



GENERAL FUND REVENUE BUDGET MONITORING REPORT 2022/23 - POSITION AS AT 30th NOVEMBER 2022

Summary

The purpose of this report is to provide an update on the General Fund Revenue Budget of the Council as at 30th November 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 30th November 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 3rd March 2022. Subsequently on 23rd 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 has been repeated during 2022/23 and the resulting changes have been 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 MTFS 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 November 2022 registered 10.7% year on year, down from 11.1% in October 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 past 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 8 to 30th November 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 8 £	Actual & Commitments as at Period 8 £	Variance as at Period 8 £	FAV / ADV	Alert	Budget Holder	Budget Holder Comments
All Council services	Employee costs including basic pay, pension, NI, and overtime, plus agency costs	10,836,339	7,381,539	7,292,075	-89,464	FAVOURABLE	GREEN	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 the impact of the agreed pay award of £1,925 per pay point (pro-rata'd for the year to date) which equates to c6.75% on the pay-bill.
Utilities	Electricity	180,778	120,564	65,162	-55,402	FAVOURABLE	BLUE	Andrew Loynd	Underspend as a result of phasing of expenditure and awaiting bills. Overall it is expected that, with the increase in utility costs and the corresponding budgets being adjusted as part of the previous financial forecast the expenditure the costs will be contained within the revised budgets. The budgets will be kept under review and adjusted as necessary as part of any future financial forecast updates.
	Gas	88,700	59,164	39,174	-19,990	FAVOURABLE	BLUE		Underspend as a result of phasing of expenditure and awaiting bills. Overall it is expected that, with the increase in utility costs and the corresponding budgets being adjusted as part of the previous financial forecast the expenditure the costs will be contained within the revised budgets. The budgets will be kept under review and adjusted as necessary as part of any future financial forecast updates.
	Water Charges - Metered	95,900	63,968	40,561	-23,407	FAVOURABLE	BLUE		Phasing of expenditure - anticipated to be spent to budget at year end.
	Sewerage & Environmental Services	12,611	8,430	-4,673	-13,103	FAVOURABLE	BLUE		Phasing of expenditure - anticipated to be spent to budget at year end.
Human Resources	Training Exps - qualifications	25,000	16,668	1,750	-14,918	FAVOURABLE	BLUE	Alex Scrivens	Phasing of expenditure - anticipated to be spent to budget at year end.
Organisational Improvement	Organisational Improvement Costs	24,620	16,416	8,198	-8,218	FAVOURABLE	BLUE	Allan Oldfield	Phasing of expenditure - anticipated to be spent to budget at year end.
Computer Services	Technical Training	16,000	10,668	0	-10,668	FAVOURABLE	BLUE	Ross McKelvie / Carrie Clarke	Phasing of expenditure - anticipated to be spent to budget at year end.
	Purchase of Computer Equipment	444,427	296,346	256,922	-39,424	FAVOURABLE	BLUE		The budgets shown include a healthy slippage from previous years 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.
Miscellaneous Properties	Café Rent	-22,000	-22,000	-27,083	-5,083	FAVOURABLE	GREEN	Philip Haworth	Increase due to rent uplift following lease renewal. This will be reflected in the next update of the council's MTFS.
	Other Rent	-240,109	-160,104	-212,462	-52,358	FAVOURABLE	GREEN		Rental income increased due to rent reviews. This will be reflected in the next update of the council's MTFS.
Pleasure Island/Salters Wharf	Consultants Fees	120,000	80,016	100,257	20,241	ADVERSE	BLUE	Philip Haworth	Phasing of expenditure - anticipated to be spent to budget at year end.
	LCC - Lancashire Economic Recovery Grant	-108,000	-72,016	0	72,016	ADVERSE	BLUE		Phasing of income - no anticipated variance at year end.
	Rent of Stands/Site	-82,306	-54,880	-61,908	-7,028	FAVOURABLE	BLUE		Phasing of income - no anticipated variance at year end.
Carr Bridge Wood Caravan Site	Rent of Stands/Site	-31,870	-21,250	-15,935	5,315	ADVERSE	BLUE	Philip Haworth	Phasing of income - no anticipated variance at year end.
Local Land & Property Gazetteer	Computer - Program Licence Chgs	6,138	4,094	-3,057	-7,151	FAVOURABLE	BLUE	Andrew Stell	Following changes to the supplier of back office IT systems, payment profiles have become out of sync and so will need to be reprofiled. The costs of IT licences are expected to be broadly in line with budgets by the end of the financial year.
Legal Services Team	Books and Periodicals	25,000	16,672	43,154	26,482	ADVERSE	RED	Ian Curtis	Invoices paid in advance therefore a prepayment is needed at year-end which will reduce the overspend. There will be an overspend on outturn due to the annual increase in the council's two online law subscriptions.
Electoral Registration	Elections Act 2022	14,161	9,444	0	-9,444	FAVOURABLE	BLUE	Hazel McNicoll	Phasing of expenditure - anticipated to be spent to budget at year end.
	Postage	26,000	17,338	10,483	-6,855	FAVOURABLE	BLUE		Phasing of expenditure - anticipated to be spent to budget at year end.
Elections - LCC	Other Reimbursements	0	0	-12,056	-12,056	FAVOURABLE	BLUE	Hazel McNicoll	FBI to be completed for the Personal Identifier Refresh project.

TOURISM AND LEISURE COMMITTEE

Service Area	Detailed Description	Full Year Budget £	Budget as at Period 8 £	Actual & Commitments as at Period 8 £	Variance as at Period 8 £	FAV / ADV	Alert	Budget Holder	Budget Holder Comments
Sports Development	Weight Management Activities	41,791	31,627	8,362	-23,265	FAVOURABLE	BLUE	Alex Scrivens / Ian Brookes	Phasing of expenditure - anticipated to be spent to budget at year end.
	Business Health Matters Initiatives	29,630	19,754	0	-19,754	FAVOURABLE	BLUE		Phasing of expenditure - anticipated to be spent to budget at year end.
St. Annes-Leisure (Strategic)	Consultants Fees	10,000	6,668	0	-6,668	FAVOURABLE	BLUE	Lisa Foden	Phasing of expenditure - anticipated to be spent to budget at year end.
St. Annes-Parks (Strategic)	Trade Refuse Collection	14,250	9,502	1,255	-8,247	FAVOURABLE	BLUE		Phasing of expenditure - anticipated to be spent to budget at year end.
Lytham-Parks (Non-Strategic)	General Maintenance of Grounds	4,106	2,738	8,242	5,504	ADVERSE	AMBER	Lisa Foden / Gail Ibister	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 financial forecast update.
External Contract - Misc Income	Miscellaneous Receipts	-10,000	-6,668	0	6,668	ADVERSE	BLUE		Phasing of income - no anticipated variance at year end.
External Contract - Blackpool Housing	Other Fees And Charges	-332,458	-221,682	-110,763	110,919	ADVERSE	BLUE	Lisa Foden / Gail Ibister	Phasing of income - no anticipated variance at year end.
External Contract - Kirkham Town Council	Floral Displays	15,000	15,000	20,691	5,691	ADVERSE	BLUE		This is the full year expenditure for floral displays. Additional income / FBI outstanding from Kirkham Town council to offset most of the overspend
Parks Development - Lytham & St Annes	Drives and Paths	18,000	12,000	0	-12,000	FAVOURABLE	BLUE	Lisa Foden / Amy Docherty	Phasing of expenditure - anticipated to be spent to budget at year end.
	Hard Landscape Schemes	17,127	11,419	4,148	-7,271	FAVOURABLE	BLUE		Phasing of expenditure - anticipated to be spent to budget at year end.
Fairhaven Lake and Gardens	Purchase of Equipment	15,000	10,000	24,218	14,218	ADVERSE	BLUE	Tim Dixon/Nick Skiba	New mower purchase that will be received in 2023/24. Ordered in present financial year to save on expected price increases. Budget to be rephased in the January MTFS.
	Boats Maintenance Etc	10,000	6,672	13,679	7,007	ADVERSE	RED		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.
	Adventure Golf	-165,000	-110,020	-126,446	-16,426	FAVOURABLE	GREEN		Extra visitors due to promotional activities and boat / golf combi ticket. To be kept under review.
	Combined Tickets/Other Fees	-7,500	-5,000	-10,992	-5,992	FAVOURABLE	GREEN		Higher than expected revenue due to warm weather during the summer and marketing campaigns. This will be updated in the next financial forecast update.
Fylde Tourism	1940's Lytham Wartime Festival	35,000	35,000	40,461	5,461	ADVERSE	RED	Tim Dixon/Chantelle Vickers	Unexpected costs on increased fuel prices, generator and flying display. The event costs will be reviewed for 2023 with different suppliers where possible to absorb any costs increases.
	Golf Event	38,000	38,000	43,586	5,586	ADVERSE	RED		Cost increase on hire of Clubs. Competitor price rise in place for 2023 which will be the last year as a Council event before it passes to a 3rd party to continue and take all costs and liabilities.

OPERATIONAL MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

Service Area	Detailed Description	Full Year Budget £	Budget as at Period 8 £	Actual & Commitments as at Period 8 £	Variance as at Period 8 £	FAV / ADV	Alert	Budget Holder	Budget Holder Comments
Fylde Waste Schemes	Training Exps - Seminars	10,000	10,000	16,845	6,845	ADVERSE	RED	Clare Blyth/Gareth Matthews	Compliance with mandatory refresher training to ensure continuation of skills in both Waste and Fleet teams. New driver training to ensure continued service delivery.
	Replacement Waste Containers	100,000	66,676	80,810	14,134	ADVERSE	RED		Increased supplier contact cost, driven by a global rise in energy costs. Member approval to increase customer charges in October to absorb some of the additional cost.
	Printing	20,000	13,336	19,988	6,652	ADVERSE	AMBER		Annual green bin subscription stickers are offset again garden waste income.
	Bulky Waste Collection	62,122	41,422	36,268	-5,154	FAVOURABLE	BLUE		Service increased from 3 days to 4 days as agreed by committee. Service delivery deficit will be reduced by increased income.
Trade Waste Service	LCC-Landfill Levy/Tipping Chgs	134,000	89,352	132,000	42,648	ADVERSE	BLUE	Clare Blyth/Simon Chambers	Phasing of expenditure - anticipated to be spent to budget at year end.
	Bulk Bin Disposal Charges	-175,000	-116,688	-168,712	-52,024	ADVERSE	AMBER		Increased income. This will be reflected in the next update of the Council's MTFS.
Public Conveniences	Public Conveniences Contract	221,043	147,391	128,942	-18,449	FAVOURABLE	BLUE		Phasing of expenditure - anticipated to be spent to budget at year end.
Highways Cleansing	Weed Control	22,000	22,000	27,810	5,810	ADVERSE	RED	Clare Blyth/Simon Chambers	3 year contract agreed. This will be reflected in the next update of the Council's MTFS.
Fleet & Plant	FMS Material Costs	140,670	93,878	112,015	18,137	ADVERSE	AMBER	Clare Blyth/Darren Wardle	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 next financial forecast update.
	Repairs by Commercial Garage	43,400	29,034	40,278	11,244	ADVERSE	AMBER		
	Fuel Costs	329,032	219,440	236,870	17,430	ADVERSE	AMBER		
	Tyres - Renewal	34,636	23,186	15,766	-7,420	FAVOURABLE	GREEN		
	Agrippa signage	11,005	7,365	0	-7,365	FAVOURABLE	GREEN		
Hire of Plant	0	0	10,519	10,519	ADVERSE	AMBER			
Car Parks General	Fylde Residents Parking Permits	-3,400	-2,268	-7,416	-5,148	FAVOURABLE	GREEN		Increased income. This will be updated in the next forecast update.
Stanner Bank Car Park	Ticket Issuing Machines	0	0	10,156	10,156	ADVERSE	AMBER	Andrew Loynd	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.
Car Parking Fees	Car Parking Fees	-755,000	-503,434	-513,738	-10,304	FAVOURABLE	GREEN		Due to the good weather and increased visitors earlier in the year it is anticipated that the annual income will be greater than expected. Any updates will be reflected in the next financial forecast.
Coast Protection	Other General Repairs and Mtce	30,000	30,000	39,415	9,415	ADVERSE	AMBER	Stephen Ball	Additional unbudgeted costs associated with weed removal. The budget will be kept under review and adjusted in future financial updates if required.
Pumping Stations	Other General Repairs and Mtce	10,757	7,173	1,535	-5,638	FAVOURABLE	BLUE		Phasing of expenditure - anticipated to be spent to budget at year end.
Footway Lighting	Other General Repairs and Mtce	20,000	13,336	4,577	-8,759	FAVOURABLE	BLUE	Peter Downs	Phasing of expenditure - anticipated to be spent to budget at year end.
	Street Lighting - Electricity	29,200	19,472	14,108	-5,364	FAVOURABLE	BLUE		Phasing of expenditure - anticipated to be spent to budget at year end.
St Annes Square (Maintenance)	Reps & Mtce of Capital Schemes	45,000	30,004	2,668	-27,336	FAVOURABLE	BLUE		£25k allocated to Regen team, to be used as match-funding for funding bids. A programme of works currently being delivered in St Annes Square. Anticipated to be spent to budget at year end.
Other Miscellaneous Repairs	Other Miscellaneous Repairs	189,445	126,344	177,361	51,017	ADVERSE	BLUE		Phasing of expenditure - anticipated to be spent to budget at year end.
Property Management Team	Surveys / Valuation Fees	15,000	10,000	17,890	7,890	ADVERSE	BLUE	Philip Haworth	The valuations for the current year are in progress and this budget will be fully spent by year end.
Cemetery and Crematorium	Crematorium Furnace Repairs	22,500	15,004	37,511	22,507	ADVERSE	AMBER	Rebecca Riley/Ian Phillips	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.
	Other Fees	10,000	6,672	13,535	6,863	ADVERSE	AMBER		Invoice for annual digital service charge plus one-off cost for installation of broadband extension touch screen controller. Virements are being explored to fund these works.
	Memorials	15,000	10,000	21,041	11,041	ADVERSE	AMBER		It was necessary to exceed the current budget to extend the area available for memorial tablets in response to demand. This occurs every few years in order to continue to provide, and draw income from, this service. Virements are being explored to fund these works.
	Interments	-200,000	-133,360	-162,780	-29,420	FAVOURABLE	GREEN		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 next financial forecast update.
	Cremations	-1,050,000	-700,140	-629,191	70,949	ADVERSE	AMBER		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 next financial forecast update.
	Memorial Income	-40,000	-26,672	-15,800	10,872	ADVERSE	AMBER		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 next financial forecast update.

ENVIRONMENT HEALTH & HOUSING COMMITTEE

Service Area	Detailed Description	Full Year Budget £	Budget as at Period 8 £	Actual & Commitments as at Period 8 £	Variance as at Period 8 £	FAV / ADV	Alert	Budget Holder	Budget Holder Comments
Community Grants	Community Projects Fund	20,000	13,336	7,619	-5,717	FAVOURABLE	BLUE	Alex Scriven/Jo Collins	Another award has been made and it is hoped with extra publicity the fund will be fully utilised by year end.
Health & Wellbeing	LCC - Holiday Activities & Food Programme	-160,216	-160,216	-165,216	-5,000	FAVOURABLE	BLUE		An additional £5k funding has been received by LCC for the HAF project. This will be added to later this month by a further £28k to extend the funding to March 2023. A report will be going to the January EHH requesting approval to continue with the project.
Ukraine Scheme	Ukraine Sponsors 'Thank you' Payment	0	0	74,900	74,900	FAVOURABLE	BLUE	Alex Scriven/Edyta Paxton	Lancashire County Council are to be invoiced for the total cost of thank you payments incurred by the Council.
	Ukraine Community Fund	30,000	20,004	9,998	-10,007	FAVOURABLE	BLUE		The Government funding for the Ukraine Scheme is to cover a three year period. It is difficult to determine the expected demand on these budgets and any underspend will be carried forward into 2023/24.
	B&B	125,000	83,348	2,100	-81,248	FAVOURABLE	BLUE		
Covid-19 Support	Unringfenced Covid Grant	178,320	118,904	0	-118,904	FAVOURABLE	AMBER	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	AMBER		It is anticipated that LCC will seek a return of this uncommitted expenditure.
Covid-19 Contain Management Outbreak	COMF Expenditure	188,516	125,677	138,501	12,823	ADVERSE	AMBER		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.
Comm Safety - Delivery Costs	Fylde CCTV Costs	44,480	29,660	21,756	-7,904	FAVOURABLE	BLUE	Ben McCabe	Phasing of expenditure - anticipated to be spent to budget at year end.
Homelessness	Storage and Removal Costs	5,000	3,336	16,365	13,029	ADVERSE	AMBER	Kirstine Riding/Jerry Friel	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.
	CAB - Debt Advice Service	18,772	12,516	806	-11,710	FAVOURABLE	GREEN		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	22,784	6,000	-16,784	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.
	Bed & Breakfast Costs	71,750	47,842	175,416	127,574	ADVERSE	RED		The homeless service continues to see unprecedented levels of demand for temporary accommodation coupled with limited move on opportunities. The overspend is partially offset by additional Housing Benefit income. The full year budget has been increased since 30th November (by internal virements and external funding) to £162k for the full year, but this is still insufficient to cover the expected outturn position will be in excess of the full year budget.
	NFH - Floating Support	24,000	16,004	21,251	5,247	ADVERSE	AMBER		Cost of floating support contract has been increased over past several years in line with inflation. The provision of this service is to be reviewed in 2023.
	Void Loss/Recharge Costs	14,290	9,528	4,489	-5,039	FAVOURABLE	BLUE		Due to demand units allocated as soon as void and available to relet. Budget covers damage to units. Void and damage invoiced quarterly by Progress.
	Rapid Re-housing Programme	29,000	19,340	6,312	-13,028	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.
	Changing Futures Programme	18,962	12,646	0	-12,646	FAVOURABLE	BLUE		Funding is to provide a Changing Futures Hub in Fylde. Accommodation secured at old YMCA Face to Face Offices on St Albans Road. License to take unit for 12 months in preparation.
	MHCLG - Domestic Abuse -Support to Victims	-23,264	-15,512	-56,488	-40,976	FAVOURABLE	BLUE		22/23 allocation of £33,224 received and due to be committed for Year 2 of project in Jan 23 EHH. 21/22 carry over of £23,264. Project delayed start from 01/11/21 and extended to Feb 23 due to suspension of project in 2022 as no member of staff in post.
Housing Standards	Disabled Facilities Grant Fees	-160,000	-106,688	-94,204	12,484	ADVERSE	BLUE	Kirstine Riding / Cheryl Bennet	Invoices raised for clients in employment as contribution to temporary accommodation costs in B&B. Contributions from clients for storage costs at £50 in and out of storage and weekly charge £10 per week. Where clients have caused damage to temporary accommodation, costs are passed on as an invoice.
Community Safety Initiatives	Community Safety Initiatives	25,041	16,697	430	-16,267	FAVOURABLE	GREEN	Chris Hambly / David Kessack	Delivery of Community Safety Initiatives is currently under review and there may be some slippage of this budget at outturn.
Other Public Health Risk	National Assistance Burials	5,550	3,704	11,282	7,578	ADVERSE	RED	Chris Hambly / Carolyn Bland	There has been more public health funerals carried out than expected, it is a statutory requirement to provide this service. The financial forecast will be updated to reflect this additional cost.
Licensing Act 2003	Premises Licences 2003 Act	-85,000	-56,676	-69,526	-12,850	FAVOURABLE	BLUE	Carolyn Bland / Andy Hough / Joanne Gallagher	Phasing of income - no anticipated variance at year end.

PLANNING COMMITTEE

Service Area	Detailed Description	Full Year Budget £	Budget as at Period 8 £	Actual & Commitments as at Period 8 £	Variance as at Period 8 £	FAV / ADV	Alert	Budget Holder	Budget Holder Comments
Development Management	Planning Application Fees	-650,000	-433,420	-350,576	82,844	ADVERSE	RED	Andrew Stell	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. It is anticipated that income will be approximately £150k below the level currently budgeted for and the budget will be adjusted as part of the January forecast.
Planning Enforcement	Enforcement Costs	40,000	26,672	0	-26,672	FAVOURABLE	BLUE	Andrew Stell	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.
Planning Policy	Local Development Framework Costs	15,000	10,000	0	-10,000	FAVOURABLE	BLUE	Julie Glaister	The council is in the process of preparing two Supplementary Planning Documents alongside commissioning work to inform the next iteration of the local plan, all of which will require funding from this budget later in the financial year.
Regeneration Team	UKSPF Investment Plan Support Fees	0	0	9,000	9,000	ADVERSE	BLUE	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. Fylde's Investment Plan has now been approved and the funds for year 1 spend (including the £9000) will be allocated by the government in Winter 2022/2023.