

HOUSING COMMITTEE (GENERAL FUND) REVENUE DETAIL

Table 1 – Housing GF Outturn Detail

Strategy & Resources Committee	Para Refs	2022/23 Revised Budget £k	2022/23 Actual £k	2022/23 Reserve Transfers £k	2022/23 Outturn Variance £k
Housing Advice	1.1	569	451	41	(77)
Housing Strategy	1.2	336	155	179	(3)
Private Sector Housing	1.3	217	(79)	275	(21)
Housing General Fund TOTAL		1,122	527	495	(101)

1.1 Housing Advice – (£77k) underspend

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Spend on Temporary Accommodation and Bed and Breakfast is eligible for Housing Benefit. The generally higher costs of temporary accommodation mean that the full cost cannot be recovered. Across the service the shortfall within the Temporary Accommodation income has been compensated by greater grant income than budgeted within Homelessness and Homelessness Prevention. Additional grant funding received from the Department for Levelling up, Housing and Communities (DLUHC) within homelessness prevention has contributed to the variance.

1.2 Housing Strategy – (£3k) underspend

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The variance within Housing Strategy relates to work grant funded by the DLUHC including using previously received grants. Where DLUHC grants are awarded at short notice they are utilised in the first instance and the budgeted funds are used elsewhere. Any unspent grant funds will look to be carried forward in order to fund housing-related services in the next financial year. This is regarded as good practice in allowing flexibility in the face of unanticipated increases in demand for services, or improvement to commissioned services, such as rough sleeper outreach or target hardening works to properties for households experiencing domestic abuse.

1.3 Private Sector Housing – (£21k) underspend

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The underspend is a consequence of additional income within private housing received during the year.