

BUDGET MONITORING 2014/15 - PROVISIONAL OUTTURN AS AT 31 MARCH 2015

CONTROLLABLE ITEMS	Expenditure			Income			Total Net			Comments	Variance Jan 15 £000
	Budget £000	Actual £000	Variance £000	Budget £000	Actual £000	Variance £000	Budget £000	Actual £000	Variance £000		
School Improvement	13,605	14,804	1,199	-16,617	-17,915	-1,298	-3,012	-3,111	-99	Primarily relates to staff savings (£0.286m) and additional income generation (£0.048m), offset by other specific pressures of £0.234m. The specific pressures are £0.075m schools ICT connectivity pending new contract arrangements and provision for backdated energy costs, £0.048m pressure on Schools Development Programme, £0.018m relating to Schools Review Consultancy, £0.017m Langdale security pending new contract arrangements and High Borrans pressure of £0.076m. The movement since January relates primarily to additional income generation.	-55
Employment & Skills (including Connexions)	6,061	7,169	1,108	-4,931	-6,150	-1,218	1,130	1,020	-110	Staffing pressures of £0.062m which includes £0.040m relating to a slight delay in implementation of CEI savings, offset by £0.055m additional income generation. A request has been made to carry forward £0.117m ESF NEET (European Social Fund - Not in Education, Employment or Training) grant underspend to 2015/16 and the January forecast assumed this would be approved.	14
Corporate Parenting & Placements	10,058	11,978	1,920	-593	-858	-264	9,465	11,120	1,656	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 a pressure in year of £1.656m 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 £1.149m (after contingency), in-house fostering £0.323m, Independent Fostering £0.144m, in-house residential homes £0.067m, Care Leavers Teams £0.286m, offset by savings on Adoption/Custodianship and Adoption Reform Grant of £0.313m. The service is committed to containing this expenditure as far as possible whilst ensuring the corporate parenting responsibilities of the Council are delivered but has struggled to contain demand led pressures. 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 14 active placements and 13 placements have ended in-year.	1,514
Youth Support Service	1,564	1,539	-25	-1,018	-1,036	-19	546	503	-43		-7

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Schools, Learning & Skills Income target	170	170	1	-275	-278	-2	-106	-107	-2		0
Early Life Support & Prevention	5,746	5,573	-172	-3,908	-4,201	-293	1,837	1,372	-465	Childcare savings of £0.216m as a result of additional childcare income of £0.191m, staff savings from maternity leave income of £0.039m and supplies and services savings of £0.006m offsetting premises pressures of £0.020m. This service area also includes Children's Centre savings of £0.250m. This is made up of employee savings of £0.178m, (partly due to vacant posts and maternity leave), additional income of £0.060m from creche recharges, sales and contribution to nursery food from 4Children, supplies and services savings of £0.041m and savings of £0.004m for third party payments, offsetting pressures in relation to premises costs of £0.033m. The movement since January is as a result of additional income primarily in relation to childcare.	-283
Safeguarding & Looked after children staffing teams	4,051	3,766	-286	0	-63	-63	4,051	3,703	-348	Employee savings of £0.338m, due to vacant posts and maternity leave, offsetting a pressure of £0.120m due to CEI saving not achieved in respect of Children and Adolescent Mental Health Service (CAMHS). In addition there was a statutory maternity leave reimbursement of £0.062m and Section 17 (Financial Support for Children in Need) savings of £0.068m. The movement since January is mainly due to higher than anticipated staff savings partly as a result of difficulties in recruiting to vacancies.	-183
Preventative & Safeguarding Services Management & Legal fees	762	721	-41	0	-30	-30	762	691	-70	Staff savings of £0.052m are offsetting costs of temporary agency social worker and consultant to cover Safeguarding Operation Manager post (£0.032m). Legal fees are £0.080m less than budget which is the main reason for the improvement from the January forecast.	47
School Improvement - Vulnerable Learners	2,165	2,629	464	-2,165	-2,741	-576	0	-112	-112	Savings relate to staffing (£0.091m), training (£0.005m) and additional income generation from schools (£0.016m)	-107
Early Help & Vulnerable Families	1,964	1,965	0	-995	-982	13	969	983	14		57
TOTAL CHILDREN, YOUNG PEOPLE & LEARNING	46,145	50,315	4,170	-30,503	-34,253	-3,750	15,642	16,062	420		998