

Policy and Performance - Families and Wellbeing Committee
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REPORT TITLE:	FINANCIAL MONITORING 2015/16 QUARTER 3 (OCTOBER - DECEMBER 2015)
REPORT OF:	ACTING SECTION 151 OFFICER

REPORT SUMMARY

This report sets out the financial monitoring information for Families and Wellbeing in a format consistent across the Policy and Performance Committees. The report aims to give Members the detail to scrutinise budget performance for the Directorate. The financial information is for Quarter 3 (October-December 2015) and was reported to Cabinet on 22 February 2016.

RECOMMENDATIONS

1. That the forecast year end overspend of £5.48 million in the Families and Wellbeing 2015/16 Revenue Budget and actions taken during quarter 3 be noted.
2. That capital expenditure at the close of quarter 3 totalling £8.0 million against a revised Capital Programme of £16.1 million be noted
3. Members are requested to review the information presented to determine if they have any specific questions relating to the budget for the Families and Wellbeing Directorate.

SUPPORTING INFORMATION

1.0 REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATIONS

- 1.1 To ensure Members have appropriate information to review the budget performance of the directorate.

2.0 OTHER OPTIONS CONSIDERED

- 2.1 This is a monitoring report but any options to improve the monitoring and budget accuracy will be considered.

3.0 BACKGROUND INFORMATION

3.1 CHANGES TO THE AGREED BUDGET

- 3.1.1 The 2015/16 Budget was agreed by Council on 24 February 2015 any increases to the Budget have been agreed by full Council. Changes to the Budget since it was set are summarised in Table 1.

Table 1: 2015/16 Original & Revised Net Budget by Directorate £000's

	Original Net Budget	Approved Budget Changes Prior Qtrs	Approved Budget Changes Qtr 3	Revised Net Budget
FWB - Adult Social Care	68,305	2,934	-173	71,066
FWB – Children & Young People,	67,964	4,816	-322	72,458
FWB - Further Areas: Safeguarding, Schools, Leisure, Public Health	7,956	831	619	9,406
Net Cost of Services	144,225	8,581	124	152,930

Note: £9.6 million Quarter 1 change was ratified by Council on 12 October 2015

- 3.1.2 The main budget movements in quarter three relate to the transfer of Adult Social Care Safeguarding to FWB Further Areas for reporting purposes and an adjustment within the support services budget. Both of these adjustments have no effect on the net bottom line of the council as a whole.

3.2 PROJECTIONS AND KEY ISSUES

- 3.2.1 The projected outturn position as at the end of December 2015, key issues emerging and Directorate updates are detailed in the following sections.

Table 2: 2015/16 Projected Budget variations by Directorate £000's

Directorates	Revised Budget	Forecast Outturn	(Under) Overspend Quarter 3	RAGBY Class	Change from prev
FWB - Adult Social Care	71,066	73,478	2,412	R	2
FWB – Children & Young People	72,458	75,143	2,685	R	885
FWB - Further Areas: Safeguarding, Schools, Leisure, Public Health	9,406	9,791	385	R	135
TOTAL	152,930	158,412	5,482		1,022

The report classifies the forecast under/overspends for the above areas using a colour RAGBY rating. The ratings are defined as follows:

- Extreme: Overspends **Red** (over +£301k), Underspend **Yellow** (over - £301k).
- Acceptable: **Amber** (+£141k to +£300k), **Green** (range from +£140k to - £140k); **Blue** (-£141k to -£300k).

3.3 DIRECTORATE UPDATES

Families and Wellbeing: Adult Social Care

3.3.1 The forecast has been contained at a £2.4 million overspend. The overspend is mainly due to demand pressures within Community Care. Saving plans and profiles are continuously under review and a number of projects are being supported by the Improvement and Transformation Team. Actions include:

- A programme of targeted reviews of care packages is being undertaken, including joint reviews with NHS colleagues.
- A new 'asset based' assessment framework has been implemented to determine need.
- The Liquid Logic case management system has been implemented and the support structure agreed. This is streamlining working processes and increasing efficiency.

3.3.2 The Local Authority Day Services Company commenced trading on 1 December 2015.

Families and Wellbeing: Children and Young People

3.3.3 The forecast overspend has increased by £0.8 million to £2.69 million. This reduces to a net £2.55 million once £140,000 additional Educational Services Grant confirmed in November is factored in. The overspend position is mainly due to an increase within residential placements and increased costs following the re-profiling of agency staff.

3.3.4 Actions being taken to reduce the overspend include:-

- A detailed review of all residential care and independent fostering placements
- A weekly Access to Resources Panel to consider and approve all new care packages for children.
- Assessments to determine entitlement to SEND transport. A programme of recruitment to vacant Social Work positions. The Social Worker Progression Framework has been implemented. Agency numbers are reviewed on a monthly basis.
- Implementation of new Children's Centres structures and Early Help model.

3.3.5 The Youth Justice Board grant has been reduced by £70,000 in year which has been mitigated through the non-filling of vacant posts. In the longer term a review of structures and where possible further integration across the wider youth provision will be utilised to match the resources available.

Families and Wellbeing: Other

3.3.6 Leisure Services: The forecast overspend is currently £305,000. This figure reflects slippage in budget savings. There are ongoing discussions and plans with regard to savings in 2016/17.

3.3.7 Public Health: The Chancellor's proposals to reduce in year the Public Health Budget have been confirmed and there has been a grant reduction of £1.9m. This had been anticipated in commissioning decisions earlier in the year and has been managed from savings within retendered contracts.

3.3.8 Safeguarding: An overspend of £80,000 is forecast within this area relating to agency costs

3.4 IMPLEMENTATION OF SAVINGS

3.4.1 The delivery of the agreed savings is key to the Council's financial health and is tracked at both Council and Directorate level. The Budget for 2015/16 originally included £38 million of efficiency measures and it was recognised that the delivery of the savings, particularly within Adults and Children's Services was challenging being more of a transformational / change nature. Cabinet in July agreed the reprofiling of £9.6 million of savings funded from earmarked reserves (£5.4 million) and General Fund Balances (£4.2 million) which was confirmed by Council 12 October.

Table 3: Budget Implementation Plan 2015/16 (£000's)

BRAG	Number of Options	Approved Budget Reduction	Amount Delivered at Dec 15	To be Delivered
B - delivered	6	6,785	6,785	0
G – on track	7	2,770	1,815	955
A - concerns	10	5,609	1,619	3,990
R - high risk/ not achieved	1	10	0	10
Total at Dec 2015-16	24	15,174	10,219	4,955

3.4.2 The savings tracker contains an assessment of the 2015/16 savings. Cabinet 27 July agreed that £9.6 million of savings be moved into 2016/17 with funding from earmarked reserves and General Fund balances.

3.5 PERFORMANCE AGAINST CAPITAL BUDGETS QUARTER 3

3.5.1 Capital Programme 2015/16 at end of Quarter 3 (31 December)

	Capital Strategy	Revisions Since Budget Cabinet	Revised Capital Programme	Actual Spend December 2015
	£000	£000	£000	£000
Families – Children	8,517	2,287	10,804	5,404
Families – Adults	8,263	-5,386	2,877	1,062
Families – Sport & Rec	1,865	599	2,464	1,531
Total expenditure	18,645	-2,500	16,145	7,997

3.5.2 Families and Wellbeing - Children

Fender Primary School – completion of a 2 classroom and resource extension. Elleray Park Special School – works on the four new classroom extension and welfare facilities were completed in October. Devonshire Park – a range of projects have been undertaken to support the increase in pupil numbers. The contract for the classroom extensions at Stanley school has been awarded (£0.590m); alterations at Lingham primary (£0.130m) have commenced; extension at Town Lane infants (£0.5m) is on hold pending a feasibility study for new classrooms and dining hall.

3.5.3 Families and Wellbeing – Adults

The project at Girtrell Court has been deferred. The outcome of the savings option will dictate whether this continues to be included in any future capital programme.

Transformation of Day Services is ongoing. The current year's programme includes £0.615 million which will help to support Wirral Evolutions to provide centres of excellence.

Community Intermediate Care Service - work on a dedicated integrated care facility to support the avoidance of hospital admission is progressing.

3.5.4 Families and Wellbeing – Sport and Recreation

The new fitness suite at Guinea Gap is still seeing an increase in usage. Membership at West Kirby Leisure Centre has increased following the improvements to the fitness suite there.

Improvements at West Kirby Marine Lake have commenced.

4.0 FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

4.1 In respect of the Revenue Budget the Families and Wellbeing Directorate is projecting a £5.48m over spend as at the 31 December 2015.

4.2 There are no IT, staffing or asset implications arising directly out of this report.

5.0 LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

5.1 There are no implications arising directly from this report.

6.0 RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS; ICT, STAFFING AND ASSETS

6.1 There are no implications arising directly from this report.

7.0 RELEVANT RISKS

7.1 There are none relating to this report.

8.0 ENGAGEMENT/CONSULTATION

8.1 No consultation has been carried out in relation to this report.

9.0 EQUALITIES IMPLICATIONS

9.1 This report is essentially a monitoring report which reports on financial performance.

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ANNEXES

Annex 1 Revised Capital Programme and Funding 2015/16

SUBJECT HISTORY

Council Meeting	Date
Regular financial monitoring reports for Revenue and Capital have been presented to Cabinet since September 2012.	

Annex 1 Revised Capital Programme

Families and Wellbeing - CYP	Revised Programme £000	Spend to Date £000	Council Resources £000	Revenue/ Reserves £000	Grants £000	Total Funding £000
Elleray Park Special School redevelopment	1,050	971	850	-	200	1,050
School remodelling/additional classrooms (Primary Places)	2,050	347	1,800	-	250	2,050
Condition/Modernisation	4,458	2,643	-	-	4,458	4,458
Basic Need allocation	1,897	702	-	-	1,897	1,897
Children's centres	53	14	-	-	53	53
Aiming Higher	24	58	-	-	24	24
Youth Capital	149	-	98	-	51	149
Birkenhead High Girls Academy	80	159	-	69	11	80
Funding for 2 year olds	18	2	-	-	18	18
Universal Free School Meals	209	139	-	-	209	209
Somerville Mobile Replacement	366	262	366	-	-	366
Family Support Scheme	200	63	200	-	-	200
Youth Zone	100	42	100	-	-	100
Stanley Special - additional classrooms, medical/hygiene provision	150	2	150	-	-	150
	10,804	5,404	3,564	69	7,171	10,804

	Revised Programme £000	Spend to Date £000	Council Resources £000	Revenue/ Reserves £000	Grants £000	Total Funding £000
Families and Wellbeing - DASS						
Citizen and Provider Portal for Social and Health Services	617	-	-	-	617	617
Transformation of Day Service	615	185	-	-	615	615
Integrated IT	645	444	560	-	85	645
Community Intermediate Care Services	1,000	433	-	-	1,000	1,000
	2,877	1,062	560	-	2,317	2,877

Families and Wellbeing - Sports & Recreation

West Kirby/Guinea Gap/Europa Pools	2,024	1,332	2,024	-	-	2,024
Refurb of Artificial Turf Pitch & perimeter fence repairs at the Tennis & Sports Centre	240	188	240	-	-	240
West Kirby Marine Lake – Integrated accommodation and service delivery	100	11	100	-	-	100
Bidston Tennis Centre re-roofing	100	-	100	-	-	425
	2,464	1,531	2,464	-	-	2,464