



**REPORT TO: EDUCATION, CHILDREN'S AND LEISURE SERVICES
COMMITTEE ON 14 DECEMBER 2022**

**SUBJECT: EDUCATION REVENUE BUDGET MONITORING TO 30
SEPTEMBER 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 September 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 September 2022.**

3. BACKGROUND

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

4. BUDGET POSITION

- 4.1 The spend at 30 September 2022 is £31,358,000 against a budget to date of £32,027,000, giving an underspend of £669,000 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 variance in primary schools is £157,000 on the devolved school budget reduced by an overspend on oncosts. The secondary schools underspend on the devolved budget is £374,000 reduced by an overspend on oncosts.
- 4.4 Education Central Services has an underspend of £13,000 on period poverty and £117,000 on central supply, the spend on this budget can vary year on year depending on the number of staff on maternity leave or long term sick.

5. ESTIMATED OUTTURN

- 5.1 The estimated outturn for 2022/23 is £73,143,000 against a budget of £72,625,000 resulting in an estimated overspend for the year of £518,000.
- 5.2 There was a reduction in the Early Learning and Childcare specific grant of £1,093,000 in 2022/23. Savings have been made in the service to cover part of the reduction in funding leaving an estimated overspend of £529,000, this figure takes into account an increase in nursery pupils in January.
- 5.3 Primary school oncosts are expected to be £50,000 over budget.
- 5.4 There is an anticipated underspend on period poverty of £25,000 and £50,000 on central supply.
- 5.5 Staff savings from vacancies and appointment below top of scale are expected to be below budget by £37,000.

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 30 September 2022 is £669,000 against a budget to date of £32,027,000. The estimated year end position is expenditure of £73,143,000 against a budget of £72,625,000 resulting in an overspend of £518,000.

(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

Lorraine Paisey, Chief Financial Officer 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 September 2022.

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Background Papers: with authors

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