CHILDREN'S SERVICES COMMITTEE AGENDA



Tuesday 11 March 2014

at 4.00 pm

in the Council Chamber, Civic Centre, Hartlepool

MEMBERS: CHILDREN'S SERVICES COMMITTEE

Councillors Atkinson, Fleet, Griffin, James, Lauderdale and Simmons

Co-opted Members: Sacha Paul Bedding and Michael Lee

Six Young People's Representatives

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

2. TO RECEIVE ANY DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST BY MEMBERS

3. **MINUTES**

3.1 Minutes of the meeting held on 11 February 2014 (previously circulated).

4. BUDGET AND POLICY FRAM EWORK IT EMS

Noitems.

5. KEY DECISIONS

5.1 Nursery Provision in Seaton Carew – Outcome of Statutory Notice – *Director of Child and Adult Services*



6. OTHER IT EMS REQUIRING DECISION

- 6.1 Six Monthly Monitoring of Agreed Scrutiny Recommendations *Scrutiny Manager*
- 6.2 Hartlepool School Admission Arrangements for 2015-16 *Director of Child* and Adult Services
- 6.3 Strategic Financial Management Report as at 31 December 2013 Director of Child and Adult Services and Chief Finance Officer

7. **ITEMS FOR INFORMATION**

Noitems.

8. ANY OTHER BUSINESS WHICH THE CHAIR CONSIDERS URGENT

ITEMS FOR INFORMATION

Date of next meeting – Monday 31 March 2014 at 4.00 pm in the Council Chamber, Civic Centre, Hartlepool



11th March 2014



Report of: Director of Child and Adult Services

Subject: NURSERY PROVISION IN SEATON CAREW – OUTCOME OF STATUTORY NOTICE

1. TYPE OF DECISION/APPLICABLE CATEGORY

Key Decision Test (1) and (ii) Applies: Forward Plan Reference No. CAS012/13

2. PURPOSE OF REPORT

- 2.1 To inform Children's Services Committee of the outcome of the publication of the statutory notice on the proposed closure of Seaton Carew Nursery School and the extension of the age range of Holy Trinity CE Voluntary Aided Primary School from 4-11 year olds to 3-11 year olds.
- 2.2 To seek approval to the recommendations outlined in the report.

3. BACKGROUND

- 3.1 On 30th July 2013, the Children's Services Committee approved the commencement of formal consultation with regard to the proposal to close Seaton Carew Nursery School and extend the age range of Holy Trinity CE Voluntary Aided Primary School from 4-11 year olds to 3-11 year olds.
- 3.2 The consultation period began on 23rd September 2013 and ended on 1st November 2013. An analysis and brief summary of the consultation responses was presented to the Children's Service committee on 3rd December 2013.
- 3.3 Of the 36 individual responses received, 31 responses were in favour of the closure of Seaton Carew Nursery School and the expansion of the age range of Holy Trinity CE Voluntary Aided Primary School from 4-11 year olds to 3-11 year olds.

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3.4 On 3rd December 2013 the Children's Services Committee made the decision to proceed with the publication of the statutory notice.

4. THE PUBLICATION OF STATUTORY NOTICES

- 4.1 Regulations published by the Department for Education require that statutory notices for proposals must be published:
 - In the local newspaper;
 - At the main entrances to the schools named in the proposals;
 - And some other conspicuous place in the area served.
- 4.2 The statutory notice for the proposal was published in the Hartlepool Mail on 6th January 2014. The statutory notices were posted at the entrance and around the perimeter of Seaton Carew Nursery School and Holy Trinity CE Primary School and also at Seaton Carew Library on 6th January 2014. A copy of the complete proposal was also sent to interested parties including the Diocese and the School Organisation Unit.
- 4.3 The statutory notice is attached at **Appendix 1**.

5. RESPONSES TO PUBLIC NOTICES

5.1 No representations (either objections or supportive comments) have been received during the statutory six week period which finished on 17th February 2014.

6. NEXT STEP

- 6.1 Having published the statutory proposal on 6th January 2014 and having considered any representations received within the consultation timescale, the Children's Services Committee is under a legal obligation to decide these proposals within two months after the consultation period. In considering the proposal in relation to the closure of Seaton Carew Nursery School and the extension of the age range of Holy Trinity CE Voluntary Aided Primary School from 4-11 year olds to 3-11 year olds, the Children's Services Policy Committee can decide to:
 - Reject the proposal set out in the statutory notice;
 - Approve the proposal set out in the statutory notice;
 - Approve the proposal subject to the meeting of a specific condition;
 - Approve the proposal with a modification.

7. FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS

- 7.1 In light of the submission made under the Priority Schools Building Programme for a new build at Holy Trinity, additional funding will need to be provided to support the development of a 26 FTE nursery provision on the Holy Trinity site. This was reported to the Finance and Policy Committee on 19th September 2013, where it was agreed that full Council approval will be sought if a decision is made to proceed with public notices.
- 7.2 The Governing Body of Holy Trinity CE Primary School has agreed to pay a 10% contribution of the overall cost of the 26 place nursery.
- 7.3 Seaton Carew Nursery is no longer financially viable and is currently reliant upon additional Schools Forum funding which is only guaranteed until August 2014.
- Should the proposal to close Seaton Carew Nursery be agreed by the 7.4 Children's Services Committee, TUPE will be considered for any remaining staff.

RECOMMENDATIONS 8.

- 8.1 It is recommended that the Children's Services Committee;
 - note the outcomes of the statutory notice period in relation to the closure of Seaton Carew Nursery School and the extension of the age range of Holy Trinity CE Voluntary Aided Primary School from 4-11 year olds to 3-11 year olds;
 - approve the proposal to close Seaton Carew Nursery School and extend the age range of Holy Trinity CE Voluntary Aided Primary School from 4-11 year olds to 3-11 year olds, and implement the proposal with effect from 31st August 2014.
- 8.2 Factors for the Children's Services Committee to consider when making the decision have been set out in previous reports and include surplus places at Seaton Carew Nursery School and financial sustainability. In addition the replacement provision proposed at Holy Trinity CE Primary School offers quality early years provision with no loss of expertise or specialism.

9. **BACKGROUND PAPERS**

- Children's Services Committee report 3rd December 2013 Nursery 9.1 Provision in Seaton Carew
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- Children's Services Committee report 30th July 2013 PSBP Children's Services Committee report 30th July 2013 Nursery Provision in 9.3 Seaton Carew
- Finance and Policy Committee report 19th September 2013 Priority Schools 9.4 Building Programme – Nursery Provision at Holy Trinity CE Primary School

10. CONTACT OFFICER

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Statutory Notice

Proposed Closure of Seaton Carew Nursery School and alteration to the lower age range at Holy Trinity Church of England Voluntary Aided Primary School

Part 1: Proposal to close Seaton Carew Nursery School

Notice is given in accordance with section 15 (1) of the Education and Inspections Act 2006 that Hartlepool Borough Council, Civic Centre, Victoria Road, Hartlepool, TS24 8AY intends to close Seaton Carew Nursery School, Brompton Walk, Seaton Carew, Hartlepool, TS25 2AW on 31st August 2014.

Consultation on the proposed closure was carried out between 23rd September 2013 and 1st November 2013 and all statutory requirements have been complied with.

This proposal is linked to the proposal of the Governing Body of Holy Trinity Church of England Voluntary Aided Primary School for alteration to the lower age limit to establish a nursery unit at the school (See Part 2).

Pupils attending Seaton Carew Nursery School will transfer to Holy Trinity Church of England Voluntary Aided Primary School. For those not wishing to transfer, admission may be sought at other nurseries where places are available.

Holy Trinity Church of England Voluntary Aided Primary School is within close proximity to Seaton Carew Nursery. The Local Authority's current transport plan will continue to apply with the aim of reducing car use and encouraging other environmentally friendly forms of transport

This Notice is an extract from the complete proposal. Copies of the complete proposal can be obtained from Christine Lowson, Hartlepool Borough Council, Level 4, Civic Centre, Victoria Road, Hartlepool, TS24 8AY, Telephone number: 01429 523754 or via the website: www.hartlepool.gov.uk/SeatonCarewNursery

Within six weeks from the date of publication of these proposals, any person may object to or make comments on the proposals by sending them to Christine Lowson, Hartlepool Borough Council, Level 4, Civic Centre, Victoria Road, Hartlepool, TS24 8AY, Telephone number: 01429 523754, or <u>christine.lowson@hartlepool.gov.uk</u>

Signed: Gill Alexander, Director of Child and Adult Services

Publication Date: 6th January 2014

Part 2: Extension of the age range at Holy Trinity Church of England Primary School by altering the lower age limit to add a nursery unit

Notice is given in accordance with section 19 (3) of the Education and Inspections Act 2006 that Holy Trinity Church of England Voluntary Aided Primary School Governing Body intends to make a prescribed alteration to Holy Trinity Church of England Voluntary Aided Primary School, Crawford Street, Seaton Carew, Hartlepool, TS25 1BZ from 01 September 2014.

The Governing Body of Holy Trinity Church of England Voluntary Aided Primary School propose to alter the lower age limit from 4 years to 3 years to establish a 26 Full Time Equivalent place nursery unit. The nursery unit will operate term time only with ten 3 hour sessions per week. Places will be offered in accordance with the admissions policy agreed by the Governing Body.

The current capacity of the school is 210 and the proposed capacity will be 210. The current admission number for the school is 30 and the proposed admission number will be 30.

Consultation on the proposed change to the lower age limit was carried out between 23rd September 2013 and 1st November 2013 and all statutory requirements have been complied with.

This Notice is an extract from the complete proposal. Copies of the complete proposal can be obtained from: Amanda Baines (Headteacher), Holy Trinity Church of England Voluntary Aided Primary School, Crawford Street, Seaton Carew, Hartlepool, TS25 1BZ, Telephone number: 01429 266214 or via the website <u>www.holytrinitycofeseatoncarew.co.uk</u>

Within six weeks from the date of publication of this proposal, any person may object to or make comments on the proposal by sending them to Christine Lowson, Hartlepool Borough Council, Level 4, Civic Centre, Victoria Road, Hartlepool, TS24 8AY.

Signed: Ian Anderson, Chair of Governors, Holy Trinity CE Voluntary Aided Primary School

Publication Date: 6th January 2014 Explanator y Notes

The Governing Body intends to reorganise existing class space to allow for the inclusion of a nursery unit in the current building. In 2015/16 the school will be rebuilt as part of the Government's Priority School Building Programme and will include a purpose built nursery unit.



11 March 2014

Report of: Scrutiny Manager

Subject: SIX MONTHLY MONITORING OF AGREED SCRUTINY RECOMMENDATIONS

1. TYPE OF DECISION/APPLICABLE CATEGORY

This is a non Key Decision

2. PURPOSE OF REPORT

2.1 To provide Members with the six monthly progress made on the delivery of scrutiny recommendations that fall within the remit of this Committee.

3. BACKGROUND INFORMATION

- 3.1 This report provides details of progress made against the investigations undertaken by the previous Children's Services Scrutiny Forum. These recommendations now fall within the remit of the Children's Services Committee. **Chart 1** (overleaf) provides a detailed explanation of progress made against each scrutiny recommendation since the last six monthly monitoring report was presented to the Children's Services Committee in September 2013.
- 3.2 There are five actions that remain in progress, therefore Members are asked to consider whether it is more appropriate to continue to monitor these actions through the Overview of Performance and Risk 2013/14 which is reported to the Finance and Policy Committee on a quarterly basis. As such, this would complete the monitoring of scrutiny recommendations through this Committee.





Children's Services Scrutiny Forum - All

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Year 2012/13 Investigation Closure of Youth Centres and Children's Centres

Recommendation	Action		Assigned To	Original Due Date	Due Date	Note	Progress	
taken into consideration	SCR- CS/17a	Risk and impact assessment to be completed on environmental social and economic consequences of	Colin Bolton; Dale Clarke; Albert	30-Sep- 2013	30-Sep- 2013	22-Jan-2014 Note from Albert Williams: The impact of closure of buildings on the community is taken into consideration before any decisions are made	100% Completed	
before any decisions are made		closure of any buildings	Williams			15-Oct-2013 Seaton Carew Youth Centre closed and to be monitored. Confirmation received that		

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Recommendation	Action		Assigned To	Original Due Date	Due Date	Note	Progress	[
						Brinkburn is to close with dates TBC		
SCR-CS/17c The total costs of running and	SCR-	A financial appraisal for each location / service change	Albert Williams;	30-Sep-	30-Sep-	23-Jan-2014 This action is undertaken as part of the ongoing asset and service rationalisation process and is an essential element of the decision making process		
staffing centres is compared to the cost of renting space	CS/17c	option to be undertaken. Condition and energy performance to be assessed	Jeanette Willis	2013	2013	15-Oct-2013 Energy performance. This action will be undertaken as part of the ongoing asset and service rationalisation process and will be an essential element of the decision making process	120% Completed	
SCR-CS/17f School use capacity is explored if	SCR- CS/17f	Approach neighbouring / linked schools and colleges	Dale Clarke	30-Sep- 2013	30-Sep- 2013	23-Jan-2014 Negotiations are ongoing in relation to Brinkburn Youth Centre transferring to Brinkburn 6th Form College and a new Youth Centre will be built as part of the regeneration proposals for Seaton Park	120% Completed	
buildings are closed		for potential transfer / use				14-Aug-2013 Consultation to be undertaken with neighbouring organisations in relation to the transfer of the properties by 30th September		
SCR-CS/17g Existing buildings (children's						14-Oct-2013 We have progressed as far as is possible but are awaiting feedback from the client to complete the action.		
centres and youth centres) are used and or adapted to meet both service users needs	SCR- CS/17g	Assess buildings against condition and suitability priorities for users	Colin Bolton	30-Sep- 2013	30-Sep- 2013	14-Aug-2013 We are carrying out a desktop excercise using data from our previous surveys to assess buildings against condition and suitability priorities for users. We are currently on target for completion by the due date.	Completed	

Year 2012/13 Investigation JSNA - Emotional and Mental Wellbeing

Recommendation	Action		Assigned To	Original Due Date	Due Date	Note	Progress	
SCR-CS/16a/i The HWBB make representations to the CCG regarding:- (i)the importance of obtaining actual data in relation to the range and types of conditions that young		The Tees-wide CAMHS Transformation Group is working with Tees, Esk & Wear Valley's NHS Foundation Trust to provide accurate and up to date data on children	Ian Merritt; Sally Robinson	31-Dec- 2013	31-Dec- 2013	15-Jan-2014 Local partnership stakeholder event planned for 21/3/14 and this meeting will receive up to date information relating to children and young people's emotional and mental health needs. Going forward management information will be regularly received by the local partnership and inform JSNA, this meeting will be chaired by the DPH.	100% Completed	
people experience in Hartlepool, rather than prevalence data;		and young people's emotional and mental health needs.				08-Oct-2013 Meeting planned with public health to develop local partnership which will be responsible for performance management and contribute to completion of JSNA for children's emotional and mental well being.		
SCR-CS/16a/ii The Health and Wellbeing Board make representations to the CCG regarding:- (ii)as part of future commissioning	SCR- CS/16a/ i	The service is currently developing new pathways which will deliver the data that is required. Managers are due to bring an initial report	Ian Merritt; Sally Robinson	31-Dec- 2013	31-Dec- 2013	15-Jan-2014 Local partnership now in place chaired by the DPH and stakeholder event planned for 21/3/14. This meeting will receive regular management information to inform service planning and development.	Completed	
strategies the provision of actual data sets are included as part of the contract.		back to the Transformation Group in July 2013.				08-Oct-2013 Meeting planned with Public Health to develop local partnership.		
SCR-CS/16b Work is undertaken to investigate the reasons behind young people		A local CAMHS Partnership is to be re-established led by the Clinical Commissioning				15-Jan-2014 Local partnership has now been re-established chaired by DPH and stakeholder vent planned for 21/3/14		
not attending pre- arranged CAMHS appointments. HBC will work in partnership with TEWV NHS Foundation Trust to map current services and explore alternative models for	SCR- CS/16b	Group bringing together those organisations operating within Hartlepool in the field of emotional and mental wellbeing, to consider and address the issues raised by this recommendation.	Ian Merritt; Sally Robinson	31-Dec- 2013	31-Dec- 2013	08-Oct-2013 Meeting planned with public health re development of local partnership.	Completed	

Recommendation	Action		Assigned To	Original Due Date	Due Date	Note	Progress	
delivery.		-						
SCR-CS/16d The results of the public consultation exercise undertaken by the Forum, be reflected in the Mental and Behavioural Disorders	SCR- CS/16d	The JSNA will be updated to reflect new or updated information. It will be the responsibility of the local CAMHS Partnership to ensure that information on JSNA is up to date, reflects local need	Ian Merritt; Sally Robinson	31-Jul-2013	31-Jul- 2013	15-Jan-2014 Regular updates are made to JSNA as new information emerges. CAMHS partnership will receive regular management information and other qualitative information and is responsible for ensuring JSNA is up to date and reflects local need.	120% Completed	
JSNA entry. The entry should be also be updated to reflect the areas of collaborative working identified.		and views and this is reviewed regularly in light of new and emerging information				08-Oct-2013 Regular updates are made to JSNA as new information emerges. CAMHS partnership once established will assume responsibility for monitoring effectiveness of information.		
SCR-CS/16e/i HBC works in conjunction with partner organisations to address the issues		To be addressed through the Children's Workforce Development Plan in	Ian Merritt;			15-Jan-2014 Partnership now established, chaired by DPH, this forum will determine workforce development requirements and monitor the implementation of this.		
raised as part of the public consultation exercise by:- (i)increasing awareness of mental wellbeing issues amongst young people, and promotes services.	SCR- CS/16e/i	conjunction with Tees, Esk and Wear Valley's NHS Foundation Trust and coordinated through the CAMHS Partnership.	Sally Robinson	31-Dec- 2013	31-Dec- 2013	08-Oct-2013 Partnership once established will address workforce development needs and plan -	120% Completed	
SCR-CS/16e/ii HBC works in conjunction with partner organisations to address the issues		To be addressed through the Children's Workforce				15-Jan-2014 Partnership is now established and will deliver workforce development plan monitoring its implementation		
address the issues raised as part of the public consultation exercise by (ii) developing mental health training accessible to all who work with children to promote referral	SCR- CS/16e/i i	Development Plan in conjunction with Tees, Esk and Wear Valley's NHS Foundation Trust and coordinated through the CAMHS Partnership.	Ian Merritt; Sally Robinson	31-Dec- 2013	31-Dec- 2013	08-Oct-2013 Partnership once established will establish workforce development næds and plan	120% Completed	

Recommendation	Action		Assigned To	Original Due Date	Due Date	Note	Progress	[
processes								
SCR-CS/16e/iii HBC works in conjunction with partner organisations to		Service delivery				08-Oct-2013 Mental health workers within locality teams now embedded in role and supporting early intervention and prevention work.		
address the issues raised as part of the public consultation exercise by increasing community based services, and addressing the issues raised by young people attending Dover House.	SCR- CS/16e/i ii	developments within localities to be progressed through implementation of Early Intervention Strategy and CAMHS Strategy.	Ian Merritt; Sally Robinson	31-Dec- 2013	31-Dec- 2013	13-Aug-2013 Early intervention strategy is being reviewed, staff from mental health background have been seconded to locality teams to support community based provision and prevention/early intervention work.	Completed	
SCR-CS/16g Organisations that work with children with emotional and metal wellbeing issues ensure that information is shared effectively, fostering a culture of collaboration with all partners who make up the team around the child.	SCR- CS/16g	To be addressed through the local CAMHS Partnership described in Recommendation (b) above.	Ian Merritt; Sally Robinson	31-Dec- 2013	31-Dec- 2013	08-Oct-2013 Information is being shared effectively underpinned by a Think Family approach. 13-Aug-2013 Information is being effectively exchanged through the secondment of mental health staff in the locality teams, further options for service integration to be explored.	120% Completed	

Year 2012/13 Investigation Closure of Youth Centres and Children's Centres

Recommendation	Action		Assigned to	Original Due Date	Due Date	Note	Progress	
SCR-CS/17b The use of all other buildings such as schools, leisure centres, museums etc. are considered for their ability to offer multi-use community space (as	SCR- CS/17b	An assessment of alternative community multi use venues for service provision to be explored as proposals are developed	John Robinson; Beth Storey	30-Sep- 2013	30-Sep- 2013	13-Jan-2014 This piece of work has been delayed and will remain part of the review of ærvices during 2014/15 24-Sep-2013 Rift House Children Centre has been identified as a pilot	72% Overdue	

Recommendation	Action		Assigned To	Original Due Date	Due Date	Note	Progress	
seen in the Seaton Carew example)						to develop a multi use centre as part of the early intervention strategy.		
SCR-CS/17d Income generation for existing buildings is considered	SCR- CS/17d	Identify and appraise potential income opportunities from service reviews options. A financial appraisal is undertaken for	John Robinson; Beth Storey	30-Sep- 2013	30-Sep- 2013	13-Jan-2014 Rift House Children Centre has been rented out to a nursery provider 5 mornings a week and this is bringing in revenue. This may provide the model for future options.	70X Overdue	
		opportunities				24-Sep-2013 Options paper is going to Children's Services Committee on October 1st.		
SCR-CS/17e Transport links if buildings are	SCR-	Undertake transport surveys on options for relocating	John Robinson;	30-Sep-	30-Sep-	13-Jan-2014 This piece of work has been delayed and will be part of a service review in 2014/15	0verdue	
reduced are taken into account	CS/17e	services	Beth Storey	2013	2013	24-Sep-2013 Options paper will go to Children's Services Committee on October 1st.		
SCR-CS/17h That a review is undertaken of the way the 'youth offer' is communicated in Hartlepool, to enable	SCR-	Undertake review of the way the 'Youth Offer' is currently	Mark Smith	30-Sep-	30-Sep-	08-Jan-2014 Findings of the report have being distributed and an action plan has been developed to address areas for improvement highlighted by the young inspector team.	75% Overdue	
young people to easily identify and attend the clubs activities and services that are available	CS/17h	communicated in Hartlepool through Young Inspectors		2013	2013	07-Oct-2013 Inspection undertaken and awaiting findings of the report.		

Year 2012/13 Investigation JSNA - Emotional and Mental Wellbeing

Recommendation	Action		Assigned To	Original Due Date	Due Date	Note	Progress	
SCR-CS/16f A review is undertaken of the Home and Hospital Service provision including a review of the access to		A Review will be undertaken to address: • How the provision is delivered and location of service;	Zoe Westley	31-Dec- 2013	31-Dec- 2013	27-Feb-2014 All 11-16 pupils based in Home and Hospital Service have access to their individual schools learning platform and the content on it. Further review is needed of	0verdue	

Recommendation	Action		Assigned To	Original Due Date	Due Date	Note	Progress	
and use of the learning platform to support		• Staffing requirements to meet the demand taking into account the number of teaching hours available, the size of teaching groups and				appropriate educational IT applications available to all schools to support learning; this may not necessarily constitute a learning platform solution.		
wider access to the curriculum.		the expertise of the teachers. • The learning platform and how this can be maximised to contribute to the achievement outcomes for pupils who attend the provision?				08-Jan-2014 The service is still due to relocate in April 2014. New staffing structure will be in place from 2014. The recent LA inspection identified a provision as appropriate and meeting requirements.		

4. **RECOMMENDATIONS**

- 4.1 That Members:-
 - (a) note progress against the agreed recommendations and explore further where appropriate; and
 - (b) agree for the remaining actions to be monitored through the Overview of Performance and Risk 2013/14 report which is presented to the Finance and Policy Committee on a quarterly basis

5. REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATIONS

5.1 In order for Members to continue to monitor the progress of Scrutiny recommendations.

BACKGROUND PAPERS

(a) Report of the Scrutiny Support Officer entitled 'Six Monthly Monitoring of Agreed Scrutiny Recommendations' presented to the Children's Services Committee on 3 September 2013.

6. CONTACT OFFICER

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11th March 2014

Report of: Director of Child and Adult Services

Subject: HARTLEPOOL SCHOOL ADMISSION ARRANGEMENTS FOR 2015/2016

1. TYPE OF DECISION/APPLICABLE CATEGORY

No key decision

2. PURPOSE OF REPORT

- 2.1 During the Autumn Term the Local Authority consulted on a minor change to the admission arrangements for 2015/2016.
- 2.2 The report is to present details of responses to the consultation and seek approval to set admission arrangements for 2015/16 with the Secretary of State on 15th April 2014.

3. BACKGROUND

- 3.1 The Local Authority wish to propose a change to the definition of the distance criteria used for oversubscription in Community and Voluntary Controlled Schools. This change, if approved, would be effective from 2015/16 admissions round.
- 3.2 The oversubscription criterion is only used when a school receives more applications than places available. The distance criterion is used as a tie breaker to distinguish between applications.
- 3.3 It should be noted that schools who are their own admissions authorities are responsible for setting their own admission arrangements.
- 3.4 The proposed changes were consulted on for 8 weeks from 1st November 2013.
- 3.5 The admissions policy for entry to community and voluntary controlled primary schools in 2014/15 is as follows:





Parents/carers are invited to express preferences for up to three primary schools in priority order and give reasons for their preferences.

In the first instance, places will be awarded to those pupils with a statement of special educational needs where the school is named in the statement.

The remaining places will be awarded in the following priority order:

- those children who are looked after children and previously looked after children (previously looked after children are children looked after, but ceased to be so because they were adopted or became subject to a residence order or special guardianship order);
- 2) those children who have brothers or sisters who will be attending the school in September 2014;
- 3) those children who live in the school's admission zone;
- 4) those children who are distinguished from the great majority of other applicants whether on medical grounds or by other exceptional circumstances and who would suffer significant hardship if they were unable to attend the school;
- 5) those children who live closest to the school as determined by the shorted suitable walking distance (measured by the shortest suitable walking route from the (ordnance survey) address point of the child's home address to the main entrance of the school, using the Local Authority's digital measuring system).

4. PROPOSED CRITERIA 2015/16

- 4.1 It is proposed to seek approval to change the definition of the admissions policy for entry to community and voluntary controlled primary schools in 2015/16. The proposed admission policy is as follows:
- 4.2 Parents/carers are invited to express preference for up to three primary schools in order and give reasons for their preferences.
 - In the first instance, places will be awarded to those pupils with a statement of special educational needs where the school is names in the statement.
 - The remaining places will be awarded in the following priority order:
 - those children who are looked after children and previously looked after children (previously looked after children are children looked after, but ceased to be so because they were adopted or became subject to a residence order or special guardianship order);

- 2) those children who have brothers or sisters who will be attending the school in September 2015;
- 3) those children who live in the school's admission zone;
- 4) those children who are distinguished from the great majority of other applicants whether on medical grounds or by other exceptional circumstances and who would suffer significant hardship if they were unable to attend the school;
- 5) those children who live closest to the school as determined by a 'straight line' distance measurement from the (ordnance survey) address point of the child's home address to the (ordnance survey) address point of the school.

5. EQUALITY AND DIVERSITY CONSIDERATIONS

5.1 The proposed change to 'straight line' measuring system will be much clearer for parents to understand and will limit the increasing issue of the LA being challenged on the shortest walking route system.

6. PROCESS FOR CONSULTATION RESPONSES

6.1 Information in relation to the consultation was place on the Hartlepool Borough Council Website, Hartlepool Mail, Heartbeat Magazine and also sent directly to all the Headteachers of Hartlepool schools and all members of the School Admissions Forum

7. CONSULTATION RESPONSES

- 7.1 Only two responses were received, both in favour of the change. No objections to the change were received. The responses received were as follows:
 - I am in favour of the straight line measurement;
 - Your new proposal seems a logical step to ensure clarity for all concerned.

8. **RECOMMENDATIONS**

8.1 The Local Authority set the admission arrangements for 2015/16 with the Secretary of State on 15th April 2014 as described above in paragraph 4.2.

9. REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATIONS

9.1 To ensure the admissions arrangements are fair and clear for parents in relation to measuring of distance.

10. BACKGROUND PAPERS

None

11. CONTACT OFFICER

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11th March, 2014



- **Report of:** Director of Child and Adult Services and Chief Finance Officer
- Subject: STRATEGIC FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT REPORT AS AT 31ST DECEMBER, 2013

1. TYPE OF DECISION/APPLICABLE CATEGORY

Non Key-Decision.

2. PURPOSE OF REPORT

2.1 The purpose of the report is to inform Members of the 2013/14 Forecast General Fund Outturn, 2013/14 Capital Programme Monitoring and provide details for the specific budget areas that this Committee is responsible for.

3. BACKGROUND AND REPORTING ARRANGEMENTS 2013/14

- 3.1 The availability and reporting of accurate and up to date financial information will become increasingly important as future budget cuts are implemented and one-off resources are used up.
- 3.2 The Finance and Policy Committee will continue to receive regular reports which will provide a comprehensive analysis of departmental and corporate forecast outturns, including an explanation of the significant budget variances. This will enable the Finance and Policy Committee to approve a strategy for addressing the financial issues and challenges facing the Council.
- 3.3 To enable a wider number of Members to understand the financial position of the Council and their service specific areas each Policy Committee will receive a separate bi-monthly report providing:
 - A brief summary of the overall financial position of the Council as reported to the Finance and Policy Committee;
 - The specific budget areas for their Committee; and
 - The total departmental budget where this is split across more than one Committee. This information will ensure Members can see the whole position for the departmental budget.



- 3.4 The latest report was submitted to the Finance and Policy Committee on 27th February 2014. The report advised Members that there will be an overall underspend in the current year. This position reflects action taken by the Corporate Management Team to achieve underspends to help address the significant financial challenges facing the Council over the next few years and to fund one-off commitments not provided for in the approved 2013/14 budget as these items were not known at the time. The Corporate Management Team will seek to achieve budget underspends through a combination of robust management actions, including;
 - holding posts vacant, which will help reduce the number of compulsory redundancies required to balance the 2014/15 budget;
 - achieving planned 2014/15 savings earlier;
 - careful management of budgets to avoid expenditure where this does not have an adverse impact on services; and
 - savings in interest costs by taking advantage of current interest rates structures. As reported previously a comprehensive review of this area has been completed which secured a permanent budget saving of £1m from 2014/15 in interest and loan repayment costs.
- 3.5 The latest report on the position as at 31st December 2013 will advise Members that there is a net forecast uncommitted underspend at the year end of between £0.729m and £1.160m.
- 3.6 As a minimum the lower forecast 2013/14 uncommitted under spend of £0.729m should be available to support the Medium Term Financial Strategy over the period 2014/15 to 2016/17. This funding has been taken into account in the final 2014/15 to 2016/17 Medium Term Financial Strategy Report presented to Finance and Policy on 31st January, 2014.

4. 2013/14 FORECAST GENERAL FUND OUTTURN – Children's Services Committee

4.1 The following table sets out the overall budget position for the Child and Adult Services department budget broken down by Committee, together with a brief comment on the reasons for the forecast outturn.

Budget £'000	Description of Expenditure	De cem ber Proje cted Outturn Adve rse / (Fav ourable) Worst Case £'000	December Projected Outturn Adverse/ (Favourable) Best Case £000	Comments
31,506	Adult Committee	(546)	(569)	Unde rspend s pre do minantly owing to staffing costs and management of contracted services mainly resulting firom early achievement of 2014/15 planned saving s. The seare partly offset by de mographic pressures for service s.
21,266	Child Committee	393	190	Overspend predominantly relates to Child ren and Families pressures arising from increases in the numbers of looked after children. The range reflects the highly unpredictable and differing care needs within this area. The majority of the increase in outturn pojection since October reflects new children's placements projected to the end of the financial year.
- 1	Total Child & Adult	(153)	(379)	
Creation of F				
0	Children's - Education Psychology	50	100	Planned creation of additional Reserve arising from external income generation toprovide some certainty of funding for the service as schools convert to A cade my status.
0	Children's - Specific Ring Fenced Grant Funding	18	18	Ring fence dg rant income ne ceive d in ye ar in respect of "Going Forward" projects, which is planned to be spent in 2014/15.
0	Childre n's - School Improve ment	50	50	An under spend in year has been generated by a combination of staffing savings and additional income for Services provided to schools, a transfer to reserves is planned to support the School Improvement Programme in 2014/15
0	Children's - Adoption Reform Grant	1 70	170	Balance of unspent 13/14 Grant Funding to be carried forward into 14/15 for the continued purpose of increasing adopters.
0	Childre n's - Loca IS afe guard ing Child re n's B oard	10	10	Partnership budget joint fund ed along with other public bod ies; balance of fund ing to be transferred to existing LSCB reserve
	Creation of Reserves Total	298	348	
	Child & Adult Total - Net of Reserves	145		

4.2 Further details of the specific budget areas this Committee is responsible for are provided in **Appendix A**.

5. CREATION OF DEPARTMENTAL RESERVES

- 5.1 The outturn projections detailed in the previous section reflects the ongoing assessment of financial risks and/or one-off expenditure commitments and the recommendation that specific reserves are created to manage these issues. This approach will protect the Council's medium term financial position and avoid having to make higher in-year budget cuts when these issues need to be funded.
- 5.2 Appendix A provides details of the reserves which it is recommended are created for this Committee, and in broad terms these cover the following issues:
 - Reserves to fund the phasing of income and expenditure between financial years; or
 - Reserves to meet unavoidable one-off financial commitments

6. CAPITAL MONITORING 2013/14

- 6.1 The 2013/14 MTFS set out planned capital expenditure for the period 2013/14 to 2015/16.
- 6.2 Expenditure against budget to the 31st December, 2013 for this Committee can be summarised in the following table and further details are provided in **Appendix B**.

Department	2013/14	2013/14	2013/14	2014/15	2013/14
	Budget	Actual to	Remaining	Rephased	Variance from
		31/12/2013	Expenditure	Expenditure	Budget
					Adverse/ (Favourable)
	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000
Children's Services	9,533	3,621	1,550	4,362	0
Total	9,533	3,621	1,550	4,362	0

- 6.3 On the 9th April 2013, the former Children's Services Portfolio Holder approved (in accordance with the authority delegated by full Council on 14th February 2013 to the relevant Portfolio holders) the 2013/14 schools capital programme to enable works to be programmed during 2013/14 and minimise any disruption within schools. The approved budget included a £0.2m 'contingency' fund and the former Children's Services Portfolio Holder delegated authority to Child and Adult Services Department to authorise works where a significant health and safety risk was exposed.
- 6.4 This contingency fund has been fully utilised as a result of previously approved health and safety works. However as a result of a conditions survey it has been identified that urgent structural works are required to an area of roof and parapet at Rossmere Primary School. The scheme is budgeted to cost £9,000 with the school contributing £900. In light of the contingency fund being fully utilised this scheme can be funded from uncommitted funding.
- 6.5 During gale force winds on the 5th December 2013 a section of the roof at High Tunstall College of Science in an area known as "the Link" became dislodged. The school was immediately evacuated and the area made safe. The cost of replacing the roof will be funded by the Insurance Fund. However, during further inspection of the site it was identified that the B Block Roof was also in danger of lifting in high winds. As a result it has been necessary to commission a scheme to overlay the roof with a new system designed to prevent future uplift. The cost of this scheme is £90,000 with the school contributing £9,000. The remainder can be funded from uncommitted funding.

6.6 Members are asked to retrospectively approve these schemes.

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7. RECOMMENDATIONS

- 7.1 It is recommended that Members:-
 - (i) note the report.
 - (ii) retrospectively approve the roof and parapet works at Rossmere School and the Roof Overlay Scheme at High Tunstall College of Science.

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8. REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATIONS

8.1 To update the Members on the Committees forecast 2013/14 General Fund Revenue budget outturn and provide an update on the Capital Programme for 2013/14.

9. APPENDICES

Appendix A attached. Appendix B attached.

10. BACKGROUND PAPERS

Medium Term Financial Strategy Report referred to Finance and Policy Committee 31st May 2013, 2nd August 2013, 18th October 2013 and 31st January, 2014.

Strategic Financial Management Reports – 23rd August 2013, 18th October 2013, 20th December 2013 and 27th February 2014.

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REVENUE FINANCIAL MONITORING REPORT FOR FINANCIAL YEAR 2013/14 as at 31st DECEMBER, 2013

Overview:

		6.3 APPENDIX A

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		December		
Approved		Projected Outturn	Projected Outturn	
2013/2014 Budget		Variance - Adverse/	Variance - Adverse/	
	Description of Service Area	(Favourable)	(Favourable)	Director's Explanation of Variance
		Worst Case	Best Case	
01000		01000	01000	
£'000		£'000	£'000	
Children's Committe	86			
	Children & Families	514	422	There has been an increase in the number of looked after children in in-house, agency and
,0.0		011		residential provision which has increased the forecast outturn overspend; The overspend is
				partially offset by underspends arising from the Adoption Reform Grant and the Local
				Safequarding Children's Board however it is proposed to create specific reserves for these
				(see below).
6 230	Early Intervention Services	0	0	
	Information, Sharing & Assessment	(5)	(5)	
	Play & Care	27	27	
463	Youth Offending Service	(90)	(90)	
520	Youth Service	0	0	
	Access to Education	14	4	
	Central Support Services	0	0	
	Other School Related Expenditure	(4)	(6)	
506	Raising Educational Achievement	(15)	(57)	Staff savings relating to vacant posts in the School Improvement Team have been made in year. In addition Grant funding has been received in respect of Going Forward.
		()	(1.5.5)	
271	Special Educational Needs	(49)	(100)	Increased income generation within Education Psychology. Members have already approved
166	Strategic Management	1	(5)	the creation of a reserve.
21,266		393	190	
	Children's Total - (before Creation of Reserves)	000	100	
Creation of Reserve				
		50	100	
0	Children's - Education Psychology	50	100	Planned creation of additional Reserve arising from external income generation to provide
	Children's - Specific Ring Fenced Grant Funding	18	10	some certainty of funding for the service as schools convert to Academy status. Ring fenced grant income received in year in respect of "Going Forward" projects, which is
0	Children's - Specific Ring Fended Grant Funding	18	18	planned to be spent in 2014/15.
0	Children's - School Improvement	50	50	An under spend in year has been generated by a combination of staffing savings and
0	children's - School Improvement	50	50	additional income for Services provided to schools, a transfer to reserves is planned to
				support the School Improvement Programme in 2014/15
0	Children's - Adoption Reform Grant	170	170	Balance of unspent 13/14 Grant Funding to be carried forward into 14/15 for the continued
0	Children's - Adoption Reform Grant	170	170	purpose of increasing adopters.
0	Children's - Local Safeguarding Children's Board	10	10	Partnership budget joint funded along with other public bodies; balance of funding to be
0	ormaterio Eocal Galeguarding Ormaterio Doard	10	10	transferred to existing LSCB reserve
21.266	Child & Adult Total - Net of Reserves	691	538	
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PLANNED USE OF RESERVES

The above figures include the 2013/2014 approved budget along with the planned use of Departmental Reserves created in previous years. The details below provide a breakdown of these reserves

Approved 2013/2014 Budget £'000	Description of Service Area	Planned Usage 2013/2014 £'000	Variance Over/ (Under) £'000	Director's Explanation of Variance			
Children's Committe	90						
247	Schools Transformation Team	206	(41)	Savings reflect a vacant post			
106	Education Psychology	0	(106)	External Income generation means that the Reserve will not be required this year.			
1,276	Early Intervention Services	779		Early Achievement of 14/15 savings has resulted in EIS underspend; balance to be retained in EIS reserve to assist in delivery of savings and manage financial risks during 14/15.			
91	Think Family	91	0				
8	Child Poverty Local Duties	8	0				
0	Care Matters	50	50	Contributions to Blakelock Gardens and Children's Home start up costs			
295	Looked After Children Reserve	140	(155)	Children's Home awaiting OFSTED visit so open later than originally budgeted for.			
2,023	Children's Committee Sub Total	1,274	(749)				
MEMO:-							
66,473	Dedicated Schools Grant	(392)	(1,307)	Ring-Fenced underspends against LA element of DSG; Variations arise as a result of uncertainty around the level of eligibility and take-up of 2 year old free nursery entitlement and the SEN requirements of schools in the Autumn and Spring Terms.			

CAPITAL MONITORING REPORT PERIOD ENDING 31st DECEMBER 2013

	EXPENDITURE IN CURRENT YEAR								
	А	В	С	D	E	F	G	н	1
Project Code	Scheme Title	2013/14 Budget £'000	2013/14 Actual as at 31/12/13 £'000	2013/14 Expenditure Remaining £'000	Expenditure Rephased 2014/15 £'000	C+D+E 2013/14 Total Expenditure £'000	F-B 2013/14 Variance from budget £'000	Type of financing	2013/2014 COMMENTS
Children's Committee									
7149	Children's Home	173	173	0	0	173	0	MIX	
7469	Children's Centre's Capital	23	0	23	0	23	0	MIX	
8282	Exmoor Grove Redevelopment / Change of Use	45	1	44	0	45	0	MIX	
7350	Flint Walk STAR Centre Development	22	19	3	0	22	0	RCCO	
8072	ICS Case Management Improvement	37	0	37	0	37	0	MIX	
8595	Miers Avenue Roofing Works	44	4	40	0	44	0		
8218	Youth Service Portable MUGA (YCF)	7	0	7	0	7	0	GRANT	
8176	Barnard Grove School - Demolish Bungalow (was Replace Bungalow Floor)	18	18	0	0	18	0	GRANT	
8558	Barnard Grove School - Improve Drainage	4	4	0	0	4	0	GRANT	
8561	Barnard Grove School - Replace Windows/Doors & Cladding	32	22	10	0	32	0	GRANT	
NEW	Barnard Grove School - New School	105	0	105	0	105	0	MIX	
8532	Catcote School - Catcote Future Relocation to Brierton Site	198	198	0	0	198	0	GRANT	This scheme is 100% funded by the Academy.
8635	Catcote School - BESD Unit Improvements	17	12	5	0	17	0	MIX	
8602	Clavering School - Fire Detection System	30	0	0	30	30	0	MIX	
8593	Clavering School - Window Replacement	42	35	0	0	35	(7)	MIX	Final costs agreed and the budget for this scheme will be reduced and the underspend transferred to the unallocated budget.
7384	Devolved Schools Capital	444	199	0	245	444	0	GRANT	
8056	Eldon Grove - Extension for Teaching Spaces	1	0	1	0	1	0	GRANT	
8603	Fens School - Disabled Adaptations	20	0	0	20	20	0	MIX	
8522	Golden Flatts School - Mechanical Works	54	0	52	0	52	(2)	MIX	The forecast final cost for this scheme is lower than originally anticipated, the budget for this scheme will be reduced and transferred to the unallocated budget.
8597	Golden Flatts School - Toilet & Roofing Replacement	155	149	6	0	155	0	MIX	
8593	Grange School - Window Replacement	28	24	0	0	24	(4)	RCCO	Final costs agreed and the budget for this scheme will be reduced and the underspend transferred to the unallocated budget.
8594	Greatham School - Boiler Replacement	22	22	0	0	22	0	MIX	
8455	Greatham School - Fire Detection System	13	0	0	13	13	0	GRANT	
8594	Hart School - Boiler Replacement	36	32	4	0	36		MIX	
8652	Hart School - Safeguarding Works	21	2	19	0	21		MIX	
8599	High Tunstall School - Changing Rooms Replacement	37	34	0	0	34	(3)	MIX	Final costs agreed and the budget for this scheme will be reduced and the underspend transferred to the unallocated budget.
8458	High Tunstall School - Development of a Vocational Education Centre	224	208	2	0	210	(14)	MIX	The forecast final cost for this scheme is lower than originally anticipated, the budget for this scheme will be reduced and transferred to the unallocated budget.
8596	High Tunstall School - Electrical Works - Block H	7	7	0	0	7	0	MIX	
8598	High Tunstall School - Heating Distribution - Block G	88		0	0				
8523	High Tunstall School - Heating Distribution	115		66	0	115	-		
8595	High Tunstall School - Roofing - Block A	37	31	0	0	31	(6)	MIX	Final costs agreed and the budget for this scheme will be reduced and the underspend transferred to the unallocated budget.
NEW	High Tunstall School - Emergency Roofing	90	0	90	0	90	0	GRANT	
8600	Lynnfield School - External Walls	11	8	0	0	8	(3)	MIX	Final costs agreed and the budget for this scheme will be reduced and the underspend transferred to the unallocated budget.

CAPITAL MONITORING REPORT PERIOD ENDING 31st DECEMBER 2013

		EXPENDITURE IN CURRENT YEAR							
	Α		С	D	E	F	G	н	
			-			C+D+E	F-B		
Project	Scheme Title	2013/14	2013/14	2013/14	Expenditure	2013/14	2013/14		2013/2014
Code		Budget	Actual	Expenditure	Rephased	Total	Variance	Type of	COMMENTS
Coue		Buuget	as at 31/12/13	Remaining	2014/15	Expenditure	from budget	financing	COMMENTS
		£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	inancing	
	Lunafield Ochael, Ocauity Francisco	13			2000			RCCO	
NEW	Lynnfield School - Security Fencing Manor College of Technology - Boiler Renewal & Water Storage Block A	13			0	13 129		RCCO	
8566	5 5 5	129	86	43	0	129	0		
8563	Manor College of Technology - Replace Toilets & Renew Block D Windows	23	14	9	0	23	0	RCCO	
8564	Manor College of Technology - Rewire Drama & Science Block & Renew	52	38	14	0	52	0	RCCO	
	Lighting/Power to Pool								
8562	Manor College of Technology - Roof Renew Block A	112	95	17	0	112	0	RCCO	
	Owton Manor School - Fire Detection System	7	1	6	0	7	0		
	Owton Manor School - Window Replacement	39	39	0	0	39	0	MIX	
	Purchase of Computer Equip - City Learning Centre Standards Fund	4	0	-	0		-		
	Rift House School - Development of Science Garden	6	6	0	0	6	0	-	
	Rift House School - Fire Detection System	14	-	0	0	14	0		
	Rift House School - Foundation Stage Outside Area	56			0	56			
	Rift House School - New Cold Water Distribution System	6	5		0	6			
	Rossmere School - Toilet Replacement	80	-		0	80	-		
8593	Rossmere School - Window Replacement	30			0	30			
	Rossmere School - Replace Concrete Lintels	30			0	30			
NEW	Rossmere School - Forest Garden	346	33	4	346			MIX	
	Rossmere School - Polest Galden Rossmere School - Roofing and Parapet Works	340	0	0	340	340	0	MIX	
	School Travel Plans	9	0	9	0	9	0	GRANT	
	School Travel Plans Schools General - 2 year old FNE Capacity Building	23 218	76	142	23	23 218		GRANT	
	Schools General - 2 year old FNE Capacity Building Schools General - BSF - ICT	3,703	1,213	330	2,160			GRANT	
	Schools General - BSF - ICT Schools General - BSF - ICT Infrastructure Costs		1,213	330				-	
		145	0	0	140				
	Schools General - Contingency	0	0	0	0	0	0	014411	
	Schools General - Funding Currently Unallocated	932	0		971	971			
	Springwell School - Boiler Replacement	36			0	36		1112	
	Springwell School - Window Replacement - Block A	19			0	19		MibX	
	St Helens School - Roofing - Block B	29			0	29		NID (
	Stranton School - Window Replacement	9	9		0	9	0		
	Throston School - Create External Hall Corridor & Learning Space	34			0	34		1.000	
8596	Throston School - Electrical Works inc Fire Detection	200			0	200			
8595	Throston School - Roofing - Block A	76			0	76	-	1112	
8594	Throston School - Boiler Replacement	56			0	56		01011	
8455	West Park School - Electrical Works inc Fire Detection System	239	122	117	0	239		IVIDA	
8526	West Park School - Heating / Hot & Cold Water Distribution	71	32		0	71		GRANT	
	West Park School - Window Replacement	93		44	0	93		MIX	
	West View School - Early Years Foundation Stage improvements	185		0	185			MIX	
8528	West View School - Roofing - (Various Phases)	302	160	0	142			MIX	
	Children's Committee Sub Total	9.533	3.621	1.550	4.362	9.533	0		

Key

RCCO Revenue Contribution towards Capital

MIX Combination of Funding Types

UCPB Unsupported Corporate Prudential Borrowing

SCE

Supported Capital Expenditure (Revenue)

 GRANT
 Grant Funded

 CAP REC
 Capital Receipt

 UDPB
 Unsupported Departmental Prudential Borrowing

 SPB
 Supported Prudential Borrowing