

EDUCATION & CHILDREN SCRUTINY COMMITTEE 23rd NOVEMBER 2015

Revenue & Capital Budget Monitoring Report 2015/16

To consider and comment on the following issues:

- That the Scrutiny Committee receives the budget monitoring report for the Education & Children Department and considers the budgetary position.

Reasons:

- To provide the Committee with an update on the latest budgetary position, as at 31st August 2015, in respect of the 2015/16 financial year.

To be referred to the Executive Board for decision: NO

Executive Board Member Portfolio Holders:

- Cllr. David Jenkins (Resources)
- Cllr. Gareth Jones (Education & Children)

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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

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Revenue & Capital Budget Monitoring Report 2015/16

The monitoring exercise for the period to the 31st August 2015 is attached and indicates that:

Revenue Budgets (Appendix A)

The Education & Children's Services Department is forecasting an overspend of £1,049k for the year.

The main adverse budget variations relate to school based EVR and redundancy costs (+£1,102k); EOTAS (Education other than at School) (+£327k); Adult & Community Learning (+£195k); Residential and Respite Units (+£152k); Out of Hours Service (+£68k); Youth Service (+£62k); Music Service (+£61) and Fostering services & support (+£34k).

These are partially offset by under-spends across the department in: Out of County Educational Placements (-£427k); Staff vacancies, secondments and maximising use of grant funding (-£323k); Payments to private early years providers (-£96k); Out of County Care Placements (-£30k) and Children's Services management & support (-£25k)

There is £986k available in departmental reserves leaving a forecasted shortfall of £63k at year end.

Capital Budgets (Appendix B)

MEP External Funding -£1,017k Additional External funding secured.

Ysgol Ffwrnes +£57k Retention to be paid early due to works completed ahead of schedule

Ysgol Maes Y Gwendraeth £450k Re-profile required due to delays in 14/15 works carried forward to 15/16.

Seaside CP School -£3,000k Delay in approving outline business case by Welsh Government.

Ysgol Parc y Tywyn +£900k Re-profile required due to significantly more design development than originally intended during the year. Additional funding used to progress scheme to detailed design and submit planning application with a number of corporate sites in the Burry Port area.

Band A Schemes +£104k Re-profile required due to design development commencing site selection exercises and initial design development on Band B projects.

Completed Schemes +£42k Retentions held and paid to contractors on various schemes in order to ensure they are completed as per contract.

DETAILED REPORT ATTACHED?

YES – *A list of the main variances is attached to this report*

IMPLICATIONS

I confirm that other than those implications which have been agreed with the appropriate Directors / Heads of Service and are referred to in detail below, there are no other implications associated with this report.

Signed: Owen Bowen Interim Head of Financial Services

Policy, Crime & Disorder and Equalities	Legal	Finance	ICT	Risk Management Issues	Staffing Implications	Physical Assets
NONE	NONE	YES	NONE	NONE	NONE	NONE

3. Finance

Revenue – The Education & Children Department is currently forecasting an overspend of £1,049k for the year.

Capital – The capital programme is forecasting an underspend at year end against the 2015/16 approved budget of £2,482k.

CONSULTATIONS

I confirm that the appropriate consultations have taken in place and the outcomes are as detailed below:

Signed: Owen Bowen Interim Head of Financial Services

1. Local Member(s) – N/A
2. Community / Town Council – N/A
3. Relevant Partners – N/A
4. Staff Side Representatives and other Organisations – N/A

Section 100D Local Government Act, 1972 – Access to Information
List of Background Papers used in the preparation of this report:

THESE ARE DETAILED BELOW:

Title of Document	File Ref No. / Locations that the papers are available for public inspection
2015/16 Budget	Resources Department, County Hall, Carmarthen