
Report To:	Policy & Resources Committee	Date:	21 March 2023
Report By:	Interim Director Finance & Corporate Governance and Corporate Director Education, Communities & Organisational Development, Chief Executive	Report No:	FIN/20/23/AP/AB
Contact Officer:	Alan Puckrin	Contact No:	01475 712090
Subject:	2022/23 Policy & Resources Committee and General Fund Revenue Budget Update as at 31 January 2023		

1.0 PURPOSE AND SUMMARY

- 1.1 ☐ For Decision ☒ For Information/Noting
- 1.2 The purpose of this report is to advise Committee of the 2022/23 Committee Revenue Budget projected position at 31 January 2023 and the overall General Fund Revenue Budget projection at this date. The report also highlights the position of the General Fund Reserve.
- 1.3 The revised 2022/23 Revenue Budget for the Policy & Resources Committee is £19,377,000 excluding Earmarked Reserves. The latest projection is an overspend of £809,000 (4%) and is almost entirely down to projected pay and non-pay inflation pressures which are being held centrally, off-set with additional Internal Resource Interest due to the increase in interest rates. This represents a decrease in projected overspend of £232,000 since the Period 8 report.
- 1.4 At January 2023 the General Fund is projecting an underspend of £861,000 after the one-off use of £4million of Reserves which was agreed by the Council in February 2022 when Members approved the 2022/23 Revenue Budget. Based on these figures the Council's unallocated Reserves are currently projected to be £2.081million more than the minimum recommended level of £4.0million by 31 March, 2023. Decisions on the allocation of £18.7million from Reserves were taken by the Council on 2 March 2023.

2.0 RECOMMENDATIONS

- 2.1 It is recommended that the Committee note the current projected overspend for 2022/23 of £809,000 as at 31 January 2023 within the Committee's Budget.
- 2.2 It is recommended that the Committee notes the projected 2022/23 surplus of £18,340 for the Common Good Budget.
- 2.3 It is recommended that the Committee notes the projected underspend of £861,000 for the General Fund and the projected surplus reserves of £2.081million at 31 March, 2023.

Alan Puckrin
Interim Director
Finance & Corporate Governance

Louise Long
Chief Executive

Ruth Binks
Corporate Director
Education, Communities
& Organisational Development

3.0 BACKGROUND AND CONTEXT

3.1 The revised 2022/23 Revenue Budget for the Policy & Resources Committee is £19,377,000 excluding Earmarked Reserves. This is a decrease of £2,315,000 from the approved budget due to additional funding from the Scottish Government for the Local Pay Offer partly offset by allocations to services from the pay and non-pay inflation allowance. Appendix 1 gives more details of this budget movement.

3.2 2022/23 Projected Outturn – Policy & Resources Committee Budget (£809,000 Overspend 4%)

The main projected variances contributing to the net overspend are listed below –

- (a) Projected underspend of £73,000 for Finance/ICT Employee costs due to exceeding turnover targets.
- (b) ICT Computer Software Maintenance projected underspend £39,000.
- (c) Projecting an underspend within Revenues of £75,000 due to one-off administration income relating to the Cost of Living grant payments. This underspend will be off-set with various administrative costs all under £20,000.
- (d) Projecting an over-recovery of £54,000 within Income Recharges for ICT service recharges for computer equipment.
- (e) Projected overspend of £50,000 for Legal Employee costs due to turnover target not yet met.
- (f) Projected overspend of £1,300,000 for the Non-Pay Inflation Contingency largely due to rising utility and fuel costs and contracts linked to rates of RPI.
- (g) Projected shortfall of £1,400,000 in the Pay Inflation allowance based on the 2022/23 SJC Pay Award and after netting off an additional £2.167 million recurring funding and one-off funding of £1.867 million from the Scottish Government. The projection assumes the IJB will receive £1.1 million share of this additional funding in 2022/23.
- (h) Projected over-recovery of £1,800,000 from Internal Resource Interest due to current interest rates as reported as part of the December Financial Strategy.

More details are shown in Appendices 2 and 3

3.3 Earmarked Reserves

Appendix 4 gives an update on the operational Earmarked Reserves, i.e. excluding strategic funding models. Spend to date is currently £5,314,000 largely due to the delivery of the Council Cost of Living payments. Appendix 7 gives a summary breakdown of the current earmarked reserves position. It can be seen that expenditure at 31 January was £18,909,000 which is £567,000 (3.09%) more than the phased budget and 49.94% of projected 2022/23 spend.

3.4 Common Good Fund

The Common Good Fund is projecting a surplus in 2022/23 of £18,340 as shown in Appendix 5 and which results in projected surplus fund balance of £124,110 at 31 March 2023.

3.5 General Fund Budget & Reserves Position

Appendix 6 shows that as at 31 January 2023 the General Fund is projecting a £861,000 underspend (excluding Health & Social Care) which represents 0.38% of the net Revenue Budget. This is a reduction in expenditure of £1,073,000 since P8 mainly due to £400,000 savings from Teachers strike days, £252,000 additional turnover savings from Education and Environmental Services, £86,000 additional crematorium income and £100,000 less call on the non-pay Inflation Contingency.

- 3.6 Appendix 8 shows the latest position in respect of the General Fund Reserves and shows that the projected balance at 31 March, 2023 is £6.081 million which is £2.081 million above the minimum recommended balance of £4 million. Further additions to the Reserves beyond 2022/23 have been identified as part of the 2023/25 Budget and their use was approved by the Council on 2 March 2023.

4.0 IMPLICATIONS

- 4.1 The table below shows whether risks and implications apply if the recommendations are agreed:

SUBJECT	YES	NO	N/A
Financial		x	
Legal/Risk	x		
Human Resources		x	
Strategic (LOIP/Corporate Plan)		x	
Equalities & Fairer Scotland Duty			x
Children & Young People's Rights & Wellbeing			x
Environmental & Sustainability			x
Data Protection			x

4.2 Finance

As has been previously reported the Council is facing financial challenges it has not faced before and decisions will need to be taken in coming months to ensure the Council's Budget, service delivery requirements and priorities remain affordable in the medium term.

One off Costs

Cost Centre	Budget Heading	Budget Years	Proposed Spend this Report	Virement From	Other Comments
N/A					

Annually Recurring Costs/ (Savings)

Cost Centre	Budget Heading	With Effect from	Annual Net Impact	Virement From (If Applicable)	Other Comments
N/A					

4.3 Legal/Risk

The approved Governance Documents set out the roles and responsibilities of Committees and officers in ensuring budgets are not overspent and the process to be followed in the event approved limits are projected to be breached.

4.4 Human Resources

There are no specific human resources implications arising from this report.

4.5 Strategic

The current and projected financial position will require to be borne in mind when developing the forthcoming strategic plans for the Council.

5.0 CONSULTATION

- 5.1 The Chief Executive and Corporate Director Education, Communities and OD have been consulted in the preparation of this report.

6.0 BACKGROUND PAPERS

- 6.1 There are no background papers.

Policy & Resources Budget Movement - 2022/23**Period 10: 1 April 2022 - 31 January 2023**

Service	Approved Budget		Movements		Transferred to EMR £000	Revised Budget 2022/23 £000
	2022/23 £000	Inflation £000	Virement £000	Supplementary Budgets £000		
Finance	7,555	512	40	500	0	8,607
Legal	1,961	115	6	0	0	2,082
Organisational Development, Policy & Communications	2,115	131	23	0	0	2,269
Chief Exec	331	13	0	0	0	344
Miscellaneous	9,730	(6,425)	0	3,422	(652)	6,075
Totals	<u>21,692</u>	<u>(5,654)</u>	<u>69</u>	<u>3,922</u>	<u>(652)</u>	<u>19,377</u>

Supplementary Budget Detail

£000

Inflation

Benefit Subsidy 2022/23 Inflation

186

Finance & ICT - Inflation adjustments

16

P&R Pay Award 22/23

541

Legal: HOS Overbudgeted, transfer to Inflation Contingency

(7)

Legal - Team Lead Pay Inflation

2

HR - Occupational Health contract increase

33

Miscellaneous - Pay Inflation allocated out

(3,573)

Miscellaneous - Non Pay Inflation allocated out

(2,852)

(5,654)Virements

Finance (ICT): New Ways of Working

40

Legal - Additional Senior Allowances Councillors

6

HR - Corp Comms Money for Post 78069 Team Lead

23

69Supplementary Budgets

Revenues Redeterminations 2022/23

500

Miscellaneous - SG Local Pay Offer Allocation (Ex-HSCP)

3,422

3,922**Total Inflation & Virements****(1,663)**

POLICY & RESOURCES

Appendix 2

REVENUE BUDGET MONITORING REPORT**CURRENT POSITION****Period 10: 1 April 2022 - 31 January 2023**

2021/22 Actual £000	SUBJECTIVE ANALYSIS	Approved Budget 2022/23 £000	Revised Budget 2022/23 £000	Projected Out-turn 2022/23 £000	Projected Over/(Under) Spend £000	Percentage Over/(Under)
8,144	Employee Costs	8,366	8,895	8,864	(31)	(0.3%)
487	Property Costs	569	569	569	0	-
905	Supplies & Services	888	901	949	48	5.3%
1	Transport & Plant	4	4	4	0	-
1,253	Administration Costs	1,295	1,303	1,222	(81)	(6.2%)
29,661	Payments to Other Bodies	39,866	37,650	38,436	786	2.1%
(26,838)	Income	(29,296)	(29,293)	(29,206)	87	(0.3%)
13,612	TOTAL NET EXPENDITURE	21,692	20,029	20,838	809	4.0%
	Earmarked reserves		(652)	(652)	0	
13,612	Total Net Expenditure excluding Earmarked Reserves	21,692	19,377	20,186	809	

2021/22 Actual £000	OBJECTIVE ANALYSIS	Approved Budget 2022/23 £000	Revised Budget 2022/23 £000	Projected Out-turn 2022/23 £000	Projected Over/(Under) Spend £000	Percentage Over/(Under)
7,487	Finance	7,555	8,607	8,383	(224)	(2.6%)
1,353	Legal Services	1,961	2,082	2,176	94	4.5%
8,840	Total Net Expenditure Environment, Regeneration & Resources	9,516	10,689	10,559	(130)	(1.2%)
2,117	Organisational Development, Policy & Communications	2,115	2,269	2,289	20	0.9%
2,117	Total Net Expenditure Education, Communities & Organisational Development	2,115	2,269	2,289	20	0.9%
337	Chief Executive	331	344	357	13	3.8%
2,318	Miscellaneous	9,730	6,727	7,633	906	13.5%
13,612	TOTAL NET EXPENDITURE	21,692	20,029	20,838	809	4.0%
	Earmarked reserves		(652)	(652)		
13,612	Total Net Expenditure excluding Earmarked Reserves	21,692	19,377	20,186	809	

REVENUE BUDGET MONITORING REPORT

MATERIAL VARIANCES (EXCLUDING EARMARKED RESERVES)

Period 10: 1 April 2022 - 31 January 2023

Outturn 2021/22 £000	Budget Heading	Budget 2022/23 £000	Proportion of Budget £000	Actual to 31/01/23 £000	Projection 2022/23 £000	Over/(Under) Budget £000
	<u>Finance/ICT Services</u>					
4,753	Employee Costs	4,879	4,090	3,940	4,806	(73)
24,407	Revenues - Benefits & Allowances	27,962	23,302	20,017	27,914	(48)
(33)	Revenues - Bad Debt Provision	0	0	15	20	20
0	Revenues - Cost of Living Award (Projected Under Spend is Funding For Admin Costs)	0	0	0	(75)	(75)
(271)	Revenues - Income - Statutory Additions	(294)	(245)	(203)	(274)	20
0	Revenues - Income- Council Tax Previous Years	(356)	(297)	0	(385)	(29)
(30)	ICT - Income - Recharges	0	0	(54)	(54)	(54)
0	ICT- Other Expenditure	40	33	0	1	(39)
	<u>Legal Services</u>					
1,321	Employee Costs	1,643	1,260	1,292	1,693	50
(576)	Income - Licenses	(471)	(393)	(212)	(443)	28
(10)	Income - Recharges Capital	(24)	(20)	(2)	(2)	22
	<u>Organisational Development, Policy & Communications</u>					
1,752	Employee Costs	1,925	1,477	1,442	1,905	(20)
	<u>Miscellaneous Services</u>					
1,014	Non Pay Inflation	2,927	2,007	2,007	4,227	1,300
2,816	Pay Inflation	2,876	3,573	3,573	4,276	1,400
(104)	Internal Resource Interest	(201)	0	0	(2,001)	(1,800)
35,039	TOTAL MATERIAL VARIANCES	40,906	34,788	31,815	41,608	702

EARMARKED RESERVES POSITION STATEMENT

COMMITTEE: Policy & Resources

C a t e g o r y	Project	Lead Officer/ Responsible Manager	Total Funding	Phased Budget P10	Actual 31/01/2023	Projected Spend	Amount to be Earmarked for 2023/24 & Beyond	Lead Officer Update
			2022/23	2022/23	2022/23	2022/23		
			£000	£000	£000	£000		
B	Early Retiral/Voluntary Severance Reserve	Alan Puckrin	1,473	0	0	0	1,473	Significant call expected on the reserve due to 23/25 Budget gap. High likelihood that more funding will be needed.
C	Equal Pay	Steven McNab	100	0	0	0	100	Balance for equal pay which is under review on an annual basis after £100k write back.
C	Digital Strategy	Alan Puckrin	160	0	49	66	94	Project officer £70k over 2 years starting 01/10/21. £68k uncommitted. All needed for new ways of working project.
C	Welfare Reform - Operational	Alan Puckrin	117	0	63	68	49	£49k unallocated balance which will be used from 23/24 following £36k approved write back.
B	Cloud Technology	Alan Puckrin	176	0	20	20	156	Cloud Migration Analyst started 23/08/21 for 1 year before post is mainstreamed. Balance required for modernisation project.
C	Anti-Poverty Fund	Ruth Binks	1,716	758	965	1,520	196	£763k of funding relates to c/f of the recurring element of the Anti Poverty fund and £309k relates to c/f for FSM holiday payments and bridging payments all of which will be fully spent. New funding relates to an underspend of SG FSM funding (£86k) and uncommitted Anti Poverty recurring budget (£559k). It is anticipated that this funding will be spent on a number of projects agreed by P&R in November 22 with a balance of £196k uncommitted.
C	Community Facilities Digital Inclusion	Alan Puckrin	16	0	2	2	14	Budget holders have confirmed that the project is delivered except for Grieve Road CC. £16k allocated for this. Balance approved for write back.
B	Loan Charge Funding Model	Alan Puckrin	337	0	0	0	337	December Finance Strategy forecast a balance of £0.4m by 31.3.23. Council agreed to allocate £1.2million to this reserve in 2023/24to address projected deficit over 2023/25.
C	GDPR	Iain Strachan	35	15	16	18	17	Information governance system contract (Workpro) awarded (2yr+1yr+1yr). Spend committed - £10k per year. Continued corporate training programme being organised.
C	Local Government Elections	Iain Strachan	110	110	110	110	0	Cost for May 2022 Local election. £140k approved from Committee - £30k in 2021/22 & £110k in 2022/23 within overspend of £18k being reported as part of Legal Services overspend on 2022/23.

EARMARKED RESERVES POSITION STATEMENT**COMMITTEE: Policy & Resources**

C a t e g o r y	Project	Lead Officer/ Responsible Manager	Total Funding	Phased Budget P10	Actual 31/01/2023	Projected Spend	Amount to be Earmarked for 2023/24 & Beyond	Lead Officer Update
			2022/23	2022/23	2022/23	2022/23		
			£000	£000	£000	£000		
C	Contribution from the SG Omicron Funding - £350 Payment	Alan Puckrin	500	500	500	500	0	Complete.
B	2022/24 Budget Funding Reserve	Alan Puckrin	6,000	0	0	4,000	2,000	£4.0m approved for use 22/23
B	Covid - ICT Technicians to support Digital School Inclusion	Alan Puckrin	60	0	25	36	24	2 posts to 30.6.22, mainlined thereafter (from P4 being charged to 30.4.23 but with proposals, from P6, to extend). Both posts were filled from 1.11.21, but currently only one post filled/being charged to EMR.
B	Covid - Scottish Welfare Fund -Balance From 21/22	Alan Puckrin	40	0	0	40	0	All required 22/23.
CFCR	Capital funded from Current Revenue	Alan Puckrin	4,778	0	0	1,869	2,909	Due to be fully used by 31/03/23. £1.867m to be used to fund 2022/23 pay award offset by increase in SG Capital Grant.
C	Covid - Desks and Equipment	Steven McNab	6	14	5	6	0	Support Health and Safety of employees working at home providing equipment. This EMR is linked to DSE risk assessments of employees working at home. £8k budget to be written back.
C	Covid Recovery - Increased Occ Health Provision - 24 Months	Steven McNab	36	30	30	36	0	This EMR is mainly used for counselling services and providing mental health support during the covid recovery period.
C	Covid Recovery - Additional HR Support to Services - 24 Months	Steven McNab	48	40	40	48	0	Additional HR Support during the COVID Recovery period. HR Advisor ends on 15/08/23.
C	Covid Recovery - Flu Vaccines	Steven McNab	3	5	1	3	0	This EMR will be used to secure flu jabs and offered to employees through ICON and wider communications. This rollout will be around December 2022. Uncommitted £9k budget to be written back.
C	Covid Recovery - 2x Additional ICT Service Desk Technicians - 18 Months	Alan Puckrin	63	0	10	17	46	Approved P&R 25/05/21 - Covid Recovery Plans. 1 year temp Service Desk post funded from 1.9.22 to meet increased demand during hybrid working pilot
C	Extension of Corporate Policy Post	Steven McNab	44	0	0	0	44	Budget transfer from COVID Recovery budget to fund extension of Corporate Policy Post.
B	Tenant Hardship Fund	Alan Puckrin	59	0	59	59	0	All required 2022/23
C	Additional Payroll post - 12 Months	Steven McNab	28	22	23	28	0	Cost for senior clerical assistant within payroll team. The anticipated end date of post is 31/03/23.

EARMARKED RESERVES POSITION STATEMENT

COMMITTEE: Policy & Resources

C a t e g o r y	<u>Project</u>	<u>Lead Officer/ Responsible Manager</u>	<u>Total Funding</u> <u>2022/23</u> <u>£000</u>	<u>Phased Budget P10</u> <u>2022/23</u> <u>£000</u>	<u>Actual 31/01/2023</u> <u>2022/23</u> <u>£000</u>	<u>Projected Spend</u> <u>2022/23</u> <u>£000</u>	<u>Amount to be Earmarked for 2023/24 & Beyond</u> <u>£000</u>	<u>Lead Officer Update</u>
C	New Ways of Working	Steven McNab	286	91	37	142	144	Ongoing to the summer of 2023. Project requires 150k employee costs alongside 150k non employee other costs. The staffing requirement has a 22.2 hour post until 03/06/23 The non-employee costs relate to expenditure in rationalising office estate with regards to hybrid working that will see office refurbishments, relocation of staff and IT Costs that improve digital capabilities. It has also been agreed, this will fund the £7.6k captil requirement for Online form solutions Victoria Forms.
C	HR Resources	Steven McNab	92	0	0	0	92	This is Monies to fund the 2 HR employees for 2023/24. 40k has been agreed from Covid Jobs Refresh, 17k moved from L Bryceland EMR above to here. 35k moved to here from Discover Inverclyde EMR.
C	Contribution to IJB budget 2022/23	Alan Puckrin	550	0	0	550	0	Budget transferred to IJB March 2023
C	Support with Energy Bill Costs - £350 Payment	Alan Puckrin	2,948	3,000	2,948	2,948	0	£52k balance forms part of the £1.46million write back approved December Council.
C	Covid Recovery - Large Outdoor Festival 2022	Ruth Binks	350	350	350	350	0	Funding supported Meliora Festival, reported to September P&R - complete.
C	Covid Recovery - Marketing Post & Support for Discover Inverclyde - 2 Years	Ruth Binks	142	82	61	71	71	The EMR supports a new temporary two year communications officer (tourism) post to support local delivery of tourism activity in partnership with the discover Inverclyde tourism partnership working towards the key priority areas to embed the 'discover Inverclyde' theme and call to action focussing on marketing priorities (food and drink; film and TV; outdoor activities and sports cruise ships; heritage and walking. The spend for this EMR will be 22/23 and 23/24. The two year post is funded from Nov 21 to Nov 23.
Total Category A			0	0	0	0	0	
Total Category B			8,145	0	104	4,155	3,990	
Total Category C to E			7,350	5,017	5,210	6,483	867	
Total CFCR			4,778	0	0	1,869	2,909	
Overall Total Check			20,273	5,017	5,314	12,507	7,766	

REVENUE BUDGET MONITORING REPORT 2021/22**Period 10: 1 April 2022 - 31 January 2023**

	Final Outturn 2021/22	Approved Budget 2022/23	Budget to Date 2022/23	Actual to Date 2022/23	Projected Outturn 2022/23
<u>PROPERTY COSTS</u>	72,380	29,000	23,300	31,610	35,660
Repairs & Maintenance	47,450	9,000	7,500	10,450	11,000
Rates	21,720	19,000	15,800	21,160	21,160
Property Insurance	3,210	1,000	0	0	3,500
<u>ADMINISTRATION COSTS</u>	15,050	7,700	1,300	0	7,700
Sundries	8,850	1,500	1,300	0	1,500
Commercial Rent Management Recharge	2,200	2,200	0	0	2,200
Recharge for Accountancy	4,000	4,000	0	0	4,000
<u>OTHER EXPENDITURE</u>	26,000	61,500	61,500	55,100	61,500
Christmas Lights Switch On	10,500	10,500	10,500	5,890	10,500
Gourock Highland Games	0	29,400	29,400	29,400	29,400
Armistice Service	6,530	8,300	8,300	6,510	8,300
Comet Festival	0	13,300	13,300	13,300	13,300
Bad Debt Provision	8,970	0	0	0	0
<u>INCOME</u>	(118,620)	(109,800)	(91,100)	(104,880)	(123,200)
Property Rental	(158,050)	(159,000)	(132,500)	(134,700)	(159,000)
Void Rents	39,690	49,700	41,400	29,820	36,300
Internal Resources Interest	(260)	(500)	0	0	(500)
<u>NET ANNUAL EXPENDITURE</u>	(5,190)	(11,600)	(5,000)	(18,170)	(18,340)
<u> earmarked funds</u>	0	0	0	0	0
<u>TOTAL NET EXPENDITURE</u>	(5,190)	(11,600)	(5,000)	(18,170)	(18,340)

Fund Balance as at 31st March 2022

105,668

Projected Fund Balance as at 31st March 2023

124,008**Notes:****1 Rates (Empty Properties)**

Rates are currently being paid on empty properties, projection reflects current Rates levels however all historic Rates costs are being examined to ensure all appropriate empty property relief has been obtained. Any subsequent credit will be included in future reports.

2 Current Empty Properties are:Vacant since:

12 Bay St
14 Bay St
6 John Wood Street
10 John Wood Street
15 John Wood Street

April 2015, currently being marketed
November 2022, currently being marketed
January 2019, currently being marketed
August 2018
June 2017

Policy & Resources Committee**Revenue Budget Monitoring Report****Position as at 31st January 2023**

Committee	Approved Budget 2022/2023	Revised Budget 2022/2023	Projected Out-turn 2022/2023	Projected Over/(Under) Spend	Percentage Variance
	£,000's	£,000's	£,000's	£,000's	
Policy & Resources	21,692	19,377	20,186	809	4.18%
Environment & Regeneration	21,424	23,275	22,989	(286)	(1.23%)
Education & Communities (Note 1)	99,748	98,981	98,453	(528)	(0.53%)
Health & Social Care	65,522	66,108	64,782	(1,326)	(2.01%)
Committee Sub-Total	208,386	207,741	206,410	(1,331)	(0.64%)
Loan Charges (Including SEMP) (Note 1)	11,977	16,883	16,883	0	0.00%
Identified Savings (Note 2)	39	39	(9)	(48)	0.00%
Saving Approved yet to be Allocated (Note 3)	(30)	(30)	(10)	20	0.00%
Earmarked Reserves	0	1,731	1,731	0	0.00%
Total Expenditure	220,372	226,364	225,005	(1,359)	(0.60%)
Financed By:					
General Revenue Grant/Non Domestic Rates	(185,285)	(189,333)	(189,561)	(228)	0.12%
Contribution from General Reserves	(4,000)	(5,944)	(5,944)	0	100.00%
Contribution to Reserves	1,858	1,858	1,858	0	100.00%
Council Tax (Note 4)	(32,945)	(32,945)	(33,545)	(600)	1.82%
Integration Joint Board - Contribution to Reserves	0	0	1,326	1,326	100.00%
Net Expenditure	0	0	(861)	(861)	

Note 1 - Reduction reflects SEMP loans charges**Note 2 - Identified savings to be allocated****Note 3 - Approved savings yet to be allocated (New Ways of Working)****Note 4 - Based on the most recent Council Tax Base return there is an increase in the property numbers. £600k has been allocated in the 2023/25 budget process.**

Earmarked Reserves Position Statement**Appendix 7****Summary**

<u>Committee</u>	<u>Total Funding 2022/23</u>	<u>Phased Budget P10</u>	<u>Actual Spend To 31 January 2023</u>	<u>Variance Actual to Phased Budget</u>	<u>Projected Spend 2022/23</u>	<u>Earmarked 2023/24 & Beyond</u>	<u>2022/23 %age Spend Against Projected</u>	<u>2022/23 %age Over/(Under) Spend Against Phased Budget</u>
	<u>£000</u>	<u>£000</u>	<u>£000</u>	<u>£000</u>	<u>£000</u>	<u>£000</u>		
Education & Communities	20,533	11,353	11,535	182	20,004	529	57.66%	1.60%
Health & Social Care	3,699	776	93	(683)	1,057	2,642	8.80%	(88.02%)
Regeneration & Environment	11,166 0	1,196	1,967	771	4,298	6,868	45.77%	64.46%
Policy & Resources	20,273	5,017	5,314	297	12,507	7,766	42.49%	5.92%
	55,671	18,342	18,909	567	37,866	17,805	49.94%	3.09%

Actual Spend v Phased Budget Ahead Phasing = £567k 3.09%

Last Update (Period P8) Ahead Phasing = £539k

Increase in advancement £28k

Appendix 8

GENERAL FUND RESERVE POSITION
Position as at 31/01/23

	<u>£000</u>	<u>£000</u>
Usable Balance 31/3/22		3719
<u>Available Funding:</u>		
Share of Scottish Government one off funding £120m 2022/23	<u>1858</u>	1858
Projected Surplus/(Deficit) 2022/23	861	
Contribution to/(from) General Fund Reserves	<u>0</u>	861
<u>Use of Balances:</u>		
Local Elections	(140)	
Loans Charges Funding Model (December Financial Strategy)	(1200)	
IL Smoothing Reserve	(400)	
IL - Living Wage Contribution	<u>(77)</u>	(1817)
<u>Agreed Write back of Earmarked Reserves:</u>		
Write Back December P&R		1460
		<u>6081</u>
Minimum Reserve required is £4 million		