

Children, Education and Families Portfolio Budget Monitoring Summary

2019/20 Actuals	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
£'000		£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000			
	EDUCATION CARE & HEALTH SERVICES DEPARTMENT							
	Education Division							
Cr 350	Adult Education Centres	Cr 401	Cr 376	Cr 437	Cr 61	1	Cr 96	0
543	Schools and Early Years Commissioning & QA	715	715	625	Cr 90	2	Cr 107	0
8,206	SEN and Inclusion	6,597	6,948	7,211	263	3	328	0
74	Strategic Place Planning	103	103	103	0		0	0
8	Workforce Development & Governor Services	Cr 29	Cr 29	Cr 29	0		Cr 1	0
356	Access & Inclusion	156	156	158	2		12	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	705	Cr 12		73	0
	Management Action	0	0	0	0		0	0
7,604		6,330	6,706	6,808	102		209	0
	Children's Social Care							
1,427	Bromley Youth Support Programme	1,526	1,526	1,526	0	5	0	0
920	Early Intervention and Family Support	1,178	1,178	1,114	Cr 64		Cr 62	0
6,580	CLA and Care Leavers	6,252	6,371	6,642	271		846	664
16,846	Fostering, Adoption and Resources	16,808	16,808	16,991	183		994	2,805
	Management Action	0	0	0	0		Cr 459	0
3,581	Referral and Assessment Service	3,410	3,494	3,506	12		6	0
2,943	Safeguarding and Care Planning East	2,768	2,763	2,784	21		109	0
5,163	Safeguarding and Care Planning West	5,389	5,356	5,417	61		55	0
1,071	Safeguarding and Quality Improvement	Cr 1,454	Cr 1,528	Cr 1,684	Cr 156		154	0
	Management Action	0	0	Cr 60	Cr 60		Cr 60	0
38,531		35,877	35,968	36,236	268		1,583	3,469
46,135	TOTAL CONTROLLABLE FOR EDUCATION, CHILDREN & FAMILIES	42,207	42,674	43,044	370		1,792	3,469
8,817	Total Non-Controllable	1,812	1,834	1,834	0		0	0
8,541	Total Excluded Recharges	8,693	8,693	8,693	0		0	0
63,493	TOTAL EDUCATION, CHILDREN & FAMILIES PORTFOLIO	52,712	53,201	53,571	370		1,792	3,469
	Memorandum Item							
	Sold Services							
37	Education Psychology Service (RSG Funded)	Cr 115	Cr 115	118	233	6	108	0
43	Education Welfare Service (RSG Funded)	Cr 24	Cr 24	18	6		52	0
8	Workforce Development (DSG/RSG Funded)	Cr 31	Cr 31	31	0		0	0
27	Community Vision Nursery (RSG Funded)	61	61	31	Cr 30		Cr 42	0
47	Blenheim Nursery (RSG Funded)	94	94	70	Cr 24		Cr 15	0
162	Total Sold Services	Cr 15	Cr 15	170	185		103	0

REASONS FOR VARIATIONS**1. Adult Education - Cr £61k**

The underspend in Adult Education 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 £90k

The Nurseries are currently forecast to underspend by £54k. 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 £16k that is due to staff underspends.

The remaining underspend relates to running costs of £20k.

3. SEN and Inclusion - Dr £263k

The SEN Transport is currently forecast to be overspent by £39k. 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. The forecast is based on a full set of routes for January and February as the information on the exact routes that ran in January (and therefore like to run in February) was still being gathered. Therefore the outturn figure may be lower at the year end.

The Education Psychologists are currently in the process of recruiting to the vacant posts in their team. This has causing the statutory service they are required to provide to be underspending by £98k and the Trading Service they offer to the Schools is projected to overspend by £233k. This is due to the using agency staff to provide the service. This is a net overspend of £135k.

The costs for running the SEN service (included working on the EHCP's) has caused an overspend of £89k 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 £4,254k. 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. We have agreed to use £252k of the brought forward balance to support the services in-year. This year it has been agreed that we will use £1,100k of this years allocation to support future years pressures. Additionally this year we have identified £363k 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 £1,009k 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.

There is currently projected to be an underspend of £68k in the Primary Support Team which is mainly due to staffing

The Home and Hospital service has a projected overspend of £407k 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 an overspend of £57k in staffing costs and loss of income.

SEN placements are projected to overspend by a total of £3,227k. These overspends are split as follows:-

Residential Placements - £1,433k

Matrix Funding - £1,094k

Alternative Provisions - £700k

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

The High Needs Pre-school Service is currently forecasting to underspend by £40k 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, Pupil Support Service and other areas across within SEN. The net effect of these cost centres is a £22k overspend.

There is also a total small balance of underspends of £6k in total.

	Variations £'000	High Needs £'000	Schools £'000	Early Years £'000	Central £'000
Classroom Hire	164	0	164	0	0
Primary Support Team	-68	0	0	0	-68
Home & Hospital	407	407	0	0	0
Behaviour Support	151	151	0	0	0
Education Welfare Officers	57	0	0	0	57
Other Small Balances	2	-8	2	8	0
SEN:					
- Placements & Alternative Programmes	2,133	2,133	0	0	0
- Matrix Funding	1,094	1,094	0	0	0
- Support in FE colleges	340	340	0	0	0
- Transport	0	0	0	0	0
- High Needs Pre-school Service	-40	-40	0	0	0
- Sensory Support	-20	-20	0	0	0
- Pupil Support Services	18	18	0	0	0
- SEN Inclusion Fund (SENIF)	-31	0	0	-31	0
- Darrick Wood Hearing Unit	52	52	0	0	0
- Complex Needs Team	0	0	0	0	0
- Outreach & Inclusion Service	-77	-77	0	0	0
- SEN Staff	80	80	0	0	0
- Other Small SEN Balances	-8	-8	0	0	0
Total	4,254	4,122	166	-23	-11

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. Children's Social Care - Dr £268k

The current budget variation for the Children and Families Division is projected to be an overspend of £268k. This is an decrease of £1,315k in the overspend reported previously which was £1,583k. 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 £64k

The projected underspend in this area relates entirely to staffing

CLA and Care Leavers - Dr £271k

The projected variation in this area relates to overspends on accommodation costs in relation to the Children Looked After placement support costs of £10k and accommodation costs of £226k. There is an additional £35k overspend on staffing.

Fostering, Adoption and Resources - Dr £183k

The current expected forecast for this area is an overspend of £183k. This is due to a net overspend of £131k across all of the various Residential, Fostering and Adoption Placements.

There is an overspend of £52k 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 £870k (Cr £835k)
- Boarding Schools - Dr £94k (Dr £30k)
- Secure Accommodation - Cr £408k (£0k)
- Youth on Remand - Cr £250k (Cr £0k)
- Fostering services (IFA's) - Dr £1,699k (Dr £1,887k)
- Fostering services (In-house, including SGO's and Kinship) - Cr £90k (Cr £66k)
- Adoption placements - Cr £44k (Cr £45k)
- Transport - Dr £0k (Dr £7k)

Referral and Assessment Service - Dr £12k

The projected overspend of £51k 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 £21k

The projected overspend in this area relates to staffing costs which is £21k overspent as a result of the use of agency staff.

Safeguarding and Care Planning West- Dr £61k

The projected overspend in this area of £61k that relates fully to staffing costs.

Safeguarding and Quality Improvement - Cr £216k (net of management action)

The projected underspend in this area of £156k and this relates to staffing costs. Additionally there is a management action of £60k resulting in an overall projected underspend of £216k.

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, in Children's Social Care there were 7 waivers agreed for placements of between £50k and £100k, 2 between £100k and £150k, 2 between £150k and £200k and 7 for more than £200k.

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	35,968	268	The overall full year effect of the Children's Social Care overspend is a net £3,469k, analysed as Residential Care, Fostering and Adoption Dr £2,805k and Leaving Care costs of £664k.

Reconciliation of Latest Approved Budget		£'000
Original Budget 2020/21		52,712
Contingency:		
Tackling Troubled Families		
	- expenditure	348
	- income	Cr 348
Carry forwards:		
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
Other:		
SEN Transport		363
R&M Planned - Blenheim Family Centre		22
Latest Approved Budget for 2020/21		53,201