

**Appendix 1: 2023/24 Key Variances - Quarter 3**

GENERAL FUND DIRECTORATE/DIVISION	VARIANCE TYPE	DESCRIPTION	Overspend/ (Underspend) Quarter 3 2023/24 £m
<b>ADULT SOCIAL CARE</b>			
Operations Team	Overspend	Unavailability of Care Home Beds	2.554
Operations Team	Overspend	Older People and Physical Support - Increase in placement cost primarily driven by increasing needs of existing service users.	1.954
Operations Team	Overspend	Older People and Physical Support - Savings Slippage	1.675
Operations Team	Overspend	Full Year impact Progression to Adulthood Cases and NRPF Case from 2022/23 plus additional cases from 2023/24.	1.011
Operations Team	Overspend	Learning Disabilities - Increase in placement costs primarily driven by increasing needs of existing service users.	0.960
Operations Team	Overspend	Learning Disabilities - Savings Slippage	0.014
Operations Team	Additional Income	Market Sustainability and Improvement Fund (MSIF) Workforce fund and North Central London Intergrated Care Board one off discharge funding.	(3.000)
<b>Total Adult Social Care</b>			<b>5.168</b>
<b>CHIEF EXECUTIVE</b>			
Chief Executive Office	Overspend	Overspend on employee costs offset by underspend on supplies and services	0.058
<b>Total Chief Executive</b>			<b>0.058</b>
<b>CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE</b>			
Learning and Achievement	Underspend	Net forecast staffing pressures across the division	(0.038)
Learning and Achievement	Overspend	Structural shortfall in the budget for Cardfields and Schools HR and shortfall in traded income	0.285
Learning and Achievement	Overspend	Increased demand for SEND transport and personal transport budgets and impact of increased costs form new taxi contract	1.073
Learning and Achievement	Overspend	Structural shortfall in the budget following centralisation of Business Support	0.183
Learning and Achievement	Underspend	Early Years - Income and reduction in Agency staff cover	(0.087)
Learning and Achievement	Underspend	School Uniforms/ Free Schools meals/ Community of School	(0.082)
Safeguarding and Family Support	Overspend	Wrap around support cost pressures in relation to children in care (majority of this pressure is court ordered taxi transport to schools)	0.145
Safeguarding and Family Support	Overspend	Demand pressure on personal budgets in the Disabled Children's Service	0.257
Safeguarding and Family Support	Overspend	Legal costs for care proceedings. Use of agency staff for backlog of cases	0.105
Safeguarding and Family Support	Overspend	Net forecast staffing pressures in Children's Social Care	0.497
Safeguarding and Family Support	Underspend	Foster carer advertising	(0.041)
Safeguarding and Family Support	Overspend	Forecast temporary accommodation pressure in the Leaving Care Service	0.055
Safeguarding and Family Support	Underspend	Children's Social Care placements underspend. Partially due to previously projected provider uplifts not materialising and reduction in independent living forecasts	(0.875)
Safeguarding and Family Support	Overspend	Estimated SEND transport related cost pressure in relation looked after children in out of borough provision	0.157
Young Islington	Overspend	Net staffing pressures in Young Islington	0.018
Young Islington	Overspend	Cost pressure from bring youth provision at Platform back in-house	0.263
Young Islington	Overspend	Estimated overspend against the budget for secure remand	0.121
Young Islington	Underspend	Underspend against the Youth Council budget	(0.059)
Young Islington	Underspend	Underspend against Youth and Play contracts	(0.190)
Young Islington	Underspend	Underspend against Youth Justice Board budget	(0.054)
Health Commissioning	Underspend	Reduced staff costs due to secondment	(0.063)
Directorate	Additional Income	Additional Income from the Department of Education	(0.047)
<b>Total Children and Young People</b>			<b>1.623</b>
<b>COMMUNITY WEALTH BUILDING</b>			
New Homes and Corporate Landlord	Income shortfall	Commercial Income Shortfall	0.500
New Homes and Corporate Landlord	Overspend	Delay to delivery of Future Work savings	0.761
Inclusive Economy and Jobs	Overspend	Staffing cost pressure	0.076
Planning and Development	Overspend	Underachievement in planning application fees due to a slowdown in development. This is partly mitigated this year due to the national increase in fees chargeable.	0.112
<b>Total Community Wealth Building</b>			<b>1.449</b>
<b>Community Engagement and Wellbeing</b>			
Resident Experience	Unachieved Saving	Unmet savings due to proposed alignment of Resident Experience and Libraries management structures being abandoned	0.300
Resident Experience	Overspend	Agency and Overtime costs to fund the clearing of the Backlog of Complaints, including Compensation payments due to fault of the Complaints Service.	0.337
Resident Experience	Overspend	Cost of three temporary full time Customer Service agents to support the Council's Cost of Living Campaign	0.055
Resident Experience	Underspend	Staffing efficiencies across the service due to recruitment delays	(0.259)
Libraries	Overspend	Unmet vacancy factor savings due to full establishment	0.070
Culture	Overspend	Filing Income loss	0.086
Policy and Equalities	Overspend	Staffing overspend due to secondment replacement being recruited to and the seconded staff member returning to substantive role	0.060
Policy and Equalities	Overspend	Structural shortfall in relation to budgeted section 106 income and expected rental income	0.020
Cross-Department	Underspend	Adhoc underspends due to recruitment delays	(0.379)
Communications	Overspend	Islington Life Magazine external printing	0.012
Management	Overspend	Adhoc overspends across the service due to one-off costs	0.047
Management	Overspend	Senior Management overspend	0.020
<b>Total Community Engagement and Wellbeing</b>			<b>0.369</b>
<b>ENVIRONMENT &amp; CLIMATE CHANGE</b>			
Business Performance & Improvement	Underspend	Underspend on employee costs due to vacancies now not being filled as part of a MTFS saving in 2024/25	(0.166)
Climate Change & Transport	Overspend	Mainly due to a shortfall in advertising income previously reported as a risk	0.210
Directorate	Underspend	Net underspend on employee costs due to part year vacancies	(0.162)
Fleet	Underspend	Net additional recharge income for workshop services	(0.309)
Greenspace & Leisure	Underspend	Higher levels of CPI rental income on the Leisure contract and parks event income offset by vacancy factor within grounds maintenance	(0.015)
Parking	Overspend	Net shortfall in Parking income streams and overspend on pay/non pay lines.	9.925
Street Operational Services	Overspend	Shortfall in income around rental / sale of containers and additional IT spend, offset by litter enforcement income as part of a new pilot contract arrangement.	0.467
<b>Total Environment &amp; Climate Change</b>			<b>9.950</b>
<b>HOMES &amp; NEIGHBOURHOODS</b>			
Housing Needs	Overspend	Temporary Accommodation: Nightly Booked/Private Sector Leasing	0.581
Housing Needs	Overspend	Bad Debt/Arrears: Case numbers in TA are rising and due to the impact of cost of living, other priorities will conflict with TA rent, resulting in increased arrears.	0.266
Housing Needs	Underspend	NRPf: No Recourse to Public Funds	(0.240)
Housing Needs	Underspend	Other Housing Needs	(0.136)
CSSR	Overspend	Compliance, Antisocial Behaviour, private sector housing, commercial services and community safety.	0.062
Civic Services	Overspend	Additional staff costs within Registrars and additional storage costs within the Mortuary service	0.127
<b>Total H&amp;N</b>			<b>0.659</b>
<b>PUBLIC HEALTH</b>			
Obesity & Physical Activity	Overspend	Commissioning of 2 year pilot programme for Adult Weight Management Get Active Service.	0.089
NHS Health Checks	Overspend	Increase in activity for GP Health Checks.	0.026
Smoking & Tobacco	Underspend	Low activity numbers for stop smoking services, figures based on 2022/23	(0.057)
Public Health	Underspend	Underspend from remaining PH divisions.	(0.057)
<b>Total Public Health</b>			<b>0.000</b>
<b>RESOURCES DIRECTORATE</b>			
Law and Governance	Overspend	Staffing pressures in Business Support	0.174
Law and Governance	Overspend	Delayed delivery of 'back office efficiency' saving	0.371
Finance	Underspend	Vacancies across Accountancy and Revenues Teams	(0.202)
Digital Services	Overspend	Legal payment relating to a disputed contract	0.065
<b>Total Resources</b>			<b>0.398</b>
<b>Directorates Total</b>			<b>19.674</b>
<b>CORPORATE</b>			
Levies	Underspend	Reduced payments for London Pension Fund Authority levy	(0.646)
Levies	Underspend	Reduced payments for Transport for London Concessionary Fares	(0.357)
Provisions	Underspend	Energy Budget Provision	(1.722)
Other	Overspend	Cross-cutting savings delivery	1.423
Other	Underspend	Underspend against Pay Award Budget Provision	(0.916)
Specific Grants	Additional Income	Business Rates Levy Surplus	(0.715)
Other	Underspend	Demography Budget for Homes & Neighbourhoods not required	(0.220)
Capital Financing	Underspend	Minimum Revenue Provision underspend	(0.447)
Capital Financing	Underspend	Interest Payable Underspend	(3.259)
Capital Financing	Overspend	Variances Relating to Internal borrowing and interest on balances payable to the HRA	0.691
Capital Financing	Additional Income	Additional investment income received	(1.650)
Other	Overspend	Local Restrictions Support Grant Repayment	0.253
Other	Underspend	Other Corporate variances	0.246
<b>Total Corporate</b>			<b>(7.319)</b>
<b>GROSS GENERAL FUND</b>			<b>12.355</b>
Less: Inflation, Energy and Demand Provision			(6.962)
Less: General Corporate Contingency			(5.000)
<b>NET GENERAL FUND</b>			<b>0.393</b>

**Appendix 1: 2023/24 Key Variances - Quarter 3**

<b>HOUSING REVENUE ACCOUNT DIRECTORATE/DIVISION</b>	<b>VARIANCE TYPE</b>	<b>DESCRIPTION</b>	<b>Overspend/ (Underspend) Quarter 3 2023/24 £m</b>
<b>HOUSING REVENUE ACCOUNT</b>			
Housing Property Services	Overspend	Establishment of Damp, condensation and mould taskforce	2.713
Housing Property Services	Overspend	New burdens in relation to New Building Safety Regulations	1.800
Housing Property Services	Overspend	Rising number of Housing disrepair claims	4.234
Housing Property Services	Overspend	Increased pressure in Repairs and Maintenance	3.998
Homes & Communities	Overspend	Increasing cost of temporary accommodation for HRA tenants	0.715
Finance	Accounting adjustment	Delayed use of Revenue to fund Capital expenditure (RCCO)	(13.565)
Finance	Income overachievement	Dwelling rents and tenant service charge income	(2.472)
Finance	Overspend	Increased Leaseholder building insurance premium	2.850
Finance	Additional Income	Increased Leaseholder service charges income recovery	(1.005)
HRA	Underspend	Miscellaneous smaller variances across the HRA	(0.342)
<b>Total Housing Revenue Account</b>			<b>(1.074)</b>