

## Finance Monitoring Report – May 2021

To: Children and Young People Committee

Meeting Date: 29 June 2021

From: Executive Director: People and Communities  
Director of Public Health  
Chief Finance Officer

Electoral division(s): All

Key decision: No

Forward Plan ref: Not applicable

Outcome: To provide the Committee with the May 2021 Finance Monitoring Report for People and Communities and Public Health.

The report is presented to provide the Committee with the opportunity to comment on the financial position as at the end of May 2021.

Recommendation: The Children and Young People Committee are asked to:

- a) Review and comment on the report.
- b) Note the Section 256 arrangement in respect of Overnight and Residential Short Breaks.
- c) Recommend the changes to the capital programme budgets from the Business Plan as summarised in Appendix C for approval by Strategy and Resources.

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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 People and Communities (P&C) and Public Health (PH) is attached in Appendix B. This report covers the whole of the P&C, and PH 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 A. Sections of the main FMR which do not apply to CYP Committee have been highlighted in grey.
- 1.4 The table below provides a summary of the budget totals relating to CYP Committee:

<b>Forecast Variance Outturn (Previous) £000</b>	<b>Directorate</b>	<b>Budget 2021/22 £000</b>	<b>Actual May 21 £000</b>	<b>Outturn Variance £000</b>
0	Children's Commissioning	22,612	2,366	0
0	Communities & Safety - Central Integrated Youth Support Services	382	-242	0
0	Children & Safeguarding	59,615	3,096	0
0	Education – non DSG	39,653	4,263	671
0	Education – DSG	89,278	11,178	11,244
0	Public Health - Children's Health	9,317	-242	0
<b>0</b>	<b>Total Expenditure</b>	<b>220,857</b>	<b>20,419</b>	<b>11,915</b>
0	Grant Funding (including Dedicated Schools Grant etc.)	-100,372	-17,242	-11,244
<b>0</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>120,485</b>	<b>3,177</b>	<b>671</b>

Please note: Strategic Management – Commissioning and the Executive Director policy lines cover all of P&C and is therefore not included in the table above.

## 2. Main Issues – Revenue

- 2.1 At the end of May 2021, the overall P&C and PH position shows a forecast overspend of £326k; around 0.1% of budget. The budgets within the remit of CYP are currently forecasting an overspend of £671k (excluding the Dedicated Schools Grant).
- 2.1.2 The significant issues as highlighted in the main FMR are:

**Outdoor Education** is currently forecasting an in-year overspend of £639k due to school residential visits not being allowed until mid-May and a reduction in numbers in order to adhere to Covid-19 guidance.

**Dedicated Schools Grant (DSG)** - Due to the continuing increase in the number of children and young people with an Education, Health and Care Plan (EHCP), and the complexity of need of these young people the overall spend on the High Needs Block element of the DSG funded budgets has continued to rise. At the end of 2020/21 the High Needs Block overspent by approximately £12.5m, which was in line with previous forecasts. However, there were a number of one-off underspends in other areas of the DSG which resulted in a net DSG overspend of £9.7m to the end of the year.

When added to the existing DSG deficit of £16.6m brought forward from previous years and allowing for required prior-year technical adjustments this totals a cumulative deficit of £26.4m to be carried forward into 2021/22. Based on initial budget requirements for 2021/22 there is an underlying forecast pressure of £11.2m relating to High Needs.

This is a ring-fenced grant and, as such, overspends do not currently affect the Council's bottom line. We are working with the Department for Education (DfE) to manage the deficit and evidence plans to reduce spend.

#### 2.1.3 Other information:

**Overnight and Residential Short Breaks** - A Section 256 agreement (which allows CCGs to enter into arrangements with local authorities to carry out activities with health benefits) is now in place with the CCG for the provision of Overnight and Residential Short Breaks. This function has recently been brought back in to the control of Cambridgeshire County Council and although the transfer of funding is not new, the agreement of £350k per annum for the next 2 financial years secures health funding into the service for children with complex needs.

### 2.3 Capital

2.3.1 The P&C Capital Plan for 2021/22 has reduced by £5.2m since the Business Plan was published. This reduction is due to the combination of schemes being removed, delayed into future years, and savings made on the overall value of projects. There have also been changes to some of the sources of funding of the capital programme. A summary of these changes can be seen in Appendix C to this covering report.

2.3.2 The Capital Programme Board recommended that services include a variations budget to account for likely slippage in the capital programme, as it is sometimes difficult to allocate this to individual schemes in advance. The allocation for P&C's negative budget has been revised and calculated using the revised budget for 2021/22 as below. Slippage and underspends in 2021/22 resulted in the capital variations budget being fully utilised.

Service	Capital Programme Variations Budget £000	Forecast Outturn Variance (May 21) £000	Capital Programme Variations Budget Used £000	Capital Programme Variations Budget Used %	Revised Outturn Variance (May 21) £000
P&C	-5,957	-5,957	2,590	43.5%	0
<b>Total Spending</b>	<b>-5,957</b>	<b>-5,957</b>	<b>2,590</b>	<b>43.5%</b>	<b>0</b>

### 3. Alignment with corporate priorities

- 3.1 Communities at the heart of everything we do  
There are no significant implications for this priority.
- 3.2 A good quality of life for everyone  
There are no significant implications for this priority.
- 3.3 Helping our children learn, develop and live life to the full  
There are no significant implications for this priority.
- 3.4 Cambridgeshire: a well-connected, safe, clean, green environment  
There are no significant implications for this priority.
- 3.5 Protecting and caring for those who need us  
There are no significant implications for this priority.

### 4. Significant Implications

- 4.1 Resource Implications  
This report sets out details of the overall financial position of the P&C Service.
- 4.2 Procurement/Contractual/Council Contract Procedure Rules Implications  
There are no significant implications within this category.
- 4.3 Statutory, Legal and Risk Implications  
There are no significant implications within this category.
- 4.4 Equality and Diversity Implications  
There are no significant implications within this category.
- 4.5 Engagement and Communications Implications  
There are no significant implications within this category.
- 4.6 Localism and Local Member Involvement  
There are no significant implications within this category.

#### 4.7 Public Health Implications

There are no significant implications within this category.

#### 4.8 Environment and Climate Change Implications on Priority Areas

There are no significant implications within this category.

### 5. Source documents

#### 5.1 Source documents

As well as presentation of the FMR to the Committee the report is made available online each month.

#### 5.2 Location

[Click here to access the finance and budget performance reports on the Council website.](#)

## Children & Young People Committee Revenue Budgets within the Finance Monitoring Report

Commissioning Directorate

Strategic Management – Commissioning – covers all of P&C

Access to Resource & Quality – covers all of P&C

Children’s Commissioning

Children in Care Placements

Commissioning Services

Community & Safety Directorate

Youth and Community Services

Children & Safeguarding Directorate

Strategic Management – Children & Safeguarding

Safeguarding and Quality Assurance

Fostering and Supervised Contact Services

Corporate Parenting

Integrated Front Door

Children’s Disability Service

Support to Parents

Adoption Allowances

Legal Proceedings

Youth Offending Service

District Delivery Service

Children’s Centres Strategy

Safeguarding West

Safeguarding East

Early Help District Delivery Service –North

Early Help District Delivery Service – South

Education Directorate

Strategic Management - Education

Early Years’ Service

School Improvement Service

Schools Partnership Service

Outdoor Education

Cambridgeshire Music

ICT Service

Redundancy & Teachers Pensions

SEND Specialist Services (0-25 years)

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Funding for Special Schools and Units

High Needs Top Up Funding

Special Educational Needs Placements  
Out of School Tuition  
Alternative Provision and Inclusion  
SEND Financing - DSG

Infrastructure  
0-19 Organisation & Planning  
Education Capital  
Home to School Transport – Special  
Children in Care Transport  
Home to School/College Transport – Mainstream

Executive Director  
Executive Director - covers all of P&C  
Lost Sales, Fees & Charges Compensation – covers all of P&C  
Central Financing - covers all of P&C

Grant Funding  
Financing DSG  
Non Baselined Grants - covers all of P&C