

AREAS OF BUDGETARY RISK

The table below identifies areas that have been identified as a budgetary risk within the People Scrutiny Committee revenue budgets.

The revenue budget areas of risk are:

Budget Title	Approved Budget £	Risk
Revenue Collection/Benefits – Housing Benefit Subsidy	35,232,600	<p>The Council currently administers over £35 million of Housing Benefit payments for rent allowances and rent rebates. Not all expenditure can be claimed back as subsidy. Certain supported and temporary accommodation costs are not eligible for full subsidy; these claim types will remain in Housing Benefit and not move to Universal Credit. As more Housing Benefit claims move onto Universal Credit the amount of unsubsidised expenditure will be an increased proportion of total expenditure. Errors made by ECC officers are not subsidised in full if they go over a set percentage of total expenditure. As total expenditure reduces due to Universal Credit rollout, the margins within which error payments are subsidised will reduce, increasing the risk of a subsidy loss in this area.</p>