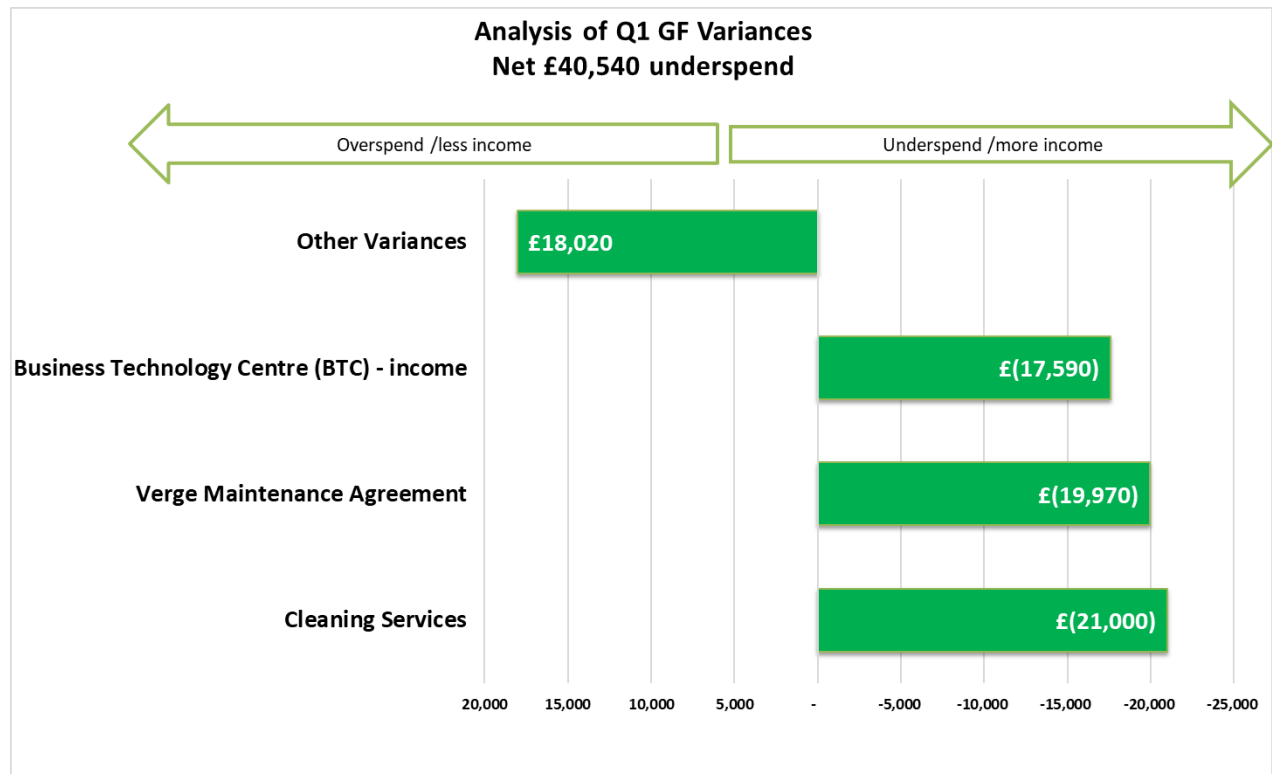


## Appendix A

Following the first quarter review of the General Fund budgets, officers have identified a projected decrease in the forecast budget for the year of £548,850. The detailed analysis of the primary reasons can be found in the main report, and the analysis of other minor variances totalling £40,540 are detailed below:



- Business Technology Centre (BTC) Additional Income (£17.6K)** – the 2025/26 BTC income budget is £1,156K for the year and an additional £17.6K is projected for the year. This is lower than the contracted sum but still represents total income of £1.2M for the Council. The contract is due for renewal in 2026/27.
- Verge Maintenance Agreement (£20K) Underspend** – the forecasted position is based on 2024/25 actuals and currently reflects a small underspend. This position will remain until the updated contract for the current financial year with Hertfordshire County Council (HCC) is finalised. The draft contract provided by HCC includes an uplift linked to September 2024 CPI of 1.7%, which, if agreed, will generate additional income.
- Cleaning Services (£21K) Underspend** – The cleaning contract has not been reviewed for a number of years and will be tendered in the near future, a review of cleaning hours prior to tender has resulted in a saving.

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- **Other variances £18K Overspend**– a combination of small variances across the service.