

WIRRAL COUNCIL

FAMILIES AND WELLBEING POLICY & PERFORMANCE COMMITTEE

1 DECEMBER 2015

SUBJECT	FINANCIAL MONITORING 2015/16 QUARTER 2 (JULY - SEPTEMBER 2015)
WARD/S AFFECTED	ALL
REPORT OF	ACTING SECTION 151 OFFICER

1 EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

1.1 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 2 (July-September 2015) and was reported to Cabinet on 5 November 2015.

2 BACKGROUND AND KEY ISSUES

- 2.1 Members of the Policy and Performance Committees have previously requested that financial monitoring information is provided as a standard item at each Committee.
- 2.2 Since September 2012 regular revenue and capital monitoring reports have been submitted to Cabinet as a means of providing, detailed updates on budget performance.
- 2.3 The Coordinating Committee has agreed that in order to fulfil its corporate and strategic scrutiny role, it will continue to review the full versions of the most up to date monitor reports at its scheduled meetings.
- 2.4 The relevant sections from the most recent revenue and capital monitoring reports reported to Cabinet are summarised and updated where needed into a bespoke report for each Policy and Performance Committee. The report includes the following:
- Performance against the revenue budget
 - Performance against in year efficiency targets
 - Performance against the capital budget

3 PERFORMANCE AGAINST REVENUE BUDGETS QUARTER 2 (JULY-SEPTEMBER 2015)

3.1 Changes to the agreed Families and Wellbeing Budget for 2015-16

	Original Net Budget	Approved Budget Changes Prior Mths	Approved Budget Changes Quarter 2	Revised Net Budget
FWB - Adult Social Care	68,305	2934	-	71,239
FWB – Children & Young People,	67,964	4541	275	72,780
FWB - Further Areas: Safeguarding, Schools, Leisure, Public Health	7,956	831	-	8,787
Net Cost of Services	144,225	8,306	275	152,806

3.1.1 The approved budget changes in quarter 2 take account of the following adjustment:

- The transfer of the Liquid Logic support team from Transformation & Resources to Children & Young People (Adults having been transferred previously).

4 BUDGET VARIATIONS

4.1 The report will use RAGBY ratings that highlight under and overspends and place them into 'risk bands'. The 'risk band' classification is:

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

4.2 2015/16 Projected Budget variations £000's

Directorates	Revised Budget	Forecast Outturn	(Under) Overspend Quarter 2	RAGBY Class	Change from prev
FWB - Adult Social Care	71,239	73,649	2,410	R	-21
FWB – Children & Young People	72,780	74,580	1,800	R	-200
FWB - Further Areas: Safeguarding, Schools, Leisure, Public Health	8,787	9,037	250	A	250
TOTAL	152,806	157,266	4,460		29

4.3 **Adult Social Services**

The current forecast remains a £2.4 million overspend mainly from demand pressures within Community Care. A number of projects are being supported by the Improvement and Transformation Team and saving plans and profiles are continuously being reviewed following action taken. Actions included:

- 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 consultation agreed. This will streamline work processes and increase efficiency.

The transformation of day services is progressing at pace, the Local Authority Company will commence 1 December 2015. The Implementation Board is overseeing the review of financial delivery targets.

On 6th March 2014, the government announced it would close the Independent Living Fund (ILF) and ILF users transferred to Local Authority support with effect from 1 July 2015 from the Department of Work and Pensions. The Department for Local Communities and Government has awarded Adult Social Care a grant of £1.3 million to cover this expenditure for the period 1 July 2015 to 31 March 2016 and reviews have been undertaken to ensure this is sufficient to cover the additional costs that will be incurred. Any funding for subsequent years will be determined as part of the Spending Review.

4.4 **Children and Young People**

The forecast overspend has reduced to £1.8 million Reduced spend of £0.4 million has been identified across various budget headings including childrens centres. There are however increased costs of £0.2 million mainly from an increase in Special Guardianship numbers.

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 are being undertaken to determine entitlement to Primary and Secondary transport with notification of any changes to parents by half term
- A rolling programme of recruitment to Social Work positions. The Social Worker Progression Framework has been implemented. Agency numbers reviewed on a monthly basis.

- Implementation of new Children’s Centres structures

In August the Youth Justice Board issued consultation regarding a proposed 5% in year reduction of grants paid to local authorities. This has since been confirmed and the impact on Wirral is a £70,000 grant reduction Measures have been put in place to mitigate any in year reduction through the non-filling of vacant posts.

4.5 Leisure Services

The forecast overspend is currently £250,000. This figure reflects slippage in budget savings. There are ongoing discussions and plans with regard to savings in 2016/17.

4.6 Public Health

The Chancellor’s proposals to reduce in year the Public Health Budget has 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.

5 IMPLEMENTATION OF SAVINGS

- 5.1 The delivery of agreed savings is key to the Council’s financial health and is tracked at both Council and Directorate level. The Budget for 2015/16 included £38 million of efficiency measures. It was recognised that the delivery of savings, particularly within Adults and Children’s Services was challenging being more of a transformational / change nature. In determining the level of General Fund balances the risk of slippage / non-delivery was assessed at £7.2 million.

Families and Wellbeing Budget Implementation Plan 2015/16 (£000’s)

BRAG	Number of Options	Approved Budget Reduction	Amount Delivered at Q2	To be Delivered
B - delivered	6	6,785	6,785	0
G – on track	7	2,770	1,815	955
A - concerns	14	5,609	1,769	3,840
R - high risk/ not achieved	1	10	0	10
Total at Quarter 2 2015-16	28	15,174	10,369	4,805

- 5.2 Cabinet 27 July agreed that £9.6 million of savings (of which £7.6 million related to this directorate) be reprofiled into 2016/17. This was funded from the use of earmarked reserves (including £3.4 million from the Families and Wellbeing reserve which was established for this purpose) and General Fund balances. The approved budget reduction for the Directorate is therefore £15.2m

At the time of writing £4.8m of savings still need to be delivered and there are concerns over £3.8m. These include:

- Plans around the reduction of Looked After Children, where numbers, have not reduced as planned, particularly those in high cost placements.
- The Disability Service review
- Adult Day Services – the remaining savings following restructure
- Cost of care and extra care to avoid residential packages

Action is being taken in all cases to implement these savings. In some areas however they are contributing to the cost pressures described in para 4.3 to 4.5 above.

6 PERFORMANCE AGAINST CAPITAL BUDGETS QUARTER 2 (JULY-SEPTEMBER 2015)

6.1 Capital Programme 2015/16 at end of Quarter 2 (30 September)

	Capital Strategy	Revisions Since Budget Cabinet	Revised Capital Programme	Actual Spend September 2015
	£000	£000	£000	£000
Families – Children	8,517	2,287	10,804	3,083
Families – Adults	8,263	-2,946	5,317	517
Families – Sport & Rec	1,865	810	2,675	1,164
Total expenditure	18,645	151	18,796	4,764

Note: Further detail of the schemes is contained within Annex 1.

6.2 Children and Young People

The largest element of the programme relates to school remodelling condition and modernisation works.

Practical completion is expected over the next few weeks in respect of the additional classrooms and other works at Elleray Park.

Wirral Youth Zone. Within the revised Children & Young people Capital Programme a sum of £500,000 has been identified as a potential contingency sum to support the delivery of the project.

6.3 Adult Social Services

Transformation of Day Services is ongoing. At this stage the overall scheme is still being developed. The programme is based on the level of grant funding available deferring the requirement for Council resources by £0.5 million.

The Liquid Logic Case management system has been implemented across Families and Wellbeing.

6.4 Sport and Recreation

Tenders have been invited for the integrated accommodation works at West Kirby Marine Lake and the majority of the expenditure will be incurred in 2016/17.

The re-roofing of the Tennis Centre is currently at the tendering stage and a preferred contractor has still to be chosen.

Works at Guinea Gap are now complete and, along with the 3G pitches and fitness suite, have seen an increased usage of the facilities.

7 RELEVANT RISKS

7.1 There are none relating to this report.

8 OTHER OPTIONS CONSIDERED

8.1 All options to improve the monitoring and accuracy of budgets will be considered.

9 CONSULTATION

9.1 No consultation has been necessary in relation to this report.

10 OUTSTANDING PREVIOUSLY APPROVED ACTIONS

10.1 There is an ongoing requirement to identify actions to mitigate the forecast overspend.

11 IMPLICATIONS FOR VOLUNTARY, COMMUNITY AND FAITH GROUPS

11.1 There are no implications arising directly from this report.

12 RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS: FINANCIAL, IT, STAFFING AND ASSETS

12.1 In respect of the Revenue Budget the Families and Wellbeing Directorate is projecting a £4.46m over spend as at the 30 September 2015.

13 LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

13.1 There are no implications arising directly from this report.

14 EQUALITIES IMPLICATIONS

14.1 The report is for information and there are no direct equalities implications at this stage.

15 CARBON REDUCTION AND ENVIRONMENTAL IMPLICATIONS

15.1 There are no implications arising directly from this report.

16 PLANNING AND COMMUNITY SAFETY IMPLICATIONS

16.1 There are no implications arising directly from this report.

17 RECOMMENDATIONS

- 17.1 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.

18 REASONS FOR THE RECOMMENDATIONS

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

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APPENDICES

Extracted from the Capital Monitoring report to Cabinet on 5 November 2015:-
Annex 1 Revised Capital Programme and Funding 2015/16

SUBJECT HISTORY

Council Meeting	Date
Monthly 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	850	674	850	-	-	850
School remodelling/additional classrooms (Primary Places)	2,050	173	1,800	-	250	2,050
Condition/Modernisation	4,658	1,441	-	-	4,658	4,658
Basic Need allocation	1,897	243	-	-	1,897	1,897
Children's centres	53	-	-	-	53	53
Aiming Higher	24	53	-	-	24	24
Youth Capital	149		98	-	51	149
Birkenhead High Girls Academy	80	157	-	69	11	80
Funding for 2 year olds	18	-	-	-	18	18
Universal Free School Meals	209	32	-	-	209	209
Somerville Mobile Replacement	366	164	366	-	-	366
Family Support Scheme	200	54	200	-	-	200
Youth Zone	100	92	100			100
Stanley Special - additional classrooms, medical/hygiene provision	150	-	150	-	-	150
	10,804	3,083	3,564	69	7,171	10,804

Families and Wellbeing - DASS	Revised Programme £000	Spend to Date £000	Council Resources £000	Revenue/ Reserves £000	Grants £000	Total Funding £000
Citizen and Provider Portal for Social and Health Services	617	-	-	-	617	617
Transformation of Day Service	615	173	-	-	615	615
Integrated IT	1,085	344	1,000	-	85	1,085
Community Intermediate Care Services	1,000	-	-	-	1,000	1,000
Integrated Social Care and Health Learning Disability Service - Girtrell Court	2,000	-	2,000	-	-	2,000
	5,317	517	3,000	-	2,317	5,317

Families and Wellbeing - Sports & Recreation

West Kirby Concourse Fitness Suite	112	-	112	-	-	112
Guinea Gap 3G Football pitches	99	-	99	-	-	99
West Kirby/Guinea Gap/Europa Pools	2,024	1,164	2,024	-	-	2,024
Refurb of Artificial Turf Pitch & perimeter fence repairs at the Tennis & Sports Centre	240	-	240	-	-	240
West Kirby Marine Lake – Integrated accommodation and service delivery	100	-	100	-	-	100
Bidston Tennis Centre re-roofing	100	-	100	-	-	425
	2,675	1,164	2,675	-	-	2,675