

**REPORT TO: CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE'S SERVICES COMMITTEE ON  
9 JUNE 2010**

**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 2010.
- 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 2010 as detailed in the report and Appendix 1.**

**3. BACKGROUND AND ANALYSIS**

- 3.1 The variance in Education Central Services is due to underspends in Maximum Basic Scale, Facilitating School Improvement, Free School Meals subsidy and Repairs and Maintenance offset by overspends in Central Supply, PPP and School Transport.
- 3.2 The variance in Community Learning and Development is due in the main to underspends in Arts/Cultural development, Dialogue Youth and Youth Work and an overspend in After School Clubs.
- 3.3 The underspends against energy budgets have been partially resolved by accruing amounts to individual schools based on best estimates thus enabling schools and accountancy to move forward with a more realistic budget position. The Energy Officer continues to work with the provider and is hopeful of results soon. The variance in Secondary is due to overspends in DSM budgets and the costs of redundancy/severance partly offset by the underspend in non devolved staffing costs.
- 3.4 The variance in Primary is due to underspends in DSM budgets and non devolved staffing costs partly offset by the costs of redundancy/severance.
- 3.5 The variance in Additional Support Needs is due to an overspend in Additional Resource Packages offset by underspends in a variety of staffing elements.

- 3.6 The variance in Leisure is due to overspends in Energy budgets for public halls, the cost of redundancy/severance and a net loss on community centre coffee bars, partly offset by underspends in staffing and some areas of increased income.
- 3.7 The variance in Childcare is due to underspends in grants and training.
- 3.8 The main reasons for the changes to the last reported position are the inclusion of the DSM carry forward net underspend, £280,000; an underspend in repairs and maintenance rather than the previously predicted overspend, £233,000; an increased underspend in Facilitating School Improvement, £80,000; the year-end transfer of Free School Meal subsidy underspend from Catering, £80,000; a reduction in the Out of Area/Additional Resource Packages overspend, £68,000; additional staffing underspends within Additional Support Needs, £78,000 and additional underspends in Grants/Training within Childcare, £29,000.
- 3.9 The overall year-end position for Educational Services is an underspend of £673,000. The revised budget figure of £92,260,000 has increased from the previous figure of £84,998,000 as a result of applying central recharges figures at year-end.

#### **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 2010 as detailed in the report and Appendix 1.**

Author of Report: Alistair C. Farquhar, Head of Educational Resource Services  
Background Papers:  
Ref: DMD/JR/Reports/Children and Young People's Services Committee/  
9 June 2010/Educational Services Revenue Budget Monitoring Report