

BUDGET MONITORING 2014/15 - FORECAST OUTTURN AS AT 30 SEPTEMBER 2014

	Expenditure			Income			Total Net			Comments	Variance Jul 2014 £000
	Budget £000	Forecast £000	Variance £000	Budget £000	Forecast £000	Variance £000	Budget £000	Forecast £000	Variance £000		
CONTROLLABLE ITEMS											
School Improvement	13,451	13,546	95	-16,481	-16,656	-175	-3,030	-3,109	-79	Staff savings	-45
Employment & Skills (including Connexions)	6,033	6,246	213	-4,931	-5,074	-143	1,102	1,172	70	Staffing pressures which include £0.040m (in year only) relating to a slight delay in implementation of CEI savings.	57
Continuous Professional & Workforce Development	311	333	22	-55	-76	-22	256	256	0		0
Corporate Parenting & Placements	9,838	11,976	2,138	-594	-1,207	-613	9,244	10,769	1,525	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 £1.525m after the allocation of a further £0.200m contingency, a reduction of £0.043m primarily in relation to external placements. This is further broken down to: External Placements £1.293m (including £0.060m potential pressure in relation to 1 complex case awaiting decision), in-house fostering £0.331m, Independent Fostering £0.178m, in-house residential homes £0.042m, Care Leavers Teams £0.130m, offset by saving on Adoption/ Custodianship (£0.249m.) 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 15, but there is a further complex case pending a decision included in the forecast.	1,622
Youth Support Service	1,555	1,541	-14	-1,018	-996	22	537	545	8		13
Schools, Learning & Skills Income target	169	171	2	-275	-278	-2	-106	-106	-0		-0
Early Life Support & Prevention	5,703	5,833	129	-3,908	-4,037	-129	1,795	1,795	0	There are a number of pressures and savings within the Service pending a review of Children's Centres. Pressures have been offset by additional Childcare income now confirmed at start of new Academic Year, and general vacancy savings within the Nurseries and Children's Centres.	81
Safeguarding & Looked after children staffing teams	4,022	4,070	48	0	-17	-17	4,022	4,052	30	Pressure due to CEI saving not achieved in respect of Children & Adolescent's Mental Health Service (CAMHS) payment which will continue in 2014-15, offset by staff savings in relation to vacant posts & maternity leave.	126
Preventative & Safeguarding Services Management & Legal fees	759	772	14	0	10	10	759	782	24		33

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School Improvement - Vulnerable Learners	2,173	2,092	-81	-2,173	-2,197	-25	0	-106	-106	Staff savings in the Local Authority ethnic minorities and travel achievement service.	-0
Early Help & Vulnerable Families	1,952	1,933	-18	-995	-889	106	957	1,044	88	Slight shortfall forecast in respect of the Troubled Families grant, circa £0.500m expected rather than the £0.575m in budget.	84
TOTAL CHILDREN, YOUNG PEOPLE & LEARNING	45,965	48,514	2,548	-30,430	-31,417	-988	15,536	17,096	1,560		1,971

