



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

SUBJECT: EDUCATION 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 as at 30 September 2020.
- 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 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 £26,966,000 against a budget to date of £27,053,000, giving an underspend of £87,000 as shown in **Appendix 1**.
- 4.2 The main variance in primary and secondary schools relates to devolved school budgets comprising of £371,000 in primary schools and £470,000 in secondary schools.
- 4.3 The main variances in Education Central Services are a £62,000 underspend in central supply due to there being no need for sickness cover while schools were closed and an underspend of £93,000 on the facilitating school improvement budget which has had very little spend due to the closure of schools.

- 4.4 There is currently an overspend of £949,000 on COVID 19 costs which mainly relates to the Childcare Hub provision for key workers, average pay to supply teachers and additional costs for the schools return.

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 30 September 2020 is £87,000 against a budget to date of £26,966,000.

(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