

General Fund (GF) Revenue Outturn Variance Analysis by Portfolio and Business Unit as at 31 March 2026

Favourable variances are bracketed and in red - £(0.000)m. Unfavourable variances are in black - £0.000m. All amounts are in millions of pounds (£'m).

Climate and the Environment - £(0.507)m		£'m
Environmental Services	HVO was deemed unfeasible in the Q1 reports, and diesel prices have since stabilised. Given the volatility of this budget, a contingency element is included. As a result, current trends indicate a potential early underspend, provided market conditions remain stable.	(0.121)
Environmental Services	Significant favourable variances within the Waste and Recycling department, driven by higher-than-expected income from trade waste, recycling, and garden waste. Additionally, there is a favourable variance in expenditure related to refuse bin purchases and payments to Nottinghamshire County Council based on tonnage.	(0.373)
All	Culmination of other Employee favourable variances across the Portfolio, net of Agency Staff	(0.037)
All	Other Small Variances	0.024
Climate and the Environment Total		(0.507)
Health, Wellbeing and Leisure - £(0.288)m		£'m
Healthy Places	Three vacancies within the Health Development Team (Active Lifestyles Project Officer, Regeneration Capital Project Officer and Health Improvement Officer) have been vacant for a significant period throughout the year.	(0.112)
Healthy Places	An underspend for the A4T management fee due to the leisure centres forecasting a surplus in their accounts.	(0.104)
All	Culmination of other Employee favourable variances across the Portfolio, net of Agency Staff	0.000
All	Other Small Variances	(0.072)
Health, Wellbeing and Leisure Total		(0.288)
Heritage, Culture and the Arts - £(0.016)m		£'m
All	Culmination of other Employee favourable variances across the Portfolio, net of Agency Staff	(0.021)
All	Other Small Variances	0.005
Heritage, Culture and the Arts Total		(0.016)
Housing - £0.138m		£'m
Housing Services	Income for resettlement schemes, particularly Homes for Ukraine, is below expectations as the original income budget set at the start of the scheme will not be achieved.	0.170
Housing Services	Temporary Accommodation Council tax void losses have occurred due to empty units.	0.050
Housing Services	Favourable variance for utility costs for the Northgate temporary accommodation site	(0.035)
Housing Services	Barratt Managed Properties scheme has been extended until the end of January so more income than budgeted for	(0.013)
All	Culmination of other Employee favourable variances across the Portfolio, net of Agency Staff	(0.044)
All	Other Small Variances	0.010
Housing Total		0.138

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Public Protection and Community Relations - £(0.194)m		£'m
All	Favourable variance across the portfolio on income generated over and above the budgeted figure including services for Licensing, insurance, street cleansing and Environmental Health.	(0.043)
Public Protection	Favourable variance on insurance claim payments compared to budget set.	(0.078)
All	Culmination of other Employee favourable variances across the Portfolio, net of Agency Staff.	(0.052)
All	Other Small Variances	(0.021)
Public Protection and Community Relations Total		(0.194)
Strategy, Performance and Finance - £(0.606)m		£'m
Corporate Property	There is an overall favourable variance on the cleaning contract for the Council's corporate properties.	(0.100)
Corporate Property	Favourable variance for utility costs across the Council's corporate properties.	(0.197)
Corporate Property	Rental income for Newark Beacon has exceeded budget expectations, driven by higher occupancy levels, which have also helped reduce the Council's business rates costs.	(0.102)
Revenues & Benefits	The outturn variance in salary costs within the Revenue and Benefits business unit is mainly due to two vacant apprentice position and 0.19 FTE of unfilled hours, which are not expected to be recruited this financial year. Additionally, a vacant Revenues Officer post is currently being advertised.	(0.082)
Revenues & Benefits	The current 0.94 FTE vacancy for the Business Rates Property Inspector role is being partially covered, with 7.5 hours reassigned to an existing team member from August. The remaining hours will be advertised, and the new post is not expected to be advertised this financial year.	(0.033)
All	Culmination of other Employee favourable variances across the Portfolio, net of Agency Staff	(0.188)
All	Other Small Variances	0.044
Strategy, Performance and Finance Total		(0.658)
Sustainable Economic Development - £(0.606)m		£'m
Planning Development	Favourable variance Planning Development salaries due to three vacant posts to be one covered by agency staff, with further agency support leading up to review of the service.	(0.041)
Planning Development	A higher number of planning applications have been received during 2025/26 than was originally budgeted for	(0.263)
Planning Policy and Infrastructure	CIL income unfavourable due unpredictability on Community Infrastructure Levy at present showing a reduction in income.	0.079
All	Culmination of other Employee favourable variances across the Portfolio, net of Agency Staff	(0.076)
All	Other Small Variances	(0.028)
Sustainable Economic Development Total		(0.329)
Vacancy Factor & Notional Savings £1.135m		£'m
Vacancy Factor	The vacancy factor represents a planned allowance within the Council's establishment budget to reflect the likelihood that not all posts will be occupied throughout the year.	0.885
Notional Savings	Budget set for notional savings as per the revenue budget setting for 2025-26 at Full Council in March.	0.250
Vacancy Factor & Notional Savings Total		1.135
General Fund Revenue Outturn Variance for Services		(0.719)