

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
EDUCATION CARE & HEALTH SERVICES DEPARTMENT								
Education Division								
-461	Adult Education Centres	Cr 438	Cr 432	Cr 352	80	1	28	0
694	Schools and Early Years Commissioning & QA	747	747	807	60	2	Cr 50	0
2,612	SEN and Inclusion	2,365	2,366	2,653	287	3	19	0
99	Strategic Place Planning	43	43	43	0		0	0
49	Workforce Development & Governor Services	Cr 24	Cr 24	Cr 23	1		1	0
6,975	Access & Inclusion	6,781	7,795	7,801	6	4	1,182	871
0	Management Action - draw down from reserves	0	0	0	0		Cr 1,000	0
-1,446	Schools Budgets	Cr 1,493	Cr 1,493	Cr 1,493	0	6	0	0
25	Other Strategic Functions	318	293	Cr 7	Cr 300	5	0	0
-10	Central School Costs	Cr 36	Cr 36	Cr 36	0		0	0
8,537		8,263	9,259	9,393	134		180	871
Children's Social Care								
1,774	Bromley Youth Support Programme	1,732	1,783	1,759	Cr 24	7	68	0
676	Early Intervention and Family Support	1,342	1,370	1,487	117		116	0
8,150	CLA and Care Leavers	8,280	8,280	10,033	1,753		1,525	2,395
17,854	Fostering, Adoption and Resources	18,720	19,030	22,378	3,348		3,203	5,413
3,552	0-25 Children Service (Disability Services)	3,716	3,603	5,472	1,869		1,783	0
4,358	Referral and Assessment Service	4,092	4,680	5,506	826		670	0
3,908	Safeguarding and Care Planning East	3,012	3,549	3,854	305		525	0
2,779	Safeguarding and Care Planning West	2,389	2,573	2,672	99	Cr 102	0	
Cr 980	Safeguarding and Quality Improvement	Cr 1,952	Cr 2,516	Cr 2,010	506		337	0
42,071		41,331	42,352	51,151	8,799		8,125	7,808
50,608	TOTAL CONTROLLABLE FOR EDUCATION, CHILDREN & FAMILIES	49,594	51,611	60,544	8,933		8,305	8,679
	Total Non-Controllable	1,594	1,590	1,590	0		0	0
	Total Excluded Recharges	8,761	8,602	8,602	0		0	0
50,608	TOTAL EDUCATION, CHILDREN & FAMILIES PORTFOLIO	59,949	61,803	70,736	8,933		8,305	8,679
Memorandum Item								
Sold Services								
	Education Psychology Service (RSG Funded)	Cr 94	Cr 94	574	668	8	695	0
	Education Welfare Service (RSG Funded)	Cr 18	Cr 18	22	40		41	0
	Workforce Development (DSG/RSG Funded)	Cr 30	Cr 30	Cr 29	1		1	0
	Community Vision Nursery (RSG Funded)	64	64	65	1		Cr 114	0
	Blenheim Nursery (RSG Funded)	98	98	206	108		89	0
0	Total Sold Services	20	20	838	818		712	0

REASONS FOR VARIATIONS

1. Adult Education - Dr £80k

The Adult Education service is currently projecting to overspend by £80k. This is due to an under collection of income of £97k offset by underspends on staffing of £4k and running costs of 13k.

2. Schools and Early Years Commissioning & QA - Dr £60k

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 £297k, an under collection of income of £333k and an overspend of £73k on running costs. Once these figures are netted off, it leaves a net overspend of £108k.

Across the rest of the service there is a £49k underspend mostly related to staffing.

3. SEN and Inclusion - Dr £287k

The staffing in this area is currently forecasting an underspend of £102k. 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 £292k and the Trading Service they offer to the Schools to be overspent by £668k due to the use of expensive agency staff and a new contract to help reduce the backlog within the service. This is a net overspend of £376k.

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 £6k

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. The provision of the service will need to be reviewed.

In the area they are predicting to underspend on staffing by £14k and over spend on running costs / under collection of income of £9k.

SEN Transport is currently forecast to underspend by £28k. This is due to additional costs of £232k related to the cost of providing the service. This is then offset by forecasted underspends on staffing (£173k), collection of additional income of £14k and underspends on the remaining running costs (£73k).

5. Other Strategic Functions - Cr £300k

There is currently forecast to be an underspend of £300k in the running costs of this area.

6. 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 £4,877k. 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 £12,197k 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 £201k due to the use of agency tutors to support the higher number of students the service is supporting (£209k). There is also an overspend on other running costs of £95k and under collection of income of £66k. There is then an underspend on staff of £169k 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.

There is a pressure of £750k relating to payments made to Early years providers. Overall costs are outstripping the grant available. DfE make adjustments to the DSG in year and lower numbers have caused an issue on the funding. This has been corrected for future years and should not occur again

The Inclusion and Behaviour service has an underspend of £21k that is mostly related to staffing.

The Education Welfare Statutory Service has a net underspend of £11k. This is due to an underspend on staffing of £4k, additional income of £16k and an overspend on running costs of £9k.

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

The SEN placement budget is projected to overspend £5,814 with the main pressure coming the Independent school placements, with additional pressure coming from matrix funding and direct payments. Some of this pressure is being offset by additional grant that we are receiving in this year.

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 SENIF budget is currently forecast to overspend by £18k on the payments it make to providers to support our SEN children.

The Complex Needs team, Darrick Wood Hearing Unit, Early Years SEN Advisory Team and other staffing budgets in SEN are all currently projected to underspend by a total of £257k. Most of the underspend relates to lower than expected staffing costs.

	Variations £'000	High Needs £'000	Schools £'000	Early Years £'000	Central £'000
Primary Support Team	-75	0	0	0	-75
Home & Hospital	201	201	0	0	0
Use of Supplementary grant	-1,778	-1,778	0	0	0
Inclusion and Behaviour	-21	-21	0	0	0
Early years settings	750	0	0	750	0
Education Welfare	-11	0	0	0	-11
Additional Support for Schools	15	0	0	0	15
Other Small Balances	-2	0	0	8	-10
SEN:					
- Placements	5,814	5,814	0	0	0
- Support in FE colleges	221	221	0	0	0
- Darrick Wood Hearing Unit	-88	-88	0	0	0
- Complex Needs Team	-75	-75	0	0	0
- Early Years SEN Advisory Team	-33	-33	0	0	0
- SENIF	18	18	0	0	0
- SEN Staff	-61	-61	0	0	0
- Other Small SEN Balances	2	2	0	0	0
Total	4,877	4,200	0	758	-81

7. Children's Social Care - Dr £8,799k

The current budget variation for the Children's Social Care Division is projected to be an overspend of £8,799k (previously £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 - Cr £24k

The BYSP budget is projected to underspend by £24k this year. This is due to an overspend of £57k in staffing that is offset by additional income of £26k and underspends on running costs of £55k.

Early Intervention and Family Support - Dr £117k

This budget is projected to overspend by £117k this year. This is due to an under collection of income of £166k and an overspend of staffing of £75k, that is then being offset by an underspend running costs of £124k.

CLA and Care Leavers - Dr £1,753k

The service is currently expected to overspend by £1,753k. This is due to an overspend in staffing of £127k, an under collection of income of £32k and £466k underspend on running costs. There is currently forecast to be an additional overspend on placement costs in this service of £2,060k.

Fostering, Adoption and Resources - £3,348k

The budget for children's placements is currently projected to overspend by £3,616k this year. This amount is analysed by placement type below.

- Community Home's / Community Home's with Education - Dr £1,682k (D £1.326k)
- Boarding Schools - Dr £54k (Dr £1k)
- Secure Placement - Dr £135k (Dr £135k)
- Fostering services (IFA's) - Dr £911k (Dr £871k)
- Fostering services (In-house, including SGO's and Kinship) - Dr £132k (Dr £4k)
- Adoption placements - Cr £79k (Cr £35k)
- Outreach Services - Dr £854k (Dr £821k)
- Transport Costs - Cr £73k (Cr 62k)

There is a one off £400k Health funding that is off-setting some of the pressures of the Children's Placements for this year. Additionally there is a projected overspend in running cost of £166k in this area, that is offset by a £4k underspend in staff and extra income of £30k

0-25 Children Service (Disability Services) - Dr £1,869k

Services for Children with Disabilities is projected to overspend by £1,869k this year. This is made up of an overspend on Domiciliary care / outreach services of £1,625k, staffing of £46k and other running costs of £198k.

Referral and Assessment Service - Dr £826k

The main projected variance relates to services is a projected overspend on staffing of £509k and running costs of £71k. The remaining £246k in running costs relates to No Recourse to Public Funds (NRPF) clients.

Safeguarding and Care Planning East - Dr £305k

The budget in this area is currently projected to overspend by £305k, and is due to staffing underspends of £167k and additional income of £7k. This is then offset by overspends on PLO cases overspending by £359k and running costs of £120k.

Safeguarding and Care Planning West- Dr £99k

This area is overspent by £99k and is due to a staffing underspend of £6k and is offset by an overspend of running costs of £105k.

Safeguarding and Quality Improvement - Dr £506k

The projected overspend of £506k in this area mainly relates to staffing (£423k), and this includes the costs of recruiting and retaining social workers across the whole of Children's Social Care. There is additionally a £83k overspend in 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 in Children's Social Care there were 20 waivers agreed for placements of between £50k and £100k, 2 between £100k and £150k and 11 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
Children's Social Care	42,352	8,799	The overall full year effect of the Children's Social Care overspend is a net £7,808k, analysed as Residential Care, Fostering and Adoption of £5,413k and on Leaving Care costs of £2,395k.
SEN Transport	6,480	972	The current full year effect for SEN Transport - based on the current routes - is £871k. This includes the draw down of £1m

Reconciliation of Latest Approved Budget	£'000
Original Budget 2022/23	59,949
Contingency:	
Additional social workers re caseloads	700
Temporary increase in CIN social workers	250
SEN Transport	1,000
Homes for Ukraine	
- expenditure	150
- income	-150
Carry forwards:	
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
Other:	
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
Asylum Grant	
- expenditure	129
- income	Cr 129
VAWG Services	Cr 64
Step Up to Social Work transferred to HR	
- expenditure	Cr 900
- income	900
Draw Down from Health Reserve - No 2	
- expenditure	500
- income	Cr 500
Latest Approved Budget for 2022/23	<u><u>61,803</u></u>