

## Financial Risks

### Adult Social Care & Health

Service Area	Short description of risk	Risk			Use
		2023/24 £000s	2024/25 £000s	2025/26 £000s	
All Care	<p><b>Market sustainability and Fair Cost of Care (FCoC).</b></p> <p>The government has recognised that the state of the care market is due, in part, to the rates paid by local authorities (LA). They have introduced reforms which are designed to bring current LA rates paid to a fair cost over a 3 year period. This is also in line with the authorities duties under the Care Act 2014. A nationwide exercise started in 2022 with the results being made public 01/02/23. This is likely to cause significant noise. Risk shown is the current best guess of the impact spread equally across 3 years, however its likely that this will increase in subsequent as the FCoC is based on 22/23 rates so is likely outdated before its fully met.</p> <p>If the grant funding is not available to the department either the likely grant conditions will not be met of the department will overspend.</p>	3,500	3,500	3,500	
All Care	<p><b>Hospital Discharge 1</b></p> <p>In late 2022 the ASC Discharge Grant was introduced to relieve pressures in the healthcare system. The grant was awarded to LAs and ICBs and was managed via the Better Care Fund S75 agreement. The grant has strict conditions and requires fortnightly activity reporting.</p> <p>This grant has been extended to 23/24, no further guidelines have been issued but it is highly likely to have the same or similar conditions.</p> <p>In addition the introduction of the FCoC will increase the costs of care for discharges.</p>	3,000-5,000	TBA	TBA	
All Care	<p><b>Hospital Discharge 2</b></p> <p>It was announced 9 January 23 that the Department of Health &amp; Social Care (DHSC) are to spend £250m buying residential care beds. This has a number of potentially unfortunate consequences for LAs.</p> <p>This will likely increase the cost of residential care further, one providers have publicly stated that they consider this to be a high cost service.</p> <p>Part of the issue with discharge is the lack of therapy services available. Using these care home beds is not going change this situation and is highly likely to lead to care dependency for which the LA is liable to fund.</p>	TBA	TBA	TBA	<a href="https://www.gov.uk/government/news/dhsc-to-buy-250-million-worth-of-residential-care-beds">https://www.gov.uk/government/news/dhsc-to-buy-250-million-worth-of-residential-care-beds</a>

## Childrens and Young People

Service Area	Short description of risk	Risk		
		2023/24 £000s	2024/25 £000s	2025/26 £000s
Children's Social Care Division	Underfunding of employee pension budget	1,198	1,198	1,198
Social Work with Children Looked After and Care Leavers	Increased children looked after numbers and/or clients existing/new young people in high-cost placements	1,200	1,200	1,200

## Housing

Service Area	Short description of risk	Risk		
		2023/24 £000s	2024/25 £000s	2025/26 £000s
Homelessness	Availability of private rental properties is low leading to high inflation and increased use of nightly paid accommodation	3,000	2,000	
Temporary and Emergency Accommodation	External pressures from other public bodies such as the increased need to provide services to asylum seekers housed in Croydon by the Home Office, large numbers of people being housed in Croydon by other London Boroughs and people housed in Croydon by the Probation service.	TBA		
Homelessness	Service disruption due to restructure of housing resource	1,000		

## Sustainable Communities Regeneration & Economic Recovery

Service Area	Short description of risk	Risk		
		2023/24 £000s	2024/25 £000s	2025/26 £000s
Highways and Parking	Income Risk for Penalty Charge Notices (PCN) due to delays in Conduent Contract for Automatic Number Plate Recognition	TBA		
	There is a risk given the current financial situation at TFL that anticipated funding for infrastructure projects may be delayed or rescinded which may result	TBA		

All Areas	Given the current rate of inflation there is a risk that continuation of this economic factor may affect further contractual prices and create additional budgetary pressures. This is most likely in connection with fuel, energy and services with a large sub contracted workforce	TBA			
All Areas	Given the current cost of living crisis and inflationary pressures on both residents and businesses within the borough there is likely to be a knock affect on various income streams with the Services, as people and businesses tighten the purse strings or regrettably in some cases cease trading.	TBA			
All Areas	Given the current financial situation of the council and a highly competitive external market (cost wise) in direct competition with some of our services recruitment and retention issues are risk that needs to be taken into account which may affect some of the services we deliver	TBA			
Development Management Building Control and Licensing	There is currently consideration being given or already in place regarding statutory requirements and statutory legislation in these areas which are likely to be realised in the next financial year. There is a risk that changes may affect income or costs for these services.	TBA			
Public Realm	A new statutory duty on public bodies and large organisations to physically protect public spaces ("Martyn's law) is due to be published in Spring 2023. This is expected to place several statutory duties on the council, which will not be funded from central government. Measures could range from Hostile Vehicle Mitigation to organisational policy, CCTV, recruitment and other changes. Where existing sites are owned by the council the cost of retrofitting measures are potentially significant.	TBA			Work to identify relevant areas for quality improvements to this co-ordinated chat emb
<b>Assistant Chief Executives and Resources</b>					
Service Area	Short description of risk	2023/24 £000s	2024/25 £000s	2025/26 £000s	
Resources- Investment & Assets	Disposal programme of assets will lead to reduction of income in revenue	TBA			Taken into disposal
Elections	National changes occurring	TBA			Offs new
Elections - Local	Reserve for local election	TBA			Rev spre
<b>CORPORATE</b>					
Service Area	Short description of risk	2023/24 £000s	2024/25 £000s	2025/26 £000s	