

FINANCE AND PERFORMANCE REPORT – SEPTEMBER 2016

To: Children and Young People Committee

Meeting Date: 8 November 2016

From: Executive Director: Children, Families and Adults Services
Chief Finance Officer

Electoral division(s): All

Forward Plan ref: Not applicable **Key decision:** No

Purpose: To provide the Committee with the September 2016 Finance and Performance report for Children's, Families and Adults Services (CFA).

The report is presented to provide the Committee with the opportunity to comment on the financial and performance position as at the end of September 2016.

Recommendation: The Committee is asked to review and comment on the report

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1.0 BACKGROUND

- 1.1 A Finance & Performance Report for the Children, Families and Adults Directorates (CFA) is produced monthly and the most recent available report is presented to the Committee when it meets.
- 1.2 The report is presented to provide the Committee with the opportunity to comment on the financial and performance position of the services for which the Committee has responsibility.
- 1.3 This report is for the whole of the CFA Service, and as such, not all of the budgets contained within it are the responsibility of this Committee. Members are requested to restrict their attention to the budget lines for which this Committee is responsible, which are detailed in Appendix 2.

2.0 MAIN ISSUES IN THE AUGUST 2016 CFA FINANCE & PERFORMANCE REPORT

- 2.1 The September 2016 Finance and Performance report is attached at Appendix 1. At the end of September, CFA forecast an overspend of £2,338k. This is an improving position from the previous month when the forecast overspend was £2,521k.

2.2 Revenue

The main revenue forecast variances within CYP Committees areas of responsibility are as follows:

- In Children's Social Care (CSC) the forecast overspend has increased from £1,505k to £2,012k as a result of Legal costs projected to be higher than the budget (£200k) and in Adoption Allowances due to under achievement of savings planned to be made on Special Guardianship Orders. There continues to be increased staffing requirements in Safeguarding and Standards, and across the CSC Units.
- The Looked After Children (LAC) Placement budget is now reporting an increased forecast of £3,000k. Following changes in management arrangements from 1st September this is now reported within the Children's Social Care section of the report, rather than Strategy and Commissioning. The revised forecast position is due to a combination of the underlying pressures from 2015/16 and the number of children in care and in placements not reducing as originally budgeted. Additionally, the recent cohort becoming LAC has included children requiring high cost placements due to their complex needs.
- In Strategy and Commissioning the Special Educational Needs (SEN) Placements budget is now reporting a forecast overspend of £200k. This budget is funded from the High Needs Block (HNB) element of the Dedicated Schools Grant.
- In Learning the Schools Partnership Service is now forecasting an underspend of £196k due to the use of grant funding for Education Support for Looked After Children (ESLAC), which has reduced spend on core budget.

2.4 Capital

The Capital Programme Board previously recommended that services include a variation budget to account for likely slippage in the capital programme. As forecast underspends

start to be reported, these are offset against the variation budget, resulting in a balanced outturn up until the point where slippage exceeds the budget set aside. The allocation for CFA's budget adjustments has been calculated as per the table below, show against the slippage forecast to date:

2016/17					
Service	Capital Programme Variations Budget £000	Forecast Variance - Outturn (Sep) £000	Capital Programme Variations Budget Used £000	Capital Programme Variations Budget Used %	Revised Forecast Variance - Outturn (Sep) £000
CFA	-10,282	-1,687	1,687	16.4%	-
Total Spending	-10,282	-1,687	1,687	16.4%	-

2.5 Performance

Of the twenty-one CFA service performance indicators five are shown as green, nine as amber and seven are red.

Of the Children and Young People Performance Indicators, two are green, six are amber and five are red. The five red performance indicators are:

1. Number of children with a Child Protection Plan per 10,000 population under 18
2. The number of looked after children per 10,000 children;
3. The proportion of pupils attending Cambridgeshire Secondary Schools judged good or outstanding by Ofsted;
4. The FSM/Non-FSM attainment gap % achieving level 4+ in reading, writing and maths at Key Stage 2.
5. The FSM/Non-FSM attainment gap % achieving 5+ A*-C including English and maths at GCSE.

2.6 CFA Portfolio

The major change programmes and projects underway across CFA are detailed in Appendix 8 of the report – none of these is currently assessed as red.

3.0 ALIGNMENT WITH CORPORATE PRIORITIES

3.1 Developing the local economy for the benefit of all

3.1.1 There are no significant implications for this priority.

3.2 Helping people live healthy and independent lives

3.2.1 There are no significant implications for this priority

3.3 Supporting and protecting vulnerable people

3.3.1 There are no significant implications for this priority

4.0 SIGNIFICANT IMPLICATIONS

4.1 Resource Implications

4.1.1 This report sets out details of the overall financial position of the CFA Service.

4.2 Statutory, Risk and Legal Implications

4.2.1 There are no significant implications within this category.

4.3 Equality and Diversity Implications

4.3.1 There are no significant implications within this category.

4.4 Engagement and Consultation Implications

4.4.1 There are no significant implications within this category.

4.5 Localism and Local Member Involvement

4.5.1 There are no significant implications within this category.

4.6 Public Health Implications

4.6.1 The educational attainment gap is likely to be associated with current and future inequalities in health outcomes.

Implications	Officer Clearance
Have the resource implications been cleared by Finance?	Yes Name of Officer: Martin Wade
Has the impact on Statutory, Legal and Risk implications been cleared by LGSS Law?	Yes Name of Officer: Suzy Edge
Are there any Equality and Diversity implications?	No Name of Officer: Meredith Teasdale
Have any engagement and communication implications been cleared by Communications?	Yes Name of Officer: Simon Cobby
Are there any Localism and Local Member involvement issues?	No Name of Officer: Meredith Teasdale
Have any Public Health implications been cleared by Public Health	Yes Name of Officer: Tess Campbell

Source Documents	Location
As well as presentation of the F&PR to the Committee when it meets, the report is made available online each month.	http://www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/info/20043/finance_and_budget/147/finance_and_performance_reports