

VARIANCE ANALYSIS

Variance	£000	Explanation
Leisure Contract	571	Mainly lost income from lesiure contract due to the pandemic.
Costs of planning appeal	227	Costs were incurred from planning appeals.
Waste and Street Cleansing	183	Additional Food and Garden Waste collection costs of £82k were not offset by additional income due to disruption of service. Increase in tipping costs at Chelmsford Waste Transfer Station (WTS) (£52k). New waste disposal containers (£18k). Additional inflation and resources not offset by increased income (£32k).
Town Centre Car Parks	98	£79k income underachievement due to covid restrictions. £19k transaction charges overspend due to card only parking payment machines.
Prom Park Attractions	68	Splash park and beach huts had to be withdrawn from public use due to staff absences brought about by Coronavirus £97k, less lease income overachievement of £29k.
Various Minor Variances	26	There were minor variances under and over budget amounted to a net overspend of £26k.
Office Accommodation	-29	Due to restrictions, use of the offices was low resulting in lower fuel, maitenance and equipment costs.
Members' Allowances and Expenses	-35	Vacant seats and COVID restrictions impacting on travel and civic events.
Elections	-50	A £72k underspend was transferred to the elections reserve to fund future elections leaving a £50k underspend, which can be released.
ICT	-54	Maintenance budgets underspent and purchases budgets overspend due to Sage, Daisy, ESRI and other applications being updated rather than licences being renewed. Overall underspend of £54k.
Fees and Charges Compensation Grant	-96	Claim to Government of permitted 95% x 75% against income lost due to COVID during first quarter of 2021 / 22.
Housing Benefit	-102	Higher amount of overpayments recovered than budgeted for.
Reduction in bad debt Provision	-116	The bad debt provision for debtors could be lowered due to a large debtor from 2020 / 21 paying their bill during 2021 / 22.
Prom Car Park	-73	Carparking overachievement due to Promenade park being a popular destination even during covid restrictions.
Salary Vacancies	-129	Staff vacancies
COVID Contingency	-371	Budgeted COVID contingency funded from £306k government covid grant to Local Authorities and £65k Lower Tier Services Grant.
Service Variance	118	
Investment Income	-65	Interest rates began to increase during 2021 / 22.
National Non-Domestic Rate (NNDR) Levy Saving	-145	Greater levy savings than budgeted were generated from the Essex business rates pool.
Total Budget Variance	-92	