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**REPORT TO: EDUCATION, COMMUNITIES AND ORGANISATIONAL  
DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE ON 18 NOVEMBER 2020**

**SUBJECT: EDUCATION RESOURCES AND COMMUNITIES REVENUE  
BUDGET MONITORING TO 30 SEPTEMBER 2020**

**BY: DEPUTE CHIEF EXECUTIVE (EDUCATION, COMMUNITIES AND  
ORGANISATIONAL DEVELOPMENT)**

**1. REASON FOR REPORT**

- 1.1 To inform the Education, Communities and Organisational Development Committee of the budget position for Education Resources and Communities as at 30 September 2020
- 1.2 This report is submitted to the Education, Communities and Organisational Development Committee following a decision of Moray Council on the 17 June 2020 to agree a simplified committee structure as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic. In the case of this committee the combining of the delegated responsibilities of Children and Young People Services, Governance, Strategy and Performance, (para 9 of the minute refers).

**2. RECOMMENDATION**

- 2.1 **It is recommended that Committee scrutinises and notes the budget position at 30 September 2020.**

**3. BACKGROUND**

- 3.1 The report highlights those areas of the budget where there is a significant percentage variance identified at 30 September 2020.

**4. BUDGET POSITION**

- 4.1 The spend at 30 September 2020 is £12,636,000 against a budget to date of £11,739,000, giving an overspend of £897,000 as shown in **Appendix 1**.
- 4.2 The main variance in sport and leisure relates to loss of income of £843,000 due to the closure of leisure facilities during the COVID-19 pandemic.

- 4.3 There is an underspend in schools repairs and maintenance due to no building works having been undertaken in the first few months of the year because to lockdown restrictions in place.
- 4.4 There is currently an overspend of £257,000 on costs associated with the COVID-19 pandemic. The costs are for average pay to relief staff during lockdown and recovery costs associated with the reopening of Leisure Facilities.
- 4.5 Underspends on staff travel across the service is £38,000.

## **5. SUMMARY OF IMPLICATIONS**

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

The Education Resources and Communities 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 overspend as at 30 September 2020 is £897,000 against a budget to date of £11,739,000.

**(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 30 September 2020.**

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Background Papers: with authors and finance