

## BUDGET MONITORING 2014/15 - FORECAST OUTTURN AS AT 31 January 2015

CONTROLLABLE ITEMS	Expenditure			Income			Total Net			Comments	Variance Nov 14 £000
	Budget £000	Forecast £000	Variance £000	Budget £000	Forecast £000	Variance £000	Budget £000	Forecast £000	Variance £000		
School Improvement	13,456	13,679	224	-16,481	-16,759	-279	-3,025	-3,080	-55	Primarily relates to staff savings (£0.291m) offset by shortfall on income generation (£0.090m). Also includes one-off pressures of £0.143m (£0.060m schools ICT connectivity pending new contract arrangements, £0.048m pressure on Schools Development Programme, £0.018m relating to Schools Review Consultancy and £0.017m Langdale security pending new contract arrangements).	-68
Employment & Skills (including Connexions)	6,061	6,312	251	-4,931	-5,169	-237	1,130	1,144	14	Staffing pressures of £0.072m which includes £0.040m relating to a slight delay in implementation of CEI savings, offset by £0.051m additional income generation and £0.007m savings on Education Business Partnership Commissioned Service	41
Corporate Parenting & Placements	10,059	11,817	1,758	-594	-838	-244	9,465	10,979	1,514	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 £1.514m after the allocation of a £0.200m contingency which has now been drawn down and is included in the budget. This is further broken down to: External Placements £1.169 (after contingency), in-house fostering £0.271m, Independent Fostering £0.142m, in-house residential homes £0.044m, Care Leavers Teams £0.210m, offset by saving on Adoption/ Custodianship (£0.322m.) 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 14 was 22, there are currently 15 active placements and 12 placements have ended in-year.	1,504
Youth Support Service	1,564	1,598	35	-1,018	-1,059	-41	546	539	-7	Pressures of £0.053m due to young person on remand, offset by additional grant income/recharges of £0.060m	-38
Schools, Learning & Skills Income target	170	172	2	-275	-278	-2	-106	-106	0		0

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Early Life Support & Prevention	5,746	5,840	94	-3,908	-4,285	-376	1,838	1,555	-283	Childcare savings of £0.164m and Children's Centre savings of £0.119m. The Childcare savings are due to additional childcare income of £0.203m, staff savings from vacant posts and maternity leave of £0.014m offsetting pressures of £0.026m for premises (repairs) and £0.027m pressure for transport, supplies & services and 3rd party payments. Children's Centre savings result from employee savings of £0.172m (partly due to vacant posts and maternity leave), £0.041m income from creche recharges & contribution to nursery food from 4Children, offsetting pressures in relation to premises costs (repair) costs of £0.089m & mileage of £0.005m.	-139
Safeguarding & Looked after children staffing teams	4,051	3,910	-141	0	-42	-42	4,051	3,868	-183	Pressure of £0.182m due to CEI saving not achieved in respect of Children & Adolescent Mental Health Service (CAMHS). Further pressures of £0.010m for mileage offset by staff savings £0.242m in relation to vacant posts & maternity leave. Statutory maternity leave reimbursement of £0.043m. Section 17 savings of £0.054m, supplies & services savings of £0.021 & supported lodging savings of £0.015m	-73
Preventative & Safeguarding Services Management & Legal fees	761	808	47	0	0	0	761	808	47	Staff savings of £0.041m offsetting costs of temporary agency social worker and consultant to cover Cath McEvoy's post. Total additional staffing costs of £0.039m. Third party payment pressure of £0.031m, (£0.018m in relation to Barnardo's crash pads & £0.010m for Consultants fees & £0.003 general forecasts). £0.014m pressure for supplies & services & support services in relation to £0.009m for swimming lessons for Looked after Children & £0.005m subscription/interpretation fees.	34
School Improvement - Vulnerable Learners	2,180	2,241	62	-2,173	-2,341	-168	7	-100	-107	Savings relate to staffing (£0.086m), training (£0.005m) and additional income generation from schools (£0.016m)	-104
Early Help & Vulnerable Families	1,964	1,918	-46	-995	-892	103	969	1,027	57	Slight shortfall forecast in respect of the Troubled Families grant. Movement relates to higher turnaround of families for February grant claim than expected. Service are currently working with remaining families which will provide data required for submission of the final claim of the Phase 1 Troubled Families Programme (To be submitted in May 15).	91
<b>TOTAL CHILDREN, YOUNG PEOPLE &amp; LEARNING</b>	<b>46,011</b>	<b>48,296</b>	<b>2,285</b>	<b>-30,375</b>	<b>-31,662</b>	<b>-1,287</b>	<b>15,636</b>	<b>16,634</b>	<b>998</b>		<b>1,250</b>