

**COUNCIL MEETING**

**9<sup>TH</sup> APRIL 2018**

**QUESTIONS FROM MEMBERS OF THE COUNCIL FOR WRITTEN REPLY**

**1. From Cllr Ian Dunn to the Resources Portfolio Holder**

Please provide a breakdown of the Council's use of Agency Staff, showing person days and net cost, by month from April 2017 to as recently as figures are available, broken down by Adult Social Care, Children's Social Care, other EHCS, ECS and other. Please also show the number of employees in FTE with the same breakdown.

**Reply:**

See appendix 1.

**2. From Cllr Angela Wilkins to the Public Protection and Safety Portfolio Holder**

Will you agree that this Borough needs a Youth Violence Strategy and will you agree to lead the development and implementation of such?

**Reply:**

Yes, the Gangs Strategy we are developing will focus on serious youth violence, led by Bromley Safeguarding Children's Board as part of the work of the sub-committee leading on safeguarding adolescence. The work on the Strategy is being prioritised. We are also working with MOPAC and the Home Office to have a Locality Review to better understand local issues for Bromley related to SYV and, mapping of the gang networks/relationships.

**3. From Cllr Angela Wilkins to the Education, Children and Families Portfolio Holder**

This Council now has an over-spend of £716k on Independent Foster Carers and an additional overspend of £166k on in-house foster carers. Whilst acknowledging that the increased demand for placements explains some of this overspend, please provide calculations and evidence to support your Group's decision that it was right to cut allowances for in-house foster carers, given the disproportionately high overspend on 'agency' carers?

**Reply:**

(Reply to follow)

**4. From Councillor Nicholas Bennett JP to the Resources Portfolio Holder**

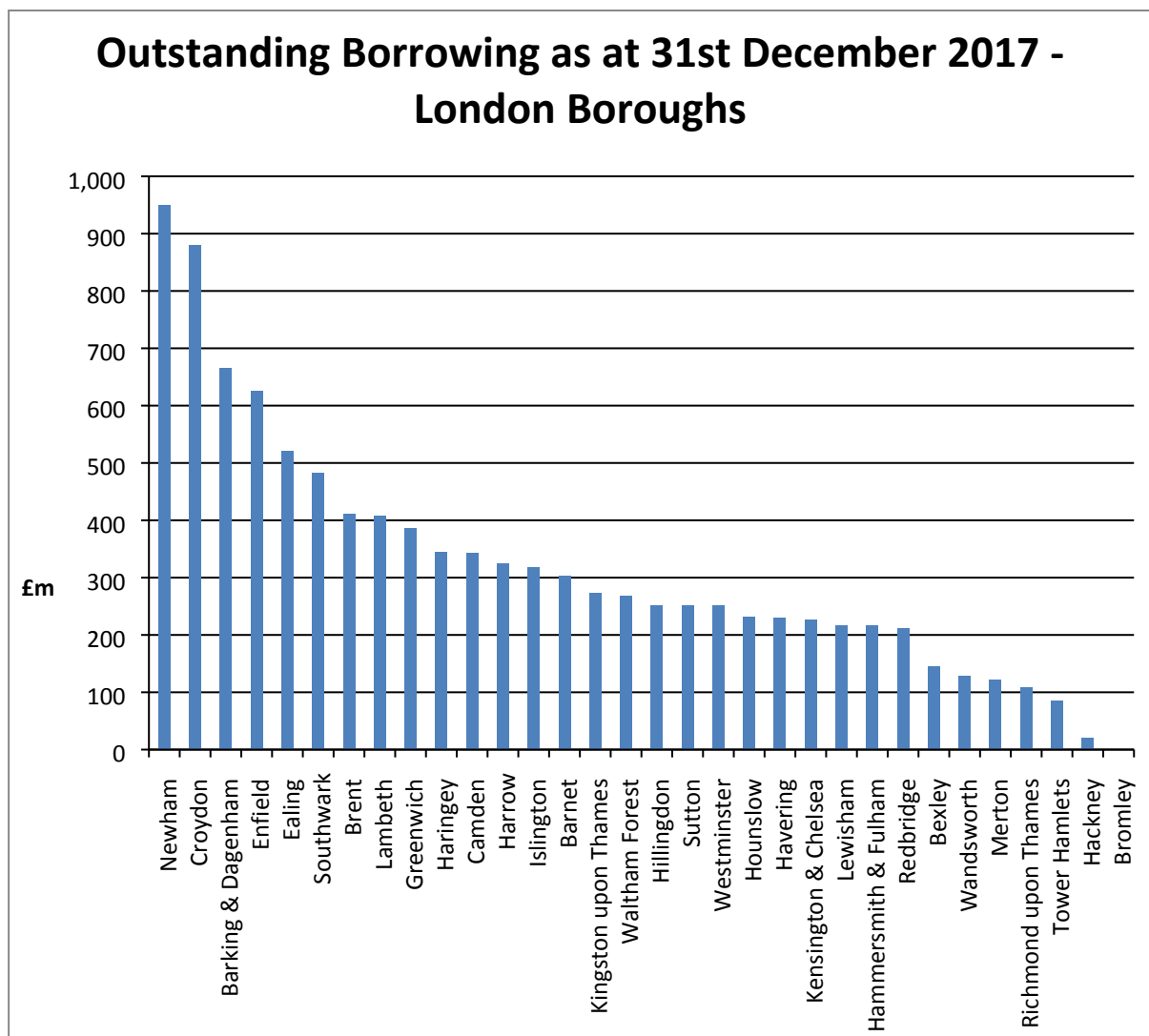
What information he has as to the debt figures for London Boroughs in the latest year for which he has statistics and if he will set out the information in table and graph format?

**Reply:**

The outstanding borrowing for London Boroughs as at 31<sup>st</sup> December 2017 is shown in the table and graph below:

	£m
Newham	950.45
Croydon	881.07
Barking & Dagenham	665.12
Enfield	626.73
Ealing	520.79
Southwark	482.85
Brent	411.24
Lambeth	408.07
Greenwich	386.40
Haringey	344.87
Camden	343.01
Harrow	324.26
Islington	317.89
Barnet	304.08
Kingston upon Thames	273.07
Waltham Forest	268.04
Hillingdon	252.62
Sutton	252.47
Westminster	251.29
Hounslow	231.54
Havering	229.48
Kensington & Chelsea	226.36
Lewisham	217.45
Hammersmith & Fulham	217.41
Redbridge	211.19
Bexley	145.55
Wandsworth	129.49
Merton	123.01
Richmond upon Thames	108.34
Tower Hamlets	85.66
Hackney	20.00
Bromley	0.00

*Source: MHCLG Quarterly Borrowing & Lending Statistics*



## 5. From Councillor Nicholas Bennett JP to the Resources Portfolio Holder

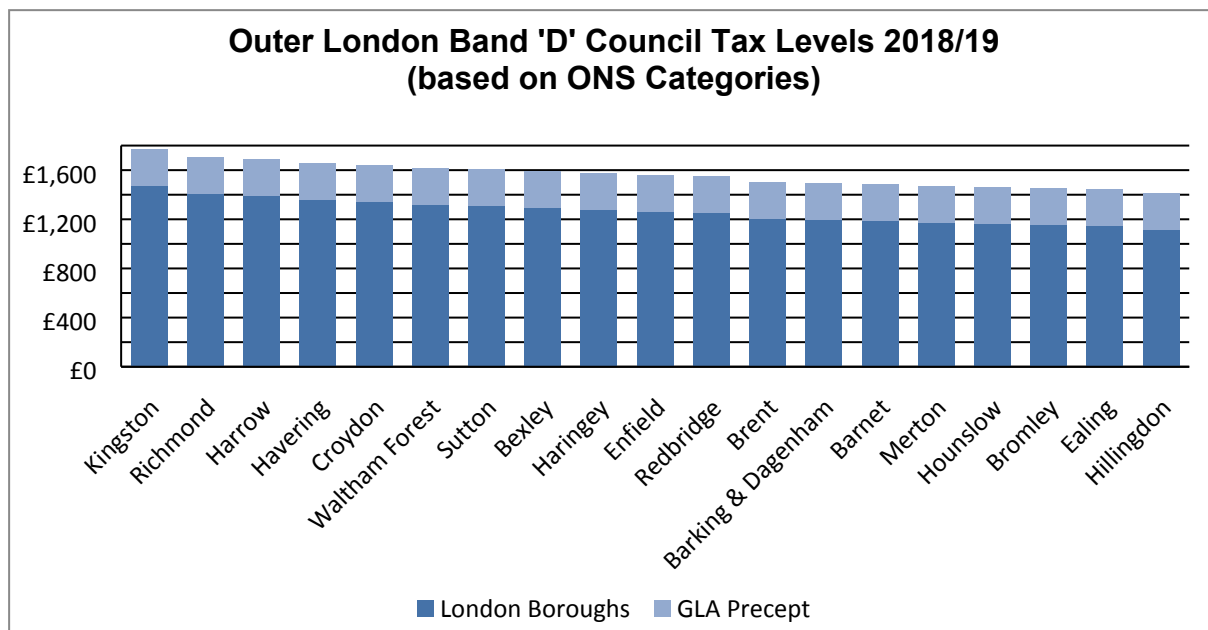
What information he has as to the Council tax rates at Band D for Outer London Boroughs for 2018-19 and if he will set out the information in table and graph format?

### Reply:

The 2018/19 Band 'D' council tax levels for Outer London Boroughs (based on ONS categories) are shown in the table and graph below:

	Council Tax Levels		
	London	GLA	Total
	Boroughs	Precept	Band 'D'
	£	£	£
Kingston	1,477.46	294.23	1,771.69
Richmond	1,412.71	294.23	1,706.94
Harrow	1,394.69	294.23	1,688.92
Havering	1,363.83	294.23	1,658.06
Croydon	1,342.73	294.23	1,636.96
Waltham Forest	1,320.74	294.23	1,614.97
Sutton	1,308.52	294.23	1,602.75
Bexley	1,293.81	294.23	1,588.04
Haringey	1,281.57	294.23	1,575.80
Enfield	1,261.17	294.23	1,555.40
Redbridge	1,255.75	294.23	1,549.98
Brent	1,202.31	294.23	1,496.54
Barking & Dagenham	1,199.63	294.23	1,493.86
Barnet	1,189.34	294.23	1,483.57
Merton	1,173.83	294.23	1,468.06
Hounslow	1,167.76	294.23	1,461.99
Bromley	1,158.48	294.23	1,452.71
Ealing	1,145.89	294.23	1,440.12
Hillingdon	1,112.93	294.23	1,407.16

Source: MHCLG – Council Tax Levels set by Local Authorities in England 2018-19



## 6. From Councillor Nicholas Bennett JP to the Resources Portfolio Holder

What information he has as to central government grants for each London Borough both in global and per head of population and if he will set out the information in table and graph format?

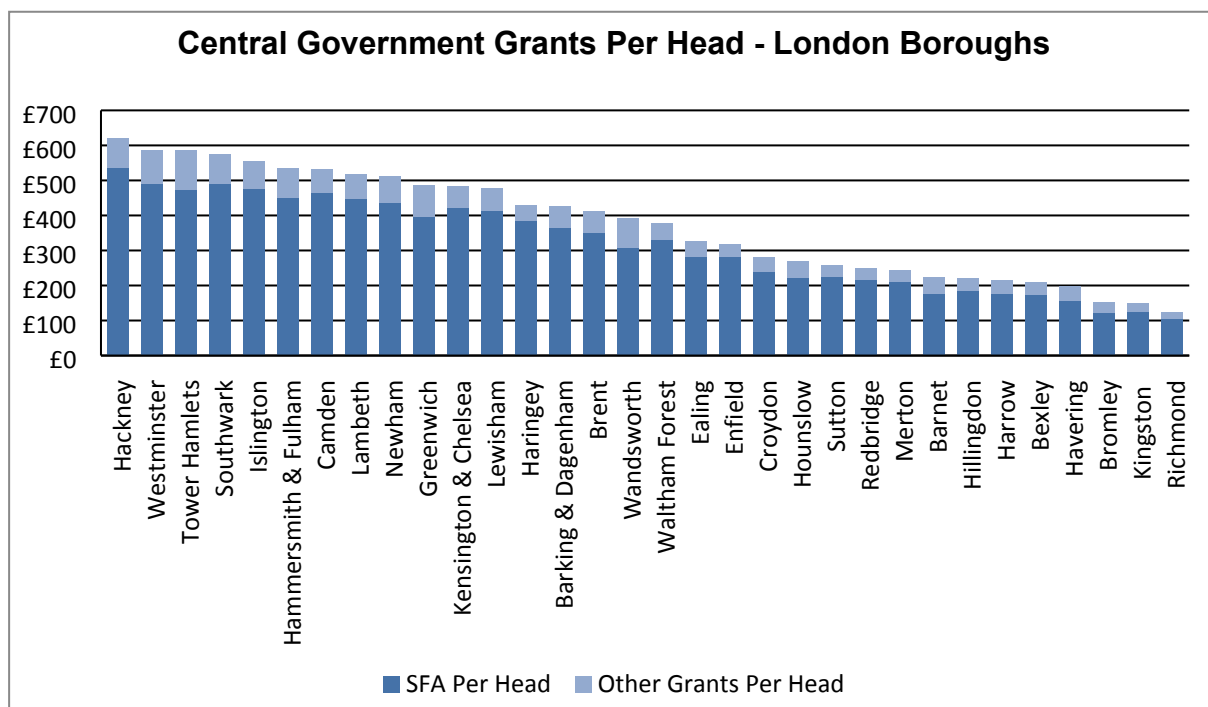
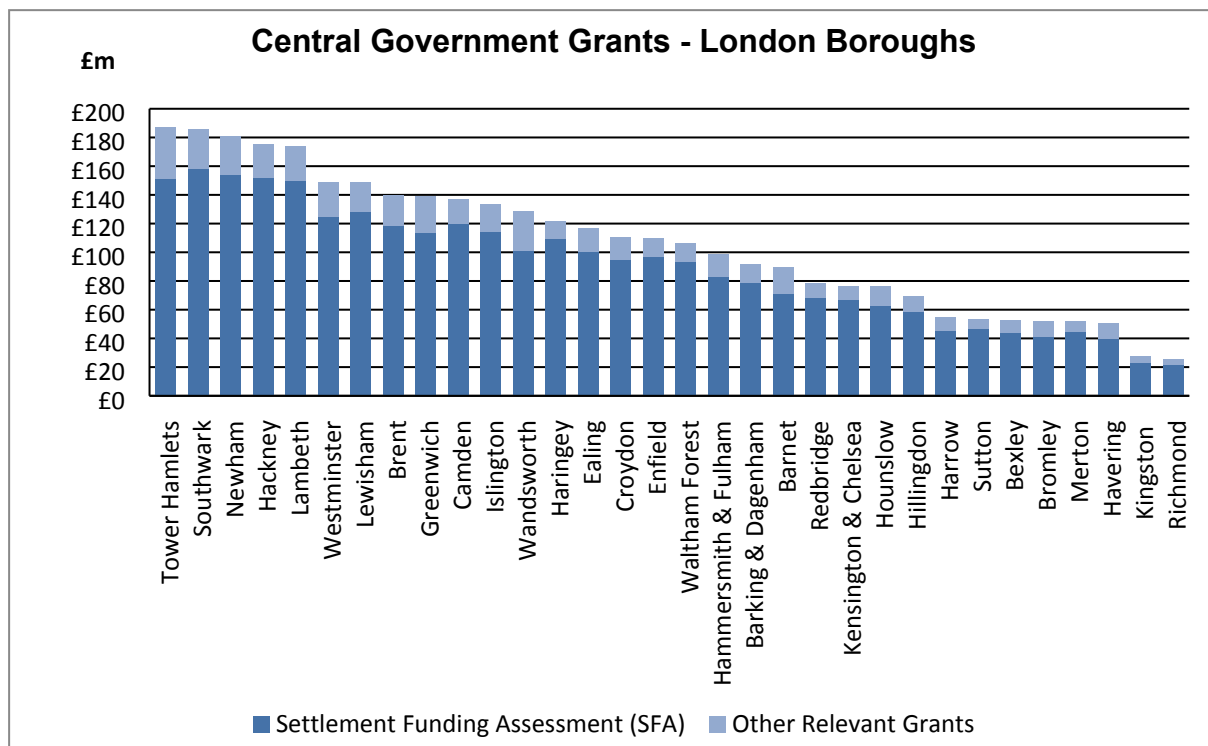
### Reply:

Central Government Grants announced as part of the 2018/19 Final Local Government Finance Settlement are shown in the table and graphs below:

Local Authority	Settlement Funding Assessment (SFA) £'000	Relevant Grants (*) £'000	Total Grants (*) £'000	SFA Per Head of Population £	Total Grants Per Head of Population (*) £
Barking & Dagenham	78,793	13,079	91,872	366.32	427.13
Barnet	71,359	18,414	89,773	178.18	224.15
Bexley	43,783	8,669	52,452	174.63	209.21
Brent	118,661	21,099	139,760	350.33	412.63
Bromley	41,353	10,503	51,856	122.86	154.07
Camden	119,877	17,384	137,261	465.21	532.68
Croydon	94,526	15,856	110,382	239.22	279.35
Ealing	100,335	16,092	116,427	282.64	327.98
Enfield	97,073	12,676	109,749	282.58	319.48
Greenwich	113,651	25,674	139,325	396.23	485.74
Hackney	151,794	23,641	175,435	536.88	620.50
Hammersmith & Fulham	82,928	15,735	98,663	449.02	534.22
Haringey	109,069	12,360	121,429	385.45	429.13
Harrow	45,497	9,642	55,139	176.72	214.17
Havering	40,089	10,588	50,677	155.66	196.77
Hillingdon	58,548	10,989	69,537	186.29	221.26
Hounslow	63,111	13,315	76,426	222.96	270.00
Islington	114,564	19,017	133,581	476.55	555.65
Kensington & Chelsea	66,998	9,554	76,552	421.44	481.54
Kingston	22,770	4,437	27,207	124.52	148.78
Lambeth	150,043	23,823	173,866	446.77	517.70
Lewisham	128,470	20,334	148,804	413.97	479.50
Merton	44,662	7,155	51,817	209.09	242.58
Newham	153,638	26,920	180,558	435.11	511.35
Redbridge	68,185	10,098	78,283	217.47	249.68
Richmond	21,714	3,535	25,249	105.73	122.94
Southwark	158,440	27,518	185,958	488.92	573.84
Sutton	46,785	6,866	53,651	224.77	257.75
Tower Hamlets	151,070	36,031	187,101	472.51	585.20
Waltham Forest	93,538	12,979	106,517	331.60	377.61
Wandsworth	101,282	27,255	128,537	309.32	392.56
Westminster	125,039	24,020	149,059	491.65	586.10

(\*) Special & Specific Grants included within Core Spending Power.  
This includes Compensation for Under Indexing of the Business Rates Multiplier,  
Improved Better Care Fund, Adult Social Care Support Grant and New Homes Bonus.

*Source: MHCLG – Final Local Government Finance Settlement 2018/19 and ONS  
Population Projections 2018*



## 7. From Councillor Peter Fookes to the Resources Portfolio Holder

What efforts are being made to cut down on the bureaucracy of getting 10 signatures to stand for election to Bromley Council and surely this can be done electronically in this day and age?

**Reply:**

That is a matter for Parliament and the requirements for the Borough elections are not materially different to those for parliamentary ones.

**8. From Councillor Peter Fookes to the Resources Portfolio Holder**

When will all outstanding repairs to Melvin Halls be completed?

**Reply:**

All outstanding repairs are due to be completed by the 20 April 2018.

**9. From Councillor Peter Fookes to the Education, Children and Families Portfolio Holder**

When will Bromley be consulting with residents on the proposal by the Harris Federation to give priority to Harris Primary attendees to access their secondary schools?

**Reply:**

(Reply to follow.)



## **Appendix 1**(question 1)

Year	Month	Month Name	Group Name	Calc Days	Hours	Avg Daily Rate	net Amt	vat Amt	gross Amt	Employee FTE as at last day of month
2017	4	April	1. Adult Social Care	1,563.30	11,255.75	163.95	256,310.17	51,261.98	307,572.15	201.6
2017	4	April	2. Childrens Social Care	1,923.26	13,847.50	260.97	501,909.18	100,381.93	602,291.11	270.07
2017	4	April	3. Other ECHS	354.64	2,553.38	211.83	75,121.04	15,024.23	90,145.26	314.27
2017	4	April	4. ECS	601.39	4,330.00	210.98	126,883.97	25,376.74	152,260.71	358.24
2017	4	April	5. Other	287.55	2,070.38	178.01	51,185.88	10,237.19	61,423.06	176.83
2017	5	May	1. Adult Social Care	1,639.03	11,801.00	163.78	268,432.22	53,686.46	322,118.68	203.22
2017	5	May	2. Childrens Social Care	1,927.12	13,875.25	268.58	517,581.85	103,516.44	621,098.29	278.46
2017	5	May	3. Other ECHS	365.09	2,628.63	218.18	79,653.61	15,930.68	95,584.29	316.73
2017	5	May	4. ECS	676.63	4,871.75	141.11	95,477.15	19,095.47	114,572.62	357.93
2017	5	May	5. Other	232.52	1,674.13	165.71	38,531.22	7,706.20	46,237.42	178.83
2017	6	June	1. Adult Social Care	2,055.21	14,797.50	171.65	352,773.56	70,554.71	423,328.27	204.11
2017	6	June	2. Childrens Social Care	2,701.11	19,448.00	297.18	802,708.71	160,541.79	963,250.50	274.01
2017	6	June	3. Other ECHS	635.10	4,572.75	230.44	146,351.40	29,270.22	175,621.62	317.95
2017	6	June	4. ECS	763.16	5,494.75	144.69	110,423.37	22,084.72	132,508.09	354.77
2017	6	June	5. Other	230.17	1,657.25	179.93	41,416.26	8,283.21	49,699.47	180.25
2017	7	July	1. Adult Social Care	1,681.04	12,103.50	172.98	290,781.42	58,156.19	348,937.61	202.41
2017	7	July	2. Childrens Social Care	2,338.40	16,836.50	302.85	708,177.08	141,635.42	849,812.50	284.17
2017	7	July	3. Other ECHS	436.49	3,142.75	192.39	83,976.87	16,795.33	100,772.19	316.87
2017	7	July	4. ECS	732.50	5,274.00	144.42	105,786.38	21,157.34	126,943.72	355.15
2017	7	July	5. Other	234.93	1,691.50	176.79	41,532.76	8,306.56	49,839.31	175.21
2017	8	August	1. Adult Social Care	1,107.15	7,971.50	201.64	223,245.53	44,649.17	267,894.70	170.19
2017	8	August	2. Childrens Social Care	2,160.80	15,557.75	280.36	605,807.04	121,161.34	726,968.38	286.96
2017	8	August	3. Other ECHS	408.47	2,941.00	221.35	90,415.60	18,083.06	108,498.66	319.94
2017	8	August	4. ECS	642.88	4,628.75	151.87	97,636.72	19,527.38	117,164.10	351.55
2017	8	August	5. Other	251.39	1,810.00	163.88	41,197.89	8,239.59	49,437.48	172.21
2017	9	September	1. Adult Social Care	1,217.29	8,764.50	204.46	248,891.85	49,778.48	298,670.33	170.52
2017	9	September	2. Childrens Social Care	2,557.74	18,415.75	288.36	737,538.21	147,507.64	885,045.85	294.18
2017	9	September	3. Other ECHS	639.67	4,605.63	235.18	150,440.69	30,088.08	180,528.76	316.31
2017	9	September	4. ECS	799.13	5,753.75	147.83	118,136.20	23,627.18	141,763.38	349.1
2017	9	September	5. Other	270.40	1,946.88	192.61	52,082.80	10,416.57	62,499.36	173.16
2017	9	September	6. Unknown, e.g. Capital Coded Project	2.50	18.00	2,377.01	5,942.52	1,188.50	7,131.02	

2017	10	October	1. Adult Social Care	1,070.69	7,709.00	202.69	217,021.75	43,404.29	260,426.04	174.12
2017	10	October	2. Childrens Social Care	2,280.07	16,416.50	281.77	642,458.29	128,491.63	770,949.92	294.24
2017	10	October	3. Other ECHS	477.15	3,435.50	239.48	114,269.46	22,853.81	137,123.27	316.32
2017	10	October	4. ECS	692.81	4,988.25	152.12	105,388.57	21,077.82	126,466.39	350.07
2017	10	October	5. Other	172.50	1,242.00	200.76	34,630.28	6,926.03	41,556.31	177.8
2017	10	October	6. Unknown, e.g. Capital Coded Project	2.71	19.50	2,377.01	6,437.73	1,287.55	7,725.28	
2017	11	November	1. Adult Social Care	1,059.83	7,630.75	206.98	219,367.47	43,873.47	263,240.94	169.65
2017	11	November	2. Childrens Social Care	2,036.56	14,663.25	279.28	568,769.68	113,753.90	682,523.58	299.18
2017	11	November	3. Other ECHS	526.04	3,787.50	262.88	138,288.39	27,657.61	165,946.00	318.29
2017	11	November	4. ECS	698.30	5,027.75	149.30	104,253.83	20,850.76	125,104.59	259.59
2017	11	November	5. Other	216.84	1,561.25	172.53	37,411.95	7,482.42	44,894.37	164.37
2017	11	November	6. Unknown, e.g. Capital Coded Project	2.08	15.00	2,377.01	4,952.10	990.42	5,942.52	
2017	12	December	1. Adult Social Care	1,236.22	8,900.75	205.26	253,751.03	50,750.26	304,501.29	170.65
2017	12	December	2. Childrens Social Care	2,172.19	15,639.75	274.15	595,495.96	119,099.18	714,595.14	304.63
2017	12	December	3. Other ECHS	560.59	4,036.25	290.15	162,657.58	32,531.45	195,189.03	319.56
2017	12	December	4. ECS	723.78	5,211.25	147.82	106,991.59	21,398.35	128,389.94	257.83
2017	12	December	5. Other	194.06	1,397.25	192.28	37,313.62	7,462.75	44,776.37	165.17
2017	12	December	6. Unknown, e.g. Capital Coded Project	2.64	19.00	2,377.01	6,272.66	1,254.53	7,527.19	
2018	1	January	1. Adult Social Care	1,105.66	7,960.75	207.28	229,178.16	45,835.62	275,013.78	169.25
2018	1	January	2. Childrens Social Care	1,807.40	13,013.25	272.21	491,998.43	98,399.74	590,398.17	310.02
2018	1	January	3. Other ECHS	513.35	3,696.13	252.83	129,789.07	25,957.83	155,746.90	322.98
2018	1	January	4. ECS	622.05	4,478.75	177.08	110,151.33	22,030.33	132,181.66	256.42
2018	1	January	5. Other	255.92	1,842.63	187.35	47,947.20	9,589.45	57,536.65	172.35
2018	1	January	6. Unknown, e.g. Capital Coded Project	2.50	18.00	2,377.01	5,942.52	1,188.50	7,131.02	
2018	2	February	1. Adult Social Care	1,134.44	8,168.00	211.54	239,975.70	47,995.14	287,970.84	168
2018	2	February	2. Childrens Social Care	1,860.42	13,395.00	283.88	528,133.62	105,626.63	633,760.25	313.51
2018	2	February	3. Other ECHS	483.96	3,484.50	261.24	126,427.36	25,285.43	151,712.79	323.19
2018	2	February	4. ECS	633.23	4,559.25	170.47	107,947.25	21,589.45	129,536.70	257.06
2018	2	February	5. Other	262.60	1,890.75	186.69	49,024.43	9,804.86	58,829.29	173.19
2018	2	February	6. Unknown, e.g. Capital Coded Project	2.36	17.00	2,377.01	5,612.38	1,122.47	6,734.85	
2018	3	March	1. Adult Social Care	1,178.13	8,482.50	209.32	246,606.27	49,321.34	295,927.61	170.72
2018	3	March	2. Childrens Social Care	1,877.08	13,515.00	357.08	670,272.00	134,054.40	804,326.40	318.09
2018	3	March	3. Other ECHS	525.69	3,785.00	276.84	145,535.83	29,107.16	174,642.99	319.65
2018	3	March	4. ECS	670.10	4,824.75	167.66	112,347.53	22,469.54	134,817.07	256.66
2018	3	March	5. Other	248.13	1,786.50	165.47	41,057.80	8,211.53	49,269.33	175.19
2018	3	March	6. Unknown, e.g. Capital Coded Project	0.56	4.00	2,377.01	1,320.56	264.11	1,584.67	