

ANALYSIS FOR VARIANCES OVER £50,000

MONTH END DATE 31 July 2021

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Budget Details	Variance Analysis			
	Total Budget	Forecast Spend	Forecast Variance	RAG Status

Education

Primary Schools (Laura Mason)		29,573	29,742	169	1%	↓
Service Description	This service area includes all Primary Schools.					
Main Issues / Reason for Variance	The main reason behind the overspend in employee costs (£60k) is unbudgeted maternity pay. In addition, there are adverse variances against both school meals income (£84k) and school lets (£20k) both of which are covid-related.					
Mitigating Action	Budgets will be closely monitored but little can be done directly to the causes of the variance					
Anticipated Outcome	An overspend is anticipated					

Secondary Schools (Laura Mason)		29,374	29,659	286	1%	↓
Service Description	This service area includes all Secondary Schools.					
Main Issues / Reason for Variance	Income from school lets and from school meals is forecast to be considerably less due to continuing covid issues - most lets income comes in April to September and to date is negligible (£117k adverse) ; school meals income is running at half what would normally be expected (£196k adverse). It has been assumed that school meal income begins to recover from August. The remainder of the variance is attributable to the school bus contract not being reinstated in full following a recurring variance deduction albeit there is a favourable variance in employee costs due to some APT&C vacancies.					
Mitigating Action	Management will continue to review the service and take action where appropriate to minimise the overspend. School meals income depends on higher uptake from August.					
Anticipated Outcome	An overspend primarily because of income not being achieved					

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Additional Support Needs (Claire Cusick)	17,109	17,708	599	3%	↓
Service Description	This service area covers all ASN Services.				
Main Issues / Reason for Variance	The principal reason for the overspend is ongoing high demands on the residential placements budget (£620k) partly caused by covid-related mental health pressures. The number of placements has risen by 27% since the budget was set and by almost one-third compared with pre-pandemic levels. In addition the budget was not increased in anticipation of framework increases - these increases varied from 4% to 17% and are applicable from May 2021.				
Mitigating Action	Management will continue to review the service and take action where appropriate to minimise the overspend.				
Anticipated Outcome	An overspend is anticipated given the pressures on the residential budget				