

Report to Hartlepool Schools' Forum 10 June 2022
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Item 5: The Horizon School and Alternative Provision 2021/22 Final Outturn

1. Introduction

- 1.1 The purpose of the report is to provide an update to Forum on the final 2021/22 outturn for the Horizon School and Alternative Provision (AP) services.
- 1.2 These budgets sit within the High Needs Block and are included in the projected high needs block outturn presented as a separate item on this agenda.

2. Background

- 2.1 The Horizon School set a balanced budget in 2021/22, with the High Needs Block funding a budgeted net cost of £0.680m. This equates to funding for 12 places for Horizon School, 12 places for Haven and 2 outreach places for each secondary school.
- 2.2 At their meeting on 23 March 2022, Schools' Forum gave approval to additional expenditure amounting to £0.014m to be funded from the 2021/22 projected underspend. This amount is included in full within the final outturn position.

3. Horizon School and Haven Pupils

- 3.1 The following tables provide an analysis of pupils managed within the Horizon School, including Haven as at 31 March 2022.

Horizon School

Key Stage	Year Group	PEX		Dual Registered		Total
		Girls	Boys	Girls	Boys	
KS2	Y5					
	Y6					
KS3	Y7		1	1		2
	Y8	1	2	1	3	7
	Y9	2	3		2	7
KS4	Y10	1	7		2	10
	Y11	2	5	2	2	11
Total		6	18	4	9	37

Haven

Key Stage	Year Group	Home Hospital		Outreach		Total
		Girls	Boys	Girls	Boys	
KS2	Y5					
	Y6					
KS3	Y7					
	Y8	1		1		2
	Y9	1				1
KS4	Y10	3	1			4
	Y11	3				3
Total		8	1	1	0	10

4. Final Outturn 2021/22 – Horizon School

- 4.1 Horizon School achieved an underspend of £0.072m in 2021/22, largely via income generation in excess of budget targets.
- 4.2 The school generated income from grants of £0.109m, resulting in a favourable variance of £0.049m.
- 4.3 For outreach work, over and above the agreed 2 places per secondary school, income of £0.077m was received. This created a favourable variance of £0.040m.
- 4.4 In line with current arrangements (to be reviewed during 2022/23) the underspend has been returned to the HNB and not carried forward by the school.

5. Final Outturn 2021/22 – Alternative Provision (AP)

- 5.1 The AP budget returned an underspend of £0.015m in 2021/22 as summarised in the following table.

	Budget 2021/22 £m	Outturn 2021/22 £m	Variance 2021/22 £m
Transport	0.016	0.011	(0.005)
School Fees	0.060	0.072	0.012
Clawback Income	(0.033)	(0.055)	(0.022)
TOTAL	0.043	0.028	(0.015)

- 5.2 Fifteen pupils in AP required transport, costing £0.011m against the budget of £0.016m.
- 5.3 School fees relating to provision for fifteen pupils cost £0.072m in 2021/22.
- 5.4 The 2021/22 spend for transport and school fees was £0.083m. This compares to an equivalent spend of £0.136m in 2020/21. This reflects the strong drive to reduce the cost of AP and the benefit of the AP Panel and the Horizon Head Teacher monitoring the value and quality of each provision.

5.5 The cost of placements in AP is largely funded by the clawback of AWPU and other pupil characteristics from the excluding school. Clawback of pupil funding for permanently excluded pupils is only possible where the pupil was on a school roll during the latest funding period (i.e. financial year). Clawback of funding was possible for 15 pupils in 2021/22.

6. Summary

6.1 For 2021/22, budgets for the Horizon School and Alternative Provision returned a total underspend of £0.087m to the high needs block.

7. Recommendations

7.1 Forum is asked to note the contents of the report.