

HAMPSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

Decision Report

Decision Maker:	Executive Lead Member for Children's Services
Date of Decision:	26 September 2012
Decision Title:	Budget Monitoring - 2012/13 Quarter 1
Decision Reference:	4246
Report From:	Director of Corporate Resources and Director of Children's Services

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1. Executive Summary

- 1.1. This report outlines the budget monitoring position as at the end of quarter 1 (30 June 2012).
- 1.2. The projected outturn for 2012/13 is a net underspend of £452,000 (£736,000 underspend on the schools budget and £284,000 overspend on the non-schools budget). The forecast variance by each branch, and by schools and non-schools budgets is as follows:

	Current budget £000	Forecast outturn £000	Forecast variance £000	%
Access, Performance & Resources (A,P&R)	671,127	669,901	(1,226)	(0.2)
Education & Inclusion (E&I)	89,863	88,633	(1,230)	(1.4)
Children & Families (C&F)	117,419	119,423	2,004	1.7
Total	878,409	877,957	(452)	(0.1)
<i>Broken down by:</i>				
Schools budget	709,872	709,136	(736)	(0.1)
Non-schools budget	168,537	168,821	284	0.2
Total	878,409	877,957	(452)	(0.1)

- 1.3. The schools budget underspend consists of some continuing variances from 2011/12 e.g. independent and non-maintained special schools and statemented pupils along with some other smaller

variances.

- 1.4. On the non-schools budget, the main pressures are on Children Looked After (CLA), Youth Support Service, Commissioning and Social Work and Youth Justice offset by significant underspends within Services for Young Children, Home to School Transport and Management and Support – Access, Performance and Resources.

1.5. **Key corporate risk issues highlighted in this quarter are:**

Youth Support Services – Following a review of Careers Advice and Guidance Service anticipated income is lower than previously expected. Management are taking steps to align resources to income levels throughout the rest of the year.

Commissioning and Social Work – It has been necessary to respond to significant workload pressures in the north east of the County which has led to an increase in staffing costs. Management are trying to reduce the reliance on costly agency staff but there is inevitably a time delay in achieving this.

Children Looked After – There are continuing significant pressures on purchased residential placements and fostering with activity above the budgeted placements coupled with additional costs following a review of the skills fees paid to foster carers. Whilst every effort is being made to manage down the number of children entering care through prevention work, there is still an upward local and national trend which is putting pressure on resources.

Efficiency Savings

- 1.6. The 2012/13 efficiency savings target for Children's Services of £10.4m will be successfully delivered. The majority of these savings are the full year effect of actions taken in 2011/12.

2. Recommendations

- 2.1. Note the forecast position for the revenue budget as at the end of quarter 1.

CORPORATE OR LEGAL INFORMATION:**Links to the Corporate Strategy**

Hampshire safer and more secure for all:	Yes
Corporate Business plan link number (if appropriate):	
Maximising well-being:	Yes
Corporate Business plan link number (if appropriate):	
Enhancing our quality of place:	Yes
Corporate Business plan link number (if appropriate):	

Other Significant Links

Links to previous Member decisions:		
Revenue Budget for Children's Services 2012/13	<u>Reference</u> 3560	<u>Date</u> 18 January 2012
Direct links to specific legislation or Government Directives		
<u>Title</u> None		<u>Date</u>

Section 100 D - Local Government Act 1972 - background documents

The following documents discuss facts or matters on which this report, or an important part of it, is based and have been relied upon to a material extent in the preparation of this report. (NB: the list excludes published works and any documents which disclose exempt or confidential information as defined in the Act.)

<u>Document</u>	<u>Location</u>
None	

IMPACT ASSESSMENTS:

1 Equalities Impact Assessment:

- 1.1 There are no equality and diversity objectives that are considered to be adversely affected by any proposals in this report.

2 Impact on Crime and Disorder:

- 2.1 The County Council has a legal obligation under Section 17 of the Crime and Disorder Act 1998 to consider the impact of all the decisions it makes on the prevention of crime.
- 2.2 The proposals in this report have no proven impact on the prevention of crime.

3 Climate Change:

- a. How does what is being proposed impact on our carbon footprint / energy consumption?

No impact

- b. How does what is being proposed consider the need to adapt to climate change, and be resilient to its longer term impacts?

No impact

Appendix 1 - Forecast outturn – Quarter 1

Position as at 30 June 2012 across services

Description	Current Budget	Quarter 1 forecast variance ⁱ	
	£000	£000	%
Access, Performance & Resources Branch			
Schools Budget			
School Budget Shares	595,719	-	-
Central provisions	9,023	-	-
Pupil premium	16,292	-	-
Music Formula	1,461	-	-
Supply Cover (not sickness)	614	(125)	(20.4)
Admissions	887	-	-
Premature retirement	650	-	-
Headteachers' Conferences	140	-	-
Copyright and Licensing	326	-	-
14 - 19 Commissioning	500	-	-
Early Years Grants to Vol Orgs	293	-	-
Insurance	40	(8)	(20.0)
School Milk	196	-	-
Information Technology	103	-	-
Support Services Recharge	717	-	-
Miscellaneous Other	30	-	-
	626,991	(133)	-
Non-Schools Budget			
14-19	55	-	-
Home to School / College Transport	27,821	(793)	(2.9)
Insurance	247	3	1.2
Interest on Schools Balances	(1)	-	-
Learning & Development	1,967	(47)	(2.4)
Miscellaneous Other	69	(37)	(53.6)
Music - pupil support	220	-	-
Performance & Partnerships	935	55	5.9
Secondary Exceptions - Pupil Support	155	-	-
Unallocated	6	-	-
Local Children's Partnerships	198	-	-
Information Technology Facilities	2,941	(28)	(1.0)
Management and Support A,P&R	4,202	(318)	(7.6)
Services to Schools Recharge - Business Units	(887)	(7)	0.8
Premature Retirement - Schools	2,488	-	-
Premature Retirement - Non Schools	793	(26)	(3.3)
IT Development & Systems Maintenance	1,183	83	7.0

Description	Current Budget	Quarter 1 forecast variance ⁱ	
	£000	£000	%
Children's Services Procurement Unit	1,825	11	0.6
Strategic Planning & School Organisation	665	7	1.1
Caretakers' Housing	(29)	-	-
Recharge to schools budget	(717)	-	-
	44,136	(1,093)	(2.5)
Total Access, Performance and Resources Branch	671,127	(1,226)	(0.2)

Education and Inclusion Branch

Schools Budget

14-19 Budgets (Schools Budget)	53	3	5.7
Education Inclusion Service	9,470	61	0.6
Ethnic Minority Achievement Service	1,200	(2)	(0.2)
Gifted and talented	32	84	262.5
Targeted Support Primary	-	18	-
Olympic Legacy etc.	87	-	-
Hospital Recoupment	145	123	84.8
Services for Young Children - 3&4 Year Olds	41,902	225	0.5
Services for Young Children- Other (incl.Portage)	3,187	(14)	(0.4)
Behaviour Support Team	1,854	21	1.1
Advanced Skills Teachers Management	-	-	-
	57,930	519	0.9

Non-Schools Budget

Community Education	413	-	-
Community Language Service	31	-	-
Education of CLA	1,097	-	-
Music - pupil support	447	-	-
Outdoor Education	383	-	-
School Intervention	310	-	-
Rights, Respects, Responsibilities	50	-	-
School Improvement Initiative	64	-	-
Services for Young Children	23,426	(1,800)	(7.7)
14-19 Budgets (non Schools)	681	21	(3.1)
Standards and Improvements	4,427	-	-
Management and Support E&I	375	30	8.0
Adult Learning	229	-	-
	31,933	(1,749)	(5.5)

Total Education and Inclusion Branch	89,863	(1,230)	(1.4)
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Description	Current Budget	Quarter 1 forecast variance ⁱ	
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Children and Families Branch			
Schools Budget			
Statemented Pupils	9,033	(199)	(2.2)
Special School Training	167	-	-
Inter Authority Recoupment	1,980	(199)	(10.1)
Independent and Non-maintained Special Schools	9,267	(550)	(5.9)
Behaviour Support Implementation	107	-	-
Combined Budget - Locality Teams	1,499	(22)	(1.5)
Specialist Teacher Advisory Service	2,073	(31)	(1.5)
Independent Investigations	10	-	-
Careers Advice and Guidance	338	-	-
YSS - NEET Tracking	333	(111)	(33.3)
PRISM - Educational Psychology	144	(10)	(6.9)
	24,951	(1,122)	(4.5)
Non-Schools Budget			
Special Educational Needs Service	2,285	(212)	(9.3)
Educational Psychology	2,848	-	-
Youth Support Service	5,375	762	14.2
Locality Teams (Education Welfare)	1,267	22	1.7
Commissioning and Social Work	15,209	511	3.4
Children Looked After	37,056	2,187	5.9
Family Support Services	14,481	(436)	(3.0)
Youth Justice	2,032	400	20.4
Other Children's Services	7,363	(20)	(0.3)
Management & Support	3,508	(80)	(2.3)
Pupil Support (Primary & Special)	31	(8)	(25.8)
Parenting	313	-	-
Asylum Seekers	700	-	-
	92,468	3,126	3.4
Sub Total C&F Branch	117,419	2,004	1.7
Total Schools	709,872	(736)	(0.1)
Total Non-schools	168,537	284	0.2
Total Schools and Non Schools	878,409	(452)	(0.1)

ⁱ These figures are forecasts of the 2012/13 year end position, based on actual figures as at 30 June 2012, together with known commitments and the estimated impact of future demand and management actions