



**REPORT TO: EDUCATION, CHILDREN'S AND LEISURE SERVICES
COMMITTEE ON 19 SEPTEMBER 2023**

**SUBJECT: EDUCATION REVENUE BUDGET MONITORING TO 30 JUNE
2023**

**BY: DEPUTE CHIEF EXECUTIVE (EDUCATION, COMMUNITIES AND
ORGANISATIONAL DEVELOPMENT)**

1. REASON FOR REPORT

1.1 To inform the Committee of the budget position for Education as at 30 June 2023.

1.2 This report is submitted to Committee in terms of Section III (A) (2) of the Council's Scheme of Administration relating to the consideration of capital and revenue budgets and long term financial plans.

2. RECOMMENDATION

2.1 It is recommended that Committee considers and notes the budget position at 30 June 2023.

3. BACKGROUND

3.1 The report highlights those areas of the budget where there is a significant percentage variance identified at 30 June 2023.

4. BUDGET POSITION

4.1 The spend at 30 June 2023 is £26,022,000 against a budget to date of £26,487,000, giving an underspend of £465,000 as shown in **Appendix 1**.

4.2 The main underspend in Early Learning and Childcare is on the snack and fundraising accounts, these accounts cover the academic year and any underspends are carried forward as part of ear marked reserves.

4.3 Devolved school budgets are underspent by £448,000 at the end of the first quarter, £151,000 in primary schools and £297,000 in secondary schools. The underspend is reduced by overspends on oncosts. This is an acceptable position due to school budgets being spent over the academic year with some underspends due to delays in filling vacancies.

- 4.4 Education Central Services has an underspend of £6,000 on period poverty, £7,000 on relocation costs. The underspends are reduced by an overspend of £25,000 on central supply for long term sickness and maternity cover in schools. Work is planned for the start of the new academic session to review the range of products available for period poverty and to seek the voice of our young people in updating this.
- 4.5 Additional Support for Learning has an underspend on school counselling £7,000 and £4,000 on training. The underspend on school counselling relates to the difference in the funding received from the Scottish Government and the contract spend following commissioning of an external provider.

5. SUMMARY OF IMPLICATIONS

(a) Corporate Plan and 10 Year Plan (Local Outcomes Improvement Plan (LOIP))

The Education Revenue Budget has particular reference to National Outcome 8 – we have improved the life chances for children, young people and families at risk.

(b) Policy and Legal

The Council has statutory responsibilities to meet educational needs, the needs of children and young people in need and those it looks after.

(c) Financial implications

The resource implications are set out in this report and at **Appendix 1**. The underspend as at 30 June 2023 is £465,000 against a budget to date of £26,022,000.

(d) Risk implications

Budget Managers are aware of their responsibilities for managing budget allocations and approval for any variances will be sought from Committee in line with the Financial Regulations.

(e) Staffing implications

There are no staffing implications associated with this report.

(f) Property

There are no property implications associated with this report.

(g) Equalities/Socio Economic Impact

An Equality Impact Assessment is not needed because the report is to inform the Committee on budget monitoring.

(h) Climate Change and Biodiversity Impacts

No climate change and biodiversity impacts arise directly from this report.

(i) Consultations

The Chief Financial Officer and Democratic Services Manager, have been consulted and are in agreement with the contents of this report where it relates to their areas of responsibility.

6. CONCLUSION

6.1 That Committee considers and notes the budget position as at 30 June 2023.

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Background Papers: with authors

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