

## Children, Education and Families Portfolio Budget Monitoring Summary

2019/20 Actuals £'000	Service Areas	2020/21 Original Budget £'000	2020/21 Latest Approved £'000	2020/21 Projected Outturn £'000	Variation £'000	Notes	Variation Last Reported £'000	Full Year Effect £'000
	<b>EDUCATION CARE &amp; HEALTH SERVICES DEPARTMENT</b>							
	<b>Education Division</b>							
Cr 350	Adult Education Centres	Cr 401	Cr 376	Cr 472	Cr 96	1	0	0
543	Schools and Early Years Commissioning & QA	715	715	608	Cr 107	2	Cr 93	0
8,206	SEN and Inclusion	6,597	6,948	7,276	328	3	257	0
74	Strategic Place Planning	103	103	103	0		0	0
8	Workforce Development & Governor Services	Cr 29	Cr 29	Cr 30	Cr 1		Cr 1	0
356	Access & Inclusion	156	156	168	12		Cr 3	0
Cr 1,243	Schools Budgets	Cr 1,528	Cr 1,528	Cr 1,528	0	4	0	0
10	Other Strategic Functions	717	717	790	73	5	100	0
	Management Action	0	0	0	0		Cr 100	0
<b>7,604</b>		<b>6,330</b>	<b>6,706</b>	<b>6,915</b>	<b>209</b>		<b>160</b>	<b>0</b>
	<b>Children's Social Care</b>							
1,427	Bromley Youth Support Programme	1,526	1,526	1,526	0	6	0	0
920	Early Intervention and Family Support	1,178	1,178	1,116	Cr 62		0	0
6,580	CLA and Care Leavers	6,252	6,371	7,217	846		348	637
16,846	Fostering, Adoption and Resources Management Action	16,808	16,808	17,802	994		1,345	1,077
3,581	Referral and Assessment Service	3,410	3,494	3,500	6		Cr 844	Cr 459
2,943	Safeguarding and Care Planning East	2,768	2,764	2,873	109		156	0
2,943	Safeguarding and Care Planning West	2,768	2,764	2,873	109	35	0	
5,163	Safeguarding and Care Planning West	5,389	5,355	5,410	55	15	0	
1,071	Safeguarding and Quality Improvement Management Action	Cr 1,454	Cr 1,528	Cr 1,374	154	242	0	
		0	0	Cr 60	Cr 60	Cr 155	0	
<b>38,531</b>		<b>35,877</b>	<b>35,968</b>	<b>37,551</b>	<b>1,583</b>		<b>1,142</b>	<b>1,255</b>
<b>46,135</b>	<b>TOTAL CONTROLLABLE FOR EDUCATION, CHILDREN &amp; FAMILIES</b>	<b>42,207</b>	<b>42,674</b>	<b>44,466</b>	<b>1,792</b>		<b>1,302</b>	<b>1,255</b>
8,817	<b>Total Non-Controllable</b>	1,812	1,834	1,834	0		0	0
8,541	<b>Total Excluded Recharges</b>	8,693	8,693	8,693	0		0	0
<b>63,493</b>	<b>TOTAL EDUCATION, CHILDREN &amp; FAMILIES PORTFOLIO</b>	<b>52,712</b>	<b>53,201</b>	<b>54,993</b>	<b>1,792</b>		<b>1,302</b>	<b>1,255</b>
	<b>Memorandum Item</b>							
	<b>Sold Services</b>							
37	Education Psychology Service (RSG Funded)	Cr 115	Cr 115	69	184	7	108	0
43	Education Welfare Service (RSG Funded)	Cr 24	Cr 24	Cr 13	11		52	0
8	Workforce Development (DSG/RSG Funded)	Cr 31	Cr 31	Cr 31	0		0	0
27	Community Vision Nursery (RSG Funded)	61	61	Cr 23	Cr 84		Cr 42	0
47	Blenheim Nursery (RSG Funded)	94	94	4	Cr 90		Cr 15	0
<b>162</b>	<b>Total Sold Services</b>	<b>Cr 15</b>	<b>Cr 15</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>21</b>		<b>103</b>	<b>0</b>

**REASONS FOR VARIATIONS****1. Adult Education - Cr £96k**

The underspend in Adult Education this is due to reduced activity that includes a reduction in the exam expenditure for the year.

Due to the COVID-19 lockdown all of the training courses in the summer term were delivered online. Since the start of the new academic year most of the training courses have returned to the classroom with smaller class sizes. The small number of remaining courses are either delivered as blended or online courses.

**2. Schools and Early Years Commissioning & QA - Cr £107k**

The Nurseries are currently forecast to underspend by £64k. This is due to staff vacancies as these are currently on hold due to the COVID-19 lockdown. This is then partially offset by the loss of income.

Early Years has a forecast underspend of £26k that is due to staff underspends.

The remaining underspend relates to running costs of £20k offset by a small staffing overspend in other cost centres of £3k.

**3. SEN and Inclusion - Dr £328k**

The SEN Transport is currently forecast to be underspent by £3k. This is following the extra £363k added to the budget to support the anticipated extra costs of renewing the transport contracts from the start of the new academic year.

A new Passenger Transport Services contract commenced on 1/9/2020 and the projections are based on the initial route allocations as at the start of a new academic year. EHC planning continues throughout the academic year resulting in fluid transport projections.

The Education Psychologists are currently in the process of recruiting to the vacant posts in their team. This has caused the statutory service they are required to provide to be underspending by £45k and the Trading Service they offer to the Schools is projected to overspend by £184k. This is due to the using agency staff to provide the service. This is a net overspend of £139k.

The costs for running the SEN service (included working on the EHCP's) has caused an overspend of £192k due to staffing.

**4. Schools Budgets (no impact on General Fund)**

Expenditure on Schools is funded through the Dedicated Schools Grant (DSG) provided by the Department for Education (DfE). DSG is ring fenced and can only be applied to meet expenditure properly included in the Schools Budget. Any overspend or underspend must be carried forward to the following years Schools Budget.

The DSG projected to overspend by £3,241k. This will be taken from the £1,733k carried forward from 2019/20. There is also an adjustment of £301k of additional income to the carry forward figure for Early Years Prior Year Adjustment. It was agreed to use £252k of the brought forward balance to support the services in-year. It was agreed that £1,100k of this years DSG allocation would be set aside to fund 2021/22 future pressures. However as these pressures have emerged more rapidly the funding will be used to support additional expenditure in year. Additionally this year we have identified £162k worth of spend within the DSG that is being incurred due to COVID-19 and will be funded from other sources. This gives us an estimated DSG deficit balance to be carry forward of £197k in to the new financial year. It should be noted that the DSG can fluctuate due to pupils requiring additional services or being placed in expensive placements.

The in-year overspend is broken down as follows:-

There is an estimated overspend of £164k on modular classroom rentals during the year.

The is currently projected to be an underspend of £69k in the Primary Support Team which is mainly due to staffing

The Home and Hospital service has a projected overspend of £272k and this is mainly due to the need to use agency staff to support the number of children being directly looked after by the team. Due to the increase in the number of pupils being supported by the wider service since the COVID-19 lockdown there is also an increase in use of Alternative Programmes and Vocational Courses and has caused an additional £151k overspend.

The Education Welfare service has overspend of £78k in staffing costs and loss of income. These include £49k worth of extra costs and £29k loss of income relating to COVID-19.

SEN placements are projected to overspend by a total of £2,269k. These overspends are split as follows:-

Residential Placements - £1,135k

Matrix Funding - £855k

Alternative Provisions - £279k

The Post 16 placements are this forecasted to overspend by £340k.

The DSG funded element of SEN Transport has overspent by £257k due to new routes that were established that can be charged to the DSG. Due to the current funding regulations LBB are not permitted to increase this budget from the previous year.

The High Needs Pre-school Service is currently forecasting to underspend by £52k for the year which relates mostly to staffing.

The SENIF, Sensory Support and the Outreach & Inclusion Service are all currently projected to underspend. Most of the underspend relates to lower than expected staffing costs, but there is also a small amount that relates to running costs that are not expected to be incurred during the year. These are then offset by overspends at the Darrick Wood Hearing Unit and other areas across within SEN. The net effect of these cost centres is a £160k underspend.

There is also a total small balance of underspends of £9k in total.

	Variations £'000	High Needs £'000	Schools £'000	Early Years £'000	Central £'000
Classroom Hire	164	0	164	0	0
Primary Support Team	-69	0	0	0	-69
Home & Hospital	272	272	0	0	0
Behaviour Support	151	151	0	0	0
Education Welfare Officers	78	0	0	0	78
Other Small Balances	-7	-8	0	-3	4
SEN:					
- Placements & Alternative Programmes	1,414	1,414	0	0	0
- Matrix Funding	855	855	0	0	0
- Support in FE colleges	340	340	0	0	0
- Transport	257	257	0	0	0
- High Needs Pre-school Service	-52	-52	0	0	0
- Sensory Support	-70	-70	0	0	0
- SEN Inclusion Fund (SENIF)	-29	0	0	-29	0
- Darrick Wood Hearing Unit	17	17	0	0	0
- Complex Needs Team	0	0	0	0	0
- Outreach & Inclusion Service	-95	-95	0	0	0
- SEN Staff	17	17	0	0	0
- Other Small SEN Balances	-2	-2	0	0	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>3,241</b>	<b>3,096</b>	<b>164</b>	<b>-32</b>	<b>13</b>

There will continue to be pressures in the DSG from 2020/21 onwards, especially in the High Needs Block. More children are coming through the system which will put additional pressure on DSG resources.

#### **5. Other Strategic Functions - Dr £73k**

As part of this years budget there is a £100k saving relating to the vacancy factor that is currently not forecast to be achieved. This is being off set by additional income.

#### **6. Children's Social Care - Dr £1,583k**

The current budget variation for the Children and Families Division is projected to be an overspend of £1,583k. This is an increase of £441k in the overspend reported previously which was £1,142k. Despite additional funding being secured in the 2020/21 budget, increases in the number of children being looked after together with the high cost of some placements has continued to put considerable strain on the budget.

#### **Early Intervention and Family Support - Cr £62k**

The projected underspend in this area relates entirely to staffing

#### **CLA and Care Leavers - Dr £846k**

The projected variation in this area relates to overspends on accommodation costs in relation to the Children Looked After placement support costs of £636k, accommodation costs of £66k and staying Put of £100k. There is an additional £44k overspend on staffing.

#### **Fostering, Adoption and Resources - Dr £535k (net of management action)**

The current expected forecast for this area is an overspend of £535k. This is due to a net overspend of £994k across all of the various Residential, Fostering and Adoption Placements before management action of £459k is taken into account.

There is an overspend of £17k relating to staffing costs

The budget for children's placements (Residential, Fostering and Adoption Placements) is projected to overspend this year, The analysis of this over the various placement types is shown below.

- Community Home's / Community Home's with Education - Cr £835k (Cr £174k)
- Boarding Schools - Dr £30k (Dr £82k)

- Fostering services (IFA's) - Dr £1,887k (Dr £1,649k)
- Fostering services (In-house, including SGO's and Kinship) - Cr £66k (Cr £173k)
- Adoption placements - Cr £45k (Cr £46k)
- Transport - Dr £7k (Dr £7k)

Referral and Assessment Service - Dr £6k

The projected overspend of £45k in this area all relates to staffing costs.

This is being offset by an underspend of £39k on the subsistence and accommodation of NRPF

Safeguarding and Care Planning East - Dr £109k

The projected overspend in this area relates to staffing costs which is £17k overspent as a result of the use of agency staff.

There is also a £92k overspend on PLO's.

Safeguarding and Care Planning West- Dr £55k

The projected overspend in this area of £55k that relates fully to staffing costs.

Safeguarding and Quality Improvement - Dr £94k (net of management action)

The projected overspend in this area of £154k and this relates to staffing costs. This is offset by management action of £60k resulting in an overall projected overspend of £94k

**6. Sold Services (net budgets)**

Services sold to schools are separately identified in this report to provide clarity in terms of what is being provided. These accounts are shown as memorandum items as the figures are included in the appropriate Service Area in the main report.

**Waiver of Financial Regulations**

The Council's Contract Procedure Rules state that where the value of a contract exceeds £50k and is to be exempt from the normal requirement to obtain competitive quotations the Chief Officer has to obtain the agreement of the Director of Corporate Services, the Director of Finance and the Director of Commissioning and (where over £100,000) approval of the Portfolio Holder and report use of this exemption to Audit Sub-Committee bi-annually. Since the last report to the Executive, there has been four waivers agreed for placements in Children's Social Care, three between £50k and £100k and one for more than £200k a year.

**Virements Approved to date under Director's Delegated Powers**

Details of virements actioned by Chief Officers under delegated authority under the Financial Regulations "Scheme of Virement" will be included in financial monitoring reports to the Portfolio Holder. Since the last report to Executive, there have been no virements.

Description	2020/21 Latest Approved Budget £'000	Variation To 2020/21 Budget £'000	Potential Impact in 2021/220
Children's Social Care	35,969	1,583	The overall full year effect of the Children's Social Care overspend is a net £1,255k, analysed as Residential Care, Fostering and Adoption Dr £618k and Leaving Care costs of £637k.

<b>Reconciliation of Latest Approved Budget</b>		<b>£'000</b>
<b>Original Budget 2020/21</b>		<b>52,712</b>
<b>Contingency:</b>		
Tackling Troubled Families		
	- expenditure	348
	- income	Cr 348
<b>Carry forwards:</b>		
Delivery Support Fund		
	- expenditure	18
	- income	Cr 18
Investing in Practise Grant		
	- expenditure	104
	- income	Cr 104
Extension of Virtual Heads		
	- expenditure	34
	- income	Cr 34
Reducing Parental Conflict		
	- expenditure	40
	- income	Cr 40
Tackling Troubled Families		
	- expenditure	543
	- income	Cr 543
Adult Education Match Funding		25
Expenditure on North Lodge		79
<b>Other:</b>		
SEN Transport		363
R&M Planned - Blenheim Family Centre		22
<b>Latest Approved Budget for 2020/21</b>		<b><u>53,201</u></b>