

EDUCATION & CHILDREN SCRUTINY COMMITTEE 17th JUNE 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.

Reasons:

- To provide the Scrutiny Committee with a 'near actual' financial position 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 closure of accounts 2015/16 is now substantially complete and therefore this report is based on the near actual figures which provides members with the latest expected out-turn position for 2015/16. The appendices provide the detail to the summary noted below.

Revenue Budgets (Appendices A-C)

The Education & Children's Services Department is projecting a net overspend of £735k at year end.

The main adverse budget variations relate to school based EVR and redundancy costs (+£793k); EOTAS (Education other than at School) (+£408k); Fostering services & support (+£160k); Adult & Community learning (+£137k); Corporate Parenting & Leaving Care (+£122k); Respite Units (+£119k); Out of Hours Service (+£60k) and Legal fees (+£53k).

These are partially offset by under-spends across the department in Staff vacancies, secondments and maximising use of grant funding (-£486k); Out of County educational placements (-£259k); Centrally managed schools budget (-£116k); School Meals (-£108k) and Children's Services management & support (-£69k).

There is £609k available in departmental reserves leaving a shortfall of £126k at year end.

Capital Budgets (Appendix D)

The main variances are on the following projects:

Disabled Discrimination Acts - +£219k Higher demand for pupil led adaptations, legal requirement.

MEP External Funding -£119k – Re-profiling required of 21st Century Schools grant from Welsh Government

Ysgol Ffwrnes -£1,164k Savings and re-profile required – Scheme physically complete

Dyffryn Amman -£619k Savings and re-profile required – Works to be completed in early 16/17

Ysgol Maes Y Gwendraeth -£466k Re-profile required due to delays in works – works progressing and to be completed in 16/17

Ysgol Bro Dinefwr -£756k Re-profile required - Final account and retention to be paid in 16/17

Seaside CP School -£1,533k delay in approving outline business case by Welsh Government. The full business case has now been approved.

Ysgol Carreg Hirfaen -£34k Final account and Retention due in 16/17

Cwm Tywi New Area School -£91k A number of options for the area are considered as part of the draft strategic review

Burry Port School -£123k Final costs lower than anticipated, savings on scheme

Ysgol Trimsaran -£630k Awaiting confirmation on statutory process on dual stream, flying start grant to be used in 2015/16

Ysgol Y Strade +£405k Higher level of spend during the year than anticipated, no impact to overall scheme cost

Llandeilo Primary -£37k Investigations ongoing and options currently being considered for site selection, and feasibility of using existing establishment.

Ammanford Primary -£73k Development costs lower than anticipated.

Ysgol Parc y Tywyn +£394k 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.

Llanelli Vocational Village -£499k Ground condition issue – re-negotiated costs with contractor delayed scheme. Works to be completed in 16/17

Ysgol Coedcae -£1,006k delay in approving outline business case by Welsh Government has delayed the anticipated timeline of the scheme

St John Lloyd -£305k Land ownership issues – council in negotiations with regard to a land swap.

Band B Schemes +£113k Re-profile required due to design development commencing site selection exercises and initial design development on Band B projects

MEP-Other Projects +£151k Re-profile required

Completed Schemes +£16k Retentions held and paid on 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 a net overspend of £735k for the year.

Capital – The capital programme shows a variance of -£6,154k against the 2015/16 approved budget.

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