

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 392	Cr 347	45	1	80	0
694	Schools and Early Years Commissioning & QA	747	779	576	Cr 203	2	60	0
2,612	SEN and Inclusion	2,365	2,383	2,771	388	3	287	0
99	Strategic Place Planning	43	43	100	57	4	0	0
49	Workforce Development & Governor Services	Cr 24	Cr 23	17	40	5	1	0
6,975	Access & Inclusion	6,781	7,800	7,516	Cr 284	6	6	871
-1,446	Schools Budgets	Cr 3,067	Cr 3,067	Cr 3,067	0	9	0	0
25	Other Strategic Functions	318	300	196	Cr 104	7	Cr 300	0
-10	Central School Costs	Cr 36	Cr 41	9	32	8	0	0
8,537		6,689	7,782	7,753	Cr 29		134	871
	Children's Social Care							
1,774	Bromley Youth Support Programme	1,732	1,822	1,865	43	10	Cr 24	0
676	Early Intervention and Family Support	1,342	1,415	1,260	Cr 155		117	0
8,150	CLA and Care Leavers	8,280	8,285	10,034	1,749		1,753	2,232
17,854	Fostering, Adoption and Resources	18,400	18,429	22,121	3,692		3,348	5,500
3,552	0-25 Children Service (Disability Services)	3,603	3,604	5,184	1,580		1,869	0
4,358	Referral and Assessment Service	4,202	4,656	5,073	417		826	0
3,908	Safeguarding and Care Planning East	3,012	3,715	4,582	867		305	0
2,779	Safeguarding and Care Planning West	2,389	2,425	2,998	573	99	0	
Cr 980	Safeguarding and Quality Improvement	Cr 2,084	Cr 2,513	Cr 2,489	24	506	0	
42,071		40,876	41,838	50,628	8,790		8,799	7,732
50,608	TOTAL CONTROLLABLE FOR EDUCATION, CHILDREN & FAMILIES	47,565	49,620	58,381	8,761		8,933	8,603
	Total Non-Controllable	1,594	129	129	0		0	0
	Total Excluded Recharges	10,790	11,182	11,182	0		0	0
50,608	TOTAL EDUCATION, CHILDREN & FAMILIES PORTFOLIO	59,949	60,931	69,692	8,761		8,933	8,603
	Memorandum Item							
	Sold Services							
	Education Psychology Service (RSG Funded)	Cr 94	Cr 94	578	672	11	668	0
	Education Welfare Service (RSG Funded)	Cr 18	Cr 17	10	27		40	0
	Workforce Development (DSG/RSG Funded)	Cr 30	Cr 29	17	46		1	0
	Community Vision Nursery (RSG Funded)	64	79	Cr 6	Cr 85		1	0
	Blenheim Nursery (RSG Funded)	98	113	169	56		108	0
0	Total Sold Services	20	52	768	716		818	0

REASONS FOR VARIATIONS**1. Adult Education - Dr £45k**

The Adult Education service is currently projecting to overspend by £45k. This is due to underspends on staffing of £24k and running costs of 48k. These are being offset by lower levels of income generation of £117k.

2. Schools and Early Years Commissioning & QA - Cr £203k

The in-house nurseries have had issues with staffing levels that have led to a reorganisation of the service. This has resulted in a staffing underspend across the two nurseries of £299k, lower income levels of £295k and an underspend of £25k on running costs. Once these figures are netted off, it leaves a net underspend of £29k.

Across the rest of the service there is a total of £174k underspend. This is made from a £56k underspend on staffing and £72k on running costs. Additionally there are higher than budgeted income levels of £46k.

3. SEN and Inclusion - Dr £388k

The staffing in this area is currently forecasting an underspend of £50k and additional Income £214k. This is offset by an overspend of £159k 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 £179k and the Trading Service they offer to the Schools to be overspent by £672k 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 £493k.

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. Strategic Place Planning - Dr £57k

The overspend of £57k in this area is made up of a £63k overspend on staffing and associated recharges and an underspend on running costs of £6k.

5. Workforce Development & Governor Services - Dr £40k

The £40k overspend is made up of lower income levels generated of £18k and the remaining £22k is mostly related to running costs.

6. Access & Inclusion - Cr £284k

The Education Welfare Service Trading Account has lower levels of income generation of £27k due to the loss of a number of school contracts.

In the area they are predicting to overspend on staffing by £34k and on running costs of £31k.

SEN Transport is underspent by £376k during the year. This is due to reduced costs of £276k related to the cost of providing the service and costs associated with COVID not materialising. This is then offset by forecasted underspends on staffing (£128k), under collection of income of £106k and underspends on the remaining running costs (£78k). These figures take into account the drawdown from the reserves of £1,000k.

7. Other Strategic Functions - Cr £104k

There is area underspend of £104k. This is split out by as an overspend of £95k on staffing and an underspend of £199k on running costs.

8. Central School Costs - Dr £32k

The £32k overspend is mostly down to the under collection of income.

9. 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 £5,563k. 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 deficit of £12,883k at the end of the financial year.

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

There is an underspend of £74k in the Primary Support Team. This is mainly due to underspends in staffing budgets.

The Home and Hospital service overspent by £56k during the year. The use of agency tutors to support the higher number of students the service is supporting caused a £153k overspend which was offset by an underspend of £174k on staffing. There are also overspends on other running costs of £25k and lower levels of income collection of £52k.

The free early years provision for 2 years and 3 & 4 Years old (universal and additional hours) in total overspent by £1.621k for this financial year. There was also a £77k overspend on the other running cost and income collection.

The Inclusion and Behaviour service has an underspend of £28k at year end. The reasons for this are an underspend on staffing of £42k and on running costs of £85k. This is offset by lower levels of income generation of £99k

The Admissions Service has overspent by £41k and this is down to an underspend in staffing of £75k and £17k on running costs. This is then offset by lower levels of income generation of £51k.

The Education Welfare Statutory Service has a net underspend of £23k. This is due to an underspend on staffing of £47k, lower levels of income generation of £32k and an underspend on running costs of £8k.

At year end the Place Planning budget was underspent by £56k, of which £48k related to staffing and £8k on running costs.

The SEN placement budget is projected to overspend £5,254 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 has been received in year

SEN Support for clients in Further Education Colleges is currently expected to underspend by £732k this year. This is due to the number and cost of placing clients with Independent providers.

The SENIF budget underspent by £154k on the payments made to providers to support SEN children during the year.

The Darrick Wood Hearing Unit, Early Years SEN Advisory Team and other general staffing budgets in SEN underspent by a total of £348k. Most of the underspend relates to lower than expected staffing costs.

There is also a total small balance of net off to £11k.

	Variations £'000	High Needs £'000	Schools £'000	Early Years £'000	Central £'000
Primary Support Team	-74	0	0	0	-74
Home & Hospital	56	56	0	0	0
Inclusion and Behaviour	-28	-28	0	0	0
Early years settings	1,698	0	0	1,698	0
Admissions	-41	0	0	0	-41
Education Welfare	-23	0	0	0	-23
Place Planning	-56	0	0	0	-56
Other Small Balances	11	4	0	-1	8
SEN:					
- Placements	5,254	5,254	0	0	0
- Support in FE colleges	-732	-732	0	0	0
- Darrick Wood Hearing Unit	-44	-44	0	0	0
- High Needs Pre-school Service	-49	-49	0	0	0
- SENIF	-154	-154	0	0	0
- SEN General	-255	-255	0	0	0
Total	5,563	4,052	0	1,697	-186

10. Children's Social Care - Dr £8,790k

The final budget variation for the Children's Social Care Division is an overspend of £8,790k (previously £8,799k). 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 £43k

The BYSP budget has overspent during the year by £43k. This is due to an overspend of £48k in staffing and in running costs of £79k. This is then offset by higher than budgeted income levels of £84k.

Early Intervention and Family Support - Cr £155k

This budget has been underspent by £155k this year. This is due to lower income levels being generated of £51k which is offset by underspends in staffing of £82k and running costs of £124k.

CLA and Care Leavers - Dr £1,749k

The service has overspent by £1,749k. This is due to an overspend in staffing of £40k, higher levels of grant collections of £557k and £1,103k overspend on running costs. There is currently forecast to be an additional overspend on placement costs in this service of £1,163k.

Fostering, Adoption and Resources - Dr £3,692k

The budget for children's placements is currently projected to overspend by £3,229k this year. This amount is analysed by placement type below.

- Community Home's / Community Home's with Education - Dr £2,156k (Dr £1.682k)

- Boarding Schools - Dr £166k (Dr £54k)
- Secure Placement - Dr £344k (Dr £135k)
- Fostering services (IFA's) - Dr £477k (Dr £911k)
- Fostering services (In-house, including SGO's and Kinship) - Dr £161k (Dr £132k)
- Adoption placements - Cr £63k (Cr £79k)
- Outreach Services - Dr £440k (Dr £854k)
- Remand Costs - Cr £497k (Dr £0)
- Transport Costs - Dr £45k (Cr £73k)

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 are overspends in running cost of £831k, Staffing costs of £11k and lower income levels of £21k.

0-25 Children Service (Disability Services) - Dr £1,580k

Services for Children with Disabilities has overspent by £1,580k this year. This is made up of an overspend on placement / outreach services of £1,525k, staffing of £45k and other running costs of £83k. To offset this there is an over collection of income of £73k.

Referral and Assessment Service - Dr £417k

The main projected variance relates to services is a projected overspend on staffing of £375k and this is being offset by an underspend in running costs of £32k. The remaining £74k in running costs relates to No Recourse to Public Funds (NRPF) clients.

Safeguarding and Care Planning East - Dr £867k

The budget in this area has an overspend of £867k. This is due to overspends on PLO cases of £662k, general running costs of £205k and staffing overspends of £11k. This is offset by additional income generated of £11k

Safeguarding and Care Planning West- Dr £573k

This area has overspent by £573k due to a staffing overspend of £322k and additional running costs of £262k. This has been partially offset by additional income of £11k.

Safeguarding and Quality Improvement - Dr £24k

This area has overspent by £24k mainly relates to staffing (£357k). This has been offset by an underspend in running costs of £319k in running costs and £14k additional income.

11. 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 10 waivers agreed for placements of between £50k and £100k, 1 between £100k and £150k, 1 between £150k and £200k and 6 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

Carry Forwards from 2022/23 to 2023/24**MEMBERS' APPROVAL REQUIRED****Grants with Explicit Right of Repayment****CHILDREN EDUCATION & FAMILIES PORTFOLIO**

1	COVID Recovery Grant This is an academic year grant. This allows us to carry forward all or part of the grant to be used in the remainder of the current academic year.	130,091
2	National Tutoring Programme This is an academic year grant. This allows us to carry forward all or part of the grant to be used in the remainder of the current academic year.	21,721
3	GLA Adult Ed Grant Repayment GLA funding - £15k - this is part of the £25k allocation for the delivery of level 3 provision. This funding has not been spent as level 3 courses have not been running this year so this is likely to be clawed back.	15,664
Total Expenditure to be Carried Forward		167,476
Total Grant Income		-167,476

Grants with no Explicit Right of Repayment**CHILDREN EDUCATION & FAMILIES PORTFOLIO**

4	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.	5,370
5	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.	475,140
6	Virtual School - CIN Grant Carry Forward This money was part of the £100k allocated to virtual school to carry out the new duties – the guidance states that the money only needed to be allocated by March. Therefore a plan was put in place that would carry the spend through the academic year September to August. The money has been committed again for 2023-24 so we will be able to roll this plan forward. Although we managed to recruit for the needed post on a fixed term contract due to other pressures and staff absence as well as a maternity cover we have again had to put forward the catch up work on this project until the summer term 2023. Some of the funding is currently being used to collect attendance data for CP children.	82,151
7	Homes for Ukraine DfE Grant This Grant is to be used to support Children from Ukraine that have arrived in Bromley. This can be spent on various support to help with their education. The grant can be carried forward to cover on-going support for the children.	1,187,034
8	BAEC upgrading hardware and supporting software - GLA Grant	25,575

BAEC received an additional grant allocation of £70k+, of which it was proposed that £50k would be used to improve the IT infrastructure for the service, including an upgrade of the servers. It was agreed that the remaining £20k would be a contribution to the running costs of the service. There has been difficulties with the server supply chain. A new delivery date is yet to be confirmed. Current server hardware is old, inefficient and out of warranty. The upgrade to the server and associated works is urgent to minimise any risk of failure.

9	YOT NHS Money	29,300
	This money has been allocated to Bromley Youth Justice Service to be used to support additional health and Justice needs of our children and will be used to fund additional services for children as the need arises. However, an assessment is required (often very lengthy) on every child we work with and based on the assessed needs then services will be commissioned. It is crucial that we have this money to deal with the many trauma's that most of our children experience and to be able to commission to address these needs. The money will be spent by July 2023.	
	Total Expenditure to be Carried Forward	1,804,570
	Total Grant Income	-1,804,570

OTHER CARRY FORWARD REQUESTS

CHILDREN EDUCATION & FAMILIES PORTFOLIO

10	Wellbeing for education	999
	Mental Health and Wellbeing is a key priority in Education, following what has been a challenging few 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 in the borough.	
	In collaboration with our partners, we have developed a comprehensive Mental Health and Wellbeing offer, including the toolkit for schools, collaborative efforts with local MH services to deliver an agile offer of support to our school colleagues, in addition to establishing what has now become a mature and well regarded Mental Health and Wellbeing Lead Network for schools. We are keen to continue this work further, using the WER grant from the DfE.	
	The remaining funds is proposed to be utilised in the following manner:	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • £999 to be carried forward and put towards renting the venue for in-person events of the termly Mental Health and Wellbeing Lead network meetings for 22.24. 	
	Total Other	<hr/> 999
	TOTAL CARRY FORWARD TO 2023/24	<hr/> 999

Description	2022/23 Latest Approved Budget £'000	Variation To 2022/23 Budget £'000	Potential Impact in 2023/24
Children's Social Care	41,838	8,790	The overall full year effect of the Children's Social Care overspend is a net £7,732k, analysed as Residential Care, Fostering and Adoption of £5,500k and on Leaving Care costs of £2,323k.
SEN Transport	7,189	Cr 276	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
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
	Energy Budget Adjustment	187
	Merit Awards	74
	Tackling Troubled Families Grant	
	- expenditure	490

- income	Cr	490
Contrallable Insurance	Cr	6
Movement of Recharge from Controllable to Non-Controllable	Cr	63
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Memorandum Items:

Capital Charges	Cr	1,279
Insurance	Cr	74
Repairs & Maintenance	Cr	89
Rent income	Cr	22
Excluded Recharges		337

Latest Approved Budget for 2022/23

60,931