



**Corporate Policy and
Resources Committee**

Thursday, 27 June 2024

Subject: Budget and Treasury Monitoring - Final Outturn 2023/2024

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Purpose / Summary:	This report sets out the final budget outturn position for revenue and capital spend 2023/2024, and requests approval for transfer of the underspend to General Fund working balances and Earmarked Reserves. It also contains a recommendation to amend the capital programme for 2024/2025.

RECOMMENDATION(S):

REVENUE

- a) Members of the Committee accept the out-turn position of a £0.928m gross contribution to reserves against the revised budget for 2023/2024, which includes £0.813m of approved revenue carry forwards into 2024/2025. **The remaining balance being a net underspend and contribution to reserves of £0.115m.**
- b) Members of the committee approve the balance of £0.115m be transferred as follows:
 - £0.015m carried forward into 2024/2025 for Council Events
 - £0.1m to the Budget Stability Reserve

- c) Members of the Committee approve the use of Earmarked Reserves - £0.218m (2.4.1).
- d) The Committee accepts the use of Earmarked Reserves approved by the Chief Finance Officer using Delegated powers (2023/2024 Section 2.4.2 2024/2025 Section 2.5).
- e) The Committee accepts the contributions to Earmarked Reserves approved by the Chief Finance Officer using Delegated powers (Section 2.4.3).
- f) The Committee approves the amendments to the fees and charges schedules for 2024/2025 (2.3.2).

CAPITAL

- g) The Committee accepts the final Capital Outturn position of £5.303m (Section 3).
- h) Committee approves the amendments to the Capital Schemes 2023/2024 as detailed in 3.2.1 to 3.2.4, and the amendments to the 2024/2025 Capital Schemes as detailed in 3.2.5 and 3.2.6 including the amendment of grant funded solar panels at West Lindsey Leisure Centre.

TREASURY

- i) The Committee accepts the report, the treasury activity and the prudential indicators (Section 4).

IMPLICATIONS

Legal: None arising as a result in this report.

Financial : FIN/5/25/CPR/SL

REVENUE

The revenue out-turn position for 2023/2024 is a gross contribution to reserves of £0.928m against the revised budget for 2023/2024, which includes £0.813m of approved revenue carry forwards into 2024/2025. **The remaining balance being an underspend and contribution to reserves of £0.115m.**

This is an increase of £0.036m from the outturn position reported to Members at Qtr. 3 2023/2024 (£0.079m). The significant movements being:

- Grants and Contributions received in the final quarter £0.174m
- Increase in interest receivable on investments £0.3m
- Corporate Contingency budget not required £0.085m
- Reversal of a debtor accrual to correct the balance sheet £0.262m
- Planning Application income £0.267m

A summary of the out-turn position is shown below:

Summary of Out-turn Position 2023/2024		
	£ 000	
OUTTURN AS AT 31.03.24	(928)	BEFORE CARRY FORWARDS
CARRY FORWARDS : BASE BUDGET-PREVIOUSLY APPROVED	58	ALREADY APPROVED
CARRY FORWARDS : USE OF EARMARKED RESERVES	332	ALREADY APPROVED
SUB-TOTAL:	(538)	
CARRY FORWARDS : SERVICE REQUESTS	423	Approved by Management Team April 2024
NET CONTRIBUTION (TO) / FROM GENERAL FUND BALANCES:	(115)	
TOTAL CARRY FORWARDS:	813	

The General Fund Balance as of 31 March 2024 is £2.514m (excluding carry forwards). This is £0.514m above the minimum working balance of £2.0m agreed by this Committee.

The items with significant variances are contained within this report at 2.1 and 2.2.

CAPITAL

The amendments to the 2023/2024 capital schemes are accepted at 3.2.1 to 3.2.4.

That amendments to the 2024/2025 capital schemes are accepted at 3.2.5 and 3.2.6.

TREASURY

The Treasury Management activities during the reporting period are disclosed in the body of this report. Total external borrowing is currently £24.0m.

There have been no breaches of Treasury or Prudential Indicators within the period of this report.

Average investments for the quarter 4 (January - March) were £21.581m, which achieved an average rate of interest of 5.309% (October - December was 24.239m, 5.319%).

Staffing:

Salary budgets 2023/2024 were based on a 2% pay award. An additional £0.2m was approved as a pay award contingency budget as part of the 2023/2024 Medium Term Financial Plan (MTFP), which allowed for up to a 3% increase.

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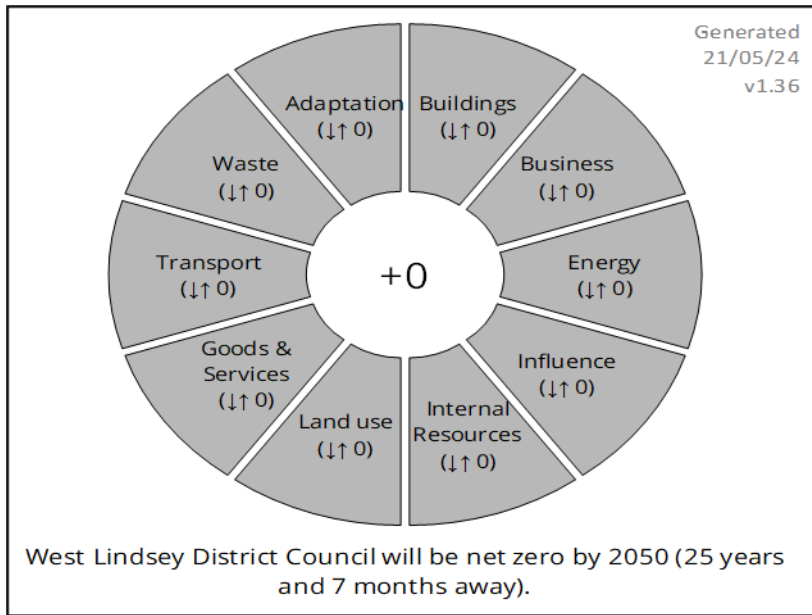
Agreement was reached in November 2023 for those officers above the maximum NJC scale point and below Chief Officer at 3.88%.

On this basis, there has been an additional pressure of c£0.36m in 2023/2024, which is included in the outturn position contained within this report.

Equality and Diversity including Human Rights: None arising as a result of this report.

Data Protection Implications: None arising as a result of this report.

Climate Related Risks and Opportunities: None arising as a result of this report.



Section 17 Crime and Disorder Considerations: None arising as a result of this report.

Health Implications: None arising as a result of this report.

Title and Location of any Background Papers used in the preparation of this report : N/A

Risk Assessment: This is a monitoring report only.

Call in and Urgency:

Is the decision one which Rule 14.7 of the Scrutiny Procedure Rules apply?

i.e., is the report exempt from being called in due to urgency (in consultation with C&I chairman)

Yes

No

X

Key Decision:

A matter which affects two or more wards, or has significant financial implications

Yes

No

X

1. Executive Summary

This report provides the oversight of financial performance at the end of the financial year 2023/2024 for:

REVENUE

- Revenue Forecast Out-Turn (after carry-forwards) – Contribution to Reserves **£0.115m**. (-0.69% of Net Revenue Budget – see 2.1 for details of significant variances).
- Carry forwards (see **Appendix 2** for details) – total £0.813m
 - approved during the year of £0.058m
 - previously approved use of reserves £0.332m
 - requests approved at year-end £0.423m
- **Appendices included within the report:**
 1. Link Asset Services Economic Update (Qtr. 4 2023/2024).
 2. Details of revenue carry forwards into 2024/2025.
 3. Capital Investment Programme – budget monitoring table as of 31st March 2024.
 4. Link Treasury Services Monthly Investment Analysis Review March 2024.
 5. A summary of the Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) receipts and expenditure for financial year 2023/2024.
 6. Detail of Section 137 Expenditure for financial year 2023/2024.
 7. UK Shared Prosperity Fund (UKSPF) Update Qtr. 4 2023/2024.

Members are asked to approve:

- The outturn balance of £0.115m be transferred as follows:
 - £0.015m be carried forward into 2024/2025 to support ‘Council Events’
 - £0.1m to the Budget Stability Reserve
- The use of Earmarked Reserves - £0.218m from Investment for Growth Reserve. RAF Scampton revenue legal proceeding costs during 2023/2024 (2.4.1).
- Amendments to the fees and charges schedules for 2024/2025 (2.3.2) to be implemented with immediate effect:
 - Crematorium – Desk Memorial
 - Crematorium – Virtual Memorial Service
 - Crematorium – Virtual Memorial Service including music tribute.

CAPITAL

- Capital Actual Out-Turn: Final outturn £5.303m against a revised budget of £11.609m, resulting in a variance of £6.306m.
- £6.257m is requested for carry forward/drawback into/from 2024/2025, and £0.049m being net underspends on scheme budgets.

Members are asked to note:

2023/2024 Capital Scheme Amendments:

- Over/underspends on schemes of £0.041m detailed at 3.2.1.
- It is requested that a total of £0.008m be transferred from capital schemes to revenue to fund expenditure relating to Members ICT and Telephony that cannot be classified as capital (See section 3.2.2 for details).
- Drawback of £0.062m from 2024/2025 (see section 3.2.3 for details)
- Carry forward £6.319m from 2023/2024 to 2024/2025 (see section 3.2.4 for detail of schemes)

2024/2025 Capital Scheme Amendments:

- Grange Farm S106 funding of £0.2m capital budget required to fund Community Supported Living Accommodation project (see section 3.2.5 for details).
- Swimming Pool Support Fund - capital budget of £0.402m required for grant funded additional solar panels for West Lindsey Leisure Centre (see section 3.2.6 for details).

Underspends	£m
Saxilby Footbridge	(0.018)
Depot (P)	(0.023)
Total	(0.041)

Carry Forwards into 2024/2025	£m
Capital Enhancements to Council Properties	(0.067)
Carbon Efficiencies - Street Lights	(0.050)
Desktop Refresh	(0.010)
1.2 Supporting our Town, Village & Neighbourhood	(0.028)
Disabled Facilities Grants	(0.229)
Extra Care Provision	(0.500)
Home Upgrade Grant Phase 2	(0.689)
Parks Fund Project	(0.048)
1.3 Safer Streets West Lindsey	(0.042)
2.1 Flagship West Lindsey Business Support	(0.157)
5-7 Market Place Redevelopment	(0.050)
CCTV Expansion	(0.027)
Gainsborough Heritage Regeneration	(0.090)
Hemswell Cliff Investment for Growth	(0.040)
Market Rasen 3 year vision	(0.023)
Thriving Gainsborough - Bus Station	(0.001)
Thriving Gainsborough - Cinema	(0.746)
Thriving Gainsborough - Living Over The Shops	(0.158)
Thriving Gainsborough - Market Place/Streetscape	(0.013)
Thriving Gainsborough - Resources	(0.106)
Thriving Gainsborough - Townhall THI	(0.348)
Thriving Gainsborough - Wayfinding Strategy	(0.005)
Thriving Gainsborough - Whitton Gardens	(0.208)
Trinity Arts Centre Improvements	(2.500)
Vehicle Replacement Programme	(0.152)
WLDC - Cinema Land Purchase	(0.032)
Total	(6.319)

Drawbacks from 2024/2025	£m
1.1 Flagship Community Grants Programme	0.058
Shop Front Improvement	0.001
Thriving Gainsborough - Pocket Park	0.003
Total	0.062

Movement of Budgets to Revenue	£m
Member ICT Provision	(0.006)
Telephony (Equipment)	(0.002)
Total	(0.008)

Variance Against Revised Budget	(6.306)
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TREASURY MANAGEMENT

Treasury Management Report and monitoring:

- Investments held as of 31st March 2024 were:
 - Average investment interest rate for January to March was 5.309%.
 - Total Investments at the end of Quarter 4 were £20.21m.

The tables below reflect the movement on our investments and borrowing in Quarter 4:

Investment Movements	Qtr. 4 £'m
Investments B/fwd. (at 31.12.2023 including cash held at bank)	19.452
(Less) Net Capital expenditure/ Funding received	(1.017)
Add PWLB/Other LA Borrowing in year	5.000
Add/(Less) Net Revenue Expenditure	(4.425)
Add/(Less) Net Collection Fund Movement (Ctax/NNDR)	1.262
Investments carried forward (at Period end)	20.272

The prudential borrowing position reflects actual borrowing undertaken from the Public Works Loans Board/Other Local Authorities and the amount of internal borrowing required to meet the actual costs of borrowing up to the 31st of March 2024. Internal Borrowing is an approved practice whereby external borrowing is delayed by using cash held for other purposes. It allows us to avoid paying interest until the original expenditure planned for the internally borrowed cash is required.

	Qtr.4 £'000
Prudential Borrowing	£'000
Total External Borrowing (PWLB)	14,000
Other Local Authorities	10,000
Internal Borrowing	13,022
Total Prudential Borrowing at 31.03.2024	37,022

FINAL REVENUE BUDGET OUTTURN 2023/2024

2. The final Revenue out-turn for 2023/2024 is a net contribution to reserves of **£0.115m** as detailed in the table below.

This is after taking account of £0.813m of revenue budget carry forwards. The details of which are provided at **Appendix 2**.

Details of headline variances by Cluster can be found below at 2.1 and 2.2.

Cluster	Base Budget	Revised Budget	Actual Outturn	Outturn Variance before Cfws	Carry Forwards	Outturn Variance after Cfws
	£	£	£	£	£	£
Our Council	7,785,400	8,329,100	7,694,264	(634,836)	391,500	(243,336)
Our People	1,832,400	1,843,800	2,040,211	196,411	107,100	303,511
Our Place	4,726,400	4,802,100	4,890,338	88,238	314,500	402,738
Covid 19 Business Support Grants	0	0	15,700	15,700	0	15,700
Grand Total	14,344,200	14,975,000	14,640,512	(334,488)	813,100	478,612
Interest Receivable	(577,300)	(586,500)	(1,287,487)	(700,987)	0	(700,987)
Investment Income - Property Portfolio	(1,576,700)	(1,571,400)	(1,548,649)	22,751	0	22,751
Drainage Board Levies	459,200	474,100	474,129	29	0	29
Parish Precepts	2,577,100	2,577,100	2,577,073	(27)	0	(27)
Interest Payable	794,400	794,400	583,639	(210,761)	0	(210,761)
MRP/VRP (repayment of borrowing)	906,100	906,100	1,278,014	371,914	0	371,914
Net Revenue Expenditure	16,927,000	17,568,800	16,717,233	(851,567)	813,100	(38,467)
Transfer to / (from) General Fund	(684,400)	(2,184,700)	(2,184,700)	0	0	0
Transfer to / (from) Earmarked Reserves	496,600	1,383,500	2,173,132	789,632	0	789,632
Amount to be met from Government Grant	16,739,200	16,767,600	16,705,664	(61,936)	813,100	751,164
Funding Income						
Business Rate Retention Scheme	(4,633,200)	(4,633,200)	(5,516,969)	(883,769)	0	(883,769)
Collection Fund Surplus - Council Tax	(290,000)	(290,000)	(190,203)	99,797	0	99,797
Parish Councils Tax Requirement	(2,577,100)	(2,577,100)	(2,577,100)	0	0	0
New Homes Bonus	(561,500)	(561,500)	(561,488)	12	0	12
Other Government Grants	(1,243,300)	(1,271,700)	(1,354,303)	(82,603)	0	(82,603)
Council Tax Requirement	(7,434,100)	(7,434,100)	(7,434,100)	0	0	0
TOTAL FUNDING	(16,739,200)	(16,767,600)	(17,634,164)	(866,564)	0	(866,564)
Balanced Budget / Funding Target	0	0	(928,499)	(928,499)	813,100	(115,399)

Carry Forwards - Previously Approved	58,100
Carry Forwards - Approved at Year End	422,600
Carry Forwards - Use of Earmarked Reserves	332,400
	813,100

2.1 The significant variances against budgets being:

KEY:	
↑	improved position (i.e. increased surplus, or reduction in pressure)
↔	no change
↓	worsened position (i.e. decrease in surplus, or increase in pressure)

Cluster	EXPENDITURE	Total £000	Direction of Travel
BUDGET UNDERSPENDS			
Our Council	Corporate contingency budget not required.	(£85)	New
Our Council / Our Place	Fuel - average price per litre to date £1.14 (compared to £1.38 average price per litre for the year 2022/2023).	(£107)	↔
Our Council / Our People / Our Place	Business Rates for Council owned land and property.	(£18)	New
Our Council / Our People / Our Place	Utilities - Electricity (£10k) and Gas (£20k) based on current rates and consumption.	(£30)	↑
PRESSURES			
Corporate Accounting-Minimum Revenue Provision (MRP)	MRP adjustment to correct the useful lives of assets funded by borrowing, plus MRP has been charged on the initial loan to the Market Street Renewal company.	£372	↔
Our Council	External audit costs - £43k pressure offset by Redmond Review Local Audit Grant (£19k).	£24	New
Our Council / Our Place	Fleet repairs and maintenance (PAYG contract).	£100	↓
Our Council / Our People / Our Place	Salary (savings) / pressure. Budget includes 2% vacancy factor £226k, and pay award contingency (£200k). £360k pressure due to pay award, (£138k) savings arising from vacancies offset by pressures due to temporary resources appointed to cover vacant posts. (£61k) corporate salary contingency budget not required.	£187	↑
Our Place	Emergency Planning - Hotel placements for flooded residents.	£25	↑
	Various forecast outturn variances <£10k.	£38	↓
		£506	

Cluster	INCOME	Total £000	Direction of Travel
BUDGETED INCOME EXCEEDED			
Corporate Accounting-Interest Received and Paid	Interest Receivable (£701k), Interest Payable (£211k).	(£912)	↑
Funding	Windfall Income: Government Grants - DLUHC - Transparency Code, Internal Drainage Board Levies Support and Service Levy Distribution.	(£83)	↑
Our Council	Bulky Waste Collections - increased demand for the service.	(£20)	↑
Our Council	Windfall Income: Property Services - refund of 2021/2022 & 2022/2023 service charges.	(£39)	↔
Our Council	Windfall Income: Share of Procurement Reserve.	(£39)	New
Our Council	Windfall Income: Refund of interest charged by HMRC in 2022/2023 on the VAT Partial Exemption Breach assessment.	(£51)	↔
Our Council / Our People / Our Place	Property Services: Rental and Miscellaneous Income exceeded budget (£29k). Contribution from LCC towards cost of depot sweeper bay (£20k).	(£49)	New
Our People	Windfall Income: LCC Homes for Ukraine Admin Grant.	(£45)	New
Our Place	Windfall Income: Defra Bio Diversity Grant.	(£15)	New
BUDGETED INCOME NOT ACHIEVED			
Our Council	Commercial Waste income below target due to cancellations.	£36	New
Our People	Leisure Centres - Embedded Finance Lease.	£54	↔
Our People	Review of balance sheet - reversal of a pre-2022 income accrual.	£262	New
Our People	Housing Benefits Subsidy - forecast loss of subsidy reclaimed on supported accommodation placements.	£22	↑
Our Place	Planning Application income - a number of major developments have slipped into 2024/2025.	£204	↓
Our Place	Street Naming and Numbering - Reduction in fee income.	£16	↔
Our Place	Building Regulations - Fee Earning. Reduction in fee income.	£38	↓
		(£621)	
TOTAL VARIANCE		(£115)	

2.2 Significant items (>£10k) of note by Cluster:

2.2.1 Our Council

- There are £0.393m revenue carry forwards into 2024/2025 (see **Appendix 2** for details).

- **Crematorium –**

The Council has received a VAT refund on the Crematorium Capital Scheme after a successful appeal to HMRC.

The interest of £0.051m which was paid in 2022/2023 on the original assessment has also been refunded and is windfall income in 2023/2024.

- **Property Services –**

A refund in service charges previously paid during 2021/2022 and 2022/2023 has resulted in windfall income of £0.039m.

Rental and miscellaneous income has exceeded the income budget for the year by £0.029m.

A contribution from LCC towards the cost of the sweeper bay at Caenby Corner Depot was received in year £0.02m.

Business Rates for council owned land and property were £0.018m below budget for the year.

- **Corporate Contingency** budget of £0.085m was not required during the year.
- **Commercial Waste** has seen a shortfall in income of £0.051m, £0.015m has been offset by the Commercial Contingency budget, leaving a net pressure of £0.036m against the service.

The updated Commercial Waste Business Plan was reported to, and approved by, Corporate Policy and Resources committee on the 21st of March 24 and the 2025/2026 MTFP will be updated to reflect the amended forecast.

- **Bulky Waste Collections –**

Increased demand for the service has increased income to £0.02m above budget. This level of income has been realised over the previous two financial years and has been reflected in the Medium Term Financial Plan from 2024/2025.

- **Utilities: Gas and Electricity –**

An underspend of £0.01m on electricity and £0.02m on gas has been realised in year - a total saving of £0.03m.

For information, electricity prices are fixed until 31st October 2024 and gas prices were fixed until 31st March 2024.

- **Procurement Shared Services** costs have been partly offset by a share of the surplus held by Lincolnshire Procurement of **£0.039m**.
- **External Audit Costs** - Following the 2020 Redmond Review of the effectiveness of external audit and transparency of financial reporting in local authorities, the Government announced additional funding intended to support local bodies to meet the anticipated rise in audit fees. £0.019m was received in 2023/2024, with a net pressure of **£0.024m** remaining against budget for costs incurred.
- **Commercial Contingency** – A budget of **£0.2m** is held to mitigate several commercial risks, including investment properties, and demand led service generated income. There is a pressure on commercial income for 2023/2024 of **£0.165m**.

£0.035m of the contingency budget has been approved for legal and consultancy costs associated with Market Street Renewal.

Use of the budget in 2023/2024, based on the outturn position as of 31st March 2024, is shown below:

	£
Commercial Contingency Base Budget 2023/2024	200,000
Crematorium - Standard Cremations	(149,900)
Commercial Waste	(15,100)
Market Street Renewal	(35,000)
Remaining Balance at Qtr. 3 2023/2024	0

2.2.2 Our People

- There are £0.107m revenue carry forwards into 2024/2025 (see **Appendix 2** for details).
- **Leisure Centres** – An embedded finance lease for the gym equipment was identified after the leisure contract had commenced.

An accounting adjustment is required to reduce the capital repayment income from SLM to reflect the principal repaid.

Whilst this accounting adjustment has occurred at each year end, it has not been reflected in the revenue budgets for the leisure centres.

From 2024/2025 the adjustment has been built into the MTFP, with the resultant pressure reducing over the life of the gym equipment (8 years).

This has resulted in an unbudgeted pressure in 2023/2024 of **£0.054m**, reducing to £0.019m in 2028/2029 being the final year of the adjustment.

A detailed balance sheet review was carried out as part of the outturn statement where a pre-2022 income accrual was identified. The accrual was found to be no longer valid and therefore reversed in year **£0.262m**.

- **Housing Benefits Subsidy –**

We have new accommodation providers in West Lindsey who are offering 'supported accommodation' and because the providers are not 'Registered Providers of Social Housing' we cannot claim full subsidy on the Housing Benefit we pay out to any tenants in these properties. There is a possibility that West Lindsey will be responsible for 50% of the benefit paid on these properties and as the accommodation is supported accommodation the rents are far higher than normal rents. These landlords are being urged to become 'Registered' which means they will be regulated, and full Housing Benefit subsidy can be claimed from the Department for Work and Pensions.

The impact of this has been a pressure of **£0.022m** on Housing Subsidy reclaimed during 2023/2024.

- Homes for Ukraine administration grant has been received for **£0.045m**.

2.2.3 Our Place

- There are £0.313m revenue carry forwards into 2024/2025 (see **Appendix 2** for details).

- **Fleet Repairs and Maintenance –**

The vehicle repairs and maintenance contract is on a Pay as You Go basis (PAYG) and has incurred additional costs of **£0.1m** in the current financial year, partly due to the increased cost of parts and labour in the industry, and the age profile of the fleet. The costs are difficult to predict and are responsive to fleet issues.

The Director of Operational and Commercial Services and the Operational Services Manager are reviewing options to address this issue.

- **Fuel –**

There has been a saving against fuel budgets of **£0.107m**, to offset the repairs and maintenance pressure in 2023/2024. The fuel price was £1.17 per litre in March 2024, with an average price for the year of £1.14 per litre (compared to the average price paid per litre during 2022/2023 of £1.38).

- **Emergency Planning –**

The cost of hotel placements for flooded residents which were not eligible for reimbursement from the Government amount to **£0.025m**.

- **Planning Application Income –**
Several major developments have slipped into 2024/2025, resulting in a pressure on 2023/2024 income budgets of **£0.204m**.
- **Street Naming and Numbering –**
Income from street naming and numbering fees is **£0.016m** below budget. This may be due to cost of living and market turbulence.
- **Windfall grant** has been received from Defra (Bio Diversity Grant) for **£0.015m** which has not been budgeted for.
- **Building Regulations-Fee Earning –**
Income from building regulation fees is **£0.038m** below budget. There has been a downturn in construction nationally, partly due to cost of living and interest rates being high.

2.2.4 Corporate Accounting

- **Interest Payable/Receivable –**
Income for interest receivable is **£0.701m** above the revised budget. This is due to the current base rate being higher than the peak expected when the budget was set. This combined with pro-active treasury management has meant that the Council is forecast to exceed its interest receivable budget. There is also an underspend on the interest payable budget of **£0.211m**.
- **Minimum Revenue Provision (MRP) –**
MRP is the minimum amount which a council must charge to its revenue budget each year, to set aside a provision for repaying external borrowing. After a review of the Council's Capital Financing Requirement (CFR) and (MRP) two things have come to light. The first is that some of the useful lives of assets funded by borrowing, used in the MRP calculation do not meet the requirements of the Government's statutory guidance therefore these have been adjusted accordingly. Secondly MRP has not been charged on the initial loan to the Market Street Renewal company which is not in line with government guidance therefore this has now been addressed.

This has resulted in a pressure for 2023/2024 of **£0.372m**.

2.2.5 Funding

- Windfall grants received from Government which have not been budgeted for total **£0.083m**:
 - £0.008m Transparency Code grant from the Department for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities (DLUHC) to enable Authorities to become web-enabled and compliant with the Transparency Code.
 - £0.064m from the DLUHC to support Authorities with the budgetary

pressure resulting from Internal Drainage Board Levies (DBL), being 13.5% of our total DBL liability for 2023/2024. £0.015m has been applied to offset the pressure on our DBL budget in 2023/2024, leaving a balance of £0.049m.

- £0.025m Service Levy Distribution grant from the DLUHC.

2.2.6 Establishment

- Salary budgets 2023/2024 were based on a 2% pay award. An additional £0.2m was approved as a pay award contingency budget as part of the 2023/2024 Medium Term Financial Plan (MTFP), which will allow for up to a 3% increase.

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4. Locally Determined Pay Points –

Agreement was reached in November 2023 for those officers above the maximum NJC scale point and below Chief Officer at 3.88%.

On this basis, there will be an additional pressure of c£0.36m in 2023/2024, which has been included in the forecast outturn position contained within this report.

- A pressure of **£0.187m** is reported against employee costs:

The budget includes 2% vacancy factor **£0.226m** and pay award contingency of **£0.2m**. The impact of the pay award is **£0.36m** with the remaining saving of **£0.138m** is due to vacancies offset by pressures due to the appointment of temporary resources to cover vacancies. **£0.061m** is the balance of a corporate salary contingency budget which has not been required in year.

2.3 Fees and Charges

- 2.3.1 £4.47m has been received in Fees and Charges income during 2023/2024 against a budget of £4.972m, a shortfall of £0.502m.

The significant variances forecast for the year are:

- Increase in demand for bulky waste collections **£0.020m**
- Reduction in street naming and numbering income **£0.016m**
- Commercial Waste income below target **£0.036m**
- Reduction in building regulation fee earning income **£0.038m**
- Planning application fee income slipped into 2024/2025 **£0.204m**

Pressure on commercial income for 2023/2024 of **£0.165m** has been mitigated in year using the Commercial Contingency budget.

2.3.2 Amendment to Fees and Charges Schedule 2024/2025

Crematorium

a) **Virtual Memorial Service**

A personalised tribute supporting an unattended funeral, allowing families to reflect and follow their loved one's final journey through the serene grounds into the crematorium to the catafalque; accompanied by a chosen piece of music, single photo and a poem. Ready to see within 3 working days after the funeral. £75 (incl. VAT).

b) **Virtual Memorial Service including music tribute**

A personalised tribute supporting an unattended funeral, allowing families to reflect and follow their loved one's final journey through the serene grounds into the crematorium to the catafalque; accompanied by a chosen piece of music, single photo, poem and music tribute with up to 25 photos. Ready to see within 3 working days after the funeral. £145 (incl. VAT).

c) **Desk Memorial**

Proposal for a new fee to provide a memorial which is mid-way between the 'Barbican' and 'Sanctum Vault' offering.

A black granite Desk Memorial with a beautiful porcelain plaque and flower vase £695 (incl. VAT). A photo may be added to the plaque, and bespoke artwork is also available POA.

Fees to be implemented with immediate effect.

Prosperous Communities Committee				Crematorium			
2023/24	Proposed Increase / (Decrease)		2024/25	VAT Amount	2024/25 Charge Inc. VAT	VAT Rate	
£	%	Type or £	£	£	£		
Virtual Memorial Service	£0.00	0.0%	£0.00	£62.50	£12.50	£75.00	S
Virtual Memorial Service including music tribute	£0.00	0.0%	£0.00	£120.83	£24.17	£145.00	S
Desk Memorial **	£0.00	0.0%	£0.00	£579.17	£115.83	£695.00	S

*** Sanctum 2000 vault/Barbican memorial/Desk memorial/Mulberry tree - additional artwork/photo plaque can be provided - POA (plus Admin Fee £10-£30 dependent on requirements)
 *** When a Mulberry leaf, Barbican plaque, Desk memorial or Sanctum vault is purchased there will be a 10% discount applied to any book of remembrance purchase.

2.4 2023/2024 Use of and Contribution to Reserves – Net Movement to Reserves £0.141m.

2.4.1 Use of Reserves – Member Approval Required - £0.218m

The following use of Earmarked Reserves is greater than £0.05m and requires the approval of Corporate Policy and Resources committee:

- £0.218m from Investment for Growth Reserve. RAF Scampton revenue legal proceeding costs incurred during 2023/2024.

2.4.2 Use of Reserves – Delegated Decision - £0.148m

The Chief Finance Officer has used delegated powers to approve the use of earmarked reserves up to £0.05m.

- £0.005m from Cultural Strategy Reserve. Extension of Mayflower 400 Officer for 15 months (01.01.24 to 31.03.25).
- £0.033m from Project Investment Reserve. West Lindsey Leisure Centre Feasibility Proposal.
- £0.005m from the Maintenance of Facilities Reserve. Work coming out of the DDA surveys (equalities act) signage in car parks.
- £0.013m from Investment for Growth Reserve. Partner contribution to the commissioning and delivery of an Economic Impact Assessment (EIA) for the STEP project.
- £0.037m from Revenue Grants Unapplied Reserve. Defra – Biodiversity Net Gain grant received in 2021/2022. Combined with grant received in 2023/2024 £0.049m was approved as a carry forward into 2024/2025 to support ecologist costs which is shared across 3 councils.
- £0.006m from Member ICT Reserve. Revenue costs of member ICT equipment (laptop cases, keyboards).
- £0.007m from Neighbourhood Planning Grant (NPG) Reserve. Shortfall in NPG claimed/received during 2023/2024.
- £0.014m from CIL Reserve. CIL budget smoothing — income below expected levels in addition to a delay in receiving some payments.
- £0.011m from Investment for Growth Reserve. Gainsborough Town Centre Townscape Heritage (THI) match funding.
- £0.015m from Project Investment Reserve. Counter Fraud Risk Assessment.
- £0.002m from Investment for Growth Reserve. LUF wayfinding project.

2.4.3 Contribution to Reserves - £0.225m

Revenue Grants Unapplied (RGU): £0.193m:

- £0.031m LUF Parks Fund Grant
- £0.016m LUF Capacity & Capability Grant
- £0.005m DLUHC Installing Chess Tables in Parks and Public Spaces
- £0.014m Home Office Asylum Dispersal Grant

- £0.014m DLUHC – Contain Outbreak Prevention Fund (OPG)
- £0.036m HM Land Registry – Local Land Charges Migration
- £0.035m BEIS Energy Rebate Scheme.
- £0.024m Defra – Air Quality New Burdens
- £0.018m DLUHC – Election New Burdens

Other: £0.032m

- £0.004m to the Trinity Arts Centre Reserve. To top up the levy reserve to the maximum agreed level of £0.05m.
- £0.005m to the Vehicle Replacement Reserve. Receipts from the sale of three operational services vehicles.
- £0.014m to Investment for Growth Reserve. Balance of LUF capital grant (Cinema) not required in 2023/2024.
- £0.004m to Community Grants Reserve. The WLDC allocation of Community Lottery income.
- £0.009m to Communities at Risk Reserve. Was originally drawn down for the Warm Parks Contribution, to be returned to reserve as funding now met from the Household Support Fund (HSF) grant.

2.5 2024/2025 Use of Reserves – Delegated Decision £0.005m.

- £0.004m from Investment for Growth Reserve. Financial modelling software to enable WLDC to model a new council tax support scheme.
- 0.006m from the Project Investment Reserve. Trainee Change and Projects Officer, fixed term for 2 years (2023/2024 and 2024/2025). Additional cost due to grade increase in 2024/2025.

2.6 Grants

As of 1st April 2023, we had an amount of £0.682m relating to grants received which had yet to be expended. Budget provision will be created throughout the financial year as required to deliver projects in accordance with grant terms. The balance as of 31st March 2024 is £0.706m.

2.6.1 Successful Grant Bids and New Grant determinations

The following grants have been received/awarded during this period:

Grant Issued By	Name of Grant	£
Department for Work & Pensions (DWP)	Rent Allowance	4,338,400
Lincolnshire County Council	Household Support Fund Admin Grant	432,985
Department for Levelling Up, Homes and Communities (DLUHC)	Rural Services Delivery Grant	278,109
National Heritage Lottery Fund	Townscape Heritage Initiative	227,359
Department for Levelling Up, Homes and Communities (DLUHC)	PCC Elections	193,687
Nottingham City Council	Homes Upgrade Grant (HUG2)	155,334
Department for Levelling Up, Homes and Communities (DLUHC)	New Home Bonus	140,372
Department for Levelling Up, Homes and Communities (DLUHC)	Funding Guarantee	112,067
Department for Levelling Up, Homes and Communities (DLUHC)	Revenue Support Grant	106,134
Lincolnshire County Council	Homes For Ukraine Admin Grant	80,785
Department for Work & Pensions (DWP)	Discretionary Housing Payment	69,753
Department for Levelling Up, Homes and Communities (DLUHC)	Storm Babet	61,500
Department for Work & Pensions (DWP)	Housing Benefit Admin Grant	54,124
Department for Levelling Up, Homes and Communities (DLUHC)	Services Grant	30,566
Department for Environment, Food & Rural Affairs (DEFRA)	Air Quality New Burdens	23,420
Department for Energy Security & Net Zero (DESNZ)	Energy Bills Support Scheme	17,010
Department for Levelling Up, Homes and Communities (DLUHC)	Capacity & Capability	16,000
Home Office	Asylum Dispersal Grant	14,000
Department for Work & Pensions (DWP)	Rent Rebate	3,660
Lincolnshire County Council	Household Support Fund Admin Grant	1,066
Shared Services Connected Ltd (SSCL)	Taxi Database	597
		6,356,929

Income and expenditure budgets will be created to reflect the grant being received and spend activity where applicable.

Other Items for information

2.7 Planning Appeals

In Quarter 4 2023/2024, to the end of March 2024, there were 8 appeals determined – 7 of which were dismissed, 1 allowed.

There are no live applications for costs.

Period	Number of Appeals	Allowed	Dismissed
January	2	0	2
February	4	1	3
March	2	0	2
Total for Quarter 4	8	1	7

2.8 Aged Debt Summary – Sundry Debtors Aged Debt Summary Final 2023/2024 Monitoring Report

At the end of March 2024, there was a total of £0.206m outstanding debt in the system over 90 days. Much of this debt was over 150 days old (92%) and mainly comprised of:

- Housing £0.096m
- Environmental Services £0.079m

For each of these areas the debt recovery process is under way for all debt over 90 days, payment plans are being put in place where possible.

- Housing Benefits overpayments £0.011m the majority of which will look to be recovered through ongoing entitlement or where appropriate on agreed repayment schedules.

The level of outstanding debt for the same period 2022/2023 is provided below for information:

2022/2023 Total £	Month	90 – 119 days £	120 – 149 days £	150+ days £	2023/2024 Total £
230,041	Quarter 1 - ending May 2023	12,860	1,385	219,003	233,249
225,131	Quarter 2 - ending Sept 2023	12,219	7,592	214,397	234,208
216,600	Quarter 3 - ending Dec 2023	456	1,493	181,665	183,614
455,350	Quarter 4 - ending Mar 2024	16,061	1,344	188,587	205,992

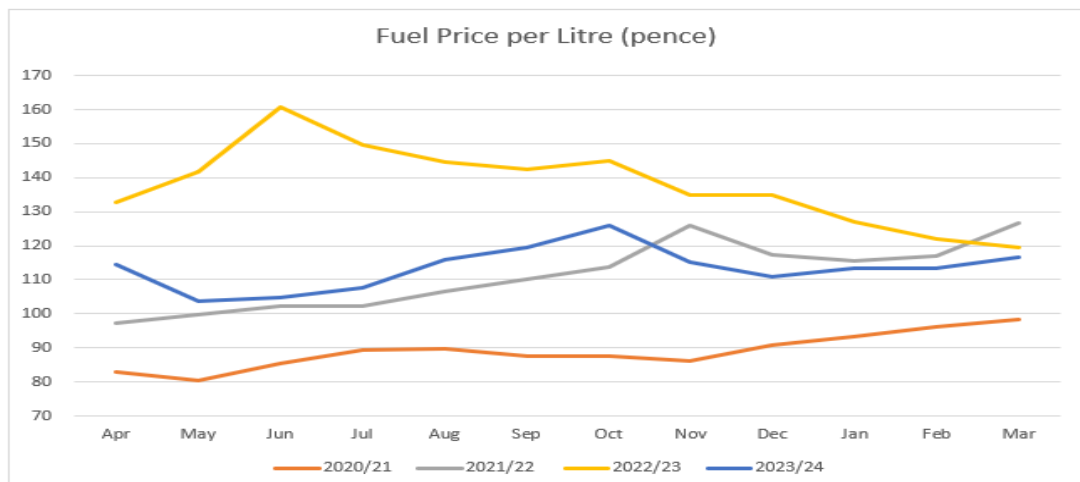
2.9 Changes to the Organisation Structure

2.9.1 There have been no changes to the organisational structure during the period.

2.10 Fuel

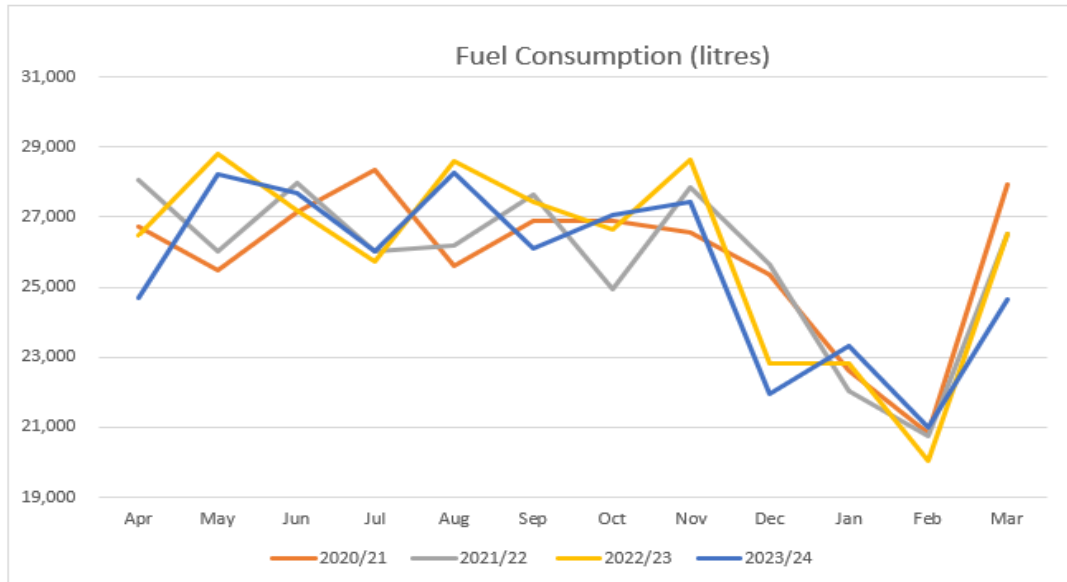
2.10.1 The chart below shows the actual price paid per litre of fuel, in pence, for each year from 2020/2021 to 2023/2024.

The average price paid per litre during 2023/2024 was £1.14 compared to the average price paid per litre during 2022/2023 of £1.38.



2.10.2 The chart below show the actual volume of fuel purchased, in litres, for each year from 2020/2021 to 2023/2024.

There is a drop in fuel purchased December to February, which reflects the pause in Garden Waste collections.



3.1 CAPITAL UPDATE – Final Outturn 2023/2024

3.1.1 The Capital Budget forecast out-turn is £5.303m against a revised budget of £11.609m. This results in a variance (underspend) of **£6.306m**.

This is made up of:

- **£0.041m** net underspend
- **£0.062m** requested drawback from 2024/2025 into 2023/2024
- **£6.319m** requested carry forward to 2024/2025 from 2023/2024
- **£0.008m** requested budget movement to revenue

3.1.2 Individual Schemes are detailed in the table contained within the report at **Appendix 3** with commentary provided on performance.

3.2 Capital Programme Update 2023/2024

The detailed capital monitoring table is included within the report at **Appendix 3**. The amendments to the following schemes are requested:

3.2.1 Net Underspend Position - **£0.041m**

- **Depot** – All works now complete to the depot sweeper bay with an underspend of **£0.023m**.
- **Saxilby Footbridge** - Scheme completed in December 2023 with an underspend of **£0.018m**.

3.2.2 Movement of budget to revenue - **0.008m**

The following schemes are requesting to reduce the capital scheme budget and transfer budget to revenue to provide resources for revenue expenditure to support the capital scheme:

- From – Member ICT Provision **£0.006m**
- From – Telephony **£0.002m**

3.2.3 Drawback request from 2024/2025 into 2023/2024 - **£0.062m**

- **Flagship Community Grants Programme** – Grants have started to be paid out in Qtr. 2 of 2023/2024 and have been higher than anticipated. Drawback **£0.058m** from 2024/2025 into current year to match current spend profile.
- **Thriving Gainsborough Pocket Park** – Site investigation works for cellar voids ongoing and will inform final construction technique. Construction

timeline subject to this and procurement. Drawback £0.003m from 2024/2025 into current year to match current spend profile.

- **Shop Front Improvement Scheme** – Final invoice for 24 Market Place received sooner than anticipated. Drawback £0.001m from 2024/2025 into current year to match current spend profile.

3.2.4 Carry Forward request from 2023/2024 into 2024/2025 - £6.319m

- **Trinity Arts Centre Improvements** – Project on hold while awaiting Cultural Strategy. Slip £2.5m to 2024/2025.
- **Thriving Gainsborough, Cinema** - Grant funding agreement and property transaction with Savoy Cinemas now finalised, as is the development contract with a preferred bidder. Majority of grant claim to commence in 2024/2025 therefore slip £0.746m to 2024/2025.
- **Home Upgrade Grant Phase 2** – Budget approved at Corporate Policy and Resources 7th of June 2023, memorandum of understanding signed August 2023 and scheme commenced September 2023. WLDC to be accountable body for the consortium of WLDC/COL/NKDC/SKDC. Slip £0.689m to 2024/2025 due to delay in getting contracts signed, delivery assurance checks and approvals for the batches submitted to DESNZ (Department for Energy Security and Net Zero).
- **Extra Care Provision** – Project due to complete December 2024. Confirmation from legal team that the S106 will not be signed in time to be paid in 2023/2024. Slip £0.5m to 2024/2025.
- **Thriving Gainsborough, Townhall/THI** - Delays in building owners obtaining tenders for works. Slip £0.348m to 2024/2025.
- **Disabled Facilities Grants (DFG)** - While there is an underspend of £0.229m on the DFG budget, there is already a commitment of £0.236m which will be spent within the first quarter of 2024/2025. Extra caution has been taken due to the overspend in the previous year. Demand for DFG's is high and it is believed the full budget plus carry over will be spent in 2024/2025. Slip £0.229m to 2024/2025.
- **Thriving Gainsborough, Whitton Gardens** - Works include tree works, installation of outdoor chess table, footpath improvements, painting and decorating, planting to be carried out over February, March and April 2024. Slip £0.208m to 2024/2025.
- **Thriving Gainsborough, Living Over the shops** - Current pipeline of 7 units expected for application in year, totalling a potential £0.175m. A further pipeline of 26 units are expected for 2024/2025. This is to be split funded with

the existing Living Over the Shops (LOTS) Scheme funded by Greater Lincolnshire Local Enterprise Partnership (GLLEP). Slip £0.158m to 2024/2025.

- **Flagship West Lindsey, Business Support Programme** - Grant scheme went live May 2023. A few applications received but take up on the scheme is slow. Programme continues to be supported. Slip budget of £0.157m to 2024/2025.
- **Vehicle Replacement Programme** – Two Electric Vans already delivered with four Refuse Collection Vehicles to be ordered shortly with expected delivery 2024/2025. Three of the five caged vehicles have been ordered with the remaining two vehicles to be ordered in March 2024 for delivery 2024/2025. Slip budget of £0.152m to match spend of vehicles being delivered in 2024/2025.
- **Thriving Gainsborough, Resources** - Slip £0.106m to 2024/2025 to align with the expenditure budget with the current spend profile of resources.
- **Gainsborough Heritage Regeneration** - 14 active building applications: 1 completed, 6 in the construction phase, 3 have had planning granted, 1 have submitted planning applications and 3 have appointed architects. £0.090m to be slipped to 2024/2025 to match current spend profile.
- **Capital Enhancements to Council Properties** - Trinity Arts Centre fire doors replaced in August 2023. Car park resurfacing now complete. Slip remaining budget of £0.067m into 2024/2025 to continue with planned works.
- **Carbon Efficiencies Street Lights** – LED Street Light upgrade to be phased over multiple years. Alternative scheme delivery options are being considered to progress the works quicker. Have been unable to progress the works during 2023/2024. Works to commence at TAC, Riverside and Bus Station in 2024/2025, therefore slip £0.05m to 2024/2025.
- **5-7 Market Place Redevelopment** - Awning still under construction and not due to be delivered and installed until May 2024. Slip budget of £0.005m in to 2024/2025. Also awaiting practical completion to determine final costs. Project almost complete, the only outstanding invoices are related to the final Quantity Surveyor fees and delay charges which are currently under negotiation and are expected 2024/2025. Slip £0.045m to 2024/2025.
- **Parks Fund Project** - Appointment of a Green Spaces Officer who would lead on this work has been unsuccessful. We are now working with the voluntary sector on delivering this spend linked to the wider Scouts Hill Project. Balance of £0.048m to be slipped into 2024/2025.
- **Safer Streets West Lindsey** - CCTV equipment has been ordered but not installed before end of March 2024, expected to take place early 2024/2025.

Slip budget of £0.042m to 2024/2025.

- **Hemswell Cliff Investment for Growth** - Funding identified to support community space development (FCC Community Funding) - closing date is 24th February to apply. £0.024m shortfall in funding would be requested from capital scheme. Decision expected April/May 2024 so works would not proceed until after the funding is secured. £0.04m may be required for drainage works in this financial year, pending approval. £0.012m spent in year on play park works. Slip budget of £0.04m to 2024/2025.
- **WLDC Cinema Land Purchase** - Carry Forward £0.032m to 2024/2025 to align the expenditure budget with the current spend profile of the Cinema acquisition.
- **Supporting our Town, Village & Neighbourhood Centres** - Grants programme now live. Grants started being paid out, but not following the profile as expected. Slip £0.028m to be spent in 2024/2025.
- **CCTV Expansion** - There are two elements outstanding for completion: 1) New CCTV equipment to be installed on existing columns and 2) New CCTV equipment awaiting installation to new/replacement columns pending final work plans from Lincolnshire County Council (LCC). Balance of £0.027m to be slipped into 2024/2025 to continue works.
- **Market Rasen 3 Year Vision** - Three building applications approved by the Local Steering Group, work has completed on 24 Market Place, 9-10 Market Place is on track to be completed by end January 2024, 7 Market Place has been delayed until spring due to the weather. The steering group met in January 2024 to review options for the remaining budget and it was agreed we would wait for application from 5-6 Market Place. Slip remaining budget of £0.023m to 2024/2025.
- **Thriving Gainsborough, Market Place/Streetscape** - Carry Forward request of £0.013m to 2024/2025 to align with the expenditure budget with the current spend profile of the Market Place.
- **Desktop Refresh** - Equipment will not be received in current year. Slip budget of £0.01m into 2024/2025.
- **Thriving Gainsborough, Wayfinding Strategy** - to fund wayfinding costs therefore slip £0.005m to 2024/2025.
- **Thriving Gainsborough, Bus Station** - Progress has been slow due to a series of circumstances including difficulties in procuring an architect, with three revisions of the design and key stakeholder safety concerns. The design is currently with Planning and the Quantity Surveyor is working on the tender package. Slip £0.001m to 2024/2025.

Amendments to the 2024/2025 Capital Programme:

3.2.5 Grange Farm S106 Funding

Grange Farm (previously known as Market Rasen House) is a large Grade II listed building with outbuildings set in circa 3.5 acres of surrounding land. It is situated in a prominent location on King Street, one of Market Rasen's busiest thoroughfares, and just a very short walk from the town centre.

Acis Housing are proposing to convert Grange Farm into a specialist form of community supported living accommodation designed to offer secure tenancies and will provide 10 units of specialist accommodation working aged adults with learning disabilities. Tenants of the scheme will retain the independence of having their own home, whilst enjoying the benefits access to on-site responsive and appropriate support will provide. Grange Farm.

Acis have applied to WLDC for £0.200m of S106 commuted sum funding to assist with delivering the scheme. Alongside this, LCC have awarded over £0.800m in capital funding and Homes England are also contributing towards the project. The project has been considered at Housing board and approved as meeting the requirements as set out within the S106 agreement. This report therefore seeks to add £0.200m of S106 funded **capital** expenditure into the capital programme, with 50% spend in 2024/2025 financial year and 50% spend in 2025/2026 financial year.

3.2.6 Swimming Pool Support Fund

In September 2023, the Council applied to the Sport England Swimming Pool Support Fund which was brought into make the cost of swimming pools affordable to authorities and providers during a period of significantly increased energy costs. The Council put in a bid for additional solar panels for West Lindsey Leisure Centre and we have now been informed that the bid was successful and that funding needs to be spent by 31 March 2025. This report therefore seeks to add £0.402m of grant funded **capital** expenditure into the capital programme for 2024/2025.

3.3 Acquisitions, Disposals and Capital Receipts

3.3.1 The Council has made no land acquisition during Quarter 4.

3.3.2 The Council has made the following asset disposals during Quarter 4:

<u>Asset</u>	<u>Date Disposed</u>
Financial Intelligent Scanning	01-Mar-2024
VN16 POU Elite 6 6x2 26 Ton RCV	08-Mar-2024
VN16 POJ Elite 6 6x2 26 Ton RCV	08-Mar-2024

3.3.3 Capital Receipts - The total value of capital receipts received in 2023/2024 at the end of Quarter 4 total £1.067m:

- £0.234m from the Housing Stock Transfer Agreement share of Right to Buy receipts
- £0.455m Loan repayments
- £0.028m repayments of DFG Grants
- £0.350m sale of Lindsey Centre to Savoy Cinemas Limited

4. TREASURY MONITORING – Quarter 4 (January – March 2024)

The Treasury Management Strategy Statement (TMSS) for 2023/2024, which includes the Annual Investment Strategy, was approved by the Council on 6th March 2023. It sets out the Council’s investment priorities as being:

- Security of capital;
- Liquidity; and
- Yield.

The Council will aim to achieve the optimum return (yield) on its investments commensurate with proper levels of security and liquidity. In the current economic climate, it is considered appropriate to keep investments short term to cover cash flow needs, but also to seek out value available in periods up to 12 months with highly credit rated financial institutions, using our suggested creditworthiness approach, including a minimum sovereign credit rating and Credit Default Swap (CDS) overlay information.

4.1 Officers can confirm that there have been no breaches of Prudential Indicators as detailed at 4.9 below.

4.2 Interest received (January - March) has been more than the average 7-day Sterling Overnight Index Average (SONIA) (4.9617%) with an average yield of 5.309% (including CCLA) and 5.252% (excluding CCLA). The Council budgeted to receive £0.577m of investment income, the outturn is now £1.144m.

4.3 Interest Rate Forecasts

The Council’s treasury advisors, Link Asset Services, have provided the following forecasts on 9th April 2024:

	End Q2 2024	End Q3 2024	End Q4 2024	End Q1 2025	End Q2 2025	End Q3 2025	End Q4 2025	End Q1 2026	End Q2 2026	End Q3 2026	End Q4 2026	End Q1 2027
Bank Rate	5.25%	4.75%	4.25%	3.75%	3.25%	3.00%	3.00%	3.00%	3.00%	3.00%	3.00%	3.00%
5yr PWLB Rate	4.40%	4.30%	4.20%	4.10%	4.00%	3.80%	3.70%	3.60%	3.60%	3.50%	3.50%	3.50%
10yr PWLB Rate	4.50%	4.40%	4.30%	4.20%	4.10%	4.00%	3.90%	3.80%	3.70%	3.70%	3.70%	3.70%
25yr PWLB Rate	5.10%	4.90%	4.80%	4.60%	4.40%	4.30%	4.20%	4.20%	4.10%	4.10%	4.10%	4.10%
50yr PWLB Rate	4.90%	4.70%	4.60%	4.40%	4.20%	4.10%	4.00%	4.00%	3.90%	3.90%	3.90%	3.90%

Appendix 1 details Link Asset Services detailed commentary on Interest Rate Forecasts (as at end of March).

4.4 Investments

The Council held investments of £20.210m on 31st March 2024. The table below details these investments for Quarter 4:

	Qtr. 4
Investments at Qtr. 4	£'000
LGIM Money Market Fund	7,500
CCLA Money Market Fund	5,500
Local Authority	1,000
Lloyds Bank Deposit Account	500
CCLA Property Fund	2,000
Insight Money Market Fund	3,710
Total	20,210

Link Treasury Services Monthly Investment Analysis Review March 2024 is included in **Appendix 4**.

4.5 Investment in Local Authority Property Fund (CCLA)

The total the Council has invested now stands at £2m (of an approved £4m). Interest is receivable on a quarterly basis.

4.6 New External Borrowing

External temporary borrowing of £5.000m was repaid in September 2023 and new external temporary borrowing was taken at £5.000m. A further £5.000m was taken in February 2024 to cover short term cashflow.

The Council's total external borrowing stands at £24.0m.

4.7 Total Prudential Borrowing at Quarter 4

	Qtr. 4
Prudential Borrowing	£'000
Total External Borrowing	24,000
Total Internal Borrowing	13,022
Total Prudential Borrowing	37,022

4.8 Borrowing in advance of need

The Council has not borrowed in advance of need during the period ending 31st March 2024.

4.9 Compliance with Treasury and Prudential Limits

It is statutory duty for the Council to determine and keep under review the affordable borrowing limits. The Council's approved Treasury and Prudential Indicators (affordability limits) are included in the approved Treasury Management Strategy (TMS).

During the financial year to date the Council has operated within these treasury and prudential indicators and in compliance with the Council's Treasury Management Practices.

The prudential and treasury Indicators are shown below and consider the revisions to the Capital Programme as detailed in section 3 of this report.

	Original £'000	Qtr. 4 £'000
Treasury Indicators		
Authorised limit for external debt	43,000	43,000
Operational boundary for external debt	38,321	37,022
External Debt Investments	26,500 (13,000)	24,000 (20,210)
Net Borrowing	13,500	3,790
Prudential Indicators		
Capital Expenditure	20,888	5,303
Capital Financing Requirement (CFR)	38,321	37,022
<i>Of Which is Commercial Property</i>	19,837	19,536
Annual change in CFR*	(1,117)	(2,416)
External Debt Forecast	26,500	24,000
Under/(over)borrowing	11,821	13,022
Ratio of financing costs to net revenue stream*	10.04%	11.15%
Incremental impact of capital investment decisions:		
Increase/Reduction (-) in Council Tax (band change per annum)	£0.00	£25.75

5. STATUTORY REQUIREMENTS TO PUBLISH: SECTION 137 EXPENDITURE, BUILDING CONTROL ACCOUNT

We are required to publish the following data on our website as part of Statutory Requirements, annually each year. They are included in this report for information.

5.1 SECTION 137 EXPENDITURE

Section 137 of the 1972 Local Government Act (as amended) empowers local authorities to make contributions to certain charitable funds AND not for profit bodies providing a public service in the United Kingdom. For 2023/2024, the maximum amount allowable was £9.93 per head of population (95,570) which equates to £0.949m.

The Council's expenditure in 2023/2024 under this power was £0.834m (£0.433m in 2022/2023), being £0.115m below the maximum amount allowable.

The published data is contained within this report at **Appendix 6**.

5.2 BUILDING CONTROL ACCOUNT

The Building Control Regulations 2010 requires authorities to publish a financial statement relating to the building regulations chargeable and non-chargeable account.

The following statement shows the deficit for the chargeable and non-chargeable work for the year 2023/2024.

	Chargeable 2023/24 £'000's	None Chargeable 2023/24 £'000's	Total 2023/24 £'000's
Expenditure for year	262	236	498
Income for year	(198)	0	(198)
(Surplus)/Deficit for year	64	236	300

5.3 COMMUNITY INFRASTRUCTURE LEVY (CIL)

Following a change in the CIL Regulations 2010 (as amended). The Government have introduced a new reporting requirement called an Infrastructure Funding Statement (IFS), which includes Section 106 monitoring and must be published on or before the 31st of December of that year. The IFS for 2022/2023 is now published on the Council's website and the IFS for 2023/2024 will be published on or before 31st December 2024.

A summary of the CIL receipts and expenditure for financial year 2023/2024 is included at **Appendix 5**.

Appendix 1 (provided by the Council’s Independent Treasury Advisors, Link Asset Services)

The Economy and Interest Rates

UK Economy

Against a backdrop of stubborn inflationary pressures, the Russian invasion of Ukraine, and war in the Middle East, UK interest rates have continued to be volatile right across the curve, from Bank Rate through to 50-year gilt yields, for all of 2023/24.

Markets have sought an end to central banks’ on-going phase of keeping restrictive monetary policy in place on at least one occasion during 2023/24 but to date only the Swiss National Bank has cut rates and that was at the end of March 2024.

UK, EZ and US 10-year yields have all stayed stubbornly high throughout 2023/24. The table below provides a snapshot of the conundrum facing central banks: inflation is easing, albeit gradually, but labour markets remain very tight by historical comparisons, making it an issue of fine judgment as to when rates can be cut.

	UK	Eurozone	US
Bank Rate	5.25%	4%	5.25%-5.5%
GDP	-0.3%q/q Q4 (-0.2%/y/y)	+0.0%q/q Q4 (0.1%/y/y)	2.0% Q1 Annualised
Inflation	3.4%/y/y (Feb)	2.4%/y/y (Mar)	3.2%/y/y (Feb)
Unemployment Rate	3.9% (Jan)	6.4% (Feb)	3.9% (Feb)

The Bank of England sprung no surprises in their March meeting, leaving interest rates at 5.25% for the fifth time in a row and, despite no MPC members no longer voting to raise interest rates, it retained its relatively hawkish guidance. The Bank’s communications suggest the MPC is gaining confidence that inflation will fall sustainably back to the 2.0% target. However, although the MPC noted that “the restrictive stance of monetary policy is weighing on activity in the real economy, is leading to a looser labour market and is bearing down on inflationary pressures”, conversely it noted that key indicators of inflation persistence remain elevated and policy will be “restrictive for sufficiently long” and “restrictive for an extended period”.

Of course, the UK economy has started to perform a little better in Q1 2024 but is still recovering from a shallow recession through the second half of 2023. Indeed, Q4 2023 saw negative GDP growth of -0.3% while y/y growth was also negative at -0.2%.

But it was a strange recession. Unemployment is currently sub 4%, against a backdrop of still over 900k of job vacancies, and annual wage inflation is running at above 5%. With gas and electricity price caps falling in April 2024, the CPI measure of inflation - which peaked at 11.1% in October 2022 – is now due to slide below the 2% target rate in April and to remain below that Bank of England benchmark for the next couple of years, according to Capital Economics. The Bank of England still needs some convincing on that score, but upcoming inflation and employment releases will settle that argument shortly. It is noted that core CPI was still a heady 4.5% in February and, ideally, needs to fall further.

Shoppers largely shrugged off the unusually wet weather in February, whilst rising real household incomes should support retail activity throughout 2024. Furthermore, the impact of higher interest rates on household interest payments is getting close to its peak, even though fixed rate mortgage rates on new loans have shifted up a little since falling close to 4.5% in early 2024.

From a fiscal perspective, the further cuts to national insurance tax (from April) announced in the March Budget will boost real household disposable income by 0.5 - 1.0%. After real household disposable income rose by 1.9% in 2023, Capital Economics forecast it will rise by 1.7% in 2024 and by 2.4% in 2025. These rises in real household disposable income, combined with the earlier fading of the drag from previous rises in interest rates, means GDP growth of 0.5% is envisaged in 2024 and 1.5% in 2025. The Bank of England is less optimistic than that, seeing growth struggling to get near 1% over the next two to three years.

As for equity markets, the FTSE 100 has risen to nearly 8,000 and is now only 1% below the all-time high it reached in February 2023. The modest rise in UK equities in February was driven by strong performances in the cyclical industrials and consumer discretionary sectors, whilst communications and basic materials have fared poorly.

Despite its performance, the FTSE 100 is still lagging behind the S&P 500, which has been at an all-time high for several weeks.

USA Economy.

Despite the markets willing the FOMC to cut rates as soon as June 2024, the continued resilience of the economy, married to sticky inflation, is providing a significant headwind to a change in monetary policy. Markets currently anticipate three rate cuts this calendar year, but two or less would not be out of the question. Currently, policy remains flexible but primarily data driven.

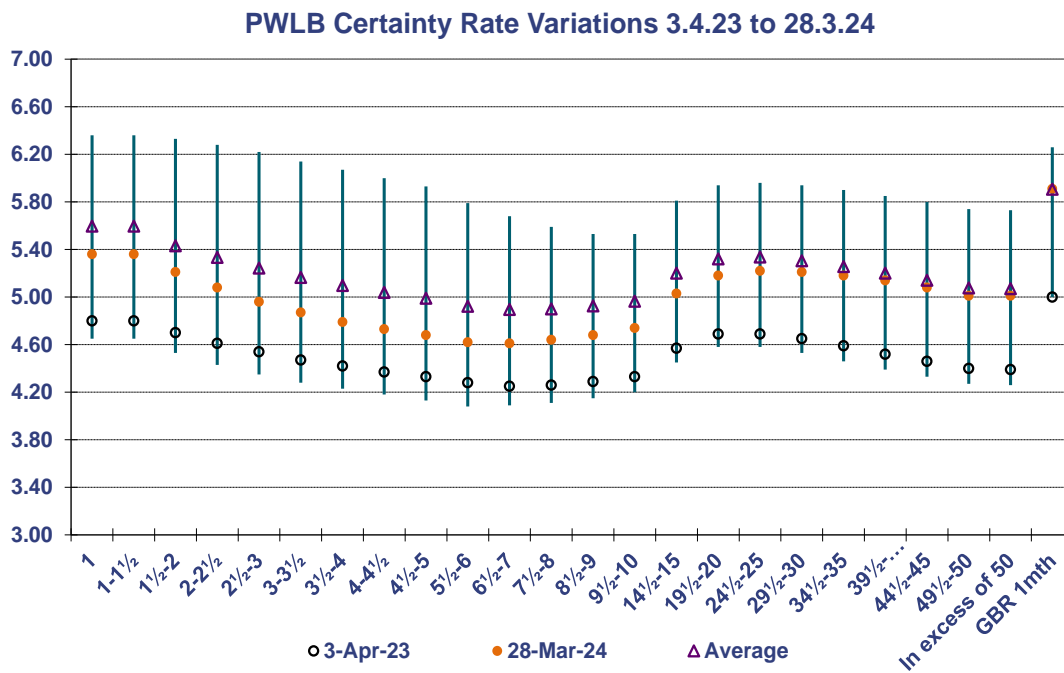
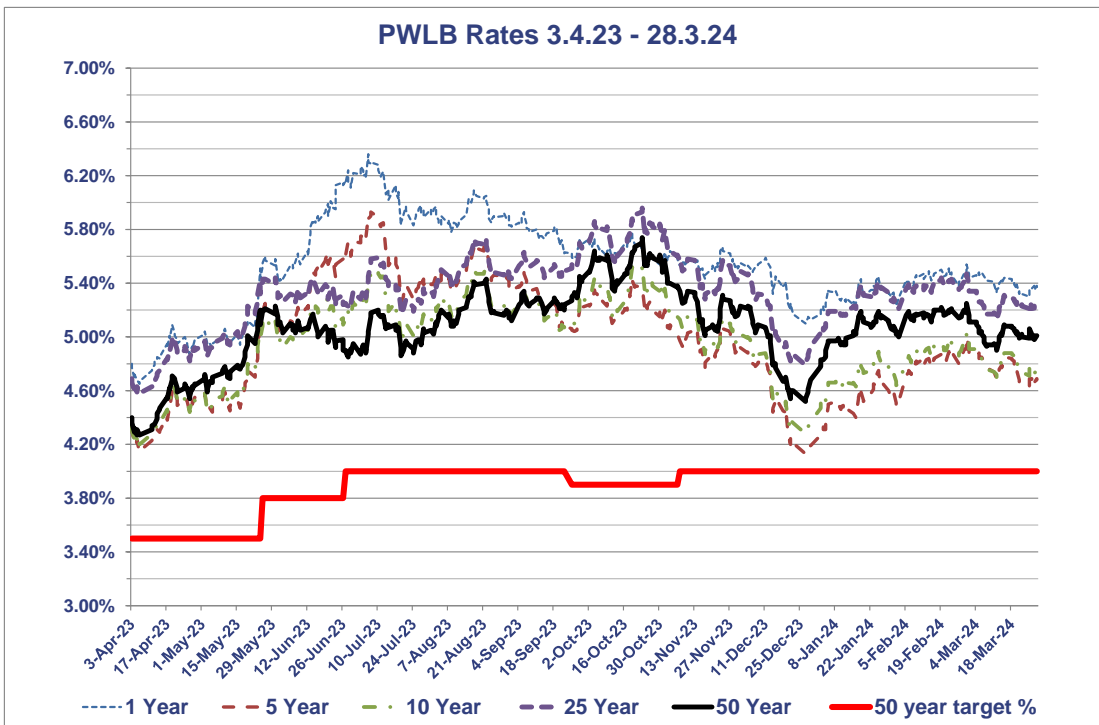
In addition, the Fed will want to shrink its swollen \$16 trillion balance sheet at some point. Just because the \$ is the world's foremost reserve currency (China owns over \$1 trillion) does not mean the US can continually run a budget deficit. The mix of stubborn inflation and significant treasury issuance is keeping treasury yields high. The 10 year stands at 4.4%.

As for inflation, it is currently a little above 3%. The market is not expecting a recession, but whether rates staying high for longer is conducive to a soft landing for the economy is uncertain, hence why the consensus is for rate cuts this year and into 2025...but how many and when?

EZ Economy.

Although the Euro-zone inflation rate has fallen to 2.4%, the ECB will still be mindful that it has further work to do to dampen inflation expectations. However, with growth steadfastly in the slow lane (GDP flatlined in 2023), a June rate cut from the current 4% looks probable.

PWLB RATES 2023/2024



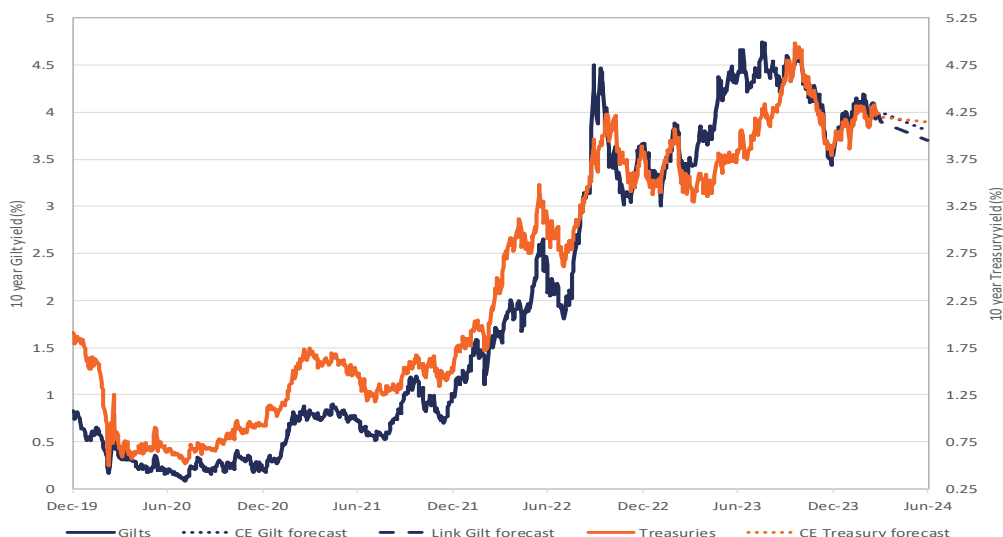
HIGH/LOW/AVERAGE PWLB RATES FOR 2023/2024

	1 Year	5 Year	10 Year	25 Year	50 Year
Low	4.65%	4.13%	4.20%	4.58%	4.27%
Date	06/04/2023	27/12/2023	06/04/2023	06/04/2023	05/04/2023
High	6.36%	5.93%	5.53%	5.96%	5.74%
Date	06/07/2023	07/07/2023	23/10/2023	23/10/2023	23/10/2023
Average	5.54%	4.99%	4.97%	5.34%	5.08%
Spread	1.71%	1.80%	1.33%	1.38%	1.47%

PWLB rates are based on gilt (UK Government bonds) yields through HM Treasury determining a specified margin to add to gilt yields. The main influences on gilt yields are Bank Rate, inflation expectations and movements in US treasury yields. Inflation targeting by the major central banks has been successful over the last 30 years in lowering inflation and the real equilibrium rate for central rates has fallen considerably due to the high level of borrowing by consumers: this means that central banks do not need to raise rates as much now to have a major impact on consumer spending, inflation, etc. This has pulled down the overall level of interest rates and bond yields in financial markets over the last 30 years. Indeed, in recent years many bond yields up to 10 years in the Eurozone turned negative on expectations that the EU would struggle to get growth rates and inflation up from low levels. In addition, there has, at times, been an inversion of bond yields in the US whereby 10-year yields have fallen below shorter-term yields. In the past, this has been a precursor of a recession.

However, since early 2022, yields have risen dramatically in all the major developed economies, first as economies opened post-Covid; then because of the inflationary impact of the war in Ukraine in respect of the supply side of many goods. In particular, rising cost pressures emanating from shortages of energy and some food categories have been central to inflation rising rapidly. Furthermore, at present the FOMC, ECB and Bank of England are all being challenged by levels of persistent inflation that are exacerbated by very tight labour markets and high wage increases relative to what central banks believe to be sustainable.

Graph of 10-year UK gilt yields v. US treasury yields (inclusive of Link's and Capital Economics' forecasts)



Gilt yields have generally been on a continual rise since the start of 2021, peaking in the autumn of 2023. Currently, yields are broadly range bound between 3.5% and 4.25%.

At the close of the day on 28 March 2024, all gilt yields from 1 to 50 years were between 3.81% and 4.56%, with the 1 year being the highest and 6-7 years being the lowest yield.

Regarding PWLB borrowing rates, the various margins attributed to their pricing are as follows: -

- **PWLB Standard Rate** is gilt plus 100 basis points (G+100bps)
- **PWLB Certainty Rate** is gilt plus 80 basis points (G+80bps)
- **Local Infrastructure Rate** is gilt plus 60bps (G+60bps)
- **HRA Borrowing rate** is gilt plus 40 40bps (G+40bps)

There is likely to be a fall in gilt yields and PWLB rates across the whole curve over the next one to two years as Bank Rate falls and inflation (on the Consumer Price Index measure) moves below the Bank of England's 2% target.

As a general rule, short-dated gilt yields will reflect expected movements in Bank Rate, whilst medium to long-dated yields are driven primarily by the inflation outlook.

The Bank of England is also embarking on a process of Quantitative Tightening. The Bank's original £895bn stock of gilt and corporate bonds will gradually be sold back into the market over several years. The impact this policy will have on the market pricing of gilts, while issuance is markedly increasing, and high in historic terms, is an unknown at the time of writing.

APPENDIX 2

REVENUE CARRY FORWARDS – BASE BUDGETS ALREADY APPROVED

Budget underspends to be carried forward into 2024/2025, which have been approved during the year are provided below for information only.

The following carry forwards are base budgets which have been approved previously by Management Team or Committee.

BASE BUDGET C/FWDS APPROVED PREVIOUSLY			Final 2023/2024	
Committee	Cluster	Business Unit	£ 000	Purpose of Carry Forward
Prosperous Communities	Our People	Community Action	6	Employment & Skills budget £10k 2019/2020 from Business Planning budget.
Prosperous Communities	Our People	Housing Standards	30	Selective Licensing budget of £35k reallocated to support the work within the Private Rented Sector (PRS) Commitment. Balance of the budget to be carried forward into 2024/2025. Agreed use at PCC on 19.3.24 for this to be allocated to work relating to the PRS Commitment.
Corporate Policy & Resources	Our Council	ICT Infrastructure	22	Contact Centre - savings identified in 2023/2024 to be carried forward to offset future costs of the Digital Contact Centre technology.
TOTAL			58	

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REVENUE CARRY FORWARDS – USE OF EARMARKED RESERVES

Budget underspends to be carried forward into 2024/2025, which have been approved during the year are provided below for information only.

The following carry forwards are approved use of Earmarked Reserves where the project has slipped into future years.

USE OF EARMARKED RESERVES			Final 2023/2024	
Committee	Cluster	Business Unit	£ 000	Purpose of Carry Forward
Corporate Policy and Resources	Our Council	Change Management	18	Fixed Term Change & Project Officer post was vacant for 3 months (£4.5k pm) during 2023/2024. Carry forward of approved budget to cover a possible 3 month extension at the end of the new contract.
Corporate Policy & Resources	Our Council	Systems Development	24	Forecast underspend on software costs to be carried forward to mitigate potential inflationary increases in 2024/2025 which were not confirmed at the time of budget setting.
Corporate Policy & Resources	Our Place	Policy, Strategy and Environment	6	Carry forward is for the feasibility works for the electrification of Council Depots. There will be some grant funding (£38k) that we can apply for (MNZH) but may have to match fund up to 35%. Grant bid has been approved by the S151 officer in Feb 2024.
Prosperous Communities	Our People	Community Action	16	Hemswell Cliff Regeneration - revenue spend to support capital scheme. Capital scheme to be carried forward into 2024/2025 pending a further report on proposals. Original budget of £10k approved in 2020/2021 (from Community Grant Scheme EMR), a further £10k approved during 2023/2024 (from Communities at Risk EMR).

USE OF EARMARKED RESERVES			Final 2023/2024	
Committee	Cluster	Business Unit	£ 000	Purpose of Carry Forward
Prosperous Communities	Our People	Community Environment	17	£36k was drawn down from GFB for Councillor Initiative Fund as match funding within the UKSPF scheme. Unallocated balance to be carried forward into 2024/2025.
Prosperous Communities	Our People	Community Support	18	Balance of community grants carried forward into 2024/2025 for grants which have been awarded during 2023/2024.
Prosperous Communities	Our People	Community Support	2	Promotional and marketing budget for the Community Lottery. Promotion of scheme to take place in 2024/2025 (base budget £0.2k pa).
Prosperous Communities	Our People	Community Support	12	£15k pa 2022/2023 to 2025/2026 funded from UKSPF for defibrillator equipment which has resulted in an underspend on the base budget within revenue. Balance on defibrillator scheme equipment budget originally funded from Earmarked Reserves to be carried forward to support the scheme in future years.
Prosperous Communities	Our Place	Commercial Services	22	West Lindsey Leisure Centre feasibility proposal.
Prosperous Communities	Our Place	Commercial Services	17	Consultancy to support the contract bid for Street Cleansing/Waste Services.

USE OF EARMARKED RESERVES			Final 2023/2024	
Committee	Cluster	Business Unit	£ 000	Purpose of Carry Forward
Prosperous Communities	Our Place	Development Management	9	Two year fixed term post to assist with Development Management System implementation - delayed recruitment.
Prosperous Communities	Our Place	Development Management	15	Project Management - agency support for Development Management System implementation continuing into 2024/2025.
Prosperous Communities	Our Place	Economic Development	5	Approved budget for Market Rasen Historic Building Scheme Support. £10k budget approved in 2021/2022.
Prosperous Communities	Our Place	Economic Development	50	£50k was drawn down from EMR as match funding for the UKSPF Growing Innovation scheme. There has been no spend incurred during 2023/2024, balance to be carried forward into 2024/2025.
Prosperous Communities	Our Place	Economic Development	75	£75k was drawn down from EMR as match funding for the UKSPF Agritech scheme. Balance to be carried forward into 2024/2025.
Prosperous Communities	Our Place	Economic Development	17	Ringfenced budget not spent in year for - (1) A15 Feasibility works - partly spent in 2023/2024 and to continue in 2024/2025 (£9.2k) , and (2) Place Board (£7.8k) which is a ringfenced budget which we administer on behalf of the Place Board.
Prosperous Communities	Our Place	Economic Development	9	This budget is the balance of a contribution from the Gainsborough Development Trust in July 2019 to be used towards projects to regenerate the town centre etc.
TOTAL			332	

APPENDIX 2

REVENUE CARRY FORWARDS – APPROVED BY MANAGEMENT TEAM AT YEAR-END 2023/2024

Bids for budget underspends to be carried forward into 2024/2025, which required Management Team approval are as follows.

BASE BUDGET C/FWDS APPROVED BY MT APRIL 2024			Final 2023/2024	
Committee	Cluster	Business Unit	£ 000	Purpose of Carry Forward
Corporate Policy & Resources	Our Council	Corporate Finance	209	Business Planning Budget. Base budget of £195.1k pa to support the revenue costs of business plans (i.e. consultancy, staff resources, consultation, software, surveys etc). 2023/2024 budget was increased by £114k for one year only through the 2023/2024 MTFP and £30.6k was carried forward at year end 2022/2023 taking the opening balance in 2023/2024 to £339.7k, with £208.7k unallocated at year end.
Corporate Policy & Resources	Our Council	Customer Services	12	Following recent conversations with Civica, it is anticipated that a solution for upgrading to parts of WebPay Staff 2 may be available within three/four months. This would enable us to potentially choose and pay for specific upgrades at a discounted price, instead of having to purchase the entire upgrade package at the current reduced offer of £35k, down from the original £60k. This carry forward would contribute towards these costs in 2024/2025.
Corporate Policy & Resources	Our Council	Democratic Representation	6	Member training budget to be requested as carry forward for year 2 of training plan in 2024/2025.
Corporate Policy & Resources	Our Council	Governance & Legal Compliance	12	Syncity contract from April to August 2024 (funded from Corporate Salary Contingency and Management Review Savings budget).

BASE BUDGET C/FWDS APPROVED BY MT APRIL 2024				Final 2023/2024
Committee	Cluster	Business Unit	£ 000	Purpose of Carry Forward
Corporate Policy & Resources	Our Council	Human Resources	86	Unspent corporate training budget not delivered during 2023/2024, to be carried forward to deliver essential training in 2024/2025.
Prosperous Communities	Our Council	Crematorium	4	Crematorium promotional and marketing budget. Direct loyalty scheme on 2023/2024 direct cremations to be applied in 2024/2025.
Prosperous Communities	Our People	Parks & Open Spaces	6	Identified tree works in Pitts Hill Wood along railway line due for completion Spring 2024. We have a liability with regard to tree works.
Prosperous Communities	Our Place	Cemeteries	3	Cemetery fencing repairs - work at Legsby pending but expected to slip into 2024/2025.
Prosperous Communities	Our Place	Cemeteries	10	Cemetery Wall Repair - carry forward base budget underspend of £10k in 2023/2024 to increase next years budget to £14.2k. Works to be completed during Spring so budget to be slipped to 2024/2025.
Prosperous Communities	Our Place	Community Environment	21	Budget to support revenue costs of woodland nature reserves. Planned works in 2023/2024 did not take place as unable to recruit to the Green Spaces Officer.

BASE BUDGET C/FWDS APPROVED BY MT APRIL 2024				Final 2023/2024
Committee	Cluster	Business Unit	£ 000	Purpose of Carry Forward
Prosperous Communities	Our Place	Environmental Protection	5	Carry forward of underspend on base budget in 2023/2024 for air quality assessments due to be carried out in 2024/2025.
Prosperous Communities	Our Place	Planning Policy	49	Bio Diversity Net Gain (BNG) grant received 2021/2022 & 2022/2023 £36.8k released from RGU reserve and used to fund salaries across planning team (as reported on grant spend return). Grant received and not spent in 2023/2024 £11.8k. Underspend on salaries to be carried forward to support Ecologist costs for 3 years (to Oct 2026). Ecologist shared across 3 Councils and the forecast WLDC contribution for 2024/2025 is £30k. The BNG grant is not guaranteed and as such there is a risk it may not be received in the future.
TOTAL			423	
TOTAL CARRY FORWARDS FROM 2023/2024 TO 2024/2025				813

APPENDIX 3
Capital Investment Programme 2023/2024

Cluster/Scheme	Stage	Project Code	Nominal Code	Actuals	Base Budget	Revised Budget incl. Contingency	Actual Outturn	Over/ (Under) Spend	Carry Forwards/ Drawbacks	Narrative	Contingency Forecast Outturn	Contingency Budget
				£	£	£	£	£	£		£	£
Corporate												
Commercial Property	Pre Stage 1	300002	70004	0	3,000,000	0	0	0	0		0	0
Our Council												
Capital Enhancements to Council Properties	BAU	300003	70012	248,800	395,000	316,200	248,800	0	(67,400)	Trinity Arts Centre (TAC) fire doors replaced in August 2023. Car park resurfacing complete. Slip remaining budget of £0.067m into 2024/2025 to continue with planned works.	0	0
Carbon Efficiencies - Street Lights	Stage 3	300004	70007	0	157,500	50,000	0	0	(50,000)	LED Street Light upgrade to be phased over multiple years. Alternative scheme delivery options are being considered in order to progress the works quicker. Have been unable to progress the works during 2023/2024. Works to commence at TAC, Riverside and Bus Station in 2024/2025, therefore slip £0.05m to 2024/2025.	0	0
CRM System	Stage 3	600006	70008	0	50,000	0	0	0	0		0	0
Desktop Refresh	BAU	600004	70007	0	10,000	10,000	0	0	(10,000)	Equipment will not be received in current year. Slip budget of £0.010m into 2024/2025.	0	0
Document Management System	Stage 3	600003	70002	10,408	0	10,400	10,408	8	0		0	0
ERP Systems Phase 2	Stage 2	600002	70008	0	200,000	0	0	0	0		0	0
Income Management	Stage 3	100006	70018	41,075	0	41,100	41,075	(25)	0		0	0
Member ICT Provision	Stage 3	200003	70007	0	0	6,470	0	(6,470)	0		0	0
Replacement Planning System	Stage 3	600008	70008	18,000	135,000	18,000	18,000	0	0		0	0
Richmond House Conservatory	Stage 3	300005	70012	0	30,000	0	0	0	0		0	0
Saxilby Footbridge	Stage 3	300008	70012	254,608	250,000	272,469	254,608	(17,861)	0		0	0
Telephony (Equipment)	Stage 3	600005	70002	0	0	1,800	0	(1,800)	0		0	0
Our People												
1.1 Flagship Community Grants Programme	Stage 3	500027	70014	421,439	363,700	363,700	421,439	0	57,739	Grants programme now live and expressions of interest starting to be received. Grants started being paid out in Qtr. 2. Grant requests higher than anticipated - drawback £0.058m from 2024/2025.	0	0
1.2 Supporting our Town, Village & Neighbourhood Centres	Stage 3	500023	70014	32,416	60,000	60,000	32,416	0	(27,584)	Grants programme now live. Grants started being paid out, but not following the profile as expected. Slip £0.027m to be spent in 2024/2025.	0	0
Disabled Facilities Grants	BAU	400002	70014	736,742	674,900	965,995	736,742	0	(229,253)	While there is an underspend of £0.229m on the DFG budget, there is already a commitment of £0.236m which will be spent within the first quarter of 2024/2025. Extra caution has been taken due to the overspend in the previous year. Demand for DFG's is high and it is believed the full budget plus carry over will be spent this financial year. Slip £0.229m to 2024/2025.	0	0
Extra Care Provision	Stage 3	400001	70014	750,000	0	1,250,000	750,000	0	(500,000)	Project due to complete December 2024. Confirmation from legal team that the S106 will not be signed in time to be paid in 2023/2024. Slip £0.5m to 2024/2025.	0	0
High Street Scampton	Stage 3	400013	70014	35,000	0	35,000	35,000	0	0		0	0

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				£	£	£	£	£	£		£	£
Home Upgrade Grant Phase 2	Stage 3	400014	70014	60,714	0	750,000	60,714	0	(689,286)	Scheme approved at CPR 07/06/23 and commenced September 2023. MOU signed in August 2023. WLDC to be accountable body for the consortium of WLDC/COL/NKDC/SKDC. Slip £0.689m to 2024/2025 due to delay in getting contracts signed, delivery assurance checks and approvals for the batches that have to be submitted to DESNZ - talks already in to the scheme about being extended.	0	0
Homes Upgrade Grant Phase 1	Stage 4	400012	70014	218,933	0	218,933	218,933	0	0		0	0
Lace Housing - Romangate Court	Stage 4	400010	70014	90,000	0	90,000	90,000	0	0		0	0
Local Authority Delivery Grant Phase 3	Stage 3	400011	70014	207,633	0	207,633	207,633	0	0		0	0
Ongo - Stow Road Marton	Stage 3	400009	70014	226,250	203,625	226,225	226,250	25	0		0	0
Parks Fund Project	Stage 3	600011	70010	0	0	47,500	0	0	(47,500)	Appointment of a Green Spaces Officer who would lead on this work has been unsuccessful. We are now working with the voluntary sector on delivering this spend linked to the wider Scouts Hill Project. Balance of £0.048m to be slipped into 2024/2025. Revised options identified but will be phased delivery in 2024/2025.	0	0
Our Place												
1.3 Safer Streets West Lindsey	Stage 2	500025	70007	8,044	0	50,000	8,044	0	(41,956)	CCTV equipment has been ordered but unlikely to be installed before end of March 2024. Therefore will be early 2024/2025. Slip budget of £0.042m to 2024/2025.	0	0
1.4 Multi Year Signature Events Programme	Stage 3	500026	70007	19,826	0	20,300	19,826	0	(474)	Purchase of equipment for Trinity Arts Centre (TAC) Outreach events. All spend to occur in 2023/2024. Some VAT now reclaimed on pro-forma invoices. Slip small balance remaining to 2024/2025.	0	0
2.1 Flagship West Lindsey Business Support Programme	Stage 3	500028	70014	65,000	321,700	221,700	65,000	0	(156,700)	Grant scheme went live May 2023. A few applications received already but take up on scheme slow. Programme continues to be supported. Forecast spend during the year of £0.065m, slip budget of £0.157m to 2024/2025.	0	0
5-7 Market Place Redevelopment	Stage 3	500004	70018	0	0	49,700	0	0	(49,700)	Awning still under construction and not due to be delivered and installed until mid May 2024. Slip budget of £0.005m in to 2024/2025. Also awaiting practical completion to determine final costs. Project almost complete. The only outstanding invoices are related to the final Quantity Surveyor fees and delay charges which are currently under negotiation with Lindum now expected 2024/2025. Slip £0.045m to 2024/2025.	0	44,900

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Cluster/Scheme	Stage	Project Code	Nominal Code	Actuals	Base Budget	Revised Budget incl. Contingency	Actual Outturn	Over/ (Under) Spend	Carry Forwards/ Drawbacks	Narrative	Contingency Forecast Outturn	Contingency Budget
				£	£	£	£	£	£		£	£
CCTV Expansion	Stage 3	400004	70007	12,433	0	39,800	12,433	0	(27,367)	There are two elements outstanding for completion: 1) New CCTV equipment to be installed on existing columns and 2) New CCTV equipment awaiting installation to new/replacement columns pending final work plans from Lincolnshire County Council (LCC). Balance of £0.027m to be slipped into 2024/2025 to continue works.	0	0
Crematorium Phase 2	Stage 4	100003	70010	(741,559)	0	(741,559)	(741,559)	0	0		0	0
Depot (P)	Stage 3	100100	70010	5,935	0	29,000	5,935	(23,065)	0		0	0
Gainsborough Heritage Regeneration	Stage 3	500002	70014	70,175	435,200	160,000	70,175	0	(89,825)	14 active building applications: 1 completed, 6 are in the construction phase, 3 have had planning granted, 1 have submitted planning applications and 3 have appointed architects. Slip remaining budget of £0.09m to 2024/2025.	0	0
Hemswell Cliff Investment for Growth	Stage 2	400005	70014	11,653	100,000	51,700	11,653	0	(40,047)	Funding identified to support community space development (FCC Community Funding). £0.024m shortfall in funding would be requested from capital scheme. £0.04m may be required for drainage works but this has slipped into 2024/2025. Slip budget of £0.04m to 2024/2025.	0	0
Hemswell Masterplan Public Realm	Stage 3	500007	70014	0	40,000	0	0	0	0		0	0
Market Rasen 3 year vision	Stage 3	500001	70014	73,986	200,000	97,000	73,986	0	(23,014)	Three building applications approved by the Local Steering Group, work has completed on 24 Market Place, 9-10 Market Place completed end of Jan 2024, 7 Market Place has been delayed until spring due to the weather. The steering group met in January 2024 to review options for the remaining budget and it was agreed we would wait for application from 5-6 Market Place. Slip remaining budget of £0.023m to 2024/2025.	0	0
Market Street Renewal - Share Purchase	Stage 3	500030	70020	345,500	0	345,500	345,500	0	0		0	0
Riverside Walk	Stage 3	500008	70010	49,816	0	49,800	49,816	16	0		0	0
Shop Front Improvement	Stage 3	500003	70014	3,519	52,413	2,642	3,519	0	877	Two applications have been approved by Funding Panel for 24 Market Place and 7 Market Place. 24 Market Place now complete 7 Market Place are starting in the Spring as a result of construction constraints due to the weather.	0	0
Solar Refuse Fleet	Stage 3	100010	70007	22,794	0	22,800	22,794	(6)	0		0	0
Thriving Gainsborough - Bus Station	Stage 3	500018	70012	74,361	130,300	75,600	74,361	(234)	(1,006)	Progress has been slow due to a series of circumstances including difficulties in procuring an architect, with three revisions of the design and key stakeholder safety concerns. The design is currently with Planning and the Quantity Surveyor is working on the tender package. Slip £0.001m to 2024/2025.	0	0

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Cluster/Scheme	Stage	Project Code	Nominal Code	Actuals	Base Budget	Revised Budget incl. Contingency	Actual Outturn	Over/ (Under) Spend	Carry Forwards/ Drawbacks	Narrative	Contingency Forecast Outturn	Contingency Budget
				£	£	£	£	£	£		£	
Thriving Gainsborough - Cinema	Stage 3	500005	70016	984,171	5,078,987	1,729,999	984,171	0	(745,828)	Grant funding agreement and property transaction with Savoy Cinemas now finalised, now finalised development contract with a preferred bidder. Majority of grant claim to commence in 2024/2025 therefore slip £0.746m to 2024/2025.	0	0
Thriving Gainsborough - Living Over The Shops	Stage 2	500019	70017	17,141	1,151,660	175,000	17,141	0	(157,859)	Current pipeline of 7 units expected for application in year, totalling a potential £0.175m. A further pipeline of 26 units are expected for 2024/2025. This is to be split funded with the existing Living Over the Shops (LOTS) Scheme funded by Greater Lincolnshire Local Enterprise Partnership (GLLEP). Slip £0.158m to 2024/2025.	0	0
Thriving Gainsborough - Market Place/Streetscape	Stage 3	500015	70012	46,805	748,000	60,000	46,805	0	(13,195)	Carry Forward request of £0.013m to 2024/2025 to align with the expenditure budget with the current spend profile of the Market Place.	0	0
Thriving Gainsborough - Pocket Park	Stage 3	500014	70016	53,547	313,200	50,000	53,547	0	3,547	Site investigation works for cellar voids ongoing for £0.01m and will inform final construction technique. Construction timeline subject to this and procurement. Drawback £0.004m from 2024/2025.	0	0
Thriving Gainsborough - Resources	Stage 3	500021	70017	160,756	377,294	266,600	160,756	0	(105,844)	carry forward of £0.106m to 2024/2025 to align with the expenditure budget with the current spend profile of resources.	0	0
Thriving Gainsborough - Townhall THI	Stage 3	500016	70017	108,854	2,090,600	456,974	108,854	0	(348,120)	Delays in building owners obtaining tenders for works. Slip £0.0348m to 2024/2025.	0	0
Thriving Gainsborough - Wayfinding Strategy	Stage 3	500020	70015	0	6,100	5,000	0	0	(5,000)	To fund wayfinding costs in revenue. Slip £0.005m to 2024/2025.	0	0
Thriving Gainsborough - Whitton Gardens	Stage 3	500017	70012	102,070	1,383,030	310,000	102,070	0	(207,930)	Works include tree works, installation of outdoor chess table, footpath improvements, painting and decorating, planting carried out over Feb, March and April 2024. Slip £0.208m in to 2024/2025.	0	0
Trinity Arts Centre Improvements	Pre Stage 1	100004	70012	0	2,500,000	2,500,000	0	0	(2,500,000)	Project on hold. Awaiting Cultural Strategy. Slip £2.5m to 2024/2025.	0	0
Unlocking Housing (LoS)	Stage 3	500010	70014	0	69,600	0	0	0	0		0	0
Vehicle Replacement Programme	BAU	100001	70014	57,229	360,000	209,500	57,229	0	(152,271)	Two Electric Vans delivered. Four Refuse Collection Vehicles to be ordered shortly with expected delivery 2024/2025. Three of the five caged vehicles are due to delivered May/June 2024, with the remaining two vehicles ordered in march for delivery later in 2024/2025. Slip £0.152m to 2024/2025.	0	0
WLDC - Cinema Land Purchase	Stage 3	500013	70016	398,865	0	430,800	398,865	0	(31,935)	Carry Forward £0.032m to 2024/2025 to align the expenditure budget with the current spend profile of the Cinema acquisition.	0	0
Total Capital Programme Gross Expenditure				5,302,941	20,887,809	11,609,281	5,302,941	(49,411)	(6,256,931)		0	44,900