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To: Members of Cabinet Member meeting - Young People

Friday, 23 August 2019

Dear Councillor,

Please attend a meeting of the **Cabinet Member meeting - Young People** to be held at **11.00 am** on **Tuesday, 3 September 2019** in Committee Room 4, County Hall, Matlock, the agenda for which is set out below.

Yours faithfully,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads 'Janie Berry'.

JANIE BERRY
Director of Legal Services

A G E N D A

PART I - NON-EXEMPT ITEMS

1. Declarations of Interest

To receive declarations of interest (if any)

2. Minutes (Pages 1 - 4)

To confirm the non-exempt minutes of the meeting of the Cabinet Member - Young People held on 6 August 2019

To consider the non-exempt reports of the Executive Director for Children's Services on:

- 3 (a) Confirmation of Nominations of School Governors (Pages 5 - 6)
- 3 (b) Youth Action Grants - Re-allocation of Funding (Pages 7 - 10)
- 4 (a) To consider the joint report of the Executive Director for Children's Services and the Director of Finance and ICT on Budget Monitoring 2019-20 Period 3 (Pages 11 - 18)
- 4 (b) To consider the joint report of the Executive Director for Children's Services and Director of Finance and ICT on Dedicated Schools Grant Monitoring 2019-20 - Period 3 (Pages 19 - 22)
- 5. Exclusion of the Public

To move "That under Regulation 21 (1)(b) of the Local Authorities (Executive Arrangements) (Access to Information) (England) Regulations 2000, the public be excluded from the meeting for the following items of business on the grounds that they involve the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in Paragraph(s)... of Part 1 of Schedule 12A to the Local Government Act 1972"

PART II - EXEMPT ITEMS

- 6. Declarations of Interest

To receive declarations of interest (if any)
- 7. Minutes (Pages 23 - 24)

To confirm the exempt minutes of the meeting of the Cabinet Member - Young People held on 6 August 2019
- 8. To consider the exempt report of the Executive Director for Children's Services on Special Educational Needs Strategic High Needs Review (Pages 25 - 90)

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MINUTES of a meeting of the **CABINET MEMBER – YOUNG PEOPLE** held on 6 August 2019 at County Hall, Matlock.

PRESENT

Cabinet Member - Councillor A Dale

Also in attendance – Councillor J Twigg

45/19 **MINUTES** **RESOLVED** that the minutes of the meeting of the Cabinet Member for Young People held on 8 July 2019 be confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Cabinet Member.

46/19 **NEW INSTRUMENTS OF GOVERNMENT** Under the School Governance (Constitution) (England) Regulations 2012; proposals had been received from school Governing Bodies for an amendment to their Instrument of Government.

RESOLVED that the new Instruments of Government be made for Coppice Primary School; Creswell CofE Infant School and Nursery; Field House Infant School; Parkside Community School and William Rhodes Primary School as detailed in the report.

47/19 **CONFIRMATION OF NOMINATIONS OF SCHOOL GOVERNORS** **RESOLVED** to approve the nomination of the following person to serve as Local Authority Governor:-

C S Smith - Ashbrook Junior School

48/19 **SCHOOL GRANTS 2019/20** The Department for Education (DfE) paid a number of grants to the Authority in the last financial year which were required to be wholly passed onto schools based on individual school allocations calculated by the DfE. These grants are due to be continued in 2019-20 and whilst the final 2019-20 allocations were yet to be confirmed, the methodologies for calculating allocations were known. For schools that have converted to Academy status the DfE deducts the amounts paid to Derbyshire's allocations and made payment direct to the school.

The table below showed gross grant allocations for Derbyshire, before academy deductions:-

Grant	2018-19 Allocation	2019-20 Allocation
Pupil Premium	£28.6m	£29.7m
PE & Sports Premium	£6.2m	TBA
Year 7 Literacy & Numeracy Catch-up Premium	£0.6m	TBA
Universal Infant Free School Meals	£8.3m	£8.3m
Free School Meal Supplementary	£1.1m	TBA
Teachers' Pay Grant	£2.4m	£4.2m
Teachers' Pension Grant*	N/A	TBA
Devolved Formula Capital	£3.2m	£3.2m
DFC 18-19 additional	£5.5m	N/A

* Due to start from September 2019

Appendix 1 to the report provided a breakdown of the methodology of how each individual schools allocation has been calculated by the government and showed the split between Derbyshire County Council maintained schools and academies.

RESOLVED that the additional grant funding for schools be noted.

49/19 REVENUE OUT-TURN 2018/19 – CHILDREN'S SERVICES

The Cabinet Member was informed of the final revenue out-turn position for 2018/19 for the Children's Services department.

Identified within the Executive Director's report were the significant variations of expenditure from the budget with an assessment of the impact of growth items approved as part of the 2018/19 budget settlement.

Progress was received against achievement of budget reductions and transfers to and from reserves was noted. Also noted was the expected impact of the 2018/19 out-turn on future years and any actions proposed.

The final out-turn of the 2018/19 Dedicated Schools Grant (DSG) was also reported.

Attached at Appendix 1 to the report was a summary statement setting out the final controllable out-turn position for Children's Services (CS) for 2018/19.

Net controllable expenditure in 2018/19 was £104.557 million compared with a budget of £100.337 million after transfers to and from reserves, resulting in a controllable overspend of £4.220 million. The main variances on controllable expenditure were itemised in the report. The expenditure for 2018/19 also included £0.022 million for the deficit balances of schools which have converted to become Academies due to the direction of the Secretary of State for Education.

The Dedicated Schools Grant (DSG) was a ring-fenced grant comprising four individual blocks – Schools Block, High Needs Block, Early Years Block and Central School Services Block. Expenditure was £383.192 million, compared with in-year grant income of £378.759 million and use of previous years' grant income of £3.625 million, a net overspend of £0.808 million. The report included an analysis and reasons for the variance by area.

RESOLVED (1) that the out-turn position, variations of expenditure from budget, impact of 2018/19 growth allocations and progress in achieving budget reductions be noted;

(2) to note the transfers to and from reserves outlined in the report;

(3) to note the expected impact of the 2018/19 outturn on future years and planned actions; and

(4) to note the final outturn of the 2018/19 Dedicated Schools Grant.

50/19 SCHOOL BUDGETS : DEFICIT BALANCES AND RECOVERY
PLANS BRINGING BUDGETS INTO BALANCE OVER MORE THAN ONE
FINANCIAL YEAR

The report detailed Governing bodies of schools with budget deficits who have requested approval to implement budget plans in order to repay the deficits over more than one year and schools which have still to agree a deficit recovery plan.

Before making such a request, the school must demonstrate to officers from Children's Services and Corporate Finance that all other options have been exhausted. Approval to repay a deficit was normally only allowed over a maximum of three years. Additional years might be granted if, in the opinion of the Executive Director for Children's Services, the school's ability to deliver the national curriculum would otherwise be seriously jeopardised and that no other reasonable course of action was available.

The estimated balances and pupil numbers of the schools included in the report were provided in Appendix 1 to the report.

In relation to requests to balance the budget over more than one year there were seven schools in this group, namely Fairmeadows Foundation Primary (2 year plan); Longstone CE Aided Primary School (2 year plan); Parkside Community School (2 year plan); Ashbourne Hill Top Primary (3 year plan); Charlesworth Primary School (3 year plan); Anthony Gell School (3 year plan); and William Allitt School (4 year plan).

Despite best efforts, a small number of schools have been unable to produce plans to bring their budgets back into balance, namely Brookfield Primary School, Glossopdale School and New Mills School. Brookfield Primary School and Glossopdale School were being supported by the

Authority's Team Around The School (TATS) processes, to identify long-term financial solutions.

Following a recent inspection Glossopdale would potentially be required to convert to academy status and if this happened the accumulated deficit would remain with the Authority. The estimated deficit at 31 March 2020 was - £0.746 million.

New Mills School deficit would reduce slowly over the next three years and the deficit at the end of 2020-21 would have fallen to £0.620 million. The school was a small secondary school with limited scope to make further savings.

RESOLVED (1) to allow the schools detailed in section 2.1 of the report to recover their budget deficits over two to four financial years;

(2) to note the position of the three schools in section 2.2 of the report that are currently unable to submit a balanced budget recovery plan;

(3) to require the governing bodies of the three schools in 2.2 to agree and submit plans to the Authority by the end of the current financial year that eliminate the accumulated deficits within a timeframe acceptable to the Authority; and

(4) to note the potential financial risk to the Authority should Glossopdale convert to academy status.

51/19 EXCLUSION OF THE PUBLIC RESOLVED that the public, including the press, be excluded from the meeting during consideration of the remaining item on the agenda to avoid the disclosure of the kind of exempt information detailed in the following summary of proceedings:-

SUMMARY OF PROCEEDINGS CONDUCTED AFTER THE PUBLIC, INCLUDING THE PRESS, WERE EXCLUDED FROM THE MEETING

1. To consider the exempt Report of the Strategic Director for Children's Services on Review of the Physical Education and School Sports Service (contains information which is likely to reveal the identity of any individual)

DERBYSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL
CABINET MEMBER FOR YOUNG PEOPLE

3rd September 2019

Report of Executive Director for Children's Services

CONFIRMATION OF NOMINATIONS OF SCHOOL GOVERNORS

1. Purpose of report

To ask the Cabinet member to confirm the nominations of persons to serve as local authority school governors.

2. Information and Analysis

Nominations to school governing boards are proposed as set out below.

The Cabinet member is asked to confirm the nominations of persons to serve on the governing boards of these schools.

Any appointments made by governing boards will be subject to the completion of a Declaration of Eligibility form, a proof of identity check and an enhanced DBS check.

3. Other considerations

In preparing this report the relevance of the following factors has been considered:- prevention of crime and disorder, equality of opportunity and health, legal, financial, personnel and property considerations.

4. Background Papers

Registration forms of applicants.

5. Key Decision?

No

6. Officer's Recommendation

That the nominations for persons to serve as local authority governors are confirmed.

Jane Parfremment
Executive Director for Children's Services

The Cabinet member is asked to confirm the **nominations** of the following persons to serve as local authority governors.

Name	School	Nominating Councillor	Appointment
Bolsover			
N Hoy	Clowne Infant & Nursery School	A Western	New Appointment
S Johnston	South Normanton Nursery School	J Coyle	New Appointment
K Oxspring	Clowne Junior School	A Western	New Appointment
High Peak			
H Hazelhurst	Buxton Community School	L Grooby	New Appointment
North East			
A Clarke	Mickley Infant School	B Lewis	New Appointment
C Haynes	Ashover Primary School	B Lewis	New Appointment

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DERBYSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL
CABINET MEMBER FOR YOUNG PEOPLE

3 September 2019

Report of the Executive Director for Children's Services

Youth Action Grants – Re-allocation of funding

1. Purpose of the Report

To seek approval to transfer funding within the Youth Action Grants scheme from the small grants to the medium / large grants programme following the closure of Round 5 on 30 June 2019.

2. Information and Analysis

At the Cabinet meeting on 5 April 2018 it was agreed to establish an Action Grants Programme of £1,500,000. This fund provides grants to champion local communities, encourage local groups to deliver community activity and to support the Council's priorities in relation to resilient and thriving communities.

The Action Grants Programme runs for a period of two years from May 2018 until May 2020. There are three levels of funding across four grants covering youth activity, community safety, community activity and physical/sports activity as follows:

- **Small Grants (up to £500):** Provides funding for 2,000 small scale, one off projects delivering positive activities in local communities.
- **Medium Grants (up to £5,000):** Provides funding for new projects in local communities which can demonstrate local support and which have a more significant local impact.
- **Large Grants (up to £10,000):** Provides funding for new projects which have longer term viability, will continue to impact local people into the future and might cover more than one programme theme.

£375,000 was allocated to the Youth Action Grants to provide 750 small grants of £500. An additional £62,500 was allocated for the medium and large grants programmes.

Youth Action Grants

The overarching objective of the Youth Action Grants Programme is to support and encourage a diverse range of youth and community activities that will improve the quality of life for local communities in Derbyshire. Funding is available to support a total of 750 grants for groups working with young people aged 11-19, and up to 25 with disabilities, which cover the following activity:

- Running a school holiday scheme
- Setting up a youth club
- Celebrating young people's achievements
- A young people's arts or music project
- Offering new activities for young people
- Activities encouraging young people's entrepreneurship
- Activities developing young people's employability skills
- Promoting young people's activities.

Overall Progress so far

The target for the Youth Action Grants is to give out 750 small grants over the 2 year programme, which is now in year 2. There is an ongoing media campaign led by the Communications Team. The number of applications received and awarded are low and there is a risk that the scheme will not meet its target number of grants awarded. This was raised in the last Action Grants Steering Group meeting. This could also mean that the grants programme is significantly underspent.

The total allocation for the small grants was £375,000 and current spend, after 5 rounds of applications, is £39,771, leaving a budget of £335,229.

There are 3 rounds of the medium and large grants. The overall budget for the medium and large grants was £62,500, with total spend after the first 2 rounds being £41,922; leaving a budget of £20,578 for the third round of medium and large grants in May 2020.

Appendix A details the current number of applications and spending.

It is therefore recommended that consideration be given to the viability of using some of the funding allocated to the small grants to support any medium and large grants.

Rationale for transferring funding

In addition to applications receiving funding following the Round 5 assessment panel, 2 medium and 5 large grants totalling £49,319 were assessed as high quality applications and therefore meeting criteria suitable for funding. However, these applications could not be funded due to the budget being oversubscribed.

Transferring funding to the medium and large grants pot would enable these applications to be funded, creating new projects and opportunities for young people across Derbyshire.

Reallocating funding from the small grants to the medium and large grants would mean the original target of 750 small grants may not be met but that impact would be greater as it would ensure that there was more scope to support medium and large grants with the capacity to deliver services and projects for young people. This presents 2 options:

Option 1 – leave things as they are. This means that potentially a significant number of medium and large grants that meet all criteria will be refused. This will impact on services being able to be delivered within the Voluntary Sector and will prevent new services and initiatives being established.

Option 2 – transfer some of the funding available in the small grants envelope to support successful applications in the medium and large grants, and to increase the frequency of opportunity for application. This will enable the growth and development of projects and services for young people led by the Voluntary Sector, and ensure that the Action Grants funding is spent for the purpose to which it was originally identified.

Permission to reallocate funding requires approval by the Cabinet Member for Children and Young People.

Recommendations

- To reallocate £49,319 from the small grants funding to the medium and large grants funding in order to fund applications meeting criteria in Round 5.
- To delegate to the Executive Director for Children's Services the decision to reallocate funding within the scheme between the small, medium and large grants streams following the end of the next round of medium and large grants in May 2020 in consultation with the Cabinet Member of Children's Services

Jane Parfremment
Executive Director – Children's Services

Appendix A

Table 1 below provides a summary of applications received and awarded, and Table 2 provides a breakdown by localities.

Table 1

Round	Number of grants received	Number of grants awarded	Total Funding Awarded
1	17 small grants 5 medium grants 6 large grants	15 small grants 4 medium grants 1 large grant	£6,885 £15,174 £10,000
2	17 small grants	17 small grants	£8,280
3	14 small grants	11 small grants	£5,980
4	27 small grants	24 small grants	£13,153
5	11 small grants 13 medium grants 13 large grants	11 small grants 3 medium grants 1 large grant	£5,473 £6,748 £10,000
	86 small grants 18 medium grants 19 large grants	78 small grants 7 medium grants 2 large grant	£39,771 £21,922 £20,000
Total			£81,693.39

Table 2

Locality	Number of Youth Grants Awarded					
	Round 1	Round 2	Round 3	Round 4	Round 5	Total
Amber Valley	0	3	3	3	2 small 1 medium	11 small 1 medium
Bolsover North East	1	2	0	3	2 small 1 medium	8 small 1 medium
Chesterfield	1	3	3	2	1 small 1 medium 1 large	10 small 1 medium 1 large
Erewash	2	2	0	2	3 small	6 small
High Peak and North Dales	7 4 medium 1 large	6	4	12	3 small	32 small 4 medium 1 large
South Derbyshire and South Dales	4	1	1	5		11 small

DERBYSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL
CABINET MEMBER FOR YOUNG PEOPLE

3rd September 2019

**Joint Report of the Executive Director of Children's Services and the
Director of Finance & ICT**

**BUDGET MONITORING 2019-20 – PERIOD 3 (as at 30 June 2019)
(YOUNG PEOPLE)**

1. Purpose of the Report

To provide the Cabinet Member with an update of the Revenue Budget position of the Young People portfolio for 2019-20 up to the end of June 2019 (Period 3).

2. Information and Analysis

2.1. Forecast Summary

The net controllable budget for the Young People portfolio is ££110.607m.

The Revenue Budget Monitoring Statement prepared at period 3 indicates that there is a projected year-end overspend of £4.200m to £6.000m depending on whether the rate of placements for children in care levels off or continues the trajectory seen over the past six months.

No earmarked reserves are available to support this overspend.

The forecast outturn position includes the following significant items of income which may not continue at the same level in future years.

£6.756 million – Dedicated Schools Grant income transferred to contribute to costs incurred within Children's Services supporting Early Help services and children with additional needs.

The significant areas which make up this projection are shown in the table below:

	Controllable Budget £m	Projected Actuals £m	Forecast Over/(Under) Spend £m
Placements for Children in Care/unable to remain at home	31.030	31.843	0.814
Support for Children with Disabilities	6.732	7.979	1.248
Children's Safeguarding services	36.250	36.329	0.079
Early Help & Preventative Services	6.333	6.778	0.445
Home to School Transport	13.679	14.274	0.595
Education support services	4.336	5.549	1.213
Management, Finance, ICT and other support services	6.505	6.506	0.001
Pensions payable to former staff	4.774	5.016	0.242
Redundancy	2.432	2.432	(0.000)
Other grant income	(3.097)	(3.097)	(0.000)
Unallocated budget	1.633	0.062	(1.572)
Total	110.607	113.670	3.064

2.2. Key Variances

2.2.1. Placements for Children in Care/Unable to remain at home, overspend £0.814m

The overspend is due to a greater number of placements required than can be funded from the current allocated budget. Placement numbers have continued to rise steadily during the last 6 months.

2.2.2. Support for children with disabilities, overspend £1.248m

The increased demand for support and the complex needs of some individuals have led to the costs exceeding the allocated budget.

2.2.3. Children's Safeguarding services, overspend £0.079m

The department is recruiting to increase the number of social workers to respond to the increased numbers of cases that require the

involvement of the Authority. Some of these posts are being filled by social workers from staffing agencies at a greater cost than employed staff. The authority has taken measures to increase its attractiveness as an employer to social workers so that it can reduce its reliance on agency staff.

2.2.4. Early Help and Preventative services, overspend £0.445m

The overspend is because of a shortfall compared to budget in the contributions from schools towards the Early Help Offer. To a large extent, this is offset by vacant posts within the multi-agency and Youth teams. The service is in the concluding stages of a review process that will result in a more targeted early help service.

2.2.5. Home to School Transport, overspend £0.595m

There is increasing projected spend on transport for children with special educational needs (SEN) due to both an increase in the number of journeys that are being provided and in the cost of each journey. The increase in cost is being by both economic factors and an increased need for more specialised vehicles.

2.2.6. Education Support services, overspend £1.213m

There are several areas that are overspent. The educational psychology and planning and assessment teams for children and young people with SEN are projected to be overspent by £0.833m due to increased numbers of children with SEN.

2.2.7. Pensions payable to former staff, overspend £0.242m

These costs represent pensions obligations payable to staff previously employed. The majority of the cost relates to staff who left during the early 1990s.

2.2.8. Redundancies, break even

These costs include payments to school staff and other employees whose roles are expected to be redundant during 2019-20. Schools make a contribution to the expected costs of school staff redundancies from their individual school budgets.

2.2.9. Unallocated budget, underspend £1.572m

This represents the budget released as a result of the changes to the early help offer. It is being held to cover the anticipated loss of £1.767m of grant income that the government has signalled will be withdrawn from 2020-21. It remains uncommitted in the interim to mitigate the department's overspend against its current budget.

2.3. Budget Savings

Budget reductions totalling £3.013m were allocated for the year.

The value of the savings initiatives which have been identified for implementation in the current year is £3.013m.

It is forecast that £2.258m of savings will have been achieved by the year-end. The table below shows performance against the target.

Identified Savings Initiatives	Budget Reduction Amount £m	Forecast to be Achieved by the end of 2019-20 £m	(Shortfall)/ Additional Savings Achieved £m
Catering	0.208	0	(0.208)
Ed Psychology	0.115	0	(0.115)
Children's Centres	1.000	1.000	0
Donut Centre	0.075	0	(0.075)
SORE	0.180	0.120	(0.060)
H to S transport	0.090	0	(0.090)
CLEP	0.162	0.162	0
Early Help	0.318	0.318	0
Business support functions	0.695	0.488	0.207
In-year temporary reductions	0.170	0.170	0
Total of Identified Savings Initiatives	3.013	2.258	(0.755)
Shortfall/(Surplus) of Identified Savings	0		
Total Savings Target	3.013		

Budget Reductions	£m
Prior Year B/f	0.000
Current Year	3.013
Total Savings Target	3.013

2.4. Growth Items and One-off Funding

The portfolio received the following additional budget allocations in 2019-20:

2.4.1. Social Worker recruitment - £1.300m ongoing, £2.600m one-off

This growth is part of a total allocation of £5.200m which is being added to Children's Services budgets over 4 years. The investment is being deployed to increase the number of social workers to ensure that

caseloads for individual workers are at manageable levels for their experience.

2.4.2. Placement demand pressures - £3.000m ongoing, £5.000m one-off

This allocation recognised the increase in costs experienced within children's social care as a result of both an increase in the quantity of placements required and the increased cost due to an increase in the complexity of the needs of children and young people.

2.4.3. Home to School Transport SEN - £1.450m ongoing

The allocation recognised both the increased pressures of greater numbers of children and young people with SEN and an increased cost of journeys and an additional pressure of transporting children and young people to pupil resource units or alternative provision when they have been permanently or temporarily excluded from mainstream schools.

2.4.4. SEND assessment and planning - £0.275m ongoing

The increase is to cover the staffing to assess and plan provision for children and young people with SEN.

2.4.5. Increase in Special Guardianship placements - £1.097m ongoing

This increase has ensured that the budget is in line with the current level of costs payable to family members and others who have taken parental responsibility for children under a special guardianship order.

2.4.6. Children's Homes - £0.450m ongoing

The increase is to close the gap that had emerged between the budget allocated for children's homes and the increased staffing necessary to meet the needs of children and young people placed in those homes.

2.4.7. Foster Carers - £0.060m ongoing

The allocation is to cover the cost of the inflation increase applied to foster care allowances from April 2019.

2.4.8. Care Leavers - £0.402m one-off

Legislation has been enacted which places additional statutory duties on the Authority for care leavers. There is a shortfall between the additional funding currently being received from central government and the costs being incurred by the Authority in meeting these additional duties.

2.4.9. Children's Participation - £0.080m one-off

The budget allocation is to cover a reduction applied to Children's Services in 2018-19. A review was conducted of the support provided to children and young people to participate in decision-making and

consultation and there was a shortfall between the budget reduction applied and the savings that could be achieved. This allocation is temporary whilst the service looks to identify other options for consideration.

2.4.10. Child Protection - £0.105m one-off

The allocation is towards the costs of staff that are currently required to respond to the increased number of children on child protection plans. Staffing will be reduced if the number of children on plans reduces.

2.4.11. Complex Case pooled budget - £0.250m one-off

The budget has been allocated as a contingency for the Authority's contribution to the pooled budget, recognising the increasing levels of spend that have been incurred in recent years.

2.4.12. Mobile Working - £0.260m one-off

The allocation is to develop solutions that will enable more flexible working which is expected to result in cost benefits and improvements in up to date information.

2.4.13. Children in Care Legal Proceedings - £1.050m one-off

This allocation is for the costs of legal fees for court proceedings which have increased due to not only increased numbers of proceedings but also an increased use of external legal firms to present cases.

2.5. Risks

There is a risk that the following issues could negatively impact on the portfolio's forecast outturn position reported in the Forecast Summary above:

Service	Risk	Sensitivity* £m	Likelihood 1=Low 5=High
Placements	Increased number of children requiring placements	£1m - £4m	4
Social Care services	Increase in referrals meeting social care thresholds	£0.1m - £0.3m	4
All	Data security breach resulting in fine	£0.5m	3
MATs	Not meeting targets for Troubled Families data collection resulting in loss of income	£0.3m	3
Social Care services	Inability to recruit and retain sufficient experienced workers	Up to £1m	5

*Sensitivity represents the potential negative impact on the outturn position should the event occur.

2.6. Earmarked Reserves

Earmarked reserves totalling £8.865m are currently held to support future expenditure. Details of these reserves are as follows:

Reserve Description	Amount £m
Troubled Families	4.083
Standards Fund (Schools)	1.170
Children's Services ICT Improvements	0.746
Rates refunds (schools)	0.600
Late claims to school staff pooled health absence scheme	0.534
Other (below £0.5m individually)	1.732
Total Earmarked Reserves	8.865

2.7. Debt Position

The profile of the debt raised, relating to income receivable by services within the Children's Services department, is as follows:

0-30 Days £m	31-365 Days £m	1-2 Years £m	2-3 Years £m	3-4 Years £m	4-5 Years £m	Over 5 Years £m	Total £m
0.859	0.603	0.075	0.030	0.013	0.010	0.005	1.595
54%	38%	5%	2%	1%	1%	0%	100%

In the 12 months up to the end of June 2019 the value of debt that has been written off totals £0.030m.

3. Financial Considerations

As detailed in the report.

4. Other Considerations

In preparing this report the relevance of the following factors has been considered: legal, prevention of crime and disorder, equality of opportunity, environmental, health, human resources, property, social value and transport considerations.

5. Key Decision

No

6. Call-in

No

7. Background Papers

Held on file within Children's Services Department. Officer contact details – Karen Gurney, extension 38755.

8. Officer Recommendations

That the Cabinet Member notes the report.

**Jane Parfremment
Executive Director
Children's Services**

**Peter Handford
Director of Finance
& ICT**

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Agenda Item: 4B

DERBYSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL
CABINET MEMBER FOR YOUNG PEOPLE

3 September 2019

**Joint Report of the Executive Director of Children's Services and the
Director of Finance & ICT**

**DEDICATED SCHOOLS GRANT MONITORING 2019-20 – PERIOD 3
(as at 30 June 2019)**

(YOUNG PEOPLE)

1. Purpose of the Report

To provide the Cabinet Member with an update of the Revenue Budget position of the Dedicated Schools Grant (Young People portfolio) for 2019-20 up to the end of June 2019 (Period 3).

2. Information and Analysis

2.1. Forecast Summary

The expected Dedicated Schools Grant income is £381.314m plus the approved use of reserves for 2019-20 is £1.611m, making total income available to fund expenditure of £382.925m.

The Revenue Budget Monitoring Statement prepared at period 3 indicates that there is projected year-end expenditure of £384.765m. The expected overspend compared to income is £1.840m however this includes the benefit of £0.407m underspend which is ring-fenced to schools, the overspend falling to the Authority is therefore £2.246m.

Earmarked reserves of £0.894m are available to support this overspend. The forecast outturn position includes the following significant items of income which may not continue at the same level in future years.

£1.600 million – Dedicated Schools Grant income additional funding which was announced for 2018-19 and 2019-20 only.

The significant areas of expenditure and income are shown in the table below:

	Controllable Budget £m	Projected Actuals £m	Forecast Over/(Under) Spend £m
Expenditure			
Central School Services Block	6.890	6.700	(0.190)
Re-pooled school funding	5.043	4.636	(0.407)
Early Years Block	43.296	43.306	0.010
High Needs Block	63.033	65.160	2.127
Schools Block	264.963	264.963	-
Total Expenditure	383.225	384.765	1.540
Dedicated Schools Grant Income	(382.958)	(382.658)	0.300
(Surplus)/Deficit	0.267	2.107	1.840

2.2. Key Variances

2.2.1. Central School Services Block, underspend £0.190m

The underspend is due to lower than budgeted support to schools to meet KS1 pupil/teacher ratios.

2.2.2. Re-pooled school funding, underspend £0.407m

The projected spend supporting the additional costs in primary schools where staff are on maternity leave and the costs of insurance are lower than the allocated budget.

2.2.3. High Needs Block, overspend £2.127m

£0.791m of the overspend is due to the expected costs of the team supporting children and young people who have been permanently or temporarily excluded or are being supported as part of a preventative measure and is due to increased numbers of children and young people being supported. The additional support paid to primary schools for pupils with high needs is also above the allocated budget reflecting the increased number of pupils being supported over the past 3 years. Finally expenditure on out county placements reflects the increase in the number of placements in the second half of 2018-

19. The allocated budget was set before the impact of these placements was apparent.

2.2.4. Dedicated Schools Grant Income, overspend £0.300m

The overspend is because the income expected to be received by the Authority has decreased by £0.300m following a change in the high needs places for which the Authority is funded.

2.3. Risks

There is a risk that the following issues could negatively impact on the portfolio's forecast outturn position reported in the Forecast Summary above:

Service	Risk	Sensitivity* £m	Likelihood 1=Low 5=High
High needs block placements and top-ups	Increased number of children requiring placements or support	£0.5m - £2m	4

*Sensitivity represents the potential negative impact on the outturn position should the event occur.

3. Financial Considerations

As detailed in the report.

4. Other Considerations

In preparing this report the relevance of the following factors has been considered: legal, prevention of crime and disorder, equality of opportunity, environmental, health, human resources, property, social value and transport considerations.

5. Key Decision

No

6. Call-in

No

7. Background Papers

Held on file within Children's Services Department. Officer contact details – Karen Gurney, extension 38755.

8. Officer Recommendations

That the Cabinet Member notes the report.

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