

CHILDREN'S SERVICES COMMITTEE AGENDA



Tuesday 9 December 2014

at 4.00 pm

in the Council Chamber, Civic Centre, Hartlepool

MEMBERS: CHILDREN'S SERVICES COMMITTEE

Councillors Fleet, Griffin, Hall, Lauderdale, Lilley, Loynes, Simmons

Co-opted Members: Michael Lee

Six Young People's Representatives

Observer: Councillor Richardson, Chair of Adult Services Committee

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

2. TO RECEIVE ANY DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST BY MEMBERS

3. MINUTES

- 3.1 Minutes of the meeting held on 11 November 2014 (*previously circulated and published*)

4. BUDGET AND POLICY FRAMEWORK ITEMS

No items.



5. KEY DECISIONS

- 5.1 Dedicated Schools Grant 2015/16 – *Director of Child and Adult Services*

6. OTHER ITEMS REQUIRING DECISION

- 6.1 Reconstitution of the Governing Body of High Tunstall College of Science and the Federated Governing Body of St Peter's Elwick CE and Hart Primary Schools – *Director of Child and Adult Services*

7. ITEMS FOR INFORMATION

- 7.1 Strategic Financial Management Report – as at 30 September 2014 – *Director of Child and Adult Services and Chief Finance Officer*
- 7.2 Priority Schools Building Programme Phase 1 (PSBP) Update – *Director of Child and Adult Services*
- 7.3 Holocaust Memorial Project – *Director of Child and Adult Services*

8. ANY OTHER BUSINESS WHICH THE CHAIR CONSIDERS URGENT

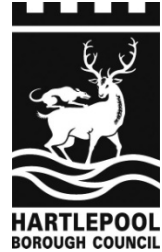
ITEMS FOR INFORMATION

Date of next meeting – 6 January 2014 at 4.00pm in the Civic Centre, Hartlepool



CHILDREN'S SERVICES COMMITTEE

9 December 2014



Report of: DIRECTOR OF CHILD & ADULT SERVICES

Subject: Dedicated Schools Grant 2015/16

1. TYPE OF DECISION/APPLICABLE CATEGORY

1.1 Key Decision (test (i)/(ii)) Forward Plan Reference No. CAS 034/14

2. PURPOSE OF REPORT

2.1 The purpose of the report is to provide an update on the Dedicated Schools Grant (DSG) and to consider and approve the 2015/16 Schools Funding Formula.

3. BACKGROUND

3.1 The Local Authority (LA) receives funding for education via the DSG grant and this is split in to three areas: the Schools Block, the Early Years Block and the High Needs Block.

3.2 The level of funding allocated to the LA is based upon census returns submitted by the LA. The funding is then calculated based upon 2012/13 cash levels per pupil/child.

3.3 The local Schools Formula has to be reviewed and agreed annually. This is then used as a basis for allocating individual school budgets to schools. The LA consults with the Schools Forum in order to agree the Formula.

3.4 During 2014 the DfE announced the "Fairer Funding for Schools" consultation and the outcomes will be reflected in the formula allocations in the Schools Block for 2015/16. The exercise was to ensure that all Schools received a fair level of funding as 69 LAs nationally were identified as being underfunded. These Local Authorities will receive an additional £390m of funding in 2015/16. Hartlepool, however, did not fall beneath the minimum funding threshold and has therefore not been allocated any additional funding in 2015 /16.

4. SCHOOLS FORMULA 2015/16

- 4.1 From September 2014, the Council has been consulting with the Schools Forum on the 2015/16 School Formula and a number of meetings have taken place to consider a range of options. During the initial consultation, all the 2015/16 formula factors were agreed except for two: the lump sum paid to all schools (currently £175k) and the deprivation factor (set at 15% in 2014-15).
- 4.2 Schools Forum considered four final options to enable a decision to be made on the remaining two factors, as detailed below:
- i) Roll forward 14/15 formula – i.e. no change to the formula;
 - ii) Roll forward 14/15 formula with a reduced lump sum;
 - iii) Roll forward of 14/15 formula – with the deprivation factor reduced to 14%;
 - iv) Roll forward of 14/15 formula – with both a reduced lump sum and reduced deprivation factor of 14%.
- 4.3 Schools Forum voted on the two factors separately. On a majority vote in both cases, it was agreed to recommend to the Children's Services Committee that the lump sum remain at £175k and that no change be made to the deprivation factor which is currently set at 15%. As a result the Forum is proposing that the Children's Services Committee adopt Option (i) as the basis for allocating the individual schools budget for 2015/16.

5. EARLY YEARS BLOCK FUNDING 2015/16

- 5.1 The Childcare Act 2006 places a legal duty on Local Authorities to secure sufficient childcare for working parents. This includes a duty on English local authorities to secure nursery entitlement free of charge. The current requirement is 570 hours per year of free nursery entitlement for eligible two year olds (approx. 40% of two year olds in the town) and all three and four year old children.
- 5.2 The government calculates two year old funding using Department of Work and Pensions and Her Majesty Revenue and Customs data to identify eligible children. In 2014/15 this equated to 694 children in Hartlepool for which the Council received funding of £4.85 per hour per child. Participation is currently 97%.
- 5.3 In addition, the Council received 'trajectory funding' to facilitate the growth of the two year old market, with £0.547m available in 2014-15. However this funding will cease in 2015/16. The funding is used for the marketing of the two year old offer and the refurbishment of rooms to meet the needs of two

year olds. This funding is also used for two year olds that would benefit from a two year old place but do not meet the criteria.

- 5.4 The current rate for 2 year old entitlement is £4.85 which has been in place since 2009/10 when Hartlepool secured Pathfinder status. Historically, the funding has been under-spent as some children do not always take the full 570 hours per year entitlement. Based upon this assumption, it is proposed from 2015/16 to increase the hourly rates by 5p to £4.90 per hour at an additional cost £20k per annum. Projections suggest that the increase of 5p can be contained within the underspend, but this would need to be reviewed annually for affordability. The Children's Services Committee are asked to support this increase in the hourly rate.
- 5.5 The Early Years Block also funds the three and four year old provision. This funding was fixed at 2012/13 levels (this included nursery school, school nursery provision, PVI provision and the LA central spend) by the number of FTE nursery age pupils. The price per hour per child varies from provider to provider based on a Single Funding Formula.
- 5.6 In 2014/15 Hartlepool was allocated £2.995m of funding for an estimated 1,385 eligible three and four year old children. Participation is currently between 90 and 95% based on population estimates. It is not anticipated that there will be any change to this funding for 2015/16.

6. HIGH NEEDS BLOCK FUNDING 2015/16

- 6.1 The High Needs Block funds a wide range of services for children and young people with Special Educational Needs and Disability. This includes places in Special Schools, both in and out of Hartlepool, the PRU, Additionally Resourced Provision in five mainstream schools and specialist services such as those for pupils with a hearing or visual impairment.
- 6.2 Significant changes to High Needs funding were introduced in the financial year 2013-14 to ensure that funding arrangements are in line with the SEND reforms under the Children and Families Act 2014 which came into force in September. The LA and schools have adapted well to these changes, with new systems being fully implemented and monitored. This includes 'top up' funding for pupils with significant high needs and an option of a personal budget for those pupils with a Single Education, Health and Care Plan (EHC) which, in Hartlepool, is known as a ONE Plan.
- 6.3 The High Needs Block now has additional demands placed upon it as the funding is no longer specific to pupils of statutory school age but is for the age range 0-25. There has been additional funding made available to support post-19 students within this block but not for the under fives. At present this additional demand is being managed well but it is not possible to predict the long term impact of this. It is not anticipated that there will be any further changes to this funding in the financial year 2015-16.

7. RECOMMENDATIONS

7.1 It is recommended that Members:

- i) Approve the recommendations of the Schools Forum in relation to paragraph 4.3 of this report for the Schools Formula for 2015/16.
- ii) Approve the change in the hourly rate for 2 year old funding to £4.90ph and note the update on funding of Early Years.
- iii) Note the update on the High Needs block and that further updates will follow when funding has been confirmed.

8. REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATIONS

- 8.1 The recommendations takes account of the advice of the Schools Forum and continues to ensure resources can be targeted at equalising educational life chances.
- 8.2 The recommendation will enable the Council to submit the 2015/16 Schools Funding Formula to the Department for Education by the statutory deadlines and then advise schools of their 2015/16 funding allocations.

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CHILDREN'S SERVICES COMMITTEE

9 December 2014



Report of: Director of Child and Adult Services

Subject: RECONSTITUTION OF THE GOVERNING BODY OF HIGH TUNSTALL COLLEGE OF SCIENCE AND THE FEDERATED GOVERNING BODY OF ST PETER'S ELWICK CE AND HART PRIMARY SCHOOLS

1. TYPE OF DECISION / APPLICABLE CATEGORY

Non Key.

2. PURPOSE OF REPORT

To seek approval of the Children's Services Committee to the reconstitution of the Governing Body and the Instrument of Government of High Tunstall College of Science and a variation to the Instrument of Government of the Federated Governing Body of St Peter's Elwick CE and Hart Primary Schools in accordance with the School Governance (Constitution) (England) Regulations 2012 as amended by the School Governance (Constitution and Federation) (England) (Amendment) Regulations 2014.

3. BACKGROUND

- 3.1 Reports were presented to the Children's Services Committee on 11th February and 9th July 2014 which outlined an initial consultation and subsequent approval by the Department for Education (DfE) of new legislation relating to school governance. Under the new legislation all governing bodies of maintained schools and federations of maintained schools in England are required to re-constitute under the 2012 School Governance Regulations by September 2015. Under the Constitution Regulations a number of changes relating to the make-up of Governing Bodies and the process of appointment of Governors have been introduced. These include:

- A change in the minimum number of Governors from 9 to 7;
- Community Governors are replaced by a new category of Co-opted Governor;
- There must be at least 2 Parent Governors;
- Only 1 Staff Governor in addition to the Head Teacher (although additional staff can be appointed as Co-opted Governors but when counted with one staff Governor and the Head Teacher must not exceed one-third of the total Membership of the Governing Body;
- Only 1 Local Authority Governor nominated by the Local Authority but appointed by the Governing Body, where as previously they were appointed by the Local Authority. In nominating Governors, account should be taken of the skills required by the Governing Body.

3.3 Since the introduction of the new legislation schools and colleges have been giving consideration to the re-constitution of their Governing Bodies taking account of these changes and restrictions around Governor categories and the skills required to deliver effective governance.

4. PROPOSALS

4.1 Revised constitutions for the following schools/college have been received following approval by their respective Governing Bodies:

High Tunstall College of Science

The revised constitution will consist of the following categories as attached in **Appendix 1**.

- Six Parent Governors;
- One Local Authority Governor;
- One Staff Governor;
- One Headteacher;
- 10 Co-opted Governors (one co-opted Governor to be the Deputy Headteacher);
- Four Partnership Governors (Including one representative of the Primary Sector and one representative of the Post 16 sector)

Total number of Governors **23**

The term of office for all categories of Governors will be four years with the exception the Primary and Post 16 sector Partnership Governors whose term of office will be 2 years.

Federated Governing Body of St Peter's Elwick CE Aided School and Hart Community Primary School

This proposal involves a minor amendment to the Instrument of Government of August 2013 in the form of the reduction of Staff Governors from 2 to 1 plus the Headteacher and an increase in the number of Co-opted Governors from 2 to 3. The revised constitution has been agreed by the Dioceses of Durham and Newcastle Joint Education team and will consist of the following categories as attached in **Appendix 2**.

- Four Parent Governors (2 elected by parents of pupils attending St. Peter's Elwick Church of England Voluntary Aided Primary School and 2 elected parents of pupils attending Hart Community Primary School);
- Two Staff Governors including the Headteacher;
- One Local Authority Governor;
- Three Co-opted Governors (One Co-opted Governor to be a member of staff of one of the schools);
- Five Foundation Governors

Total number of Governors **15**

The term of office of all categories of governors is four years (with the exception of ex officio governor).

5. RECOMMENDATIONS

- 5.1 To formally approve the reconstitution of the Governing Body of High Tunstall College of Science under the School Governance (Constitution and Federation) (England) (Amendment) Regulations and revised Instrument of Government with effect from 1st January 2015 in accordance with details set out in **Appendix 1**.
- 5.2 To formally approve the variation of the Instrument of Government for the Federated Governing Body of St Peter's Elwick CE and Hart Primary schools under the School Governance (Constitution and Federation) (England) (Amendment) Regulations and revised Instrument of Government with effect from 1st January 2015 in accordance with details set out in **Appendix 2**.

6. REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATIONS

The reconstitution will improve the effectiveness of the Governing Body and is in line with the requirements for all Governing Bodies to be reconstituted under the revised legislation before 31st August 2015.

7. BACKGROUND PAPERS

None.

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INSTRUMENT OF GOVERNMENT HIGH TUNSTALL COLLEGE OF SCIENCE



1. The name of the school is: High Tunstall College of Science
2. The school is a foundation school.
3. The name of the governing body is "The governing body of High Tunstall College of Science".
4. The governing body shall consist of:
 - a. **Six** Parent Governors
 - b. **One** Local Authority Governor
 - c. **One** Staff Governor
 - d. **One** Headteacher
 - e. **10** Co-opted Governors
 - one Co-opted Governor to be the Deputy Headteacher
 - f. **Four** Partnership Governors
 - including 1 representative of the Primary sector and 1 representative of the Post 16 sector)
5. Total number of governors **23**
6. The term of office of all Governors is 4 years except for:
 - Partnership Governors from the Primary and Post 16 sectors are appointed for 2 years
7. This instrument of government comes into effect on 1st January 2015.
8. This instrument was made by order of HARTLEPOOL LOCAL AUTHORITY on
9. A copy of the instrument must be supplied to every member of the governing body (and the Headteacher if not a governor).



**INSTRUMENT OF GOVERNMENT
FEDERATED GOVERNING BODY OF ST PETER'S
ELWICK CHURCH OF ENGLAND VOLUNTARY AIDED
PRIMARY SCHOOL AND HART PRIMARY SCHOOL**

1. The name of the Federation is St. Peter's Elwick Church of England Voluntary Aided Primary School and Hart Community Primary School.
2. The names and categories of schools in the Federation are:

St. Peter's Elwick Church of England Voluntary Aided Primary School and Hart Community Primary School.
3. The name of the Governing Body is St. Peter's Elwick Church of England Voluntary Aided Primary School and Hart Community Primary School.
4. The Governing Body shall consist of:
 - a) **Four** Parent Governors
(2 elected by parents of pupils attending St. Peter's Elwick Church of England Voluntary Aided Primary School and 2 elected parents of pupils attending Hart Community Primary School).
 - b) **Two** Staff Governors including the Headteacher
 - c) **One** Local Authority Governor
 - d) **Three** Co Opted Governors (one of which to be a member of staff of one of the schools)
 - e) **Five** Foundation Governors
5. Total number of Governors **15**
6. ONE Foundation Governor shall be ex officio as set out in paragraph 7(a) below.

TWO Foundation Governors shall be appointed by the Diocesan Board of Education.

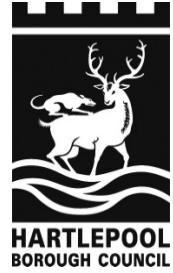
TWO Foundation Governors appointed from Elwick St. Peter's Parochial Church Council and Hart Mary Magdalene Parochial Church Council.

APPENDIX 2

- 7a) The holder of the following office shall be a foundation governor ex officio: The Incumbent or Priest in Charge (for the time being) of the Parish of Hart and Elwick Hall, Hartlepool.
- 7b) The Durham Diocesan Board of Education, in consultation with the Archdeacon and Area Dean, shall appoint a Foundation Governor, to act in the place of the ex officio foundation governor whose governorship derives from the office named in (a) above, in the event that the ex officio foundation governor is unable or unwilling to act as a foundation governor, or there is a vacancy in the office by virtue of which his governorship exists.
8. The Durham Diocesan board of Education in consultation with the Archdeacon and Area Dean are entitled to request the removal of any ex officio foundation governor and to appoint any substitute governor.
9. The Foundation Governors are the Trustees of St. Peter's Elwick Church of England Voluntary Aided Primary School. The School Trust Deed is dated 24th April, 1851, and is kept at the Public Records Office, Kew, and a copy is kept at the church.
10. "Recognising its historic foundation, St. Peter's Elwick Church of England Voluntary Aided Primary School will preserve and develop its religious character in accordance with the principles of the Church of England and in partnership with the Church at parish and diocesan level. The school aims to serve its community by providing an education of the highest quality with the context of Christian belief and practice. It encourages an understanding of the meaning and significance of faith, and promotes Christian values through the experience it offers to all its pupils".
11. The term of office of all categories of governors is FOUR years (with the exception of ex officio governor).
12. This instrument of government comes into effect on 1st January 2015
13. This instrument was made by order HARTLEPOOL LOCAL AUTHORITY on
14. A copy of the instrument must be supplied to every member of the governing body (and the Headteacher if not a governor)

CHILDREN'S SERVICES COMMITTEE

9 December 2014



Report of: Director of Child & Adult Services and Chief Finance Officer

Subject: STRATEGIC FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT REPORT - AS AT 30th SEPTEMBER 2014

1. TYPE OF DECISION/APPLICABLE CATEGORY

For Information.

2. PURPOSE OF REPORT

- 2.1 The purpose of the report is to inform Members of the 2014/15 Forecast General Fund Outturn, 2014/15 Capital Programme Monitoring and provide details for the specific budget areas that this Committee is responsible for.

3. BACKGROUND AND REPORTING ARRANGEMENTS 2014/15

- 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 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 **Summary of Overall Financial Position**

- 3.5 The latest report submitted to the Finance and Policy Committee on 24th November 2014 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 2014/15 budget as these items were not known at the time.
- 3.6 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 2015/16 budget;
 - achieving planned 2015/16 savings earlier; and
 - careful management of budgets to avoid expenditure where this does not have an adverse impact on services.
- 3.7 The report on the position at 30th September 2014 advised Members that there is currently a net forecast budget under spend at the year-end of between £1.457m and £1.542m. This is significantly higher than previously forecast mainly arising from the early achievement of planned 2015/16 savings where these measures can be implemented in the current year, without impacting on services. These forecasts will be reviewed as the year progresses, particularly in relation to seasonal and demand led budgets.
- 3.8 A recommended strategy for using this one-off funding along with the funding identified following the review of reserves was reflected in the November 2014 Medium Term Financial Strategy (MTFS) report. The proposals are to:-
- enable a limited number of the 2015/16 proposed savings to be deferred;
 - to fund protection costs arising from the Terms and Conditions review; and
 - supplement the Budget Support Fund to support the MTFS
- 4. 2014/15 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 broken down by Committee, together with a brief comment on the reasons for the forecast outturn.

Budget	Description of Expenditure	September Projected Outturn Adverse/ (Favourable) Worst Case	September Projected Outturn Adverse/ (Favourable) Best Case	Comments
£'000		£'000	£'000	
30,494	Adult Committee - Core Services	76	(164)	The favourable variance mainly relates to underspends within various supplies and services budgets, increased grant income and incremental drift within pay budgets.
-	Adult Committee - Projected Deprivation of Liberty Safeguard (DoLS) Pressure	300	200	These are the unbudgeted costs of implementing the DoLS implications following the recent Supreme Court judgement.
-	Adult Committee - Use of Reserves to Partly Offset DoLS Pressure	(376)	(36)	The unbudgeted DoLS costs are forecast between £200k and £300k this financial year with Members approving a combination of departmental reserves and departmental outturn to fund these costs in 2014/15. This reflects the balance of the costs which are to be funded from departmental reserves.
30,494	Sub-Total Adult Committee	0	0	
19,683	Children's Committee	(1,045)	(1,320)	The favourable outturn variance relates to the underspend against the Local Welfare Support Grant. Council agreed as part of the MTFS approved on 4th February 2014 to transfer this to reserves to maintain the scheme until at least 2017/18.
50,177	Total Child & Adult	(1,045)	(1,320)	
	Creation of Reserves			
-	Children's - Local Welfare Support Grants	375	375	This creation of this reserve was included in the MTFS and approved by full Council on 4th February 2014 to use the balance of grant funding and the existing reserve to continue provision through to 2017/18.
-	Children's - Troubled Families Grant	370	370	Reserve created to continue services in 2015/16
-	Children's - High Needs Risk Reserve	300	300	Reserves created to manage in-year risks of high educational needs placements exceeding base budget, which will avoid an in-year budget pressure in 2015/16.
-	Children's - Looked After Children	0	275	Reserve created to manage increased costs of Looked after Children and to avoid an in-year budget pressure in 2015/16, pending implementation a strategy to reduce costs
-	Creation of Reserves Total	1,045	1,320	
50,177	Total Child & Adult - Net of Reserves	0	0	

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

4.3 The favourable outturn variance (before creation of reserves) reflects a combination of underspends against ring-fenced grants (Local Welfare Support and Troubled Families) and early achievement of 2015/16 savings. It is proposed to create additional reserves for High Needs services and if any balance is remaining this will be transferred into the existing Looked After Children reserve pending implementation of a strategy to reduce costs/demand.

5. CAPITAL MONITORING 2014/15

5.1 The 2014/15 MTFS set out planned capital expenditure for the period 2014/15 to 2016/17.

5.2 Expenditure against budget to the 30th September 2014 for this Committee can be summarised in the following table and further details are provided in **Appendix B**.

Department	2014/15 & Future Years	2014/15	2014/15	2014/15	2014/15	2014/15	2014/15
	Budget	Budget	Actual to 30/09/14	Remaining Expenditure	Re-Phased Expenditure	Total Expenditure	Variance from Budget Adverse/ (Favourable)
	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000
Children's Services	7,569	6,575	1,910	2,919	1,746	6,575	0
Total	7,569	6,575	1,910	2,919	1,746	6,575	0

- 5.3 The majority of the expenditure rephased into 2015/16 relates to schemes currently on hold pending the outcome of the Priority School Building Programme Phase 2.

6. RECOMMENDATIONS

- 6.1 It is recommended that Members note the report.

7. REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATIONS

- 7.1 To update the Members on the Committees forecast 2014/15 General Fund Revenue budget outturn and provide an update on the Capital Programme for 2014/15.

8. BACKGROUND PAPERS

Medium Term Financial Strategy Report approved by Council on 4th February 2014.

Strategic Financial Management Report as at 30th June considered by the Finance and Policy Committee 18th August 2014.

Review of Reserves Report considered by the Finance and Policy Committee 15th September 2014.

Strategic Financial Management Report as at 30th June considered by the Adult Services Committee 1st September 2014.

Strategic Financial Management Report as at 30th September considered by the Finance and Policy Committee 24th November 2014.

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Appendix A

REVENUE FINANCIAL MONITORING REPORT FOR FINANCIAL YEAR 2014/15 as at 30th September, 2014**Overview:**

Approved 2014/2015 Budget £'000	Description of Service Area	September		Director's Explanation of Variance
		Projected Outturn Variance - Adverse/ (Favourable) Worst Case £'000	Projected Outturn Variance - Adverse/ (Favourable) Best Case £'000	
12,025	Children & Families	(136)	(285)	Troubled Families is underspending against grant and it is proposed a reserve for this balance is created. Increasing demand and expenditure on means-tested allowances, direct payments and fostering allowances are offset only partly by expected savings within Care Proceedings court costs, Agency Residential and Adoption services arising from the use of the Adoption Reform Grant.
4,848	Early Intervention Services	(618)	(711)	The projected outturn variance reflects the Local Welfare Support Scheme as well as underspends arising from vacant posts and underspends against various supplies and services budgets, incorporating early achievement of 2015/16 savings. These underspends are partly offset by the delayed achievement of some staffing savings within the Youth Service element of this budget.
10	Information, Sharing & Assessment	(10)	(10)	Early achievement of 2015/16 savings.
(3)	Play & Care	26	26	
355	Youth Offending Service	(90)	(115)	The underspend reflects staff savings from some secondments to other grant-funded programmes within Children's Services and the range reflects uncertainty at this stage of the year about the level of remand placement costs.
407	Youth Service	0	0	
122	Access to Education	(20)	(49)	
761	Central Support Services	0	0	
533	Other School Related Expenditure	(9)	(9)	
350	Raising Educational Achievement	(85)	(85)	Service underspends have been achieved as a result of the Complex Needs Services review in advance of the delivery of the 2015/16 savings across Children & Education Services.
221	Special Educational Needs	(65)	(65)	
54	Strategic Management	(8)	(17)	
19,683	Sub Total	(1,015)	(1,320)	
0	Release of Looked After Children Reserve for Looked After Children pressure	(30)	0	The Looked After Children reserve will be used as the 'balancing' figure to fund the net overspend within Children's Services. This strategy should assist in retaining the Looked After Children reserve for a longer period to manage Looked After Children pressures in future years.
19,683	Children's Committee Sub Total	(1,045)	(1,320)	This mainly relates to the Local Welfare Support Scheme and Troubled Families for which a reserve has been approved/is requested.
Creation of Reserves				
0	Children's - Local Welfare Support Grants	375	375	The creation of this reserve was included in the MTFS and agreed by full Council on 4th February 2014.
0	Children's - Transfer to LAC Reserve	0	275	Any overall underspend will be transferred to the existing LAC reserve to enable this reserve to continue to be used as a contingency/risk-reserve in future years.
0	Children's - High Needs Reserve	300	300	Funding to be transferred to a reserve to manage future year risks in High Needs spend.
0	Children's - Troubled Families Reserve	370	370	A reserve is proposed to be created for the balance of grant funding to enable this funding to be carried forward into 2015/16 and future years to support the continuation of this programme.
19,683	Children's Total - Net of Reserves	0	0	

PLANNED USE OF RESERVES

The above figures include the 2014/2015 approved budget along with the planned use of Departmental Reserves created in previous years.
The details below provide a breakdown of these reserves

Approved 2014/2015 Budget £'000	Description of Service Area	Planned Usage 2014/2015 £'000	Variance Over/ (Under) £'000	Director's Explanation of Variance
Children's Committee				
173	Schools Transformation Team	150	(23)	
10	Academy Risk Reserve	0	(10)	
18	Raising the Participation Age	18	0	
287	School Improvement	167	(120)	The Improvement Strategy was approved by Committee 8th July, £0.287m has been allocated over the next two financial years.
149	Adoption Reform Grant	125	0	
175	Children's Social Care & Early Intervention	167	(8)	
420	Looked After Children Reserve	30	(390)	This reflects latest (Worst Case) outturn projection for use of the LAC reserve to fund the net pressure within Children & Families.
1,232	Children's Committee Sub Total	657	(551)	

MEMO:-	Dedicated Schools Grant			
4,903	Early Years	(116)	(293)	Funding received in respect of raising the participation levels of 2 yr old provisions, is higher than the predicted actual levels of participation
8,232	High Needs	0	(111)	
54,655	Schools	2	(3)	

CAPITAL MONITORING REPORT PERIOD ENDING 30th SEPTEMBER 2014

Project Code	Scheme Title	BUDGET		EXPENDITURE IN CURRENT YEAR					Type of Financing	2014/15 COMMENTS
		A 2014/15 and Future Years Budget £'000	B 2014/15 Budget £'000	C 2014/15 Actual as at 30/09/14 £'000	D 2014/15 Expenditure Remaining £'000	E Expenditure Rephased into 2015/16 £'000	F (C+D+E) 2014/15 Total Expenditure £'000	G (F-B) 2014/15 Variance from Budget £'000		
Children's C	Children's Centre's Capital	41	41	0	41	0	41	0	MIX	
7469	Exmoor Grove Redevelopment / Change of Use	46	46	41	5	0	46	0	MIX	
8282	Integrated Children's Services Case Management Improvement	37	0	0	0	0	0	0	MIX	
8072	Youth Service Portable Multi-Use Games Area (Youth Capital Fund)	7	0	0	0	0	0	0	GRANT	
8218	Barnard Grove School - New School	95	95	0	95	0	95	0	MIX	
8695	Barnard Grove School - Section 278 Works	36	36	0	36	0	36	0	GRANT	
New	Brougham School - 2 year old Free Nursery Entitlement Capacity Building	38	38	10	28	0	38	0	GRANT	
8781	Clavering School - Fire Detection System	25	25	19	6	0	25	0	MIX	
8602	Clavering School - Roof Block A	84	84	9	75	0	84	0	MIX	
8732	Devolved Schools Capital	487	487	30	453	0	483	(4)	GRANT	Underspend represents the contribution to fund Rift House SEN Adaptations.
7384	English Martyrs - Science Labs	325	325	0	0	325	325	0	RCCO	On hold pending Priority School Building Programme Phase 2.
New	Golden Flatts School - Boiler Replacement and Condensation Mitigation Works	40	40	15	25	0	40	0	MIX	
8731	Golden Flatts School - Roofing Block A Replacement	65	65	58	7	0	65	0	MIX	
8734	Greatham School - Roof Replacement	94	94	55	39	0	94	0	MIX	
8730	Hart School - Roof Block A	8	8	2	6	0	8	0	MIX	
8729	High Tunstall School - Window Replacement Block A	156	156	2	0	154	156	0	MIX	On hold pending Priority School Building Programme Phase 2.
8716	High Tunstall School - Roofing - Block A (Phased)	65	65	9	0	56	65	0	MIX	On hold pending Priority School Building Programme Phase 2 but minor works were necessary and have been undertaken.
8718	High Tunstall School - Roofing - Block L	118	118	2	0	116	118	0	MIX	On hold pending Priority School Building Programme Phase 2.
8719	High Tunstall School - Heating Distribution - Block G	85	85	30	55	0	85	0	MIX	
8598	High Tunstall School - Heating Distribution - Block A	68	68	19	1	0	20	(48)	MIX	This scheme has been completed under budget as less work was required than originally anticipated. This underspend can be used to fund the additional works required on the Kingsley Rewire Scheme.
8523	High Tunstall School - Roofing - Block A	80	80	0	80	0	80	0	MIX	
8718	High Tunstall School - Electrical Distribution Replacement	34	34	4	9	21	34	0	GRANT	
8717	Holy Trinity - Contribution to New School re Nursery Provision	160	160	0	160	0	160	0	MIX	The £160k contribution consists of £60k contribution from Council reserves and an anticipated capital receipt of £100k. In addition to this Holy Trinity School are also contributing £18k directly to the Education Funding Agency in relation to this project.
New	Holy Trinity - Section 278 Works	10	10	0	10	0	10	0	MIX	
New	Kingsley School - Electrical Rewire	235	235	66	0	201	267	32	MIX	It is anticipated that the cost of this scheme will be higher than anticipated owing to the discovery of asbestos and increased costs in relation to electrical fittings. The additional costs can be funded from the underspend on the High Tunstall Heating Distribution scheme outlined above.
8727	Kingsley School - Replace and Upgrade Playground Surface	40	40	41	0	0	41	1	MIX	This slight overspend can be funded by favourable variances on other budgets.
8459	Lynnfield School - Window Replacement - Block A	54	54	6	56	0	62	8	RCCO	As a result of the discovery of asbestos, it is expected that this scheme will cost £8k more than originally anticipated. This can be funded from favourable variances on other budgets.
8728	Lynnfield School - 2 year old Free Nursery Entitlement Capacity Building	38	38	9	29	0	38	0	MIX	
8782	Purchase of Computer Equipment - City Learning Centre Standards Fund	4	4	0	0	4	4	0	GRANT	
7586	Rift House School - Roof Block A	213	213	27	186	0	213	0	RCCO	
8714	Rift House School - Special Education Needs Adaptations	20	20	24	0	0	24	4	MIX	The overspend relates to additional work to be funded by the school.
8713	Rift House School - Children's Centre Roof Replacement	51	51	6	45	0	51	0	MIX	
8720	Rossmere School - Toilet Replacement	30	30	22	8	0	30	0	MIX	
8601	Rossmere School - Forest Garden	345	345	0	330	15	345	0	MIX	
8692	School Travel Plans	23	23	0	23	0	23	0	GRANT	
7421	Schools General - 2 year old Free Nursery Entitlement Capacity Building	28	28	0	28	0	28	0	GRANT	
7521	Schools General - Universal Free School Meals	160	160	16	144	0	160	0	RCCO	
TBC	Schools General - Building Schools for the Future - ICT	2,414	1,464	994	470	0	1,464	0	GRANT	
8138	Schools General - Building Schools for the Future - ICT Infrastructure Costs	132	132	0	132	0	132	0	GRANT	
8139	Schools General - RCCO Unallocated	400	400	0	0	400	400	0	GRANT	
9004	Schools General - Funding Currently Unallocated	136	136	0	0	143	143	7	MIX	This reflects the net additional rephased expenditure as a result of underspends on other schemes.

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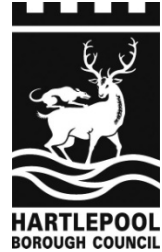
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9004	Schools General - Contingency	200	200	0	100	100	200	0	MIX	
9004	Schools General - Earmarked for Asbestos Surveys	60	60	0	0	60	60	0	RCCO	
9004	Throston School - Electrical Rewire Final Phase	73	73	75	14	0	89	16	RCCO	This overspend is a result of asbestos removal costs and can be funded from the underspend on the West Park Window Replacement Scheme.
8725	Throston School - Window Replacement - Block A	64	64	48	16	0	64	0	MIX	
8726	West Park School - Electrical Works inc Fire Detection System	92	92	39	53	0	92	0	MIX	
8455	West Park School - Heating / Hot & Cold Water Distribution	26	26	0	26	0	26	0	GRANT	
8526	West Park School - Window Replacement	9	9	8	1	0	9	0	MIX	
8593	West Park School - Window Replacement Final Phase	86	86	53	17	0	70	(16)	MIX	It is now anticipated that this scheme will be completed at a lower cost. This anticipated underspend can be used to fund the overspends on the Throston Window Replacement scheme.
8723	West Park School - Cloakroom/Wash Hand Basin Replacement	42	42	28	14	0	42	0	MIX	
8735	West View School - Early Years Foundation Stage improvements	184	184	22	11	151	184	0	MIX	Only works to canopy and external store are complete, the remainder of the scheme is on hold pending the PSBP 2 announcement.
8653	West View School - Roofing - (Various Phases)	142	142	83	59	0	142	0	MIX	
8528	West View School - Boiler Replacement Block A	64	64	38	26	0	64	0	MIX	
8724	Children's Committee Sub Total	7,569	6,575	1,910	2,919	1,746	6,575	0		

Key
 RCCO Combination of Funding Types
 MIX Unsupported Corporate Prudential Borrowing
 UCPB Supported Capital Expenditure (Revenue)

GRANT Grant Funded
 CAP REC Capital Receipt
 UDPB Unsupported Departmental Prudential Borrowing
 SPB Supported Prudential Borrowing

CHILDREN'S SERVICES COMMITTEE

9 December 2014



Report of: Director of Child & Adult Services

Subject: PRIORITY SCHOOLS BUILDING PROGRAMME
PHASE 1 (PSBP) UPDATE

1. TYPE OF DECISION/APPLICABLE CATEGORY

To note – for information

2. PURPOSE OF REPORT

- 2.1 To provide an update on the progress of the Priority Schools Building Programme (PSBP) Phase 1.

3. BACKGROUND

- 3.1 Three Hartlepool schools are part of the North East 2 (NE2) Capital batch of schools benefiting from the PSBP, namely Barnard Grove Primary School, Holy Trinity CE Primary School and Manor College of Technology. There are seven schools in the NE2 batch with an estimated total value of £63 million. The other Local Authorities in the batch are Redcar and Cleveland, Stockton and Sunderland.
- 3.2 The Education Funding Agency undertook a procurement process to appoint the contractor utilizing the Partnerships for Schools Contractors Framework. The selected panel member is Kier Construction with Nexus as their IT infrastructure partner.

4. PSBP UPDATE

- 4.1 Works on site at Barnard Grove Primary School commenced in September 2014. The steelwork is complete and the roofing will start shortly.
- 4.2 The current project plan shows Barnard Grove Primary School expected to decant into their new building during August 2015, this will be followed by landscaping and demolition of the existing building.

- 4.3 Manor College also commenced works in September 2014. The foundations are currently being excavated and the pouring of foundations is 70% complete.
- 4.4 The decant period for Manor College is expected to be during the summer of 2016 with the school being fully operational for the start of term in September 2016, followed by demolition of the existing school. Kier are working closely with the schools and are having weekly progress/information meetings.
- 4.5 To celebrate works starting on these sites, Groundbreaking Ceremonies were held at the beginning of October 2014 for both schools.
- 4.6 The Holy Trinity CE Primary School project is approximately one month behind Barnard Grove and Manor College, however the decant period is expected to be at the same time as Barnard Grove, August 2015. The Holy Trinity site is extremely constrained therefore the construction site set-up is on Dodds Field and within Seaton Carew Park. An agreement is in place with the Council's Estates Department to enable Kier to site their cabins in Seaton Carew Park and to provide temporary parking for staff and visitors on Dodds Field.

5. LEGAL CONSIDERATIONS

- 5.1 Back to Back letters have been signed by Hartlepool Council Chief Executive, the Headteacher and Chair of Governors for all three schools. These letters are formal agreements that all parties will assist the Secretary of State in fulfilling those of his obligations that relate to the School's site and activities.

6. RECOMMENDATIONS

- 6.1 It is recommended that the Children's Services Committee note the report.

7. BACKGROUND PAPERS

Cabinet report – 24 October 2011
Children's & Community Services Portfolio report – 4 December 2012
Cabinet report – 4 February 2013
Children's Services Committee – 30 July 2013
Children's Services Committee – 7 January 2014
Children's Services Committee – 1 April 2014
Children's Services Committee – 6 May 2014
Children's Services Committee – 8 July 2014

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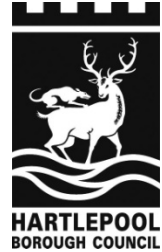
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CHILDREN'S SERVICES COMMITTEE

9 December 2014



Report of: Director of Child and Adult Services

Subject: HOLOCAUST MEMORIAL PROJECT

1. TYPE OF DECISION/APPLICABLE CATEGORY

For information.

2. PURPOSE OF REPORT

- 2.1 To inform Members of the on-going work being carried out in relation to Holocaust Memorial activities in preparation for Holocaust Memorial Day January 27th 2015 themed 'Keep the Memory Alive'.
- 2.2 To enable young people to report back to the Children's Services Committee on the development of the project and to provide an update on their work.

3. BACKGROUND

- 3.1 A report was brought to the Children's Services Committee on the 12th August 2014 at which the background development of the group was reported and a request was made by elected Members that young people report on what they had learned from their visit to Poland, the development of learning materials for other young people and their plans so far for the Holocaust Memorial events in 2015.
- 3.2 August 25th to 29th 2014: the young people took part in the residential to Krakow, Poland where they visited Auschwitz¹ and Birkenau, Oskar Schindler's Factory and the Jewish Quarter. They have used these experiences to develop a booklet for other young people for Holocaust Memorial Day.
- 3.3 Young people have also been involved in the development of a short film with ITV fixers which will be ready for Holocaust Memorial Day.

4. RECENT DEVELOPMENTS

- 4.1 Young people have been busy making arrangements with interested schools for the civic event that will be held on the 27th January 2015.
- 4.2 Young people have launched a local publicity campaign to identify survivors or those affected more locally which has produced some results which will be incorporated into the events Holocaust Memorial Day.

5. RECOMMENDATIONS

- 5.1 That the committee acknowledge the importance of maintaining young people's cultural awareness through this project and support the event on the 27th January by their attendance.

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CHILDREN'S SERVICES COMMITTEE

9 December 2014



Report of: Director of Child & Adult Services

Subject: UPDATE ON THE REVIEW OF PROVISION FOR PUPILS WITH BEHAVIOURAL, EMOTIONAL AND SOCIAL DIFFICULTIES AT HARTLEPOOL PUPIL REFERRAL UNIT, CATCOTE ACADEMY AND SPRINGWELL SPECIAL SCHOOL

1. TYPE OF DECISION/APPLICABLE CATEGORY

For information only.

2. PURPOSE OF REPORT

- 2.1 The purpose of this report is to update the Children's Services Committee on the feasibility study being carried out to determine the most appropriate model of educational provision to meet the needs of children and young people with behavioural difficulties in Hartlepool. This need is currently being met in Hartlepool at the Hartlepool Pupil Referral Unit (PRU), Catcote Academy and Springwell Special School. The Children's Services Committee agreed to the feasibility study at its meeting of 2 September 2014.

3. BACKGROUND

- 3.1 Supporting and championing the needs of vulnerable children and young people underpins the ambitions of the Hartlepool Education Strategy. Ensuring that all children and young people have access to high quality provision includes providing for pupils who are engaged in alternative timetabled educational activities away from their host school, for example through attending the Hartlepool PRU, providing for pupils who have a Statement of Special Educational Needs that refers to behavioural issues, for example at the Behavioural, Emotional and Social Difficulties (BESD) units at Catcote Academy and Springwell Special School and providing for those who participate in externally commissioned courses or activities.

- 3.2 Consultation with headteachers from all sectors and with the Hartlepool Behaviour and Attendance Partnership has established that:
- There are an increasing number of Key Stage 1 and Key Stage 2 pupils in Hartlepool exhibiting more complex behavioural needs and, as a consequence, there is pressure on the current provision for these children at Springwell Special School.
 - The current overall provision for Key Stage 3 and Key Stage 4 pupils needs to be strengthened both at the PRU and at Catcote BESD through the provision of high quality accommodation and resources.
- 3.4 The Hartlepool PRU was relocated from the Golden Flatts site to the redeveloped Brierton education site in September 2014. The Finance and Policy Committee recently agreed to a further £205,000 of capital expenditure at the PRU to ensure that it is able to fully meet the curriculum needs of Key Stage 3 and Key Stage 4 pupils.
- 3.5 Catcote Special School is proposing to make two bids to the Department for Education Academies Capital Maintenance Fund in order to obtain central government funding to develop and improve the accommodation for both its Behavioural, Social and Emotional Difficulties provision and its Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD) provision. Funding is being sought to replace the demountable classrooms that currently house the BESD provision, and which are now in poor condition, with an extension to the school building onto the south car park. This will provide three teaching rooms, staff and student toilets and an enclosed garden. Two existing rooms will be included in the BESD scheme with a separate entrance, reception and office. In addition, the north car park will be reconfigured to enable more parking in this area. The second bid for DfE capital maintenance funding is to replace the demountable building that currently houses the ASD provision with a modular building that will include autism specific teaching areas, sensory and social areas and both staff and pupil toilets. The deadline for the submission of both bids is 19th December, 2014.
- 3.6 Furthermore, additional commissioned BESD provision for the growing number of Key Stage 1 and Key Stage 2 pupils requiring support will need to be developed in Hartlepool to reduce the current demand being made on the primary BESD provision at Springwell Special School.
- 3.7 To be effective, any existing or planned BESD provision in Hartlepool must exist within effective and stimulating learning environments that meet the full range of moderate to complex and challenging behavioural, social and emotional needs of young people with a focus on preventative approaches and high quality interventions. The current development work at the PRU and the proposals for Catcote Academy will support this ambition.

4. FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS

4.1 Details of the financial implications will be outlined in the paper to the committee that follows the review and feasibility study. Any further proposals, however, should:

- Develop a comprehensive approach to commissioning specialist local provision as appropriate to meet the needs of children and young people in Hartlepool and so reduce the need for high-cost external provision.
- Ensure that funding is targeted at those young people with the most complex needs.
- Develop an integrated approach across all schools, academies and alternative providers in order to promote effective collaboration and the sharing of resources and expertise.

5. RECOMMENDATIONS

5.1 The Children's Services Committee is asked to note the contents of this report and, in particular, to note that:

- The review of the current educational provision in Hartlepool for all pupils with behavioural, emotional and social difficulties is progressing well. A final report will be presented to the Committee early in 2015 which will recommend to the Committee a model of alternative educational provision that fully meets the needs of children and young people with behavioural, emotional and social difficulties;
- The Finance and Policy Committee agreed to a further £205,000 of capital expenditure at the Pupil Referral Unit to ensure that the full curriculum needs of the young people taught there are met;
- Catcote Academy have submitted two bids to the DfE Academies Capital Maintenance Fund for capital funding to improve the quality of accommodation for both their behavioural, emotional and social difficulties provision and their Autism Spectrum Disorder provision.

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