



**REPORT TO: CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE'S SERVICES COMMITTEE ON
30 OCTOBER 2019**

**SUBJECT: EDUCATION AND CHILDREN AND FAMILIES REVENUE
BUDGET MONITORING TO 31 AUGUST 2019**

**BY: DEPUTE CHIEF EXECUTIVE (EDUCATION, COMMUNITIES AND
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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 August 2019.
- 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 August 2019.**

3. BACKGROUND

- 3.1 The report highlights those areas of the budget where there is a significant percentage variance identified at 31 August 2019.

4. BUDGET POSITION

- 4.1 The spend at 31 August 2019 is £37,801,000 against a budget to date of £38,606,000, giving an underspend of £805,000 as shown in **Appendix 1**.
- 4.2 The main variance in primary schools and secondary schools relates to devolved school budgets comprising of £230,000 in primary schools and £447,000 in secondary schools.
- 4.3 Lifelong Learning, Culture and Sport has an underspend of £19,000. The main variance is a £14,000 underspend on the Active Schools operational budget.

- 4.4 The main variance in Education Central Services is a £161,000 overspend in central supply. This is due to maternity leaves and also being unable to cover the absence in Music Instruction Service.
- 4.5 Integrated Children's Services has an underspend of £260,000. This is mainly due to an underspend of £26,000 on the area teams operational budget, an underspend on adoption placements through external providers of £40,000 and £136,000 on the children with disabilities residential contract. Two children within the residential provision have transitioned to adult services.

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 August 2019 is £805,000 against a budget of £101,117,000.

(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 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.

7. CONCLUSION

7.1 That Committee scrutinises and notes the budget position as at 31 August 2019.

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