

Children, Education and Families Portfolio Budget Monitoring Summary

2020/21 Actuals £'000	Service Areas	2021/22 Original Budget £'000	2021/22 Latest Approved £'000	2021/22 Projected Outturn £'000	Variation £'000	Notes	Variation Last Reported £'000	Full Year Effect £'000
EDUCATION CARE & HEALTH SERVICES DEPARTMENT								
Education Division								
Cr 423	Adult Education Centres	Cr 448	Cr 448	Cr 406	42	1	10	0
644	Schools and Early Years Commissioning & QA	735	735	617	Cr 118	2	Cr 42	0
6,827	SEN and Inclusion	7,707	7,707	9,322	1,615	3	1,234	2,057
126	Strategic Place Planning	103	103	103	0		0	0
Cr 30	Workforce Development & Governor Services	Cr 27	Cr 27	Cr 27	0		0	0
202	Access & Inclusion	184	184	223	39	4	85	0
Cr 1,416	Schools Budgets	Cr 1,482	Cr 1,482	Cr 1,482	0	5	0	0
146	Other Strategic Functions	777	816	816	0		0	0
0	Release of Education Risk Reserve	0	0	Cr 500	Cr 500		0	0
6,076		7,549	7,588	8,666	1,078		1,287	2,057
Children's Social Care								
1,313	Bromley Youth Support Programme	1,657	1,657	1,772	115	6	0	0
856	Early Intervention and Family Support	1,236	1,236	1,138	Cr 98		0	0
6,379	CLA and Care Leavers	6,839	6,918	7,481	563		1,022	617
16,919	Fostering, Adoption and Resources	17,778	17,778	19,232	1,454		756	2,743
0	Management Action	0	0	Cr 477	Cr 477		0	0
3,377	Referral and Assessment Service	3,598	3,598	3,694	96		38	0
2,956	Safeguarding and Care Planning East	2,869	2,869	3,052	183		103	0
5,377	Safeguarding and Care Planning West	5,503	5,503	5,803	300		0	0
Cr 889	Safeguarding and Quality Improvement	Cr 984	Cr 984	Cr 892	92		0	0
0	COVID grants	0	0	Cr 1,500	Cr 1,500		Cr 1,500	0
36,288		38,496	38,575	39,303	728		419	3,360
42,364	TOTAL CONTROLLABLE FOR CHILDREN, EDUCATION & FAMILIES	46,045	46,163	47,969	1,806		1,706	5,417
8,893	Total Non-Controllable	1,582	1,580	1,580	0		0	0
8,531	Total Excluded Recharges	9,000	9,000	9,000	0		0	0
59,788	TOTAL CHILDREN, EDUCATION & FAMILIES PORTFOLIO	56,627	56,743	58,549	1,806		1,706	5,417
Memorandum Item								
Sold Services								
Cr 35	Education Psychology Service (RSG Funded)	Cr 113	Cr 113	206	319	7	372	0
Cr 28	Education Welfare Service (RSG Funded)	Cr 22	Cr 22	34	56		54	0
Cr 30	Workforce Development (DSG/RSG Funded)	Cr 30	Cr 30	Cr 30	0		0	0
61	Community Vision Nursery (RSG Funded)	67	67	28	Cr 39		0	0
92	Blenheim Nursery (RSG Funded)	98	98	98	0		0	0
60	Total Sold Services	0	0	336	336		426	0

REASONS FOR VARIATIONS**1. Adult Education - Dr £42k**

The Adult Education service is currently projecting to overspend by £42k. This is due to £68k under collection of income this year. This is then being offset by a £17k underspend on staffing and a £9k underspend on running costs.

2. Schools and Early Years Commissioning & QA - Cr £118k

There is currently expected to be an overspend of £118k in this area that is mainly due to staff vacancies (£109k), with the remaining underspend due to running costs (£9k).

3. SEN and Inclusion - Dr £1,615k

The staffing in this area is currently forecasting an underspend by £228k.

The Education Psychologists are currently in the process of recruiting to the vacant posts in their team. This is causing the statutory service they are required to provide to be underspent by £232k and the Trading Service they offer to the Schools to be overspent by £271k due to the use of expensive agency staff used to provide the service. This is a net overspend of £39k.

SEN Transport is currently forecast to overspend by £1,804k due to increased volumes of children receiving the service follow COVID and other demands on the service. This figure may change during the year as route rationalisation occurs regularly and a complete review takes place as part of the design of the routes at the start of an academic year.

4. Access & Inclusion - Dr £39k

The Education Welfare Service Trading Account is currently expected to under collect on its income by £55k due to the loss of a number of school contracts.

There is currently expected to be an underspend of £28k in this area on staffing.

There are small overspends on running costs of £12k.

5. 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.

There is a current projected overspend in DSG of £3,832k. This will be added to the £1,139k deficit that was carried forward from 2020/21. There is also an increase in the DSG allocation of £1,115k. This would give an overall total DSG deficit of £3,856k. It should be noted that the DSG can fluctuate due to pupils requiring additional services or being placed in expensive placements. Due to COVID-19 the prior year adjustment to the Early Years Block that is normally announced in July will be announced later in the year - it is currently expected in December.

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

There is an overspend of £25k relating to the hire of classrooms while building work is carried out at the school(s) in question.

There is an underspend of £52k in the Primary Support Team, due to vacant posts and the under use of agency and consultancy costs to provide the service.

The Home and Hospital service has a pressure of £151k due to an overspend on agency and staffing of £180k and running cost underspend of £29k.

The Behaviour Support service is currently expected to underspend by £58k this is mainly due to underspends on staffing.

The Admissions service is currently forecasting an underspend of £18k this is mainly due to staffing that is offset by a small underspend on running costs.

SEN placements service is projected to overspend by a total of £4,069k. These overspends are split as follows:-

Residential Placements - DR £2,054k (Dr £1,736k)

Top-Up Funding - DR £1,492k (Dr £1,281k)

Alternative Provisions and Direct Payments - Dr £642k (Dr £473k)

These overspends are offset by projected underspends in running costs of £101k and new grants announced during the year where some of the allocation is for independent schools of £18k.

The Hearing Unit, Sensory Support, Complex Needs Team, Outreach & Inclusion Services, Pre-School Services and Pupil Support 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. The total of all of these underspends is a £287k.

There is also a total small balance of overspends of £2k.

	Variations £'000	High Needs £'000	Schools £'000	Early Years £'000	Central £'000
Bulge Classes / Classroom Hire		25	0	25	0
Primary Support Team	Cr	52	0	0	0 Cr 52
Home & Hospital		151	151	0	0
Behaviour Support	Cr	58	Cr 58	0	0
Admissions Service	Cr	18	0	0	0 Cr 18

Other Small Balances		1	0	0	0	1
SEN:						
- Placements		4,069	4,069	0	0	0
- Darrick Wood Hearing Unit	Cr	84	Cr 84	0	0	0
- Sensory Support	Cr	39	Cr 39	0	0	0
- Complex Needs Team	Cr	51	Cr 51	0	0	0
- Outreach & Inclusion Service	Cr	80	Cr 80	0	0	0
- High Needs Pre-school Service	Cr	13	Cr 13	0	0	0
- Pupil Support Services	Cr	20	Cr 20	0	0	0
- Other Small SEN Balances		1	1	0	0	0
Total		3,832	3,876	25	0 Cr	69

7. Children's Social Care - Dr £728k

The current budget variation for the Children's Social Care Division is projected to be an overspend of £2,228k. Despite additional funding being secured in the 2021/22 budget, continued increases in the number of children being looked after together with the cost of placements has continued to put considerable strain on the budget. This overspend has been offset by a £1,500k of COVID Grant funding, reducing the overall overspend down to £728k.

Bromley Youth Support Programme - Dr £115k

The overspend in this area is due to £29k staffing related overspends and £86k worth of unachievable income.

Early Intervention and Family Support - Cr £98k

The overspend in this area is due to an underspend of £90k on staffing, with the remaining £8k relating to various underspends in running costs.

CLA and Care Leavers - Dr £563k

The overspend in this area relates accommodation and support costs in relation to the Children Looked After placement of £563k.

Fostering, Adoption and Resources - £977k

This area is projected to overspend by £977k (after management actions). £919k of this overspend relates to placements and is detailed below, the remaining £58k relates to overspending in the staffing budgets.

The budget for children's placements is currently projected to overspend by £919k this year (after management actions). This amount is analysed by placement type below.

- Community Home's / Community Home's with Education - Dr £876k (Dr £159k)
- Boarding Schools - Cr £30k (Cr £117k)
- Fostering services (IFA's) - Dr £271k (Dr £973k)
- Fostering services (In-house, including SGO's and Kinship) Cr £192k - (Cr £256k)
- Adoption placements - Cr £6k (Cr £3k)

Referral and Assessment Service - Dr £96k

The projected variance relates to services to people with No Recourse to Public Funds (NRPF), which is currently projecting an overspend of £38k, an overspend on staffing of £38k and an overspend of £20k on running costs.

Safeguarding and Care Planning East - Dr £183k

The budget currently projected to overspend by £183k. This is due to staffing pressures (£22k) and £21k relating to running costs. Additionally, the community and residential parenting assessments is forecast to overspend by £140k.

Safeguarding and Care Planning West - Dr £300k

The budget currently projected to overspend by £300k. This is due to a forecasted staffing underspend of £7k that is offsetting the pressures relating to the running costs of £29k and the community and residential parenting assessments is forecast of £278k.

Safeguarding and Quality Improvement - Dr 92k

The budget is currently projected to overspend by £92k. This is due to a staffing overspend of £11k, with other staff related costs of £117k. These are offset by a projected underspend of £36k on running costs.

8. 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 no waivers in the Education area. In Children's Social Care there were 5 waivers agreed for placements of between £50k and £100k, 1 between £100k and £150k, 2 between £150k and £200k and 12 over £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 0 virements.

Description	2021/22 Latest Approved Budget £'000	Variation To 2021/22 Budget £'000	Potential Impact in 2022/23
Children's Social Care	38,575	728	The overall full year effect of the Children's Social Care overspend is a net £3,360k, analysed as Residential Care, Fostering and Adoption Dr £2,743k and Leaving Care costs of £617k.
SEN Transport	5,623	1,804	The current full year effect for SEN Transport - based on the current routes - is £2,057k.

Reconciliation of Latest Approved Budget	£'000
Original Budget 2021/22	56,627
Contingency:	
Role of Virtual School Heads to children with a social worker Implementation Grant	100
- expenditure	Cr 100
- income	
Reducing Parental Conflict Workforce Development Grant	
- expenditure	22
- income	Cr 22
Domestic Abuse - Support for Victims	
- expenditure	35
- income	Cr 35
Tackling Troubled Families	
- expenditure	324
- income	Cr 324
Carry forwards:	
Holiday activities and Food Grant	
- expenditure	81
- income	Cr 81
Deed Settlement for Hawes Down Site	
- expenditure	12
- income	Cr 12
NHS England on training for staff	
- expenditure	90
- income	Cr 90
Tackling Troubled Families	
- expenditure	567
- income	Cr 567
Probation Service Grant	
- expenditure	5
- income	Cr 5
Wellbeing for Education	39
North Lodge	79
Items Requested this Cycle:	
COVID Recovery Grant	
- expenditure	69
- income	Cr 69
Other:	
Repairs and Maintenance	Cr 2
Latest Approved Budget for 2021/22	56,743
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