P6 - 2018/19 SLT Revenue Budget Monitoring Forecast by Service

Directorate Variances over £250,000

		Budget	Projection	Variance		
Dir.	Service	£000	£000	£000	Variance %	Reason (provide if variance is +/- £250k)
CFC	Children's Social Care Placements & Provision	43,696	44,396	700	1.6%	As outlined in previous budget monitoring reports, there has been a gross pressure of between £1.8m and £2.1m, which was brought down to a projected overspend of £800k on the assumption that savings plans would be realised and new demand would be managed. It was reported that there is a risk within the forecast, given the increase in high cost placements. A number of actions have been taken forward to deliver this, including the panel review of top up payments and the development of the edge of care strategy which was reported to Cabinet on 18 October 2018. Whilst the budget is challenging to manage, the activity report this month indicates a positive direction, in that 6 children have moved out of agency residential placements this month. However, there are currently 3 children in secure placements. This activity continues to be robustly monitored.
CFC	Home to School Transport	13,692	14,292	600	4.4%	The overspend which remains at £600k is based on the costs and activities data within the transport database (Routewise) and estimates based on the information in the system. Data provided by SEND colleagues has indicated that the estimated forecast costs could be reduced for the new academic year. However, it is acknowledged that there is a risk in reducing the overspend at this stage as the impact on new starters at the beginning of the new academic needs to be fully assessed. This is taking place with transport colleagues.
FIN	Financing Transactions (Borrowing and Investments)	15,393	12,122	-3,271	-21.2%	Defer planned external borrowing whilst cash balances are strong and no significant forecast for interest rate rises.
FIN	MRP	10,782	7,070	-3,712	-34.4%	18/19 MRP Saving from policy change (subject to external audit verification and S.151 'Prudent Amount' assessment)
FIN	MRP	10,782	6,991	-3,791	-35.2%	18/19 MRP - PFI Saving from policy change (subject to external audit verification and S.151 'Prudent Amount' assessment)
FIN	Insurance	0	-500	-500	-	Reduce Fire Insurance Reserve following financial risk assessment
FIN	Whole Organisation - Contingency	750	125	-625		Residual Amount not allocated from Corporate Contingency
E&I	Business, Administration & Systems	2,720	52	-2,668	-98.1%	Capitalisation of Highway Works - £1m Capitalisation of Staff Time - £500k Highways Maintenance Service Specification Change - £500k Reduced spend on Concessionary Fares - £100k Increased Driver Training Income - £150k Reduced Discretionary Spend - £200k Use of grants and income - £200k Miscellaneous - £16k
COaCH	Service Transformation (Customer Servs,ICT)	5,853	6,103	250	4.3%	The budget was reduced relating to the insourcing of the DxC contract. Saving has been delayed to take account of more realistic and achievable timescales. Work continues to identify solutions to mitigate this potential overspend position
COaCH	Property Services	4,383	4,783	400	9.1%	Budget reduced by £0.5 million to take account of the impact of property sales expected. A number of these sales have not been achieved within indicative timescales and there is also a forecast overspend against the Place Partnership property services budget based on the 2017/18 outturn reflecting increases in reactive maintenance and other unplanned events. This is partly offset by a saving of £100k on the budget for feasibility studies.

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-11.124

IBCF

DAS

-11.059

65

overspend.

Disabilities.

has been split between WC and the CCG, with WCC responsible for funding £1 million of the

-0.6% Currently forecasting for a call on iBCF to fund sleep-in and fee uplift pressures in Learning