

## EDUCATION, INCLUSION & PROVISION DEPARTMENT

### Revenue Budget as at 31<sup>st</sup> March 2021

|                                     | <b>Annual<br/>Budget<br/>£'000</b> | <b>Actual<br/>£'000</b> | <b>Variance<br/>(Overspend)<br/>£'000</b> |
|-------------------------------------|------------------------------------|-------------------------|---|
| <b>Expenditure</b>                  |                                    |                         |   |
| Employees                           | 5,395                              | 5,666                   | (271)                                     |
| Premises                            | 97                                 | 90                      | 7   |
| Supplies & Services                 | 2,109                              | 2,083                   | 26  |
| Transport                           | 6                                  | 1                       | 5   |
| School Transport                    | 737                                | 1,070                   | (333)                                     |
| Commissioned Services               | 2,612                              | 1,905                   | 707                                       |
| Agency Related Expenditure          | 1,584                              | 1,576                   | 8   |
| Independent School Fees             | 4,281                              | 4,283                   | (2)                                       |
| Inter Authority Recoupment          | 560                                | 560                     | 0   |
| Nurse Education Payments            | 6,268                              | 6,268                   | 0   |
| Pupil Premium Grant                 | 83                                 | 83                      | 0   |
| Capital Finance                     | 2,929                              | 2,929                   | 0   |
| <b>Total Expenditure</b>            | <b>26,661</b>                      | <b>26,514</b>           | <b>147</b>                                |
| <b>Income</b>                       |                                    |                         |   |
| Fees & Charges                      | -189                               | -204                    | 15  |
| Transfer from Reserves              | -631                               | -631                    | 0   |
| Dedicated Schools Grant             | -16,109                            | -16,109                 | 0   |
| Government Grant Income             | -4,543                             | -4,543                  | 0   |
| Reimbursements & Other Income       | -1,413                             | -1,442                  | 29  |
| Inter Authority Income              | -55                                | 0                       | (55)                                      |
| Schools SLA Income                  | -408                               | -446                    | 38  |
| <b>Total Income</b>                 | <b>-23,348</b>                     | <b>-23,375</b>          | <b>27</b>                                 |
| <b>Net Operational Expenditure</b>  | <b>3,313</b>                       | <b>3,139</b>            | <b>174</b>                                |
| <b>Covid Costs</b>                  |                                    |                         |   |
| Attendance & Exclusion              | 32                                 | 32                      | 0   |
| Education Welfare                   | 321                                | 321                     | 0   |
| Childcare                           | 3                                  | 3                       | 0   |
| School Transport                    | 50                                 | 50                      | 0   |
| <b>Government Grant Income</b>      |                                    |                         |   |
| General Covid Funding               | -406                               | -406                    | 0   |
| <b>Net Covid Expenditure</b>        | <b>0</b>                           | <b>0</b>                | <b>0</b>                                  |
| <b>Recharges</b>                    |                                    |                         |   |
| Premises Support                    | 131                                | 131                     | 0   |
| Transport Support                   | 418                                | 418                     | 0   |
| Central Support                     | 1,875                              | 1,876                   | (1)                                       |
| Asset Rental Support                | 2,980                              | 2,980                   | 0   |
| Recharge Income                     | -437                               | -437                    | 0   |
| <b>Net Total Recharges</b>          | <b>4,967</b>                       | <b>4,968</b>            | <b>(1)</b>                                |
| <b>Net Departmental Expenditure</b> | <b>8,280</b>                       | <b>8,107</b>            | <b>173</b>                                |

### **Comments on the above figures**

The net departmental expenditure for EIP is £0.173m under the approved budget as at 31 March 2021.

Employee expenditure is over the approved budget mainly due to unachieved saving targets. It includes a £0.199m unallocated savings target for 2020/21 that has not been met and a £0.125m saving that was offered up against Troubled Families in 2019/20 which has not been achievable in the current year.

Supplies and services costs are under budget at year-end. This is due to budget holders across the Department closely monitoring all spend in this area and as a result of less demand.

Schools Transport is over budget by £0.333m. This has continued a trend of the past few years. The Council has a statutory responsibility to provide special educational needs pupils with transport and there is a large demand for this service. However, the overspend for the year of £0.333m is an improvement from the 2019/20 final position of £0.774m over budget. This reduction is mainly due to the current Covid-19 situation and schools being temporarily shut in the summer term. It is very likely there will be an increase in these costs for 2021/22 as schools operate to a full academic calendar.

Commissioned Services is under budget by £0.707m, this is as a result of a number of services meeting the conditions of specific covid funded grants and the Council fully utilising these grants ahead of base funding. This is very strictly a one-off for 2020/21 and costs will revert to being funded from base budget in future years.

Inter Authority income is £0.055m less than the budgeted income target. The Council has limited capacity to accept pupils from other authorities due to its own special schools and units being full

Schools SLA income has overachieved the budgeted target by £0.038m. This is due to an increase in demand for services such as the Council's Educational Psychologist and Welfare services.

Specific covid costs for the year of £0.406m have been fully funded from the general covid grant.

## Capital Projects as at 31 March 2021

| <b>Capital Expenditure</b> | <b>2020/21<br/>Capital<br/>Allocation<br/>£'000</b> | <b>Actual<br/>Spend<br/>£'000</b> | <b>Total<br/>Allocation<br/>Remaining<br/>£'000</b> |
|----------------------------|---|-----------------------------------|---|
| Asset Management Data      | 28  | 22                                | 6   |
| Capital Repairs            | 1,305   | 825                               | 480   |
| Asbestos Management        | 40  | 7                                 | 33  |
| Schools Access Initiative  | 63  | 8                                 | 55  |
| Basic Need Projects        | 315   | 0                                 | 315   |
| Ashley School              | 263   | 246                               | 17  |
| Fairfield Primary School   | 17  | 10                                | 7   |
| Kitchen Gas Safety         | 42  | 13                                | 29  |
| Small Capital Works        | 114   | 65                                | 49  |
| SEND allocation            | 50  | 29                                | 21  |
| Healthy Pupil Capital Fund | 2   | 2                                 | 0   |
| Brookfields @ The Grange   | 9   | 9                                 | 0   |
| Woodside Primary           | 130   | 129                               | 1   |
| Chestnut Lodge             | 174   | 174                               | 0   |
| <b>Net Expenditure</b>     | <b>2,552</b>  | <b>1,539</b>                      | <b>1,013</b>  |

### Comments on the above figures.

The Capital repairs underspend is all committed. It is due to roofing and window works not being completed before year-end. The Council has committed funding to schemes including air conditioning works and drainage works, which have not yet commenced but will be progressed in due course. The Council has also committed funding to The Bridge School for condition works and are currently being reviewed.

The Basic Need balance is currently uncommitted and will be allocated to works as and when we have a Basic Need issue within Halton schools.

Work has been completed for Ashley School (at The Heath School Bungalow), Brookfields @ The Grange, Woodside Primary and Chesnut Lodge and retention fees are due in 2021/22.

Fairfield Primary construction work is all complete. The remaining balance will be used by Fairfield Primary for minor capital works.

SEND Capital will be used to fund a retention for the Social, Emotional and Mental Health Needs resource base at Halton Lodge, and the remaining balance has been committed for the SEMH Free School, which is being procured, and project managed by the DfE.

Requests have also be made to carry forward unspent capital allocations on all other projects to 2021/22.