

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 445	Cr 461	Cr 16	1	87	0
644	Schools and Early Years Commissioning & QA	735	741	694	Cr 47	2	Cr 25	0
6,827	SEN and Inclusion	7,707	7,860	9,217	1,357	3	2,026	3,666
126	Strategic Place Planning	103	116	99	Cr 17	4	0	0
Cr 30	Workforce Development & Governor Services	Cr 27	Cr 27	49	76	5	1	0
202	Access & Inclusion	184	187	370	183	6	97	0
Cr 1,416	Schools Budgets	Cr 1,482	Cr 1,482	Cr 1,456	26	8	0	0
146	Other Strategic Functions	777	816	25	Cr 791	7	Cr 4	0
0	Release of Education Risk Reserve	0	0	0	0		Cr 500	0
0	COVID grant to support impact of COVID on services	0	0	0	0		Cr 1,033	0
6,076		7,549	7,766	8,537	771		649	3,666
Children's Social Care								
1,313	Bromley Youth Support Programme	1,657	1,762	1,777	15	9	101	0
856	Early Intervention and Family Support	1,236	1,198	676	Cr 522		Cr 206	0
6,379	CLA and Care Leavers	6,839	6,950	8,150	1,200		479	2,917
16,919	Fostering, Adoption and Resources	17,778	21,161	21,406	245		1,370	3,710
0	Management Action	0	0	0	0		0	0
3,377	Referral and Assessment Service	3,598	3,718	4,358	640		614	0
2,956	Safeguarding and Care Planning East	2,869	2,959	3,908	949		427	0
5,377	Safeguarding and Care Planning West	5,503	2,305	2,779	474		763	0
Cr 889	Safeguarding and Quality Improvement	Cr 984	Cr 1,264	Cr 980	284		298	0
0	COVID grant to support impact of COVID on services	0	0	0	0	Cr 2,508	0	
36,288		38,496	38,789	42,074	3,285		1,338	6,627
42,364	TOTAL CONTROLLABLE FOR CHILDREN, EDUCATION & FAMILIES	46,045	46,555	50,611	4,056		1,987	10,293
8,893	Total Non-Controllable	1,582	6,320	6,320	0		0	0
8,531	Total Excluded Recharges	9,000	9,678	9,678	0		0	0
59,788	TOTAL CHILDREN, EDUCATION & FAMILIES PORTFOLIO	56,627	62,553	66,609	4,056		1,987	10,293
Memorandum Item								
Sold Services								
Cr 35	Education Psychology Service (RSG Funded)	Cr 113	Cr 99	166	265	9	339	0
Cr 28	Education Welfare Service (RSG Funded)	Cr 22	Cr 21	17	38		50	0
Cr 30	Workforce Development (DSG/RSG Funded)	Cr 30	Cr 30	4	34		1	0
61	Community Vision Nursery (RSG Funded)	67	68	31	Cr 37		Cr 17	0
92	Blenheim Nursery (RSG Funded)	98	98	83	Cr 15		11	0
60	Total Sold Services	0	16	301	285		384	0

REASONS FOR VARIATIONS**1. Adult Education - Cr £16k**

The Adult Education service underspent by £16k. This is due to £105k under collection of income this year. This is then being offset by a net underspend on staffing and running costs of £121k.

2. Schools and Early Years Commissioning & QA - Cr £47k

The Nurseries final position was an underspend of £52k. This is due to underspends in staffing of £125k and running costs of £48k. These underspends are being offset by a loss of income of £121k.

The remaining parts of this area has overspent of £5k.

3. SEN and Inclusion - Dr £1,357k

The staffing in this area has overspend by £246k and the running costs have overspent by £297k. These are then offset by additional income of £181k to give a net overspend of £362k.

During the year the Education Psychologists have had problems recruiting to the vacant posts in their team. This has caused the statutory service to underspend by £107k and the Trading Service they offer to the Schools to be overspent by £265k due to the use of expensive agency staff used to provide the service. This is a net overspend of £158k.

SEN Transport has overspent by £837k during the year due to increased volumes of children receiving the service following COVID and other demands on the service.

4. Strategic Place Planning - Cr £17k

This area has a small underspend due to staff costs

5. Workforce Development & Governor Services - Dr £76k

This area has overspent due to the under collection of income that budgeted for (£88k), but this was offset by an underspend of running costs by £12k. This gives a final position of an overspend of £76k.

6. Access & Inclusion - Dr £183k

The Education Welfare Service Trading Account ended up under collecting on its income by £42k due to the loss of a number of school contracts. They then had a £4k underspend on staffing and running costs to give a net overspend of £38k.

There was an overspend of £121k in this area on staffing.

The remaining £24k overspends are made up of small amounts in running and income.

7. Other Strategic Functions - Cr £791k

The underspends in this area are due to release from this reserve of £500k as stated in the last budget monitoring report. The remaining underspends (£291k) are mainly down to an underspend on running costs.

8. 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 was an in year overspend in the DSG of £6,003k. This will be added to the £1,139k deficit that was carried forward from 2020/21. Included in this figure is an increase in the High Needs Block DSG of £1,333k and also a decrease in the Early Years Block DSG allocation of £2,410k. This would give a total DSG deficit of £7,142k. 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 overspend of £43k relating to the hire of classrooms while building work is carried out at the school(s) in question.

There was an overspend of £1,448k in 2, 3 and 4 year olds Early Years costs. This is split between the universal service (£764k) and additional hours (£684k) and (£219k) credit in 2 year olds. This has been impacted by a DSG reduction from DfE

The underspend of £39k in DAF cost are due to lower running costs

There was an underspend of £45k in the costs of the Senior Management cost centre. This is mainly due to underspends in the running costs.

The overspend of £21k in Business Support is due to additional staffing costs.

The underspend of £44k in PSAG costs are due to lower running costs

The Home and Hospital service has a pressure of £299k due to an overspends on agency and staffing of £211k and running cost of £93k. The remaining amount relates to a small amount (£5k) of additional income.

The Behaviour Support service is currently expected to underspend by £157k this is due to underspends of £33k on staffing and £172k on running costs. This is offset by under collection of income of £48k.

SEN placements service is projected to overspend by a total of £5,125k. These overspends are split as follows:-

Residential Placements - DR £1,065k (Dr £2,570k)

Top-Up Funding - DR £2,068k (Dr £1,720k)

Alternative Provisions and Direct Payments - Dr £601k (Dr £961k)

Post 16 Placements - DR £1,391k (Dr £0)

There was also additional grant announced which has impacted on these figures

The Hearing Unit, Complex Needs Team, Pre-School Services and Outreach & Inclusion Services have all underspent during the year. 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 £448k.

There is also a total small balance of overspends of £19k.

	Variations £'000	High Needs £'000	Schools £'000	Early Years £'000	Central £'000
Bulge Classes / Classroom Hire	43	0	43	0	0
Free Early Education - 2, 3 & 4 year olds	Cr 1,181	0	0	Cr 1,181	0
Decrease in Early Years DSG allocation	2,410	0	0	2,410	0
DAF	Cr 39	0	0	Cr 39	0
Senior Management running expenses	Cr 45	0	0	0	Cr 45
Business Support	21	0	0	0	21
PSAG	Cr 44	0	0	0	Cr 44
Home & Hospital	299	299	0	0	0
Behaviour Support	Cr 157	Cr 157	0	0	0
Other Small Balances	19	15	0	0	4
SEN:					
- Placements	6,458	6,458	0	0	0
- Increase in High Needs DSG Grant	Cr 1,333	Cr 1,333	0	0	0
- Darrick Wood Hearing Unit	Cr 158	Cr 158	0	0	0
- Complex Needs Team	Cr 85	Cr 85	0	0	0
- High Needs Pre-school Service	Cr 131	Cr 131	0	0	0
- Outreach & Inclusion Service	Cr 74	Cr 74	0	0	0
Total	6,003	4,834	43	1,190	Cr 64

9. Children's Social Care - Dr £3,285k

The budget variation for the Children's Social Care Division is projected to be an overspend of £3,285k. 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.

Bromley Youth Support Programme - Dr £15k

The overspend in this area is due to £142k staffing related overspends and £120k worth of unachievable income. This is being offset by an underspend on the running costs of £247k.

Early Intervention and Family Support - Cr £522k

The overspend in this area is due to an underspend of £152k on staffing, £276k on running costs and additional income of £94k

CLA and Care Leavers - Dr £1,200k

The overspend in this area relates to accommodation and support costs in relation to the Children Looked After placements of £1,307k. There is then a net underspend of £107k relating to staffing and running costs that reduces the overspend to £1,200k.

Fostering, Adoption and Resources - Dr £245k

This is an overspend of £245k. £3,053k of this overspend relates to placements and is offset by additional income of £3,420k - detailed below. Additionally there is a £259k overspend in the placements costs with the Children With Disabilities, £218k overspends within the Connected Persons (mainly due to the running costs) and a £127k overspend on the OT services with this area that due to staffing. This leaves an overspend of £8k that is mainly due to running costs

The budget for children's placements is currently projected to overspend by £3,053k this year. This amount is analysed by placement type below.

- Community Home's / Community Home's with Education - Dr £2,196k (Dr £1,163k)
- Boarding Schools - Dr £21k (Cr £30k)
- Youth on Remand - Cr £323k (Dr £0k)
- Secure Accommodation - Dr £155k (Dr £0k)
- Fostering services (IFA's) - Dr £682k (Dr £461k)
- Fostering services (In-house, including SGO's and Kinship) Dr £143k - (Cr £192k)
- Adoption placements - Cr £31k (Cr £6k)
- Outreach - Dr £249k (Dr £0)
- Transport - Cr £39k (Dr £0)
- Additional Income (COVID) - Cr £3,420k (Cr £2,508k)

Referral and Assessment Service - Dr £640k

The variances in this services relates to people with No Recourse to Public Funds (NRPF), that has overspent by £57k, an overspend on staffing of £528k and an overspend of £55k on running costs mostly related to community and residential parenting assessments.

Safeguarding and Care Planning East - Dr £949k

The service has overspent by £949k. This is due to staffing pressures (£90k) and £334k relating to running costs. Additionally, the community and residential parenting assessments is forecast to overspend by £535k. There was also a increase in income collected by £10k to offset some of the overspend.

Safeguarding and Care Planning West - Dr £474k

The service has overspent by £474k. This is due to a staffing overspend of £202k and a running cost overspend of 283k. This has been partially offset by an over collection of income of £11k.

Safeguarding and Quality Improvement - Dr 284k

The service has overspent by £284k. This is due to a staffing overspend of £146k, with other staff related costs of £101k. There is then an overspend on running costs that is netted off with some additional income that is causing an additional overspend of £37k.

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 11 waivers agreed for placements of between £50k and £100k, 5 and 6 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.

Carry Forwards from 2021/22 to 2022/23**Grants with no Explicit Right of Repayment****CHILDREN EDUCATION & FAMILIES PORTFOLIO**

1	Deed Settlement for Hawes Down Site The funding was received from the DfE as part of a Deed Settlement following Langley Park Free School's temporary use of the Hawes Down Centre. Terms of Deed of Settlement include that the funds can only to be spent on the centre, and not to carry forward the funding would be a breach of the legal agreement.	12,119
2	Tackling Trouble Families Grant The new programme, Supporting Families; Investing in Practice, will help families work on issues together, including those impacted by domestic violence, substance misuse or addiction, in order to help create stability in the home for young people and prevent them being taken into care, where that is in their best interests. This is part of wider Government work to improve outcomes for children in need of support of a social worker, by creating home and school environments in which they can thrive.	334,051
3	Virtual School - CIN Grant Carry Forward This money was part of £100k allocated to virtual school to carry out the new duties – the guidance says that the money only needs to be allocated by March. A plan is in place that carries through the academic year September to August. The money has been committed again for 2022-23 so we will be able to roll this plan forward. The largest proportion of the funding is to cover salaries. the remaining funds are being used to collect attendance data for CP children. The carry forward is essential for us to carry out our new duties effectively. We know from colleagues in other LA's that OFSTED are checking on this work.	62,806
4	Virtual School - PLAC Grant Carry Forward This grant was unable to be spent in year in the main due to recruitment issues. Staff have now been recruited. The grant will also be used to increase the Educational Psychology time and on the new specialist EP. The services will be spread as necessary over all the children we work with but for the first time we will be using this to support our previously looked-after children. The funding will also be spent on promotion, training and materials as well as some on interventions as necessary.	92,669
Childrens, Education and Families Portfolio		501,645
Total Expenditure to be Carried Forward		501,645
Total Grant Income		-501,645

OTHER CARRY FORWARD REQUESTS**CHILDREN EDUCATION & FAMILIES PORTFOLIO**

5	CCG Contribution	813,974
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The CCG agreed to funding various activities in 2022/23 including CSC placements, SALT provision, additional OT services and a contribution to the cost of the LODO role. Funding was paid in 2021/22 but is required in 2022/23 to cover costs

6	Wellbeing for education COVID grant	5,821
	<p>Mental Health and Wellbeing is a key priority in Education, following what has been a challenging couple of years for our children, young people and families. We continue to work closely with partners and have sought to maximise support by enhancing and complementing the existing initiatives for mental health and wellbeing for children and young people affected by the anxieties related to the pandemic and return to school.</p> <p>In collaboration with our partners, we have developed a comprehensive Mental Health and Wellbeing offer, including the toolkit for schools, working with the Anna Freud centre to deliver the LINK programme and collaborative efforts with local MH services to set out the Local Area's Mental Health and Wellbeing Lead Network for schools. We are keen to continue this work further, using the WER grant from the DfE.</p> <p>The remaining funds is proposed to be utilised in the following manner:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> •£1,700 training offer to all LBB staff working with families and children from Trauma informed schools – also available to school colleagues and MHWLs •£1,521 membership to all MHWLs and relevant council colleagues for access to evidence-based and led research, webinars and courses related to Mental Health and Wellbeing for families, pupils, parent/carers and professionals •£2,600 to support and facilitate engagement and input from children, young people and adults with SEND and MH needs to further develop our services to be fit for purpose 	
7	Broadband at Poverest	6,103
	<p>The location of the Poverest Site has meant significant delays to the installation of the new service. The site is situated a considerable distance from the road where all the main cabling is located. This had led to the need for more detailed surveys and analysis by BT and the service provider. However, progress is now being made and we hope to see an installation before the start of the next academic year.</p>	
8	EIFS Waiting List and Volumes	90,000
	<p>Funding was agreed in 2021/22 for temporary funding to support the Early Intervention team and the backlog and ongoing volumes. In the service. There has been a delay in recruitment which has now taken place so they funding is required to support the costs of the temporary staff in 2022/23.</p>	
9	(MOPAC) Choices Project	75,000
	<p>The full amount of the YC monies has not been spent as yet from 21/22 as funding was only received in two tranches, at the end of January 22 and the end of March 22, so almost into the current year 2022/23.</p> <p>A sizeable chunk of the spend will be on recruiting a back fill managerial post to the Thrive Team as the Thrive manager is leading on the YC initiative and the impact upon Thrive is considerable .</p> <p>It is however a specialist post and is proving to take longer than anticipated to appoint. Not dissimilar to many therapeutic type posts we are seeing in other services and in Health services .</p>	
		990,898
	Total Other	990,898
	TOTAL CARRY FORWARD TO 2022/23	990,898

Description	2021/22 Latest Approved Budget £'000	Variation To 2021/22 Budget £'000	Potential Impact in 2022/23
Children's Social Care	38,789	6,627	The overall full year effect of the Children's Social Care overspend is a net £3,710k, analysed as Residential Care, Fostering and Adoption and Leaving Care costs of £2,917k.
SEN Transport	5,998	3,666	The current full year effect for SEN Transport - based on the current routes - is £3,666k.

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
COVID Recovery Grant	
- expenditure	69
- income	Cr 69
Holiday Activities and Food Grant	
- expenditure	800
- income	Cr 800
COVID grant to support impact of COVID on services	
- expenditure	2,000
- income	Cr 2,000
COVID Income Compensation	
- expenditure	41
- income	Cr 41
COVID Local Support Fund	
- expenditure	887
- income	Cr 887
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	80
Other:	
Repairs and Maintenance	Cr 3
Transport Team transfer from ASC/Environment	
- expenditure	144

- recharge	Cr	144
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Items Requested this Cycle:

Merit awards		80
AD Post		60
COVID - Support for the Clinically Extremely Vulnerable		
- expenditure		810
- Income	Cr	810
Youth service costs		107

Memorandum Items:

Capital Charges		0
Insurance	Cr	85
Repairs & Maintenance		169
IAS19 (FRS17)		4,651
Rent income		6
Excluded Recharges		822

Latest Approved Budget for 2021/22

<u>62,553</u>
