



**REPORT TO: CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE'S SERVICES COMMITTEE ON
26 SEPTEMBER 2018**

**SUBJECT: EDUCATION AND CHILDREN AND FAMILIES REVENUE
BUDGET MONITORING 2017/18 TO 31 JULY 2018**

**BY: ACTING CORPORATE DIRECTOR (EDUCATION AND SOCIAL
CARE)**

1. REASON FOR REPORT

- 1.1 To inform the Children and Young People's Services Committee of the budget position for Education and Children and Families Services as at 31 July 2018.
- 1.2 This report is submitted to Council 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 31 July 2018.**

3. BACKGROUND

- 3.1 The report highlights those areas of the budget where there is a significant percentage variance identified at 31 July 2018.

4. BUDGET POSITION

- 4.1 The spend at 31 July 2018 is £33,049,000 against an overall budget of £98,639,000. The projected spend for 31 July is £33,431,000 giving a variance of £382,000 (1%) as shown in **Appendix 1**.
- 4.2 The variance in Early Learning and Childcare (ELC) Education is £18,000.
- 4.3 The main variance in primary schools and secondary schools relates to devolved school budgets underspends comprising £117,000 in primary schools and £258,000 in secondary schools.
- 4.4 Lifelong Learning, Culture and Sport has an underspend against projected expenditure of £37,000. Income in Community Centres and pools is over budget by £41,000 and a further £17,000 underspend relating to library books

and audio materials. Reactive repair costs are overspent by £20,000 and income is below target by £12,000. Other minor underspends total £11,000.

- 4.5 Within the Education Central Services budget there is an underspend of £74,000. This is mainly due to a £51,000 underspend in the central supply budget, a £41,000 underspend in the central schools and curriculum development budget and £45,000 underspend from Pupil Equity Funding grant. This is reduced by £22,000 overspend in exam fees, £37,000 in clothing grants and other minor overspend of £4,000.
- 4.6 The overspend in Integrated Children's Services is £123,000 which is a combination of underspends and overspends. The out of area budget is overspent by £136,000 and Continuing Care is overspent by £16,000. This is partly due to a continuation of last year's overspend and new placements starting this year. Self Directed Support is overspent by £2000. This overspend and demand is being actively monitored and considered within a wider commissioning strategy to make best use of available resources. Fostering and kinship fees and allowances are overspent by £15,000, as there are increased costs in external fostering places which form part of the out of area overspend. There are underspends in Team operational budgets, fostering home to school travel, Criminal Justice and other minor underspends, coming to a total of £46,000.

5. **SUMMARY OF IMPLICATIONS**

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

The Education and Children and Families 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 31 July 2018 is £382,000 against a projected spend of £33,431,000 and an overall budget of £98,639,000

(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) Consultations

Paul Conner, Principal Accountant and Tracey Sutherland, Committee Services Officer, 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 31 July 2018.

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Background Papers: with authors and finance
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