



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

**SUBJECT: EDUCATION RESOURCES AND COMMUNITIES 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 Resources and Communities 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 scrutinises 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 30 June 2023.

4. BUDGET POSITION

- 4.1 The spend at 30 June 2023 is £3,943,000 against a budget to date of £4,026,000, giving an underspend of £83,000 as shown in **Appendix 1**.
- 4.2 The Covid-19 pandemic had a significant impact on income and a £500,000 reduction in the income budget for leisure facilities was approved as part of the budget report to Moray Council 3 March 2021 (para 5 of the minute refers). The income budget has been partially increased in 2023/24 and proposed to be back to pre-pandemic levels in 2024/25. Income is currently £100,000 ahead of target in quarter 1 and the budget will be adjusted to reflect this.

- 4.3 There is an overspend on library service licences of £25,000. The service has reviewed all licences and the costs will be reduced in 2024/25 bringing them back in budget. Other minor over/underspends make up the difference.

5. **SUMMARY OF IMPLICATIONS**

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

The Education Resources and Communities 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 £83,000 against a budget to date of £4,026,000.

(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 scrutinises and notes the budget position as at 30 June 2023.**

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Background Papers: with authors

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