

FINANCE AND PERFORMANCE REPORT – NOVEMBER 2014

To: **Children and Young People Committee**

Meeting Date: **13 January 2015**

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

Electoral division(s): **All**

Forward Plan ref: **N/a** *Key decision:* **No**

Purpose: **To provide the Committee with the November 2014 Finance and Performance report for Children's, Families and Adults (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 November 2014.**

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 The Finance and Performance 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 NOVEMBER CFA FINANCE & PERFORMANCE REPORT

- 2.1 The November 2014 Finance and Performance report is attached at Appendix 1. The previous report presented to Committee (the September Finance & Performance Report) identified a forecast overspend at year end of £921K across CFA. The latest position (as at the end of November) is a forecast overspend of £1,637K.

2.2 Revenue

Since the last Finance & Performance Report was presented to Committee there have been the following revenue changes:-

In October:-

- In the Strategy & Commissioning Directorate there is a £400K increase in the forecast cost of Looked After Children (LAC) placements, increasing it to a £1.3m overspend. This is due to a steady increase in the number of external placements made. There are ongoing pressures on this demand-led budget and the current forecast assumes additional contributions from health.
- In Strategy & Commissioning directorate there is a £350K overspend in Commissioning Services on Out of School Provision for children either excluded from school or in hospital. This is funded from the Dedicated Schools Grant and does not affect the bottom line CFA overspend position.

In November:-

- In the Strategy & Commissioning Directorate, Home to School transport – Special is forecasting an overspend of £990K, which is an increase of £740K since last month. The overspend has been confirmed following detailed interrogation of the data and integrity checks to the commitment records. Since last financial year, the average daily cost has increased due to reduced competition within the city, and increasing complexity of need resulting in more costly transport arrangements requiring passenger assistants and tail lift vehicles
- In the Learning Directorate, Home to School Transport – Mainstream

has an increased overspend of £292K, and is now forecasting to overspend by £1.1m at year-end. The increase is mainly due to an increase in post-16 transport.

For more detail, refer to **Appendix 1**.

2.3 Capital

Over the last two months there has been increased slippage of £2.3m, with total slippage to date of £20.1m. This affects the profile of spend across the duration of the Capital Programme but not the total cost.

The main two area of slippage are £1,650k at Northstowe Primary (due to archaeological works causing delays), and £1,000k at Isle of Ely Primary (due to delays in awarding the Milestone 4 contract and land transfer issues).

2.5 Performance

There are nine existing CFA service performance indicators in total and four are shown as green, three as amber and two are red. Of the five C&YP Performance Indicators, there is no change since last Committee and one is red, two are amber and two are green. The red Performance Indicator is the proportion of pupils attending Cambridgeshire schools judged good or outstanding by Ofsted, and performance has been adversely affected by a number of large secondary academies slipping from “good” to “requires improvement”.

3.0 CFA Reserves

3.1 CFA is developing a range of proposals to use existing CFA reserves to support the achievement of the Business Plan savings in 2015/16. The forecast position for reserves at year-end changes each month because the overspend at year-end will be charged to reserves, and so for this reason the actual level of available reserves will not be finalised until the accounts have been closed.

3.2 CFA is currently developing detailed business cases for all the schemes to evaluate the likely impact, and will use these to prioritise the use of reserves. It is likely that in the next few months some proposed schemes will be scaled back or deleted, and other schemes further developed.

4.0 ALIGNMENT WITH CORPORATE PRIORITIES

4.1 Developing the local economy for the benefit of all

There are no significant implications for this priority.

4.2 Helping people live healthy and independent lives

There are no significant implications for this priority.

4.3 Supporting and protecting vulnerable people

There are no significant implications for this priority.

5.0 SIGNIFICANT IMPLICATIONS

- 5.1 **Resource Implications**
This report sets out details of the overall financial position of the CFA Service.
- 5.2 **Statutory, Risk and Legal Implications**
There are no significant implications within this category.
- 5.3 **Equality and Diversity Implications**
There are no significant implications within this category.
- 5.4 **Engagement and Consultation Implications**
No public engagement or consultation is required for the purpose of this report.
- 5.5 **Localism and Local Member Involvement**
There are no significant implications within this category.
- 5.6 **Public Health Implications**
There are no significant implications within this category.