

## Finance Monitoring Report – Outturn 2023-24

To:	Children and Young People Committee
Meeting Date:	25 <sup>th</sup> June 2024
From:	Executive Director: Children, Education and Families Executive Director: Finance and Resources Director of Public Health
Electoral division(s):	All
Key decision:	No
Forward Plan ref:	Not applicable
Outcome:	To provide the Committee with the Outturn 2023-24 Finance Monitoring Report for Children, Education and Families.  The report is presented to provide the Committee with the opportunity to comment on the financial position as at the end of 2023-24.
Recommendation:	The Committee is asked to note the report.

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# 1. Background

- 1.1 Finance Monitoring Reports (FMR) are produced monthly, except for April, by all services. They report on a range of financial information to enable a view of each service’s financial position to be taken.
- 1.2 Budgets for services are agreed by Full Council in the business plan in February of each year and can be amended by budget virements. In particular, the FMR provides a revenue budget forecast showing the current projection of whether services will be over or underspent for the year against those budgets.
- 1.3 The detailed FMR for Children, Education and Families (CEF) is attached at Appendix A. As noted previously the budgets within Appendix A are now being shown gross and net, to provide details of any income or grant funding associated with each policy line, and to align with the presentation within in the business plan.
- 1.4 The table below provides a summary of the budget within CEF, with further detail being available in Appendix A:

Forecast Outturn Variance (Previous) £000	Service Area	Net Budget 2023/24 £000	Actual to year-end £000	Outturn Variance £000	Outturn Variance %
11,849	Children, Education and Families - Non-DSG	132,095	143,444	11,349	8.6%
12,202	Children, Education and Families - DSG	0	14,560	14,560	0.0%

**Please note:** Dedicated Schools Grant (DSG) and non-DSG functions have been separated to provide greater transparency as part of the ongoing Safety Valve monitoring.

- 1.5 The table below provides a summary of the budgets within the Adults and Public Health FMR which come under the responsibility of the CYP:

Forecast Outturn Variance (Previous) £000	Service Area	Net Budget 2023/24 £000	Actual to year-end £000	Outturn Variance £000	Outturn Variance %
0	Children’s Commissioning - Staffing	1,209	1,186	-24	-2.0%
<b>0</b>	<b>Adults, Health and Commissioning Total</b>	<b>1,267</b>	<b>1,092</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0.0%</b>
0	Children 0-5 PH Programme	7,392	7,329	-64	-0.9%
0	Children 5-19 PH Programme - Non Prescribed	1,809	1,780	-29	-1.6%
0	Children Mental Health	651	651	0	0.0%

Forecast Outturn Variance (Previous) £000	Service Area	Net Budget 2023/24 £000	Actual to year-end £000	Outturn Variance £000	Outturn Variance %
-20	Drug & Alcohol Misuse – Young People	415	395	-20	-4.8%
0	Children's Weight Management	706	724	18	2.5%
0	Childrens Integrated Lifestyles	169	178	8	4.7%
<b>-20</b>	<b>Children Health Total</b>	<b>11,141</b>	<b>11,056</b>	<b>-86</b>	<b>-0.8%</b>

## 2. Main Issues

2.1 Further details of the CEF position, including explanatory narrative and relevant technical appendices can be seen in Appendix A.

## 3. Schools

3.1 Funding for schools is received from the Department for Education (DfE) via the Dedicated Schools Grant (DSG). As well as funding individual school budgets, the DSG also funds a range of central support services for schools.

3.2 Total schools balances as at 31<sup>st</sup> March 2024 are as follows:

Sector	31 <sup>st</sup> March 2023 £m (original published balances)	Restated 31st March 2023 £m (restated*)	31 <sup>st</sup> March 2024 £m	Change £m
Nursery Schools	-0.02	0.67	0.43	0.45
Primary Schools	12.61	12.52	10.14	-2.37
Secondary Schools	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Special Schools	0.96	0.96	0.32	-0.64
Pupil Referral Units (PRUs)	0.38	0.38	0.36	-0.02
<b>Sub Total</b>	<b>13.93</b>	<b>14.53</b>	<b>11.24</b>	<b>-2.58</b>

\*Please note: The March 2023 balances have been restated to reflect in-year academy conversions and the inclusion of nursery balances held on previously excluded funds.

It must be noted that further to the DSG and standard grants such as Pupil Premium, and Universal Infant Free School Meals this year schools' budgets also include additional grants from the Education & Skills Funding Agency (ESFA). Schools that converted to Academy status prior to 31 March are no longer reported by the Local Authority and therefore are not included within the figures.

3.3 The change in individual school balances can be attributed to several reasons:

- Some schools will have delayed or cancelled spending decisions due to the uncertainty around future years funding amounts.
- Some schools have chosen to apply balances in 2023/24 to maintain current staffing levels and class structures.
- Pressures on capital funding have led some schools to reconsider and reprioritise revenue resources to allow for the possibility of capitalisation in future years.

3.4 Analysis is currently being undertaken to look at the individual changes in balances, and appropriate challenge and support given to schools in a deficit position, and schools with excessive balances. Schools budget submissions are also currently being scrutinised to identify instances where schools are either planning to use a high proportion of their carry-forward to balance in-year or where already holding excessive balances where these are forecast to increase further.

3.5 The balances can be further analysed in the tables below:

Number of schools with deficit revenue balances as at 31<sup>st</sup> March 2024:

Sector	Schools with Reported Deficit Balances as at 31 <sup>st</sup> March 2023	Restated Schools with Reported Deficit Balances as at 31 <sup>st</sup> March 2023	Schools with Reported Deficit Balances as at 31 <sup>st</sup> March 2024	Change from 22/23 Restated
Nursery	4	2	3	1
Primary	12	12	27	15
Secondary	0	0	0	0
Special	0	0	1	1
<b>Total Schools</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>31</b>	<b>17</b>

Value of revenue deficit revenue balances at 31<sup>st</sup> March 2024:

22/23 Restated	Deficit	Nursery	Primary	Special	Total	Change from 2022-23
4	£100k+	2	3	1	<b>6</b>	<b>2</b>
3	£60k - £100k	0	3	0	<b>3</b>	<b>0</b>
3	£20k - £60k	1	11	0	<b>12</b>	<b>9</b>
3	£10k - £20k	0	3	0	<b>3</b>	<b>0</b>
1	£1k - £10k	0	7	0	<b>7</b>	<b>6</b>
<b>14</b>	Total	<b>3</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>31</b>	<b>17</b>

Value of surplus revenue balances held by schools at 31<sup>st</sup> March 2024:

<b>22/23 Restated</b>	<b>Surplus</b>	<b>Nursery</b>	<b>Primary</b>	<b>Special</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>Change from 2022-23</b>
7	£0k - £10k	0	5	0	<b>5</b>	-2
6	£10k - £20k	0	5	0	<b>5</b>	-1
28	£20k - £60k	0	19	0	<b>19</b>	-9
17	£60k - £100k	0	17	0	<b>17</b>	0
19	£100k - £150k	2	16	0	<b>18</b>	-1
11	£150k - £200k	1	8	1	<b>10</b>	-1
13	£200k - £300k	0	10	0	<b>10</b>	-3
2	£300k - £400k	0	3	1	<b>4</b>	2
8	£400k+	1	4	0	<b>5</b>	-3
<b>111</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>87</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>93</b>	<b>-18</b>

3.6 A more detailed report on financial health of individual maintained schools, including a school-by-school breakdown of balances will be submitted to Schools Forum for consideration in July. Further information on schools financial health will also be included in the main CEF FMR for 2024-25.

## 4. Alignment with ambitions

- 4.1 Net zero carbon emissions for Cambridgeshire by 2045, and our communities and natural environment are supported to adapt and thrive as the climate changes  
There are no significant implications for this ambition.
- 4.2 Travel across the county is safer and more environmentally sustainable  
There are no significant implications for this ambition.
- 4.3 Health inequalities are reduced  
There are no significant implications for this ambition.
- 4.4 People enjoy healthy, safe, and independent lives through timely support that is most suited to their needs  
There are no significant implications for this ambition.
- 4.5 Helping people out of poverty and income inequality  
There are no significant implications for this ambition.
- 4.6 Places and communities prosper because they have a resilient and inclusive economy, access to good quality public services and social justice is prioritised  
There are no significant implications for this ambition.
- 4.7 Children and young people have opportunities to thrive  
There are no significant implications for this ambition.

## 5. Significant Implications

### 5.1 Resource Implications

There are no significant implications within this category.

### 5.2 Procurement/Contractual/Council Contract Procedure Rules Implications

There are no significant implications within this category.

### 5.3 Statutory, Legal and Risk Implications

There are no significant implications within this category.

### 5.4 Equality and Diversity Implications

There are no significant implications within this category.

### 5.5 Engagement and Communications Implications

There are no significant implications within this category.

### 5.6 Localism and Local Member Involvement

There are no significant implications within this category.

### 5.7 Public Health Implications

There are no significant implications within this category.

### 5.8 Climate Change and Environment Implications on Priority Areas:

#### 5.8.1 Implication 1: Energy efficient, low carbon buildings.

Status: Neutral

#### 5.8.2 Implication 2: Low carbon transport.

Status: Neutral

#### 5.8.3 Implication 3: Green spaces, peatland, afforestation, habitats and land management.

Status: Neutral

#### 5.8.4 Implication 4: Waste Management and Tackling Plastic Pollution.

Status: Neutral

#### 5.8.5 Implication 5: Water use, availability and management:

Status: Neutral

#### 5.8.6 Implication 6: Air Pollution.

Status: Neutral

#### 5.8.7 Implication 7: Resilience of our services and infrastructure, and supporting vulnerable people to cope with climate change.

Status: Neutral

## 6. Source documents

6.1 None