



## GENERAL FUND REVENUE BUDGET MONITORING REPORT 2022/23 – POSITION AS AT 30<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER 2022

### Summary

The purpose of this report is to provide an update on the General Fund Revenue Budget of the Council as at 30<sup>th</sup> September 2022. The report includes a narrative description of the most significant variances from the profiled latest budget and details any actions required to address these. Appendix A to this report shows the value of the most significant variances for all of the Council services by Committee and provides a brief explanation for each variance.

### 1. Background

- 1.1 The Council operates a system of Revenue Budget Monitoring which revolves around the production of detailed monthly monitoring reports for budget holders. Significant variances from the expected budget position at the point of monitoring, both for expenditure and income, are summarised in monitoring reports which are periodically reported to each Programme Committee for information purposes. This report therefore details the findings and issues emerging from budget monitoring carried out to 30<sup>th</sup> September 2022.
- 1.2 It should be noted that work continues on improving budget profiling across the Council in order that budget profiles more accurately reflect the spending pattern of individual budgets across the financial year. This serves to enhance budget monitoring and focus attention on true variances rather than budget profiling issues. This is a continuous process with budget holders so that the improved profiling continues to refine the budget monitoring system.
- 1.3 Council approved the 2022/23 budget at its meeting on 3<sup>rd</sup> March 2022. Subsequently on 23<sup>rd</sup> June 2022 the Finance and Democracy Committee approved the financial outturn position for 2021/22. The impact of those approvals, including savings and growth items approved at the Council budget meeting, along with slippage from 2021/22 as approved by the Finance and Democracy Committee, are now reflected in the financial ledger. Therefore, this report monitors expenditure and income against the updated approved budgets for 2022/23.

### 2. Budget Rightsizing Exercise

For a number of years the Council has carried out an annual budget rightsizing exercise to analyse underspends which have occurred over the last 3 financial years and to adjust current and future year budgets to better reflect the level of resource requirement in the context of current financial constraints. This process is currently being repeated during 2022/23 and the resulting changes will be reflected in the latest budgets and updates to the Councils Financial Forecast.

### 3. Conclusions

The Council has seen particular volatility in expenditure and income levels since the commencement of the pandemic which has required that the Council continues the approach to continually seek opportunities to achieve savings and efficiencies to enable a balanced budget position and financial stability to be maintained.

As a consequence of the uncertainty about the impact of the pandemic on national public finances, the Government implemented a one-year Spending Review for 2022/23 and the Council, as with all Local Authorities, received a one-year funding settlement for the year. This was the second year running that the funding settlement was for one-year only. The MTF report presented to Council in March 2022 sets out the full context of the financial landscape of the council, including an assessment of the key financial risks which primarily relate to uncertainties around reviews of the future funding regime for local government. The report can be found at this link: [MTFS Report March 2022](#).

UK CPI was 0.7% in March 2021 but thereafter began to steadily increase. Initially driven by energy price effects and by inflation in sectors such as retail and hospitality which were re-opening after the pandemic lockdowns, inflation then was believed to be temporary. Thereafter price rises slowly became more widespread, as a combination of rising global costs and strong demand was exacerbated by supply shortages and transport dislocations. The surge in wholesale gas and electricity prices led to elevated inflation expectations. CPI for September 2022 registered 10.1% year on year, up from 9.9% in August 2022. Increasing inflation is exerting significant upward pressure on prices for utilities and on supplies and services across all sectors of the economy, which in turn increases the base costs for both revenue and capital budget items. The situation is particularly acute in the construction sector where supply chain issues and price increases are combining to put increased risks on the delivery of capital programme schemes. This is likely to be a continuing issue for the council during 2022/23 and this has resulted in current scheme delays and reviews on scheme costings.

Regular budget monitoring reports are an integral part of the Council's financial monitoring framework and these reports will be available on the Council's website.

External pressures outside the Council's control are impacting on all local authorities. Instructions remain in place that officers should not commit to any unnecessary expenditure and should seek to maximise efficiencies wherever possible.

Finance staff work continuously with budget holders across the Council and are heavily reliant upon budget-holders to be able to understand and quantify the potential impact of in-year hotspot variances within their areas of responsibility.

In light of the potential for future general reductions in central government funding from 2023/24 onwards, the Council needs to continue with the approach to delivering savings and efficiencies which have helped deliver balanced budgets and provided contributions to reserves over recent years.

Through continued focus on the importance of financial stability the Council has delivered a significant savings programme in recent years and has continued to reduce overheads wherever possible. Ongoing modernisation work and business improvement will continue to make Council services more efficient, save money and maintain high quality frontline services to customers. For Fylde Council to continue to successfully meet the new challenges that it faces it is vital that this approach continues and that all reasonable opportunities for further cost-reduction measures and for the generation of additional income are seriously considered. Prudent financial management in previous years has provided a level of reserves which allows the necessary time to determine how this council can best respond to the challenges ahead.

We are now at the mid-point of the 2022/23 financial year and much uncertainty exists with respect to the remainder of the year. Therefore, it is not possible to draw any firm conclusions on the in-year financial position. The financial risks facing the Council, as set out to Council in March 2022 and updated to Finance & Democracy Committee in June 2022 remain alongside the significant additional risks presented by the pandemic. Instructions issued by Management Team that budget holders remain prudent are still in place, and the overall financial position of the council will be captured in the next update of the financial forecast in the Medium Term Financial Strategy which will be presented to members in the forthcoming committee cycle.

## REVENUE MONITORING 2022/23 - Period 6 to 30th September 2022 (Variances in excess of £5K)

Appendix A

NB: Some budget variances occurring as a result of budget profiling issues where no variance is expected to remain by year-end, or variances to be resolved by virements, are excluded from the list below.

Key

BLUE
GREEN
AMBER
RED

Variance currently showing but expected to be on target at year end
Favourable variance against latest budget
Adverse variance against latest budget
Projected adverse outturn variance

### FINANCE & DEMOCRACY COMMITTEE / CORPORATE CROSS CUTTING BUDGETS

Service Area	Detailed Description	Full Year Budget £	Budget as at Period 6 £	Actual & Commitments as at Period 6 £	Variance as at Period 6 £	FAV / ADV	Alert	Budget Holder	Budget Holder Comments
All Council services	Employee costs including basic pay, pension, NI, and overtime, plus agency costs	10,412,612	5,389,764	5,486,404	96,640	ADVERSE	RED	All Budget Holders	The budget forecast which was approved by Council in March 2022 assumed employee cost savings (including vacancy savings arising from delays in the recruitment to vacant posts) of £300,000 per annum from 2022/23 onwards. The actual spend to date includes an estimated pay award of £1,925 per pay point (pro-rata'd for the year to date) based on the latest offer, which is yet to be formally agreed and equates to c6.75% on the pay-bill, whilst the budget for pay award assumed a 2.75% increase. Together these changes equate to the adverse variance shown. This budget will be kept under review during the remainder of the financial year and will be adjusted as part of future budget right-sizing exercises and confirmation of the agreed pay award.
Utilities	Electricity	92,878	46,461	25,709	-20,752	FAVOURABLE	RED	Andrew Loynd	Underspend as a result of some credits plus August and September bills not yet being processed. Overall it is expected that, with the increase in electricity costs, across the year the budget will be significantly overspent. The budgets will be kept under review and adjusted as necessary as part of the budget right-sizing exercise to reflect this.
	Gas	44,800	22,410	29,364	6,954	ADVERSE	RED	Andrew Loynd	Costs have significantly increased. Although expenditure should decrease over summer months this will rise over winter. The budgets will be kept under review and adjusted as necessary as part of the budget right-sizing exercise to reflect this.
	Sewerage & Environmental Services	11,611	5,826	-4,998	-10,824	FAVOURABLE	RED	Andrew Loynd	With change in provider, credits received for previous financial year. Expect this to be claimed by new provider and this years budget to be invoiced in full. The budgets will be kept under review and adjusted as necessary as part of the budget right-sizing exercise to reflect this.
Human Resources	Training Exps - qualifications	25,000	12,502	553	-11,949	FAVOURABLE	BLUE	Alex Scrivens	The deadline for Personal Development Appraisals has just passed 30/09/22, therefore the plan is to utilise the budget in Q3/Q4.
Computer services	Purchase of Computer Equipment	186,975	93,522	122,840	29,318	ADVERSE	BLUE	Ross McKelvie	The budgets shown include a healthy slippage which will be used to develop the device, virtual infrastructure and enhancement of cyber going forward, with an exploration of solutions currently underway which should see normalisation through both budgets shown after implementation.
	Computer - Development Costs	275,427	137,768	48,865	-88,903	FAVOURABLE	BLUE	Ross McKelvie	
St Annes Public Offices	Consultants Fees	0	0	6,000	6,000	ADVERSE	RED	Phil Howarth	Agents fees incurred regarding the disposal and re-development of the site.
	Legal Fees and Court Costs	0	0	6,000	6,000	ADVERSE	RED	Phil Howarth	Additional funding agreed to cover costs associated with sale/lease of site.

**TOURISM AND LEISURE COMMITTEE**

Service Area	Detailed Description	Full Year Budget £	Budget as at Period 6 £	Actual & Commitments as at Period 6 £	Variance as at Period 6 £	FAV / ADV	Alert	Budget Holder	Budget Holder Comments
Sports Development	Weight Management Activities	41,863	20,938	3,574	-17,364	FAVOURABLE	BLUE	Ian Brookes	Phasing of expenditure - anticipated to be spent to budget at year end.
	Business Health Matters Initiatives	17,400	8,700	0	-8,700	FAVOURABLE	BLUE		Phasing of expenditure - anticipated to be spent to budget at year end. There are more engagement days planned for the remainder of the year
	PCC - Safe Communities Project	26,750	13,378	720	-12,658	FAVOURABLE	BLUE		Phasing of expenditure - anticipated to be spent to budget at year end. Delivery of the project has been moved to after the summer holiday period
St. Annes-Leisure (Strategic)	Crown Green Bowling	0	0	-5,200	-5,200	FAVOURABLE	GREEN		Additional unbudgeted income. The budget will be kept under review during the remainder of the financial year and adjusted as necessary as part of the budget right-sizing exercise.
Lytham-Parks (Non-Strategic)	General Maintenance of Grounds	4,106	2,054	7,715	5,661	ADVERSE	RED	Lisa Foden	Essential maintenance costs incurred during 2022/23. The budget will be kept under review during the remainder of the financial year and adjusted as necessary as part of the budget right-sizing exercise.
Fairhaven Lake and Gardens	Boats Maintenance Etc	10,000	5,004	13,498	8,494	ADVERSE	RED	Nick Skiba	Fuel charges for boats increased, plus purchase of treatments to keep the Lake weed free to allow for continuation of the boat service through the season. Will be kept under review during the remainder of the financial year and adjusted as necessary as part of the budget right-sizing exercise.
	Crown Green Bowling	0	0	-6,314	-6,314	FAVOURABLE	GREEN		The income target within a wider games Site Income code (including other sites). This will be re profiled as part of Budget Right Sizing
	Adventure Golf	-165,000	-82,530	-113,858	-31,328	FAVOURABLE	BLUE		Extra visitors due to promotional activities and boat / golf combi ticket
	Watersport Activities	-45,000	-22,506	-12,392	10,115	ADVERSE	RED		New offer at Fairhaven and marketing campaigns have taken place. Will be kept under review during the remainder of the financial year and adjusted as necessary as part of the budget right-sizing exercise.
	Boat Service	-72,500	-36,264	-80,184	-43,920	FAVOURABLE	GREEN		Higher than expected revenue due to warm weather during the summer
	Combined Tickets/Other Fees	-7,500	-3,750	-10,920	-7,170	FAVOURABLE	GREEN		Higher than expected revenue due to warm weather during the summer and marketing campaigns
Fylde Tourism	Income - Kite Festival	-20,000	-20,000	-8,121	11,879	ADVERSE	RED	Tim Dixon	Reduced income from expected revenues from event car park and trade stalls. Budget will be reviewed and opportunities to look for a sponsor from 2023 event onwards
Coast and Countryside	Consultants Fees	45,716	22,866	46,017	23,151	ADVERSE	BLUE	Phil Howarth	Profiling of the Sand winning Environmental studies - anticipated to be spent to budget at year end.

**OPERATIONAL MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE**

Service Area	Detailed Description	Full Year Budget £	Budget as at Period 6 £	Actual & Commitments as at Period 6	Variance as at Period 6 £	FAV / ADV	Alert	Budget Holder	Budget Holder Comments
Fylde Waste Schemes	Other Sales	-50,000	-25,010	-37,100	-12,090	FAVOURABLE	GREEN	Clare Blyth / Mark Wilde	Additional income due to customer demand and an increase in service provision from 3 to 4 days per week
	Green Waste Subscription Charge	-693,800	-693,800	-672,280	21,520	ADVERSE	RED		Subscriptions to the scheme are less than budgeted for - the scheme is still open until end of November and is being actively promoted.
Trade Waste Service	Bulk Bin Collection Charges	-160,000	-160,000	-166,687	-6,687	FAVOURABLE	GREEN	Clare Blyth / Mark Wilde	Increase in number of customers for trade waste services.
	Bulk Bin Disposal Charges	-160,000	-160,000	-168,275	-8,275	FAVOURABLE	GREEN		Increase in number of customers for trade waste services.
Highways Cleansing	Parish Council Amenity Cleansing Grant	32,656	32,656	24,198	-8,458	FAVOURABLE	GREEN	Clare Blyth / Mark Wilde	Reduction in grant payable to town and parish councils - Newton and Clifton Parish Council no longer receiving the grant and cleansing responsibility back under FBC remit. Budget to be updated as part of the budget rightsizing exercise.
Fleet & Plant	FMS Materials Cost	140,670	70,439	84,888	14,449	ADVERSE	RED		There are a number of adverse and favourable variances in respect of vehicle costs. These budgets will be kept under review during the remainder of the financial year and adjusted as necessary as part of the budget right-sizing exercise.
	Fuel Costs	280,595	140,393	184,058	43,665	ADVERSE	RED		
	Tyres - Renewal	34,636	17,430	11,982	-5,448	FAVOURABLE	BLUE		
	Bartec-In Cab Technology	19,970	10,062	17,381	7,319	ADVERSE	RED		
Agrippa Signage	11,005	5,545	0	-5,545	FAVOURABLE	GREEN			
St Annes Square (Maintenance)	Reps & Mtce of Capital Schemes	45,000	22,506	212	-22,294	FAVOURABLE	BLUE	Phil Howarth	This was for a rolling programme of maintenance to be managed by the Town Centre Manager. A programme of works is currently being developed.
Property Management Team	Surveys / Valuation Fees	15,000	7,500	-40	-7,540	FAVOURABLE	BLUE	Phil Howarth	The valuations for the current year are in progress and this budget will be fully spent by year end.
	Miscellaneous Income	0	0	-5,525	-5,525	FAVOURABLE	GREEN	Phil Howarth	Additional unbudgeted income - Estates legal fees contribution. This will be kept under review during the remainder of the financial year and adjusted as necessary as part of the budget right-sizing exercise.
Car Parking Fees	Car Parking Fees	-685,000	-342,639	-466,384	-123,745	FAVOURABLE	GREEN	Andrew Loynd	Due to the good weather and increased visitors it is anticipated that the annual income will be greater than expected. The budgets will be kept under review and adjusted as necessary as part of the budget right-sizing exercise to reflect this.
Car Parks General	Other General Repairs and Mtce	20,600	10,304	555	-9,749	FAVOURABLE	GREEN		Profiling. Budget held back due to expected significant costs of updating all p&d machine modems to 4g due to 2/3g turn off during 2023. Further costs anticipated to be incurred.
Stanner Bank Car Park	Ticket Issuing Machines	0	0	9,495	9,495	ADVERSE	RED		These are costs associated with operating and maintaining the barrier system out of hours. The budget will be kept under review during the remainder of the financial year.
Off-Street Parking Enforcement	Decrim - Off-Street Pkng Fees	-40,000	-20,008	-33,867	-13,859	FAVOURABLE	GREEN		With an increase in visitors as per above the increase in parking contraventions has occurred resulting in a higher number of Penalty Charge Notices being issued. The budget will be kept under review during the remainder of the financial year and adjusted as necessary as part of the budget right-sizing exercise.
Cemetery and Crematorium	Crematorium Furnace Repairs	2,500	1,252	37,205	35,953	ADVERSE	RED	Rebecca Riley	Essential replacement of major cremator components scheduled for November 2022 in order to keep the facilities operational. Virements are being explored to fund these works.
	Interments	-200,000	-100,040	-133,945	-33,905	FAVOURABLE	BLUE		There is increased demand for plots post pandemic. These budgets will be kept under review during the remainder of the financial year and adjusted as necessary as part of the budget right-sizing exercise.

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Cemetery and Crematorium	Cremations	-1,070,000	-535,214	-491,785	43,429	ADVERSE	RED	Rebecca Riley	There has been a reduced demand for services from residents outside of the borough. These budgets will be kept under review during the remainder of the financial year and adjusted as necessary as part of the budget right-sizing exercise.
	Memorial Income	-40,000	-20,008	-13,542	6,466	ADVERSE	BLUE		There has been a reduced demand for services from residents outside of the borough. These budgets will be kept under review during the remainder of the financial year and adjusted as necessary as part of the budget right-sizing exercise.

**ENVIRONMENT HEALTH & HOUSING COMMITTEE**

Service Area	Detailed Description	Full Year Budget £	Budget as at Period 6 £	Actual & Commitments as at Period 6	Variance as at Period 6 £	FAV / ADV	Alert	Budget Holder	Budget Holder Comments
Homelessness	Storage and Removal Costs	5,000	2,504	9,878	7,374	ADVERSE	BLUE	Kirstine Riding	The homeless service continues to see high demand for temporary accommodation with limited move on opportunities. This has a direct impact on storage costs as there is a legal requirement to store clients belongings to whom we have a statutory housing duty.
	Computer - Program Licence Chgs	0	0	10,495	10,495	ADVERSE	BLUE		Jigsaw license for homelessness and housing advice service 22/23 is awaiting a decision on the Homeless Prevention Grant 22/23 being placed in housing team based budget on the 12th Oct 2022.
	CAB - Debt Advice Service	18,772	9,388	575	-8,813	FAVOURABLE	BLUE		Service is operated by Blackpool Debt Advice Service and costs are per client referred in from 21/22. Originally service was set up with CAB and included staffing costs which is no longer the case. There is an expected under spend at the end of every financial year.
	Ex-Offender Initiatives	34,172	17,090	6,000	-11,090	FAVOURABLE	BLUE		Project is progressing as expected. Funding merged with Rapid Rehousing programme and taken out for procurement as Ex offenders and Rough Sleeping Programme.
	B&B	71,750	35,888	88,070	52,182	ADVERSE	AMBER		The homeless service continues to see unprecedented levels of demand for temporary accommodation coupled with limited move on opportunities. The budget is partially offset by Housing benefit income which stands at £31k. The expected outturn position will be above the full year budget of £71k.
	Rapid Re-housing Programme	29,000	14,506	6,089	-8,417	FAVOURABLE	BLUE		Project is progressing as expected. Funding merged with Ex-offenders programme and taken out for procurement as Ex offenders and Rough Sleeping Programme.
	Housing Benefit/Universal Credit Repayment	-45,000	-22,506	-31,632	-9,126	FAVOURABLE	BLUE		The homelessness and housing advice service is seeing unprecedented demand for temporary accommodation coupled with lack of move on options. Increase in HB claims towards the housing costs for B&B placements.
	CLG Homelessness Grant	-146,630	-73,343	-354,487	-281,144	FAVOURABLE	BLUE		Full Council decision on use of uncommitted Homeless Prevention grant spend for 22/23 approved on 12th October 2022 to commit this funding into the Housing base budget to cover costs of delivering the homeless service. As such this favourable variance will offset some of the adverse variance currently showing against homelessness budgets.
Housing Standards	Contribution to Wyre - Care & Repair	30,000	15,006	0	-15,006	FAVOURABLE	GREEN	Handyperson and Sanctuary Service now delivered by Preston Care and Repair. Outturn position expected to be below budget as demand for service is still being gauged.	
	Disabled Facilities Grant Fees	-160,000	-80,032	-61,017	19,015	ADVERSE	AMBER		Delivery of grant is being delivered as expected with the full budget expected to be committed by the end of the financial year.

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Housing Standards	Enforcement Notices	0	0	-6,737	-6,737	FAVOURABLE	GREEN	Kirstine Riding	HMO inspection programme actively underway. Number of enforcement notices served as part of the programme. Currently no budget set for this income. Outturn position expected to be £10k. This will be reflected as part of the budget rightsizing exercise.
Community Safety Initiatives	Community Safety Initiatives	25,041	12,525	431	-12,094	FAVOURABLE	GREEN	Ian Williamson	The delivery of Community Safety Initiatives is currently under review and there may be some slippage of this budget at outturn.
Pollution Control	Works Completed in Default of Notice	0	0	5,326	5,326	ADVERSE	AMBER		An increase in statutory enforcement notices served and residents not complying meaning the LA has to undertake work in default. We send invoices (plus officer time etc) but these often don't get paid. A charge gets placed on the property after a length of time.
Covid-19 Support	Unringfenced Covid Grant Support	178,320	89,198	0	-89,198	FAVOURABLE	GREEN	Tracy Manning	The Government provided un-ringfenced Covid support grant to all local authorities in 2021/22, with Fylde receiving £392k for the year and this is the remaining balance. This budget will be kept under review as part of the ongoing response to the Covid pandemic throughout the remainder of the current financial year.
	LCC - Practical Support for Self-Isolation	0	0	-137,155	-137,155	FAVOURABLE	BLUE		It is anticipating that LCC will seek a return of this funding which has not been spent.
Covid-19 Contain Management Outbreak (COMF)	COMF Expenditure	188,516	94,258	61,699	-32,559	FAVOURABLE	BLUE		This budget will be kept under review as part of the ongoing response to the Covid pandemic throughout the remainder of the current financial year.

**PLANNING COMMITTEE**

Service Area	Detailed Description	Full Year Budget £	Budget as at Period 6 £	Actual & Commitments as at Period 6 £	Variance as at Period 6 £	FAV / ADV	Alert	Budget Holder	Budget Holder Comments
Development Management	Consultants Fees	50,047	25,027	11,339	-13,689	FAVOURABLE	GREEN	Mark Evans	The requirement to engage external consultants is dependant on the nature of the planning applications submitted. The nature of applications received to date has only required a limited element of specialist input.
	Planning Application Fees	-675,000	-337,632	-311,645	25,987	ADVERSE	RED		Income from application fees is dependant upon the number and nature of planning applications submitted by third parties and so is outside the direct control of the council. The situation will continue to be monitored through the MTFS.
Planning Appeals	Planning Appeal Hearing Costs	50,000	25,010	0	-25,010	FAVOURABLE	GREEN		There have been no major planning appeals submitted during the year to date and so there has been no call on this budget at the time of reporting.
Planning Enforcement	Enforcement Costs	40,000	20,006	0	-20,006	FAVOURABLE	GREEN		Court action regarding the case this funding was set aside for was suspended due to the Coronavirus pandemic in line with Government guidance. Processing of the enforcement case has recommenced, although expenditure may be delayed as the courts recover from their backlog of cases.
Development Management Team	Consultants Fees	30,000	15,006	0	-15,006	FAVOURABLE	GREEN		This funding is ring fenced following the increased income from planning application fees in 2018. It is proposed to utilise this budget to address current capacity issues within the planning team and to help implement any recommendations emerging from the Planning Peer Challenge.
Planning Policy	Local Development Framework Costs	15,000	7,500	0	-7,500	FAVOURABLE	BLUE		The council is in the process of preparing two Supplementary Planning Documents which will require funding from this budget later in the financial year.

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Regeneration Team	UKSPF Investment Plan Support Fees	0	0	9,000	9,000	ADVERSE	<b>AMBER</b>	Charlie Richards	The government have committed an allowance of £20,000 to each local authority to support the preparation and submission of their UKSPF investment plan. The Council appointed Reay Associates to support the preparation of the UKSPF investment plan, of which the final commission totalled £9,000. The allowance will be made available for each local authority to make a claim against once the funding allocations are confirmed, which is expected in Autumn 2022.
Pleasure Island/Salters Wharf	Consultants Fees	120,000	60,024	75,242	15,218	ADVERSE	<b>BLUE</b>		This spend is directly associated with the St Annes Masterplan commission. The commission is now complete and the budget is expected to be fully spent by year end.
	LCC - Lancashire Economic Recovery Grant	-108,000	-54,022	0	54,022	ADVERSE	<b>BLUE</b>		The grant claim process with LCC to fund the expenditure above is currently being finalised and payment is expected before the end of 2022.