

Children, Families and Adults (CFA) Service

Finance and Performance Report – March 2013/14

1. SUMMARY

1.1 Finance

Previous Status		Target	Predicted Status at Year End	Section Ref.
Amber	Income and Expenditure	Balanced year end position	Green	2.1
Green	Capital Programme	Remain within overall resources	Green	3.1

2. INCOME AND EXPENDITURE

2.1 Overall position

Previous Outturn £'000	Directorate	Budget £'000	Projected Outturn £'000	Projected Outturn %
-4,811	Adult Social Care	93,035	-5,190	-5.6%
6,503	Older People & Adult Mental Health	75,710	3,831	5.1%
1,566	Children's Social Care	34,720	1,733	5.0%
811	Strategy & Commissioning	45,374	1,670	3.7%
-572	Children's Enhanced and Preventative	34,211	249	0.7%
-652	Learning	23,519	-523	-2.2%
2,847	Total Expenditure	306,569	1,769	0.6%
-3,376	Prior Year Adjustments	0	-4,371	0.0%
-179	Grant Funding	-26,859	0	0.0%
-708	Net Expenditure	279,710	-2,601	-1.2%

The service level budgetary control report for March 2014 can be found at appendix 1. Significant variances against budget in 2013/14 are explained in para 2.2 below. Further analysis of the results can be found in [appendix 1](#) with explanatory comments in [appendix 2](#).

2.2 Significant Issues

At the end of March, CFA is forecasting an in year overspend of £1.8m. The Older People & Adult Mental Health Directorate is forecasting an overspend against budget of £3.8m, Children's Social Care an overspend of £1.7m, and Strategy and Commissioning an overspend of £1.7m. However, these are partially offset by significant underspends of £5.2m within the Adult Social Care Directorate and £0.5m across the Learning Directorate.

This in year overspend of £1.8m is more than offset by prior year adjustments of £4.4m. These prior year adjustments relate to: the resolution of disputed amounts from 2012/13 and earlier years; variations between estimates of 2012/13 expenditure and the actual amounts incurred; and unexpected receipts of income related to spend in 2012/13.

The overall forecast year end position for CFA is now an underspend of £2.6m.

At the end of March significant pressure exists on:

Older People Services where an overspend of £3.8m is forecast. A thorough analysis of commitment recording and actual spending patterns has progressed further to the Council resuming “in-house” management of Older People’s Services in the second half of 2013/14. The forecast now reflects the outcomes of this analysis.

Children’s Social Care where an overspend of £1.7m is forecast, principally as a result of savings from vacant posts not being high enough to meet the target set for the Directorate; higher than anticipated Agency staffing costs; and an increase in Legal Proceedings.

These pressures are partially offset by significant forecast savings on:

Strategic Management – Adult Social Care where a £1.0m underspend is forecast due mainly to: (i) £325k reduced expenditure on transport for day services and (ii) £756k unused contract contingency budget held to offset unanticipated pressures arising during the year.

Learning Disability Head of Services and Localities, where a net £1.0m underspend is forecast primarily due to negotiations with an independent sector provider to end an arrangement to cover costs associated with the TUPE transfer of staff on NHS conditions which achieved a saving of £800k

Learning Disability Services – Ordinary Residence, where a £1.3m underspend is expected. This funding was planned to fund care packages for service users who we anticipated would become the responsibility of Cambridgeshire County Council. However, few referrals have been received from other local authorities.

Physical Disabilities, where an underspend of £786k is forecast principally due to close scrutiny of spend, ongoing work to manage demand and additional income received.

Further analysis of the results can be found in appendices 1 and 2.

3. BALANCE SHEET

3.1 Capital Expenditure

The forecast capital spend for the year is anticipated to be £21.4m less than the revised budget. This significant variance is mainly due to:

- the re-phasing of expenditure for the new North Ely Primary (£4.8m) and for the expansion of Hemingford Grey Primary (£1.1m);
- a delay in starting work on the Southern Fringe Secondary School (£2.8m);
- the anticipated delay in the building of the new Adult residential home (£5m) and Adults Community Capacity Schemes (£4.1m) neither of which will incur any expenditure until 2014/15;
- on site contractor payments for the expansion of Thorndown Primary School being received later than originally planned;
- delays in Condition Maintenance and Suitability (£1.2m) projects and
- delays in the conclusion of scheme final payments (£0.9m).

Please note that the capital programme does not reflect the additional funding secured for the former Manor Community College (now North Cambridge Academy) following a successful bid for the Priority Schools Building programme. This scheme will be funded and procured through central government. In addition, £9m has been announced for Cambridgeshire over the next 2 years for eight Basic Need schemes. This has resulted in a reduced requirement for Prudential Borrowing of £2.65m in 2013/14.

A detailed explanation of the position is provided in appendix 3.

Appendix 1 – CFA Service Level Budgetary Control Report

Previous Outturn		Budget 2013/14	Outturn	
			£'000	%
£'000		£'000		
Adult Social Care Directorate				
-1,354	1 Strategic Management - ASC	3,803	-1,008	-26.51%
-0	Procurement	864	-32	-3.72%
-127	2 ASC Strategy, Transformation & WorkForce Development	1,144	-172	-15.02%
-70	3 ASC Practice & Safeguarding	689	-91	-13.21%
	<u>Prevention</u>			
-147	4 Carers	610	-155	-25.49%
-50	5 Integrated Community Equipment Service	2,380	-177	-7.46%
-500	6 Social Fund	1,043	-517	-49.57%
	<u>Learning Disability Services</u>			
-703	7 LD Head of Services	3,656	-2,692	-73.62%
-1,330	8 Ordinary Residence	1,330	-1,330	-100.00%
0	7 City & South Locality	21,278	1,096	5.15%
0	7 East Cambs & Fenland Locality	17,486	-8	-0.04%
0	7 Hunts Locality	11,224	566	5.04%
	<u>Physical Disability Services</u>			
-72	9 PD Head of Services	1,287	-86	-6.70%
-600	10 Physical Disabilities	12,334	-786	-6.37%
-47	Sensory Services	473	-64	-13.52%
0	PD Carers	94	-27	-28.98%
320	11 In House Provider Services	4,169	459	11.02%
-133	Supporting People	9,170	-165	-1.80%
-4,811	Director of Adult Social Care Total	93,035	-5,190	-5.58%
Older People & Adult Mental Health Services Directorate				
8,072	12 Director of Older People and Adult Mental Health	11,258	7,162	63.48%
-535	12 City & South Locality	22,051	-1,261	-5.72%
-355	12 East Cambs Locality	7,392	-628	-8.50%
-372	12 Fenland Locality	9,635	175	1.82%
101	12 Hunts Locality	14,541	-881	-6.06%
-1	Addenbrooke's Discharge Planning Team	501	90	17.88%
-11	Hinchingbrooke Discharge Planning Team	275	-9	-3.41%
0	Cambs Community Services Section 75	0	0	0.00%
	<u>Mental Health</u>			
-32	Head of Services	3,071	-63	-2.04%
-365	13 Cambridgeshire & Peterborough Foundation Trust Locality Teams	6,985	-754	-10.79%
6,503	Older People & Adult Mental Health Services Directorate Total	75,710	3,831	5.06%
Children's Social Care Directorate				
250	14 Strategic Management - Children's Social Care	3,456	339	9.81%
26	Head of Social Work	4,457	23	0.51%
620	15 Legal Proceedings	1,353	668	49.39%
100	16 Safeguarding & Standards	970	110	11.31%
370	17 Children's Social Care Access	3,474	426	12.25%
-250	Children Looked After	9,888	-158	-1.59%
450	18 Children In Need	4,947	446	9.02%
0	Disabled Services	6,176	-121	-1.96%
1,566	Children's Social Care Directorate Total	34,720	1,733	4.99%

Previous Outturn		Budget 2013/14	Outturn	
£'000		£'000	£'000	%
Strategy and Commissioning Directorate				
-100	Strategic Management – S&C	1,314	19	1.41%
-23	Information Management & Information Technology	1,035	-6	-0.62%
-45	19 Strategy, Performance & Partnerships	1,341	-60	-4.48%
<u>Commissioning Enhanced Services</u>				
435	20 Looked After Children Placements	16,113	315	1.95%
400	21 Special Educational Need Placements	6,940	1,188	17.12%
288	22 Commissioning Services	3,353	461	13.76%
140	23 Early Years Specialist Support	1,181	167	14.14%
450	24 Home to School Transport - Special	7,243	414	5.72%
<u>Executive Director</u>				
28	Executive Director	744	41	7.72%
-621	25 Central Financing	2,919	-699	-23.96%
-141	26 Teachers' Pensions and Redundancy	3,192	-170	-5.32%
811	Strategy & Commissioning Directorate Total	45,374	1,670	3.68%
Children's Enhanced and Preventative Services Directorate				
<u>Physical Disability Services</u>				
-250	27 Strategic Management – E&P	1,893	-77	-4.11%
-25	Children's Centre Strategy	554	54	9.72%
0	28 Support to Parents	2,779	248	8.93%
-92	Support for Learning and Sensory Services	4,138	-58	-1.41%
0	Education Psychologists	1,130	-2	-0.17%
0	Safer Communities Partnership	8,141	6	0.07%
<u>Youth Support Services</u>				
-20	29 Youth Offending Service	2,600	180	6.91%
-33	Central Integrated Youth Support Services	1,105	-34	-3.02%
<u>Locality Teams</u>				
-29	East Cambs & Fenland Localities	3,962	-22	-0.55%
-76	South Cambs & City Localities	4,833	-7	-0.13%
-47	Huntingdonshire Localities	3,075	-39	-1.27%
-572	Children's Enhanced and Preventative Services Directorate Total	34,211	249	0.73%
Learning Directorate				
-121	30 Strategic Management - Learning	404	-165	-40.75%
-93	31 Early Years	2,152	-144	-6.71%
0	Primary	2,087	27	1.30%
-147	32 Secondary & Special	1,753	-152	-8.67%
-36	Networking & Partnerships	3,087	7	0.24%
-55	Integrated Workforce Development Services	1,739	-20	-1.14%
294	33 Catering, Cleaning & Grounds Services	-264	330	125.34%
<u>Infrastructure</u>				
-79	34 School Organisation and Planning	1,309	-122	-9.29%
-24	Early Years Infrastructure	1,062	-17	-1.61%
-10	35 Buildings and Capital	342	88	25.64%
-380	36 Home to School Transport - Mainstream	9,848	-355	-3.61%
-652	Learning Directorate Total	23,519	-523	-2.22%
2,847	Total	306,569	1,769	0.58%
-3,376	37 Prior Year Adjustments	0	-4,371	0.00%
Grant Funding				
-179	Financing DSG	-22,695	0	-0.0%
0	Non Baselined Grants	-4,164	0	0.0%
-179	Grant Funding Total	-26,859	0	0.0%
-708	Net Total	279,710	-2,601	-0.86%

Appendix 2 – Commentary on Forecast Position

FP8 Indicator = Number of budgets measured at service level that have an adverse/positive variance greater than 2% of annual budget or £50,000 whichever is greater.

Commentary on Service Budgets reported in the FP8 Indicator			
Service	Budget 2013/14 (£000)	Outturn (£000)	Outturn (%)
1 Strategic Management – ASC	3,803	-1,008	-26.5%
<p>The Strategic Management – Adult Social Care budget has a £1m underspend that is being used to help offset the forecast overspend in the Older People's budget. This includes £756k of unused contract contingency budget held to offset unanticipated pressures, £140k from staff vacancies, £325k resulting from changes in transport to day services and £12k from the IT maintenance budget. In addition, £117k relates to good fleet management during the past 9 years. Of the 19 vehicles returned to Lex Autolease all but one was under their calculated annual mileage. Lex Autolease have therefore made a final settlement payment to the authority of £117k in regards to the mileage used.</p> <p>These underspends are partially offset by spend on AIS and CRIP projects of £304k.</p>			
2 ASC Strategy, Transformation & WorkForce Development	1,144	-172	-15.0%
<p>Transitions / Workforce Development budgets are anticipating an underspend of £172k as a result of vacant posts slippage and additional income from training charges.</p>			
3 ASC Practice & Safeguarding	689	-91	-13.2%
<p>The underspend on Practice and Safeguarding is due to staff slippage on vacant posts and additional Court of Protection income due to increased activity.</p>			
4 Carers	610	-155	-25.5%
<p>The Carers Budget is reporting a £155k underspend due to less demand for services and the holding of a vacant post.</p>			
5 ICES	2,380	-177	-7.5%
<p>The underspend is due to the pool budget finishing at £90k underspent (CCC share) and a staff recharge no longer required.</p>			
6 Social Fund	1,043	-517	-49.6%
<p>Cambridgeshire Local Assistance Scheme is projected to underspend by £517k. The anticipated raise in demand over the Christmas period did not materialise and the winter months have not seen a surge in applications. Proposed changes to the eligibility criteria were presented to Cabinet in April but the financial impact of these will not be felt in 2013/14. As the government has recently announced an end to all funding for the scheme from 2015/16 a review will be undertaken recommending an appropriate exit strategy.</p>			
7 Learning Disability Head of Services and Localities	53,644	-1,038	-1.9%
<p>Learning Disability Service is currently forecast to under spend by £1m by the end of the financial year.</p> <p>£800k saving was achieved by negotiations with an independent sector provider to end an arrangement to cover costs associated with the TUPE transfer of staff on NHS conditions and the ending of an arrangement to contribute funding to the Supporting People budget. This was a time limited arrangement set up at the beginning of the Supporting People programme for statutory partners to make a contribution towards the Supporting People budget. An additional £300k of saving has been achieved through management of inflation relating to a block contract arrangement and a slippage in staffing budgets whilst recruitment takes place to critical posts.</p> <p>As reported previously there has been an increase in annual costs for Learning Disability of £862k as a result of the agreed reduction in contribution to these costs from the CCG.</p> <p>Commitment records have been thoroughly reviewed as part of year end work and the remainder of the underspend relates to reductions made to forecast costs as a result of those reviews.</p>			

Service	Budget 2013/14 (£000)	Outturn (£000)	Outturn (%)
8 Ordinary Residence for Adults with Learning Disabilities	1,330	-1,330	-100.0%
<p>This budget has been identified to fund the implementation of the National Ordinary Residence protocol. No spend was anticipated however the service has now received 14 referrals for consideration of Ordinary Residence funding, three of which have been accepted and are reflected in the BCR against LD Head of Service this month.</p>			
9 Physical Disability Head of Services	1,287	-86	-6.7%
<p>Head of Services (Disability) is forecasting an £86k underspend mainly as a result of the cessation of service to one service user under HIV/AIDs and the SWIFT/CRM budget no longer being required.</p>			
10 Physical Disabilities	12,334	-786	-6.4%
<p>The teams continue to scrutinise spend. All new service users are directed through the Reablement Service and social inclusion needs are met locally. A new process for scrutinising reviews has recently been put in place.</p> <p>In addition to the on-going work to manage demand, greater numbers of people have transferred to the older people service than accounted for and a concentrated piece of work has been undertaken to claw back unused direct payments, spanning across the last 2 years. These claw backs have provided an additional income of £430k to date.</p> <p>Commitment records have reduced by £180k as the year end checks have progressed.</p>			
11 In House Provider Services	4,169	459	11.0%
<p>Following recent agreements the permanent accommodation budgets have gone to an internal trading model. The LD Day Service and Adult Placement budgets have been vired back to Provider Service (see also note 1 above) allowing the Internal Trading workstream to establish baselines ready for all services to commence trading. Implementation will commence on 1st October 2014 for Day Services and Adult Placement Scheme and on 1st April 2015 for Respite Services.</p> <p>For 13/14 there is a pressure on Provider Service of £459k.</p>			
12 Director of Older People & Adult Mental Health and Localities	64,878	4,567	7.0%
<p>The forecast overspend across Older People's Services is £4.57m. This is a significant decrease from the forecast reported in February.</p> <p>A thorough analysis of commitment recording and actual spending patterns has progressed further to the Council resuming "in-house" management of Older People's Services in the second half of 2013/14. The forecast now reflects:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • that additional income is expected from self-funding clients • a more realistic estimate of the extent of planned respite care which is likely to be utilised • scrutiny of block contracts and care packages "held" as unauthorised • updates in the costs of care for physical disability and learning disability clients who are over 65 • review of accounting adjustments made prior to the Council resuming direct management of the service <p>Stabilising the financial position of the directorate and eliminating the remaining overspend is a key area of strategic focus heading into 2014/15.</p>			

Service	Budget 2013/14 (£000)	Outturn (£000)	Outturn (%)
13 Mental Health: Cambridgeshire & Peterborough Foundation Trust Locality Teams	6,985	-754	-10.8%
<p>Within the CPFT locality teams the forecast underspend has increased from February. This is a result of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • resolution of disputes for funding • further staffing underspends • successful direct payment clawbacks <p>Links are being strengthened between teams at the Council and the foundation trust so that similar developments are in future reflected in forecasts at an earlier stage.</p>			
14 Strategic Management – Children’s Social Care	3,456	339	9.8%
<p>The Children’s Social Care Director budget is forecasting an overspend of £339k. The directorate has a vacancy savings target of £634k. Savings from vacancies were not seen at a rate which allowed this target to be met in full because, due to service need, posts have been filled as quickly as possible and essential posts have been covered by agency staff (see also notes 17 and 19 below) in a planned way until new staff have taken up post.</p>			
15 Legal Proceedings	1,353	668	49.4%
<p>The Legal Proceedings budget is forecasting a £668k overspend. The number of Care Proceedings initiated at CAM has totalled 122 in the year to March 2014. The main areas of pressure being associated court issue fees at £3,250 a case and total case costs averaging £12,000.</p> <p>A change in legislation has brought a requirement for more initial preparation of cases. Compared to last year we have in turn seen increases in activity across a variety of cases associated with the volume of proceedings being initiated including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Section 31 care proceedings for the year totalled 122 as against 69 for the whole of 2012/13. An increase of 45% • increase in lawyers hours on Section 31 cases of 15% with resultant increase in costs • increase in Placement Order applications of £455 a case • Increase in court costs of 57% • Increase in expert witness fees of 36% due to an unprecedented rise in additional 'fact-finding' cases within proceedings • Increase in transcriber fees of 144% (although relatively low in cost) <p>This increased activity has offset an anticipated reduction in costs expected due to the shorter timescales for the turnaround of cases from 49 to 26 weeks.</p> <p><u>Actions being taken:</u> We are currently reviewing how we manage our Legal commissioning with discussions being held with Legal to better understand processes and cost drivers, including general work covering CAM attendance, and advice. A review of the number of expert witnesses being used, and the associated costs, is also being undertaken with a view of looking into how investing in clinicians could reduce costs in other areas as we look to develop internal court assessment rather than relying as current on expert witnesses.</p>			
16 Safeguarding and Standards	970	110	11.3%
<p>The Safeguarding and Standards budget is forecasting a £110k overspend. This is due to the use of agency staff to cover the long term absence of one Independent Review Officer (IRO), who has subsequently left CCC, leaving a vacant post for us to recruit to and another recently vacated IRO post. There was also a significant increase in the numbers of initial and review conferences being held in the last six months. The agency staff have also been needed to meet this demand.</p>			

Service	Budget 2013/14 (£000)	Outturn (£000)	Outturn (%)
17 Children's Social Care Access	3,474	426	12.3%
<p>The Access budget is forecasting a £426k overspend due to the use of agency staffing. Due to its nature, the use of agency spend is very difficult to predict due to changing circumstances. Pressures have also been exacerbated by an increase in cases of maternity leave across the service. Agency cover is only used where circumstances dictate and no other options are available. We are making concerted efforts to minimise the dependency on agency and looking at other ways to manage work within the Units despite the current high levels of capacity. Outside of agency commitments expenditure within the Social Work Units is to budget.</p> <p><u>Actions being taken:</u> Workforce management is reviewed each month at our Improvement Board and we have measures in place to manage the use of agency staff going forward. We have received interim short term approval for the further use of agency staff where required to support the current pressures within the system. We are focusing on the recruitment of Consultant Social Workers but this cannot happen in a speedy way so we need good quality agency staff in order to manage the work in the interim.</p>			
18 Children In Need	4,947	446	9.0%
<p>The Children in Need budget is forecasting a £446k overspend due to the use of agency staffing. Due to its nature, the use of agency spend is very difficult to predict due to changing circumstances. Pressures have also been exacerbated by an increase in cases of maternity leave across the service. Agency cover is only used where circumstances dictate and no other options are available. We are making concerted efforts to minimise the dependency on agency and looking at other ways to manage work within the Units despite the current high levels of capacity. Outside of agency commitments, and despite recent adjustments, expenditure within the Social Work Units is being managed to budget.</p> <p><u>Actions being taken:</u> Workforce management is reviewed each month at our Improvement Board and we have measures in place to manage the use of agency staff going forward. We have received interim short term approval for the further use of agency staff where required to support the current pressures within the system. We are focusing on the recruitment of Consultant Social Workers but this cannot happen in a speedy way so we need good quality agency staff in order to manage the work in the interim.</p>			
19 Strategy, Performance & Partnerships	1,341	-60	-4.5%
<p>During 2013/14, the CFA Information Team budgeted a large part of its funds for web development work, particularly to continue to develop the popular Family Information Directory (FID) launched in Spring 2013. This development work required access to the CCC website as it sits on this site. During 2013/14, a new content management system for the CCC site was procured corporately and although the new site was expected to be available during the Autumn, leaving 3 months free for FID development, the site only went live at the end of March. The meant we could only spend a small amount of the allocated budget on limited development.</p>			
20 Looked After Children Placements	16,113	315	2.0%
<p>Overall Looked After Children (LAC) numbers at the end of March 2014, including placements with in-house foster carers and residential homes, are 507, up 9 since February and up by 24 on 1 April 2013 numbers of 483. External LAC placement numbers at the end of March are 277, a fall of 7 on February figures but a rise of thirteen on April 2013 figures.</p> <p>Access has been limited for a number of in house foster placements (holidays, ages, mix of needs, on hold etc.) and also for in house residential placements which means that we have been placing more children with external providers, although some costs have been offset by volume discounted placements being realised.</p> <p>The underlying lack of capacity for in house foster provision has meant we have had to approach independent agencies more frequently to support our children and young people. There is also a current underlying pressure caused by an increase in requests for residential placements and this is being reviewed regularly to see if this is an on-going trend. There is also work ongoing on residential provision to focus on this.</p>			

Service	Budget 2013/14 (£000)	Outturn (£000)	Outturn (%)
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Looked After Children Placements continued

The LAC Placements budget is now forecasting an overspend of £280k. Pressure on costs has been seen for some time now but actions have been taken to try to keep spend within budget. However, there has been a significant increase in external placement numbers over the past 3 months. External placement numbers exceed those budgeted for and this is likely to continue to be the case for the remainder of the year.

Within the LAC Placements overspend, £35k relates to the 16+ Placements budget. There has been an increase in the number of young people who are presenting as homeless who are willing to be looked after and have nowhere else to go. A number of young people have had to move to supported accommodation that can offer additional support due to their complex needs and this is impacting on the average cost.

Client Group	2013/14 Budgeted Packages	1 Apr 2013 Packages	28 Feb 2014 Packages	31 Mar 2014 Packages	Variance from Budget
Residential Disability – Children	5	4	3	4	-1
Child Homes-Secure Accommodation	1	1	0	0	-1
Child Homes – Educational)	17	17	14	13	-14
Child Homes – General	23	23	27	27	+4
Parent & Child Assessment)	0	0	0	0	-
Supported Accommodation	2	0	1	2	-
Supported living 16+	2	0	1	1	-1
Fostering & Adoption	210	219	238	230	+20
TOTAL	260	264	284	277	+17

Actions being taken

The actions in the Placements Strategy have made an impact with overall LAC numbers remaining relatively steady despite child population increasing, although over the last few months we have seen a steady increase in placements. Placement numbers are at the same level as they were at their peak of 508 total LAC in 2010, although we have 10 less external placements. For the longer term, service redesign is being influenced significantly by the need to reduce the number of children and young people being looked after. As the Social Care Unit Model embeds we are expecting to see a positive impact in identifying those children who we need to look after.

21 Special Educational Need Placements	6,940	1,188	17.1%
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OFSTED Category	1 Apr 2013	28 Feb 2014	31 Mar 2014	Variance from 1 Apr 2013
Autistic Spectrum Disorder (ASD)	56	88	87	+31
Behaviour, Emotional and Social Difficulty (BEDS)	25	36	38	+13
Hearing Impairment (HI)	3	3	3	-
Moderate Learning Difficulty (MLD)	5	4	4	-1
Multi-Sensory Impairment (MSI)	1	1	1	-
Physical Disability (PD)	0	0	0	-
Profound and Multiple Learning Difficulty (PMLD)	2	2	2	-
Speech, Language and Communication Needs (SLCN)	4	4	4	-
Severe Learning Difficulty (SLD)	4	4	4	-
Specific Learning Difficulty (SPLD)	8	11	11	+3
Visual Impairment (VI)	1	2	2	+1
Total	109	155	156	+47

Service	Budget 2013/14 (£000)	Outturn (£000)	Outturn (%)
Special Educational Needs Placements continued			
<p>The Special Educational Needs (SEN) Placements budget is forecast to come in £1.2m over budget. The budget is under significant pressure primarily because numbers of new Statements are increasing with the subsequent need to provide increasing access to specialist provision: there are now over 3,200 Statements maintained and this is the highest number for over 10 years and the new statement rate for the 2013/14 academic year is predicted to be over 517 new Statements this year.</p> <p>This pressure will be managed from within the High Needs Block (HNB) and action taken to respond to the rise in demand. The reasons for the pressure on the special educational needs placement budget are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • That our special schools are at capacity and therefore we have had to use more out of county placements than expected. • We began the year without capacity for any growth. • There are less jointly funded placements thus requiring the Council to fully fund placements. • An increase in the number of children requiring very specialist consistent input for care, medical and educational reasons that need 52 week provision not currently available in house or in county • We have had 80 appeals against the Council this year, a rise of about 40% from the previous year. A number of tribunal decisions, whilst few, have directed the Council to provide out of county schools particularly in relation to dyslexia and 52 week ASD provision with costs ranging from £35k to £250k per placement per year. Whilst our success rate in appeals is over 95%, the high costs for placements has had a very significant impact on the budget. There was no flexibility within the budget to allow for this unpredictable demand. <p><u>Actions being taken</u> - Additional funding of £1.3m has been agreed by Cambridgeshire Schools Forum to fund High Needs Block pressures from 2014/15.</p> <p>In addition, actions in the Placements Strategy are aimed at returning children to within County borders and reducing Education Placement costs.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Through the Placements Strategy a focus on returning children to within County borders and reducing Education Placement costs wherever possible. • A shared care service enabling parents to continue to keep children at home coming on line late 2013. We are stepping up the negotiations to try and establish this new service as quickly as possible , • Additional classes (and places) commissioned and funded at all of our area special schools to meet the rise in demand for early years. Funded from the HNB • Agreement for 3 new special schools to accommodate the rising demand over the next 10 years • Implementation of a specification for existing special schools which will further enable outreach and better partnership working, in particular with health colleagues. • Explore establishing a second HI centre based within a mainstream primary school • Review SEBD provision and look to re commission /commission additional specialist provision from within the HNB financial envelope • Business case presented to health commissioners to improve the input of school nursing in area. 			

Service	Budget 2013/14 (£000)	Outturn (£000)	Outturn (%)
22 Commissioning Services	3,353	461	13.8%
<p><u>Special Equipment</u></p> <p>The Special Equipment budget is forecast to come in £104k over budget. There has been a significant increase in the number of ICT assessments that have needed to be carried out which in turn has resulted in an increased spend on ICT equipment. A pressure has also arisen from the funding of specialist equipment for children with a visual impairment. The cost of a recent equipment order for a child with a visual impairment was in excess of £11,000.</p> <p><u>Out of School Tuition</u></p> <p>The Out of School Tuition budget is forecast to come in £230k over budget. At the end of the last academic year (July 2013) we had a number of children with a Statement of Special Educational Needs out of school in receipt of alternative education (tuition) packages. There is an expectation that the majority of this group of children would have joined a new school at the beginning of the Autumn term. A number of young people had also completed statutory education at this stage.</p> <p>When moving a child with a Statement of Special Educational Needs from one school to another the LA has to adhere to the placement consultation process (with specified timescales) outlined in the DfE SEN Code of Practice. Due to the need for the timescales to be followed, and an increasing number of negative responses being received, the process of moving a child with a Statement from one school to another has been taking much longer than anticipated. Until the process is complete the LA has a duty to provide interim education provision.</p> <p>It is important to note that a large number of our special schools started the 2013/14 academic year full. This will create an additional pressure on this budget going forward as there will no doubt be an increasing number of children who will require interim education provision whilst the search for a new school placement is underway.</p> <p><u>Set up of Block Contract for School provision for children with ASD</u></p> <p>During 2013/14 a new block contract has been set up for the provision of school places for children with ASD. These costs were originally to be funded from a repayable loan. However, the significant growth in demand for places for this kind of provision means the new contracted places are already full and the loan would be difficult to repay. The loan has therefore not been drawn down and the set up costs of £127k have created a pressure in this financial year.</p>			
23 Early Years Specialist Support	1,181	167	14.1%
<p>The Early Years Specialist Support Service is forecasting an overspend of £167k. In Early Years Access Funding (EYAF) growth in demand continues not only in numbers but also for the amount of equipment needed to be purchased. The complexity of need often requires full time funding for many of the children. We continue to review our on-going commitments and continue to liaise with settings to ensure these present an accurate picture of our liabilities. We will continue to monitor growth against forecast and review if appropriate.</p> <p>We have also seen a rise in the number of babies we need to support settings with due to complex health needs.</p> <p><u>Actions being taken</u> - An underlying increase in children with high needs has been caused due to a rise in the premature birth rate. We continue to be rigorous in our data collection and in providing challenge to panel decision making. We are also working with experienced professionals in order to start the statutory assessment process earlier to give us better sight of the developing situation.</p>			

Service	Budget 2013/14 (£000)	Outturn (£000)	Outturn (%)
24 Home to School Transport – Special	7,243	414	5.7%
<p>H2S Special is forecasting a pressure of £414k. The major contributory factors to the predicted outturn are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Reduced number of providers interested in applying for contracts resulting in smaller tender pool and increased prices. Fewer companies have the specialist vehicles or the number of specialist vehicles we require, again reducing the tender pool and increasing prices. Companies winning the tenders are not based in the city (one used regularly is based in Haverhill) which increases the tender price as having to fund journey into the City & back as well as school route. Reduced number of providers interested in applying for contracts for primary school children due to legislation around child seats. Taxis would need to carry child seats for the day reducing public use of boot space e.g. for luggage to the train station. This again results in a smaller tender pool and increased prices. More children with more complex needs has increased use of single occupancy taxis <p><u>Actions being taken</u> – The re-tendering of contracts for journeys to/from Independent Schools Educational Placements (ISEPs) is expected to see a reduction in costs. We continue to reinforce the Post 16 eligibility criteria to ensure that funding is being directed correctly, and we are reviewing the use of single occupancy taxis with a view to identify more cost effective means of travel.</p>			
25 Central Financing	2,919	-699	-24.0%
<p>Vacancy savings are taken across CFA as a result of posts vacant whilst they are being recruited to, and some of these vacant posts are funded from the Dedicated Schools Grant (DSG). DSG vacancy savings taken in 2013/14 are shown within Central Financing and equate to £697k.</p>			
26 Teachers' Pensions and Redundancy	3,192	-170	-5.3%
<p>Teachers' Pensions and Redundancy are forecasting an underspend of £170k. Changes to the criteria for support for schools in cases of staff redundancy were designed to deliver savings in 2013/14 and 2014/15. The early implementation of these changes has delivered savings ahead of plan. In addition, less than anticipated redundancy costs within the Primary sector have contributed to the current underspend.</p> <p><u>Actions being taken</u> – a further £250k of savings are to be delivered in 2014/15.</p>			
27 Strategic Management – E&P Services	1,893	-77	-4.1%
<p>The Enhanced and Preventative Services vacancy savings target of £643k is forecast to overachieve by £206k at year end resulting in an underspend of that amount. This is due to more posts being vacant in this financial year. Remaining spend under the Achievement for All programme of £56k and other unavoidable pressures of £73k have been funded from the Directors budget therefore the year end position of £77k underspend</p> <p><u>Actions taken</u> - The target for 2014/15 vacancy savings has been increased to £906k to reflect the current overachievement as it is anticipated to be a trend that will continue.</p>			
28 Support to Parents	2,779	248	8.9%
<p>The Family Intervention Project investment funding has not been drawn down in 2013/14 in line with the reprofiling of the investment.</p>			
29 Youth Offending Service	2,600	180	6.9%
<p>The invest to transform funding for Multi Systemic Therapy (Child Abuse and Neglect) has been deferred and rephrased across the project period.</p>			

Service	Budget 2013/14 (£000)	Outturn (£000)	Outturn (%)
30 Strategic Management - Learning	404	-165	-40.8%
Strategic Management – Learning has underspent by £165k as a result of savings from vacant posts exceeding the target set.			
31 Early Years	2,152	-144	-6.7%
Early Years is likely to underspend by £144k. This is due a number of factors, an underspend on the Social intervention grant of £35k due to a decrease in take up and the availability of other funding sources such as the funded twos and an increase in pupil premium. There has also been £9k returned from settings as no longer required. Oasis nursery has received more government funding than expected at the beginning of the year due to an increase in numbers causing an over recovery of £25k. Other underspends totalling £71k have emerged due to a delay in the Early Years review and a decreased capacity for project work.			
32 Secondary & Special	1,753	-152	-8.7%
<p>£59k of grant was underutilised from the former Young People's Learning Agency for Young Apprenticeships schemes which are now completed, this money is not needed to be returned. Calls on Intervention funding were very low due to continuing transfer of Cambs secondary schools to academy status. This has led to an under spend of £35k. Underspend on SEN project funding (due to school uptake lower than expected) is £25k, and monies put aside to support Foundation Learning have not been called upon by external training bodies, leading to a £20k under spend on this. Further £16k under spends from across the service expected.</p> <p>A £15k pressure that had been identified on ESLAC due to increased calls on Education Disruption Funding has been removed. Pupil Premium funding has been identified to meet this pressure. The ESLAC service now anticipates a break even position at year end.</p>			
33 Catering, Cleaning & Groomfield Services	-264	330	125.3%
<p>The outturn forecast for Catering, Cleaning and Groomfield Services is £66k adverse which against the budget income of -£264k – is a forecast <u>overspend of £330k.</u></p> <p>Schools Catering – Meal numbers have been consistently below expected levels through the year, whilst provisions costs are higher than expected. Income to Mar14 is £249k below budget. The budget plan was to achieve a 2% increase in take-up but the meal numbers have shown no growth against 12/13 and are 4.27% below budget.</p> <p>Provisions – The overspend related to provisions cost per meal is £106k, whilst provisions are underspent by £81k because of the lower volumes. The net overspend is <u>£25k.</u></p> <p>Direct staff are being managed broadly in line with the established staffing formulas (which flexes to the changing demand/volumes). However, the cost of providing cover for sickness and absence, and recruiting for vacancies continues to provide a financial pressure of <u>114k.</u></p> <p>The costs of maintaining and renewing schools catering kitchens and equipment are expected to overspend budget by <u>£49k.</u></p> <p>Following the implementation of the new schools funding arrangements:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A number of schools have been offered a reduced SLA charge to enable them to retain a schools meal service which has cost the service £19k. • A number of schools have tendered their catering service, and to date 6 schools have changed provider from Sep 13 and consequently CCS will not achieve the contribution expected from these SLAs. The value of the lost contribution is £52k. • A further school changed in December, with another 2 leaving at the end of the financial year. Another 5 have given notice of leaving by August 14. • The October 13 teachers strike resulted in closed schools and lost contribution of £8k. The March 14 strike lost further contribution of £3k. 			

Service	Budget 2013/14 (£000)	Outturn (£000)	Outturn (%)
33 Catering, Cleaning & Groomfield Services cont'd			
<p><u>Supply of catering to Northants CC</u> - Demand for meals to Mar 14 from Northants is 8.7% (318,000 meals, £386k income) below budget. Provisions costs are 4.8% (£64k) overspent. These variances show a lost contribution of £85k.</p> <p><u>Civic Catering</u> - The income achieved to Mar14 is £83k below budget. The related direct costs – provisions (£48k overspent) and staff costs (£ 5k overspent with £83k reduced income) are the prime causes of the forecast outturn overspend of £85k.</p> <p><u>Cleaning Services</u> - This service is expected to achieve budget.</p> <p><u>Grounds Management</u> - Additional £20k funding has been sourced so that service should achieve the net £106k expenditure budget.</p> <p><u>Grounds Maintenance</u> - This service is undergoing a review of its operations with a view to delivering an improved contribution in future years, and is rationalising the machinery and equipment stock. Forecast outturn expenditure is £146k compared to budget of £180k – an underspend of £34k (sale of tractors).</p>			
34 School Organisation and Planning	1,309	-122	-9.3%
<p>The Head of Infrastructure Service budget is forecast to underspend by £122k at year end. This is made up of £30k from Education Welfare Benefits, £8k allocated to Sustainable School Travel strategies and £84k available to support project development and implementation and other support services. The bulk of the £84k relates to much lower than anticipated costs of public notices for new schools and a transfer of funds from the former 16-19 Commissioning Service. The original intention for this fund transfer was to appoint to a fourth, part-time Education Officer post. This decision was put on hold pending the need to review capacity and service needs. Following consultation on changes to the Service structure as part of the Learning Directorate Review, the decision has been taken to create a new Mb4 role to lead and manage the 0-19 Place Planning and Sufficiency team. The creation of this new post will not add to the Service's Establishment as it replaces an existing Mb3 role. The Service's base budget for 2014/15 has been reduced to take account of spending this financial year and the implementation of this and other changes.</p>			
35 Buildings and Capital	342	88	25.6%
<p>Funding expected to be drawn down from the capital programme was not applied in 2013/14 and the costs were instead borne in revenue. Funding is available in the capital programme for 2014/15 to meet these costs in full.</p>			
36 Home to School Transport – Mainstream	9,848	-355	-3.6%
<p>The Mainstream Home to School/College transport budget for 2013/14 was £9,848k. The forecast outturn is spend of £9,493k, an expected underspend of around £355k.</p> <p>The major contributory factors to the predicted outturn are the lower costs achieved from the re-tendering of contracts prior to the start of the new academic year and the on-going scrutiny of other routes to ensure there is as close a possible match between passenger numbers and size and number of vehicles provided.</p>			

Service	Budget 2013/14 (£000)	Outturn (£000)	Outturn (%)
37 Prior year adjustments	0	-4,371	N/A
<p>Significant transactions were processed in the 2013/14 financial year which relate to the 2012/13 financial year or earlier. These include increased income or reduced costs relating to previous years of £4.7m:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The local authority has been in dispute with Health over responsibility for funding specific forensic clients. To be prudent, the County Council had reserved for these payments in previous years. A resolution has been achieved and the Clinical Commissioning Group has agreed to fully fund the clients which allows the County Council to write the £2,561k reserves back to revenue. A prudent estimate was made relating to winter pressures and free nursing care funding from Health for 2012/13 and this was reflected in the 2012/13 accounts. However, Older People's Services was able to substantiate the full claim and Health have released the full allocations so £669k of additional funding, relating to 2012/13, has now been received in 2013/14. Client contributions for Older People services of £457k were received in 2013/14 relating to previous years. Meals income relating to Somers Court was collect by Roddons from November 2007 to March 2013 but Cambridgeshire Community Services did not raise an invoice on behalf of CCC to Roddons to collect the income. Roddons have paid the full amount they were holding on behalf of the County Council, £454k, all of which relates to previous financial years. At the end of 2012/13 an estimate was made on the outstanding amount of Part 2.5 client contributions (relating to extra-care housing client income) so this could be reflected in the 2012/13 accounts. A reconciliation has now shown that another £127k of income related to 2012/13. Other small adjustments relating to prior years of £409k. <p>These decreases in costs have been partially offset by increased costs of £306k relating to previous years:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> In 2012/13 the full costs of the Excelcare block contract were not charged to the 2012/13 accounts by CCS and therefore £306k of expenditure has had to be charged to 2013/14. <p>To ensure these prior year transactions do not distort 2013/14 costs they are being reported separately. The resultant underspend from these amounts is a one off amount and is not expected to be repeated in future years.</p>			

Appendix 3 – Capital Expenditure

	2013/2014 Financial Year Impact						Total Scheme Budget			
	BP Spend Allocation	Budget b/fwd	Budget revisions	Revised Spend Allocation	Forecast spend	Outturn Variance (forecast less revised budget)	Total Scheme Budget per 13/14 BP	Revised Total Scheme Budget	Scheme Spend to Date	Scheme Variance (Forecast change to 13/14 BP)
	£k	£k	£k	£k	£k	£k	£k	£k	%	£k
Schools										
Primary Schools - New Communities	13,175	95	-10,090	3,180	2,640	-540	72,680	68,380	13.40%	-4,300
Primary Schools - Demographic Pressures	28,075	858	0	28,933	22,375	-6,558	115,689	115,689	34.95%	0
Primary Schools – Adaptations	270	0	-230	40	151	111	4,820	4,820	3.13%	0
Secondary Schools - New Communities	4,500	128	0	4,628	1,838	-2,789	83,921	83,921	3.64%	0
Secondary Schools - Demographic Pressures	10,520	-4	-2,000	8,516	8,779	263	91,100	91,100	26.91%	0
Schools - Scheme Final Payments	1,254	1,155	0	2,409	1,540	-868	45,178	45,178	240.06%	0
Building Schools for the Future	2,197	3,473	0	5,670	5,400	-270	40,702	41,359	13.27%	657
Devolved Formula Capital Condition, Maintenance and Suitability	1,037	2,258	145	3,440	3,440	0	8,225	8,370	33.50%	145
	5,288	505	-388	5,405	4,234	-1,171	32,022	31,246	46.54%	-776
Site Acquisition and Development	300	0	0	300	170	-130	1,800	1,800	35.38%	0
Temporary Accommodation	500	0	0	500	953	453	3,800	3,800	77.56%	0
Children & Social Care Minor Works	25	0	0	25	10	-15	180	180	24.38%	0
Youth Service	0	520	0	520	325	-195	0	0		0
Children Support Services	2,160	0	0	2,160	1,550	-610	12,795	12,795	12.12%	0
Adult Social Care: Build own residential home	5,000	0	0	5,000	0	-5,000	8,500	8,500	0.00%	0
Adults Community Capacity	1,848	2,552	0	4,400	290	-4,110	4,017	4,017	17.03%	0
Total CFA Capital Spending	76,149	11,539	-12,563	75,125	53,695	-21,429	525,429	521,156		-4,274

Capital Funding	2013/2014 Financial Year Impact						Funding Change Notes
	BP Funding Allocation	Funding b/fwd 12/13	Funding revision in 13/14	Revised Funding Allocation	Forecast Spend	Funding Variance	
<u>Funding sources:</u>	£k	£k	£k	£k	£k	£k	
Basic Need	10,260	0	2,343	12,603	12,603	0	<p>Basic Need capital grant adjustment relates to the late announcement of the confirmed allocations; adjustment is to the forecast presented in the published business plan. Targeted Needs Bids as per EFA at September and November 2013 have been applied now costs are complete for 2013/14 hence the £21k increase from Mar 14 position.</p> <p>Capital Maintenance grant adjustment relates to the late announcement of confirmed allocations; the adjustment is to the forecast presented in the published business plan.</p> <p>Building Schools for the Future's revised funding relates to revisions in spend profile and grant receipts. The final receipt for BSF was received in May 2013. The balance carried forward to 2014/15 will part fund the remainder of the ICT costs on the programme. The £23k movement from March relates to an Academy contribution to the BSF build.</p> <p>The anticipated Disabled Children's Short Break's grant has now been withdrawn by DfE. The small b/forward balance will be fully spent this year.</p> <p>The budget revision relates to a £10k contribution to the refurbishment of CCC Library for the sole use of Early Year's facilities.</p> <p>The reduction in s106 receipts for 2013/14 is comprised of £10.3m where the associated expenditure will either not be CCC's responsibility (as in the case of the University site £4.3m) or where the build programme has also been delayed (as in the case of NIAB site-£5.2m) so replacement funding is not required. £9.4m of delayed receipts impact on Prudential borrowing as the associated capital programmes spend plans exceed s106 receipts as in the case of the secondary schools at Cambourne and Trumpington Meadows. In addition to the £1.4m of receipts identified last month as applicable to in year projects a further £0.6m have been matched to prior year projects, reducing anticipated Prudential Borrowing by a further £0.6m. Brought forward balances relate to underspend in 12/13. Previously unspent borrowing (Dec 13 £5.36m) will be called on due to the delayed s106 receipts.</p> <p>Sundry contributions from schools on build projects.</p> <p>DFC is a rolling three-year programme; the brought forward balance relates to 11/12 and 12/13 rolled forward funds. The £145k relates to the DfE revision of allocations.</p> <p>A number of delays have occurred in schemes where there is planned expenditure This includes Larkfield & Tranformation funding which needs to be carried forward to achieve 2014/15 planned capital spends.</p>
Capital maintenance	5,844	0	302	6,146	6,146	0	
BSF - grant	5	5,061	736	5,802	5,400	-402	
Short breaks	388	80	-388	80	80	0	
Other Grants	833	0	10	843	843	0	
S106 contributions	26,877	0	-17,770	9,107	9,107	0	
Prudential Borrowing	29,487	2,268	1,986	33,740	15,712	-18,028	
Other contributions - C.U.H/Schools	0	0	74	74	74	0	
Devolved formula capital	1,037	2,258	145	3,440	3,440	0	
Adult specific Grants	1,417	1,872	0	3,289	290	-2,999	
Total Funding	76,148	11,539	-12,563	75,124	53,695	-21,429	

Primary School New Communities £540k underspend in 2013/14

North West Cambridge Primary (NIAB) profiled expenditure has been revised for 2013/14 in response to the rescheduled start on site date reflecting the fact that the design code for the development has yet to be approved; without this, the design for the primary school cannot be finalised. Note: S106 receipts for this scheme are delayed and will now be received and used in 14/15 as a reflection of delayed build across the site. The forecast outturn for 2013/14 is £450k representing the bulk of the underspend for this head. The total cost of the project is expected to remain on budget.

All expected costs to be incurred for the University development site have been removed (£4.3m) as confirmation has now been received that the University has been granted approval by the Secretary of State to open the new primary as a University Training School, hence the project variance of £4.3m forecast change to the 13/14 Business Plan. Agreement has been reached with the University that they will undertake the development, and fully fund the project themselves. Future year adjustments will be reflected in business planning. Income for the full cost to date to be reimbursed has been accrued for as income in 2013-14, resulting in a £50k forecast in year underspend as reimbursement of costs incurred last year are also accounted for in 2013-14.

Both Northstowe and Alconbury Weald's s106 receipts have been delayed. The project costs for the year have been revised to take account of this, contributing £55k to the balance of the forecast underspend. Following considerable discussion and negotiation, the S106 for the first phase of Northstowe has now been signed. The project's completion is now set for November 2015. Due to uncertainty over the development timetable for Alconbury Weald, option appraisal work only began in December 2013, with the commission brief being developed early in 2014.

Primary School Demographic Pressures £6,558k underspend in 2013/14

Sundry movements since the interim March report over the 30 schemes resulting in an overall reduced forecast underspend of £283k. This movement reflects the difficulties in predicting the work progress at the design phase which applies to the majority of the schemes in this category.

North Ely Primary profiled expenditure has been revised for 2013/14 as the main build works, and therefore expenditure, will occur in 2014/15. This presents a £4,768k underspend on the scheme in this financial year. Design work progressed slightly faster than reported at March month end. However, the total cost of the project is expected to remain in line with the published business plan.

Wisbech (additional places) has initial costs of £793k relating to feasibility and planning fees expected to be incurred in 2013/14 ahead of time for the provision of the places. The scheme has been re-profiled during the business planning process for 2014/15. The total cost of the project is expected to remain in line with the published business plan.

A recategorisation of the capital costs of early years provision in primary schools from the Primary Schools category to the Children Support Services category has been undertaken to fully utilise capital grants received. This has resulted in reduced forecast spend in the Primary School demographic category for The Shade Primary in Soham and Chesterton Primary by £420k and £340k respectively. However, this is simply a reclassification of costs, rather than any reduction in scheme spend on provision at these schools.

Hemingford Grey Primary is forecasting a £1,087k underspend for the year on a £2.0m original budget. As previously reported this is the result of a greater than expected number of pre commencement planning conditions. However, work on site did start in January 2014 and is progressing well. The overall cost of the project is expected to remain on budget.

Thorndown Primary is progressing well, although as reported in January, there has been some slippage and rescheduling of the build programme items of around £600k. £400k in payments have been withheld as a result of issues with the roof. Contractor payments are forecast in total to be £944k less than originally anticipated at the beginning of the year.

Huntingdon Town additional 1FE places expenditure will now fall into 2014/15 as the project completion has slipped to September 2016 opening following a review of known and predicted demand for places; the total expenditure is expected to remain in line with the published business plan but there is a £150k in year forecast underspend due to the slippage.

Kings Hedges Primary's spend has risen in 2013/14 to £153k of what was originally planned by £153k. Hardwick second campus (Cambourne) has anticipated increased costs are £201k due to the design phase of the project being progressed more quickly than anticipated. The overall costs of both projects will remain the same.

Primary School Adaptations £111k overspend in 2013/14

Hauxton was projected to spend to plan in 2013/14 but there has been some slippage and the project now needs to be reprogrammed resulting in a £10k underspend. The s106 has been moved to 2014/15 as has provision for the cost.

Morley Memorial and Dry Drayton schemes having originally being planned for commencement in the next financial year will both incur feasibility, planning and design costs this financial year (£99k and £21k respectively) accounting for the overspend. The build works and remaining budget are still expected to be in line with the published business plan.

Secondary Schools New Communities £2,789k underspend in 2013/14

Southern Fringe Secondary build main contract work was expected to commence in October 2013. However, aspects of the contract have been delayed until last month, this accounts for £2,814k of the underspend. The overall cost of the project is expected to remain on budget.

Secondary School Demographic Pressures £263k overspend in 2013/14

The programme of works on the sports hall at Coleridge Community College has been delayed as the bids for the original design came in £1m over budget. The redesigning of the hall to meet budget constraints added in the region of 3 months to the timeline. The revised design necessitated building next to a boundary with resultant party wall awards and diversion of power cables. The timeline has moved slightly resulting in the £132k additional spend in 2013/14 but overall the scheme will be on budget.

Cambourne accounts for most of the balance of the variance, £156k but again there is no expectation that the overall scheme spend will exceed plan.

Schools - Scheme Final Payments £868k underspend in 2013/14

Final accounts are not being concluded as anticipated at the commencement of this financial year. There are numerous issues that need to be resolved between project managers/employers' agents and contractors. These are being actively pursued and until they are either substantiated or proved unfounded, the Council cannot agree and conclude final payments.

Condition, Maintenance and Suitability £1,171k underspend in 2013/14

There have been some delays in schemes, principally at Girton and Coton with the result that work was scheduled for Easter 2014. In addition, a number of tenders for the Priority 1 condition projects have come in with lower prices than had been anticipated. The scheme variance of £776k is a result of the withdrawal of the Disabled Children's Short Breaks Grant in both 2013/14 and 2014/15; £388k had been included in the Business Plan for each year.

Temporary Accommodation £453k overspend in 2013/14

The over spend has been reduced from £800k in February by working with Early Years to best utilise the available budget for developing 2 year old placements as £650k had been spent from this budget to support the Early Years targets. The transfer of these costs is reflected here, however, given the significant overspend this budget will be reviewed in 2014/15 to take account of demographic changes and availability of school places...

Building Schools for the Future £270k underspend in 2013/14

Re-phasing of some projects resulted in fewer milestone payments being made in the 2012/13 financial year. These have now been paid in 2013/14. Also schools have opted to defer more of their ICT capital spend until later in the contract term. The original assumption had been that a larger proportion of the ICT capital spend would be incurred in parallel with the building work.

The effect of these changes is to defer some expenditure principally into 14/15, 15/16 and 16/17 in the case of ICT spend. The overall spend on the project has been revised down by £200k as there is now greater confidence about the likely outcome on the constituent projects. The project variance shown for BSF has been revised to £657k. This will be funded from a mixture of BSF and Prudential Borrowing the result of the ICT spend which had not been included in the original BSF funding of the project plan.

Devolved Formula Capital 2013/14

The £145k rise in the overall scheme is due to the DfE increasing the allocation to Cambridgeshire after Business Plans had been finalised.

Youth Services £195k underspend 2013/14

The forecast underspend is a result of successful tenders having been agreed for the works on Whittlesey and Bargroves Youth Centres and elements of this work slipping into 2014/15. The work on Huntingdon Youth Centre will now take place early in 2014/15.

Children Support Services £610k underspend in 2013/14

The expenditure profile for the Trinity School's Hartford Centre project was adjusted to show an earlier than anticipated spend of £1m and hence an overspend, following Cabinet's approval on 26 November 2013 to conclude negotiations to purchase an appropriate site. This adjustment has now been reversed as the Council's initial offer has been rejected. However, negotiations are on-going with a view to securing an agreement early in the new financial year. £559k of the underspend is in respect of the reduction in anticipated spend in 2013/14 for 2 year old places and a further £40k of expenditure which has been absorbed by the maintenance revenue budget in respect of the roof work at Ascham Road leaves this budget unspent in capital.

Adult Social Care budget £8,686k underspend in 2013/14

The ASC capital programme for 2013/14 totals £9.4m, the current forecast underspend is £9.1m.

- A total capital investment of £8.5m is available for the building of a new residential home in Cambridge or South Cambs. £5m had been allocated to capital spend for 2013/14. The programming of this spend is still under consideration resulting in £5m underspend being reported in 2013/14 and the removal of the scheme within the 2014/15 Business Plan.
- Community Capacity Schemes totalling (£4.1m) are now not expected to be spent until 2014/15.