

BUDGET MONITORING 2015/16 - FORECAST OUTTURN AS AT 30 SEPTEMBER 2015

CONTROLLABLE ITEMS	Expenditure			Income			Total Net			Comments	Variance July £000
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School Improvement	13,905	14,128	223	-16,592	-16,618	-26	-2,687	-2,490	197	Primarily as a result of potential income shortfalls on courses offered during the 2015/16 academic year, third party costs in relation to school partnering services and the High Borrans Outdoor Education Centre. A School Forum sub group has been formed to review the £0.052m pressure at High Borrans and is contributing to work on developing a sustainable business plan moving forwards. These pressures are partly offset by staff vacancy savings of £0.111m. The movement since July of £0.095m is mainly due to additional ICT connectivity costs in schools.	102
Employment & Skills (including Connexions)	5,149	5,244	95	-4,139	-4,253	-114	1,010	991	-19		-16
Education Psychology Service	432	523	91	-237	-267	-30	195	256	61	Primarily staffing pressures.	61
Integrated Disability & Additional Needs Management & support	121	562	441	-21	-470	-449	100	92	-9		-10

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Corporate Parenting & Placements	9,285	11,435	2,149	-433	-685	-252	8,852	10,750	1,898	There is currently a forecast pressure of £1.898m after the allocation of £1.250m contingency. This is further broken down to; External Placements £1.073m, in-house fostering £0.280m, Independent Fostering £0.247m, in-house residential homes £0.090m, Care Leavers Teams £0.381m, offset by savings on Adoption/ Custodianship (£0.180m). The forecast assumes that there will be a £0.272m contribution from the CCG towards 5 external placements but this is still to be confirmed. 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 and is low in comparison to other LAs in our region. The increase in the pressure since July is due to a net 2 new placements.	1,760
Youth Support Service Schools, Learning & Skills Income target	1,600 168	1,484 168	-116 0	-1,054 -229	-917 42	137 271	546 -61	567 210	21 271	Many CYPL services have historically been funded by specific individual grants, mainly from the Department for Education where it was appropriate to ensure these grants made a contribution to service overheads. An income expectation of £0.275m has therefore historically been built into CYPL budgets. Whilst the service identified £0.277m of contributions in 2014/15, the majority of this was from one-off sources which we now know will not be available in 2015/16.	24 271

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Early Life Support & Prevention	4,228	4,659	431	-3,535	-3,901	-366	693	758	65	There is a forecast overspend of £0.065m in relation to the Childcare Service, including costs for the two North West nurseries up until 31st August (they have now transferred to the schools). In addition the forecast now reflects the childcare restructure and has increased by circa £0.020m due to an additional cost of £0.058m in respect of payments in lieu of notice and holiday pay, delays in staff leaving on voluntary redundancy and 2 grade 6 posts remaining in place to cover maternity leave resulting in an additional cost of £0.041m. This is partially offset with a saving of £0.018m due to changes in terms and conditions, a saving of £0.026m in relation to the service manager leaving, and an estimated £0.042m additional income following the implementation of the fee increase.	45
Safeguarding & Looked after children staffing teams	3,895	3,943	47	0	-30	-30	3,895	3,912	17		18
Preventative & Safeguarding Services Management & Legal fees	790	837	47	-30	0	30	760	837	77	Includes full year cost of Senior Manager Safeguarding and Placement Services Post. The previous forecast included costs for a consultant to cover this post until September 2015. The crashpad service has been extended into 2015/16 at an additional cost of £0.018m.	63
School Improvement - Vulnerable Learners	2,095	1,969	-127	-2,095	-2,128	-33	0	-160	-160	Staff savings	-127
Statutory Assessment & Review Service	441	467	26	-153	-179	-26	289	289	0		0
Early Help & Vulnerable Families	1,964	1,969	6	-1,152	-1,158	-6	812	812	0		0

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Children's Disability Services	2,318	2,391	73	-589	-390	199	1,729	2,001	272	£0.200m pressure is in relation to a budgeted increase in contribution from Health (Clinical Commissioning Group) to children with disabilities' placements/support packages, which was included in the 2014/15 CEI Programme. A prudent approach has been taken in relation to NHS income for 2015/16 due to the ongoing financial pressure facing NTCCG. There is also a £0.025m forecast pressure on children's approved support packages and £0.043m income target shortfall.	268
TOTAL CHILDREN, YOUNG PEOPLE & LEARNING	46,391	49,779	3,387	-30,258	-30,954	-696	16,133	18,825	2,692		2,461