Appendix 1

**Summary Directorate Variances**

**Community Wellbeing**

The Community Wellbeing Directorate is currently forecast to be overspent by £0.113 million.

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| Community Wellbeing | 2023/24 Revised Budget £ million | 2023/24 Year-end Forecast £ million | 2023/24 Variance £ million |
| Communications & Customer Services | 1.520 | 1.430 | (0.090) |
| Community Services | 4.034 | 3.647 | (0.387) |
| Environmental Services | 10.463 | 10.542 | 0.079 |
| Housing Services | 1.953 | 2.530 | 0.577 |
| North Downs Housing | 0.004 | (0.041) | (0.045) |
| Total Community Wellbeing | 17.973 | 18.108 | 0.134 |

The key variances are detailed below.

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| Service Area | Forecast Variance £ million | Explanation |
| Communications & Customer Services | (0.090) | Saving is due to an underspend on staffing due to vacant posts. |
| Community Services | (0.387) | Underspend is due to additional income from the help on hand service from previous periods, saving on salaries and unbudgeted grant income received. |
| Environmental Services | 0.079 | The service experienced additional operating costs in fleet management, in addition to additional staffing costs in refuse and recycling, fleet management, garden waste. The overspend have been partially mitigated by underspends in amenity Horticulture due to unsuccessful recruitment leading to vacant posts. |
| Housing Services | 0.577 | The housing service has significant increased costs due to the rising costs of materials, labour and staffing costs in Building Management. Woking Road Depot stores are forecasting an overspend due to use of casuals and reduced income. This is offset by an underspend on staff in housing surveying in addition to increased recharges to capital and projects. Within homelessness we are monitoring potential homelessness due to the closing of some venues. |

**Place Directorate**

The Place Directorate is currently forecast to be overspent by £0.693 million

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| Place | 2023/24 Revised Budget £ million | 2023/24 Year-end Forecast £ million | 2023/24 Variance £ million |
| Assets and Property | (7.335) | (6.867) | 0.468 |
| Planning & Development | 1.351 | 2.151 | 0.801 |
| Regeneration & Planning Policy | 1.894 | 1.585 | (0.308) |
| Regulatory Services | 1.618 | 1.351 | (0.267) |
| Total Place | (2.473) | (1.780) | 0.693 |

The key variances are detailed below.

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| Service Area | Forecast Variance £ million | Explanation |
| Assets and Property | 0.468 | This is predominantly the anticipated overspend on Asset Maintenance, of which is maintenance items not under the control of Assets & Property. |
| Planning & Development | 0.801 | There are considerable additional costs within the service due to appeals and the need for experts and consultants. There has been a transfer from reserves of approx. £0.9 million. to help mitigate these additional costs. Reduced income from land charges due to economic climate deterring homeowners requiring this service. |
| Regeneration & Planning Policy | (0.308) | A favourable forecast due to underspends on major projects, recharges to capital and planned savings to support current financial situation |
| Regulatory services | (0.268) | Unbudgeted additional income due to the HMO 4-year renewal in addition to increased grant income from Air Quality Active Travel Grant. Savings on salaries due to recruitment freeze offsetting additional costs due to risk management funding and health and safety training. |

**Transformation & Governance Directorate**

The Transformation & Governance Directorate is currently forecasting to be underspent by £1.719 million.

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| Transformation & Governance | 2023/24 Revised Budget £ million | 2023/24 Year-end Forecast £ million | 2023/24 Variance £ million |
| Commercial Services | 1.889 | 0.810 | (1.079) |
| Finance | 1.540 | 1.415 | (0.125) |
| Corporate Management | 1.890 | 1.755 | (0.135) |
| Unallocated Costs | 3.106 | 3.079 | (0.028) |
| Legal & Democratic Services | 0.815 | 0.632 | 0.067 |
| Organisational Development | 0.197 | 0.208 | 0.011 |
| Total Transformation & Governance | 9.438 | 7.899 | (1.539) |

The key variances are detailed below.

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| Service Area | Forecast Variance £ million | Explanation |
| Commercial Services | (1.079) | Overachievement of income in car parks due to increased demand has been offset by reduced fee income within Building Control due to reduced demand. |
| Corporate Management | (0.135) | Forecast underspent from savings on staffing due to vacant posts and consultancy which has been offset by additional costs of external Audit. |