EDUCATION & CHILDREN SCRUTINY COMMITTEE
9th MARCH 2016

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 December 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

EDUCATION & CHILDREN SCRUTINY COMMITTEE 9th MARCH 2016

Revenue & Capital Budget Monitoring Report 2015/16

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

Revenue Budgets (Appendix A)
The Education & Children's Services Department is forecasting an overspend of £1,269k for the year.

The main adverse budget variations relate to school based EVR and redundancy costs (+£1,072k); EOTAS (Education other than at School) (+£426k); Fostering services & support (+£169k); Adult & Community learning (+£154k); Respite Units (+£137k); Legal fees (+£108k); Out of Hours Service (+£94k); Music Service (+£70k); Garreglwyd Residential Accommodation (+£34k); Other Family Services incl Young Carers and ASD (+£34k) and Youth Service (+£20k).

These are partially offset by under-spends across the department in: Out of County educational placements (-£514k); Staff vacancies, secondments and maximising use of grant funding (-£345k); Centrally managed schools budget (-£66k); Children's Services management & support (-£66k); Governor Support (-£32k); Payments to private early years providers (-£22k) and Adoption Services (-£24k).

There is £967k available in departmental reserves leaving a forecasted shortfall of £302k at year end.

Capital Budgets (Appendix B)
The main variances are on the following projects:

Education DDA Act Works +£296k. Higher demand for adaptations than anticipated.

MEP external funding -£1,947k . Re-profiling required of 21st Century Schools grant from the Welsh Government,

Ysgol Ffwrnes +£29k. Owing to retention to be paid early due to works completed ahead of schedule

Ysgol Maes Y Gwendraeth £455k. Re-profile required owing to delays in 14/15 works carried forward to 15/16.

Seaside CP School -£1,954k. Delay in approving outline business case by Welsh Government. The full business case has now been approved.

Cwm Tywi new area primary -£50k. Options still being considered.

Ysgol Trimsaran new building -£664k. Delays awaiting confirmation on statutory process for dual stream.

Ysgol Y Strade Ph1 +£120k. More expenditure that anticipated during 2015-16, however, this does not affect the overall expenditure on the scheme which is due for completion in January 2019.

Ammanford Primary -£50k. Lower development costs that expected.

Ysgol Parc y Tywyn +£700k. Re-profile required because of significantly more design development untaken than originally intended during the year. Additional funding has been used to progress this project to detailed design stage and submit a planning application for a number of corporately owned sites in the Burry Port area.

Band B schemes +£72k. Site selections and designs ahead of scheduled.

Other projects +£201k. Need to be re-profiled.

Completed schemes +£43k. 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 £1,269k for the year.

Capital – The capital programme is forecasting an underspend at year end against the 2015/16 approved budget of £2,745k.

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