

Education & Children's Services Scrutiny Report Budget Monitoring as at 31st December 2017 - Summary

Division	Working Budget				Forecasted				Dec 2017 Forecasted Variance for Year £'000	Oct 2017 Forecasted Variance for Year £'000
	Expenditure £'000	Income £'000	Net non- controllable £'000	Net £'000	Expenditure £'000	Income £'000	Net non- controllable £'000	Net £'000		
Director & Strategic Management	888	0	-148	739	746	0	-148	598	-142	-138
Education Services Division	117,447	-1,701	19,152	134,898	118,244	-1,866	19,152	135,530	632	681
Strategic Development	9,273	-7,505	881	2,649	9,096	-7,342	881	2,634	-14	-11
School Improvement	4,143	-1,842	504	2,805	5,033	-2,718	504	2,819	14	37
Learner Programmes	4,973	-3,867	384	1,490	5,149	-4,001	384	1,532	43	79
Children's Services	22,924	-6,585	2,103	18,443	23,568	-7,245	2,103	18,426	-16	266
GRAND TOTAL	159,648	-21,500	22,876	161,024	161,836	-23,172	22,876	161,540	516	913

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Budget Monitoring as at 31st December 2017 - Main Variances

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Director & Strategic Management							
Director & Management Team	888	0	746	0	-142	Part year vacant post. Increased budget (£100k) relating to transfers from other areas of the department in readiness to meet a departmental efficiency proposal in 2018-19.	-138
Education Services Division							
School Redundancy & EVR	1,838	0	2,331	0	494	Budget utilised on existing commitments. Schools are supported and challenged on staffing structure proposals.	422
School Modernisation	93	-5	263	-33	143	Maintenance and other premises costs relating to closed schools £100k. Transport recharges outside of Transport Policy for former pupils of closed schools £49k partly offset by additional income -£6k. NNDR Valuation Office have recently revised the treatment of closed schools.	376
Early Years Non-Maintained Provision	469	0	372	0	-97	Reduced take-up of 10 hours per week free entitlement for 3 year olds in non-maintained settings.	-115
Special Educational Needs	2,908	-1,484	3,111	-1,515	173	Additional statementing costs within smaller schools £80k. Recent agreement and settlement of outstanding costs for four out of county complex individual cases £93k.	29
Education Other Than At School (EOTAS)	1,974	-212	2,009	-296	-50	Part year vacant posts	10
Sensory Impairment	362	0	348	0	-14	Part year vacant posts	-17
Educational Psychology	898	0	900	-23	-21	Part year vacant posts	-29
Strategic Development							
Business Support	448	0	417	0	-31	Part year vacant posts	-24
Participation	89	0	72	0	-16	Part year vacant posts	-10
School Meals & Primary Free Breakfast Services	7,959	-7,143	7,835	-6,982	37	Sales lower than projected April - December, possibly due to price increase.	28
School Improvement							
National Model for School Improvement	1,154	-56	1,246	-177	-29	Challenge advisor part year vacancy	-21
Welsh Language Support	459	-176	492	-169	40	Contingency of £65k relating to potential repayment to Swansea University relating to previous year which has been referred to Legal Services, offset by part year vacant posts -£25k.	54

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Learner Programmes							
Music Services for Schools	1,083	-984	1,262	-973	190	Reduced take-up of school Service Level Agreements (SLA), due to school budgetary pressures.	185
Families First Grant (Youth)	674	-654	661	-654	-13	Part year vacant posts	-2
Behaviour Management	141	0	73	0	-68	Part year vacant post for Behaviour and Wellbeing manager	-56
Youth Offending & Prevention Service	1,625	-785	1,596	-822	-66	Proceeds from sale of vehicles and additional staffing recharge to Youth Justice Board grant	-47
Children's Services							
Commissioning and Social Work	6,474	-20	6,801	-418	-71	High Legal costs projected due to a high number of cases £158k. This is offset by secondment and part year vacancy savings -£172k and utilisation of additional grant and recharge income to support other pressures -£57k.	-90
Corporate Parenting & Leaving Care	1,263	-418	1,292	-513	-66	Utilisation of grant, enabling core budget to support other pressures	0
Fostering Services & Support	3,696	0	3,776	0	80	The taxi's budget faces ongoing pressure £20k due to the high number of placement moves, some away from school areas. The Fostering Support Team have increased transport costs, boarding out payments and residence orders (even though CCC current rates are set at the minimum allowed by Welsh Government) £249k. This is offset by part year vacancies in the Fostering Team, -£106k and additional grant -£70k savings on recruitment costs -£13k.	147
Out of County Placements (CS)	739	-54	774	-3	85	More use of independent fostering agencies that are more expensive to use due to a lack of in house foster placements including 3 young people being accommodated out of county due to their complex needs requiring 24 hour support.	177
Residential and Respite Units	937	-55	896	0	13	Additional staffing levels required to meet the needs of young people at the units	34
Short Breaks and Direct Payments	519	-30	483	-40	-46	Direct Payments has received extra demand due to the lack of summer club provision £7k, offset by savings of £53k as a result of additional funding from the closure of the Giant Steps provision	6
Children's/Family Centres and Playgroups	160	-4	214	-32	26	Fewer referrals than anticipated resulting in reduced grant funding	15
Aids & Adaptions	13	0	24	0	11	Additional demand for appliances	12
Family Aide Services	212	0	178	0	-34	Part year vacancies	-32
Other Family Services incl Young Carers and ASD	422	-229	395	-266	-65	Utilisation of grant, enabling core budget to support other pressures	-47
Out of Hours Service	208	-64	226	-64	18	Service has been realigned and will be transferring to Adult services next financial year	0

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Garreglwyd Residential Unit	541	-159	651	-217	52	Additional staffing costs to cover periods of sickness and a young person being moved in which reduces the out of county placement costs.	62
Education Welfare	409	0	418	-31	-22	Utilisation of grant, enabling core budget to support other pressures.	-40
Other Variances					6		23
Grand Total					516		913

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Director & Strategic Management Total	888	0	-148	739	746	0	-148	598	-142		-138
Education Services Division											
Schools Delegated Budget	108,746	0	0	108,746	108,746	0	0	108,746	0		0
School Expenditure not currently delegated	161	0	18,827	18,989	164	2	18,827	18,994	5		5
School Redundancy & EVR	1,838	0	6	1,843	2,331	0	6	2,337	494	Budget utilised on existing commitments. Schools are supported and challenged on staffing structure proposals.	422
School Modernisation	93	-5	50	138	263	-33	50	281	143	Maintenance and other premises costs relating to closed schools £100k. Transport recharges outside of Transport Policy for former pupils of closed schools £49k partly offset by additional income -£6k. NNDR Valuation Office have recently revised the treatment of closed schools.	376
Early Years Non-Maintained Provision	469	0	21	490	372	0	21	392	-97	Reduced take-up of 10 hours per week free entitlement for 3 year olds in non-maintained settings.	-115
Special Educational Needs	2,908	-1,484	135	1,559	3,111	-1,515	135	1,731	173	Additional statementing costs within smaller schools £80k. Recent agreement and settlement of outstanding costs for four out of county complex individual cases £93k.	29
Education Other Than At School (EOTAS)	1,974	-212	61	1,824	2,009	-296	61	1,774	-50	Part year vacant posts	10
Sensory Impairment	362	0	9	371	348	0	9	357	-14	Part year vacant posts	-17
Educational Psychology	898	0	42	940	900	-23	42	919	-21	Part year vacant posts	-29
Education Services Division Total	117,447	-1,701	19,152	134,898	118,244	-1,866	19,152	135,530	632		681
Strategic Development											
School Milk & Uniform Grants	281	-280	12	13	278	-277	12	13	-0		-0
Information & Improvement	497	-83	114	529	493	-83	114	524	-4		-6
Business Support	448	0	144	591	417	0	144	561	-31	Part year vacant posts	-24
Participation	89	0	0	89	72	0	0	72	-16	Part year vacant posts	-10
School Meals & Primary Free Breakfast Services	7,959	-7,143	611	1,427	7,835	-6,982	611	1,464	37	Sales lower than projected April - December, possibly due to price increase.	28
Strategic Development Total	9,273	-7,505	881	2,649	9,096	-7,342	881	2,634	-14		-11

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School Improvement											
School Effectiveness Support Services	302	-59	308	551	308	-62	308	553	3		4
National Model for School Improvement	1,154	-56	0	1,098	1,246	-177	0	1,069	-29	Challenge advisor part year vacancy	-21
Welsh Language Support	459	-176	64	347	492	-169	64	387	40	Contingency of £65k relating to potential repayment to Swansea University relating to previous year which has been referred to Legal Services, offset by part year vacant posts - £25k.	54
Education Improvement Grant	1,845	-1,169	0	677	2,603	-1,926	0	677	0		0
Other School Grants incl PDG	383	-382	133	133	384	-383	133	133	0		-0
School Improvement Total	4,143	-1,842	504	2,805	5,033	-2,718	504	2,819	14		37
Learner Programmes											
Post 16 Funding	148	-148	0	0	152	-152	0	0	-0		-0
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Families First Grant (Youth)	674	-654	33	53	661	-654	33	40	-13	Part year vacant posts	-2
Behaviour Management	141	0	0	141	73	0	0	73	-68	Part year vacant post for Behaviour and Wellbeing manager	-56
Youth Offending & Prevention Service	1,625	-785	195	1,034	1,596	-822	195	968	-66	Proceeds from sale of vehicles and additional staffing recharge to Youth Justice Board grant	-47
Adult & Community Learning	420	-416	146	150	414	-410	146	150	-0		-1
Cam Nesa	0	0	0	0	82	-82	0	-0	-0		0
Cynnydd	881	-880	0	2	910	-909	0	2	0		0
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Childcare	423	-140	36	319	430	-147	36	319	-0		-0
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Families First Grant	1,885	-1,680	76	282	1,794	-1,589	76	282	0		1
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Children's Services Mgt & Support (incl Care First)	892	-76	114	930	995	-178	114	932	2		2
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