



**REPORT TO: EDUCATION, CHILDREN'S AND LEISURE SERVICES
COMMITTEE ON 9 MARCH 2022**

**SUBJECT: EDUCATION REVENUE BUDGET MONITORING TO
31 DECEMBER 2021**

**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 31 December 2021.
- 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 31 December 2021.**

3. BACKGROUND

- 3.1 The report highlights those areas of the budget where there is a significant percentage variance identified at 31 December 2021.

4. BUDGET POSITION

- 4.1 The spend at 31 December 2021 is £45,616,000 against a budget to date of £46,875,000, giving an underspend of £1,259,000 as shown in **Appendix 1**.
- 4.2 The main variance in primary and secondary schools relates to devolved school budgets comprising of £423,000 in primary schools which is 2% of the budget to date and £794,000 in secondary schools which is 3.4% of the budget to date.
- 4.2 Education Central Services has an underspend of £21,000 on period poverty and £20,000 on the 1+2 budget this is reduced by an overspend on staff relocation costs of £8,000 and central supply £8,000.

5 ESTIMATED OUTTURN

- 5.1 The estimated outturn for 2021/22 is £67,759,000 against a budget of £67,798,000 resulting in an estimated underspend for the year of £39,000.
- 5.2 Primary school oncosts are expected to be £30,000 over budget.
- 5.3 There is an expected underspend on period poverty of £25,000 and an anticipated overspend on central supply of £100,000.
- 5.4 Staff savings from vacancies and appointment below top of scale are expected to exceed the budget by £133,000.

6. 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 31 December 2021 is £1,259,000 against a budget to date of £46,875,000. The estimated year end position is expenditure of £67,759,000 against a budget of £67,798,000 resulting in an underspend of £39,000.

(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

Paul Connor, 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 December 2021.

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Background Papers: with authors

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