

## BUDGET MONITORING 2014/15 - FORECAST OUTTURN AS AT 31 JULY 2014

CONTROLLABLE ITEMS	Expenditure			Income			Total Net			Comments	Variance May 2014 £000
	Budget £000	Forecast £000	Variance £000	Budget £000	Forecast £000	Variance £000	Budget £000	Forecast £000	Variance £000		
School Improvement	13,510	13,624	114	-16,536	-16,695	-159	-3,026	-3,070	-45		-0
Employment & Skills (including Connexions)	6,033	6,178	145	-4,931	-5,019	-88	1,102	1,159	57	Staffing pressures which includes £0.040m (in year only) relating to a slight delay in implementation of CEI savings.	88
Continuous Professional & Workforce Development	311	333	22	-55	-77	-22	256	256	0		-0
Corporate Parenting & Placements	9,613	11,189	1,576	-393	-347	46	9,220	10,842	1,622	This demand led area has historically overspent- by £1.564m in 2010/11, £0.702m in 2011/12, £0.646m in 2012/13 and £0.673 in 2013/2014. In setting the 2014/15 budget, the Corporate Contingency of £0.455m allocated in 2013/14 was moved permanently into the base budget but the budget was also reduced by £0.500m to reflect the CEI saving associated with expected reduced placements. There is currently a forecast pressure of £1.622m after the allocation of a further £0.200m contingency, a reduction of £0.111m primarily in relation to external placements. This is further broken down to: External Placements £1.289m (including £0.238m potential pressure in relation to 2 complex cases awaiting placement), in-house fostering £0.415m, Independent Fostering £0.177m, in-house residential homes £0.055m, Care Leavers Teams £0.032m, offset by saving on Adoption/ Custodianship (£0.146m.) The service is committed to containing this pressure as much as possible whilst ensuring the corporate parenting responsibilities of the Council are delivered but believe it is unlikely they can reduce this beyond the reported pressure. Although overall looked after children numbers continue to grow, the number of expensive Out of Borough placements has been kept to a minimum. The number of placements as at the end of March was 22, this has now reduced to 18, but there are a further 2 complex cases pending included in the forecast.	1,733
Youth Support Service	1,556	1,528	-27	-1,018	-977	40	538	551	13	Remand cost forecast has reduced from the May position due to a person on remand being released early	94
Schools, Learning & Skills Income target	169	171	2	-275	-278	-2	-106	-106	-0		-0
Early Life Support & Prevention	6,196	6,297	101	-4,028	-4,048	-20	2,168	2,249	81	There are a number of pressures and savings within the Service pending a review of Children's Centres. Current Nursery pressures may be offset with additional Nursery income.	-0

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Safeguarding & Looked after children staffing teams	3,829	4,041	212	0	-86	-86	3,829	3,955	126	Pressure due to CEI saving not achieved in respect of CAMHS payment which will continue in 2014-15.	70
Preventative & Safeguarding Services Management & Legal fees	759	792	33	0	0	0	759	792	33		0
School Improvement - Vulnerable Learners	2,373	2,324	-49	-2,373	-2,324	49	0	-0	-0		-0
Early Help & Vulnerable Families	1,685	1,724	39	-875	-830	45	810	894	84	Slight shortfall forecast in respect of the Troubled Families grant, circa £0.500m expected rather than the £0.575m in budget.	74
<b>TOTAL CHILDREN, YOUNG PEOPLE &amp; LEARNING</b>	<b>46,034</b>	<b>48,203</b>	<b>2,169</b>	<b>-30,484</b>	<b>-30,682</b>	<b>-197</b>	<b>15,550</b>	<b>17,521</b>	<b>1,971</b>		<b>2,059</b>