

Open Report on behalf of Andrew Crookham, Executive Director - Resources

Report to: Executive

Date: **06 September 2022**

Subject: Capital Budget Monitoring Report 2022/23 - Quarter 1 to 30

June 2022

Decision Reference: 1027769

Key decision? No

Summary:

- This report provides an update on capital spending compared with budgets for the financial year which started on 30 June 2022.
- The tables in this report show the net expenditure for the first three months of this financial year to 30 June 2022, along with the forecasts for spending and a comparison of the forecasts against the latest revised budgets.
- For capital projects which span more than one financial year, the forecast position for the whole life of the project is given.
- The tables are split into "Blocks" which are annual recurrent allocations of funding, usually for maintenance or rolling replacements of assets, and "Projects". The Gross Programme tables show the total value of the project some schemes are wholly or partially funded by Grant and income from outside bodies. The Net Programme tables, after having deducted the Grants and income, show the actual cost of the project to be funded by the Council.
- The report gives an overview of the financial position, with more detailed information on selected capital programme schemes in Appendix C.
- The current 2022/23 forecasted position is a <u>net underspend</u> of <u>£1.001m</u> (Block schemes £0.756m, Project schemes £0.245m). This represents less than 1% of the net capital programme budget for 2022/23. For the project schemes, the whole life <u>net</u> budget is forecast to be <u>underspent</u> by <u>£1.302m</u>.

Recommendation(s):

That the Executive notes the position on the capital programme and decides on any corrective action necessary.

Alternatives Considered:

1. This report shows the actual capital financial performance to 30 June 2022, and forecast outturns for 2022/23, therefore no alternatives have been considered.

Reasons for Recommendation:

To maintain the Council's financial resilience.

1. Background

Overall Financial Position in 2022/23

1.1 The table below shows the total <u>net</u> budget, forecast and forecast variance for 2022/23 (Projects and Blocks) by Directorate.

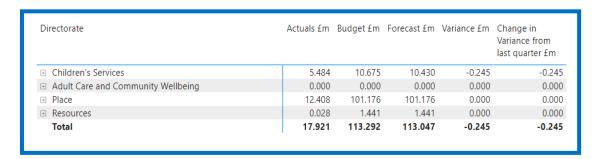
Directorate	Budget £m	Forecast £m	Variance £m
⊕ Children's Services	11.448	10.562	-0.886
Adult Care and Community Wellbeing	0.045	0.045	0.000
⊕ Place	116.931	116.816	-0.115
	5.536	5.536	0.000
	11.979	11.979	0.000
⊕ Other Budgets	18.663	18.663	0.000
Total	164.601	163.601	-1.001
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1.2 The net position shown above is split between Blocks and Projects in the two tables below.

Capital Blocks Net Position 2022/23

Directorate	Actuals £m	Budget £m	Forecast £m	Variance £m	Change in Variance from last quarter £m
	-3.163	0.773	0.132	-0.641	-0.641
Adult Care and Community Wellbeing	0.000	0.045	0.045	0.000	0.000
⊕ Place	22.233	15.755	15.640	-0.115	-0.115
⊕ Fire and Rescue	0.201	5.536	5.536	0.000	0.000
⊕ Resources	0.922	10.538	10.538	0.000	0.000
⊕ Other Budgets		18.663	18.663	0.000	0.000
Total	20.193	51.309	50.553	-0.756	-0.756

Capital Projects Net Position 2022/23



- 1.3 Appendices A (i) and A (ii) show a breakdown of the net position by scheme for capital blocks and capital projects respectively for 2022/23.
- 1.4 The gross expenditure position for 2022/23 is shown in the table below.

Directorate	Actuals £m	Budget £m	Forecast £m	Variance £m	Change in Variance from last period £m
Children's Services	6.826	49.378	48.464	-0.914	-0.914
Adult Care and Community Wellbeing	6.977	1.445	1.445	0.000	0.000
⊕ Place	44.294	153.742	153.627	-0.115	-0.115
	0.201	5.536	5.536	0.000	0.000
⊞ Resources	0.947	11.979	11.979	0.000	0.000
⊕ Other Budgets		20.231	20.231	0.000	0.000
Total	59.244	242.310	241.280	-1.029	-1.029

This shows that in gross expenditure terms there is an underspend forecast this year of £1.029m. When adjusted for the gross income (grants and contributions) position, this becomes a forecast underspend of £1.001m which is less than 1% of the net capital programme budget.

- 1.5 Appendices B (i) and B (ii) show a breakdown of the gross expenditure position by scheme for capital blocks and capital projects respectively for 2022/23. These appendices show that the overall gross expenditure variance is made up of a number of minor variances on several schemes.
- 1.7 Appendix C includes further information on a selected number of capital schemes.

Whole Life Financial Position for Capital Projects

1.8 The capital programme comprises a series of schemes/projects which often span a number of years. The table below shows the forecast whole life net summary position for projects, by Directorate.

Directorate	Whole Life Variance £m
Children's Services	0.000
Adult Care and Community Wellbeing	0.000
Place	-1.195
Resources	-0.106
Total	-1.302

1.9 The forecast underspend position is a relatively small variance and is made up of minor variances on a number of schemes.

Impact of the Capital Position

1.10 The current year's forecast is a minor underspend of £1.001m and means that our borrowing requirement is only slightly reduced compared to our estimate of this at the start of the year. This position also leads to a forecast minor underspend on capital financing charges which will be reflected in the Revenue Monitoring report for quarter two.

Progress on Development Fund Initiatives

1.11 Appendix D shows a list of initiatives where the capital costs are to be funded by the Development Fund earmarked reserve. Progress on each of these is reported in the appendix. Expenditure from this reserve in 2022/23 is expected to be £10.930m for capital schemes.

Assessment of Impact on Financial Resilience

1.12 The forecast underspend in the current year on Capital Projects will not adversely impact on the Council's financial resilience. In addition, the forecast whole life position is also an underspend and this will not adversely impact on the Council's long term resilience. The capital programme was modified to take into consideration the current and future capital programme as a whole to ensure affordability, thereby maintaining our financial resilience. Our Capital Strategy 2022/23 requires the capital programme to be affordable over the longer term and the latest position confirms that it remains affordable.

2. Legal Issues:

Equality Act 2010

Under section 149 of the Equality Act 2010, the Council must, in the exercise of its functions, have due regard to the need to:

Eliminate discrimination, harassment, victimisation and any other conduct that is prohibited by or under the Act.

Advance equality of opportunity between persons who share a relevant protected characteristic and persons who do not share it.

Foster good relations between persons who share a relevant protected characteristic and persons who do not share it.

The relevant protected characteristics are age; disability; gender reassignment; pregnancy and maternity; race; religion or belief; sex; and sexual orientation.

Having due regard to the need to advance equality of opportunity involves having due regard, in particular, to the need to:

- Remove or minimise disadvantages suffered by persons who share a relevant protected characteristic that are connected to that characteristic.
- Take steps to meet the needs of persons who share a relevant protected characteristic that are different from the needs of persons who do not share it.
- Encourage persons who share a relevant protected characteristic to participate in public life or in any other activity in which participation by such persons is disproportionately low.

The steps involved in meeting the needs of disabled persons that are different from the needs of persons who are not disabled include, in particular, steps to take account of disabled persons' disabilities.

Having due regard to the need to foster good relations between persons who share a relevant protected characteristic and persons who do not share it involves having due regard, in particular, to the need to tackle prejudice, and promote understanding.

Compliance with the duties in section 149 may involve treating some persons more favourably than others.

The duty cannot be delegated and must be discharged by the decision-maker. To discharge the statutory duty the decision-maker must analyse all the relevant material with the specific statutory obligations in mind. If a risk of adverse impact is identified consideration must be given to measures to avoid that impact as part of the decision making process.

As this report simply reports on performance against the capital budget, there are no implications that need to be taken into account by the Executive.

Joint Strategic Needs Analysis (JSNA and the Joint Health and Wellbeing Strategy (JHWS)

The Council must have regard to the Joint Strategic Needs Assessment (JSNA) and the Joint Health & Well Being Strategy (JHWS) in coming to a decision.

As this report simply reports on performance against the capital budget, there are no implications that need to be taken into account by the Executive.

<u>Crime and Disorder</u>

Under section 17 of the Crime and Disorder Act 1998, the Council must exercise its various functions with due regard to the likely effect of the exercise of those functions on, and the need to do all that it reasonably can to prevent crime and disorder in its area (including anti-social and other behaviour adversely affecting the local environment), the misuse of drugs, alcohol and other substances in its area and re-offending in its area.

As this report simply reports on performance against the capital budget, there are no implications that need to be taken into account by the Executive.

3. Conclusion

3.1 The Council's current position on the capital programme is highlighted in this report for the Executive to note.

4. Legal Comments:

This report sets out an update on spending to 30 June 2022 compared with the capital budget for the financial year starting on 1 April 2022 to assist the Executive to monitor the financial performance of the Council. It also incorporates forecast total expenditure against budget for the whole life of capital projects which span more than one financial year, including 2022/23.

5. Resource Comments:

This report indicates that the current year capital budget is projected to be underspent by £1.001m, therefore, no other call on reserves is expected to be required within the current financial year.

6. Consultation

a) Has Local Member Been Consulted?

n/a

b) Has Executive Councillor Been Consulted?

Yes

c) Scrutiny Comments

This report is due to be considered by the Overview and Scrutiny Management Board on 25th August 2022. Any comments of the Board will be reported to the Executive.

d) Risks and Impact Analysis

The impact of this reported financial position on the Council's overall financial resilience has been assessed and is reported on within this report.

These are listed	These are listed below and attached at the back of the report					
Appendix A (i)	Capital Monitoring Net Position at 30 June 2022 - Blocks					
Appendix A (ii) Capital Monitoring Net Position at 30 June 2022 - Projects						
Appendix B (i)	Appendix B (i) Capital Monitoring Gross Expenditure Position at 30 June 2022 - Blocks					
Appendix B (ii)	B (ii) Capital Monitoring Gross Expenditure Position at 30 June 2022 -					
	Projects					
Appendix C	Further Detail for Selected Capital Schemes					
Appendix D	Monitoring of Capital Development Fund Initiatives as at 30 June 2022					

8. Background Papers

The following background papers as defined in the Local Government Act 1972 were relied upon in the writing of this report.

Document title	Where the document can be viewed		
Budget Book 2022/23	This can be found in the Council's website by following this		
	<u>link</u> .		

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Capital Blocks Net Position 2022/23

Directorate	Actuals £m	Budget £m	Forecast £m	Variance £m	Change in Variance from last quarter £m
☐ Children's Services	-3.163	0.773	0.132	-0.641	-0.641
Connect the Classroom	-0.024	-0.029	-0.029	0.000	0.000
Devolved Capital	-0.775	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000
Digital Education Platform Grant	-0.002		0.000	0.000	0.000
Early Years and Childcare	-0.072		0.000	0.000	0.000
Foster Care	0.034	0.155	0.155	0.000	0.000
Full Fibre Broadband Capital	0.100		0.000	0.000	0.000
Other Children's Social care	0.005	0.647	0.006	-0.641	-0.641
Provision of School Places (Basic Need)	-1.974	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000
Schools Access Improvements	0.009		0.000	0.000	0.000
Schools Maintenance Programme	-0.465	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000
☐ Adult Care and Community Wellbeing	0.000	0.045	0.045	0.000	0.000
Better Care Fund	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000
Registration Celebratory & Coroners Services		0.020	0.020	0.000	0.000
Safer Communities		0.025	0.025	0.000	
Directorate	Actuals £m	Budget £m	Forecast £m	Variance £m	Change in Variance from last quarter £m
□ Place	22.233	15.755	15.640	-0.115	-0.115
A16/A1073 Spalding to Eye Road Improvement	0.002				
A18 Safer Road Fund	0.007				
A46 Roundabouts		0.067	0.067	0.000	0.000
Boston Development Schemes	0.002	1.801	1.801	0.000	0.000
Countryside Rights of Way	0.007	0.058	0.058	0.000	0.000
Drainage Investigation and Flood Repairs	0.294				
Economic Development- Business Unit Development	0.516	1.096	1.096	0.000	0.000
Energy Efficiency Street Lighting		0.224	0.109	-0.115	-0.115
Equipment & Vehicles at Waste Transfer Stations		1.002	1.002	0.000	0.000
Exec £10m additional funding. B class roads and lower	0.499	-1.713	-1.713	0.000	0.000
Fire Supression at Waste Transfer Stations		0.760	0.760	0.000	0.000
Flood & Water Risk Management	0.033	0.752	0.752	0.000	0.000
Highways Asset Protection	19.195	-9.437	-9.437	0.000	0.000
Holdingham Roundabout (Sleaford Growth Schemes)	0.117	0.295	0.295	0.000	0.000
Integrated Transport	-0.713	1.331	1.331	0.000	0.000
LEP Skills Investment Fund		0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000
Libraries		0.399	0.399	0.000	0.000
Lincoln Growth Point		-0.256	-0.256	0.000	0.000
Lincolnshire Enterprise Partnership Contribution		10.700	10.700	0.000	0.000
Lincolnshire Waterways	0.000	0.236	0.236	0.000	0.000
Local Flood Defence Schemes	-0.006	1.805	1.805	0.000	0.000
Local Highways Improvements (pinchpoints) to support Coastal Routes	0.001	0.665	0.665	0.000	0.000
Network Resilience	0.033	1.579	1.579	0.000	0.000
Other Environment & Planning	0.002	0.007	0.007	0.000	0.000
Other Growth and the Economy - Economic	-0.046	-0.180	-0.180	0.000	0.000
Other Highways	0.041	0.589	0.589	0.000	0.000
Other Transport Initiatives	0.263	0.939	0.939	0.000	0.000
Rural Roads Fund	1.891	1.834	1.834	0.000	0.000
Teal Park Lincoln	0.000	-0.001	-0.001	0.000	0.000
Waste		0.135	0.135	0.000	0.000
Waste - Separated Paper and Card Scheme	0.097	1.069	1.069	0.000	0.000

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☐ Fire and Rescue	0.201	5.536	5.536	0.000	0.000
Fire & Rescue and Emergency Planning	0.000	0.659	0.659	0.000	0.000
Fire Fleet and Equipment	0.200	4.877	4.877	0.000	0.000
☐ Resources	0.922	10.538	10.538	0.000	0.000
County Farm Block	0.142	0.667	0.667	0.000	0.000
ICT Development Fund	0.010	0.028	0.028	0.000	0.000
Improvement Transformation		2.000	2.000	0.000	0.000
Infrastructure and Refresh Programme	0.244	2.323	2.323	0.000	0.000
Orchard House Repairs	0.001	-0.006	-0.006	0.000	0.000
Property	0.485	5.287	5.287	0.000	0.000
Property Rationalisation Programme		0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000
Replacement ERP Finance System	0.041	0.240	0.240	0.000	0.000
☐ Other Budgets		18.663	18.663	0.000	0.000
Capital Fund		-1.568	-1.568	0.000	0.000
New Developments Contingency Fund		20.231	20.231	0.000	0.000

Capital Projects Net Position 2022/23

Directorate	Actuals £m	Budget £m	Forecast £m	Variance £m	Change in Variance from last quarter £m
☐ Children's Services	5.484	10.675	10.430	-0.245	-0.245
Children's Homes	0.434	0.931	0.687	-0.245	-0.245
Lincs Secure Unit	0.003				
School Mobile Classroom Replacement		0.300	0.300	0.000	0.000
SEND Reorganisation	5.048	9.444	9.444	0.000	0.000
□ Adult Care and Community Wellbeing	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000
De Wint Court - Extra Care Housing		0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000
Hoplands - Extra Care Housing	0.000				
□ Place	12.408	101.176	101.176	0.000	0.000
A1084 Safer Road Fund	0.000	-0.003	-0.003	0.000	0.000
A16 Levelling Up Fund (LUF)	0.053				
A46 Welton Roundabouts (Integrated Transport/NPIF)	-0.011	0.575	0.575	0.000	0.000
A52 Skegness Roman Bank Reconstruction	0.445	1.116	1.116	0.000	0.000
A631 Louth to Middle Rasen Safer Road Fund	0.217	0.700	0.700	0.000	0.000
A631 Middle Rasen to Bishops Bridge Safer Roads Fund	0.002	0.020	0.020	0.000	0.000
Broadband	0.202	3.827	3.827	0.000	0.000
Economic Development - Horncastle Industrial Estate Extension		1.500	1.500	0.000	0.000
Electronic Ticket Machines	0.004	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000
Gainsborough Corringham Road (Phase 1-5)	0.001	0.050	0.050	0.000	0.000
Grantham Southern Relief Road	8.097	39.583	39.583	0.000	0.000
Heritage/archives	0.001	4.995	4.995	0.000	0.000
Holbeach Food Enterprise Zone	0.248	-0.547	-0.547	0.000	0.000
HWRC Skegness		2.000	2.000	0.000	0.000
HWRC Tattershall	0.753	0.900	0.900	0.000	0.000
Lincoln Eastern Bypass	0.077	3.110	3.110	0.000	0.000
North Hykeham Relief Road	0.172				
Skegness Countryside Business Park 2	0.000	0.040	0.040	0.000	0.000
Sleaford Rugby Club (Sleaford Growth Schemes)	-0.004	0.170	0.170	0.000	0.000
Spalding Western Relief Road (Section 5)	2.143	34.469	34.469	0.000	0.000
Spalding Western Relief Road Section 1		10.400	10.400	0.000	0.000
Spalding Western Relief Road Section 1 S106		-1.800	-1.800	0.000	0.000
Street Lighting Transformation	0.006	0.071	0.071	0.000	0.000
□ Resources	0.028	1.441	1.441	0.000	0.000
Azure Data Migration Project	0.018	0.051	0.051	0.000	0.000
Care Management System (CMPP)		0.014	0.014	0.000	0.000
Castle Motte Repairs	0.003	-0.031	-0.031	0.000	0.000
Grantham Fire Project	0.003	-0.007	-0.007	0.000	0.000
IMT (Cloud Navigator/Windows 10)		0.088	0.088	0.000	0.000
Lexicon House		0.950	0.950	0.000	0.000
Property Area Review	0.005	0.377	0.377	0.000	0.000
Waddington Training Facility - Capital	0.000				
Total	17.921	113.292	113.047	-0.245	-0.245

Capital Blocks Gross Expenditure Position 2022/23

Directorate	Actuals £m	Budget £m	Forecast £m	Variance £m	Change in Variance from last quarter £m
☐ Children's Services	1.342	13.818	13.148	-0.670	-0.670
Connect the Classroom	0.026	-0.029	0.459	0.487	0.487
Devolved Capital	0.192	1.961	0.993	-0.968	-0.968
Digital Education Platform Grant			0.002	0.002	0.002
Early Years and Childcare	-0.072		0.000	0.000	0.000
Foster Care	0.034	0.155	0.155	0.000	0.000
Full Fibre Broadband Capital	0.100		0.000	0.000	0.000
Other Children's Social care	0.005	0.600	0.006	-0.594	-0.594
Provision of School Places (Basic Need)	0.421	6.217	6.620	0.403	0.403
Schools Access Improvements	0.009		0.000	0.000	0.000
Schools Maintenance Programme	0.627	4.914	4.914	0.000	0.000
☐ Adult Care and Community Wellbeing	6.976	0.045	0.045	0.000	0.000
Better Care Fund	6.976	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000
Registration Celebratory & Coroners Services		0.020	0.020	0.000	0.000
Safer Communities		0.025	0.025	0.000	0.000
□ Place	30.631	49.935	49.820	-0.115	-0.115
A16/A1073 Spalding to Eye Road Improvement	0.002				
A18 Safer Road Fund	0.007				
A46 Roundabouts		-1.612	-1.612	0.000	0.000
Boston Development Schemes	0.002	1.801	1.801	0.000	0.000
Countryside Rights of Way	0.007	0.058	0.058	0.000	0.000
Drainage Investigation and Flood Repairs	0.294				
Economic Development- Business Unit Development	0.516	1.096	1.096	0.000	0.000
Energy Efficiency Street Lighting		0.224	0.109	-0.115	-0.115
Equipment & Vehicles at Waste Transfer Stations		1.002	1.002	0.000	0.000
Exec £10m additional funding. B class roads and lower	0.499	-1.713	-1.713	0.000	0.000
Fire Supression at Waste Transfer Stations		0.760	0.760	0.000	0.000
Flood & Water Risk Management	0.033	0.752	0.752	0.000	0.000
Highways Asset Protection	26.688	28.693	28.693	0.000	0.000

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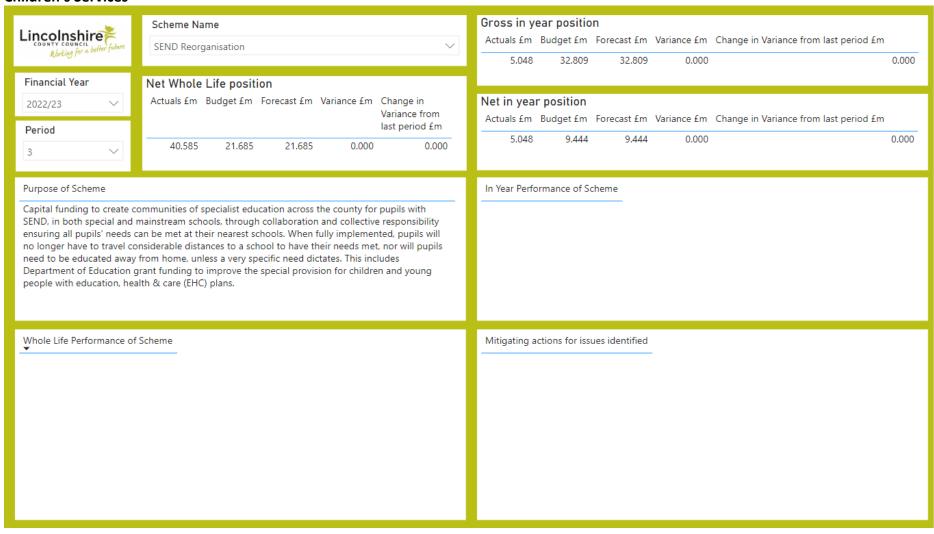
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Capital Projects Gross Expenditure Position 2022/23

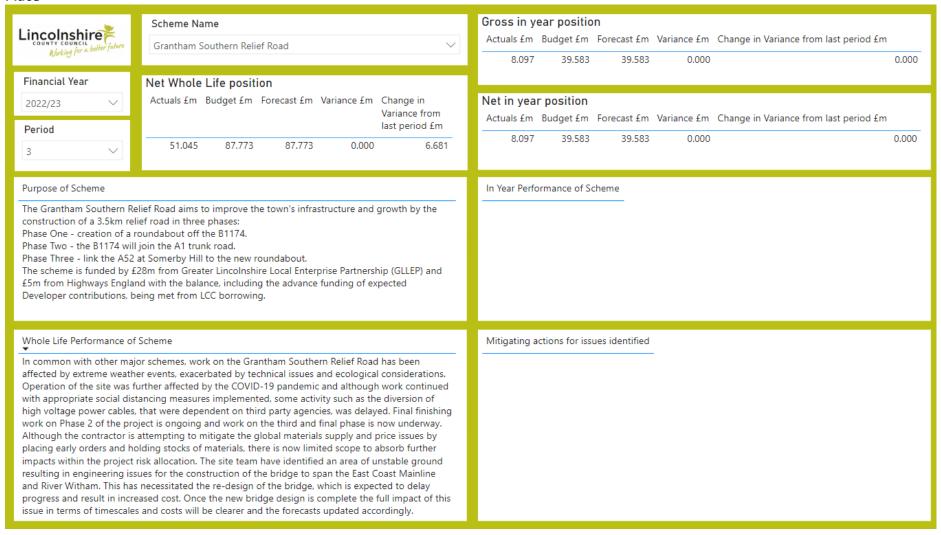
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☐ Children's Services	5.484	35.561	35.316	-0.245	-0.245
Children's Homes	0.434	2.451	2.207	-0.245	-0.245
Lincs Secure Unit	0.003				
School Mobile Classroom Replacement		0.300	0.300	0.000	0.000
SEND Reorganisation	5.048	32.809	32.809	0.000	0.000
☐ Adult Care and Community Wellbeing	0.000	1.400	1.400	0.000	0.000
De Wint Court - Extra Care Housing		1,400	1.400	0.000	0.000
Hoplands - Extra Care Housing	0.000				
□ Place	13.663	103.806	103.806	0.000	0.000
A1084 Safer Road Fund	0.000	-0.003	-0.003	0.000	0.000
Directorate	Actuals £m	Budget £m	Forecast £m	Variance £m	Change in Variance from last quarter £m
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A16 Levelling Up Fund (LUF)	0.053				
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A52 Skegness Roman Bank Reconstruction	0.445	1.116	1.116	0.000	0.000
A631 Louth to Middle Rasen Safer Road Fund	0.217	0.700	0.700	0.000	0.000
A631 Middle Rasen to Bishops Bridge Safer Roads Fund	0.002	0.020	0.020	0.000	0.000
Broadband	-0.275	3.827	3.827	0.000	0.000
Economic Development - Horncastle Industrial Estate Extension		1.500	1.500	0.000	0.000
Electronic Ticket Machines	0.004	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000
Gainsborough Corringham Road (Phase 1-5)	0.001	0.050	0.050	0.000	0.000
Grantham Southern Relief Road	8.097	39.583	39.583	0.000	0.000
Heritage/archives	0.001	4.995	4.995	0.000	0.000
Holbeach Food Enterprise Zone	1.980	-0.547	-0.547	0.000	0.000
HWRC Skegness		2.000	2.000	0.000	0.000
HWRC Tattershall	0.753	0.900	0.900	0.000	0.000
Lincoln Eastern Bypass	0.077	3.110	3.110	0.000	0.000
North Hykeham Relief Road	0.172				
Skegness Countryside Business Park 2	0.000	0.040	0.040	0.000	0.000
Sleaford Rugby Club (Sleaford Growth Schemes)	-0.004	0.170	0.170	0.000	0.000
Spalding Western Relief Road (Section 5)	2.143	37.099	37.099	0.000	0.000
Spalding Western Relief Road Section 1		10.400	10.400	0.000	0.000
Spalding Western Relief Road Section 1 S106		-1.800	-1.800	0.000	0.000
Street Lighting Transformation	0.006	0.071	0.071	0.000	0.000
☐ Resources	0.028	1.441	1.441	0.000	0.000
Azure Data Migration Project	0.018	0.051	0.051	0.000	0.000
Care Management System (CMPP)		0.014	0.014	0.000	0.000
Castle Motte Repairs	0.003	-0.031	-0.031	0.000	0.000
Grantham Fire Project	0.003	-0.007	-0.007	0.000	0.000
IMT (Cloud Navigator/Windows 10)		0.088	0.088	0.000	0.000
Lexicon House		0.950	0.950	0.000	0.000
Property Area Review	0.005	0.377	0.377	0.000	0.000
Waddington Training Facility - Capital	0.000				
Total	19.176	142.208	141.963	-0.245	-0.245

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Capital Programme Further Detail of Selected Schemes – Gross and Net Expenditure Positions Children's Services



Place







Monitoring of Development Fund Initiatives 2022/23

Service Area	Project	Amount Approved from Development Fund	Funding Utilised up to 31/03/22	Actual Use of Funding / Planned Use of Reserve		Update on Progress
		£000's	£000's	2022/23 £000's	Future Years £000's	
CAPITAL						
Place - Communities	Education Transport links to School (Route sustainability)	440	0	3	0 410	The Sustainable Travel Group has been focused on enabling more pupils to walk and cycle to and from school. There are currently three priority schemes, with work originally planned to commence 2022/23. However, further work is needed to analyse the cost vs benefit of these schemes, alongside other potential schemes. A joint approach between the Sustainability Team and Transport Services Group now have an initial priority likely to be a headline review of the county in order to establish the potential for modal shift. The current priority schemes are: •Eishtoft - A project lead has been assigned the work. costs currently being scoped. This is an improvement to an existing suitable walking route, but where there is no footpath, and further supports the removal of previously existing transport entitlements to specific students and safeguards against future applications/appeals. Estimated cost c. £60k. Annual savings estimate c. £12-18 p.a. •Toynton All Saints — There has been an objection to the planned works and the Public Rights of Way (PROW) team now needs to submit a case to the Secretary of State, which will delay progress by more than 12 months. Estimated cost c. £100k. Annual savings estimate £7k. •Greenfields, Grantham — headline cost versus benefit analysis demonstrated that this should not be a priority. As such, this scheme is on hold. The walking route to the school has been deemed unsafe and this will likely have an increase on the cost of educational travel as more pupils will be eligible. However, all transport for this school has been optimised and re-tendered, likely generating a saving on the current costs irrespective of this increase in the number of eligible pupils. No drawdown of the Development Fund has yet taken place for the scheme. It is expected that the expenditure incurred in 2022/23 will relate to the review needing to be undertaken, which will require some of the Development funding currently identified as capital, reallocating to revenue.
Place - Highways	Traffic signals - Wireless communications	80	80		0	Two regions have been fully commissioned and are utilising the wireless facilities. All the equipment has been installed into the additional regions by the contractor. The network settings require changing for these additional regions to allow the contractor to test the wireless links and complete the project.
Place - Highways	Community Maintenance Gangs	3,981	3,981		0 0	The allocation was fully committed in 2020/21 to deliver a variety of community maintenance gangs throughout the financial year. This additional resource was well received by local members and the general public in solving a variety of minor maintenance improvements and repairs.

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CAPITAL contd.		'				
Place - Highways	Drainage Investigation and Flood Repairs	3,444	1,207	850	1,387	Schemes totalling £700k were commissioned in 2020/21 with an in year spend of £646k. A further £561k was spent in 2021/22 and the remaining budget from the original funding allocation is expected to be spent in 2022/23. Our contractors, Balfour Beatty, identified additional resources for delivering these works and we have also employed additional specialist drainage engineers to complete all investigation and design work on the more complex schemes that our Technical Services Partnership design team is overseeing. Following the successful interventions made utilising this funding, Council approved a further allocation of £1.444m as part of the 2022/23 Budget to continue the programme for a further two years.
Place - Highways	Works on B class roads and lower	10,000	0	10,000	0	Expenditure of £1.7m was incurred during 2021/22 on patching sites in preparation for the surface dressing 2022/23 programme, reactive patching to deal with pothole clusters, additional maintenance drainage gangs for jetting and CCTV and ironwork adjustments across various sites in the county. The remaining £8.3m is committed to a programme of work on residential and terraced streets and a village road improvement programme, to be completed in 2022/23. In total, £10m is expected to be drawn down from the Development Fund in the 2022/23 financial year.
Fire and Rescue	Flood Management Pumps	116	116	0	0	Project completed in terms of asset purchase and auxiliary equipment added. Stations equipped with necessary charging systems to ensure 24/7 response. Driver training to be undertaken at Holbeach & Alford stations however other stations have necessary training to mobilise if required. Project now complete.
ACCW - Public Protection - Trading Standards	Replacement Trading standards Metrology equipment	50	0	50	()	New software and licences have been delivered for 3 out of 5 machines and these are installed and working. Remote installation was carried out with a remote training session due to pandemic. 2 more licences are on order and due to be delivered and installed with support.
Place - Growth	Broadband - 4G	800	0	0	800	Delivery of the overall Broadband project is currently progressing in line with the revised contractual milestones, having experienced some delays due to Covid and the worldwide shortage of semi-conductors that affected equipment availability. The need for funding 4G development as a means of providing wider, mobile broadband access is now being overtaken by progress in both 4G and 5G in urban centres and improvements to rural areas being funded by the Building Digital UK (BDUK) £1bn Shared Rural Network programme. Following the conclusion of the latest BDUK Open Market Review to establish suppliers existing networks and planned build over the next 3 years, the need and prioritisation of interventions, including that originally proposed by this project, is being reviewed. This review is expected to be completed by December 2022.
		18,911	5,384	10,930	2,597	