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Service	Forecast Variance Month 9 £'000	Provisional Variance Month 12 £'000	Movement £'000	Explanation of Significant Movements
Director of Families, Children & Learning	(10)	(9)	1	
Health, SEN & Disability Services	1,132	1,110	(22)	
Education & Skills	(545)	(573)	(28)	
Children's Safeguarding & Care	(2,139)	(2,145)	(6)	
Quality Assurance & Performance	(2)	(19)	(17)	
Total Families, Children & Learning	(1,564)	(1,636)	(72)	
Adult Social Care	455	142	(313)	Demand growth in Older People service lower than anticipated in the final quarter.
S75 Sussex Partnership Foundation Trust (SPFT)	(159)	(281)	(122)	Staff vacancies.
Integrated Commissioning	(75)	80	155	The expected underspend on the Better Care Fund did not materialise plus unanticipated redundancy costs.
Life Events	353	218	(135)	Successful negotiation of the level of costs recharged by West Sussex CC.
Public Health	(170)	(171)	(1)	
Further Financial Recovery Measures	(35)	0	35	Included above.
Total Health & Adult Social Care	369	(12)	(381)	
Transport	1,675	768	(907)	£0.115m underspend achieved within Head of City Transport from unallocated staff budget £0.066m and underspends of £0.046m within consultancy and initiatives. Parking outturn worsened by £0.410m from incomes received for final quarter significantly lower than previously forecasted including permit income £0.339m, Car Park Income £0.343m, and On-Street income £0.394m. These shortfalls are offset by increased PCN incomes of £0.768m. £0.119m underspend achieved within Concessionary Bus Fares where negotiated contract costs were lower than budget. Payments to Bus Operators for both base and enhanced services to be funded by the Bus Service Improvement Plan grant resulting in improvements of £0.790m within core budgets. Improvements within Bus

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				Shelters due to reduced repair costs of £0.032m and improved advertising incomes of £0.079m. £0.306m improvement within Traffic Management as a result of £0.156m improvement Highways Maintenance, £0.042m improvement in staffing costs, £0.040m improvements in supplies & services and £0.055m improvement in section 74 charges and traffic regulation order incomes. Highways Development Control and Transport Assessment has exceeded budget by £0.104m where the current budgeted income is not being achieved to fully recover costs.
City Environmental Management	(1,252)	(2,287)	(1,035)	Staffing forecast improvements within City Clean and Strategy & Projects of £0.400m. £0.392m improvement in utility costs for public toilets due to incorrect meter readings provided, leading to credits for prior estimated periods. £0.112m improvement in commercial and garden waste due to lower disposal costs and increased revenues. £0.046m improvement in Environmental Enforcement income. £0.119m improvement from underspends on Trees work that have been delayed and £0.110 improvement from reduction in supplies & services in City Parks. £0.296m increased vehicle costs within fleet due to purchased vehicle delays and recent sabotage resulting in continued vehicle leased costs offset by £0.100m stores recharge omitted from previous forecasts.
City Development & Regeneration	341	867	526	£0.118m CIL admin costs greater than admin income received. Unbudgeted costs including shared EEC resources £0.068m and Attendance Management system cost-share £0.049m. Further reduction in planning application fees of £0.144m. £0.069m correction to Sustainability & International underspends reflecting share of £300k savings and overspend of £0.018m within

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				Economic Development from share of 2023/24 savings yet to be achieved but mitigated within sustainability underspends.
Culture, Tourism & Sport	(184)	(600)	(416)	£0.278m improvement in Sports & Leisure from £0.185m improvement in Seafront and Misc Resort rental incomes, £0.052m improvements in supplies & services, £0.032m improvement in premises related costs as a result of expenditure controls. Further increased incomes of £0.127m in Brighton Centre running and technical services.
Property	999	1,293	294	£0.478m worsening on Estate Management mostly due to further rental shortfalls being queried with the managing provider, and increase in costs for Agricultural Estates and contribution to bad debt provision for increased age of arrears. £0.109m improvement in Education Property Management from deferred direct revenue funding. Improvements in Corporate Facilities & Building management costs of £0.172m, offset by increased costs £0.094m from Royal Mail for surcharges whilst not barcode compliant. Corporate utility cost improvement of £0.039m.
Total Economy, Environment & Culture	1,579	41	(1,538)	
Housing General Fund	1,051	949	(102)	Seaside Homes improved bad debt provision offset by higher repairs costs (£0.050m); Restructure costs £0.089m; Housing options reduced staff costs (£0.096m); TA improvement to net costs of accommodation (£0.047m).
Libraries	99	72	(27)	Improved income levels since month 9.
Communities, Equalities & Third Sector	(116)	(74)	42	Staffing underspend less than forecast at month 9.
Safer Communities	(240)	(299)	(59)	Further staffing vacancies offset by underachievement of fees and charges.

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Total Housing, Neighbourhoods & Communities	794	648	(146)	
Chief Executive Monitoring Office	0	8	8	
Policy & Communications	(23)	44	67	£0.054m budget transferred to CETS.
Legal & Democratic Services	(106)	(169)	(63)	Higher than anticipated income in legal services.
Elections & Land Charges	204	183	(21)	Lower than expected under-achievement in land charges.
Customer Modernisation & Data	(10)	(8)	2	
Finance (Mobo)	309	246	(63)	Reduction in audit fees due to Local Audit Grant.
Procurement (Mobo)	(17)	(15)	2	
HR & Organisational Development	(31)	(215)	(184)	Revised income projections and staff training costs were reported at month 10 which improved variance by £0.154m. Further reduction in staff training costs and other goods/services through cost controls.
IT&D (Mobo)	(525)	(585)	(60)	Mainly due to Orbis budgets being transferred back to Mobo £0.046m, plus some additional underspend on Contract costs.
Welfare Revenue & Business Support	(28)	(213)	(185)	Revised staffing overspends and better than expected recovery of court cost.
Contribution to Orbis	0	69	69	Mainly due to pressures on insurance costs.
Total Governance, People & Resources	(227)	(655)	(428)	
Bulk Insurance Premia	350	500	150	Increase in claim costs.
Capital Financing Costs	(2,284)	(2,233)	51	Short term borrowing undertaken as a result of low cash balances in March.
Levies & Precepts	0	0	0	
Unallocated Contingency & Risk Provisions	(100)	(222)	(122)	Further release of unrequired contingency.
Unringfenced Grants	0	(509)	(509)	(£0.496m) Business Rates levy surplus redistribution and (£0.013m) Transparency grant.
Housing Benefit Subsidy	920	1,275	355	£0.290m improvement in subsidy loss on particular benefit types for vulnerable tenants (Regulations 11 and 13) which are not fully subsidised offset by forecast worsening of £0.537m on net position of overpayment recovery and

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				£0.100m provision for potential reduction in 2022/23 subsidy following audit.
Other Corporate Items	184	535	351	£1.500m required provision for Voluntary Severance costs related to 2024/25 savings partially offset by £1.183m from unrequired Adult Social Care bad debt provision.
Total Corporately-held Budgets	(930)	(654)	276	
Total General Fund	21	(2,268)	(2,289)	

