

REPORT TO: CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE'S COMMITTEE ON 11 JUNE 2008

SUBJECT: EDUCATIONAL SERVICES REVENUE BUDGET MONITORING REPORT

BY: DIRECTOR OF EDUCATIONAL SERVICES

1. REASON FOR REPORT

1.1 The purpose of this report is to provide a summary statement for the Educational Services Revenue Budget as at 31 March 2008.

1.2 This report is submitted to Committee in terms of Section D (14) of the Council's Administrative Scheme relating to the consideration of Capital and Revenue budgets and long-term financial plans.

2. RECOMMENDATION

2.1 It is recommended that Committee scrutinises and notes the budget position as at 31 March 2008 as detailed in the report and Appendix 1

3. BACKGROUND AND ANALYSIS

3.1 The variance in Community Learning and Development is due in the main to income being less than anticipated.

3.2 The variance in Special Education relates to an overspend in Out-of-area placements of £403,000 and the remainder being mainly staffing costs to meet unforeseeable demands.

3.3 The variance in Facilities is due primarily to an overspend of £100,000 in Repairs and Maintenance although this was offset by the underspend of Repairs and Maintenance in the Administration and Management function (see para 3.5 below). Within Facilities there was also an overspend on energy costs of £66,000.

3.4 The variance in Libraries and Museums is due to an overspend of £19,000 on Repairs and Maintenance, £9,000 on energy and £12,000 on vehicle costs.

3.5 The variance in Administration in Management is due to underspends of £119,000 in Repairs & Maintenance and £64,000 in Free School Meals offset by overspends of £80,000 in Examination Fees, £25,000 in staff advertising and £53,000 in School Transport.

3.6 The overall position is an overspend of £876,000 on a budget of £80,447,000 which equates to 1%. Strategies are in place to address this position during 2008/09.

4. SUMMARY OF IMPLICATIONS

(a) Corporate Development Plan/Community Plan/Service Improvement Plan

The effective management of the Educational Services Budget is essential for services to be provided efficiently and effectively.

(b) Policy and Legal

None.

(c) Resources (Financial, Risks, Staffing and Property)

These are detailed in the report and in **Appendix 1**.

(d) Consultations

Deborah Brands, Principal Accountant, and the Educational Services Senior Management Team have been consulted and are in agreement with the contents of this report.

5. CONCLUSION

5.1 That Committee scrutinises and notes the budget position as at 31 March 2008 as detailed in the report and Appendix 1

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Background Papers:

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