



General Fund Financial Monitoring Quarter 3 2022/23

Mid Suffolk District Council
March 2023



1. Background

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2. The General Fund Budget for 2022/23 was approved by Council in February 2022. In previous years, worst-case scenarios were typically used when putting budget proposals together. Amalgamating these assumptions across the whole organisation has resulted in underspends.
3. For 2022/23 stretching, but realistic, assumptions were used when putting budget proposals together across both expenditure and income. However, global events, rising inflation and interest rates have created an unprecedented financial challenge for the Council resulting in a likely overspend position.
4. Inflation, measured by the Consumer Price Index (CPI) increased significantly during 2022, reaching a peak of 11.1% in October before dropping to 10.7% in November. The increased cost of fuel, materials and services has been reflected in the forecast variances for 2022/23.
5. Attempting to curb inflation, the Bank of England has increased the base rate from 1.75% at the start of 2022/23 to 3.5% in December. These increases have been much greater than expected when the budget was approved and therefore an overspend on interest payable is forecast for 2022/23.
6. Employee costs are approximately 40% of the Council's revenue expenditure budget and an increase of 2.2% was included in the budget. A national pay award offer for 2022/23 of £1,925 from 1 April 2022 has been agreed for all staff. This equates to an increase of approximately 8% and an additional cost of £580k.
7. **Forecast outturn position 2022/23**
8. Budget monitoring is a key tool and indicator on the delivery of the Council's plans and priorities for the year. There will, of course, always be reasons why there are variances such as the current inflationary pressures.
9. Based upon financial performance and information from April to September (with emerging trends extrapolated to the end of the financial year) and discussions with budget managers and the Senior Leadership Team, key variations on expenditure and income compared to budget have been identified.
10. A net overspend on services of £548k is forecast for 2022/23 at the end of Quarter 3. The forecast overspend was £839k at the end of Quarter 2.
11. The key projected variances that make up this overspend are shown in the following sections of this report.
12. Recruitment remains challenging and the Council continues to experience a significant delay between people leaving the organisation and these posts being filled. However, underspends resulting from vacancies have been offset by the £1,925 pay award and temporary cover for vacant posts.

2. General Fund Revenue – Forecast

| | | Revised Budget £'000 | Forecast at Q3 £'000 | Forecast Variance £'000 |
|-------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------|----------------------------|
| Net Service Costs | Assets & Investments | 576 | 696 | 121 |
| | Communities & Wellbeing | 927 | 873 | (55) |
| | Corporate Resources | 1,710 | 2,315 | 604 |
| | Customer Operations | 1,978 | 1,942 | (37) |
| | Economic Growth & Climate Change | 270 | 320 | 49 |
| | Operations | 3,350 | 3,214 | (136) |
| | Housing | 520 | 595 | 74 |
| | Law & Governance | 927 | 988 | 61 |
| | Planning & Building Control | 1,323 | 918 | (405) |
| | HR & Organisational Development | 461 | 492 | 30 |
| | Senior Leadership Team | 700 | 747 | 47 |
| Net Service Expenditure | 12,743 | 13,098 | 355 | |
| Recharges | Recharge to HRA/Capital | (1,511) | (1,511) | |
| Capital Financing | Interest Payable | 835 | 963 | 128 |
| | Minimum Revenue Provision (MRP) | 1,333 | 1,332 | (1) |
| Investment Income | Pooled Funds Net Income | (566) | (500) | 66 |
| | Interest Receivable | (4,065) | (4,065) | |
| Total Net Cost of Services | | 8,769 | 9,317 | 548 |
| Government Grants | New Homes Bonus | (1,779) | (1,779) | |
| | S31 Business Rates Grant | (1,409) | (2,433) | (1,024) |
| | Services, Rural Services & Lower Tier Grants | (713) | (713) | |
| Business Rates | Baseline Business Rates less Levy | (2,901) | (2,394) | 507 |
| | Growth / Pooling Benefit | (486) | (496) | (10) |
| | Prior Year Deficit/(Surplus) | (438) | 911 | 1,349 |
| Council Tax | Council Tax | (6,667) | (6,667) | |
| | Prior Year Deficit/(Surplus) | (293) | (106) | 186 |
| Total Funding | | (14,685) | (13,677) | 1,008 |
| Net Position Before Reserves | | (5,916) | (4,360) | 1,556 |
| Movement in Reserves | Commercial Development Risk Reserve | 1,865 | 1,865 | |
| | Growth and Efficiency Fund | 4,051 | 4,003 | (48) |
| | Business Rates & Council Tax Reserve | | (1,008) | (1,008) |
| | Inflationary Pressures Reserve | | (500) | (500) |
| | | 0 | 0 | (0) |

Net Service Costs

- Explanations for these variances are provided in the next section of this report.

Capital Financing & Investment Income:

- A variance in interest payable costs is forecast due to an increase in rates for short-term borrowing. These have increased from an average rate of 0.2% in 21/22 to around 4% currently.
- Based on returns to date, returns on the pooled funds for 2022/23 are forecast to be lower than budget due to market conditions.

Business Rates:

- The Business Rates forecast reflects the NNDR1 figures for 2022/23. The prior year deficit will be met by S.31 grants received in 2022/23 and held in the Council Tax and Business Rates Reserve.
- At the end of January 2023 the collection rate was 93.12% compared with 90.74% for the same period the previous year

Council Tax:

- Council tax income is set as part of the budget with any variation in income recognised as a surplus or deficit to be carried forward in the Collection Fund and recognised in the following year.
- At the end of January 2023, the collection rate was 92.64%, compared with 93.00% for the same period the previous year.
- A surplus on the Collection Fund of £1.35m for Council Tax is forecast for 2022/23. Mid Suffolk's share of £177k would be realised in 2023/24 and has been built into the 2023/24 budget.

Reserves:

- A full breakdown of forecast reserve movements compared to the 2022/23 budget is shown in Section 4, page 9.
- £500k was put into an inflationary Pressures Reserve at the end of 2021/22 and this will be used to fund most of the forecast variance on the net cost of services.
- The Council Tax and Business Rates Reserve will be used to cover the timing differences between S.31 grants and gains/losses.
- A £4.051m transfer to the Growth & Efficiency Fund was included in the budget. This is forecast to reduce to £4.003m.

3. General Fund Revenue – Services Forecast Variance

| | Variance To Budget £000's | | | | | % | Commentary on Major Variances |
|------------------------------------|---------------------------|-----------------------|--------------|----------------------------|-------------|------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| | Employee Costs £'000 | Operating Costs £'000 | Income £'000 | Movement in Reserves £'000 | Total £'000 | | |
| Assets & Investments | (19) | 137 | 3 | - | 121 | 21% | |
| Strategic Property | 4 | 136 | (13) | - | 128 | 26% | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Completion date for surrendering Head Office floorplate later than budgeted - rent and service charges £49k overspend. • Wingfield Barns £42k overspend on utility costs. • Reactive depot repairs £39k overspend. • Overall electricity utility pressure on properties (excluding Wingfield Barns) of £29k. • Consultancy on Asset Utilisation (£30k) underspend due to delay in Crown Commercial planning & mapping works which will now take place and have been budgeted for in 2023/24. |
| The Councils' Companies | (24) | 1 | 16 | - | (7) | -7% | |
| Communities & Wellbeing | (7) | 1,011 | (447) | (611) | (55) | -6% | |
| Communities | (7) | 737 | (156) | (611) | (38) | -5% | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • £135k additional income received from Suffolk County Council and £51k Warm Spaces funding. This is forecast to be spent this year on Holiday Activity & Food programme. Remaining costs relate to currently unallocated government funding for the Clinically Vulnerable. • £580k forecast to be spent on Strategic Priorities for Communities, funded from reserves. £13k increase to Ipswich & East Health Alliance costs forecast, within budget and funded from reserves. |
| Leisure Contracts | - | 274 | (291) | - | (17) | -8% | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Additional £50k support payment to Everyone Active agreed at the end of 2021/22. • Stradbroke High School coming forward to pay for historic and future use of the pool facilities giving an additional income of £55k. • Maintenance costs in year forecast to underspend by £12k. |

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| | Employee Costs £'000 | Operating Costs £'000 | Income £'000 | Movement in Reserves £'000 | Total £'000 | | |
| Corporate Resources | 540 | 139 | (75) | - | 604 | 35% | |
| Finance, Commissioning & Procurement | 540 | 139 | (75) | - | 604 | 35% | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Adverse variance due to budgeted Vacancy Management Factor of £500k, vacancies are shown in services. • Further cost pressure of £61k for interim staff to support the transformation project. • Bank charges for Pay 360 costs on customer transactions forecast to be £38k over budget based on costs to date. • Forecast overspend of £30k for insurance on assumption of a 10% inflationary increase on renewal in January 2023. • Broker fees for short-term borrowing have increased - £12k variance expected • £56k underspend forecast on security costs with work completed on former HQ building. |
| Customer Operations | (128) | 60 | (6) | 37 | (37) | -2% | |
| Communications | 6 | 4 | - | - | 10 | 6% | |
| Customer Operations | (35) | 41 | - | (28) | (21) | -3% | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Underspend on employees costs due to vacancies in first half the of year. • £41k spend on Residents Survey & Inform Communications Subscription, partly funded by reserves. |
| ICT | 48 | 5 | (6) | (45) | 2 | 0% | |
| Strategic Policy, Performance & Improvements | (148) | 10 | - | 110 | (27) | -10% | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Underspend on employee costs due to a team restructure. • Additional £10k costs for new performance software and citizen plan subscription. • Budgeted movement from reserves no longer required. |
| Economic Growth & Climate Change | (29) | 421 | (208) | (134) | 49 | 17% | |
| Economy & Business | (29) | 421 | (208) | (134) | 49 | 17% | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • (£29k) under budget on salary costs with inflationary pressures being more than mitigated by some roles being funded from Covid reserve. • Operating costs variance includes £240k Reopening of the High Streets Safely scheme which is offset by income, £25k Stowmarket Wayfinding also offset by income and £280k spend on the councils strategic priorities offset by reserves. £130k budget for Electric Rural Bus Scheme will not be spent in 2022/23. |

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| Housing | 152 | 852 | (416) | (31) | 75 | 14% | |
| Building Services | - | (71) | 81 | - | 10 | 7% | Increased Maintenance costs on Photo Voltaic Panels |
| Housing Solutions | 152 | 923 | (497) | (512) | 65 | 10% | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Salary cost pressure of £46k due to pay award, mitigated by vacancies & one role moving to Planning. £88k spend on agency costs partially offset by £75k of funding. • £140k overbudget on B&B costs due to an unexpected increase over winter months. There was a £60k cost pressure paying rent arrears, heating, court costs etc to prevent homelessness. Other overspends on operating costs are funded by grants or reserves. • Additional income has been received in 2022/23: Favourable variance on Housing Benefit received in temporary accommodation (£122k), additional Homeless Prevention funding (£73k), agency funding from West Suffolk Council (£12k), additional Rent Scheme Grant (£52.5k), additional rents (£90k) expected and additional Household Support Grant of (£165k). |
| HR & Organisational Development | (16) | 55 | (1) | (9) | 30 | 7% | |
| HR & OD | (16) | 55 | (1) | (9) | 30 | 7% | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Employee underspend due to vacancies. • £55k Over budget on centrally held recruitment & advertising costs for the council and additional costs on employee healthcare. |
| Law & Governance | (10) | 95 | (23) | - | 61 | 7% | |
| Electoral Services & Land Charges | (16) | 67 | (23) | - | 28 | 37% | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Employee underspend due to vacancies in first half of year. • £67k over budget as spend kicks in for May 2023 Elections. Funded from reserves. • £38k under budget forecast for Land Charges mitigated by (£61k) Elections Funding. |
| Governance & Civic Office | 3 | 27 | (0) | - | 30 | 8% | £29k overspend on postage due to apparent increase in volume, usage and costs are being reviewed with the service provider. |
| Internal Audit, Risk & Data | 2 | 1 | - | - | 3 | 4% | |
| Shared Legal Service | - | - | - | - | - | 0% | |

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| Operations | (22) | 80 | (210) | 16 | (136) | -4% | |
| Car Parking | 1 | 21 | (79) | - | (56) | -28% | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • (£79k) Over performance against budgeted car park income as resident and visitor activity recovers post pandemic. • Accrued cost of Civil Parking Enforcement from 21/22 £19k less than provided for. • £20k overspend on rates due to revaluation of Meadow Centre, Stowmarket. • £10k overspend on repairs and electricity costs. |
| Health & Safety, Business Continuity and Emergency Planning | (58) | (12) | - | 20 | (51) | -11% | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Employee cost underspend due to long-term absence. • Operating cost savings have been made by changing supplier for lone working devices and licences, resulting in a re-current saving. |
| Public Protection | 5 | 51 | (124) | - | (68) | -10% | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • £7k overspend on taxi testing. • £43k overspend represents contribution of Contain Outbreak Management Fund costs to Public Realm for Covid related activity. • (£101k) total Covid 'COMF' funding direct employee costs for COVID backlog work and above contribution to Public Realm. • (£23k) additional income from fees, charges, licences, enforcement and new burden funding. |
| Public Realm | 43 | 77 | 46 | (4) | 162 | 13% | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Overspend on employee costs due to pay award. • £55k fuel pressure forecast based on price and consumption. • £18k pressure on vehicle and repair costs. • £19k reduction of contribution from SCC for grass cutting. • £24k income Babergh recharge for A14 cleansing removed now insourced |
| Recycling, Waste & Fleet | (7) | (56) | (53) | - | (116) | -8% | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • (£56k) saving from historically low costs for Materials Recovery Facility (MRF) which is set quarterly based on tonnage and overall market commodity value. Mitigated partly by inflationary pressures on disposals of other materials and contract revaluations and supplier cost pressures. It is proposed that any underspend will be transferred fully in the Waste reserve to stabilise the medium-term budget pressures on the service. • (£53k) Service income ahead of budget predominantly due to Trade Waste Income recovery post pandemic and garden waste subscriber growth |
| Service Improvement (Environment & Community Services) | (7) | - | - | - | (7) | -22% | Due to employee costs transferred to Finance Transformation Project. |

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| Planning & Building Control | (348) | (189) | 45 | 87 | (405) | -31% | |
| Building Control | (11) | 2 | 13 | - | 4 | 3% | • Income down over the winter months but expected to come back in the Spring. |
| Development Management, Heritage & Enforcement | (285) | (14) | 62 | (3) | (240) | -44% | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • (£285k) staff underspend from vacant posts. • Overspends on £30k consultancy, £25k flooding costs and £8k other costs mitigated by underspends. • Planning income lower than budgeted for due to downturn in market. 23/24 budgets have been adjusted accordingly. |
| Service Improvement (Sustainable Communities) | 1 | 0 | - | - | 1 | 3% | |
| Strategic Planning | (53) | (177) | (30) | 90 | (170) | -28% | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Employee underspend due to vacancies. • Operating costs - £13k overspend on Community Infrastructure Levy legal costs (covered by 5% admin fee), (£100k) saving on Strategic Planning consultancy costs and (£25k) saving on legal costs this year, £9.5k reduction in Neighbourhood Plan costs. • (£50k) extra income from 5% admin fee offset by £30k less on Neighbourhood Plan income, due to the timing of claim windows. • £100k transfer from reserves not required due to savings in costs offset by increase to transfer to reserves of (£10k) for Neighbourhood Plan income. |
| Senior Leadership Team | 77 | (1) | (10) | (19) | 47 | 7% | |
| Senior Leadership Team | 77 | (1) | (10) | (19) | 47 | 7% | Overspend due interim cover and recruitment costs |
| Grand Total | 189 | 2,660 | (1,349) | (664) | 355 | 3% | |

4. General Fund Revenue - Reserves

The projected balances for 31st March 2023 for the Council's reserves, incorporating the forecasts in the previous section are shown here.

| Reserves | Balance at 31st March 2022 £'000 | Budget movement to reserves 22/23 £'000 | Forecast movement to reserves 22/23 £'000 | Budget movement from reserves 22/23 £'000 | Forecast movement from reserves 22/23 £'000 | Budget Balance 31st March 2023 £'000 | Forecast Balance 31st March 2023 £'000 | Committed funds £'000 | Forecast Uncommitted Balance 31st March 2023 £'000 |
|------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------|--------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------|
| Business Rates & Council Tax | 5,286 | 0 | 0 | (1,764) | (1,120) | 3,522 | 4,166 | 0 | 4,166 |
| Business Rates Retention Pilot (BRRP) | 283 | 0 | 0 | (25) | (34) | 258 | 249 | (188) | 61 |
| Carry Forwards | 399 | 0 | 0 | (399) | (399) | (0) | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Climate Change and Biodiversity | 927 | 0 | 0 | (57) | (41) | 870 | 886 | 0 | 886 |
| Commercial Development Risk Management | 4,131 | 1,865 | 1,865 | 0 | 0 | 5,996 | 5,996 | 0 | 5,996 |
| Community Housing Fund | 185 | 0 | 0 | (29) | (30) | 156 | 155 | 0 | 155 |
| Commuted Maintenance Payments | 579 | 0 | 0 | (28) | (32) | 551 | 547 | 0 | 547 |
| COVID 19 | 1,357 | 0 | 0 | (149) | (128) | 1,208 | 1,229 | (290) | 939 |
| COVID 19 Business Recovery | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Elections Equipment | 35 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 35 | 35 | 0 | 35 |
| Elections Fund | 119 | 20 | 20 | 0 | 0 | 139 | 139 | 0 | 139 |
| Government Grants | 347 | 0 | 0 | (273) | (27) | 74 | 320 | 0 | 320 |
| Growth & Efficiency Fund | 2,171 | 4,051 | 4,003 | (249) | (452) | 5,973 | 5,722 | (1,969) | 3,753 |
| Homelessness | 495 | 0 | 0 | (118) | (113) | 377 | 382 | 0 | 382 |
| Joint Local Plan | 100 | 0 | 0 | (100) | 0 | 0 | 100 | 0 | 100 |
| Neighbourhood Planning Grants | 109 | 76 | 66 | (29) | (29) | 156 | 146 | 0 | 146 |
| Planning (Legal) | 1,182 | 0 | 0 | (70) | (25) | 1,112 | 1,157 | 0 | 1,157 |
| Planning Enforcement | 45 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 45 | 45 | 0 | 45 |
| Repairs & Renewels | 293 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 293 | 293 | 0 | 293 |
| Rough Sleepers | 35 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 35 | 35 | 0 | 35 |
| Strategic Planning | 81 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 81 | 81 | 0 | 81 |
| Strategic Priorities Housing | 1,787 | 0 | 0 | 0 | (265) | 1,787 | 1,522 | (735) | 787 |
| Strategic Priorities Economy | 1,100 | 0 | 0 | 0 | (342) | 1,100 | 758 | (390) | 368 |
| Strategic Priorities Wellbeing | 1,011 | 0 | 0 | 0 | (156) | 1,011 | 855 | (635) | 220 |
| Strategic Priorities Communities | 790 | 0 | 0 | 0 | (466) | 790 | 324 | (80) | 244 |
| Strategic Priorities Corporate Services | 200 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 200 | 200 | 0 | 200 |
| Strategic Priorities Project Feasibility | 250 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 250 | 250 | 0 | 250 |
| Temporary Accommodation | 284 | 91 | 78 | 0 | (22) | 375 | 340 | 0 | 340 |
| Waste | 269 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 269 | 269 | 0 | 269 |
| Welfare Benefits | 7 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 7 | 7 | 0 | 7 |
| Well-being | 191 | 0 | 0 | (45) | (70) | 146 | 121 | 0 | 121 |
| Inflationary Pressures Reserve | 500 | 0 | 0 | 0 | (500) | 500 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| TOTAL | 24,548 | 6,103 | 6,032 | (3,335) | (4,251) | 27,316 | 26,329 | (4,287) | 22,043 |

5. General Fund Capital - Forecast

- 1. Background**
- Use of capital and one-off funds is critical and needs to be linked into our future delivery plans.
- With complex capital schemes it is difficult to accurately assess the level of payments that will be made during the financial year. The Council continues to embark on new projects relating to investments and commercial delivery where it is difficult to accurately predict how payments will fall. Members should therefore focus on whether overall outcomes are being achieved because of the capital investment rather than variances against the plan for a particular year.
- Some items in the capital programme, such as the Strategic Investment Fund are unlikely to be fully spent in year, and some projects may be delayed due to the general supply and delivery issues, so the figures in Appendix B anticipate that a request will be made to carry forward some unspent balances at year-end. This reflects the review that was undertaken as part of the 2023/24 budget setting process, including whether all projects will be required.
- The budget, actual spend to 31st December 2022 and forecast spend for 2022/23 for the Capital Programme is shown below

| MID SUFFOLK CAPITAL PROGRAMME 2022/23 | Original Budget | Carry Forwards / Budget Adjustments | Current Budget | Actual Spend | Full Year Forecast at Q3 | Expected Carry Forward | Full Year Forecast LESS Budget (favourable)/ adverse | Comments |
|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------|-------------------------------------|----------------|--------------|--------------------------|------------------------|------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| GENERAL FUND | £'000 | £'000 | £'000 | £'000 | £'000 | £'000 | £'000 | |
| General Fund Housing | | | | | | | | |
| Mandatory Disabled Facilities Grant | 698 | 458 | 1,156 | 339 | 490 | - | (666) | The variance represents DFG funding received but not yet spent. It will be used in future years. |
| Renovation / Home Repair Grant (formerly Discretionary Housing Grants) | 100 | 48 | 148 | 88 | 108 | 40 | - | |
| Empty Homes Grant | 100 | 269 | 369 | - | - | 369 | - | New Empty Homes Officer progressing cases and applications expected for this grant. |
| Grants for Affordable Housing | - | 340 | 340 | - | - | 340 | - | Potential schemes being considered for support |
| Total General Fund Housing | 898 | 1,115 | 2,013 | 427 | 598 | 749 | (666) | |

5. General Fund Capital – Forecast (Cont'd)

| MID SUFFOLK CAPITAL PROGRAMME 2022/23 | Original Budget | Carry Forwards / Budget Adjustments | Current Budget | Actual Spend | Full Year Forecast at Q3 | Expected Carry Forward | Full Year Forecast LESS Budget (favourable)/ adverse | Comments |
|-------------------------------------------------------|--------------------|----------------------------------------------|-------------------|-----------------|--------------------------------|------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| GENERAL FUND | £'000 | £'000 | £'000 | £'000 | £'000 | £'000 | £'000 | |
| Operations | | | | | | | | |
| Replacement Refuse Freighters - Joint Scheme | 2,200 | - | 2,200 | 2,020 | 2,023 | 177 | - | 10 of the 11 new refuse trucks ordered have been delivered. Additional truck to be delivered in 2023/24. |
| Recycling Bins | 100 | - | 100 | 175 | 175 | - | 75 | Higher demand due to development. More bins purchased at an agreed cheaper rate to guarantee availability and to protect against price increases. |
| Electric Buses | 560 | - | 560 | - | - | 560 | - | Delivery of this project has been paused in order to allow more time to collate evidence to support the viability of a pilot scheme. |
| Total Operations | 2,860 | - | 2,860 | 2,195 | 2,198 | 737 | 75 | |
| Public Realm | | | | | | | | |
| Streetcare - Vehicles and Plant Renewals | 90 | 64 | 154 | 112 | 132 | 22 | - | |
| Needham Lake Footpath - Planned Maintenance | 60 | - | 60 | - | 20 | 40 | - | Works constrained by resource limitations |
| Car Parks - Planned Maintenance / Enhancements | 95 | 288 | 383 | 77 | 151 | 232 | - | Emergency resurfacing works and the installation of new parking meters expected in 2022/23. |
| Total Public Realm | 245 | 352 | 597 | 189 | 303 | 294 | - | |

5. General Fund Capital – Forecast (Cont'd)

| MID SUFFOLK CAPITAL PROGRAMME 2022/23 | Original Budget | Carry Forwards / Budget Adjustments | Current Budget | Actual Spend | Full Year Forecast at Q3 | Expected Carry Forward | Full Year Forecast LESS Budget (favourable)/ adverse | Comments |
|--------------------------------------------------------|-----------------|-------------------------------------|----------------|--------------|--------------------------|------------------------|------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| GENERAL FUND | £'000 | £'000 | £'000 | £'000 | £'000 | £'000 | £'000 | |
| Communities | | | | | | | | |
| Play Equipment | 50 | 150 | 200 | - | 58 | 142 | - | Tendering for the works to three play areas. Further works earmarked for completion in 2023/24 |
| Public Sector Decarbonisation | - | - | - | 1 | 1 | - | 1 | To be financed from Public Sector Decarbonisation grant |
| S106 Open Spaces Grants | - | - | - | 240 | 240 | - | 240 | All to be financed from S106 monies |
| Community Development Grants | 189 | 181 | 370 | 46 | 220 | 150 | - | Projects are being prioritised where expenditure will be in the current financial year. A push on social media is being planned to encourage more applications. |
| Total Communities | 239 | 331 | 570 | 287 | 519 | 292 | 241 | |
| Leisure Contracts | | | | | | | | |
| Stowmarket Leisure Centre - Planned Maintenance | - | 1,422 | 1,422 | 22 | 200 | 1,222 | - | Survey commissioned to draw up list of required works |
| Stradbroke Pool - Planned Maintenance | - | 571 | 571 | 3 | 240 | 331 | - | Survey commissioned to draw up list of required works |
| Solar Car Ports | - | - | - | 111 | 30 | - | 30 | Timescales slipped into 2022/23 due to component shortage. Now complete. |
| Total Leisure Contracts | - | 1,993 | 1,993 | 135 | 470 | 1,553 | 30 | |

5. General Fund Capital – Forecast (Cont'd)

| MID SUFFOLK CAPITAL PROGRAMME 2022/23 | Original Budget | Carry Forwards / Budget Adjustments | Current Budget | Actual Spend | Full Year Forecast at Q3 | Expected Carry Forward | Full Year Forecast LESS Budget (favourable)/ adverse | Comments |
|-----------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------|-------------------------------------|----------------|--------------|--------------------------|------------------------|------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| GENERAL FUND | £'000 | £'000 | £'000 | £'000 | £'000 | £'000 | £'000 | |
| Assets and Investments | | | | | | | | |
| Corporate Buildings - Planned Maintenance / Enhancements | 330 | 105 | 435 | 19 | 300 | 135 | - | Includes Endeavour House refurbishment to complete by year end. Plus Joint Depot Hub project to carry forward |
| CIL Funded Infrastructure Grants | - | - | - | 608 | 617 | - | 617 | Being financed from CIL |
| Strategic Investment Fund | - | 2,929 | 2,929 | 7 | 311 | 2,618 | - | Forecast includes £111k for bringing into use Units at Gipping Way. There may be opportunity to buy property for income generation. |
| Woolpit Health Centre Car park | - | - | - | - | 18 | - | 18 | £18k forecast relates to expenditure that cannot be recovered from CIL. This will be funded from the COVID reserve. |
| Regeneration Fund - Former Council Offices | - | 688 | 688 | 175 | 175 | 513 | - | Phase 2 expected to commence May 2023 |
| Gateway 14 Ltd | - | 17,750 | 17,750 | 7,000 | 7,000 | 10,750 | - | Due to the repayment of the loan the remainder of infrastructure works will be funded from receipts. G14 are not expecting any further drawdown but appreciate having the facility available to use. |
| Mid Suffolk Growth Ltd | 4,250 | - | 4,250 | - | - | 1,750 | (2,500) | £2.5m for purchase of land for construction of open market housing has been removed. If land purchases are identified in future, a business case will be submitted. |
| Wingfield Barns | 20 | 20 | 40 | - | - | 40 | - | Roofing work yet to start |

5. General Fund Capital – Forecast (Cont'd)

| MID SUFFOLK CAPITAL PROGRAMME 2022/23 | Original Budget | Carry Forwards / Budget Adjustments | Current Budget | Actual Spend | Full Year Forecast at Q3 | Expected Carry Forward | Full Year Forecast LESS Budget (favourable)/ adverse | Comments |
|----------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------|----------------------------------------------|-------------------|-----------------|--------------------------------|------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| GENERAL FUND | £'000 | £'000 | £'000 | £'000 | £'000 | £'000 | £'000 | |
| Assets and Investments | | | | | | | | |
| Needham Lake Visitors Centre | - | 141 | 141 | 98 | 172 | - | 31 | Centre opened in May 2022. Additional costs incurred due to delays caused by Covid and additional works. |
| Business Hub, Cross Street, Eye | 285 | - | 285 | 9 | 10 | 275 | - | Construction constraints and design changes have impacted delivery. Will finish in 2023/24. |
| Total Assets and Investments | 4,885 | 21,633 | 26,518 | 7,915 | 8,714 | 15,970 | (1,834) | |
| Corporate Resources | | | | | | | | |
| Replacement Finance Management System | 325 | - | 325 | 67 | 175 | 150 | - | Budget expected to be fully spent but implementation project running longer than originally anticipated |
| Total Corporate Resources | 325 | - | 325 | 67 | 175 | 150 | - | |
| Total Customers, Digital Transformation and Improvement | 150 | 109 | 259 | 73 | 153 | - | (106) | |
| Total General Fund Capital Spend | 9,602 | 25,533 | 35,135 | 11,287 | 13,129 | 19,745 | (2,261) | |