

Children, Young People and Families Scrutiny Panel



Date of meeting:	18 February 2026
Title of Report:	Children's Services Finance Report
Lead Member:	Councillor Jemima Laing (Deputy Leader, and Cabinet Member for Children's Social Care, Culture and Communications)
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Your Reference:	CHIFIN0126
Key Decision:	No
Confidentiality:	Part I - Official

Purpose of Report

The purpose of this report is to provide an update to members on the 2025/26 budget for Children's Services, including the financial monitoring position as at Quarter 3.

Recommendations and Reasons

That the Children, Young People and Families Scrutiny Panel notes the Children's Services Finance report.

Alternative options considered and rejected

N/A

Relevance to the Corporate Plan and/or the Plymouth Plan

This finance report links to the following Corporate Plan priorities; Working with the NHS to provide better access to health, care and dentistry, and Keeping children, adults and communities safe.

Implications for the Medium Term Financial Plan and Resource Implications:

Provides information about budgets set in line with the Medium Term Financial Plan

Financial Risks

N/A information only

Carbon Footprint (Environmental) Implications:

N/A

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.*

N/A

Appendices

*Add rows as required to box below

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Background papers:

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Please list all unpublished, background papers relevant to the decision in the table below. Background papers are unpublished works, relied on to a material extent in preparing the report, which disclose facts or matters on which the report or an important part of the work is based.

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Sign off:

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Originating Senior Leadership Team member: David Haley											
Please confirm the Strategic Director(s) has agreed the report? Date agreed: 11/02/2026											
Cabinet Member approval: Councillor Laing approved via email. Date approved: 11/02/2026											