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**REPORT TO: EDUCATION, CHILDREN'S AND LEISURE SERVICES  
COMMITTEE ON 24 AUGUST 2022**

**SUBJECT: EDUCATION REVENUE BUDGET MONITORING TO 30 JUNE  
2022**

**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 2022.

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 2022.**

**3. BACKGROUND**

3.1 The report highlights those areas of the budget where there is a significant percentage variance identified at 30 June 2022.

**4. BUDGET POSITION**

4.1 The spend at 30 June 2022 is £19,842,000 against a budget to date of £20,251,000, giving an underspend of £409,000 as shown in **Appendix 1**.

4.2 The main variance in Early Learning and Childcare is an underspend on the snack and fundraising accounts.

4.3 The main variance in primary and secondary schools relates to devolved school budgets comprising of £90,000 in primary schools which is 1.3% of the budget to date and £234,000 in secondary schools which is 3.1% of the budget to date. Any differential between the variances reported here and in the appendix link to the fact that school budgets have a devolved and non-devolved component and the differential are non-devolved variances. An example to explain the variance in a secondary school is that a member of staff may move post at the end of May and be replaced by a Newly Qualified Teacher in August so no salary paid from June.

4.4 Education Central Services has an underspend of £7,000 on period poverty, £7,000 on relocation costs and £13,000 on facilitating school improvement as the main variances, with other minor underspends. Period poverty underspend has been acknowledged and addressed.

4.5 Officers are satisfied that the variances are acceptable.

## 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 2022 is £409,000 against a budget to date of £20,251,000.

(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 considers and notes the budget position as at 30 June 2022.**

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