

Children Services 2007/08 Revenue Budget Monitoring as at February 2008

Variance	Explanation of Year End Position of £129k under spend
£'000 -129	£129k this period
	<p>Services to Schools & Young People</p> <p>-32 Schools in Challenging circumstances have already offered up £30k saving which will materialise. In addition there is a further underspend of £2k which is the balance of the commitment to Dorcan & Nova Hreod schools, which will not be spent by the end of the financial year. This commitment will have to be met from the 2008/09 budget allocation.</p> <p>-8 Travellers Children – The underspends of £5k on General Supplies and £3k on payroll is due to tight budgetary control on this demand led budget.</p> <p>-59 Hillside – a higher demand which has resulted in increased income of £26K, in addition to this a further underspend of £33k has materialised as a result of delayed appointments to vacant posts.</p> <p>-110 Pupil Referral Unit, Home Tuition & Great Western Hospital - £68k additional income due to an unexpected increase in number of pupils, which has resulted in a net overspend across the salary budgets of £30k. As previously reported £78k of grant funding has been brought forward from 06/07 to contribute to overall expenditure relating to 2007/08. There are also minor variations of £6k overspend which relate to mileage and examination fees.</p> <p>10 There continues to be an increase in demand for Therapy services. A £70k overspend has been reduced by one off contributions of £25k LAA Grant and additional £35k Schools Forum Funding.</p> <p>-60 Child & Adolescents Mental Health Service £90k bad debt recovered from 2004/05 has relieved the £79k salary pressure caused by an increased demand. In addition there is a further saving of £49k against General Supplies.</p> <p>226 There has been a considerable increase in the number of pupils with statements, causing a significant overspend within the Special Educational Needs Resource Allocation Panel budget. This has been addressed in the 08/09 budget.</p> <p>119 Recoupment charges for some Local Authorities have increased without advance notification. SBC is challenging these increases.</p> <p>5 Primary Behaviour Support Team Costs of office relocation to Oaktree School £2k, £6k salary pressure due to unpaid maternity cover and mileage backdated to Sept 06 offset by £3k savings generated in supplies and services.</p>

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8	Secondary Behaviour Support Team Teaching Assistant salaries and mileage costs have increased due to a larger number of pupils attending.
-326	Out of Borough projections include year end accruals and £160k contribution now received from PCT towards two joint funded individuals.
-3	Education Support Service – net overspend of £10k on dyslexia teaching post due to unsuccessful recruitment and temporary consultants to cover; £5k budget pressure resulting from relocation to Saltway; £10k saving on supplies and services due to budget freeze and £8k balance brought forward from 06/07.
-36	NNDR Mandatory Relief received by St Joseph's school due to voluntary aided status has now offset previous budget pressure reported of £250k for NNDR on PFI Schools.
-9	Staff saving on Union Representatives – This budget area is dependant on schools making accurate and timely claims. It is difficult to forecast however latest indications project a small saving.
2	Admissions Forum have an overspend on general supplies for a publicity campaign and consultancy document
300	Isambard set up costs to be funded from DSG redundancy budget
9	Admissions - £3k budget pressure on salary related expenditure due to additional cost of employing temporary staff used to cover vacancies; £2.5k budget pressure on public notices; £3.8k on office expenditure including telephone, printing & stationery costs.
-207	School Commitments underspend after covering spend on Oakfield Closure costs £27k, and Holding account - exclusions £42k.
42	Overspend due to increased demand from private, voluntary and independent organisations in the 4 year olds Early Years Centres.
Finance Overview The projected year-end under spend on the Schools Block is £129k. If the year end position remains as an under spend this will be added to next years allocation of Dedicated Schools Grant (DSG).	