



**ABERDEEN**  
**CITY COUNCIL**

**FINANCIAL STATEMENT**  
**FOR THE QUARTER**  
**1 JULY 2017 TO 30 SEPTEMBER 2017**

***PROJECTED FINANCIAL POSITION***

## EDUCATION &amp; CHILDREN'S SERVICES – CAPITALPROGRAMME

Programme Board	As at Period 6 2017/18 Education & Children's Services	Figures for Total Project			Figures for Current Year Only		
		Approved Budget	Expenditure to Date	Forecast Expenditure	Approved Budget	Expenditure to Date	Forecast Expenditure
		£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000
Asset Mgmt	New Brimmond School	12,679	12,707	12,707	0	(15)	(43)
Asset Mgmt	Orchard Brae (New ASN School - previously Raeden Centre project)	18,500	17,754	18,500	3,367	2,698	3,444
Asset Mgmt	Lochside Academy - ICT Infrastructure	1,000	0	1,000	0	0	0
Asset Mgmt	Lochside Academy - Infrastructure Improvements.	1,500	92	1,500	0	44	70
Asset Mgmt	New Milltimber Primary	13,000	0	13,000	0	0	0
Asset Mgmt	Kingsfield Childrens Home	1,550	1	1,550	1,550	0	420
Asset Mgmt	Greenbrae Primary Extension and Internal Works	4,631	4,139	4,631	495	3	495
Asset Mgmt	Stoneywood Primary	14,300	6,398	14,300	11,933	4,030	10,461
Asset Mgmt	Dyce 3G Pitch	748	717	748	31	0	10
Asset Mgmt	Refurbish Throughcare Facility - 311 Clifton Road	825	784	825	42	2	42
Asset Mgmt	Tillydrone Primary School	17,000	46	17,000	2,871	12	2,871
Asset Mgmt	Torry Primary School and Hub	20,000	26	20,000	2,983	9	2,983
Asset Mgmt	Northfield / Cummings Park Early Learning & Childcare Provision	500	0	500	500	0	0
CCMP	Art Gallery Redevelopment - Aberdeen Treasure Hub	6,140	6,137	6,140	3	0	3
CCMP	Art Gallery Redevelopment - Main Contract (HLF)	30,132	23,471	30,132	10,983	4,830	7,351
CCMP	Music Hall	1,000	1,770	1,000	0	770	0
		<b>143,505</b>	<b>74,043</b>	<b>143,533</b>	<b>34,758</b>	<b>12,383</b>	<b>28,107</b>

## EDUCATION &amp; CHILDREN'S SERVICES – REVENUE BUDGET

3. The main areas of pressure, emerging risks and assumptions within Inclusion are:

As at 30 September 2017	Year to Date				Forecast to Year End		
ACCOUNTING PERIOD 6	Full Year Revised Budget	Revised Budget	Actual Expenditure	Variance Amount	Forecast Actual	Variance Amount	Variance Percent
	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	%
Head Of Service- Childrens Social Work	41,094	19,823	21,204	1,381	42,849	1,754	4.3
Head of Service - Education Services	159,175	81,885	80,232	(1,653)	157,901	(1,274)	(0.8)
Head of Service - Inclusion	17,035	9,181	9,060	(121)	17,450	416	2.4
Head Of Service- Policy, Performance & Resources	5,240	2,715	2,622	(93)	5,050	(190)	(3.6)
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>222,543</b>	<b>113,604</b>	<b>113,117</b>	<b>(486)</b>	<b>223,249</b>	<b>706</b>	<b>0.3</b>

It should be noted that the full year budgets reflected above differ from those set by Council in February 2017 for a number of reasons. This is normal practice during the year as variances are identified. The main change in services relates to the allocation of procurement savings which was held within Contingencies at the time the budget was set.

There are a number of identified cost and/or demand pressures on services which require to be addressed during the remainder of the year. A short life working group has been set up to carry out a strategic review of spend across a range of areas including those detailed below. Initial work carried out by the group indicates that whilst there are challenges ahead, a number of options are available to address these such that a balanced position can be achieved.

The main areas of pressure, emerging risks and assumptions within Children's Social Work are:

- Childrens Fostering costs are under pressure due to a shortage of In-house provision. Alternative External fostering agency costs are more expensive. It has been assumed that these costs can be contained within budget.
- Self Directed Support cases are assessed on how best to meet client needs and it has been assumed that overall costs can be managed through opening up new and more flexible opportunities to meet the needs of the client.
- Out Of Authority Placements – Pressure continues to reduce the number and cost of external placements. The Child Service Specialist Forum, acting as a gatekeeper, currently manages access to high tariff provision, matching presenting need to resources for young people whose needs have exhausted local provision. It is assumed that this will assist in ensuring that appropriate cost effective option will be implemented.

2. The main areas of pressure, emerging risks and assumptions within Education Services are:

- It has been assumed that any staffing changes associated with the September 2017 pupil roll census can be accommodated from within current budgets.
- It has been assumed that Art Gallery and provosts Skene House Income reduction can be met from savings elsewhere within the budget.

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- Fostering – Pressure continues to reduce the number of external foster places being utilised by the service. There is currently a shortage of available Local Authority foster carers and as a result, more expensive external foster placements through agencies are required.

4. The main areas of pressure, emerging risks and assumptions within Policy, Performance & Resources are:

- It has been assumed that all property works relating to school security and other needs led, Health & safety issues, can be met from within current budget resources.

