

Education and Children's Social Care Overview and Scrutiny Committee



Date of meeting:	15 June 2022
Title of Report:	Children's Services Provisional Finance Outturn Report 2021-22
Lead Member:	Councillor Mark Shayer
Lead Strategic Director:	Brendan Arnold (Service Director for Finance)
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Your Reference:	DJN/Finance/2021.22
Key Decision:	No
Confidentiality:	Part I - Official

Purpose of Report

This report outlines the Provisional Outturn position of the Council for the year ending 31st March 2022.

Full details of the Provisional Outturn position for the Children's Directorate is set out in the body of the report.

Recommendations and Reasons

The Education and Children's Social Care Overview and Scrutiny Committee is recommended to note the Outturn position with regard to Children's.

Reason: as part of the committees responsibility for noting the financial performance of Children's Services.

Alternative options considered and rejected

None – our Financial Regulations require us to produce regular monitoring of our finance resources including a revenue and capital outturn position which culminates in the production of the 2021/22 annual statement of accounts.

Implications for the Medium Term Financial Plan and Resource Implications:

Robust and accurate financial monitoring underpins the Council's Medium Term Financial Plan (MTFP). The Council's MTFP is updated regularly based on on-going monitoring information, both on a local and national context. Any adverse variations from the annual budget will place pressure on the MTFP going forward and require additional savings to be generated in future years.

Financial Risks

Associated risk regarding the Directorate are managed within the monthly monitoring reports discussed at DMT and CMT meetings

Carbon Footprint (Environmental) Implications:

None identified.

Other Implications: e.g. Health and Safety, Risk Management, Child Poverty:

* When considering these proposals members have a responsibility to ensure they give due regard to the Council's duty to promote equality of opportunity, eliminate unlawful discrimination and promote good relations between people who share protected characteristics under the Equalities Act and those who do not.

None identified.

Appendices

*Add rows as required to box below

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Background papers:

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Originating Senior Leadership Team member: Brendan Arnold											
Please confirm the Strategic Director(s) has agreed the report? Yes											
Date agreed: 07/06/2022											
Cabinet Member approval: Councillor Mark Shayer											
Date approved: 07/06/2022											

Plymouth City Council

Finance Monitoring Children's Directorate – 2021/22

Provisional Outturn for year to 31 March 2022

End of Year Business as Usual (BAU) Revenue Outturn

Directorate	Net Budget	Business as Usual Outturn	BAU Over / (Under) Spend
	£m	£m	£m
Children's Directorate	53.454	53.750	0.296

The Children's Directorate reported an adverse outturn position of £0.296m. This relates to the shortfall against the £4.001m savings target for the year. The saving related to school transport and saw additional demand in year; work continues to deliver the original saving in full

Covid Expenditure

Directorate	Covid Spend / Lost income	Main Spend Areas
	£m	
Children's Directorate	9.444	Additional Placement costs; additional social workers; increased legal costs associated with the extra demand and increased specialist assessments. There were also additional Adoption Transition Costs and some lost income within the schools service.