

## Children, Education and Families Portfolio Budget Monitoring Summary

2021/22 Actuals £'000	Service Areas	2022/23 Original Budget £'000	2022/23 Latest Approved £'000	2022/23 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>							
-461	Adult Education Centres	Cr 438	Cr 432	Cr 404	28	1	13	0
694	Schools and Early Years Commissioning & QA	747	747	697	Cr 50	2	Cr 156	0
2,612	SEN and Inclusion	2,365	2,366	2,385	19	3	128	0
99	Strategic Place Planning	43	43	43	0		0	0
49	Workforce Development & Governor Services	Cr 24	Cr 24	Cr 23	1		0	0
6,975	Access & Inclusion	6,781	6,795	7,977	1,182	4	590	1,851
0	Management Action - draw down from reserves	0	0	Cr 1,000	Cr 1,000		Cr 531	Cr 1,000
-1,446	Schools Budgets	Cr 1,493	Cr 1,493	Cr 1,493	0	5	Cr 1	0
25	Other Strategic Functions	318	293	293	0		0	0
-10	Central School Costs	Cr 36	Cr 36	Cr 36	0		0	0
<b>8,537</b>		<b>8,263</b>	<b>8,259</b>	<b>8,439</b>	<b>180</b>		<b>43</b>	<b>851</b>
	<b>Children's Social Care</b>							
1,774	Bromley Youth Support Programme	1,732	1,737	1,805	68		105	0
676	Early Intervention and Family Support	1,342	1,429	1,545	116		Cr 3	0
8,150	CLA and Care Leavers	8,280	8,280	9,805	1,525		Cr 675	1,654
21,406	Fostering, Adoption and Resources	18,720	18,725	21,928	3,203		3,129	4,918
4,358	Referral and Assessment Service	4,092	4,226	4,896	670	6	472	0
3,908	Safeguarding and Care Planning East	3,012	3,717	4,242	525		1,247	0
2,779	Safeguarding and Care Planning West	6,105	6,465	8,146	1,681		521	0
Cr 980	Safeguarding and Quality Improvement	Cr 1,952	Cr 2,322	Cr 1,985	337		455	0
<b>42,071</b>		<b>41,331</b>	<b>42,257</b>	<b>50,382</b>	<b>8,125</b>		<b>5,251</b>	<b>6,572</b>
<b>50,608</b>	<b>TOTAL CONTROLLABLE FOR EDUCATION, CHILDREN &amp; FAMILIES</b>	<b>49,594</b>	<b>50,516</b>	<b>58,821</b>	<b>8,305</b>		<b>5,294</b>	<b>7,423</b>
	<b>Total Non-Controllable</b>	1,594	1,590	1,590	0		0	0
	<b>Total Excluded Recharges</b>	8,761	8,761	8,761	0		0	0
<b>50,608</b>	<b>TOTAL EDUCATION, CHILDREN &amp; FAMILIES PORTFOLIO</b>	<b>59,949</b>	<b>60,867</b>	<b>69,172</b>	<b>8,305</b>		<b>5,294</b>	<b>7,423</b>
	<b>Memorandum Item</b>							
	<b>Sold Services</b>							
	Education Psychology Service (RSG Funded)	Cr 94	Cr 94	601	695		280	0
	Education Welfare Service (RSG Funded)	Cr 18	Cr 18	23	41		39	0
	Workforce Development (DSG/RSG Funded)	Cr 30	Cr 30	Cr 29	1	7	0	0
	Community Vision Nursery (RSG Funded)	64	64	Cr 50	Cr 114		Cr 134	0
	Blenheim Nursery (RSG Funded)	98	98	187	89		11	0
<b>0</b>	<b>Total Sold Services</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>732</b>	<b>712</b>		<b>196</b>	<b>0</b>

## **REASONS FOR VARIATIONS**

### **1. Adult Education - Dr £28k**

The Adult Education service is currently projecting to overspend by £28k. This is due to an overspend on Staffing of £21k and an under collection of income of £14k. This is offset by an underspend on running costs of £7k.

### **2. Schools and Early Years Commissioning & QA - Cr £50k**

The in-house nurseries are currently having issues with staffing that has resulted in one of them temporary closing. This has resulted in a staffing underspend across the two nurseries of £193k, an under collection of income of £155k and an overspend of £13k on running costs. Once these figures are netted off, it leaves a net underspend of £25k.

Across the rest of the service there is a £25k underspend mostly related to staffing.

### **3. SEN and Inclusion - Dr £19k**

The staffing in this area is currently forecasting an underspend of £153k. This is due to a number of posts that are currently vacant and are currently expected to be filled during the year. There is also an overspend of £13k related to running costs.

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 £226k and the Trading Service they offer to the Schools to be overspent by £385k due to the use of expensive agency staff (352k) and a new contract to help reduce the backlog within the service (£33k). This is a net overspend of £159k.

Please note that as from the start of the year, the SEN Transport Service has move from the SEN Division to the Access & Inclusion Division

### **4. Access & Inclusion - Dr £182k (After drawdown from Contingency)**

The Education Welfare Service Trading Account is currently expected to under collect on its income by £39k due to the loss of a number of school contracts and £2k overspend on staffing. The provision of the service will need to be reviewed.

In the area they are predicting to underspend on staffing by £18k and over spend on running costs / under collection of income of £20k.

SEN Transport is currently forecast to overspend by £1,139k. This is due to additional costs of £1,311k related to the cost of providing the service and £15k for other running costs. This is then offset by forecasted underspends on staffing (£173k) and collection of additional income of £14k. These figures are then reduced further by the assumed drawdown from the reserves of £1,000k.

### **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 the DSG of £4,016k. This will be added to the £7,142k carried forward in the reserves from 2021/22. The prior year Early Year adjustment has reduced our 2021/22 DSG allocation by £178k causing an additional pressure on the DSG. This gives us an estimated DSG reserve of £11,336k at the end of the financial year.

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

There is an underspend of £75k in the Primary Support Team area. This is due to underspends in the staffing budgets.

The Home and Hospital service currently has a pressure of £247k due to the use of agency tutors to support the higher number of students the service is supporting (£207k). There are also overspend on other running costs of £64k and under collection of income of £68k. There is then an underspend on staff of £92k that offset the use of agency to support the students.

There is £1,778k from the High Needs Supplementary Grant that can be used to offset the increase in costs of the SEN Placement budgets. The part of the grant that is showed as spent has been allocated to the Special/AP Schools in Bromley to support them with the additional costs they currently have.

The Inclusion and Behaviour service has underspends of £22k on staffing and £4k on running costs that are offsetting the under collection of £50k on the income budgets.

The Admissions Service is expected to overspend of £34k on staffing and under collection of income by £5k. This is offset by £20k on running costs.

The Council has incurred some additional support to schools costs of £15k this year funded from the DSG.

SEN placements are projected to overspend by a total of £5,509k. The overspend is being caused by the Maintained Day (£697k), Independent Day (£3,214k), Alternative Programmes (£649k), Independent Boarding Schools (£246k), Maintained Boarding Schools (£69k), Direct Payment (£134k) and Matrix funding (£579k). We are receiving additional grant income of £79k to help offset some of these costs.

SEN Support for clients in Further Education Colleges is currently expected to overspend by £221k this year. This is due to the cost of placing clients with Independent providers.

The Complex Needs team, Darrick Wood Hearing Unit and other staffing budgets in SEN are all currently projected to underspend. Most of the underspend relates to lower than expected staffing costs. These are then being offset by an overspend in the High Needs Pre-school Service and Early Support Programme costs to give a net underspend of £162k.

There is also a total small balance of underspends of £4k.

	Variations £'000	High Needs £'000	Schools £'000	Early Years £'000	Central £'000
Primary Support Team	-75	0	0	0	-75
Home & Hospital	247	247	0	0	0
Used of Additional Money	-1,778	-1,778	0	0	0
Inclusion and Behaviour	24	24	0	0	0
Admissions	19	0	0	0	19
Additional Support for Schools	15	0	0	0	15
Other Small Balances	6	-3	0	7	2
SEN:					
- Placements	5,509	5,509	0	0	0
- Support in FE colleges	221	221	0	0	0
- Darrick Wood Hearing Unit	-78	-78	0	0	0
- Complex Needs Team	-49	-49	0	0	0
- High Needs Pre-school Service	25	25	0	0	0
- Early Support Programme	34	34	0	0	0
- SEN Staff	-94	-94	0	0	0
- Other Small SEN Balances	-10	-10	0	0	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>4,016</b>	<b>4,048</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>-39</b>

### **8. Children's Social Care - Dr £8,125k**

The current budget variation for the Children's Social Care Division is projected to be an overspend of £8,125k, Despite additional funding being secured in the 2022/23 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 £68k**

The BYSP budget is projected to overspend by £67k this year. This is due to an overspend of £80k in staffing and an under collection of income of £1k. These are then offset by an underspend on running costs of £13k.

#### **Early Intervention and Family Support - Dr £116k**

This budget is projected to underspend by £87k this year. This is due to an under collection of income of £177k that is then being offset by an underspend on staffing of £5k running costs of £56k.

#### **CLA and Care Leavers - Dr £1,525k**

The service is currently expected to overspend by £1,525k. This is due to an overspend in staffing of £75k, an under collection of income of £33k and £107k overspend on running costs. There is currently forecast to be an additional overspend on placement costs in this service of £1,310k.

#### **Fostering, Adoption and Resources - £3,203k**

The budget for children's placements is currently projected to overspend by £3,061k this year. This amount is analysed by placement type below.

- Community Home's / Community Home's with Education - Dr £1,326k (D £1.592k)
- Boarding Schools - Dr £1k (Dr £18k)
- Secure Placement - Dr £135k (Dr £0k)
- Fostering services (IFA's) - Dr £871k (Dr £1,147k)
- Fostering services (In-house, including SGO's and Kinship) - Dr £4k (Dr £232k)
- Adoption placements - Cr £35k (Cr £36k)
- Outreach Services - Dr £821k (Dr £198k)
- Transport Costs - Cr £62k (Cr 116k)

Additionally there are overspends on staffing of £3k and running cost of £166k in this area, along with extra income of £27k

#### **Referral and Assessment Service - Dr £670k**

The main projected variance relates to services is a projected overspend on staffing of £354k and running costs of £70k. The remaining £246k in running costs relates to No Recourse to Public Funds (NRPF) clients.

#### **Safeguarding and Care Planning East - Dr £525k**

The budget in this area is currently projected to overspend by £525k, and is due to staffing underspends of £25k and additional income of £7k, that is then offset by overspends on PLO cases overspending by £501k and general running costs of £56k.

#### **Safeguarding and Care Planning West- Dr £1,681k**

Services for Children with Disabilities is projected to overspend by £1,783k this year. This is made up of an overspend on placement / outreach services of £1,534k, staffing of £89k and other running costs of £160k.

The remainder of the area is underspend by £102k and is due to a staffing underspend of £152k and is offset by an overspend of running costs of £50k.

#### **Safeguarding and Quality Improvement - Dr £337k**

The projected overspend of £337k in this area mainly relates to staffing (£300k), and this includes the costs of recruiting and retaining social workers across the whole of Children's Social Care. There is additionally a £37k overspend in running costs.

#### **7. 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 in Children's Social Care there were 2 waivers agreed for placements of between £50k and £100k, 2 between £100k and £150k and 2 for a value of 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 no virements processed

Description	2022/23 Latest Approved Budget £'000	Variation To 2022/23 Budget £'000	Potential Impact in 2023/24
Housing Needs			
Children's Social Care	42,257	8,125	The overall full year effect of the Children's Social Care overspend is a net £6,572k, analysed as Residential Care, Fostering and Adoption of £4,918k and on Leaving Care costs of £1,654k.
SEN Transport	6,480	1,101	The current full year effect for SEN Transport - based on the current routes - is £851k.

<b>Reconciliation of Latest Approved Budget</b>	<b>£'000</b>
<b>Original Budget 2022/23</b>	<b>59,949</b>
<b>Contingency:</b>	
Additional social workers re caseloads	700
Temporary increase in CIN social workers	250
 <b>Carry forwards:</b>	
Broadband at Poverest	6
Wellbeing for Education	6
Deed Settlement for Hawes Down Site	
- expenditure	12
- income	-12
Virtual School CIN Grant	
- expenditure	63
- income	-63
Virtual School PLAC Grant	
- expenditure	93
- income	-93
Tackling Troubled Families Grant	
- expenditure	334
- income	-334
EIFS waiting list and volumes	90
MOPAC Choices grant	75
 <b>Other:</b>	
Draw Down from Health Reserve	
- expenditure	314
- income	Cr 314
Tackling Troubled Families Grant	
- expenditure	490
- income	Cr 490
Homes for Ukraine - DfE Grant	
- expenditure	350
- income	Cr 350
Repairs and Maintenance	
- expenditure	Cr 4
Provision for agency workers contract savings	Cr 121
Adj to NI budget following reversal of 2022-23 increase in November	Cr 84
 <b>Latest Approved Budget for 2022/23</b>	 <b><u><u>60,867</u></u></b>