

**Emerging pressures and challenges for services in relation to the 2022/23 Budget**

**Children and Families Overview and Scrutiny Panel - 12 November 2021**

- The Panel noted that, as previously reported, the key pressure on the Dedicated Schools Grant (DSG) was in the High Needs Block, a pressure that was in line with the national picture. Members also noted that the legislation which had allowed councils to carry forward this deficit on their balance sheets would expire at the end of the 22/23 financial year at which point the deficit could potentially revert to the County Council. Members acknowledged that the High Needs Management Plan was in place to monitor this budget closely.
- The Panel was informed that the Council was still awaiting specific details from the Government in relation to the budget for 2022/23.
- With reference to Home to School Transport, the much-improved budget picture was welcomed.
- Members were interested in the amount to be included in the 2022/23 budget for staff pay increases and were informed that this was not yet confirmed.