

BUDGET MONITORING 2015/16 - FORECAST OUTTURN AS AT 31 MAY 2015

CONTROLLABLE ITEMS	Expenditure			Income			Total Net			Comments	Variance 2014/15 £000
	Budget £000	Forecast £000	Variance £000	Budget £000	Forecast £000	Variance £000	Budget £000	Forecast £000	Variance £000		
School Improvement	13,441	13,759	318	-16,172	-16,374	-202	-2,731	-2,615	116	Primarily relates to staff vacancy savings of £0.080m offset by forecast shortfall on income generation of £0.075m pending confirmation of 2015/16 Academic Year programme of courses. Other specific pressures relate to School Development Partners Programme (£0.052m) - increased costs to external providers for schools previously partnered with School Improvement officer posts now redundant as part of the Creating a Brighter Future savings, Langdale security (£0.007m) pending new contract arrangements and High Borrans (£0.062m). High Borrans is the subject of a Schools Forum Sub-group as the service is funded in part by Dedicated Schools Grant. The Sub-Group will present proposals to Schools Forum in July to manage both the in-year pressure and the development of the 2016-19 3 year Business Plan.	-99
Employment & Skills (including Connexions)	5,015	5,065	50	-4,005	-4,055	-50	1,010	1,010	0	14/15 Variance - before £117k approved c/fwd to 15/16	-110
Education Psychology Service	501	591	90	-237	-246	-9	265	346	81	Primarily staffing pressures, £0.025m of which relates to restructure delays	0
Integrated Disability & Additional Needs	67	424	357	-21	-388	-367	46	37	-10		0
Management & support Corporate Parenting & Placements	9,285	10,808	1,523	-433	-640	-207	8,852	10,168	1,315	In setting the 2015/16 budget, the Corporate Contingency of £0.200m allocated in 2014/15 was moved permanently into the base budget but the budget was also reduced by £0.597m to reflect the CBF savings associated with expected reduced placements and means testing residence allowances. There is currently a forecast pressure of £1.315m after the allocation of £1.000m contingency. This is further broken down to; External Placements £0.774m, in-house fostering £0.285m, Independent Fostering £0.078m, in-house residential homes £0.118m, Care Leavers Teams £0.239m and Virtual School for Looked After Children £0.016m, offset by savings on Adoption/ Custodianship (£0.195m.) 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 2015 was 14, there are currently 16 active placements and no placements have ended in year.	1,656
Youth Support Service	1,567	1,587	19	-1,021	-1,034	-12	546	553	7		-43

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Schools, Learning & Skills Income target	168	168	0	-229	-229	0	-61	-61	0		-2
Early Life Support & Prevention	4,227	4,418	191	-3,535	-3,769	-234	692	649	-43		-465
Safeguarding & Looked after children staffing teams	3,895	3,951	56	0	-30	-30	3,895	3,921	25		-348
Preventative & Safeguarding Services Management & Legal fees	790	748	-42	-30	0	30	760	748	-12		-70
School Improvement - Vulnerable Learners	2,095	1,972	-123	-2,095	-2,095	-0	0	-124	-124	Staff savings	-112
Statutory Assessment & Review Service	441	441	0	-153	-153	0	289	289	0		0
Early Help & Vulnerable Families	1,964	2,214	251	-1,152	-1,403	-251	812	812	0		14
Children's Disability Services	2,298	2,368	70	-589	-389	200	1,709	1,979	270	£0.200m pressure is in relation to increased contribution from Health (Clinical Commissioning Group) to children with disabilities' placements/support packages, included in the 14/15 CEI Programme. A prudent approach has been taken in relation to NHS income for 15/16 due to the ongoing financial pressure facing NTCCG. £0.027m forecast pressure on children's approved support packages and £0.043m income target shortfall.	199
TOTAL CHILDREN, YOUNG PEOPLE & LEARNING	45,755	48,515	2,759	-29,672	-30,804	-1,132	16,083	17,710	1,627		620