

Children and Young People Committee

Committee feedback on Business Plan and Budget 2026-27 – 2028-29

Meeting held 20 January 2026

The Business Plan and Budget was discussed in full by the Committee. The Committee undertook scrutiny of the budget lines relating to this Committee and raised a number of points, including assumptions and confidence around savings and income such as:

- Home to School Transport, including future prevention focus. Officers provided assurance on these matters with a further report coming to the March 2026 Children and Young People Committee on the strategy.
- Clarity was sought on the stretch target for Children in Care alongside other developments and if this was feasible. Officers responded that this was a risk and if it could be replaced as funding this would manage that risk but every effort would remain to manage the efficiency and effectiveness of this service and importantly the outcome for our children. As such this should be considered by Strategy, Resources and Performance Committee in their final setting in the budget.

The following item was raised for further consideration by Strategy, Resources and Performance Committee on 29 January 2026:

- Clarity was also sought on the position relating to the Holiday Vouchers Scheme and the need for any support where possible, especially for a transition period. As a result, it is recommended by the Committee that Strategy, Resources and Performance Committee consider the need for a further sum to support the first years of transition between the Household Support Fund and the Crisis Resilience Fund

There were no further comments passed for clarity or raising to the Strategy, Resources and Performance Committee.