – Deputy Mayor
S Fallon – Church Representative

Apologies: Rev M Vine and Ms F Burton – School Governor
Representative

OV11/23 Appointment of Substitute Members

Pursuant to the council's constitution the appointment of the following substitute members was made:

Councillor P McIntyre for Councillor J Wallace
Councillor A Spowart for Councillor W Samuel

OV12/23 Declarations of Interest and Dispensations

Councillor Debbie Cox declared a Non-Registerable Personal in Item 4 2023/24 Financial Management & Performance Report to 31 May 2023, family member receives adult social care.

Councillor Pat Oliver declared a Non-Registerable Personal in Item 4 2023/24 Financial Management & Performance Report to 31 May 2023, family member receives adult social care.

Councillor Martin Murphy declared a Non-Registerable Personal in Item 4 2023/24 Financial Management & Performance Report to 31 May 2023, he has a family member who is employed by North Tyneside Council.

Councillor Matthew Thirlaway declared a Non-Registerable Personal in Item 4 2023/24 Financial Management & Performance Report to 31 May 2023, he has a family member who is employed by North Tyneside Council and he is employed by a social care provider who receives funding from North Tyneside Council.

Councillor Jane Shaw declared a Non-Registerable Personal in Item 4 2023/24 Financial Management & Performance Report to 31 May 2023, she has a family member who undertakes work on behalf of North Tyneside Council.

Councillor Liam Bones declared a Non-Registerable Personal in Item 4 2023/24 Financial Management & Performance Report to 31 May 2023, he has a family member who is employed by North Tyneside Council.

OV13/23 Minutes

Resolved that the minute of the meeting held on 17 July 2023 be agreed.

OV14/23 2023/24 Financial Management & Performance Report to 31 May 2023

The Committee received a report that had been considered by Cabinet at its meeting 31 July 2023 in relation to 2022/23 Finance Outturn Report.

The report summarised the full overview of both the budget and service delivery performance position across the Authority as of 31 May 2023.

The Committee was informed that the General Fund will outturn with a pressure of £11.7m and the Housing Revenue Account will have a forecast underspend of £0.015m. In terms of performance, whilst service delivery remained strong there continued to be high levels of demand in several areas including Education, Health and Care Needs Assessments, children in care and home care.

The committee was informed that while the Section 106 figures are currently reported separately, in future they will be incorporated into this report.

A member asked if there was a tipping point where the provision of school meal services by the Authority would become financially unviable. The Head of Resources confirmed this was being monitored, ensuring the most efficient use of funds.

A member asked if the slowdown in inflation had been factored into budgetary concerns. In response the Head of Resources stated that rising and falling costs in different areas were being monitored and changes would be reflected in future reports, and currently energy prices were a key driver of costs.

A member raised a question about staff retention figures, the Head of Resources stated this is monitored by the Council, and those figures can be shared in writing and to note that there was a recent return of staff from EQUANS. The Assistant Chief Executive noted that work was continuing in recruiting and retraining staff, particularly with legal and social workers.

A member asked for further information on the DV081 North Shields Quarter amount of £0.250m, the Head of Resources stated we can share those figures in writing.

A member enquired about whether the Looked After Children figures included children seeking asylum. A senior business partner confirmed these figures did include those, and that the Council currently has 33 children seeking asylum but this figure is below the Government's mandated level.

Another member raised their concern about forecasted budget overspends and enquired as to the possible use of reserves. The Head of Resources confirmed that there would probably be some usage of the Strategic Reserve due to an uncertainty in funding. The 15 medium term plan themes had been created to tackle the areas of highest pressure giving best value for money and would drive the strategy going forward.

A member raised a question about the staff car parking charges and if they would be reinstated. The Deputy Mayor stated that the charges were stopped during Covid 19 and there had been no decision as to if, and when, this would be reinstated.

A question was also asked about the reduced number of taxi drivers and service costs, and what was being done to address these issues. The Head of Resources stated he would invite a comment from officers in the service.

The rising costs of the Mouth of the Tyne festival were queried. The Head of Resources stated this was due to above inflationary costs for equipment, and

these costs would be factored in going forward.

A member asked how the cost pressure on Street Lighting due to energy process was to be addressed. The head of resources stated that the Council was looking to balance this pressure with the anticipated contribution from reserves and some of the underspend from within Environment.

A member asked what the current road resurfacing spend was, this was confirmed as £3.6m.

It was **Agreed** that (1) the 2023/24 Financial Management & Performance Reported to 31 May 2023 be noted; and (2) the further information requested be circulated to all members of the Committee.

OV15/23 Section 106 overview and update on spend and project delivery

The Principal Account and Major Contracts Manager gave a presentation in relation to the update on the s106 spend position as of 30 June 2023. The committee were asked to note the information provided.

As of 30 June 2023, £20.342m had been received by the Authority, of which £9.604m has been expended in line with agreements. £10.738m remains as of 30 June 2023, of which £3.264m is committed. This leaves an uncommitted balance of £7.474m.

In discussions on the presentation given, and the commitment of funds, a member raised why a large sum was still to be assigned to any proposals. The Major Contracts Manager stated that approximately 30% of this funding would be attached to the Ambition for Education project, and that the nature of funding was that it was allocated both monthly, as proposals were agreed, and as longer-term strategic projects which took longer to assign, approve and spend. It was confirmed by both Deputy Mayor and officers that there were set rules under which a s106 spend could be applied. The delays in spend due to Covid 19 were now no longer occurring. The discussion covered who authorised the s106 spend and the criteria that defined what the fund could be spent on. It was advised that there was current legislation, guidance and government advice. The Major Contracts Manager stated that he would resend the s106 information forwarded in June 2023 to all members and was happy to answer any specific questions in the future.

A report giving a deeper dive into the long-term plans and current s106 spend would be provided as part of the Finance report at the next meeting.

The chair thanked the officers for the instructive nature of the report. It was **Agreed** that (1) the Section 106 overview and update on spend and project delivery be noted; and (2) the further information requested be re-circulated to all members of the Committee.

OV16/23 Technical Services Partnership – Capita service delivery performance update

The Head of Commercial and Procurement and the Assistant Partnership Director gave a presentation on the Performance Update from Capita and the 2022/23 full year outturn performance for the services provided. Capita had highlighted areas as identified previously by the Committee. The committee were asked to note the information provided.

The committee challenged the Key Performance Indicator information provided, asking for the following information to be brought back to a future meeting:

- The amount of time taken to inspect and repairs potholes.
- How Capita measure social impact.
- Who and how are the quality of repairs measured, including the checklist used.
- Percentage sample sizes to be identified and a request for these to be increased.
- How road resurfacing requests are chosen.
- What are the costs of re-repairs and re-inspection to jobs previously recorded as completed.
- Can further information on the job role of the Clerk of Works and how many projects they oversee be provided.
- What happened to the fulfilment of the process where Councillors were to be sent images of a completed job via a Members Enquiry.

The Assistant Partnership Director stated they would bring the answers to a future meeting and said they were happy to answer any questions about specific cases if Councillors wished to contact them.

The Deputy Mayor stated that it was council policy to bring services back in-

house as soon as it was viable.

It was **Agreed** that (1) the Technical Services Partnership – Capita service delivery performance update be noted; and (2) the further information requested be presented to a future meeting.

**North Tyneside Council
Report to Cabinet
18 Sept 2023**

**Title: 2023/24 Performance and Financial Management Report
to 31 July 2023**

Portfolios:	Elected Mayor	Cabinet Member:	Dame Norma Redfearn DBE
	Finance and Resources		Councillor Anthony McMullen
	Deputy Mayor		Councillor Carl Johnson

Report from: Finance and Corporate Strategy

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Wards affected: All

1.1 Executive Summary

1.1.1 This report provides Cabinet with a full overview of both the service delivery performance and budget position across the Authority as at 31 July 2023. For performance, it sets out the key areas of service delivery for Cabinet to note, including where this impacts in budget terms. In terms of the budget, it sets out the forecast outturn position to 31 March 2024 for both revenue and capital.

1.1.2 The report also sets out for Cabinet to note the current position in relation to schools finance, the Authority's Investment Plan, developers' contributions and treasury management. In addition, it provides details of additional

revenue and capital grants received up until 31 July 2023 for Cabinet to approve.

- 1.1.3 From a performance point of view, service delivery overall across the Authority remains strong. The Authority continues to manage high levels of demand in a number of areas including Education, Health and Care Needs Plans, children in care, children in need, home care provision, residential and nursing care placements all of which have financial implications. Key areas of strength are delivery of the Our North Tyneside Plan 2021-2025 priorities such as the affordable homes programme and carbon net zero. The Ambition for North Tyneside Programme is progressing well with regeneration projects across the four areas of the borough. Capital investment continues to deliver planned improvement works helping maintain council homes at the decent homes standard. Council Tax and Business Rates collection also remains on track.
- 1.1.4 Since the last report, the number of children in care has increased from 362 in May to 376 in July. The Authority currently has an additional 64 children in need and an additional 46 children in care, compared to budgeted levels. The result of the additional children in care compared to May combined with the current mix of placements has driven a £1.093m worsening of the Children's position, to a total forecasted pressure of £6.474m. All other services areas have seen their financial position improve helping to mitigate the increase in Children's resulting in an overall improvement of £0.389m to the position compared to May 2023.
- 1.1.5 From a budget perspective, the overall projection for 2023/24 is that the General Fund will outturn with a pressure of £11.311m and the Housing Revenue Account will have a forecast underspend of £0.053m.
- 1.1.6 The report sets out the programme of work which is in place to manage and mitigate the 2023/24 budget pressures and form part of the 2024-2028 Medium Term Financial Plan.

1.2 Recommendations

- 1.2.1 It is recommended that Cabinet:
- (a) Notes the update provided on the Performance of the Authority including updated data on the key pressures facing the Authority and progress against the Our North Tyneside Plan 2021-2025,
 - (b) notes the forecast budget monitoring position for the General Fund, Housing Revenue Account (HRA), schools finance and Treasury

Management together with the service delivery performance position across the Authority as at 31 July 2023 (sections 1.5.1, 1.5.2, 1.5.3 and 1.5.5 of this report),

- (c) notes the Authority's Investment Plan spend of £19.264m to 31 July 2023 and the proposed financing of the Plan to the end of the year (section 1.5.4 of this report),
- (d) approves variations of £5.579m and reprogramming of £8.489m for 2023/24 within the 2023-2028 Investment Plan (section 1.5.4 of this report) and note the current position with Developers' Contributions (section 1.5.6),
- (e) approves the receipt of £1.066m new revenue grants (as outlined in section 1.5.7 of this report), and £0.775m of new capital grants to be applied in 2023/24 (as outlined in section 1.5.8 of this report), and
- (f) approves the budget setting timetable for the 2024/28 Medium Term Financial Plan (as outlined in Appendix 2).

1.3 Forward Plan:

- 1.3.1 Twenty-eight days' notice of this report has been given and it first appeared on the Forward Plan that was published on 23 June 2023.

1.4 Authority Plan and Policy Framework:

- 1.4.1 This report relates to all priorities in the Our North Tyneside Plan.

1.5 Information:

1.5.1 General Fund

- 1.5.1.1 Service delivery overall across the Authority remains strong, particularly in relation to the key policy priorities of the Our North Tyneside Plan 2021-2025. The Authority is on track against its commitment to become carbon net-zero by 2030. Carbon reduction in council service operations has achieved 58% against the baseline year of 2010/11. The ambition to deliver 5,000 Affordable Homes is on track against the profiled target with 2,144 homes delivered at the end of quarter one. The Ambition for North Tyneside Programme is progressing with regeneration projects in all four areas of the borough. Council Tax and Business Rates collection remains strong and comparable with national performance. **Page 13**

- 1.5.1.2 The Council is experiencing challenges in some areas of delivery, which impact on the overall financial forecast for the year. This most significant elements are summarised below, with changes since the previous report to Cabinet highlighted.
- 1.5.1.3 Within Children's Services, the number of children in care has increased from 362 in May to 376 in July. Although the overall level of children in need has decreased slightly to 1,664 (1,669 in May), the numbers remain significantly above those used to set the budget for the year. As previously reported, the increase to the gross budget of £9.700m in 2023/24 assumes levels of 1,600 children in need, 330 children in care and a staffing requirement of 74 social workers.
- 1.5.1.4 The Authority currently has an additional 64 children in need and an additional 46 children in care, compared to budgeted levels, leading to a significant financial pressure being forecast. The costs of residential placements are individually high reflecting both significant inflationary and complexity pressures. The result of the additional 14 children in care compared to May combined with the current mix of placements has driven a £1.093m worsening, to a total forecasted pressure of £6.474m. Further detail is provided in the Annex in section 1.3.
- 1.5.1.5 Within Commissioning and Asset Management (C&AM) there are higher than expected levels of children with complex needs who have support with transport, linked to the number of pupils with Education, Health and Care Plans (EHCPs) the authority maintains. The number of children requiring home to school transport has risen from 614 in April 2016 to 897 in May 2023. This, along with inflationary pressures on the transport contracts, means that Home to School Transport has a pressure of £2.892m.
- 1.5.1.6 Catering Services also have a combination of inflation on the costs of food purchases, staffing costs relating to sickness, maternity cover, 'deep cleaning' days and reduced income from fewer schools now using this service has led to a forecast pressure of £2.938m. The resultant overall position in Commissioning and Asset Management is a pressure of £6.002m, an improvement of £0.169m from May. Further information on C&AM is included in section 1.5 of the annex.
- 1.5.1.7 Within Adults Services the focus remains to facilitate hospital discharge and reduce the number of clients in short- and long-term residential and nursing care placements by maximising the use of home care. Pressure continues within residential care, although the number of home care hours provided

are slowly starting to increase and the volume of people in residential placements have started to fall, the reduction in reliance on short-term residential placements is not yet established. The overall number of clients has fallen from 1,250 in May to 1,157 in July.

1.5.1.8 There is ongoing work to support the homecare market, which is a national issue across all authorities. Since the last report to Cabinet, the Department of Health (DoH) recently announced £570m additional workforce funding over a 2-year period, a supplement to the Market Sustainability and Improvement Fund (MSIF). North Tyneside's allocation for 2023/24 is £1.568m and the grant conditions allow local authorities to decide how they focus the funding to make tangible improvements to adult social care capacity. They can choose to use the funding to:

- Increase fee rates paid to adult social care providers
- Increase adult social care workforce capacity and retention
- Reduce adult social care waiting times

Improvements must be reported in at least one of the target areas with assurance that other target areas have not worsened. The template for this will be released from the DoH in due course and local authority officers are currently working through detailed grant conditions to develop proposals. The financial impact of the grant and the associated spend is reflected in the current forecasts.

1.5.1.9 The falling number of clients, combined with the application of additional income and partial mitigation of vacant posts has seen an improvement to the Adults position of £0.496m. The overall forecast pressure in Adults Services is now £1.780m. Further detail is contained within section 1.2 of the annex.

1.5.1.10 The impact of this has been factored into the financial forecasts for the year. As at 31 July 2023, the Authority is showing a forecast net pressure for the current year of £11.311m. This is an improvement of £0.389m since May's position.

1.5.1.11 Offsetting the above pressures are organisation wide savings resulting from changes in the minimum revenue provision (£1.500m), treasury management savings (£1.000m) and the application of contingencies for general inflationary pressures (£2.102m). These items partly offset the overall forecast pressure by £4.741m. Further detail is included in section 1.11 of the annex.

1.5.1.12 A more detailed commentary of the overall financial position is contained in section 1 of Annex 1. However, the key areas of variation behind the forecast

net pressure for the current year as at 31 July 2023 of £11.311m are summarised in the following table.

1.5.1.13 Table: 1 2023/24 General Fund Revenue Forecast Outturn as at 31 July 2023 by Directorate

Services	Budget	Forecast July	Variance July	Variance May	Change since May
	£m	£m	£m	£m	£m
Adults Services	64.328	66.108	1.780	2.276	(0.496)
Children's Services	34.146	40.620	6.474	5.381	1.093
Public Health	1.477	1.477	0.000	0.000	0.000
Commissioning & Asset Management	8.590	14.592	6.002	6.171	(0.169)
Environment	42.469	42.329	(0.140)	(0.034)	(0.106)
Regeneration & Economic Development	11.383	11.383	0.000	0.383	(0.383)
Corporate Strategy	2.316	2.643	0.327	0.452	(0.125)
Chief Executive Office	(0.070)	(0.083)	(0.013)	(0.009)	(0.004)
Resources	4.838	5.809	0.971	0.997	(0.026)
General Fund Housing	2.343	2.994	0.651	0.651	0.000
Central Items	(9.542)	(14.283)	(4.741)	(4.568)	(0.173)
Support Services	20.181	20.181	0.000	0.000	0.000
Total Authority	182.459	193.770	11.311	11.700	(0.389)

1.5.1.14 Cabinet will wish to note that a programme of work is in place to both manage and mitigate the 2023/24 budget pressures as well as form the 2024-2028 Medium Term Financial Plan. A full overview of the 15 workstreams within this programme was included in the May report. The Senior Leadership Team (SLT) have worked with Senior Officers across the organisation to consider a range of in-year mitigations that could be explored to support the 2023/24 position. A summary of the options will be presented to lead Members in due course and included in future Performance and Finance reports to Cabinet.

1.5.2 Schools

1.5.2.1 Individual schools are required to submit their rolling three-year budget plan to the Authority by 31 May each year. 14 schools submitted a deficit budget plan for 2023/24 and deficit review sessions started with these schools during July 2023 and will continue in September. To further support schools

in deficit, the Education and Skills Funding Agency (ESFA) have extended their offer to provide School Resource Management Advisors (SRMA) to visit schools and provide a comprehensive review of their finances.

- 1.5.2.2 In July, Schools Forum reviewed the funding allocations of Falling Rolls funding, Growth funding and Schools in Financial Difficulty funding, based on eligibility criteria and the recommendations from the School's Forum Finance Sub-group. Further information on Schools is included in section 2.0 of the annex.
- 1.5.2.3 Cabinet will recall there has also been significant pressures within the Dedicated Schools Grant (DSG) in relation to the High Needs block which ended 2022/23 with an overspend of £9.591m. As reported previously, to address these pressures, the Authority joined the Department for Education's (DfE) Safety Valve Intervention Programme, the first submission to the DfE was 16 June where the Authority reported it is on track to reach a positive in-year balance on this budget by the end 2027/2028. Positive feedback was received and the next submission is due on 15 September 2023.
- 1.5.2.4 The Authority's DSG management plan forecasts that there would be 2,134 Education Health and Care Plans (EHCP) maintained in January 2024 and currently the authority is on track to do this. There are 2,136 EHCPs at the end of July 2023. The rate of EHCPs maintained by the Authority has slowed, despite the continued high demand for assessments in North Tyneside compared to national and regional rates.

1.5.3 Housing Revenue Account

- 1.5.3.1 Again, performance is strong in this area. Housing rental income collection is better than forecast, although officers are monitoring closely the increasing arrears for current tenants. This performance is encouraging, especially given the impact of the rent increase and Universal Credit, which both increase the amount of income that has to be collected. Empty homes levels are very low at around half a percentage point, which represents around 75 homes out of over 14,000 in total. This is a significant help in maximising the amount of rent that can be collected and invested in improving service delivery to tenants.
- 1.5.3.2 The projected outturn position for the Housing Revenue Account (HRA) is an underspend of £0.053m. The main areas of pressure within this budget area relate to housing management costs and more specifically to the costs of utilities attached to sheltered accommodation schemes. The Housing Repairs service continues to deal with inflationary increases on materials and subcontractor prices, however, at the current time the overall Repairs

spend is forecast to come in on budget. There is also an anticipated pressure due to the 2023/24 pay award expected to be greater than assumed in the HRA Business Plan.

1.5.4 Investment Plan

1.5.4.1 The approved 2023–2028 Investment Plan totals £340m (£120m in 2023/24) and is detailed in table 23 of Annex, within section 4.

1.5.4.2 Following a series of budget challenge sessions held with project managers and Directors to understand delivery plans and risks, a review of the Investment Plan has resulted in proposals for variations (changes to the financing of the Plan) of £5.579m and reprogramming (changes to the delivery of the Plan) of £8.489m in 2023/24, details of which are set out in Section 4 of Annex, paragraphs 4.2 and 4.3. At the end of July 2023, spend of £19.264m had been incurred in year, representing 16.03% of the approved plan for 2023/24. This is higher than the 13.74% incurred by this stage in 2022/23.

1.5.4.3 At the end of July significant investment had been made in the following areas:

- **Housing Revenue Account (HRA) Capital Programme;** Over £6m (c.25% of the budget) has been invested in delivering planned improvement works to maintain homes to the decent homes standard including kitchen and bathroom replacements, roof replacements, redecoration works, fencing replacements, heating replacement works. Officers continue to manage the risks that could impact on delivery and costs including the availability of resources to deliver the works, as well as delayed and reduced supply of building materials, which is a global issue.
- **Highways and Infrastructure Improvements;** Almost £5m of improvement works (c.21% of the budget) have been delivered including integrated transport improvements including the North Shields Transport Hub, the resurfacing programme, flood alleviation measures as well as the progression of a number of major highways improvement schemes such as the Seafront Sustainable Cycle Route, Stephenson Street junction upgrade and the next phase of the Routes to Metro Project.
- **Affordable homes delivery;** Almost £3m of works (c.21% of the budget) associated with the delivery of affordable homes, through the Authority's Trading Company as well as the HRA New Build programme. The Authority's Trading Company currently owns 101 homes following the purchase of 7 homes since 1 April 2023 and has offers accepted on three more homes. The HRA New Build Programme is currently on site at three

projects including a further phase of HUSK, converting garage sites in Battle Hill with 9 affordable homes and the conversion of two recreation rooms at Forest Hall and at Wallsend to two bungalows. Further development sites across the borough are in the process of being purchased, designs produced and applications for planning permission submitted.

- **Vehicle Replacement;** £1.9m (c.76% of the budget) relating to investment under the rolling vehicle replacement programme, ensuring the Authority's fleet are aligned to operational delivery requirements. Five new refuse collection vehicles have been delivered, orders have been placed for two bin lift vehicles and a 12-tonne sweeper.
- **Education improvement works;** £1.4m of planned works delivering improvements in condition and capacity within the Borough's schools (c.12% of the budget) with significant investment works to be delivered during the summer holidays. Major works underway at Beacon Hill School to increase capacity. Whilst it is not a project funded by the Authority, significant support is being provided to Whitley Bay High School in the delivery of the new £30m school opening this month.
- **Strategic Asset Maintenance;** £0.7m (c.24% of the budget) has been invested delivering planned preventative maintenance activity within the Authority's operational asset portfolio. Works have been completed at High Borrans and works are currently in progress at the Saville Exchange.
- **Leisure Improvements;** £0.6m (c.14% of the budget) relating to the conclusion of works to upgrade the Authority's tennis facilities as well as the commencement of major works to develop a Regional Sports Hub at St Peter's.

1.5.4.4 In addition to the proposed variations outlined within the report, work is ongoing to confirm the resource requirement to support investment in replacing the Authority's fibre networks as part of its Wide Area Network and the planned replacement of the Enterprise Resource Planning (ERP) system. Once confirmed, this will be considered as a variation to the Investment Plan to enable the procurement processes to proceed.

1.5.5 Treasury Management

1.5.5.1 The level of external borrowing (excluding PFI) has remained at £422.443m in the period to 31 July 2023. The level of internal funding remains high at £68.532m at 31 March 2023 (£102m at 31 March 2022). This is in line with the Authority's Treasury Management Strategy as this avoids external interest charges wherever possible.

1.5.5.2 As at 31 July 2023, the Authority had Treasury investments of £15m. During June and July 2023, £0.493m was generated through interest earned on investments from General Fund and HRA balances. The Authority invests in line with Chartered Institute of Public Finance Accountancy (CIPFA) guidance, maintaining a low-risk approach to investments.

1.5.6 Developer Contributions

1.5.6.1 Section 106 monies relate to contributions received by the Authority through planning gain. £20.342m of contributions have been received to date, with £12.848 spent or committed through the Investment Programme Board process. £7.494m as of 31 July 2023 remains uncommitted, with officers developing plans to utilise this in line with the conditions of the s106 agreement and the Authority's strategic objectives. Further information is provided in section 6 of the Annex and shows an improving position in terms of utilisation.

1.5.6.2 Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) £0.675m funding has been received by the Authority to date. CIL continues to develop within the Authority and further updates will be incorporated within this report when projects are developed, and funds utilised.

1.5.7 New Revenue Grants Received

1.5.7.1 The table below sets out the details of new revenue grants received up to end July 2023 for Cabinet's approval.

Table 3 – Grants Received June and July 2023/24

Directorate	Grant Provider	Grant	Purpose	2023/24 value £m
Housing	DLUHC	Homelessness Prevention Grant 2023/24 Homes for Ukraine Funding Top Up to support guests into sustainable accommodation	To help local authorities support Ukrainian guests as they move into their second year and to reduce the risk of homelessness.	0.203
Regeneration & Economic Development	Department for Transport	Bikeability Grant Awards 2023/24	To support cycle training to every eligible child.	0.020

Children's	Youth Custody Service/ HM Prison & Probation Services	Remands to youth secure accommodation of children and young people	Transfer of responsibility to Local Authorities for cost of remand to youth detention.	0.008
Environment	Electricals Recycling Fund	Material Focus (Joint Trade Associations Contract Ltd)	To support the additional and separate vape collections, and to purchase bins to increase the number of Waste from Electrical and Electronic Equipment (WEEE) banks in the borough.	0.012
Childrens	Early Help	Reducing Parental Conflict	To strengthen strategic leadership training for frontline staff to deal with parental conflict.	0.030
Childrens	Corporate Parenting	Data and Digital Solutions Fund (DDSF)	A regional grant to explore and improve data pertaining to the voice of children and families in children's social care.	0.425
Childrens	Youth Justice Service	Youth Justice Good Practice Grant	Reduction in youth offending.	0.021
Childrens	Corporate Parenting	Mockingbird Project	Funding to support the development of further "Mockingbird constellations" across the NE region to provide on-going support to foster carers.	0.089
Childrens	Employment & Skills	Working Well	Extend the Working Well pilot in North Shields and deliver a comparison pilot in Wallsend Town Centre and activities across the wider Borough.	0.258
Total				1.066

1.5.8 New Capital Grants Received

1.5.8.1 Table 4 below sets out the details of new capital grants received up to end July 2023 for Cabinet's approval.

Table 4 – Capital Grants Received June and July 2023/24

Directorate	Grant Provider	Grant / Project	Purpose	2023/24 value £m
Commissioning & Asset Management	Department for Education	High Needs Provision Capital Allocation	£4.681m of Capital funding has been awarded from the DfE to support the wider Safety Valve Programme, to deliver new places and improve the existing provision for pupils with Special Educational Needs and Disabilities.	0.475
Regeneration & Economic Development	North of Tyne Combined Authority	Wallsend Town & High Street Programme	North of Tyne Combined Authority have awarded £0.300m of capital resource relating to the digital infrastructure to ensure the works will align with the requirements of the Cultural Quarter and businesses within it.	0.300
Regeneration & Economic Development	North of Tyne Combined Authority	North Shields Cultural Quarter - Globe Gallery/Business Centre	£0.300m of additional capital funding has been awarded by North of Tyne Combined Authority relating to proposed investment in the Globe Gallery and Business Centre as part of developing the cultural quarter. The funding will be received and used in 2024/25 to invest in mechanical, electrical and building improvements.	0.000
Total				0.775

1.6 Decision Options:

1.6.1 The following decision options are available for consideration by Cabinet:

1.6.2 Option 1

Cabinet may approve the recommendations at paragraph 1.2 of this report.

1.6.3 Options 2

Cabinet may decide not to approve to recommendations at paragraph 1.2 of this report.

1.7 Reasons for Recommended Option:

1.7.1 Option 1 is recommended for the following reasons:

1.7.2 Cabinet is recommended to agree the proposals set out in section 1.2 of this report as it is important that Cabinet continues to monitor performance against the Budget, especially given the current level of financial pressures faced by the public sector.

1.8 Appendices:

Annex 1: Financial Management Report to 31 July 2023

Annex 2: Performance Report to 31 July 2023

Appendix 1: Investment Plan Summary

Appendix 2: Budget Setting Timetable 2023/24

Appendix 3: S106 Spend & Commitments Summary

Appendix 4: S106 Spend & Commitments Detail

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1.10 Background Information:

1.10.1 The following background papers and research reports have been used in the compilation of this report and are available at the offices of the author:

(a) Revenue budget 2023/24

https://my.northtyneside.gov.uk/sites/default/files/web-page-related-files/NTC%20Revenue%20Budget%202023_24.pdf

(b) Investment Plan 2023–2028

<https://democracy.northtyneside.gov.uk/documents/s11473/Annex%201%20Appendix%20D%20i%202023%20-%202028%20Investment%20Plan.pdf>

(Agenda reports pack 16 February 2023 – Appendix D(i))

(c) Reserves and Balances Policy

<https://democracy.northtyneside.gov.uk/documents/s11480/Annex%201%20Appendix%20G%20-%202023->

[24%20Reserves%20and%20Balances%20Policy.pdf](https://democracy.northtyneside.gov.uk/documents/s11480/Annex%201%20Appendix%20G%20-%202023-24%20Reserves%20and%20Balances%20Policy.pdf)

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(d) Overview, Scrutiny and Policy Development Performance Report

<https://democracy.northtyneside.gov.uk/documents/s11482/Annex%201%20Appendix%20I%20-%202023->

[24%20Report%20of%20the%20Overview%20Scrutiny%20and%20Policy%20Development%20Committee%20Jan%20202.pdf](https://democracy.northtyneside.gov.uk/documents/s11482/Annex%201%20Appendix%20I%20-%202023-24%20Report%20of%20the%20Overview%20Scrutiny%20and%20Policy%20Development%20Committee%20Jan%20202.pdf)

(Agenda reports pack 16 February 2023 – Appendix I)

(e) North Tyneside Safety Valve Agreement

https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/1142857/North_Tyneside_Safety_Valve_Agreement_2022-2023.pdf

PART 2 – COMPLIANCE WITH PRINCIPLES OF DECISION MAKING

2.1 Finance and Other Resources

2.1.1 Financial and other resources implications are covered in the body of the report.

2.2 Legal

2.2.1 The Authority has a duty to ensure it can deliver a balanced budget. The Local Government Act 2003 imposes a duty on an authority to monitor its

budgets during the year and consider what action to take if a potential deterioration is identified.

2.3 Consultation/Community Engagement

2.3.1 Internal Consultation

Internal consultation has taken place with the Cabinet Member for Finance and Resources, the Elected Mayor, the Deputy Mayor, Cabinet Members, the Senior Leadership Team and Senior Finance Officers.

2.3.2 External Consultation / Engagement

The 2023/24 budget was completed after widespread consultation and community engagement in line with the Authority's approved Budget Engagement Strategy.

2.4 Human Rights

2.4.1 The proposals within this report do not have direct implications in respect of the Human Rights Act 1998.

2.5 Equalities and Diversity

2.5.1 There are no direct equalities and diversity implications arising from this report.

2.6 Risk Management

2.6.1 Potential future financial pressures against the Authority are covered in this report and registered through the Authority's risk management process.

2.7 Crime and Disorder

2.7.1 There are no crime and disorder implications directly arising from this report.

2.8 Environment and Sustainability

2.8.1 There are no direct environmental and sustainability implications arising from this report.

PART 3 - SIGN OFF

- Chief Executive X
- Director of Service X
- Mayor/Cabinet Member(s) X
- Chief Finance Officer X
- Monitoring Officer X
- Assistant Chief Executive X

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SECTION 1 – SERVICE COMMENTARIES

1.1 Meetings have been held between finance officers and budget managers to review the forecast position for 2023/24, with the forecast being prepared on a prudent basis to give sight of the overall challenges at this stage in the financial year. In addition, a challenge session was held to review the bi-monthly financial position and service performance with the Elected Mayor and Cabinet with the Assistant Chief Executive, Director of Resources and senior officers. In the future, Service Directors and their senior teams may also attend these challenge sessions as appropriate to discuss specific plans in progress to mitigate any pressures.

1.2 Adults Services

1.2.1 Adults Services is showing a forecast variance of £1.780m against its £64.328m net controllable expenditure budget. The net budget for 2023/24 has increased by £0.118m from May 2023, within this there were no savings targets allocated for 2023/24.

1.2.2 Table 1: Forecast Variation for Adults Services as at 31 July 2023

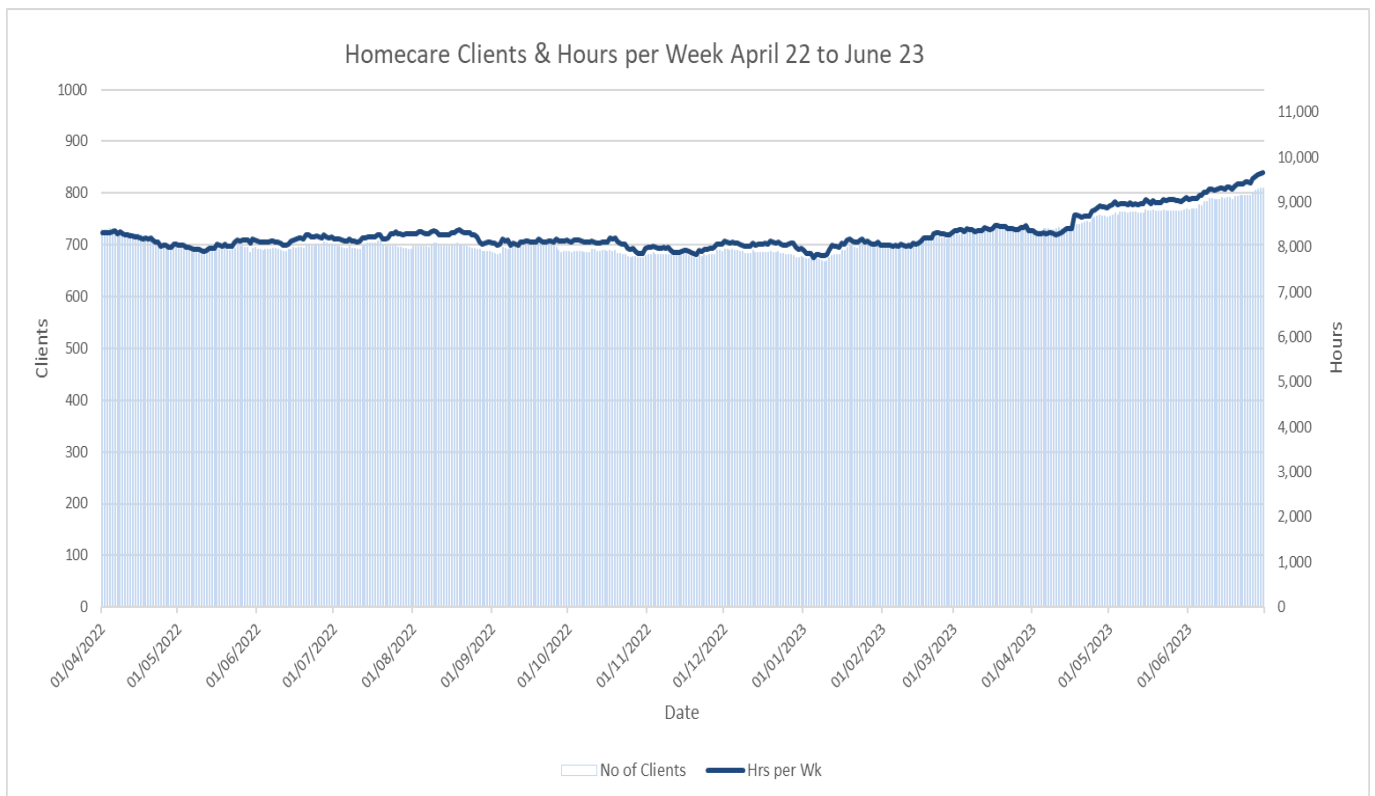
	2023/24 Budget £m	July Forecast £m	July Variance £m	May Variance £m	Change £m
Central, Strategy and Transformation	0.854	0.934	0.080	0.060	0.020
Social Work and Associated Activity	8.373	8.155	(0.218)	(0.112)	(0.106)
Integrated Services	2.687	1.853	(0.834)	(0.789)	(0.045)
Business Assurance	0.373	0.401	0.028	0.029	(0.001)
Sub-total Operations	12.287	11.343	(0.944)	(0.812)	(0.132)
Wellbeing and Assessment	17.382	18.371	0.989	0.742	0.247
Learning Disability	30.304	30.818	0.514	0.910	(0.396)
Mental Health	4.583	5.688	1.105	1.253	(0.148)
Other Services	(0.228)	(0.112)	0.116	0.183	(0.067)
Commissioned Services	52.041	54.765	2.724	3.088	(0.364)
Total Adult Services	64.328	66.108	1.780	2.276	(0.496)

Main budget pressures across Adults Services

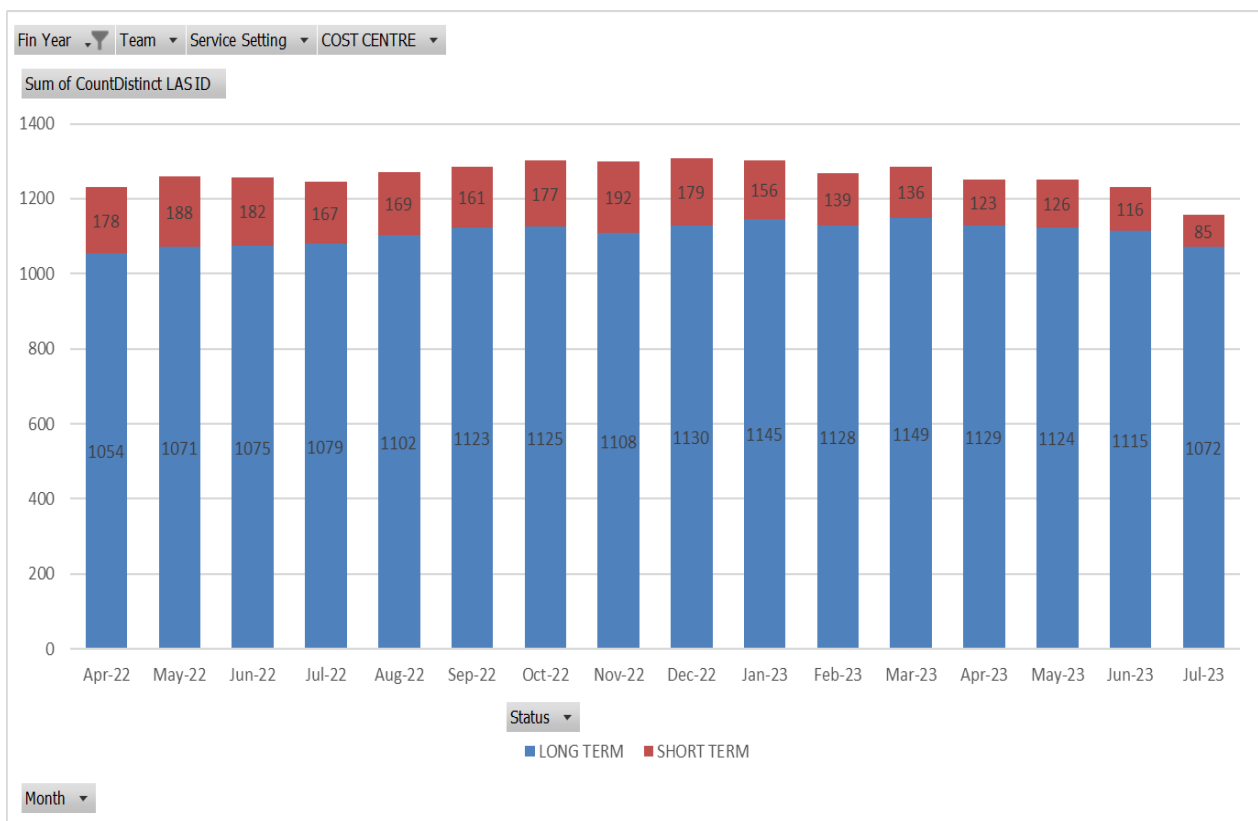
- 1.2.3 The analysis of sub-service areas is reported to show the split between the operational aspects of the service and the externally commissioned care costs. The operational costs of the service are forecasting an underspend of £0.944m, an increase of £0.132m since the May position.
- 1.2.4 Cabinet will recall, as part of the 2023/24 budget process, that £0.400m additional funding was allocated to address the problems with recruitment and retention of staff and the inconsistent grading of social work posts across the authority. The impact of this investment has been positive however we continue to see a high turnover of staff which is reflected in the increased underspend. A Short-Term Review Team has recently started to add capacity, support and challenge into the system.
- 1.2.5 Adult Services continues to manage a complex budget and is required to deal with a combination of funding arrangements, pressures, and national policy changes. On 28 July 2023 the Department of Health announced a supplement to the Market Sustainability and Improvement Fund – Workforce Fund. Nationally, this was worth £570m over 2 years, with £365m being allocated in 2023-24. North Tyneside will receive £1.568m in 2023/24, this is currently reflected in the overall position while officers continue to work through the detailed grant conditions.
- 1.2.6 Whilst there continues to be a shortage of homecare provision nationally, within the borough there has been a steady increase in home care hours provided since April. As at the end of July there were 60 clients on the brokerage waiting list, reduced down from 108 in April, which continues to improve. During 2022/23 the lack of home care provision resulted in increased short term residential care placements, in June 2023 there were 24 new short-term placements, which was a continued overall decline. The Authority continues to work with providers to look at new and innovative solutions to further maximise efficiency and support the “home-first” approach.
- 1.2.7 As previously reported, Adult Social Care Discharge funding of £1.343m, part of the Better Care Fund (BCF) for 2023/24, includes a scheme to increase in-house homecare capacity, this will increase control of home care provision with a focus on reablement. The posts will be directly employed by the authority and will form part of the social care career pathway.

- 1.2.8 The hospital stepdown beds, additional Extra Care placements and reablement flats that helped with the transition from hospital during 2022/23, allowed more clients to receive community-based care. These initiatives worked extremely well across the winter to help maintain hospital flow and prevent delayed discharges. There was a total of 151 service users supported in these services up to February 2023, they allowed for admissions at very short notice, excellent flow through and from the extra care stepdown services 63% of clients were discharged back home. If it was assumed these clients had gone into residential care and remained there the saving across these services is £1.529m per annum. Work is on-going to look for similar arrangements and support for 2023/24.
- 1.2.9 The transition of complex clients from both Children's Services and long-term hospital settings are a pressure for Adult Services which continues to be monitored. The Authority works closely with the ICB to ensure funding contributions for clients with these health needs continue on an equitable basis but the social care element continues to grow. Funding received from the ICB for S117 mental health after care services has increased overall (ICB contribution for these clients is 50% of total care costs), however, there continues to be pressure around funding from the NHS for clients with shared care and to support mental health infrastructure originally established in relation to clients resettled from long stay NHS hospitals.
- 1.2.10 Cabinet will recall there was investment of 3.5 FTE admin posts, £0.106m in the Adult Social Care Finance Team to improve the income and debt collection processes which is now starting to impact positively on client contributions.
- 1.2.11 Work is on-going on the Health & Social Care workstream as part of the 2024 – 2028 Medium Term Financial Plan (MTFP). This is a cross cutting exercise involving Public Health colleagues to consider the medium to long-term pressures and efficiencies that health and social care adult services will face.

1.2.12 Chart 1: Number of Clients and Total Hours purchased for Homecare



1.2.13 Chart 2: Overall Numbers of Clients in Residential and Nursing Care



1.3 Children, Young People and Learning (CYPL)

1.3.1 Children's Services is showing a forecast variance of £6.474m against its £34.146m net controllable expenditure budget. The net budget has increased by £0.879m from May as centrally held inflationary budgets were allocated to address pressures. There were no new savings targets allocated in 2023/24.

1.3.2 Table 2: Forecast Variation for Children's Services as at 31 July 2023

	2023/24 Budget £m	July Forecast £m	July Variance £m	May Variance £m	Change £m
Corporate Parenting & Placements	26.938	31.444	4.506	3.551	0.955
Quality of Practice	0.754	0.893	0.139	0.135	0.004
Multi-agency Safeguarding Arrangements	0.120	0.147	0.027	0.025	0.002
Health, Information & Advice, Virtual School & Emotional Wellbeing (HIVE)	0.013	0.013	0.000	0.000	0.000
Early Help & Vulnerable Families	1.805	1.606	(0.199)	(0.200)	0.001
Employment & Skills	0.725	0.719	(0.006)	(0.005)	(0.001)
Children's Disability Service	1.709	3.534	1.825	1.731	0.094
Education North Tyneside	1.604	1.968	0.364	0.302	0.062
Youth Justice Service	0.621	0.439	(0.182)	(0.158)	(0.024)
Regional Adoption Agency	(0.143)	(0.143)	0.000	0.000	0.000
Total Children's Services	34.146	40.620	6.474	5.381	1.093

Main budget pressures across Children’s Services

1.3.3 The “Handling Children’s Finance” workstream continues to work to address the pressures in Corporate Parenting linked to a higher number of children in need 1,664 and children in care 376.

1.3.4 The £6.474m forecast pressure partly relates to an increasing number of external residential care and external supported accommodation placements as work is ongoing to reach the “core” children in care numbers as well as the placement mix identified in the workstream, see table 4. The forecast also reflects ongoing pressure within the Children’s Disability Service and inhouse children’s homes.

1.3.5 **Table 3: Forecast Variation for Children’s Services Split between Operational & Commissioned Care Costs**

	2023/24 Budget	July Forecast	July Variance	May Variance	Change since May
	£m	£m	£m	£m	£m
Commissioned Services	9.055	12.356	3.301	2.563	0.738
In-house Services	11.516	13.483	1.967	1.850	0.117
Staffing & Operations	13.718	14.924	1.206	0.968	0.238
Regional Adoption Agency	(0.143)	(0.143)	0.000	0.000	0.000
Total Children’s Services	34.146	40.620	6.474	5.381	1.093

1.3.6 Table 3 shows the Children’s Services position split between operational and commissioning pressures. The increased pressure in staffing & operations includes a reduction in SLA income from schools to Education North Tyneside as well as pressures for payments and allowances to families.

1.3.7 The increased pressure in Children’s Disability Services relates to an increased forecast on short break care which, as cabinet will recall, work is on-going to identify additional resources to meet need which is vital to families and

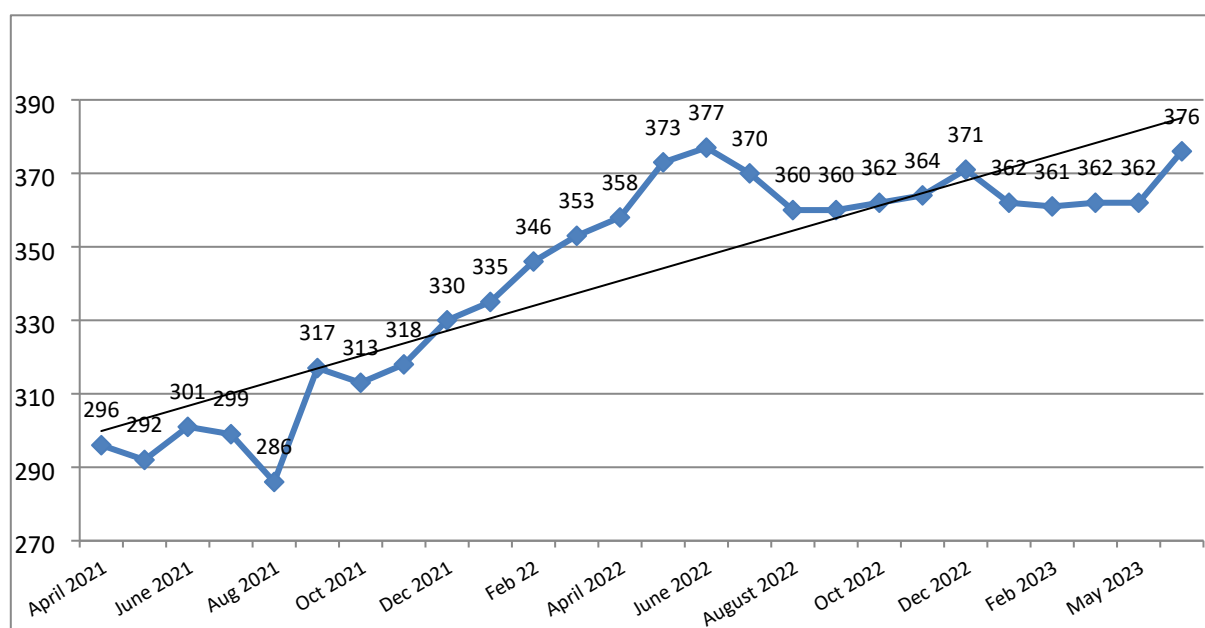
carers. Lack of provision could lead to future breakdown in care arrangements.

1.3.8 Commissioned services are showing a pressure of £3.301m, an increase of £0.738m since May which reflects the overall increase in Children in Care. In July there were 376 children in care compared to 362 in May. This increase has resulted in an increase in external fostering placements however we are still seeing pressures in external residential and supported accommodation placements above the “core” number reflected in the budget.

1.3.9 Table 4: “Core” Number of Children in Care and planned placement mix

Placement Type	“Core” Mix	No. of “Core” Children	No. of Children May 23	No. of Children July 23
External Residential Care	7.0%	23	27	26
External Fostering	6.7%	22	22	27
In-House Fostering	61.7%	204	209	222
External Supported Accommodation	9.7%	32	46	41
In-House Residential Care	6.4%	21	21	21
Other	8.5%	28	37	39
Total	100%	330	362	376

1.3.10 Chart 3: Number of Children in Care at the end of each month



1.3.11 The forecast is based on the children in care at the end of July 2023. Chart 3 shows the number of children in care was 376, this is higher than the “core” number of 330 and in increase from May when there were 362 children in care.

1.3.12 Current numbers include 25 unaccompanied asylum-seeking children (UASC) under the age of 18 and 14 above 18 years of age now classed as leaving care. The Authority is mandated to take 39 UASC. This is offset by an increase in external funding however the total funding received still leaves a shortfall of £0.024m to cover the cost of the placements and allowances. The additional placements required for UASC increases the pressure on the sufficiency of placements available within the Borough. Work is ongoing with Housing to look for innovative local solutions.

Corporate Parenting and Placements

1.3.13 Table 5: Analysis of Pressures in Corporate Parenting and Placements

Type of Service	2023/24 Budget	July Forecast	July Variance	May Variance	Change since May
	£m	£m	£m	£m	£m
Care provision – children in care	16.270	19.213	2.943	2.280	0.663
Care provision – other children	4.434	4.963	0.529	0.464	0.065
Management & Legal Fees	0.035	0.657	0.622	0.583	0.039
Social Work	6.150	6.557	0.407	0.219	0.188
Safeguarding Operations	0.049	0.054	0.005	0.005	0.000
Total	26.938	31.444	4.506	3.551	0.955

Care Provision – Children in Care

1.3.14 Table 6 gives a further breakdown of the care provision costs for the 376 children in care. Since May there has been an increase in numbers of children both within in-house and external fostering and while this has increased the pressure, it is a way of mitigating against high costs for external provision. There is a continued pressure within in-house residential care, however unit

costs for external residential care continue to increase significantly more than inhouse services and there are plans to look to increase the capacity of the in-house provision.

1.3.15 The number of Children in Care can be volatile, with an increase of 14 children since May and costs for individual children can be very high. There is always a potential risk that the forecast could increase if numbers of care nights delivered on complex cases starts to rise above current levels.

1.3.16 **Table 6: Forecast cost, forecast variance, average placement cost and placement mix**

Placement Type	2023/24 Budget £m	July Forecast £m	July Variance £m	Average Annual Placement Cost	Number of Children		
					"Core"	May 2023	July 2023
External Residential Care	5.492	5.581	0.089	£0.340	23	27	26
External Fostering	0.993	1.166	0.173	£0.045	22	22	27
In-House Fostering Service	5.627	5.613	(0.014)	£0.025	204	209	222
External Supported Accommodation	1.686	3.474	1.788	£0.097	32	46	41
In-House Residential Care	2.472	3.379	0.907	£0.161	21	21	21
Other*	-	-	-	-	28	37	39
Total	16.270	19.213	2.943	-	330	362	376

*Other includes Placed for Adoption, Placed with Parents/Parental Responsibility.

1.3.17 The average annual placement cost is based on the full year effect of the packages in place at the end of July, however the forecast is based on actual activity and expected duration of placements. We have seen a reduction of 1 child in external residential placements and the overall % of fostering placements is above the "core" mix we are aiming for, however whilst the number of children in care is 46 above the "core" number the pressure will continue.

- 1.3.18 External fostering is currently supporting 27 children in care, this has increased by 5 and is now above the number of “core” children in care that would expect to be placed in external fostering arrangements. However external fostering is still a preferred option for children in care, after in-house fostering.

Care Provision – Other Children (not in care)

- 1.3.19 The increased pressure of £0.065m relating to care provision for children not in the care system relates to children under a Special Guardianship Order (SGO), as this is a means tested allowance, there is an increasing pressure due to the impact of the cost-of-living crisis. There is also an increased pressure within adoption services as there has been an increase in the number of children adopted.

Management and Legal Fees

- 1.3.20 This area has a forecast pressure of £0.622m however some of the pressure within this area is due to residual savings targets, which the service are looking to reprofile. There is also an ongoing pressure due to increased legal fees and whilst there has been an exercise to provide more support internally from Legal Services, there remains a pressure around court fees.

Social Work

- 1.3.21 The pressure has increased by £0.187m which relates to Section 17 payments to families, transport costs and interpretation all which continues to see a high level of demand as families continue to be impacted by the cost-of-living crisis.

1.4 Public Health

- 1.4.1 Public Health is forecasting to outturn on budget, which is the same as the May Cabinet Report.

1.4.2 Table 7: Public Health Forecast Variation

	Budget £m	Forecast July £m	Variance July £m	Variance May £m	Change since May £m
Public Health Ring Fenced Grant	(0.032)	(0.032)	0.000	0.000	0.000
<i>0-19 Children's Public Health Service*</i>	<i>0.273</i>	<i>0.273</i>	<i>0.000</i>	<i>0.000</i>	<i>0.000</i>
Community Safety & Resilience	0.334	0.334	0.000	0.000	0.000
Public Protection	0.902	0.902	0.000	0.000	0.000
GRAND TOTAL	1.477	1.477	0.000	0.000	0.000

* the 0-19 Children's Public Health Service forms part of the Public Health Ring Fenced Grant

1.4.3 There is an overspend in Public Protection which is mainly due to the ongoing pressures with the taxi licensing service of £0.120m as a result of the costs to run the service, coupled with reduced income due to the number of drivers and vehicles reducing before and during the pandemic and not currently seeing any signs of recovery. However, this is being mitigated by other funding streams within Public Health to bring the service to a nil variance.

1.5 Commissioning and Asset Management

1.5.1 Commissioning and Asset Management (C&AM) is showing a pressure of £6.002m as set out in Table 8, an improvement of (£0.169m) since the May Cabinet report.

1.5.2 Table 8: Commissioning and Asset Management (C&AM) Forecast Variation

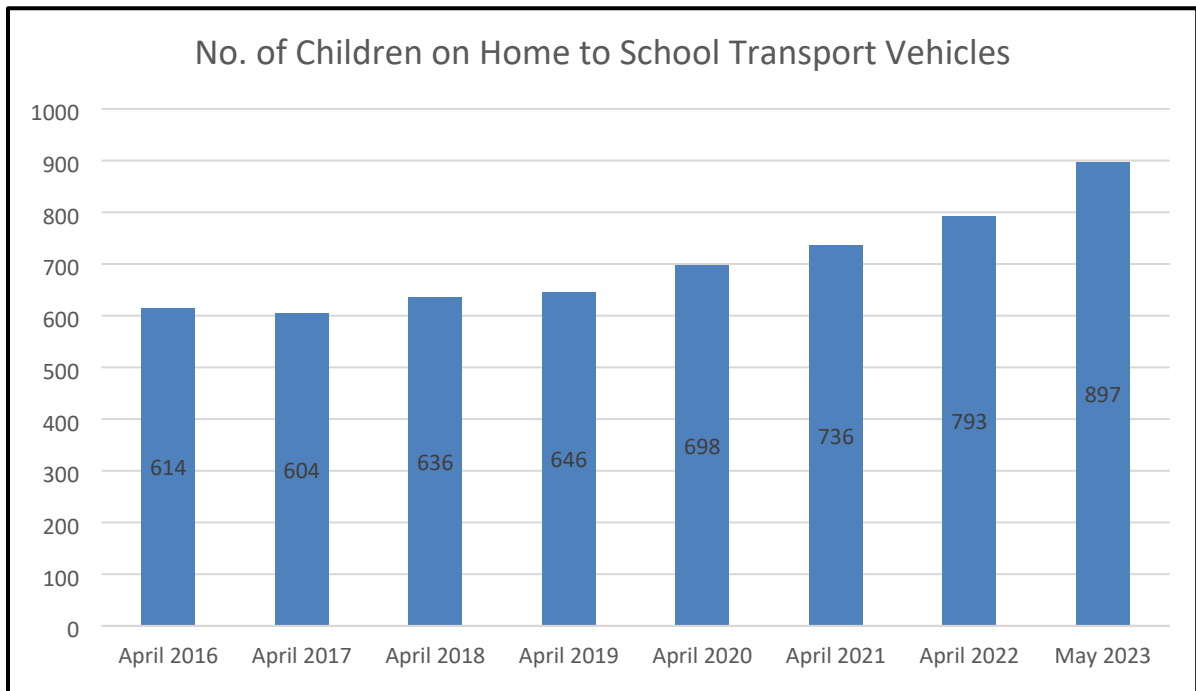
	Budget	Forecast	Variance	Variance	Change
	£m	July	July	May	since
	£m	£m	£m	£m	May
					£m
School Funding & Statutory Staff Costs	5.468	5.511	0.043	0.063	(0.020)
Commissioning Service	0.486	0.463	(0.023)	(0.026)	0.003
Facilities & Fair Access	1.354	7.289	5.935	5.957	(0.022)
Strategic Property & Investment	1.037	1.117	0.080	0.080	0.000
Property	(0.022)	(0.022)	0.000	0.000	0.000
Commissioning & Asset Management & Support	0.168	0.135	(0.033)	(0.003)	(0.030)
Procurement	0.099	0.099	0.000	0.100	(0.100)
GRAND TOTAL	8.590	14.592	6.002	6.171	(0.169)

1.5.3 The main budget issues relate to Facilities and Fair Access which is showing a forecast pressure of £5.935m (May pressure of £5.957m). The Home to School Transport position is forecasting a pressure of £2.892m which relates to the sustained increase in children with complex needs attending special schools of £1.431m and inflationary pressures of £1.461m. Demand pressures in High Needs is a known issue nationally and is also impacting on the High Needs budget within the Dedicated Schools Grant. As a result of the increase in need for home to school transport for children with additional needs, the number of children in vehicles has risen from 614 in April 2016 to 897 in May 2023 as shown in the performance data and 65.19% of the reported pressure relates to Special Schools. Work is continuing on route rationalisation using the new QRoute system as well as looking at new options about transport delivery.

1.5.4 There is a pressure on the catering service of £2.938m due to inflationary pressures of £1.673m, wages of £0.192m from the additional hours worked to cover sickness, maternity leave and deep cleaning days and the cumulative effect of no annual pay rise being allocated in the budget for additional hours worked and also management operational pressures. There are pressures on paid school meals of £0.089m and SLA income of £0.075m due to the number of schools that have left the SLA in recent years. The service is currently

reviewing all costs associated with SLA provision to mitigate the loss of income. The management and central establishment element of the catering SLA cannot now be recovered from the schools that have left the SLA which is a pressure of £0.319m. There is also pressures on income budgets due to reduced SLA and paid meals income as a result of schools leaving the catering service and pupils not returning to paid schools meals post COVID 19 pandemic of £0.439m and lost income from other catering post COVID 19 pandemic of £0.151m.

- 1.5.5 Cleaning has a pressure of £0.059m due to inflation. There is also a pressure on Attendance and Placement/Access & Admissions of £0.046m due the removal of DSG funding £0.030m and reduction in school attendance penalty notices income forecast £0.016m.
- 1.5.6 The remaining main pressures are on school funding and statutory staff costs of £0.043m due to a pressure on teachers early/ill health retirements of £0.085m due to removal of DSG funding which is partially offset by redundancy payments savings (£0.030m) and school related premises costs savings (£0.012m).
- 1.5.7 There are also pressures on Strategic Property & Investment due to no car parking income being received for Quadrant of £0.101m which are partially offset by operational savings (£0.021m). The property forecast currently assumes that Capita will make a forecast payment at year end of £0.579m to balance actual net expenditure to budget.
- 1.5.8 53.96% of the total service pressures are due to inflation for which there has been no corresponding budget increase or mitigation of costs within the service.
- 1.5.9 The forecast deficit for catering has increased by £0.099m due to this forecast being based on more detailed actual data being available for 2023/24. However, this is wholly offset by a reduction in the pressure on cleaning services £0.052m, due to the actual income schedule for 2023/24 now being confirmed, and the delivery of a cross cutting procurement savings from mobile and voice data contract of (£0.100m).
- 1.5.10 **Chart 4: Increase in Numbers of Children Accessing Home to School Transport**



1.6 Environment

1.6.1 Environment is forecasting an underspend of £0.140m, as set out in Table 9 below, an increase of £0.106m since the May Cabinet Report.

1.6.2 Table 9: Forecast Variation in Environment

Service Areas	Budget £m	Forecast July £m	Variance July £m	Variance May £m	Change since May £m
Bereavement	(0.549)	(0.544)	0.005	(0.027)	0.032
Fleet Management	0.730	0.697	(0.033)	(0.007)	(0.026)
Head of Service Environment & Leisure	0.147	0.125	(0.022)	(0.037)	0.015
Library & Community Centres	6.152	6.260	0.108	0.192	(0.084)
Sport & Leisure	5.106	5.305	0.199	0.156	0.043
Street Environment	9.285	9.312	0.027	0.083	(0.056)
Waste & Refuse Management	4.345	4.311	(0.034)	(0.065)	0.031
Waste & Recycling Disposal Contracts	12.116	11.726	(0.390)	(0.329)	(0.061)
Street Lighting PFI	5.137	5.137	0.000	0.000	0.000

Service Areas	Budget	Forecast July	Variance July	Variance May	Change since May £m
	£m	£m	£m	£m	£m
GRAND TOTAL	42.469	42.329	(0.140)	(0.034)	(0.106)

- 1.6.3 Bereavement is forecasting a pressure of £0.005m, which reflects a higher increase in expenditure compared to the forecast overachievement against challenging income targets; the potential full operational 12 months of burials and cremations compared to 2022/23 (where the replacement of the cremator at Whitley Bay was not completed until July 2022) is contributing to the overachievement of income.
- 1.6.4 Street Environment is forecasting a £0.027m pressure, which is an improvement on the last reported position. As previously mentioned, the overall pressure in the service area reflects higher than expected operational costs including essential expenditure on a new ICT system linked to management of the Council's tree stock. In addition, the higher inflationary cost of obtaining materials, equipment or supplies across the service are a contributing factor and forecast to impact against base budgets resulting in many minor cost pressure variances. Mitigations within the wider Environment service have helped to partly mitigate the pressure in Street Environment.
- 1.6.5 A underspend of (£0.033m) is now forecast in Fleet Management, an improvement of (£0.026m) since the May Cabinet Report. The forecast assumes the budgeted allocation £1.110m of revenue financing repayment being made linked to the Capital Vehicle Replacement Programme.
- 1.6.6 Sport & Leisure is forecasting a £0.199m cost pressure which is an adverse change of £0.043m since the May Cabinet Report. This worsening reflects a less optimistic picture on income generation than previously reported which is mainly linked to Contours Gym member and users, where an income shortfall of £0.200m is now forecast.
- 1.6.7 Libraries & Community Centres is forecasting a £0.108m pressure which is an improvement of £0.084m compared to the May Cabinet Report. The reported variance includes a £0.137m cost pressure against Wallsend Customer First Centre linked to inflationary increases to the annual Rent paid to the building landlords. In addition, there are income pressures across all of the Libraries

and Customer First Centres. The income pressures are proposed to be managed and absorbed by mitigating actions across the service over the course of the financial year.

- 1.6.8 A combined underspend of £0.424m is forecast in Waste Management and Waste & Recycling Disposal Contracts which is an improvement of £0.030m compared to the May Cabinet Report.
- 1.6.9 Of that £0.424m forecast, Waste & Recycling Disposal Contracts is reporting a (£0.390m) underspend which reflects the ongoing underspend from 2022/23 around Kerbside/Home Recycling Disposal costs which are forecast to be significantly lower than the base budget given the current market rate for recycled materials and subsequent lower disposal gate fee per tonne.
- 1.6.10 In terms of performance during 2022/23, there was 36% of waste recycled, reused and composted, which was a reduction of 2 percentage points compared to the previous two years. This was largely attributable to a significant reduction in composting from households due to the unseasonably hot weather during the period.
- 1.6.11 Waste & Refuse Management is forecasting a £0.034m underspend, which can be attributed to a combined forecast overachievement on income of (£0.163m) across Commercial Waste & Special Collections. The forecast income mitigates the higher than anticipated operational pressures around fleet/transport costs.
- 1.6.12 Although a nil variance is to be reported on the Street Lighting PFI Contract, the cost pressure against electricity is forecast to increase to £1.773m which, combined with the inflationary cost pressure against the Unitary Charge, requires an anticipated £2.251m Contribution from Reserves.
- 1.6.13 During 2022/23, carbon reduction in council service operations have decreased by 58% against the baseline year in 2010/11.

1.7 Regeneration and Economic Development

1.7.1 Regeneration and Economic Development (R&ED) is forecasting a breakeven position as shown in Table 10 below, which is an improvement of (£0.383m) since the May Cabinet report.

1.7.2 **Table 10: Forecast Variation for Regeneration and Economic Development**

Service Areas	Budget	Forecast July	Variance July	Variance May	Change since May
	£m	£m	£m	£m	£m
Culture	1.628	1.781	0.153	0.160	(0.007)
Business & Enterprise	0.814	0.729	(0.085)	(0.024)	(0.061)
Regeneration	0.428	0.656	0.228	0.227	0.001
Resources & Performance	0.363	0.440	0.077	0.064	0.013
Technical Package - Planning	0.303	0.296	(0.007)	0.000	(0.007)
Technical Package - Transport & Highways	7.847	7.481	(0.366)	(0.044)	(0.322)
GRAND TOTAL	11.383	11.383	0.000	0.383	(0.383)

1.7.3 Culture is forecasting a pressure of £0.153m which is an improvement of (£0.007m) since the May Cabinet Report. This is due to revised costings for the Mouth of Tyne Festival resulting in a total forecast pressure of £0.093m as a result of increased production costs for the event and ticket sales being below capacity. The precept to Newcastle Council for Tyne & Wear Museums & Archives has an increased pressure of £0.032m due to increases in staffing costs. The service has seen a number of posts regraded (with pay back dated to April 2022), which has resulted in a staffing pressure of £0.100m across the service for 2023/24. Some of these pressures have been offset by the forecast income from the profits of Whitley Bay Playhouse (£0.060m).

1.7.4 The technical package for both Transport & Highways and Planning is forecasting an underspend of (£0.373m) which is as a result of additional staffing costs being expected to be charged into Capital and S278 works currently being undertaken across the service.

1.7.5 The forecast pressure within Regeneration is mainly due to an ongoing issue at the former Swans site in relation to costs and income shortfalls relating to

the Centre for Innovation (CFI) building which were present during 2022/23 and are expected to continue in 2023/24. Despite the shortfall, the service is still actively marketing vacant units and looking to attract tenants.

1.7.6 Resources & Performance is showing an increased pressure of £0.077m due to staffing pressures in the management team following a restructure.

1.7.7 Business & Enterprise is forecasting an underspend of £0.085m, which is an improvement on the previously reported £0.024m underspend. This is due to increased costs being grant funded within Raising Enterprises (£0.030m) along with increased grant income within Inward Investment (£0.032m).

1.8 Corporate Strategy

1.8.1 Corporate Strategy is forecasting a £0.327m pressure, an improvement of £0.125m since the May Cabinet report.

1.8.2 Table 11: Forecast Variation Corporate Strategy

Service Areas	Budget £m	Forecast July £m	Variance July £m	Variance May £m	Change since May £m
Children's Participation & Advocacy	0.475	0.537	0.062	0.052	0.010
Community & Voluntary Sector Liaison	0.367	0.367	0.000	0.000	0.000
Corporate Strategy Management	0.736	0.953	0.217	0.254	(0.037)
Elected Mayor & Executive Support	0.043	0.042	(0.001)	0.000	(0.001)
Marketing	0.445	0.376	(0.069)	0.035	(0.104)
Policy Performance and Research	0.250	0.368	0.118	0.111	0.007
GRAND TOTAL	2.316	2.643	0.327	0.452	(0.125)

1.8.3 Children's Participation & Advocacy is overspent by £0.062m, an increase of £0.010m since the May Cabinet Report. This is due to the net impact of additional unfunded posts linked to Social Inclusion activities and demands

which is anticipated to result in a £0.271m Employee/Staffing cost pressure being forecast, with partially mitigating income from external and internal sources identified. Approved 2023/24 revenue growth of £0.104m has been allocated and been absorbed with the staffing cost pressure. Over (£0.080m) income/staff time recharged from the Holiday Activities Fund is included in the variance together with additional income recharges for staff time and services delivered.

- 1.8.4 An overspend of £0.217m is forecast against Corporate Strategy Management which reflects a £0.107m underachievement against a cross service income target (assuming no income generation will occur). Included within the overall forecast is a £0.100m staffing pressure relating to the Customer Service Programme.
- 1.8.5 There is a £0.120m staff cost pressure forecast in Marketing (a result of increasing capacity within the team and the regrading of existing posts), which is partially mitigated by reduced spend/income overachievement. Included within the Employee cost pressure, staff will receive a 'Standby' payment (on a call out rota basis) to cover Emergency Planning/unsocial call out Marketing & Public Relations activities when required is likely to be a £0.010m annual pressure in 2023/24 going forward. The position is partly mitigated by a £0.100m underspend in Design.
- 1.8.6 Within Policy Performance and Research, a number of staff are paid through ring-fenced budgets and through Service Level Agreements with other services or schools. Together with capacity issues over the last couple of years, plus increased hours as well as unfunded posts to meet cross service demands, a significant staffing cost pressure exists which contributes to the £0.118m adverse variance being reported. Approved 2023/24 revenue growth of £0.046m has been allocated and been absorbed within the staffing cost pressure. A reduction in staff recharge and grant income is also forecast and contributing to the adverse variance.
- 1.8.7 A range of key performance measures have been agreed for the service looking at important areas such as complaints and member enquiries. Future versions of this report and the performance dashboard will include updates of how the Authority is performing against each of these.

1.9 Resources and Chief Executive Office

1.9.1 This report shows the forecast position for the full Resources directorate and the Chief Executive Office, which is showing a pressure of £0.958m, which is an improvement of £0.030m since the May Cabinet Report.

1.9.2 **Table 12: Forecast Variation Resources and Chief Executive**

Service Areas	Budget £m	Forecast July £m	Variance July £m	Variance May £m	Change since May £m
Chief Executive	(0.070)	(0.083)	(0.013)	(0.009)	(0.004)
Finance	(0.164)	(0.406)	(0.242)	(0.057)	(0.185)
IT	2.824	2.824	0.000	0.000	0.000
People Team	0.057	0.017	(0.040)	(0.039)	(0.001)
Internal Audit and Risk Management	0.052	0.056	0.003	0.002	0.001
Revenues and Benefits	0.494	0.494	0.000	0.000	0.000
Director of Resources	0.167	0.197	0.031	0.025	0.006
Governance	0.175	0.207	0.032	0.022	0.010
Law and Registration	1.233	2.420	1.187	1.044	0.143
Business Package Holding Codes	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000
GRAND TOTAL	4.768	5.726	0.958	0.988	(0.030)

1.9.3 Law & Registration is forecasting a pressure of £1.187m, an increase of £0.143 since the May Cabinet Report. While the service (Legal) has implemented a new structure to mitigate the use of Locums and reduce the cost pressures in the service, with recruitment underway, the use of Locums is still required until the structure is fully resourced. This has resulted in a forecast pressure of £0.656m on locums, which is partially offset (£0.188m) by the vacancies within the team which is an increase of £0.123m since the last Cabinet report due to the requirement to extend the locums for a longer period than previously forecast. The responsibility of legal fees for Childrens Services cases transferred into the team from 1st April 2023 and is forecasting a pressure of £0.134m, alongside a legal fees pressure of £0.086m for services delivered for other parts of the business. It is expected that this pressure will reduce once the new restructure is fully implemented. Within the new combined Newcastle & North Tyneside Coroner Service there is a £0.511m overspend to deliver the Service, which is an increase of £0.035m since the last cabinet report as a

result of a pay award to the coroners (£0.009m) and a 5% increase in the rates for Pathology Reports. This is alongside the already forecast pressures due to increased costs from all areas of the service (NHS, Partner Local Authority, Funeral Directors, Doctors) arising from increased activity levels which are outside of the control of the Authority, which we are working closely with Newcastle Council to monitor. These increases in forecast spend are partially offset by increased income of (£0.015m) within Land Charges and Legal Services.

- 1.9.4 Within Finance there is a reported underspend of £0.242m, which is mainly due to increased income for recharges of staffing resources to Adult Social Care and Housing Revenue Account and the application of new burdens funding.
- 1.9.5 Revenues and Benefits is forecasting a nil pressure which is no change to the May Cabinet Report. This is following application of new burdens grant funding and pension cap and collar income. The main pressures mitigated by these sources of funding are:
- Overpayment income recovery is forecast to under recover by £0.400m against targets due the ongoing reduction in Housing Benefit claimants caused by the ongoing move to Universal Credit (UC) which has resulted in reduced overpayments being made to claimants and as a result less are also requiring recovery, therefore, less income is being raised against the current target. The service is continuing to review and refresh the profile of change that is anticipated as the roll out of UC continues;
 - The overpayment income pressure is partially offset (£0.095m), by an in-year reduction in the Bad Debt Provision requirement, due to the reduction of overpayment income debt.
 - The Benefits subsidy grant is showing a net pressure of £0.023m. However, the good performance overall for subsidy is masking a situation regarding lost subsidy for Housing Benefit on Bed & Breakfast Accommodation for Homeless Persons. This area is forecast to have a pressure of £0.088m for the year due to the increased demand and also the increased cost of bed and breakfast accommodation, which is above the limit subsidy can be claimed on, therefore, the Local Authority has to fund the balance. Discussions are ongoing with Housing regarding more sustainable solutions in the future, such as increased General Needs stock being available where possible.

1.9.6 The proportion of council tax collected is consistent with last year at 35.66% at the end of July. At the end of 2022/23, collection was slightly lower than national performance. Business rates collection performance is showing significant improvement. 40.85% of business rates has been collected at the end of July. At the end of 2022/23 local performance was in line with national performance.

1.10 General Fund Housing

1.10.1 General Fund Housing is reporting a forecast £0.651m pressure, which no change since the May Cabinet Report.

1.10.2 Table 13: Forecast Variation for General Fund Housing

Service Areas	Budget £m	Forecast July £m	Variance July £m	Variance May £m	Change since May £m
Building Control	0.108	0.108	0.000	0.000	0.000
Housing Strategy	0.535	0.535	0.000	0.000	0.000
Housing Options – General Fund	0.453	0.453	0.000	0.000	0.000
Housing Operations – General Fund	0.027	0.027	0.000	0.000	0.000
Housing Property – General Fund	1.220	1.871	0.651	0.651	0.000
GRAND TOTAL	2.343	2.994	0.651	0.651	0.000

1.10.3 The main overspend is in Housing Property – General Fund and is due to ongoing cost pressures, as seen during 2022/23, and the continuation of large jobs that are coming through the Public Buildings Repairs team, which is resulting in a £0.700m pressure in this area. The team are working to reduce this across 2023/24, but the service is very much demand led. This pressure is partially offset by a forecast underspend of £0.050m within the General Fund side of Adaptations, through increased income for private sector and Disabled Facilities Grant work.

1.10.4 The other area of concern within the Housing General Fund currently is the level of spend in relation to temporary B & B and hotel accommodation. There

has been an explosion in the numbers of cases requiring temporary accommodation with over £0.500m being spent in 2022-23, of which only around £150k was recovered via benefits. In order to address the pressure in 2022-23 a significant amount of homelessness prevention grant funding was allocated to cover the shortfall. This trend continues into 2023-24, with over £0.170m spent to date with only £0.060m being covered by income recovery, so it looks as if a significant amount of grant funding will need to be diverted again to cover the shortfall. There is now an officer working group in place looking at options to try and mitigate some of these costs, but this will result in cost avoidance rather than savings as the current position is not a direct pressure. This could change of course if available grant funding streams were to reduce or disappear.

- 1.10.5 With regards to key performance measures in the Service the Affordable homes programme is on track against profiled target, with 2,144 homes delivered to the end of quarter 1.
- 1.10.6 Homeless presentations to the Authority remain high at the end of July 2023 (431 against 416 at the same period last year), however the number of priority homeless acceptances are stable and consistent with previous years.

1.11 Central Items

- 1.11.1 Central Items is forecasting a (£4.688m) underspend which is an increase of (£0.120m) since the May Cabinet report.

1.11.2 **Table 14: Forecast Variation Central Budgets and Contingencies**

Service Areas	Budget	Forecast July	Variance July	Variance May	Change since May

	£m	£m	£m	£m	£m
Corporate & Democratic Core	3.241	1.918	(1.323)	(1.140)	(0.183)
Other Central Items	(12.783)	(16.201)	(3.418)	(3.428)	0.010
GRAND TOTAL	(9.542)	(14.283)	(4.741)	(4.568)	(0.173)

- 1.11.3 Within Corporate and Democratic Core there is a £1.121m contribution of growth (from contingencies) to support inflationary pressures across the Authority.
- 1.11.4 Included in Other Central Items is a (£1.500m) movement as a result of Minimum Revenue Provision (MRP) savings and a £1.000m reduction in projected external interest charges primarily due to a higher than forecast cash balance and reprogramming of the 2022/23 Investment Plan. There is an allocation of £0.381m Section 31 Grant and a £0.547m contribution from the Business Rates Volatility Fund. The movement since the May Cabinet report is due to an Energy rebate received of £0.130m and a forecast £0.010m contribution to the NECA transport committee.

SECTION 2 – SCHOOLS FINANCE

2.1 Update on School Budgets 2023/24

2.1.1 Cabinet will be aware some schools continue to face significant financial challenges. There were fourteen schools that submitted a deficit budget plan for 2023/24, initial deficit review sessions for the majority of the fourteen schools forecasting budget deficits took place in July 2023. Deficit sessions for the Special Schools will be held in September to allow time for work on pupil numbers and bandings to be complete.

2.1.2 As in previous years, the details of schools' balances have been reported to the Department for Education (DfE) through the Consistent Financial Reporting (CFR) return. A report of this update will be presented to Cabinet in November in the finance report for the position to 30 September 2023.

2.2 School Additional Funding – Falling Rolls and Growth

2.2.1 Cabinet should be aware Schools Forum previously set aside school funding to support schools with falling rolls or with growth in pupil numbers. The rules and procedures for allocating this funding are based on guidance from Department of Education (DfE) and are set by School Forum. Eligible schools are identified by the School Finance Service and a case requesting funding is presented to the finance sub-group for their initial agreement before final approval at Schools Forum. This funding is not part of the Authority's general fund and is managed by Schools Forum, following initial assessment there were five schools identified as being eligible for falling roll funding with a total value of £0.168m. The details of these schools and the funding identified for each school is included in Table 15

2.2.2 Table 15: Breakdown of Falling Rolls Eligibility

School	Value £m
Monkseaton Middle	0.042
St Joseph's RC Primary	0.037
Battle Hill Primary	0.044
Collingwood Primary	0.032
Forest Hall Primary	0.013
Total	0.168

2.3 School Additional Funding – Schools in Financial Difficulty

2.3.1 The opening balance for de-delegated funds for Schools in Financial Difficulty (Headroom funding) in 2023/24 was £0.563m. Cabinet should be aware Schools Forum approved the Falling Rolls applications as mentioned above which left £0.082m to be transferred from Falling Rolls to Schools in Financial Difficulty (Headroom), giving a balance of £0.645m. This balance is available to fund Headroom applications submitted by schools for consideration by Schools Forum Sub-Group.

2.4 Growth Policy 2023/24

2.4.1 The DfE established a separate fund in the School Block of the DSG for growth in 2019/20. In North Tyneside this fund was not used for growth and was instead added into the remaining balances to be redistributed to all schools. When setting the 2023/24 School Block allocation, Schools Forum agreed to set aside £0.250m of the identified growth funding, with a further £0.145m carried forward from 2022/23. Total Growth Funding available in 2023/24 is therefore £0.395m.

2.4.2 Officers from the Authority have reviewed all schools' projected pupil numbers for Sept 2023 using the latest information available from the Admissions Team. Eight schools, with a total funding of £0.764m were initially identified as being eligible for growth funding. However, the eligibility criteria also specifies that schools must provide evidence that additional costs have been incurred to support structural class changes in relation to the additional pupils. The initial list of schools and the funding associated with each school was considered by the Schools Forum Finance Subgroup on 13 June 2023 and presented to Schools Forum on 12 July 2023.

2.4.3 Four schools responded to the call for evidence. From the evidence received three schools are eligible for growth funding and have provided sufficient evidence to the Authority showing structural changes that have had to be made to accommodate the additional children within those schools. Table 16 below shows the details of those schools that are eligible and the total funding for those schools is £0.432m. If all funding is approved the 2023/24 closing balance will be £0.037m deficit which will be carried forward into 2024/25.

2.4.4 Table 16: Growth Funding Eligibility 2023/24

Growth Funding	£m	Eligibility
Backworth Park Primary	0.060	Final year Growing School Criteria
Redesdale Primary	0.032	Confirmed eligibility
Burnside	0.182	Confirmed eligibility
Longbenton	0.158	Confirmed eligibility
Total	0.432	
Total Funding Available	0.395	
Deficit Growth Fund 2024/25	0.037	

2.4.5 The Authority has reviewed the evidence received from Monkseaton High and Norham High School and whilst this did show that additional costs had been incurred there was insufficient evidence to show that the schools have to make structural class changes to accommodate the additional children. The Authority has contacted both schools to understand the overall position and if the eligibility does change then this will be highlighted to Schools Forum at the next meeting in September 2023 for further review.

2.4.6 In addition, two schools have yet to provide evidence of eligibility therefore the funding to George Stephenson and North Gosforth has been removed. Details are included in Table 17 below.

2.4.7 Table 17 Schools not eligible for Growth Funding 2023/24

Growth Funding	£m	Eligibility
Monkseaton High	0.112	Not Eligible
Norham High	0.079	Not Eligible
George Stephenson	0.050	Evidence has yet to be received
North Gosforth	0.091	Evidence has yet to be received
Total	0.332	

2.5 High Needs Block

2.5.1 Cabinet will recall that the High Needs block ended 2022/23 with a pressure of £17.391m. The first allocation of the Safety Valve funding of £7.800m was received in March 23 reducing the 2022/23 pressure to £9.591m. As reported

in May, the forecast for the High Needs Block in 2023/24 is an anticipated in-year pressure of £0.514m, offset by a £0.521m improvement in the 22/23 closedown position. A breakdown of the in-year pressure is shown in Table 18;

2.5.2 Table 18: Breakdown of High Needs Pressure at July 2023

Provision	Budget £m	July 23 Forecast £m	Forecast Variance £m	Comment
Special Schools and PRU	22.387	22.836	0.450	
ARPS /Mainstream Top-ups	6.065	6.156	0.091	
NMSS/ISP	4.305	4.151	(0.154)	Reflects indicative saving on the most complex Out of Borough placements
Commissioned Services / Other EOTAS	3.160	3.287	0.127	Pressure reflects Commissioned Services savings assumed in DSG Management Plan but not yet confirmed.
TOTAL	35.917	36.4301	0.514	
DSG High Needs Funding	(33.606)	(33.606)	0.000	
In-Year Planned Deficit	2.311	2.824	0.514	
2022/23 Bal B/fwd	10.112	9.592	(0.521)	
Safety Valve Funding 23/24	(1.950)	(1.950)	0.000	
Deficit c/fwd to 24/25	10.473	10.466	(0.007)	

2.6 Safety Valve Intervention Programme

2.6.1 As previously reported, the Authority submitted the first report against the DSG Management Plan on 16 June 2023 to the Department for Education (DfE) and is on track to reach a positive in year balance on its DSG High Needs Block by the year end 2027/28, as shown in Table 18. This next reporting deadline is 15th September 2023.

2.6.2 At the end of July, there are 2,136 Education Health and Care Plans maintained, by the authority, which is on track against the DSG management plan. The rate of EHCPs per population is showing improvement, putting North Tyneside in line with the region, but remains higher than national rates. There are also 4,021 pupils with SEN Support, which is increasing.

2.6.3 Table 19: High Needs Block Financial Summary

Year	Balance B/F £m	High Needs Expenditure (incl. Growth & Mitigations) £m	High Needs Funding £m	Block Transfer £m	Safety Valve Funding £m	Balance C/F £m
2022/23	13.511	33.973	(30.092)	0.000	(7.800)	9.592
2023/24	9.592	36.430	(33.606)	0.000	(1.950)	10.466
2024/25	10.466	36.064	(34.614)	(0.751)	(1.950)	9.215
2025/26	9.215	36.566	(35.653)	(0.766)	(1.950)	7.412
2026/27	7.412	37.112	(36.722)	(0.781)	(1.950)	5.071
2027/28	5.071	37.429	(37.824)	(0.797)	(3.900)	(0.021)

2.7 Early Years Block update

2.7.1 Cabinet will recall, the Early Years block outturn for 2022/23 was a surplus of £0.337m. In the 2023 Spring Budget the DfE announced additional funding to increase the hourly funding rates for early years providers to deliver the existing early years entitlements. For 2023 to 2024 this funding will be known as the Early Years Supplementary Grant (EYSG).

2.7.2 In setting the local funding rates for distributing EYSG to providers, the DFE encourage local authorities to engage with early year providers about the additional funding, but local authorities will not be required to consult formally. For 2024 to 2025, the additional £288m will be allocated to local authorities through the DSG.

SECTION 3 – HOUSING REVENUE ACCOUNT

3.1 Forecast Outturn

3.1.1 The forecast set out in Table 20 below is based on the results to July 2023. Currently the Housing Revenue Account (HRA) is forecasting an in-year underspend of £0.053m. Throughout the year, costs will be monitored closely across all areas with additional focus on Rent Arrears and the effect this has on bad debt provision. In addition, changes to prudent assumptions around Rental Income, Council Tax voids, Contingency and staffing vacancies will be monitored to assess the impact on the forecast position. The main areas of pressure relate to utility costs across the sheltered estate, and the forecast impact of the tabled 2023-24 pay award due to be at least at the same level as last year overall, which is greater than was budgeted for in the HRA Business Plan. The Repairs budget continues to manage the impact of the cost of living crisis and the impact on material and sub-contractor costs, as well as the impact of the pay award mentioned above, however, at the current time this budget is still forecast to come in on budget overall.

3.1.2 Table 20: Forecast Variance Housing Revenue Account

	Budget £m	Current Forecast £m	Variance £m
Management – Central	2.133	2.159	0.026
Management – Operations	5.528	5.775	0.247
Management – Strategy & Support	4.033	4.106	0.073
Capital Charges – Net Effect	11.074	11.074	0.000
Contingencies, Bad Debt & Transitional Protection	2.253	2.253	0.000
Contribution to Major Repairs Reserve – Depreciation	14.220	14.220	0.000
Interest on Balances	(0.075)	(0.285)	(0.210)
PFI Contracts – Net Effect	2.143	2.143	0.000
Rental Income – Dwellings, Direct Access Units, Garages	(66.978)	(67.167)	(0.189)
Rental Income – HRA Shops and Offices	(0.426)	(0.426)	0.000
Revenue Support to Capital Programme	11.609	11.609	0.000
Repairs	14.869	14.869	0.000
Total	0.383	0.330	(0.053)

3.2 Rental Income

3.2.1 Rental Income overall across all areas is currently forecast to be better than budget (£0.189m), a small improvement against an overall £67m budget. This is helped by the level of Empty Homes continuing to trend at well below 1% which increases the level of rent that is collectable. Right to Buy (RTB) levels have shown a slight reduction against recent trend levels, which is not totally surprising in the current economic climate, and this will have benefitted the forecast position slightly. The impact of Universal Credit on arrears and the bad debt provision also continues to be closely monitored.

3.3 Management Costs

3.3.1 Management Costs are currently forecast to come in £0.346m above budget, and this is due to a combination of issues, namely the 2023/24 tabled pay award being higher than the pay contingency budgeted for, and the other main pressure relates to the cost-of-living crisis and increased energy costs particularly across sheltered schemes and communal areas of apartment blocks across the rest of the housing estate. These significantly increased costs will necessitate a fundamental further review of service charges and a potential rebasing of those budgets. In addition, the Unified System project has reached contract sign-off, and the project will now move on to implementation. Should any delays occur, reprofiling of when key spend and resources will happen may be necessary, but the budgets provided should be sufficient this year to cover anticipated costs.

3.4 Bad Debt Provision and Contingency

3.4.1 Early indications are that the in-year rate of increase in arrears will be contained within the Bad Debt Provision budget for the year, so currently the forecast for use of the provision is on budget. As usual this situation will be closely monitored to anticipate any potential shift either a betterment to help the overall bottom line, or any potential increased pressure which has happened a few times in the last 5 years. Contingency is also being forecast to come in on budget (£1.450m), with most of the ongoing £0.200m being assumed against the 2023/24 pay award pressure, and £1.250m being the first contribution to the new Tenancy Sustainment Reserve, to be used to fund initiatives to try and relieve some of the current cost of living issues being faced by tenants.

3.5 Repairs

- 3.5.1 The Housing Repairs budget continues to feel pressure from a number of sources, mainly caused by the current economic instability being experienced across the world. Although starting to ease slowly in the domestic market (overseas prices continue to be at a premium), the current rates of inflation in material and sub-contractor prices, plus difficulty accessing certain materials and services within the supply chain continue to challenge the service.
- 3.5.2 Issues also continue in recruiting to certain trades which then places more reliance on sub-contractors and agency staff. Additional funding has been provided to cover market supplement payments and revised Craft Agreement reviewed rates of pay moving forward.
- 3.5.3 In addition to this, the Authority continues to deal with the implications of the Social Housing (Regulation) Act 2023, which arose from the Housing White Paper produced following the Grenfell Disaster, such as installing carbon monoxide detectors in all properties, and more frequent periodic electrical testing, for which some additional funding has again been provided.
- 3.5.4 The main in-year pressure, however, relates to the tabled 2023/24 pay award which will be as a minimum in line with last year's settlement, which is above the level budgeted for in pay contingency which was 3%. This means a much larger proportion of any repairs contingency provision has already been committed to known spend. As the forecast stands, it is anticipated that budgets can to cover the pressures in-year within overall existing budgets, but as always this will depend on a range of factors, and not having extreme adverse weather conditions during the winter months.

3.6 Rent Arrears and Bad Debt Provision

- 3.6.1 Arrears are made up of two elements:
- Current Tenant Arrears and,
 - Former Tenant Arrears

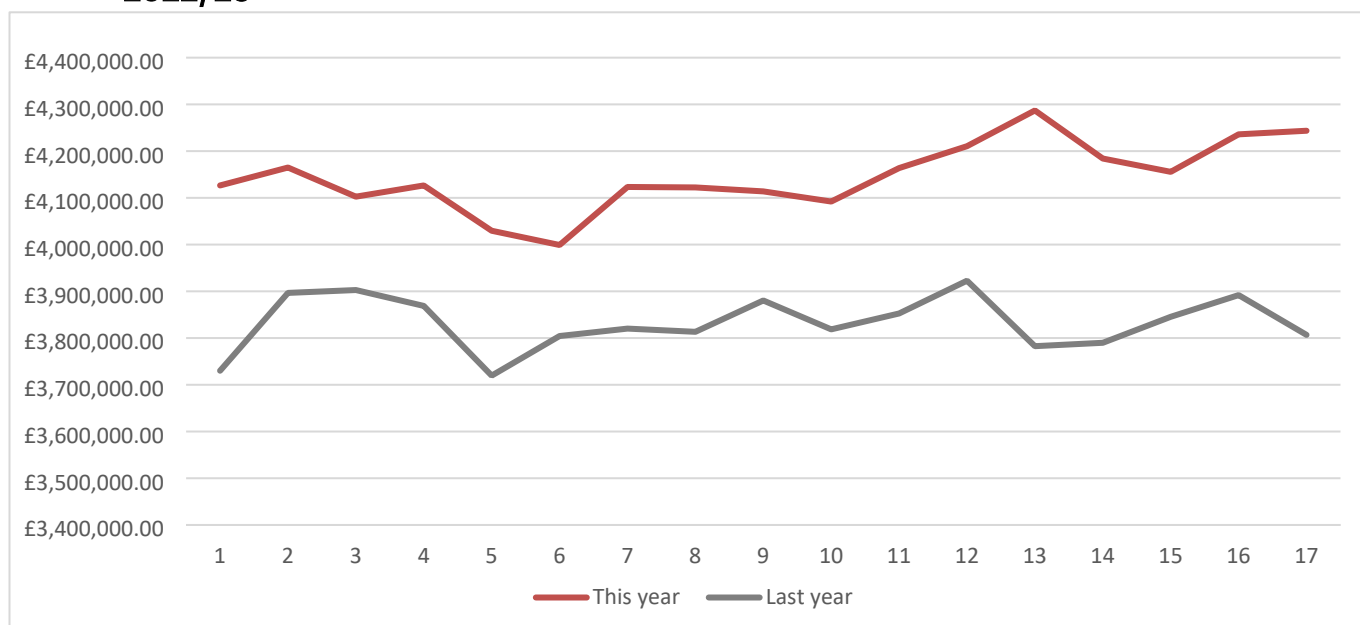
3.6.2 Table 21: Rent Arrears

Date	Current Arrears	Former Arrears	Total Arrears	Change Year on Year
	£	£	£	£
31/03/2019	2,649,474	1,726,269	4,375,743	627,000
31/03/2020	3,162,030	2,137,477	5,299,507	923,764
31/03/2021	3,498,391	2,311,655	5,810,046	510,539
31/03/2022	3,694,219	2,461,646	6,155,865	345,819
31/03/2023	3,929,813	2,370,591	6,300,404	144,539
31/07/2023(to-date)	4,243,601	2,315,459	6,559,060	258,656

3.6.3 Arrears continue to rise each year but significantly the pace at which they have increased over the last three years has slowed significantly compared to the three prior years, which is encouraging, particularly given the difficulties created during the pandemic. Write Offs are partly responsible for the reduction in former arrears. The overall level of arrears is still significant at over £6.550m and has more than doubled in the last eight years.

3.6.4 Chart 5 below shows the value of current rent arrears in 2023/24 at the end of July 2023 compared to the same period in 2022/23. The Housing team is continually working proactively with tenants to minimise arrears. Current Rent Arrears have risen albeit gradually in the first four months of 2023/24 as compared to 2022/23, with an increase of £0.259m being seen in this period since the start of April 2023. There was an under-spend against bad debt provision in 2022/23 for the third year in a row, hence there only being a minimal increase in the budget for this year, so the position will need to be monitored closely to maintain confidence that the overall forecast increase in arrears can be contained within the budgeted provision made. This will also be impacted by the amount of debt written off. This will all help to inform the in-year monitoring position as we go but also will be pivotal in refreshing the HRA Business Plan for the 2024/25 budget round.

3.6.5 Chart 5: Current Rent Arrears in Weeks 1-17 (April-July) 2023/24 compared to 2022/23



3.6.6 Universal Credit was fully implemented across North Tyneside on 2 May 2018. The Authority continues to work with residents to provide ICT support to help them make applications and to provide personal budget support to help residents manage their household finances. On 31 March 2023, there were 3,949 tenants of North Tyneside Homes on Universal Credit with current arrears totalling £3.210m. By the end of July 2023 this had increased to 4,283 UC cases with arrears of £3.503m, which is an increase of 334 tenants and £0.293m of arrears from the beginning of the financial year. As always, the impact of Universal Credit (UC) continues to be monitored, as significant increases in numbers on UC could also adversely affect the rate at which arrears grow. The extra pressure from increased numbers of UC cases can be seen from table 21 below, which shows the change in the proportion of the overall debit that is now cash based, rather than being covered by direct payment of Housing Benefit.

3.6.7 **Table 22 - Proportion of Rent Debit met by Housing Benefit**

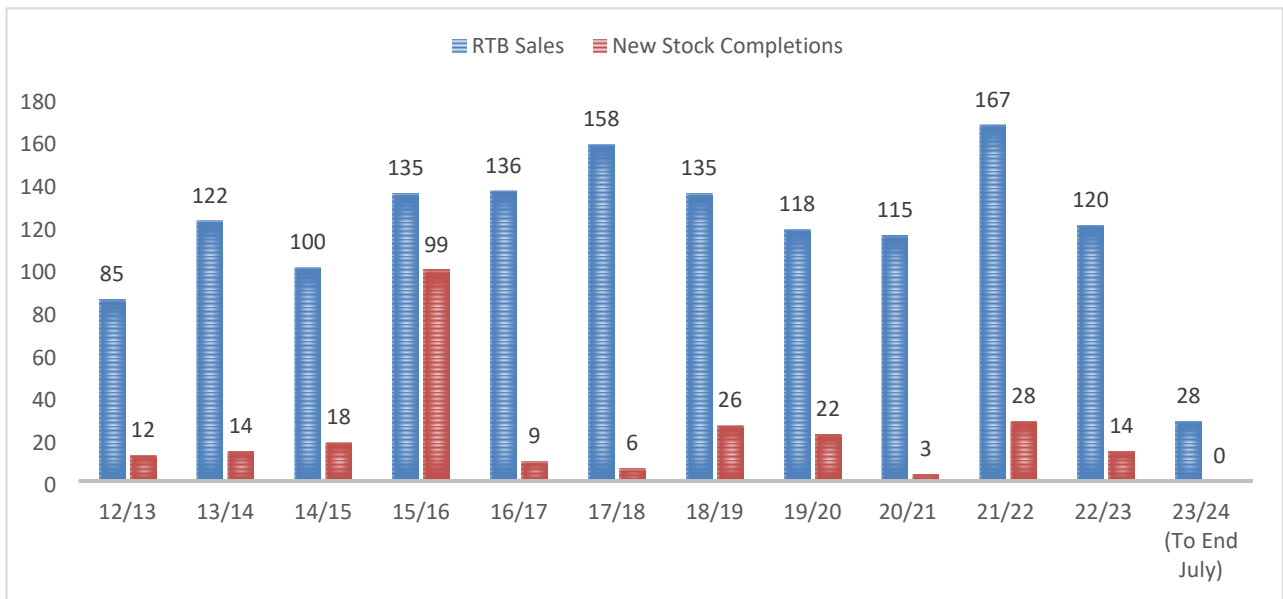
Year	Housing Benefit received via Direct Payment	Total Rent Debit	% of Rent Debit covered by HB Direct Payments
	£	£	%
2016/17	33,218,096	58,729,152	56.6
2017/18	31,970,851	57,889,823	55.2
2018/19	28,932,255	56,795,935	50.9
2019/20	24,490,067	56,931,399	43.0
2020/21	22,151,257	56,955,677	38.9
2021/22	20,464,887	57,327,202	35.7
2022/23	19,655,720	59,128,802	33.2

3.6.8 The main mechanism for helping to manage arrears is the Bad Debt Provision (BDP), which at the start of 2023/24 stood at £5.207mm on the HRA Balance Sheet with the budget for the 2023/24 contribution at £0.772m. As alluded to above in 3.4 currently Bad Debt Provision is forecast to come in on budget, but this will again be continually tracked to ensure that any change against budget forecast is picked up as soon as possible.

3.7 **Right to Buy (RTB) Trends**

3.7.1 The impact of RTB is critical to long-term planning for the HRA. Prior to the introduction of self-financing in 2012, average RTB sales had dropped to around 25 per annum, mainly due to the capped discount (£0.022m) which had remained static as property values had increased, making RTB less attractive financially to tenants. Shortly after self-financing began, Central Government announced a change to RTB significantly increasing the maximum discount, initially to £0.075m and then subsequently annual inflation was added to the maximum. Chart 8 below shows the trend in RTB sales since that time. The first four months of 2023/24 saw 28 completed RTB sales, which is slightly lower than previous years, including 2021/22 where the Authority saw the highest number of RTB sales at 167 since the changes were introduced in 2012. It is just possible that impending changes in the mortgage market may curtail sales slightly, but as always trends will need to be closely monitored as they impact not only in-year forecasts, but significantly on future refreshes of the HRA 30-year Business Plan.

3.7.2 Chart 6: Yearly RTB Sales v New Stock Additions



SECTION 4 – INVESTMENT PLAN

4.1 Review of Investment Plan

- 4.1.1 The Authority's Investment Plan represents the capital investment in projects across all Service areas. The Investment Plan is subject to ongoing review and challenge. During July a series of challenge sessions were held with project managers and Directors to understand the latest position on delivery and associated risks. Whilst there are indications that inflationary pressures are beginning to ease, continuing challenges remain within the supply chain and costs remain at a heightened level.
- 4.1.2 The Authority continues to manage project expenditure within existing budgets where possible; reprofiling spend, undertaking value engineering or reducing scheme scoping where the impact on the project outputs is considered to be minimal or represent greater value for money. Any request to utilise contingencies to meet unavoidable additional costs will be reviewed on a case-by-case basis.
- 4.1.3 A rising rate interest environment has an impact on the investment plan. Interest rates were increased again at August 2023 Monetary Policy Committee (MPC), further details within section 5 (Treasury Management Position) of this report. Continues to have wider implication for the investment Plan and items which are not fully externally funded, therefore require a Council Contribution funded by borrowing. Higher interest rates will mean a higher cost of borrowing to the Authority.

4.2 Variations to the 2023–2028 Investment Plan

- 4.2.1 Reprogramming of £8.489m into 2024/25, and £5.579m of variations to the 2023–2028 Investment Plan have been identified as part of the ongoing monitoring of the Investment Plan and these are summarised in tables 22 and 23 below. Further details of the key changes impacting on the current financial year are provided in paragraph 4.4 and 4.5. The variations relating to future years are primarily relating to the refresh of the Investment Plan and new funding awards secured by the Authority, in addition to the report to Council on 16 February 2023.

4.2.2 Table 23: 2023 – 2028 Investment Plan changes identified

	2023 /24 £m	2024 /25 £m	2025 /26 £m	2026 /27 £m	2027 /28 £m	Total £m
Approved Investment Plan – Council 16 February 2023	95.762	58.864	50.055	53.775	53.884	312.340
Previously Approved Reprogramming/Variations						
2022/23 Monitoring	6.273	(0.697)	0.000	0.000	0.000	5.576
2022/23 Outturn	11.572	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	11.572
2023/24 Monitoring	6.536	3.843	0.083	0.000	0.000	10.462
Approved Investment Plan	120.143	62.010	50.138	53.775	53.884	339.950
July 23 Monitoring Variations						
Reprogramming	1.073	4.506	0.000	0.000	0.000	5.579
	(8.489)	8.489	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000
Total Variations	(7.416)	12.995	0.000	0.000	0.000	5.579
Revised Investment Plan	112.727	75.005	50.138	53.775	53.884	345.529

4.2.3 The proposed significant variations to the Investment Plan in 2023/24 are shown below:

- (a) **EV100 Active Travel 3 – Permanent Seafront Scheme (–£4.234m)** – The external funding for the project has now been confirmed and approved and detailed design work is in progress. It has been necessary to re-profile resources to 2024/25 with phase 1 expected to commence work by November 2023 following the outcome of the public engagement and Traffic Regulation Order process which is expected to conclude in October.
- (b) **DV073 Ambition for North Tyneside (–£1.376m)** – Additional re-profiling has been identified to future years as work continues to develop investment plans for the Killingworth Lake and Borough Wide Waggonways schemes.

- (c) **ED075 Devolved Formula Capital (-£1.000m)** – The decisions regarding expenditure rest with the individual Schools who tend to work in partnership with the Authority to identify opportunities. Additional funding was awarded relating to investment in energy improvement measures, however a review of delivery plans has identified re-profiling of funding to future years with Schools having the ability to apply the funds over a period of 3 years.
- (d) **ED190 High Needs Provision Capital Allocation (-£0.525m)** – Additional Department for Education funding has been reflected in the Investment Plan relating to the Safety Valve Project amounting to £0.475m in 2023/24 (£4.681m in total), which will deliver works at Riverside Centre to create an Early Years Hub as well as works across a range of schools to provide additional resourced provision capacity
- (e) **DV082 Wallsend Town and High Street Programme (-£0.300m)** – North of Tyne Combined Authority have awarded £0.500m of additional funding towards the scheme which includes £0.300m of capital resource as well as £0.200m of revenue resource. However, reprofiling has been identified to future years following additional development work being undertaken relating to the digital infrastructure to ensure the works will align with the requirements of the Cultural Quarter and businesses within it.
- (f) **EV083 Street Lighting LED (-£0.356m)** – This scheme is being delivered by the PFI Contractor and re-profiling has been identified reflecting the pressures experienced in the supply chain relating to supply and therefore installation timescales.
- (g) **North Shields Cultural Quarter (£0.300m)** – Additional funding has been awarded by North of Tyne Combined Authority relating to proposed investment in the Globe Gallery and Business Centre as part of developing the cultural quarter. The funding will be used to invest in mechanical, electrical and building improvements.
- (h) **GEN03 Contingencies (-£0.379m)** – It is proposed that the contingency is utilised to fund the acquisition of additional mechanical street sweepers (£0.244m) and the delivery to refurbish the Former Rectory St Columbas (£0.135m) to deliver supported accommodation for care leavers.

4.2.3 In addition to the proposed variations outlined within the report, work is ongoing to confirm the resource requirement to support investment in replacing the Authority’s fibre networks as part of its Wide Area Network and the planned replacement of the Enterprise Resource Planning (ERP) system. Once confirmed, this will be considered as a variation to the Investment Plan to enable the procurement processes to proceed.

4.3 Capital Financing

4.3.1 The impact of the changes detailed above on capital financing is shown in table 24 below.

4.3.2 Table 24: Impact of variations on Capital financing

	2023/24 £m	2024/25 £m	2025/26 £m	2026/27 £m	2027/28 £m	Total £m
Approved Investment Plan	120.143	62.010	50.138	53.775	53.884	339.950
Council Contribution	(1.732)	1.732	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000
Grants and Contributions	(5.684)	11.263	0.000	0.000	0.000	5.579
Contribution from Reserves	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000
HRA Grants & Contributions	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000
HRA Major Repairs Reserve	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000
Total Financing Variations	(7.416)	12.995	0.000	0.000	0.000	5.579
Revised Investment Plan	112.727	75.005	50.138	53.775	53.884	345.529

4.4 Capital Receipts – General Fund

4.4.1 General Fund Capital Receipts brought forward at 1 April 2023 were £3.227m. The capital receipts requirement for 2022/23, approved by Council in February 2023, was £1.417m (2023–2028 £1.417m). To date £5.298m of capital receipts have been received in 2023/24. The receipts position is shown in table 25 below.

4.4.2 Table 25: Capital Receipt Requirement – General Fund

	2023/24 £m	2024/25 £m	2025/26 £m	2026/27 £m	2027/28 £m
Requirement reported to 16 February 2023 Council	1.417	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000
Receipts Brought Forward	(3.227)	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000
Total Receipts received 2023/24	(5.298)	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000
Receipts used to repay capital loans	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000
Net Useable Receipts	(5.298)	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000
Surplus Receipts	(7.108)	(7.108)	(7.108)	(7.108)	(7.108)

4.5 Capital receipts – Housing Revenue Account

4.5.1 Housing Capital Receipts brought forward at 1 April 2023 were £12.961m. The housing receipts are committed against projects included in the 2023–2028 Investment Plan. The approved Capital Receipt requirement for 2023/24 was £3.941m. To date, receipts of £1.479m have been received in 2023/24. In total, subject to future pooling, this leaves a surplus balance of £10.499m to be carried forward to fund planned investment in future years.

4.5.2 Table 26: Capital Receipt Requirement - Housing Revenue Account

	2023/24 £m	2024/25 £m	2025/26 £m	2026/27 £m	2027/28 £m
Requirement reported to July 2023	3.941	2.170	2.153	1.060	1.202
Variations to be reported to Jun 2023 Cabinet	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000
Revised Requirement	3.941	2.170	2.153	1.060	1.202
Receipts Brought Forward	(12.961)	(10.499)	(8.329)	(6.176)	(5.116)
Receipts Received 2022/23	(1.479)	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000
Receipts Pooled Central Government	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000
(Surplus)/ Balance To be generated to fund future years (subject to further pooling)	(10.499)	(8.329)	(6.176)	(5.116)	(3.914)

The final figure for useable receipts and pooled receipts in year will depend on the final number of Right to Buy properties sold during 2023/24.

4.6 Investment Plan Monitoring Position to 31 July 2023

4.6.1 Actual expenditure for 2023/24 in the General Ledger was £19.264m; 16.03% of the total revised Investment Plan at 31 July 2023.

4.6.2 Table 27: Total Investment Plan Budget & Expenditure to 31 July 2023

	2023/24 Approved Investment Plan £m	Actual Spend to 31 July 2023 £m	Spend as % of revised Investment Plan %
General Fund	85.604	12.063	14.09%
Housing	34.539	7.201	20.85%
TOTAL	120.143	19.264	16.03%

SECTION 5 – TREASURY MANAGEMENT & CASH POSITION

5.1 Current Cash Position

5.1.1 The Authority's current available cash balance as at the end of July 2023 is £22.580m, with £15.000m invested externally with other UK Local Authorities or institutions. All investments are made in line with the approved Treasury Management Strategy.

5.1.2 Table 28: Investment Position as at 31 July 2023

Counterparty	Type	Amount (£m)	Maturity
DMO	Term	21.250	1 August 2023
Barclays	Call	1.330	n/a
Other LA	Fixed	10.000	09 February 2024*
Fixed Deposits	Fixed	5.000	October 2023

**This is the last maturity of this tranche.*

5.1.3 At its meeting ending on 03 August 2023, the MPC voted by a majority of 6–3 to increase Bank Rate by 0.25 percentage points, to 5.25%. The decision was based on projections for activity and inflation in the accompanying August Monetary Policy Report. The report states that that Banks expects the UK economy to continue to grow at a similar rate despite the interest rate increase. Underlying quarterly GDP growth has been around 0.2% during the first half of this year, however some more recent indicators show signs of weakening.

5.1.4 Twelve-month CPI inflation fell from 7.9% in June 6.8% in July. CPI inflation remains well above the 2% target. The Bank forecasts inflation fall significantly further, to around 5% by the end of the year, accounted for by lower energy, and to a lesser degree, food and core goods price inflation.

5.1.5 The impact of raising base rate had an immediate impact to the cost of borrowing. Table 29 below demonstrates the increase in rates both in the temporary space and longer-term PWLB rates.

5.1.6 The Authority is currently monitoring interest rates, and whether the Authority should look to lock in rates as part of managing risk. This process considers

the Authority's underlying need to borrow, Investment Plan priorities and commitments as well as the profile of existing loan arrangements.

5.1.7 Investment rates have also seen an increase in line with the increases in base rate, delivering better returns on investments and negating cost of carry.

5.1.8 **Table 29: Summary of Borrowing Levels**

<i>Temporary Space</i>		<i>PWLB**</i>	
Tenor	Level	Tenor	Level *
1 week	5.13%	2 years	6.00%
1 month	5.13%	5 years	5.61%
3 month	5.21%	10 years	5.43%
6 month	5.40%	20 years	5.67%
9 month	5.65%	30 years	5.60%
12 month	5.85%	50 years	5.36%

**Please note these levels are from 03/08/2023*

***PWLB rates do not include certainty rate reductions,*

5.1.9 Any shortfalls in cashflow are covered by in year temporary borrowing, which may be a quick and cost-effective method of cash management in the current climate. In July the authority required £5.000m to manage treasury cashflow activities.

5.2 **Borrowing Position**

5.2.1 Table 30 shows the Authority's current debt position, with total borrowing maturing in 2023/24 of £4.000m.

5.2.2 **Table 30: Current Debt Position**

	PWLB (£m)	LOBO (£m)	Temp (£m)	Total (£m)
Total Outstanding Borrowing Debt	387.443	20.000	5.000	422.443
Debt Maturing 2023/24	(4.000)	0.000	(5.000)	(9.000)

5.2.3 The Authority was under-borrowed to the value of £68.532m at 31 March 2023. Whilst the Authority cannot borrow to fund revenue activity, it can look to

utilise reserves, unwind its under-borrowed position, and externalise borrowing.

5.2.4 In August 2022 the Authority took £10m of long-term PWLB loans, this was for a combination of refinancing existing debt, de-risk the Authority's under-borrowed position, as well as take advantage of relatively low long-term rates.

5.2.5 Table 30 below shows the latest interest rate forecasts as provided by the Authority's treasury advisors Link. Rates remain uncertain over the next 2 years, forecasting to peak at 5.14 % for 50-year borrowing, during the current quarter, before tracking back down to lower levels from September 23 onwards.

5.2.6 **Table 31: Link Interest Rate Forecasts**

Bank Rate													
	NOW	Sep-23	Dec-23	Mar-24	Jun-24	Sep-24	Dec-24	Mar-25	Jun-25	Sep-25	Dec-25	Mar-26	Jun-26
Link Group	5.25%	5.50%	5.50%	5.50%	5.25%	4.75%	4.25%	3.75%	3.25%	2.75%	2.75%	2.50%	2.50%
Capital Economics	5.25%	5.50%	5.50%	5.50%	5.50%	5.00%	4.50%	4.00%	3.50%	3.25%	3.00%	-	-
5yr PWLB Rate													
	NOW	Sep-23	Dec-23	Mar-24	Jun-24	Sep-24	Dec-24	Mar-25	Jun-25	Sep-25	Dec-25	Mar-26	Jun-26
Link Group	5.41%	5.60%	5.30%	5.10%	4.80%	4.50%	4.20%	3.90%	3.60%	3.40%	3.30%	3.30%	3.20%
Capital Economics	5.41%	5.10%	4.70%	4.50%	4.40%	4.20%	4.00%	4.00%	3.90%	3.80%	3.70%	-	-
10yr PWLB Rate													
	NOW	Sep-23	Dec-23	Mar-24	Jun-24	Sep-24	Dec-24	Mar-25	Jun-25	Sep-25	Dec-25	Mar-26	Jun-26
Link Group	5.22%	5.20%	5.00%	4.90%	4.70%	4.40%	4.20%	3.90%	3.70%	3.50%	3.50%	3.50%	3.40%
Capital Economics	5.22%	5.10%	4.60%	4.50%	4.30%	4.20%	4.10%	4.00%	3.90%	3.90%	3.80%	-	-
25yr PWLB Rate													
	NOW	Sep-23	Dec-23	Mar-24	Jun-24	Sep-24	Dec-24	Mar-25	Jun-25	Sep-25	Dec-25	Mar-26	Jun-26
Link Group	5.45%	5.40%	5.20%	5.10%	4.90%	4.70%	4.50%	4.20%	4.00%	3.90%	3.80%	3.80%	3.70%
Capital Economics	5.45%	5.30%	4.90%	4.70%	4.60%	4.50%	4.30%	4.30%	4.20%	4.10%	4.10%	-	-
50yr PWLB Rate													
	NOW	Sep-23	Dec-23	Mar-24	Jun-24	Sep-24	Dec-24	Mar-25	Jun-25	Sep-25	Dec-25	Mar-26	Jun-26
Link Group	5.14%	5.10%	5.00%	4.90%	4.70%	4.50%	4.30%	4.00%	3.80%	3.60%	3.60%	3.50%	3.50%
Capital Economics	5.14%	4.90%	4.70%	4.60%	4.50%	4.40%	4.30%	4.20%	4.10%	4.10%	4.00%	-	-

**Please note these forecasts are as at 08.08.23*

SECTION 6 – DEVELOPER CONTRIBUTIONS

6.1 Section 106 Contributions

- 6.1.1 Planning obligations under Section 106 (s106) of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990, are commonly known as s106 agreements. They are a mechanism which make a development proposal acceptable in planning terms, that would not otherwise be acceptable, and are focussed on mitigating the impact of the development on an area. S106 agreements are often called ‘developer contributions’ or ‘planning gain’ and include a range of identified categories, historically including highways, affordable housing, sport and leisure, health and play sites, amongst others.
- 6.1.2 The s106 Capital Programme Manager and s106 service area leads utilise the information collated within the Authority’s s106 governance and monitoring process to define what monies are available for what and where this can be allocated, and develop projects based on this information.
- 6.1.3 The s106 programme of works aims to supplement and support the wider Authority budget, to ensure a good spread of spend for all areas of the Borough and to provide flexibility and value for money.
- 6.1.4 The s106 Capital Programme Manager and s106 service area leads utilise the information collated within the Authority’s s106 governance and monitoring process to define what monies are available and where this can be allocated, and develop projects based on this information.
- 6.1.5 The s106 programme of works aims to mitigate the impacts of developments within the Borough, supplementing and supporting the wider strategic North Tyneside Plan.
- 6.1.6 Service areas are routinely reviewing this information and developing projects, which are then presented to Investment Programme Board (IPB) for consideration prior to securing full IPB approval. If approved the projects are then delivered.

6.1.7 The latest s106 finance spreadsheet which includes the financial information of all developer contributions, which have been received by the Authority can be found within Appendix 3 and Appendix 4.

6.1.8 **Table 32: Section 106 Spend Update**

	31 December 2022	28 February 2023	31 July 2023
Received to date	£20.266m	£20.300m	£20.342m
Spend to date	(£6.609m)	(£8.836m)	(£9.604m)
Committed <i>(through IPB Governance)</i>	(£3.910m)	(£2.898m)	(£3.244m)
Uncommitted Balance	£9.747m	£8.566m	£7.494m

6.1.9 As at 31 July 2023, £20.342m had been received by the Authority, of which £9.604m has been expended in line with agreements. £10.738m remains as at 31 July 2023, of which £3.244m is committed. This leaves an uncommitted balance of £7.494m

6.1.10 In order to deliver projects within the allocated balance, service areas are developing and completing projects based on the legal parameters set within the wording of the planning obligations, all overseen by the Investment Programme Board (IPB) group. Significant work is ongoing with relevant officers in developing key projects and allocating the spend within all service areas.

6.2. Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL)

6.2.1 These are planning tools used to secure financial or non-financial contributions towards the provision of infrastructure to support and enable development and to mitigate the impact of development. CIL contributions now include secondary education, health and community facilities and other infrastructure developer contributions.

6.2.2 CIL continues to develop within the Authority and updates will be incorporated within this report over time as necessary. £675k of CIL monies have been received by the Authority, with no projects allocated or monies spent to date.

6.2.3 The Authority is strategically building balances in relation to CIL to facilitate investment within the Borough which will provide greatest benefit.

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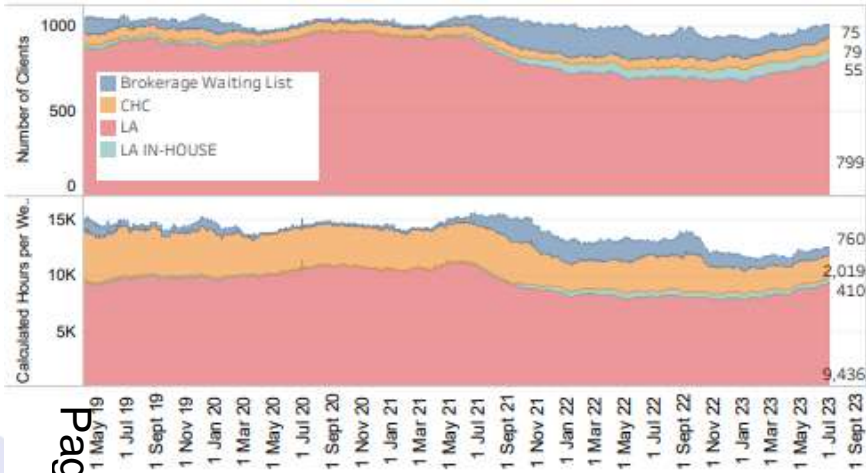
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Annex 2

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Adult Social Care



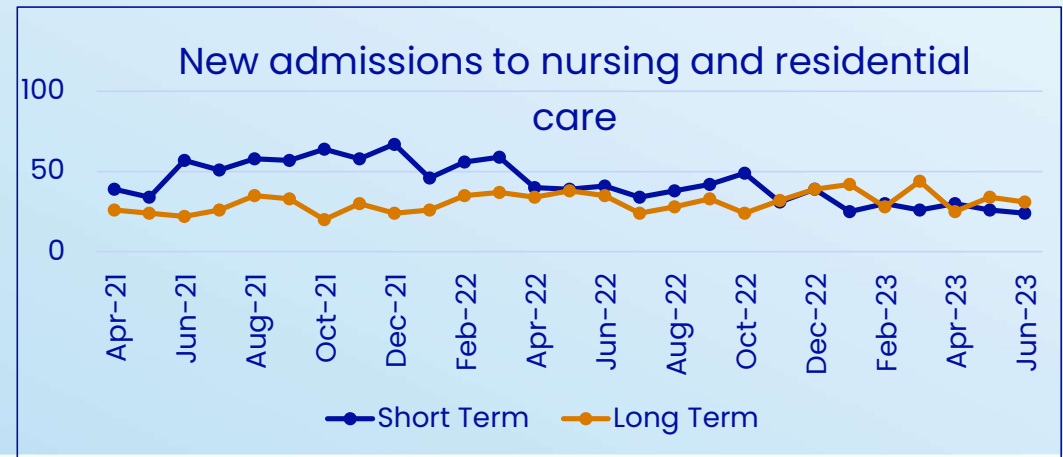
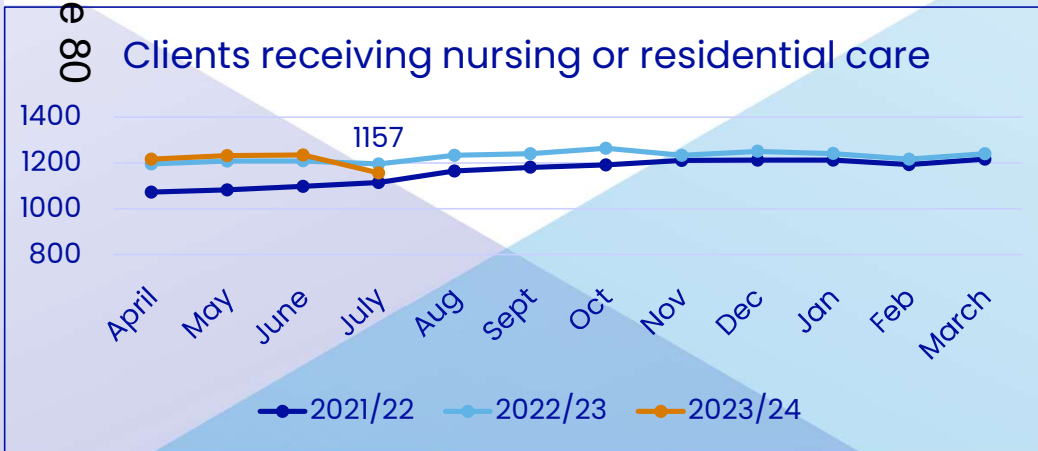
Commentary on performance

854 clients were receiving 9,846 hours of home care per week (June 2023)

60 clients on the brokerage list waiting 489 hours of home care, the number and hours have halved compared to December 2022.

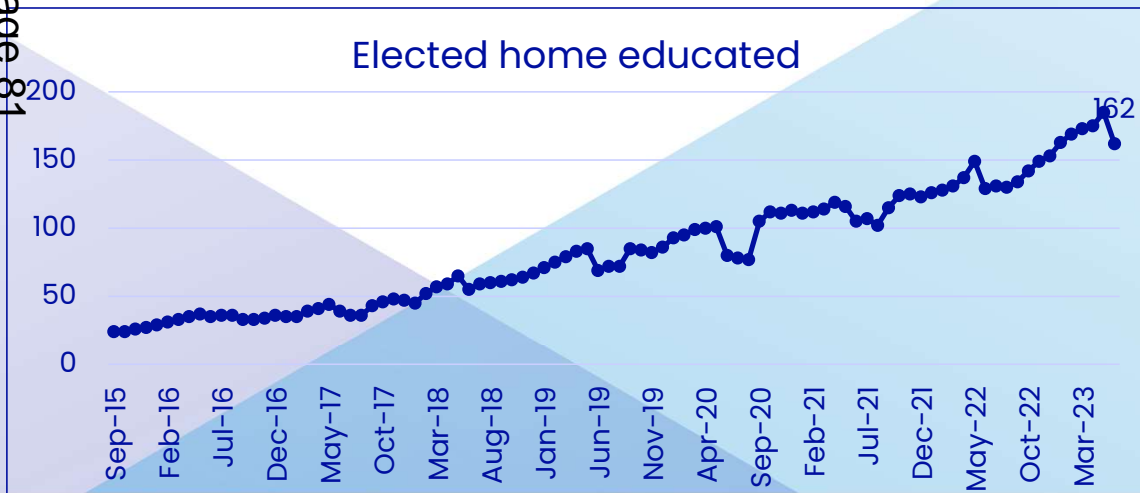
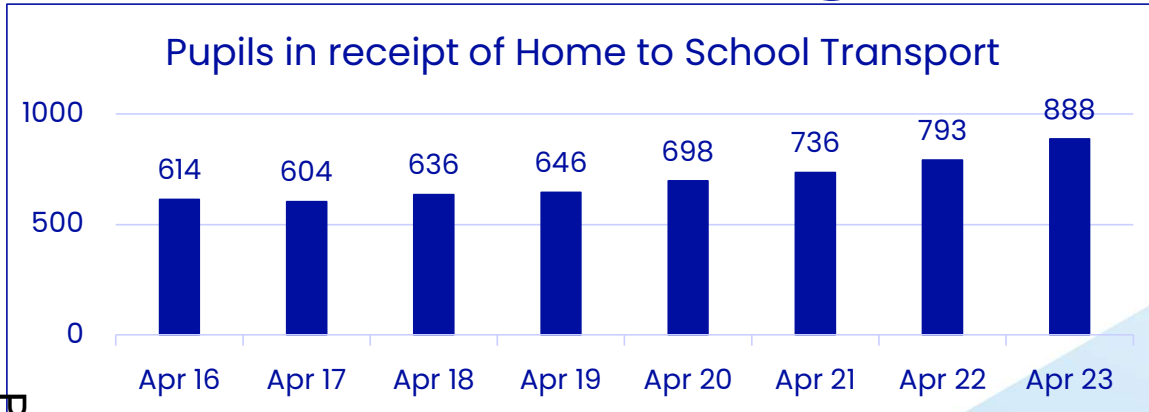
New long-term and short-term admissions to nursing and residential care are gradually decreasing in 2022/23.

At the end of July, there were 1,157 clients are receiving nursing or residential care.



Commissioning and Asset

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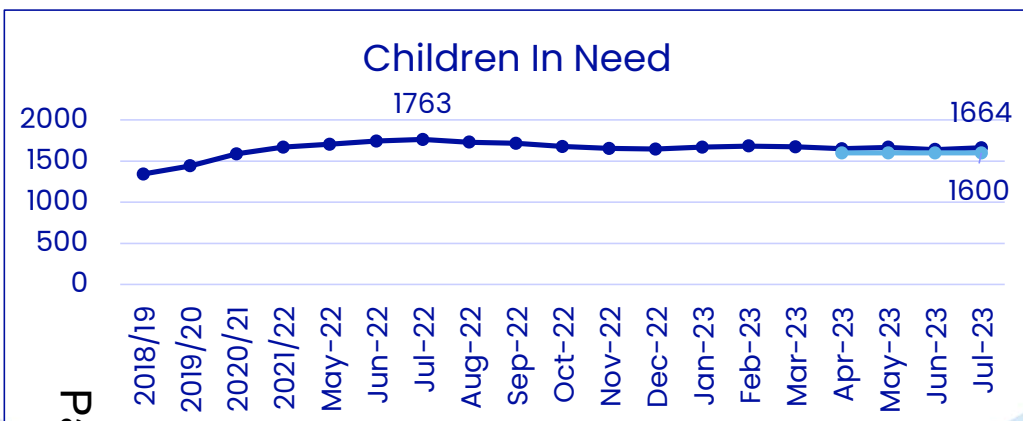


Commentary on performance

The number of pupils receiving Home to School Transport has significantly increased each year.

The number of pupils electively home educated is currently stands at 162 at the end of June 2023. The number of pupils electively home educated has gradually increased year on year for the last 7 years.

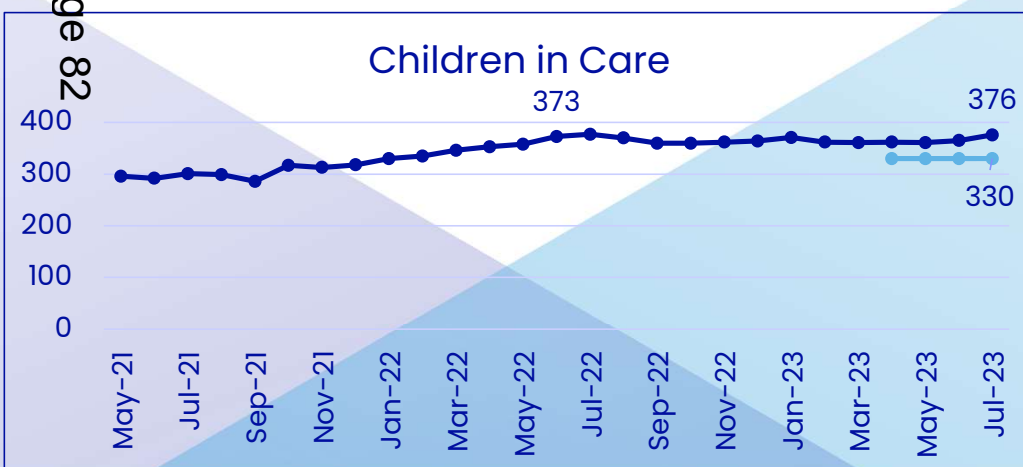
Children, Young People and Learning



Commentary on performance

1,664 Children in Need at the end of July 2023, significantly higher than the core 1,600 budgeted for.

At the end of July 2023, there are 376 children in care including 25 unaccompanied Asylum-Seeking Children (UASC) and 14 above 18 years classed as leaving care. This is an increase of 14 children since May and higher than the core 330 budgeted for, combined with the current placement mix driving higher costs.



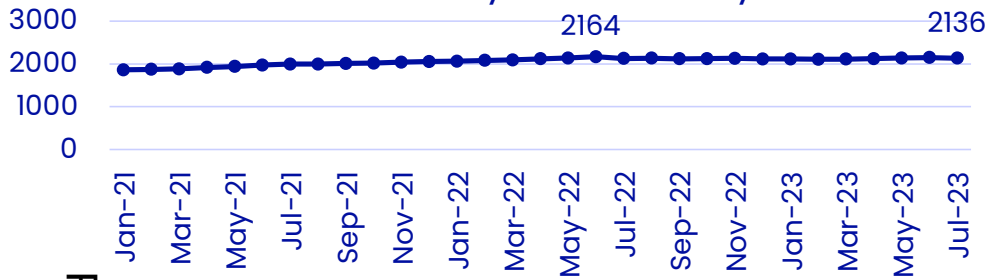
Placement Type	Budgeted Placements	Current Placements	Current Placement Costs (£m)**	Variance (£m)
External Fostering	22	27	1.166	0.173
In-House Fostering	204	222	5.613	(0.014)
In-house Residential	21	21	3.379	0.907
External Residential Care	23	26	5.581	0.089
External Supported Accommodation	32	41	3.474	1.788
Other*	28	39	0.000	0.000
Total	330	376	19.213	2.943

*Other includes Placed for Adoption, Placed with Parents/Parental Responsibility.

** budget figure set on an average cost per placement

Children, Young People and Learning

Education, Health and Care Plans (EHCPs) maintained by the authority



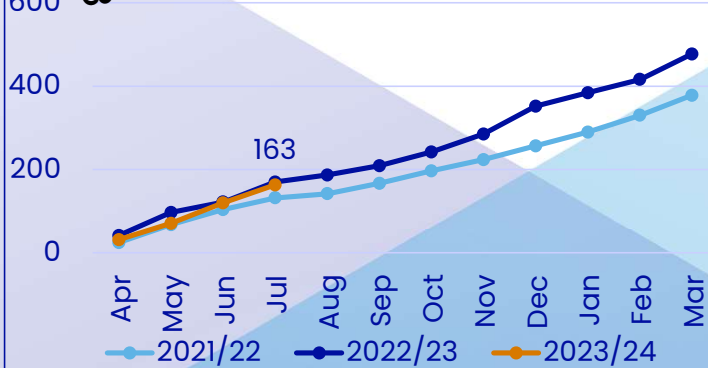
Commentary on performance

2,136 Education Health and Care Plans maintained. On track against the DSG management plan. The rate of EHCPs per population has improved, putting North Tyneside in line with the region, but remains higher than national rates.

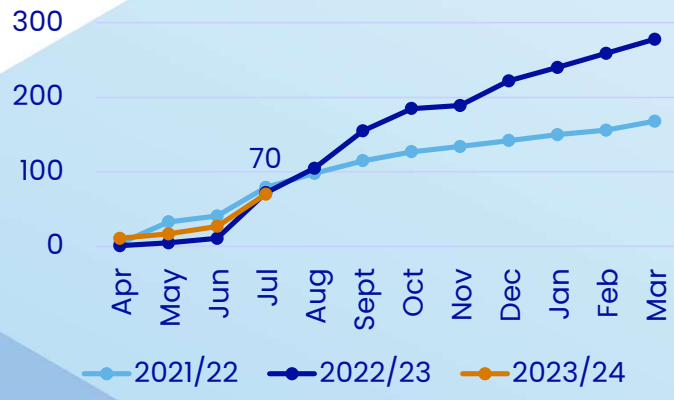
The number of assessments refused prior to assessment has increased. Demand remains consistent with last year.

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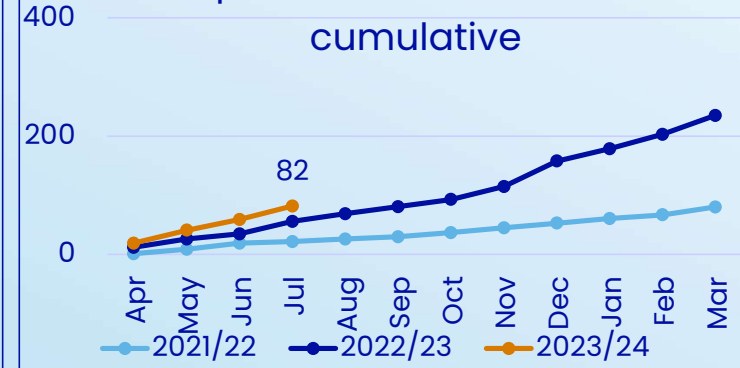
Cumulative requests for an EHCP Assessment



Cumulative EHCPs ceased



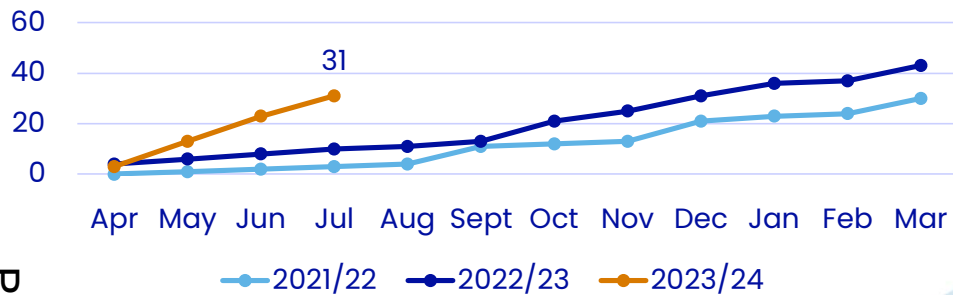
EHCP assessments refused prior to assessment - cumulative



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Cumulative number of tribunals

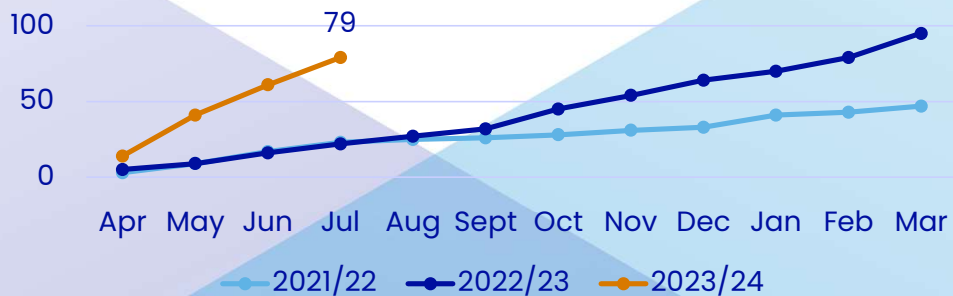


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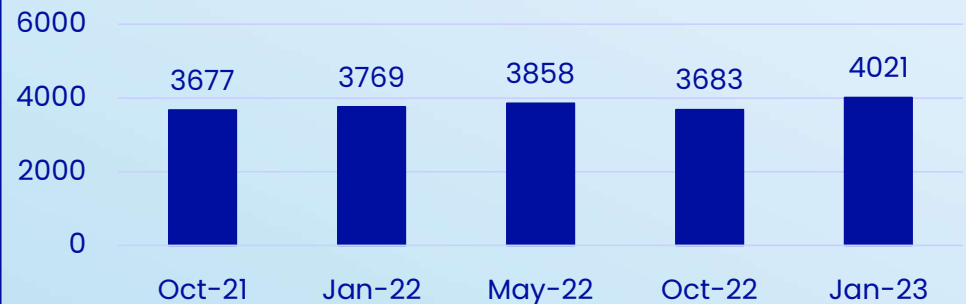
Significant increase in the number of tribunals and mediations, largely as a result of the increase in refusals for assessment.

The trend of pupils with SEN Support is increasing.

Cumulative number of mediations

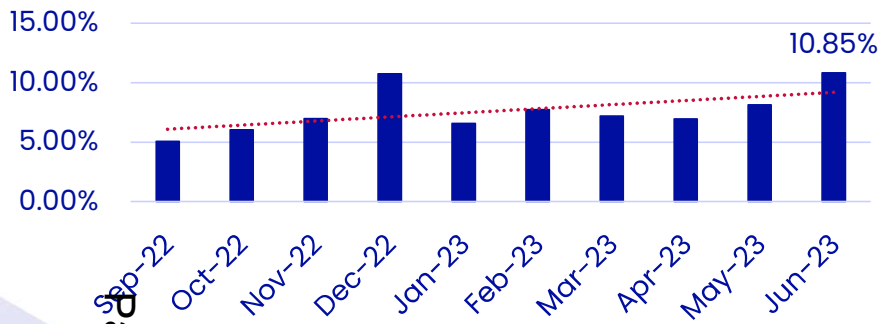


Number of pupils with SEN Support



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Overall Pupil Absence

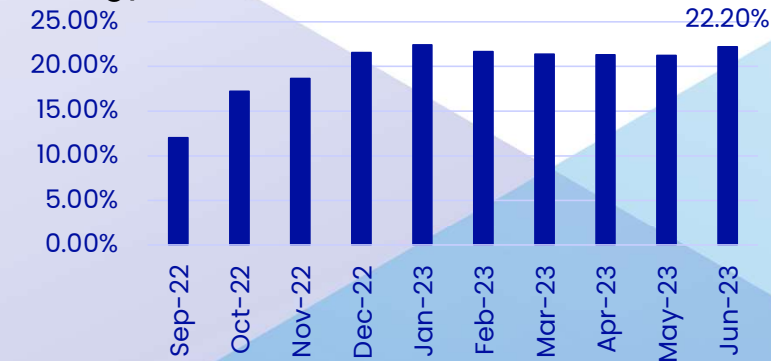


Comment on performance

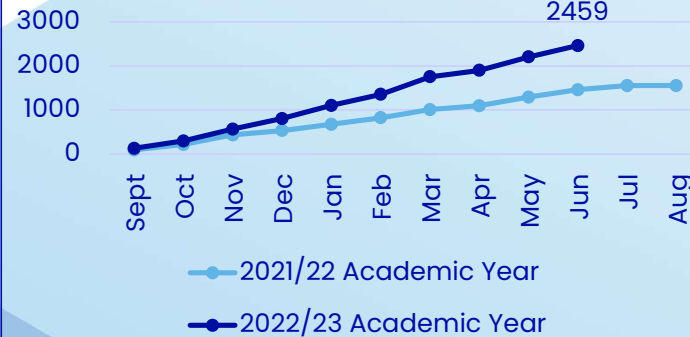
At the end of June, the number of suspensions was 2,459, almost 1,000 more than the same period last year. There were 65 Permanent Exclusions compared to 38 for the same period last year. The rise is somewhat seen over all schools, but in schools who are above the local authority average for suspension and permanent exclusions the Education North Tyneside Team will be offering support and challenge.

Overall Absence for 2022/23, so far, is marginally better than the same period last year. Improvements are most evident in the primary phase and in both phases illnesses have reduced. Increases have been noted in "other" unauthorised absences and unauthorised holidays are returning to pre-pandemic levels.

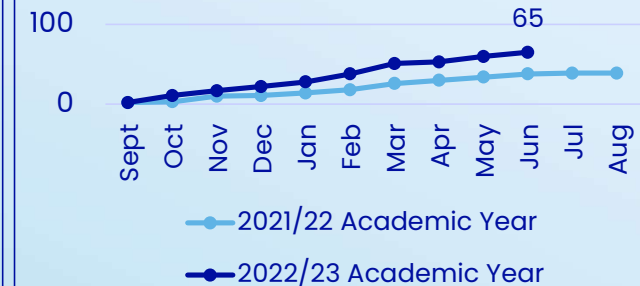
Persistent Pupil Absence



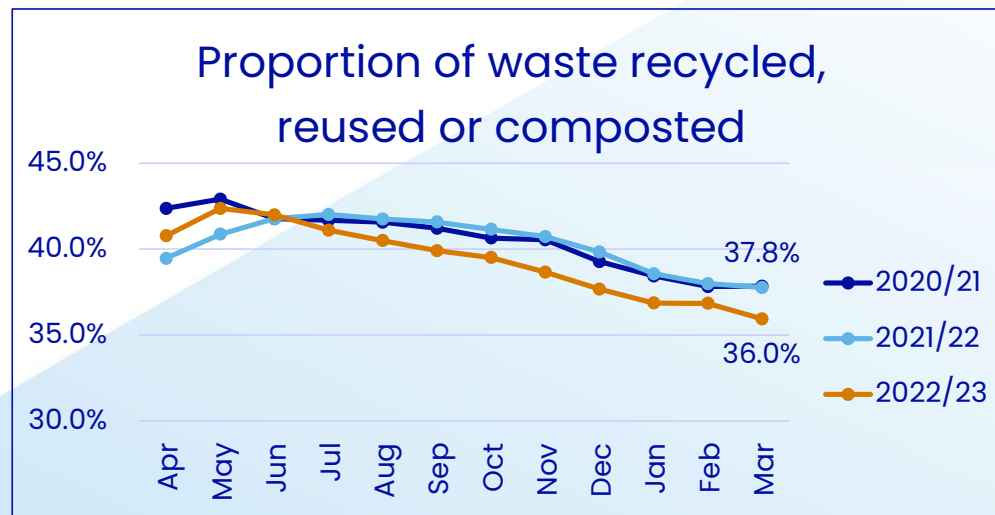
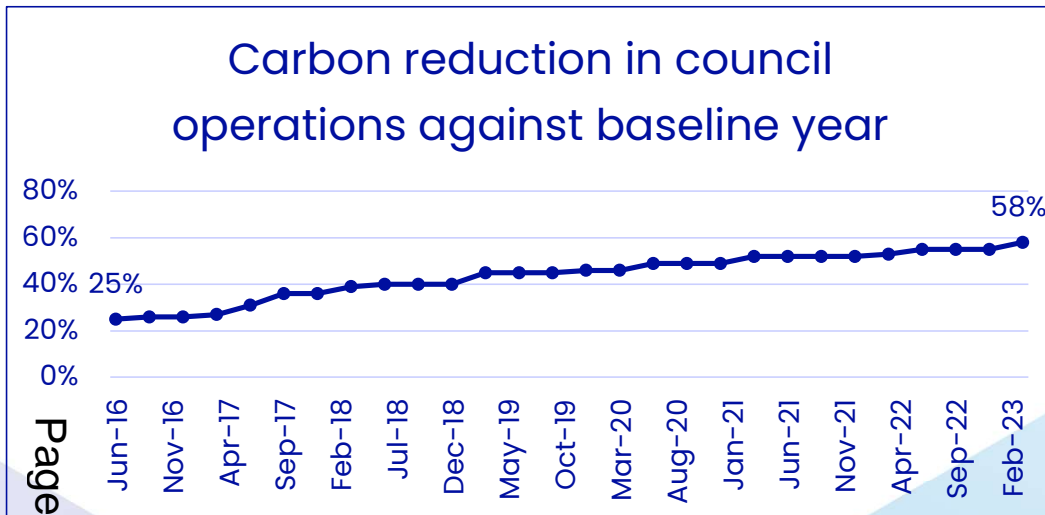
Pupil Suspensions - cumulative



Permanent Exclusions - cumulative



Environmental Services



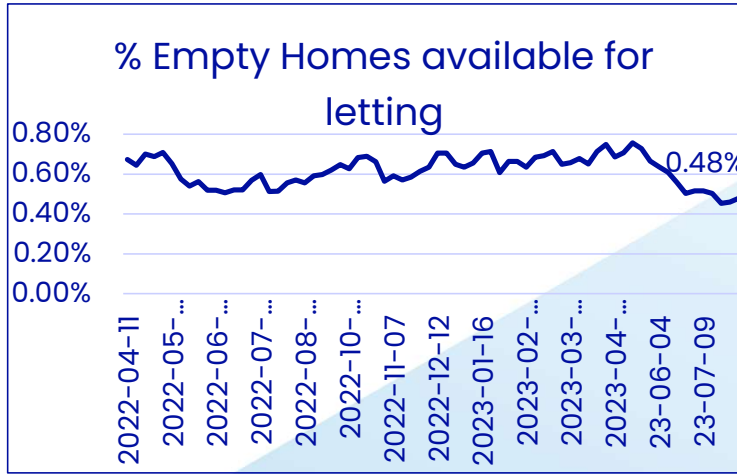
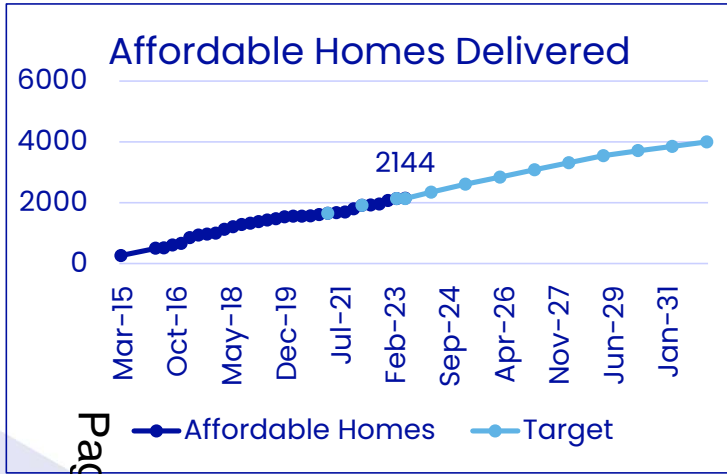
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Commentary on performance

Carbon reduction in council service operations have decreased by 58% against the baseline year of 2010/11.

The proportion of waste recycled, reused or composted during 2022/23 decreased significantly compared to the previous two years. Largely due to less composting collected in year because of the hot weather experienced during the spring and summer months.

Housing and Property Services

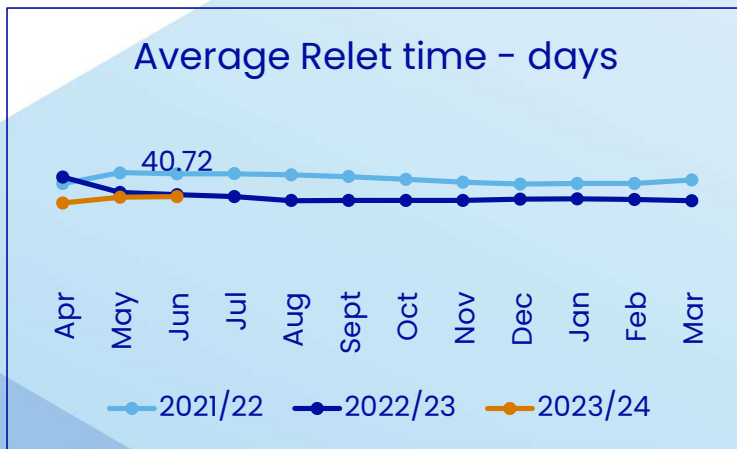
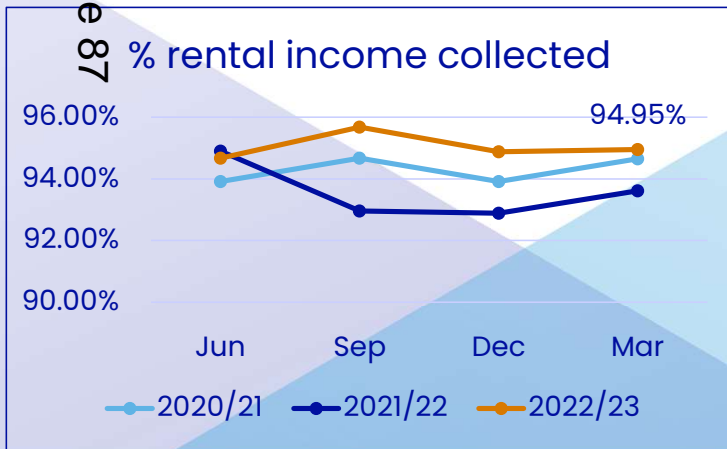


Commentary on performance

Affordable homes programme on track against profiled target. 2,144 delivered at end of quarter 1.

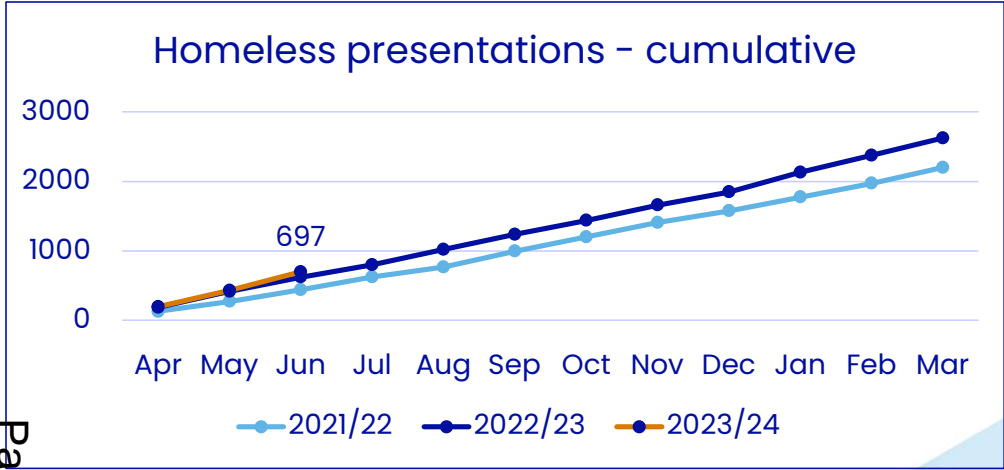
94.95% rent collected during 2022/23, better than last two years.

Average relet time performance improving and returning to pre-pandemic levels. Fewer than half a percent of homes empty and available for letting, maximising rental income.



Housing and Property Services

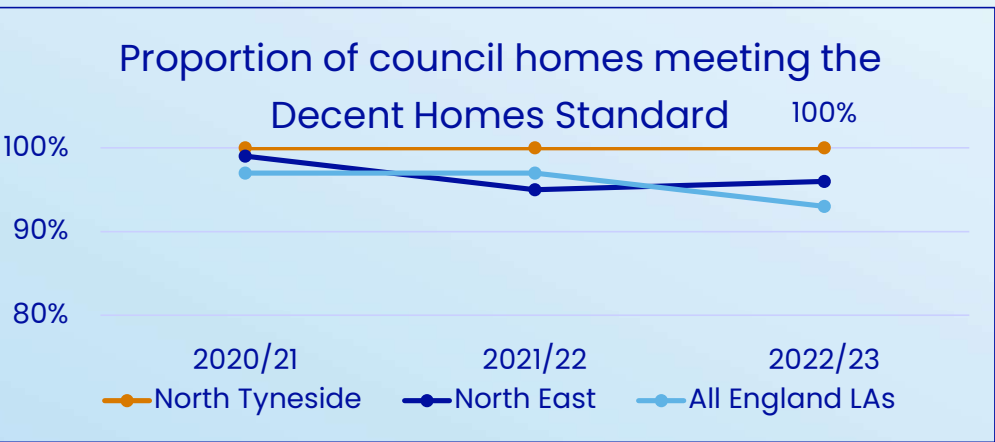
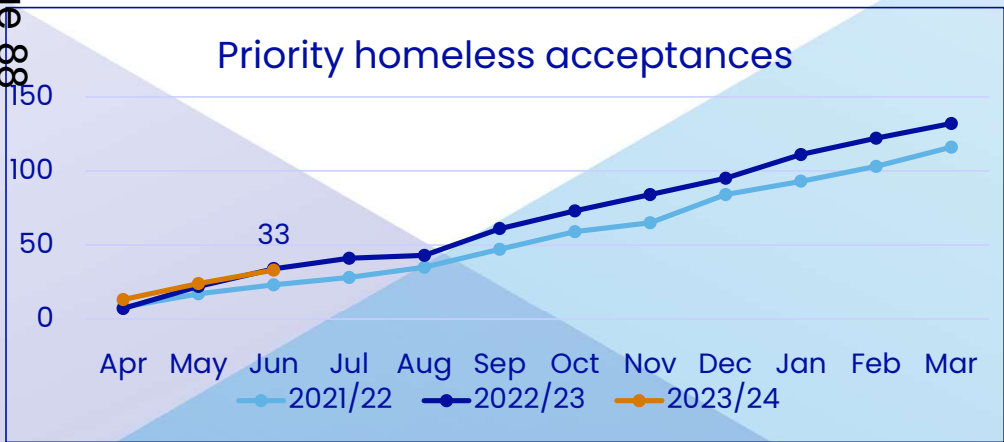
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Commentary on performance

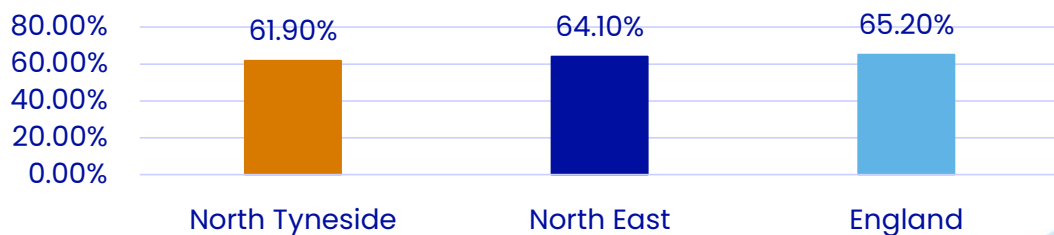
Homeless presentations to the authority remains high at the end of July, however the number of priority homeless acceptances are stable and consistent with previous years.

100% council homes meet the Decent Homes Standard following investment and improvement works, better than regional and national comparators.



Public Health

School readiness: % children achieving a good level of development at the end of Reception in 2021/22



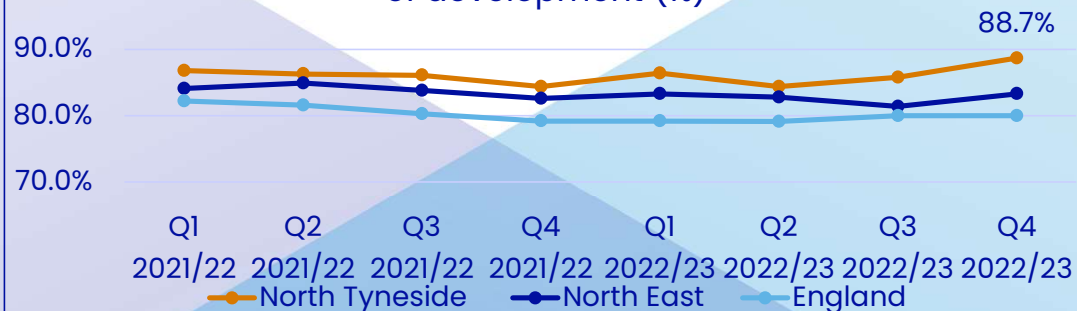
Commentary on performance

School readiness below regional and national levels.

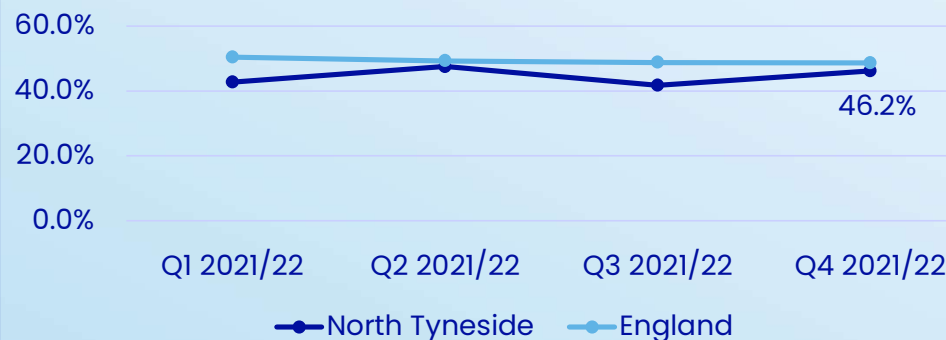
At the end of 2022/23 the proportion of children meeting or exceeding the expected level of development is better than regional and national performance.

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% children who received a 2-2½ year review who were at or above the expected level in all five areas of development (%)



Breastfeeding prevalence at 6 to 8 weeks after birth



Community Safety

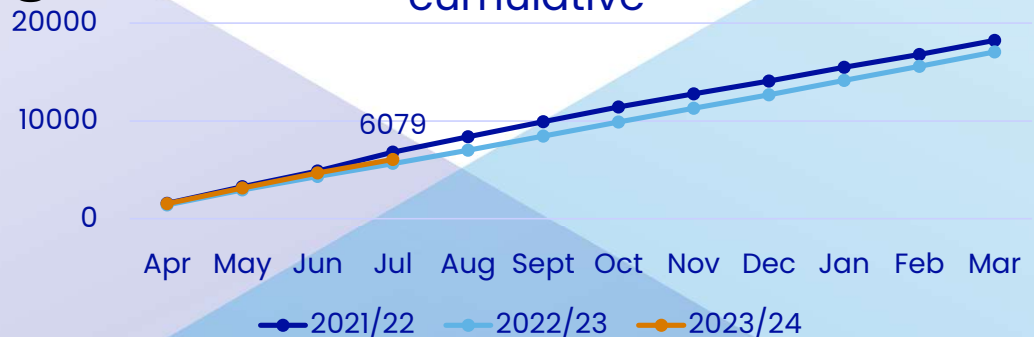
Commentary on performance

The number of reported crimes to Northumbria Police are in line with the previous two years. The highest reported incident types are violent offences, stalking and harassment, shoplifting and public order offences.

Reported Anti-social behaviour incidents decreased during 2022/23 and have remained consistent this year. The majority of ASB incidents are classified as "other ASB", neighbourly disputes, motorcycle disorder, inappropriate use of public space and residential noise complaints.

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Reported crime to Northumbria Police – cumulative

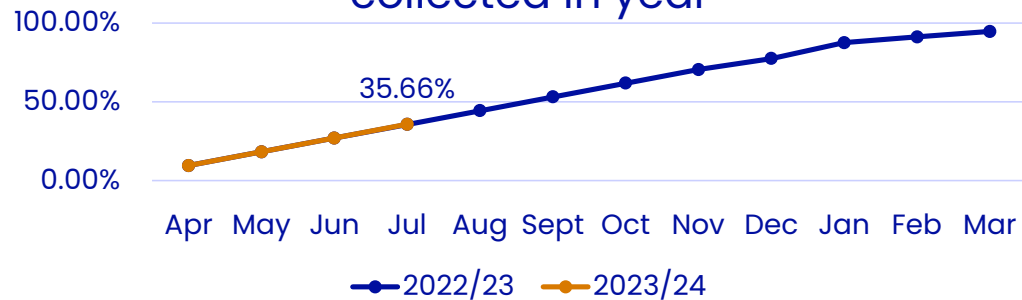


Reported anti-social behaviour to Northumbria Police – cumulative



Resources

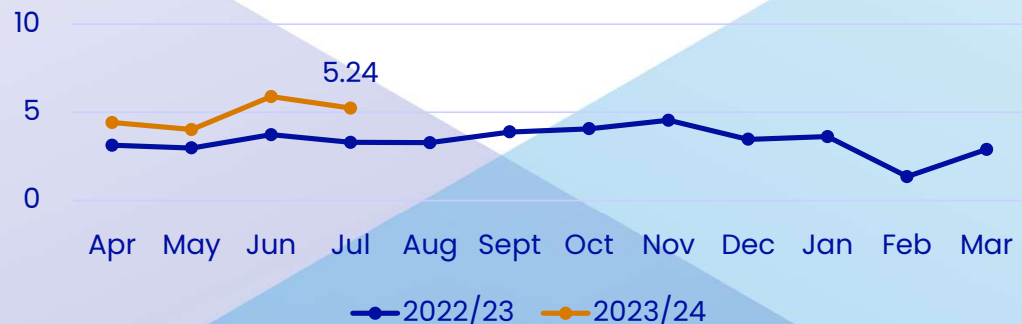
Cumulative proportion of council tax collected in year



Cumulative proportion of business rates collected in year



Average days to process change of circumstances



Commentary on performance

Council tax collection is consistent with last year. At the end of 2022/23, collection was slightly lower than national performance.

Business rates collection performance is improving. At the end of 2022/23 local performance was in line with national performance.

Processing time for change of circumstances has increased during 2023/24.

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Fund	Project	Year					Total £000
		2023/24 £000	2024/25 £000	2025/26 £000	2026/27 £000	2027/28 £000	
General Fund							
	BS026 Asset Planned Maintenance	2,759	3,100	1,750	1,500	1,500	10,609
	BS030 Public Sector Decarbonisation Scheme	54	0	0	0	0	54
	BS031 Childrens Home Capital Programme	35	0	0	0	0	35
	BS033 Changing Places Facilities	93	0	0	0	0	93
	BS034 Parks Sports Centre – Security Measures	345	0	0	0	0	345
	BS035 Former Rectory St Columbas Supported Accommodation	161	0	0	0	0	161
	BS036 S106 Oxford Centre Health Facilities	130	0	0	0	0	130
	BS037 S106 Forest Hall Health Facilities	32	0	0	0	0	32
	CO079 Playsites	306	101	83	0	0	490
	CO081 Gosforth Nature Reserve Grey Squirrel Control and Enhancements	9	0	0	0	0	9
	CO082 Sport and Leisure Facility Improvements	12	0	0	0	0	12
	CO083 Whitley Bay Crematoria	276	0	0	0	0	276
	CO086 North West Library Improvements	48	0	0	0	0	48
	CO088 Gateways to the Boroughs	34	0	0	0	0	34
	CO089 S106 Raleigh Drive Allotment Extension	25	0	0	0	0	25
	CO091 Neighbourhood Parks	92	90	100	0	0	282
	CO092 Wallsend Park Bothy Toilet	88	0	0	0	0	88
	CO093 Rising Sun Country Park S106 Ecology	13	0	0	0	0	13
	CO094 Lawn Tennis – Improvements to Tennis Courts	133	0	0	0	0	133
	CO095 S106 Willington Quay Community Garden	13	0	0	0	0	13
	CO096 St Peters Sports Pavilion and AGP Pitches	4,008	0	0	0	0	4,008
	CO097 Forest Hall Library Improvements	287	0	0	0	0	287
	CO098 S106 Lakeside Centre Gym Equipment	50	0	0	0	0	50
	CO099 Rising Sun Country Park Improvements	88	44	0	0	0	132
	CO100 S106 Killingworth Sidings (Ecology)	12	0	0	0	0	12
	CO101 Tynemouth Gym Equipment	60	0	0	0	0	60
	DV064 Council Property Investment	1,833	0	0	0	0	1,833
	DV066 Investment in North Tyneside Trading Co	4,787	3,000	3,000	3,000	2,000	15,787
	DV071 Section 106 Contributions to Set Up Health Facilities	0	0	0	0	0	0
	DV073 Ambition for North Tyneside	1,488	3,376	0	0	0	4,864
	DV074 North Shields Heritage Action Zone (Ambition)	175	0	0	0	0	175
	DV077 Tyne Brand Development Site	4,046	190	0	0	0	4,236
	DV079 Howard Street The Exchange	3	0	0	0	0	3
	DV080 Segedunum Roman Museum MEND	675	0	0	0	0	675
	DV081 North Shields Cultural Quarter	286	250	0	0	0	536
	DV082 Wallsend Town & High Street Programme	1,240	600	0	0	0	1,840
	DV083 The Globe Gallery and Business Centre	300	0	0	0	0	300
	ED075 Devolved Formula Capital	1,568	1,610	610	610	610	5,008
	ED120 Basic Need	0	0	0	0	0	0
	ED132 School Capital Allocation	4,915	3,868	3,868	3,868	3,868	20,387
	ED190 High Needs Provision Capital Allocation	4,454	5,206	0	0	0	9,660
	EV034 Local Transport Plan	3,580	2,552	2,986	2,986	2,986	15,090
	EV055 Surface Water Improvements	675	0	0	0	0	675
	EV056 Additional Highways Maintenance	3,604	3,253	2,000	2,000	2,000	12,857
	EV069 Vehicle Replacement	1,499	1,676	1,123	3,000	1,500	8,798
	EV076 Operational Depot Accommodation Review	274	0	0	0	0	274
	EV083 Street Lighting LED	1,486	2,101	0	0	0	3,587
	EV091 Other Initiatives Climate Change	1,114	750	1,000	1,000	1,000	4,864
	EV094 Transforming Cities Fund – NT02 North Shields Transport Hub	12,218	0	0	0	0	12,218
	EV095 Active Travel Fund 1 & 2 Rake Lane	59	0	0	0	0	59
	EV096 Highway Maintenance Challenge Fund – Tanners Bank	334	250	0	0	0	584
	EV097 Weetslade & Westmoor Roundabouts, Great Lime Road (S106 Bellway Homes)	896	0	0	0	0	896
	EV098 Transforming Cities Fund – NT08 Four Lane Ends Bus Priority	1,575	0	0	0	0	1,575
	EV099 Transforming Cities Fund – NT10 Links to Metro	3,766	0	0	0	0	3,766
	EV100 Active Travel 3 – Permenant Seafront Scheme	3,940	6,734	0	0	0	10,674
	EV101 Transforming Cities Fund – Intelligent Transport Systems	97	0	0	0	0	97
	EV102 On Street Residential Charging Scheme	233	0	0	0	0	233
	EV103 S106 Nexus Schemes	94	0	0	0	0	94
	GEN03 Contingencies	2,016	2,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	7,016
	GEN12 Local Infrastructure	147	100	100	100	100	547
	GEN13 Project Management	100	100	100	100	100	500
	HS004 Disabled Facilities Grant	2,578	1,869	0	0	0	4,447
	HS051 Private Sector Empty Homes	260	205	206	0	0	671
	HS053 Green Homes Local Authority Delivery	882	0	0	0	0	882
	HS055 Home Upgrade Grant	311	310	0	0	0	621
	IT020 ICT Strategy	1,517	1,000	1,250	1,250	1,250	6,267
General Fund Total		78,188	44,335	19,176	20,414	17,914	180,027
HRA							
	HS015 Refurbishment / Decent Homes Improvements	25,484	24,861	25,535	26,620	28,715	131,215
	HS017 Disabled Adaptations	1,633	1,599	1,315	1,328	1,341	7,216
	HS039 ICT Infrastructure Works	1,111	210	112	113	114	1,660
	HS044 HRA New Build	6,311	4,000	4,000	3,500	4,000	21,811
	HS054 HRA Vehicle Replacement Programme	0	0	0	1,800	1,800	3,600
HRA Total		34,539	30,670	30,962	33,361	35,970	165,502
Total £000		112,727	75,005	50,138	53,775	53,884	345,529

		Year					Total £000
		Period of Change					
		2023/24 £000	2024/25 £000	2025/26 £000	2026/27 £000	2027/28 £000	
Fund	Category						
General Fund							
	Council Contribution	20,332	19,408	11,529	12,950	10,450	74,669
	Council Contribution - Capital Receipts	1,417	0	0	0	0	1,417
	Grants & Contributions	54,970	24,927	7,647	7,464	7,464	102,472
	Revenue Contribution	620	0	0	0	0	620
	Contribution from Reserves	849	0	0	0	0	849
General Fund Total		78,188	44,335	19,176	20,414	17,914	180,027
HRA Financing							
	HRA Capital Receipts	3,941	2,170	2,153	1,060	1,202	10,526
	HRA Revenue Contribution	11,589	13,592	14,137	16,259	16,557	72,134
	HRA MRR	17,544	14,167	14,592	14,112	17,411	77,826
	HRA Grants & Contributions	1,050	611	0	0	0	1,661
	HRA Contribution from Reserves	415	130	80	1,930	800	3,355
HRA Financing Total		34,539	30,670	30,962	33,361	35,970	165,502
Total£000		112,727	75,005	50,138	53,775	53,884	345,529

2024-2028 Financial Planning and Budget Process

Timetable of Key Milestones for 2024/25

Date / Meeting	Detail
27 November 2023 Cabinet	Cabinet considers its 2024-2028 initial Budget proposals in relation to General Fund, Schools, Housing Revenue Account & Investment Plan for 2024-2029.
28 November 2023	Notice of Objection process for the 2023/24 Budget commences.
28 November 2023	Budget and Council Plan engagement process begins. Ends in January 2024.
29 November 2023 Scrutiny Process	Scrutiny of the 2024-2028 Financial Planning and Budget process.
11 December 2023 Overview & Scrutiny Co-ordination and Finance Committee	Overview & Scrutiny Co-ordination and Finance Committee consider Cabinets Initial Budget Proposals for 2024-2028 Financial Planning and Budget and Council Plan process.
Mid December 2023	Estimated timing of the 2024/25 Provisional Local Government Finance Settlement.
15 January 2024 Overview & Scrutiny Co-ordination and Finance Committee	Overview & Scrutiny Co-ordination and Finance Committee considers the results of its review of the 2024-2028 Financial Planning and Budget and Council Plan process.
22 January 2024 Cabinet	2024/25 Council Tax Base agreed by Cabinet
29 January 2024 Cabinet	Cabinet approves the final proposals in relation to the 2024/25 Housing Revenue Account budget and associated Business Plan, including an assessment in relation to the current year's budget monitoring information (2023/24). In addition, Cabinet will agree the Annual Housing Rent policy for 2024/25.

Appendix 3

Date / Meeting	Detail
29 January 2024 Cabinet	Cabinet considers its Budget proposals for 2024-2028 in relation to General Fund Revenue, Schools & Investment Plan for 2024-2029, taking into account feedback received as part of Budget Engagement and any recommendations from Overview and Scrutiny and Policy Development Committee.
30 January 2024 Overview & Scrutiny Co-ordination and Finance Committee	Overview & Scrutiny Co-ordination and Finance Committee/Budget Study Group as appropriate considers Cabinet's final Budget proposals.
5 February 2023 Cabinet	Cabinet meeting to consider any recommendations of the Overview and Scrutiny Budget Study Group following its review of the Cabinets 2024/25 Budget and Council Tax proposals.
13 February 2024	4pm deadline for responses to the Authority's Notice of Objection
15 February 2024 Council	Cabinet submits to the Council its estimates of amounts for the 2024-2028 Financial Plan and 2024/25 Budget & Council Tax levels.
19 February 2024 (if required) Cabinet	<p>Cabinet Meeting to consider any objections to Cabinet's Budget and Council Plan proposals.</p> <p>The Cabinet meeting on 19 February 2024 is now a scheduled meeting with other items of business and will proceed even where no objections are approved.</p>
29 February 2024 (if required) Council	<p>Council meeting to agree the Budget for 2024/25, the Council Tax level for 2024/25 and the Investment Plan for 2024-2029</p> <p>The Council meeting on 29 February 2024 is now a scheduled meeting with other items of business and will proceed even where no objections are approved.</p>

Appendix 3 - Section 106 Spend & Commitments Summary (31 July 2023)

	Received	Spent / Draw	Balance	Committed
Sports Facilities	-1,850,356	1,391,568	-458,788	-60,073
Travel Provisions	-1,547,476	554,931	-992,545	-397,638
Highway Works	-1,700,303	288,633	-1,411,670	-173,858
Allotments	-216,307	51,826	-164,481	-22,514
Cultural Facilities/Works	-28,000	0	-28,000	-28,000
Parks	-1,377,056	582,522	-794,535	-239,416
Healthcare/ Facilities	-1,561,850	438,038	-1,123,812	-162,103
Employment Initiatives	-120,762	22,456	-98,306	-15,000
Playsites	-1,171,911	574,877	-597,034	-7,469
Education	-8,365,679	4,128,210	-4,237,470	-1,729,893
Affordable Housing	-1,264,673	1,264,673	0	0
Coastal Mitigation	-76,445	0	-76,445	0
Ecology	-936,826	306,658	-630,168	-395,968
Air Quality Monitoring	-11,507	0	-11,507	-11,507
Public Rights of Way	-48,979	0	-48,979	0
Community Facilities	-63,865	0	-63,865	0
Total	-20,341,997	9,604,392	-10,737,606	-3,243,439

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Appendix 4 - Section 106 Spend & Commitments breakdown (31 July 2023)

Key:	
IPB approved / comitted spend	GREEN
End dates due 2023	AMBER
Past end date	RED
Over 1 year to commit spend	CLEAR
Funding Drawn	Blue

Sports Facilities	HS04				
Development	Received	Spent / Draw	Balance	Committed	End Date
13/01433/S106 - Wallsend Ward (S0062) - Land East of the Covers, Wallsend - Bellway - 13/00987/FUL	-198,705.00	198,705.46	0.46	0.00	
13/01901/S106 - Camperdown Ward (S0055) - Land at White House Farm, Station Road, Killingworth - Bellway Homes - 11/02337/FUL	-585,361.00	403,538.00	-181,823.00	0.00	10.12.2025
14/00242/S106 - Battle Hill Ward (S0060) - Hadrian Education Centre - Gladedale - 12/02047/FUL	-96,924.00	96,924.00	0.00	0.00	
14/01941/S106 - Northumberland Ward (S0094) - Station Road East, Wallsend - Persimmon Homes - 12/02025/FUL	-429,216.00	429,216.00	0.00	0.00	
15/00113/S106 & 17/01040/S106 - Valley Ward (S0091) - Land South of 81 Killingworth Avenue - Duke of Northumberland 72 Settlement - 14/01687/OUT	-50,026.00	50,026.00	0.00	0.00	
16/00467/S106 - Benton Ward (S0100) - Darsley Park, Benton - Taylor Wimpey - 15/01144/FUL	-74,217.00	74,217.00	0.00	0.00	
16/01598/S106 - Weetslade Ward (S0103) - Land at Former East Wideopen Farmhouse - Bellway - 16/00848/FUL	-2,748.00	2,748.00	0.00	0.00	
18/00087/S106 - Northumberland Ward (S0121) - Land West of Station Road, Wallsend - - 16/01885/FUL	-136,193.24	136,193.24	0.00	0.00	
20/01140/S106 (S0125) - Moorhouses Covered Reservoir - Bellway Homes - 19/01280/FUL	-111,965.92	0.00	-111,965.92	-60,072.55	04.10.2027
21/00801/S106 (S0126) - Land North Of Castle Square, Backworth - Bernicia Group - 19/01674/FUL - Valley Ward	-165,000.00	0.00	-165,000.00	0.00	01.12.2027
Total	-1,850,356.16	1,391,567.70	-458,788.46	-60,072.55	

Travel Provisions					
Development	Received	Spent / Draw	Balance	Committed	End Date
02/03264/S106 - Chirton Ward (S0008) - Land Parcels West of First Avenue and North of Second Avenue Off Narvik Way, Tyne Tunnel Trading Estate, North Shields - UK Land	-7,500.00	7,500.00	0.00	0.00	
11/00939/S106 - Weetslade Ward (S0036) - Land East of Great Lime Road, Wideopen - Bellway Homes - 13/00551/FUL	-197,400.00	148,973.70	-48,426.30	-48,426.30	03.04.2024
12/01166/S106 - Collingwood Ward (S0066) - North Tyneside General Hospital - - 11/00765/OUT	-6,766.00	-42,529.54	-49,295.54	0.00	01.10.2023
13/01282/S106 & 15/01941/S106 - Killingworth Ward (S0063) - Scaffold Hill - Bellway & Taylor Wimpey - 11/01600/FUL	-414,264.00	414,264.00	0.00	0.00	
13/01736/S106 & 15/00513/S106 & 17/01036/S106 - Valley Ward (S0069) - Shiremoor West - Hotspur Land Ltd - 14/01931/FUL	-26,723.00	26,723.00	0.00	0.00	
13/01901/S106 - Camperdown Ward (S0055) - Land at White House Farm, Station Road, Killingworth - Bellway Homes - 11/02337/FUL	-145,871.00	0.00	-145,871.00	-145,871.00	24.07.2024
15/00113/S106 & 17/01040/S106 - Valley Ward (S0091) - Land South of 81 Killingworth Avenue - Duke of Northumberland 72 Settlement - 14/01687/OUT	-545,349.00	0.00	-545,349.00	0.00	29.07.2024
19/00262/S106 (S0124) - Land East of Salters Lane, Longbenton - Avant Homes - 16/01889/FUL	-203,341.18	0.00	-203,341.18	-203,341.18	06.09.2026
22/00498/S106 (S0133) - Former Motor Hog, Wallsend Road, North Shields - Mandale Investments - 21/02355/FUL	-262.18	0.00	-262.18	0.00	12.12.2023
Total	-1,547,476.36	554,931.16	-992,545.20	-397,638.48	

Highway Works					
Development	Received	Spent / Draw	Balance	Committed	End Date
09/01790/S106 - Killingworth Ward (S0053) - Unit 12 Wesley Way Benton Square Industrial Estate Benton - Harrison Properties Ltd - 09/00480/FUL	-20,858.00	0.00	-20,858.00	-20,858.00	No expiry date
11/01867/S106 & 11/0786/S106 - Wallsend Ward (S0041) - SPORTS GROUND KINGS ROAD SOUTH WALLSEND - NTC & BELLWAY HOMES-ISOS - 11/01345/FUL	-85,000.00	0.00	-85,000.00	0.00	14.07.2021
11/01867/S106 & 11/0786/S106 - Wallsend Ward (S0041) - SPORTS GROUND KINGS ROAD SOUTH WALLSEND - NTC & BELLWAY HOMES-ISOS - 11/01345/FUL	-20,000.00	0.00	-20,000.00	0.00	14.07.2021
12/01166/S106 - Collingwood Ward (S0066) - North Tyneside General Hospital - - 11/00765/OUT	-283,132.72	283,133.00	0.00	0.00	
13/01614/S106 - Killingworth Ward (S0058) - The Limes Development, Palmersville - Taylor Wimpey -	-153,000.00	0.00	-153,000.00	-153,000.00	11.06.2020
14/00242/S106 - Battle Hill Ward (S0060) - Hadrian Education Centre - Gladedale - 12/02047/FUL	-5,500.00	5,500.00	0.00	0.00	
14/01941/S106 - Northumberland Ward (S0094) - Station Road East, Wallsend - Persimmon Homes - 12/02025/FUL	-538,957.33	0.00	-538,957.33	0	17.05.2026
16/00467/S106 - Benton Ward (S0100) - Darsley Park, Benton - Taylor Wimpey - 15/01144/FUL	-174,397.00	0.00	-174,397.00	0	07.01.2026
20/01427/S106 (S0128) - West Chirton Industrial Estate South - Miller Homes - 14/01018/OUT	-373,019.60	0.00	-373,019.60	0	27.09.2028
19/00262/S106 (S0124) - Land East of Salters Lane, Longbenton - Avant Homes - 16/01889/FUL	-46,438.00	0.00	-46,438.00	0	06.09.2026
Total	-1,700,302.65	288,633.00	-1,411,669.93	-173,858.00	

Allotments					
Development	Received	Spent / Draw	Balance	Committed	End Date
10/00793/S106 - Battle Hill Ward (S0030) - Former Battle Hill Library, Community Centre And Customer Service Centre And, 1-22 The Parade, Wallsend - Keepmoat Homes -	-2,700.00	0.00	-2,700.00	-2,700.00	
11/00939/S106 - Weetslade Ward (S0036) - Land East of Great Lime Road, Wideopen - Bellway Homes - 13/00551/FUL	-43,726.00	43,726.00	0.00	0	
13/00947/S106 - Weetslade Ward (S0064) - Land at East Wideopen Farm - - 13/00198/FUL	-8,100.00	8,100.00	0.00		
13/01433/S106 - Wallsend Ward (S0062) - Land East of the Covers, Wallsend - Bellway - 13/00987/FUL	-2,700.00	0.00	-2,700.00	-2,700.00	18.09.2024
13/01901/S106 - camperdown Ward (S0055) - Land at White House Farm, Station Road, Killingworth - Bellway Homes - 11/02337/FUL	-37,144.00	0.00	-37,144.00	0	07.12.2025
13/02005/S106 - Whitley Bay Ward (S0072) - Site Of Former, 35 Esplanade - John Spencer Harvey - 13/01526/FUL	-2,755.00	0.00	-2,755.00	0	18.09.2024
14/00242/S106 - Battle Hill Ward (S0060) - Hadrian Education Centre - Gladedale - 12/02047/FUL	-2,699.50	0.00	-2,699.50	-2,699.50	08.12.2022
14/01721/S106 - Northumberland Ward (S0089) - Former Parkside Special School, Wallsend - Bellway Homes - 14/00897/FUL	-5,400.00	0.00	-5,400.00	-5,400.00	03.03.2022
14/01941/S106 - Northumberland Ward (S0094) - Station Road East, Wallsend - Persimmon Homes - 12/02025/FUL	-61,954.00	0.00	-61,954.00	0	16.11.2023
15/00100/S106 - Killingworth Ward (S0096) - Former REME Depot, Killingworth - Diocese of Hexham - 14/00730/FUL	-9,014.00	0.00	-9,014.00	-9,014.00	22.06.2022
16/00467/S106 - Benton Ward (S0100) - Darsley Park, Benton - Taylor Wimpey - 15/01144/FUL	-5,572.80	0.00	-5,572.80	0	22.06.2023
21/00082/S106 (S0129) - Field North of 45 Sunholme Drive, Wallsend - Persimmon Homes - 20/01047/FUL	-3,750.83	0.00	-3,750.83	0	16.12.2028
18/00087/S106 - Northumberland Ward (S0121) - Land West of Station Road, Wallsend - - 16/01885/FUL	-17,243.56	0.00	-17,243.56	0	01.08.2027
20/01140/S106 (S0125) - Moorhouses Covered Reservoir - Bellway Homes - 19/01280/FUL	-5,792.74	0.00	-5,792.74	0	04.10.2027
21/00801/S106 (S0126) - Land North Of Castle Square, Backworth - Bernicia Group - 19/01674/FUL - Valley Ward	-2,700.00	0.00	-2,700.00	0	01.12.2027
16/02016/S106 - Longbenton Ward (S0105) - Land North of 1 Whitcroft Road, West Moor - Bellway - 16/01316/FUL	-5,054.82	0.00	-5,054.82	0	04.10.2027
Total	-216,307.25	51,826.00	-164,481.25	-22,513.50	

Cultural Facilities/Works					
Development	Received	Spent / Draw	Balance	Committed	End Date
10/00793/S106 - Battle Hill Ward (S0030) - Former Battle Hill Library, Community Centre And Customer Service Centre And, 1-22 The Parade, Wallsend - Keepmoat Homes -	-5,000.00	0.00	-5,000.00	-5,000.00	06.06.2016
11/00939/S106 - Weetslade Ward (S0036) - Land East of Great Lime Road, Wideopen - Bellway Homes - 13/00551/FUL	-5,000.00	0.00	-5,000.00	-5,000.00	01.05.2020
15/00496/S106 - Collingwood Ward (S0090) - Travelodge Hotel, Wallsend - Crown Estates - 14/01698/FUL	-3,000.00	0.00	-3,000.00	-3,000.00	19.09.2021
16/00274/S106 - Camperdown Ward (S0098) - Land at Former Chan Buildings, Stephenson Industrial Estate - - 15/01708/FUL	-15,000.00	0.00	-15,000.00	-15,000.00	22.06.2023
Total	-28,000.00	0.00	-28,000.00	-28,000.00	

Parks					
Development	Received	Spent / Draw	Balance	Committed	End Date
10/02253/S106 - Chirton Ward (S0032) - Land At Former Meadowell Primary SchoolWantage AvenueNorth Shields - Ben Bailey Homes - 10/01274/FUL	-9,160.00	0.00	-9,160.00	-9,160.00	No expiry date
13/01433/S106 - Wallsend Ward (S0062) - Land East of the Covers, Wallsend - Bellway - 13/00987/FUL	-13,012.00	13,012.00	0.00	0.00	
13/01901/S106 - Camperdown Ward (S0055) - Land at White House Farm, Station Road, Killingworth - Bellway Homes - 11/02337/FUL	-296,279.00	0.00	-296,279.00	0	07.12.2025
13/02005/S106 - Whitley Bay Ward (S0072) - Site Of Former, 35 Esplanade - John Spencer Harvey - 13/01526/FUL	-8,414.00	2,732.52	-5,681.48	0	18.09.2024
14/00242/S106 - Battle Hill Ward (S0060) - Hadrian Education Centre - Gladedale - 12/02047/FUL	-31,637.50	31,637.00	-0.50		
14/01744/S106 - Howdon Ward (S0093) - St Marks Church, Wallsend - Marine Buildings Ltd - 13/01655/FUL	-3,251.00	0.00	-3,251.00	-3,251.00	21.07.2022
14/01941/S106 - Northumberland Ward (S0094) - Station Road East, Wallsend - Persimmon Homes - 12/02025/FUL	-617,782.22	401,119.25	-216,662.97	-216,662.97	17.05.2026
15/00100/S106 - Killingworth Ward (S0096) - Former REME Depot, Killingworth - Diocese of Hexham - 14/00730/FUL	-58,166.00	0.00	-58,166.00	0	22.06.2022
15/01088/S106 - Benton Ward (S0097) - Former St Bartholomews Primary School, Benton - - 15/00406/FUL	-8,960.00	2,521.00	-6,439.00	-6,439.00	15.03.2023
16/01571/S106 - Cullercoats Ward (S0102) - 16 John Street, Cullercoats - - 16/00193/FUL	-540.00	0.00	-540.00	-540.00	06.12.2021
14/01905/S106 (S0123) - Wallsend Community Centre 196A and 196 Vine Street - - 14/01348/FUL	-3,363.00	0.00	-3,363.00	-3,363.00	22.06.2023
17/00557/S106 - Riverside Ward (S0107) - Land at Ballast Hill Road - Cussins (North East) Ltd - 16/01692/FUL	-3,636.00	0.00	-3,636.00		26.10.2025
21/00082/S106 (S0129) - Field North of 45 Sunholme Drive, Wallsend - Persimmon Homes - 20/01047/FUL	-19,433.00	0.00	-19,433.00	0	18.07.2029
16/01375/S106 & 17/0162/S106 - Camperdown Ward (S0086) - Stephenson House, Killingworth - Bellway - 16/00232/FUL	-21,958.00	0.00	-21,958.00	0	20.10.2022
20/01140/S106 (S0125) - Moorhouses Covered Reservoir - Bellway Homes - 19/01280/FUL	-44,048.32	0.00	-44,048.32	0	14.10.2027
19/00262/S106 (S0124) - Land East of Salters Lane, Longbenton - Avant Homes - 16/01889/FUL	-67,232.24	0.00	-67,232.24	0	06.09.2026
18/00087/S106 - Northumberland Ward (S0121) - Land West of Station Road, Wallsend - - 16/01885/FUL	-131,500.08	131,500.00	-0.08		
16/02016/S106 - Longbenton Ward (S0105) - Land North of 1 Whitcroft Road, West Moor - Bellway - 16/01316/FUL	-38,684.00	0.00	-38,684.00		04.10.2027
Total	-1,377,056.36	582,521.77	-794,534.59	-239,415.97	

Healthcare/ Facilities					
Development	Received	Spent / Draw	Balance	Committed	End Date
11/00170/S106 - Riverside Ward (S0034) - John Lilley And GillieClive StreetNorth Shields - AWC Property Ltd - 10/01326/FUL	-5,808.00	5,808.00	0.00	0.00	
11/00939/S106 - Weetslade Ward (S0036) - Land East of Great Lime Road, Wideopen - Bellway Homes - 13/00551/FUL	-166,438.00	142,838.75	-23,599.00	-23,599.00	01.05.2020
11/01188/S106 - Tynemouth Ward (S0038) - Land To The Rear OfLinskill ParkPreston AvenueNorth Shields - Gentoo - 11/00748/FUL	-6,776.00	0.00	-6,776.00	0.00	17.01.2018
11/01967/S106 - Riverside Ward (S0043) - Site of Unit 1, Howdon Green Industrial Estate, Norman Terrace - Bellway Homes - 11/01346/FUL	-6,776.00	6,776.00	0.00	0.00	
12/01234/S106 - St Mary's Ward (S0046) - Glebe School Site - Charles Church Ltd - 12/00896/FUL	-6,776.00	0.00	-6,776.00	0	19.09.2019
13/01614/S106 - Killingworth Ward (S0058) - The Limes Development, Palmersville - Taylor Wimpey -	-31,918.00	0.00	-31,918.00	-31,918.00	
13/01736/S106 & 15/00513/S106 & 17/01036/S106 - Valley Ward (S0069) - Shiremoor West - Hotspur Land Ltd - 14/01930/FUL	-401,027.00	0.00	-401,027.00	0.00	01.06.2026
13/01901/S106 - Camperdown Ward (S0055) - Land at White House Farm, Station Road, Killingworth - Bellway Homes - 11/02337/FUL	-311,277.00	0.00	-311,277.00	0.00	07.12.2025
14/01941/S106 - Northumberland Ward (S0094) - Station Road East, Wallsend - Persimmon Homes - 12/02025/FUL	-398,412.15	264,393.36	-134,018.79	0.00	01.07.2024
15/00100/S106 - Killingworth Ward (S0096) - Former REME Depot, Killingworth - Diocese of Hexham - 14/00730/FUL	-68,404.00	18,222.00	-50,182.00	-50,182.00	22.06.2022
16/02016/S106 - Longbenton Ward (S0105) - Land North of 1 Whitecroft Road, West Moor - Bellway - 16/01316/FUL	-56,404.25	0.00	-56,404.25	-56,404.25	03.01.2028
18/00087/S106 - Northumberland Ward (S0121) - Land West of Station Road, Wallsend - - 16/01885/FUL	-101,833.49	0.00	-101,833.49		01.08.2027
Total	-1,561,849.89	438,038.11	-1,123,811.53	-162,103.25	

Employment Initiatives					
Development	Received	Spent / Draw	Balance	Committed	End Date
16/00274/S106 - Camperdown Ward (S0098) - Land at Former Chan Buildings, Stephenson Industrial Estate - - 15/01708/FUL	-14,800.00	14,799.66	-0.34		
16/02016/S106 - Longbenton Ward (S0105) - Land North of 1 Whitecroft Road, West Moor - Bellway - 16/01316/FUL	-17,608.25	7,656.23	-9,952.02		16.01.2029
21/00082/S106 (S0129) - Field North of 45 Sunholme Drive, Wallsend - Persimmon Homes - 20/01047/FUL	-55,751.53	0.00	-55,751.53		15.12.2026
21/00449/S106 (S0130) - Tanners Banks - Ovington Boats - 20/01044/FUL	-2,583.84	0.00	-2,583.84		15.12.2026
22/00498/S106 (S0133) - Former Motor Hog, Wallsend Road, North Shields - Mandale Investments - 21/02355/FUL	-15,000.00	0.00	-15,000.00	-15,000.00	30.09.2027
20/01140/S106 (S0125) - Moorhouses Covered Reservoir - Bellway Homes - 19/01280/FUL	-15,018.18	0.00	-15,018.18	0	04.10.2027
	0.00	0.00	0.00		
Total	-120,761.80	22,455.89	-98,305.91	-15,000.00	

Playsites					
Development	Received	Spent / Draw	Balance	Committed	End Date
12/01234/S106 - St Mary's Ward (S0046) - Glebe School Site - Charles Church Ltd - 12/00896/FUL	-2,306.00	2,306.00	0.00	0.00	
13/01064/S106 - Valley Ward (S0050) - St Edmunds Building Station Road Backworth - Bett Homes - 13/00622/FUL	-1,082.42	1,082.00	-0.42	0.00	
13/01433/S106 - Wallsend Ward (S0062) - Land East of the Covers, Wallsend - Bellway - 13/00987/FUL	-19,961.00	19,961.00	0.00	0.00	
13/01737/S106 - Killingworth Ward (S0061) - Land North of Forest Gate, Palmersville - Avant Homes - 13/01412/FUL	-43,981.00	43,981.00	0.00	0.00	
13/01901/S106 - Camperdown Ward (S0055) - Land at White House Farm, Station Road, Killingworth - Bellway Homes - 11/02337/FUL	-294,454.00	71,500.00	-222,954.00	0.00	08.11.2023
14/01721/S106 - Northumberland Ward (S0089) - Former Parkside Special School, Wallsend - Bellway Homes - 14/00897/FUL	-23,425.00	23,425.00	0.00	0.00	
14/01904/S106 - Longbenton Ward (S0095) - Former St Stephen's School, Longbenton - Diocese of Hexham - 14/01490/FUL	-27,839.00	27,839.00	0.00	0.00	
14/01941/S106 - Northumberland Ward (S0094) - Station Road East, Wallsend - Persimmon Homes - 12/02025/FUL	-218,532.00	0.00	-218,532.00	0.00	16.11.2023
15/00113/S106 & 17/01040/S106 - Valley Ward (S0091) - Land South of 81 Killingworth Avenue - Duke of Northumberland 72 Settlement - 14/01687/OUT	-252,435.00	252,435.00	0.00	0.00	
15/01088/S106 - Benton Ward (S0097) - Former St Bartholomews Primary School, Benton - - 15/00406/FUL	-8,287.00	8,287.00	0.00	0.00	
16/00188/S106 - Weetslade Ward (S0101) - Dudley People's Centre - Tantallon Homes - 15/00949/FUL	-8,498.00	8,484.00	-14.00	0.00	
16/00467/S106 - Benton Ward (S0100) - Darsley Park, Benton - Taylor Wimpey - 15/01144/FUL	-55,636.00	55,636.00	0.00	0.00	
14/01905/S106 (S0123) - Wallsend Community Centre 196A and 196 Vine Street - - 14/01348/FUL	-4,987.00	4,987.00	0.00	0.00	
16/01375/S106 & 17/0162/S106 - Camperdown Ward (S0086) - Stephenson House, Killingworth - Bellway - 16/00232/FUL	-32,554.00	32,554.00	0.00	0.00	
12/00415/S106 - Preston Ward (S0073) - Cleveland Adult Training Centre - - 11/02423/FUL	-7,469.00	0.00	-7,469.00	-7,469.00	
19/00262/S106 (S0124) - Land East of Salters Lane, Longbenton - Avant Homes - 16/01889/FUL	-91,746.79	0.00	-91,746.79	0.00	06.09.2026
20/01140/S106 (S0125) - Moorhouses Covered Reservoir - Bellway Homes - 19/01280/FUL	-56,318.19	0.00	-56,318.19	0.00	04.10.2027
21/00801/S106 (S0126) - Land North Of Castle Square, Backworth - Bernicia Group - 19/01674/FUL - Valley Ward	-22,400.00	22,400.00	0.00	0.00	
Total	-1,171,911.40	574,877.00	-597,034.40	-7,469.00	

Education					
Development	Received	Spent / Draw	Balance	Committed	End Date
13/01282/S106 & 15/01941/S106 - Killingworth Ward (S0063) - Scaffold Hill - Bellway & Taylor Wimpey - 11/01600/FUL	-3,187,124.72	1,706,231.84	-1,480,892.88	-1,480,892.88	Primary - 20.03.2029, Secondary 23.09.2031
13/01433/S106 - Wallsend Ward (S0062) - Land East of the Covers, Wallsend - Bellway - 13/00987/FUL	-20,790.00	0.00	-20,790.00	0.00	16.07.2020
13/01614/S106 - Killingworth Ward (S0058) - The Limes Development, Palmersville - Taylor Wimpey -	-68,082.00	0.00	-68,082.00	0.00	No date available
13/01736/S106 & 15/00513/S106 & 17/01036/S106 - Valley Ward (S0069) - Shiremoor West - Hotspur Land Ltd - 14/01930/FUL	-2,187,978.00	2,122,978.00	-65,000.00	0.00	30.10.2023
13/01737/S106 - Killingworth Ward (S0061) - Land North of Forest Gate, Palmersville - Avant Homes - 13/01412/FUL	-57,000.00	50,000.00	-7,000.00	0.00	01.01.2023
13/01901/S106 - Camperdown Ward (S0055) - Land at White House Farm, Station Road, Killingworth - Bellway Homes - 11/02337/FUL	-308,674.00	0.00	-308,674.00	0.00	26.06.2024
14/01721/S106 - Northumberland Ward (S0089) - Former Parkside Special School, Wallsend - Bellway Homes - 14/00897/FUL	-32,400.00	0.00	-32,400.00	0.00	03.03.2022
14/01941/S106 - Northumberland Ward (S0094) - Station Road East, Wallsend - Persimmon Homes - 12/02025/FUL	-433,782.00	0.00	-433,782.00	0.00	03.12.2023
15/00100/S106 - Killingworth Ward (S0096) - Former REME Depot, Killingworth - Diocese of Hexham - 14/00730/FUL	-760,470.00	0.00	-760,470.00	0.00	06.12.2023
15/00113/S106 & 17/01040/S106 - Valley Ward (S0091) - Land South of 81 Killingworth Avenue - Duke of Northumberland 72 Settlement - 14/01687/OUT	-796,764.34	249,000.00	-547,764.34	-249,000	26.01.2026
17/00557/S106 - Riverside Ward (S0107) - Land at Ballast Hill Road - Cussins (North East) Ltd - 16/01692/FUL	-73,339.00	0.00	-73,339.00	0.00	26.10.2025
14/01905/S106 (S0123) - Wallsend Community Centre 196A and 196 Vine Street - - 14/01348/FUL	-26,231.00	0.00	-26,231.00	0.00	01.12.2024
21/00082/S106 (S0129) - Field North of 45 Sunholme Drive, Wallsend - Persimmon Homes - 20/01047/FUL	-55,326.21	0.00	-55,326.21	0.00	16.12.2028
20/01140/S106 (S0125) - Moorhouses Covered Reservoir - Bellway Homes - 19/01280/FUL	-225,861.74	0.00	-225,861.74	0.00	17.12.2027
16/02016/S106 - Longbenton Ward (S0105) - Land North of 1 Whitcroft Road, West Moor - Bellway - 16/01316/FUL	-44,356.43	0.00	-44,356.43	0.00	03.01.2028
21/00801/S106 (S0126) - Land North Of Castle Square, Backworth - Bernicia Group - 19/01674/FUL - Valley Ward	-87,500.00	0.00	-87,500.00	0.00	01.12.2027
Total	-8,365,679.44	4,128,209.84	-4,237,469.60	-1,729,892.88	

Affordable Housing					
Development	Received	Spent / Draw	Balance	Committed	End Date
17/00557/S106 - Riverside Ward (S0107) - Land at Ballast Hill Road - Cussins (North East) Ltd - 16/01692/FUL	-107,560.00	107,560.00	0.00	0.00	26.10.2025
16/02016/S106 - Longbenton Ward (S0105) - Land North of 1 Whitcroft Road, West Moor - Bellway - 16/01316/FUL	-1,157,113.40	1,157,113.40	0.00	0.00	03.01.2028
Total	-1,264,673.40	1,264,673.40	0.00	0.00	

Coastal Mitigation					
Development	Received	Spent / Draw	Balance	Committed	End Date
19/00058/S106 (S0122) - 26-32 South Parade, Whitley bay - - 17/01777/FUL	-7,200.00	0.00	-7,200.00	0.00	29.03.2029
21/00082/S106 (S0129) - Field North of 45 Sunholme Drive, Wallsend - Persimmon Homes - 20/01047/FUL	-5,462.24	0.00	-5,462.24	0.00	05.01.2029
19/00652/S106 (S0132) - 30 - 37 Clive Street, North Shields, Tyne And Wear - UKQ Clive Street LLP - 19/00436/FUL	-10,000.00	0.00	-10,000.00	0.00	No expiry date
20/01140/S106 (S0125) - Moorhouses Covered Reservoir - Bellway Homes - 19/01280/FUL	-27,113.18	0.00	-27,113.18	0.00	04.10.2027
21/00811/S106 (S0139) - - -	-1,812.00	0.00	-1,812.00	0.00	No expiry date
21/00811/S106 (S0134) - - -	-2,359.00	0.00	-2,359.00	0.00	No expiry date
21/00801/S106 (S0126) - Land North Of Castle Square, Backworth - Bernicia Group - 19/01674/FUL - Valley Ward	-5,681.00	0.00	-5,681.00	0.00	01.12.2027
Section 106 Ref - 22/01553/S106 (S0140) - - -	-3,370.00	0.00	-3,370.00	0.00	10 years to deliver
Section 106 Ref - 22/01571/S106 (S0141) - - -	-1,208.00	0.00	-1,208.00	0.00	No expiry date
Section 106 Ref - 20/01876/S106 (S0142) - - -	-12,240.00	0.00	-12,240.00	0.00	No expiry date
Total	-76,445.42	0.00	-76,445.42	0.00	

Ecology Development	Received	Spent / Draw	Balance	Committed	End Date
00/02134/S106 - Collingwood Ward (S0056) - Plot 6, Cobalt Business Park, Silver Fox Way, Wallsend - Highbridge - 00/01360/FUL	-21,410.00	8,149.00	-13,261.00	-13,261.00	No expiry date
06/01520/S106 - Tynemouth Ward (S0027) - Former Irvin Buildings, Union Quay, North Shields - Leftbank Developments (Hanover Square) Ltd - 05/03255/FUL	-6,000.00	0.00	-6,000.00	-6,000.00	No expiry date
10/02253/S106 - Chirton Ward (S0032) - Land At Former Meadowell Primary School/Wantage Avenue/North Shields - Ben Bailey Homes - 10/01274/FUL	-3,900.00	0.00	-3,900.00	-3,900.00	No expiry date
11/01755/S106 - Killingworth Ward (S0039) - Land To The North Of Amberley Community Primary School/East Bailey/Killingworth (now Greenacres) - Persimmon - 10/02655/FUL	-19,886.00	0.00	-19,886.00	-19,886.00	17.01.2018
11/01967/S106 - Riverside Ward (S0043) - Site of Unit 1, Howdon Green Industrial Estate, Norman Terrace - Bellway Homes - 11/01346/FUL	-1,365.00	0.00	-1,365.00	0.00	24.03.2018
13/00947/S106 - Weetslade Ward (S0064) - Land at East Wideopen Farm - - 13/00198/FUL	-11,016.00	0.00	-11,016.00	-11,016.00	20.06.2022
13/01571/S106 & 14/00473/S106 - Camperdown Ward (S0059) - Former Norgas House Site, Northumbrian Way - Barratts - 13/00691/FUL	-20,815.00	0.00	-20,815.00	-20,815.00	04.11.2020
13/01736/S106 & 15/00513/S106 & 17/01036/S106 - Valley Ward (S0069) - Shiremoor West - Hotspur Land Ltd - 14/01930/FUL	-313,787.00	0.00	-313,787.00	-313,787.00	24.10.2023
13/01901/S106 - Camperdown Ward (S0055) - Land at White House Farm, Station Road, Killingworth - Bellway Homes - 11/02337/FUL	-29,646.00	12,000.00	-17,646.00	0.00	06.12.2023
13/02005/S106 - Whitley Bay Ward (S0072) - Site Of Former, 35 Esplanade - John Spencer Harvey - 13/01526/FUL	-3,582.00	1,435.00	-2,147.00	-2,147.00	18.09.2024
14/00242/S106 - Battle Hill Ward (S0060) - Hadrian Education Centre - Gladedale - 12/02047/FUL	-13,348.00	13,348.00	0.00	0.00	
14/01744/S106 - Howdon Ward (S0093) - St Marks Church, Wallsend - Marine Buildings Ltd - 13/01655/FUL	-1,384.00	0.00	-1,384.00	0.00	21.07.2022
15/00113/S106 & 17/01040/S106 - Valley Ward (S0091) - Land South of 81 Killingworth Avenue - Duke of Northumberland 72 Settlement - 14/01687/OUT	-71,009.00	0.00	-71,009.00	0.00	26.01.2026
16/00467/S106 - Benton Ward (S0100) - Darsley Park, Benton - Taylor Wimpey - 15/01144/FUL	-7,571.00	0.00	-7,571.00	0.00	07.01.2026
16/01375/S106 & 17/0162/S106 - Camperdown Ward (S0086) - Stephenson House, Killingworth - Bellway - 16/00232/FUL	-18,737.00	0.00	-18,737.00	0.00	06.07.2023
16/02016/S106 - Longbenton Ward (S0105) - Land North of 1 Whitcroft Road, West Moor - Bellway - 16/01316/FUL	-2,588.00	0.00	-2,588.00	0.00	25.10.2023
17/01202/S106 - Chirton Ward (S0108) - Land Adjacent to Vroom Car Retail Park, Orion Way - Northumberland Estates Ltd - 17/00531/FUL	-2,857.00	0.00	-2,857.00	0.00	08.06.2023
14/01905/S106 (S0123) - Wallsend Community Centre 196A and 196 Vine Street - - 14/01348/FUL	-1,432.00	0.00	-1,432.00	-1,432.00	22.06.2023
21/00082/S106 (S0129) - Field North of 45 Sunholme Drive, Wallsend - Persimmon Homes - 20/01047/FUL	-7,053.89	0.00	-7,053.89	0.00	16.12.2028
20/00033/S106 (S0127) - Land East Of, Salters Lane, Longbenton - Avant Homes - 16/01889/FUL	0.25	0.00	0.25	0.00	06.09.2026
19/00262/S106 (S0124) - Land East of Salters Lane, Longbenton - Avant Homes - 16/01889/FUL	-41,668.00	0.00	-41,668.00	0.00	06.09.2026
20/01140/S106 (S0125) - Moorhouses Covered Reservoir - Bellway Homes - 19/01280/FUL	-15,688.64	0.00	-15,688.64	0.00	04.10.2027
22/00498/S106 (S0133) - Former Motor Hog, Wallsend Road, North Shields - Mandale Investments - 21/02355/FUL	-19,820.63	0.00	-19,820.63	0.00	11.10.2027
15/01088/S106 - Benton Ward (S0097) - Former St Bartholomews Primary School, Benton - - 15/00406/FUL	-3,724.00	0.00	-3,724.00	-3,724.00	15.03.2023
13/01433/S106 - Wallsend Ward (S0062) - Land East of the Covers, Wallsend - Bellway - 13/00987/FUL	-11,310.00	0.00	-11,310.00	0.00	16.07.2020
13/01901/S106 - camperdown Ward (S0055) - Land at White House Farm, Station Road, Killingworth - Bellway Homes - 11/02337/FUL	-71,500.00	71,500.00	0.00	0.00	
14/01721/S106 - Northumberland Ward (S0089) - Former Parkside Special School, Wallsend - Bellway Homes - 14/00897/FUL	-206,728.00	200,225.71	-6,502.29	0.00	03.03.2022
13/01901/S106 - camperdown Ward (S0055) - Land at White House Farm, Station Road, Killingworth - Bellway Homes - 11/02337/FUL	-3,000.00	0.00	-3,000.00	0.00	No expiry date
Total	-936,825.91	306,657.71	-630,168.20	-395,968.00	

Air Quality Monitoring					
Development	Received	Spent / Draw	Balance	Committed	End Date
13/01282/S106 & 15/01941/S106 - Killingworth Ward (S0063) - Scaffold Hill - Bellway & Taylor Wimpey - 11/01600/FUL	-11,507.00	0.00	-11,507.00	-11,507.00	20.04.2023
Total	-11,507.00	0.00	-11,507.00	-11,507.00	

Public Rights of Way					
Development	Received	Spent / Draw	Balance	Committed	End Date
19/00262/S106 (S0124) - Land East of Salters Lane, Longbenton - Avant Homes - 16/01889/FUL	-48,978.99	0.00	-48,978.99		06.09.2026
Total	-48,978.99	0.00	-48,978.99	0.00	

Community Facilities					
Development	Received	Spent / Draw	Balance	Committed	End Date
18/00087/S106 - Northumberland Ward (S0121) - Land West of Station Road, Wallsend - - 16/01885/FUL	-63,865.03	0.00	-63,865.03	0	01.08.2027
Total	-63,865.03	0.00	-63,865.03	0.00	

Section 106 Totals	-20,341,997.06	9,604,391.58	-10,737,605.51	-3,243,438.63	
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**North Tyneside
Council**

Briefing Note

To: Overview & Scrutiny
Co-ordination &
Finance Committee

Author: Sarah Heslop
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Date: 9 October 2023

Title of Briefing: Commercial and Procurement Information

Purpose of the Report

Cabinet agreed the Procurement and Commercial Strategy in March 2022. Bi-annually Cabinet receive details of forthcoming tender opportunities together with an update on social value, this has been received well and maximised social value from our supply chain. This Procurement and Commercial Strategy is the background document that underpins the service. This report seeks to provide an overview of the procurement service.

Information (Facts and Figures)

Year	Spend	No. of suppliers	NTC suppliers	TTWA suppliers
2022/2023	£338m	3910	847 (21.66%) £86.14m (25.49%)	1432 (36.62%) £139.5m (41.27%)
2021/2022	£289.1m	3814	829 (21.73%) £71.58m (24.76%)	1410 (36.96%) £118.1m (40.85%)
2020/2021	£306.2m	3443	752 (21.84%) £62.22m (20.32)	1268 (36.82%) £106m (34.62%)

Whilst the number of suppliers within North Tyneside is now stabilised, the percentage of spend within the Borough is steadily increasing. This is mirrored with suppliers within the Travel to Work Area.

The increased spend highlights costs in supplies and materials which was highlighted as a strategic risk, inflationary pressures in lease costs and the waste contract have also increased our spend. Major projects such as the transport interchange have also increased spend.

In the last year the team issued a staggering 1148 tenders/mini competitions across the Authority and Combined Authority.

Some Key Achievements

- Both 2021/2022 and 2022/2023 saw major commercial discussions. This saw the return of services to the management of the Authority from both Capita and Equans.
- The launch of the new social value criteria, weighting and scoring mechanism was welcomed and has added significant value to the Borough, this is now reported to Cabinet twice a year.
- The new contract management toolkit is being embedded within all services, feedback is generally positive and has helped our commercial footing with suppliers.

Key Areas for Progress

In 2023/2024 key areas for progress will include:

- Implementation of the OPEN system (this is the Authority's electronic tendering portal which is now delayed to September 2023);
- Working with legal and democratic to review governance around delegations, empowering heads of service;
- Increased transparency – workplans and trackers for contracts, quarterly meetings to recommence within directorates.

Action Plan Progress

Attached is the action plan setting out the areas for development and our progress against the plan. This is broken into 6 key areas within the organisation. An update against progress is provided, there are no major concerns at this time in achieving the strategy and action plan targets.

The LGA have updated their Procurement Strategy and added 3 new themes. They are:

- 1) Showing leadership – engaging key stakeholders and partners
- 2) Behaving commercially
- 3) Creating social value

The Procurement and commercial strategy includes the above, whilst commercial activity for local authorities is limited and our focus is on delivering high quality, value for money services there is opportunity for income generation through the Schools Service Level Agreement.

Key Procurements

2022/2023 saw some key ICT procurements being undertaken. We have commenced work on a Dark Fibre Solution and procured a Unified Housing System. The team will continue to work to procure an ERP solution.

2023/2024 will focus on Adult Social Care, the Extra Care Schemes and Residential Care home contracts will be procured.

Looking further into the future, waste will be our next major procurement, a working group will be established to oversee this project.

2027 will see the end of the Authority's strategic partnerships with Capita and Equans, the team will work to incorporate this into the Medium Term Financial Plan. I will work with relevant Directors on the Exit Strategy for both contracts. PFI contracts will come to an end and exit strategies will be developed.

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5. Strategic Action Plan 2022 - 2025

The table below shows the activity to be undertaken by the Commercial and Procurement team together with support from officers across the Authority. Cabinet will have oversight of progress with an annual review.

(a) Value for Money		Key achievements 2022/23	Actions 2023/24
Action	How will we measure success		
Establish a Procurement Savings Delivery Programme and Savings Capture Process	Linked to the Medium-Term Financial Plan. Develop a programme to identify savings opportunities from our procurement activity.	As a first step we have adapted the existing savings sheet and made it simpler to complete and understand. Verification sheets have been sent out and a couple have so far been returned.	Continue to document savings from procurements
Develop Procurement Management Procedures for lower value spend	Introduce spend management procedures to consolidate our low value supply base spend into corporate contracts to help deliver savings, whilst ensuring that buying behaviours and transactional volumes are reported and managed to improve compliance.	Future years (NEPO looking at strategy)	Future years (NEPO looking at strategy)

(b) Social Value			
Action	How will we measure success		
<p>Implement and further evaluate our new approach to Social Value</p>	<p>Finalise testing our newly developed Social Value Matrix as set out in annexe 1.</p> <p>Implement the revised Social Value priorities included in the Buyers Guide.</p> <p>Report results on a bi-annual basis to Cabinet.</p>	<p>Invitation for a commercial team representative to be present at pre-start meetings to go through the requirements and expectations. This will show that we are serious about reaching results and monitoring. Emphasis and linking into the Contract managers tool kit</p>	<p>Continue to capture gains from new social value methodology.</p>
<p>Review Local Supply – Travel to Work Area SMEs and the voluntary and community sector</p>	<p>Continue to gather data on the volume and value of contracts won by suppliers in the ‘Travel to Work Area’.</p> <p>Analyse and evaluate results to support local suppliers.</p> <p>Annually review our contract standing orders to ensure tendering with the Authority is fit for purpose.</p> <p>Monitor spend into the voluntary and community sector</p>	<p>Data gathering exercise undertaken Q4</p>	<p>Review data and link with policy and performance team to understand where targeted areas need engaging.</p>
(c) Capability and Capacity			
Action	How will we measure success		

Implementation of our Commercial and Procurement Principles (Contract Management Toolkit)	Undertake a contract collation exercise and introduce a corporate repository for all contracts (linked to regional NEPO system). Develop and publish a comprehensive contract management toolkit.	New contract management toolkit – developed. Pilot worked well – roll out on all new contracts.	Work with NEPO on OPEN system. Key priority waivers system
Embed training across the Authority	Develop and embed ongoing training suitable for all officers with purchasing responsibilities together with elected member training.	Training opportunities are advertised across the Authority. The team are linking with Central Government to deliver training and accreditation.	Implement e-learning and bespoke packages of training.
(d) Buying from Ourselves			
Action	How will we measure success		
How can we ensure that we determine whether “we can do it for ourselves” before procuring externally?	Conduct an ‘in-house analysis’ – during the final term of the contract. Review whether this should be delivered in house, re-tendered or delivered with a partner organisation e.g. NHS). Reduction in third party reliance. Monitor and log contracts not subject to retender. NB. reduction in third party spend or increase in third party suppliers does not necessarily mean that internal delivery has increased.	Contracts reviewed and where possible brought in house.	Contracts reviewed and where possible brought in house.

(e) Commercial and Procurement Delivery			
Action	How will we measure success		
Review the Current Organisational Procurement and Commercial Capacity	Review capacity within the Authority to deliver major procurements as well as day to-day-tendering activity. Review commercial capacity to assist with Strategic partnerships as well as top 100 suppliers. Upskill where necessary and create capacity to deliver.	Ongoing work to be undertaken to embed.	Ongoing work to be undertaken to embed.
Enhance transparency with suppliers	Continue with engagement with suppliers. Undertake training as required both internally and with third parties (e.g. NEPO). Utilise feedback from the market to enhance specifications and create greater value for money. Bi-annually publish our workplan through Cabinet and via our website. Review contract standing orders to enhance value for money.	Ongoing work.	Ongoing work.
(f) Working Towards a Net Zero Carbon Future			
Action	How will we measure success		

Existing Contracts	We will work with our existing suppliers utilising our influence to change behaviours. Annual service plans and contract management will capture benefits realised on behalf of the Authority.	Regular update meetings with existing contractors and some recognition for exceeding expected behaviours. Product reviews undertaken.	Regular update meetings with existing contractors and some recognition for exceeding expected behaviours.
Future procurements	All future procurements will consider net-carbon zero. We will maximise the benefit ensuring that specifications accord with our net-zero ambition. In line with the social value policy the benefits received will be reported to Cabinet.	ongoing	ongoing

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Meeting: Overview and Scrutiny Co-ordination and Finance Committee

Date: 9 October 2023

Title: Emergency Care in North Tyneside – Task and Finish Group Update

Author: Allison Mitchell, Head of Governance

Service: Governance

Wards affected: All

1. Purpose of Report

- 1.1 On 12 June 2023 Overview and Scrutiny Co-ordination and Finance Committee (OSCFC) agreed to establish a specific Task and Finish Group to give effect to a Motion agreed at Council on 16 March 2023 relating to Emergency Care in North Tyneside. This report seeks to update the Committee on progress made by the Task and Finish Group in its work to date, and to propose arrangements for reporting of findings and recommendations from the Task and Finish Group once work on the initial terms of reference is concluded.

2. Recommendations

- 2.1 The Committee is recommended to:
- (a) Note that a dedicated Task and Finish Group, specifically to take forward the matters in the Motion agreed at Council on 16 March 2023 regarding Emergency Care in North Tyneside, has been established as agreed by OSCFC on 12 June 2023;
 - (b) Note that all non-Executive Members of the Council were invited to volunteer to participate in the Task and Finish Group, and that the Task and Finish Group comprises ten non-Executive members;
 - (c) Note that four Task and Finish Group half-day work sessions have been arranged to progress the terms of reference agreed by OSCFC on 12 June 2023, and that work on the areas agreed by OSCFC at that meeting is now well-advanced;

- (d) Note that this work has included a detailed half day session receiving and scrutinising background evidence with senior officers from North Tyneside Council and Northumbria NHS Foundation Trust, in addition to imminent half day site visits scheduled at North Tyneside General Hospital and Northumbria Specialist Emergency Care Hospital;
- (e) Note that a final findings and recommendations development session has been arranged for Task and Finish Group members on 16 October 2023, at which all Task and Finish Group members have been invited to participate to develop conclusions and recommendations from the initial remit agreed;
- (f) Agrees that the initial report of the Task and Finish Group will be finalised by the Chair (who is also Chair of the Task and Finish Group) in consultation with the Members of the Task and Finish Group; and
- (g) Agrees that in turn, the Chair of OSCFC will arrange to present the initial report of the Task and Finish Group to Cabinet at its meeting on 27 November 2023, and to the following meeting of OSCFC on 11 December 2023, in order that the timeline agreed by OSCFC for this work is met.

3. Background

3.1 At its meeting on 12 June 2023 OSCFC agreed that a dedicated Task and Finish Group would be established to consider the following in relation to Emergency Care in North Tyneside:

- (a) **Need:** Gain an understanding of the need for emergency care in North Tyneside – particularly the Public Health view of the needs of the population
- (b) **The current offer and performance:** Gain an understanding of the current range of services and how they perform
- (c) **Background:** Gain an understanding of the decisions made to reach this point
- (d) **Northumbria Specialist Emergency Care Hospital:** Set out an understanding on the reasons for the original decision to develop and deliver the Hospital, how that has worked and how the model has been adjusted through experience
- (e) **Battle Hill Walk In Centre:** Set out an understanding of the reasons for the original decision to establish the centre, how it performed and what changed
- (f) **North Tyneside General Hospital:** Develop an overview of the current offer at the Rake Lane site including input from the Director of Adult Social Care on the work done by the North Tyneside Council team alongside NHS colleagues at North Tyneside General Hospital. (Officers and Members may consider a site visit to be useful)
- (g) **Community and patient voices:** Understand what is known about community views, and whether residents know how and where to access emergency care
- (h) **What could be improved and how would that happen:** Understand any existing plans and develop recommendations on how need is met and how to respond to any community views

- 3.2 Since that time and continuing to date, work in respect of these objectives has progressed in earnest. A Task and Finish Group comprising of ten non-Executive members has:
- (a) Received a suite of background evidence compiled by North Tyneside Council, Northumbria NHS Foundation Trust, and North East and North Cumbria Integrated Care Board
 - (b) Held an initial evidence evaluation session with the Chief Executive of North Tyneside Council, the Director of Public Health, the Chief Executive of Northumbria NHS Foundation Trust, the Chief Operating Officer of Northumbria NHS Foundation Trust and the Business Unit Director for Emergency Surgery and Elective Care
 - (c) Considered key questions in relation to current arrangements and their background, and service delivery and performance
 - (d) Gathered information and requested additional information required to analyse demand and performance data as well as resident and patient feedback, from a range of sources
 - (e) Arranged two key site visits to North Tyneside General Hospital and Northumbria Specialist Emergency Care Hospital, due to take place on 9 and 10 October 2023.
- 3.3 OSCFC requested that the study should be complete and reported by the end of the calendar year, to ensure that reporting on this important matter is timely and to ensure that other items in the Committee's work programme are also given appropriate attention. Dates of the sessions of the Task and Finish Group have been planned with this timeframe in mind, with the final 'Finding and Recommendations Development Session' of the Task and Finish Group arranged for 16 October 2023.
- 3.4 It is proposed that the initial report of the Task and Finish Group will be finalised by the Chair (who is also Chair of the Task and Finish Group) in consultation with the Members of the Task and Finish Group; and that the Chair of OSCFC presents the report of the Task and Finish Group to Cabinet on 27 November 2023 and to OSCFC on 11 December 2023.
- 3.5 Since the time that the remit of the Task and Finish Group as outlined above was agreed and while that work has been actively progressing, a further motion was proposed to and agreed by full Council at its meeting on 21 September 2023 regarding 'all aspects of healthcare provision and policy which impacts on the workload of the NHS emergency response services and the effectiveness of that response'. Council agreed that the remit of the Task and Finish Group should be widened to include within its scope. The additionality set out in this further motion is noted. The most effective way of taking these matters forward will be discussed and agreed with the Chair of OSCFC and the Task and Finish Group. A further update and

methodology on how the work set out in the 21 September 2023 Motion is proposed to be undertaken will then be reported to OSCFC in due course.

Background Information

- Council Motion 4, Meeting of full Council on 16 March 2023 ([see here](#))
- Council Motion 2, Meeting of full Council on 21 September 2023 ([see here](#))