



# Final Outturn 2023/24

## Children and Families Committee

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This report receives scrutiny and approval from Members of Cheshire East Council. As a public report, the Council welcomes feedback to the information contained here.

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## 1. 2023/24 Final Outturn and Commentary

2023/24	Revised Budget (NET)	Outturn	Variance	Forecast Variance FR3	Movement from FR3 to Outturn
	£000	£000	£000	£000	£000
Directorate	1,261	871	(390)	(159)	(231)
Children's Social Care	49,589	58,181	8,592	9,152	(560)
Strong Start, Family Help and Integration	7,166	6,182	(984)	(1,014)	30
Education & 14-19 Skills	23,857	24,885	1,028	2,018	(990)
<b>Children's Services</b>	<b>81,873</b>	<b>90,119</b>	<b>8,246</b>	<b>9,997</b>	<b>(1,751)</b>

### Outturn Commentary:

The Children and Families outturn position is a £8.2m overspend, an improvement of £1.8m compared to the third review forecast of a £10.0m overspend. The service has focused on delivering the identified in-year mitigations and reducing spend further where possible, resulting in an improved outturn position. Use of grants has been maximised against eligible expenditure across the directorate; income has been maximised where possible; agency and locum costs have reduced as well as holding vacant posts; the number of cared for children reduced from 586 at the start of the year to 541 at the end, however the average number of children during the year remains high at 556.75 compared to an average of 539.75 in 2022/23.

	£m
<b>Variance at Third Review</b>	<b>10.0</b>
<i>Main Changes:</i>	
Drawdown of grant reserve in the directorate	-0.2
Reduced staffing and lower case reviews in Safeguarding	-0.1
Increase in recoveries for Direct Payments/ Early Help Independent Payments	-0.2
Reduced staffing costs in Children's Social Care	-0.2
Reduced locums in Educational Psychologists	-0.2
Catering increased income	-0.1

Transport lower costs	-0.1
Holding vacancies, increased income and lower spend within Education	-0.6
Other	-0.1
<b>Outturn Variance</b>	<b>8.2</b>

**Note:** There will be a review focussing on the specific areas where there were major variances to see whether they are a one-off variance, or if there is an underlying budget variance that needs to be addressed in 2024/25. Findings will be reported at the next Children and Families Committee meeting.

The DSG overspend for the year was £31.7m compared to the DSG management plan forecast overspend of £42.7m. The improvement of £10.6m was mainly due to a lower level of growth at 13.5% compared to 19% within the management plan. The total DSG deficit is £78.652m at the end of 2023/24.

	<b>£m</b>
DSG Deficit Brought Forward	46.9
In-year DSG overspend	31.7
<b>Total DSG deficit at end of 2023/24</b>	<b>78.6</b>

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## 2. Corporate Grants Register

- 2.1 Cheshire East Council receives two main types of Government grants; specific purpose grants and general use grants. Specific purpose grants are held within the relevant service with a corresponding expenditure budget. Whereas general use grants are held in central budgets with a corresponding expenditure budget within the allocated service area.
- 2.2 Spending in relation to specific purpose grants must be in line with the purpose for which it is provided.
- 2.3 **Table 1** provides a detailed listing of all Children and Families related grants, their movements between the reporting period and the treatment of the grant.
- 2.4 **Table 2** shows additional specific purpose grant allocations that have been received which are £500,000 or less and are for noting only.
- 2.5 **Table 3** shows additional general use grant allocations that have been received which are £500,000 or less and are for noting only.
- 2.6 **Table 4** shows Supplementary Revenue Estimate Requests for Allocation of Additional Grant Funding (General Use) previously named in the MTFs.

**Table 1 – CORPORATE GRANTS REGISTER**

Grants 2023/24	Original Budget	Revised Forecast FR3	Final Outturn	Change from Revised Forecast FR3	Treatment of Grant
	2023/24 £000	2023/24 £000	2023/24 £000	2023/24 £000	
<b>CHILDREN &amp; FAMILIES</b>					
<b>Specific Purpose (Held within Services)<sup>1</sup></b>					
Dedicated Schools Grant	165,459	152,950	152,703	-247	
Pupil Premium Grant	4,500	4,958	4,923	-35	
Pupil Premium Plus - Post 16 Funding	0	56	56	0	
Sixth Forms Grant	2,729	2,892	2,883	-9	
Universal Infant Free School Meals (UIFSM)	1,732	1,928	1,926	-2	
Primary Physical Education Sports Grant	981	982	982	-0	
Teachers Pay Additional Grant	0	953	959	6	SRE
Teachers Pension Grant	0	111	112	1	SRE
COVID-19 Recovery Premium	0	900	742	-158	
School Led Tutoring Grant	0	295	288	-6	
School Improvement Monitoring & Brokering Grant - brought-forward	0	0	511	511	
School Improvement Monitoring & Brokering Grant - carried-forward	0	0	-364	-364	
Milk Subsidy	10	21	20	-1	
Schools' Supplementary Grant (Mainstream Schools Additional Grant)	2,548	2,543	2,543	0	
Senior Mental Health Lead Training Grant	0	2	16	13	SRE
Early Career Framework Grant	0	48	48	0	
S14 Experts and Mentors Programme Grant	0	7	15	8	SRE
Delivering Better Value in SEND	1,200	593	593	0	
Delivering Better Value in SEND - carried-forward	0	0	-475	-475	
Apprentice Incentive Scheme	0	2	0	-2	
Connect to the Classroom	0	3	0	-3	
National Professional Qualification Grant	0	10	10	0	
Early Years Supplementary Grant	0	1,262	1,261	-1	
Early Years Teachers Pay Additional Grant	0	87	87	0	
Mental Health Support / Return to Education Grant	0	0	21	21	SRE
<b>Total Children &amp; Families - Schools - Specific Purpose</b>	<b>179,159</b>	<b>170,603</b>	<b>169,861</b>	<b>-743</b>	

Notes 2 - 5

Grants 2023/24	Original Budget	Revised Forecast FR3	Final Outturn	Change from Revised Forecast FR3	Treatment of Grant
	2023/24	2023/24	2023/24	2023/24	
	£000	£000	£000	£000	Notes 2 - 5
Asylum Seekers	788	3,647	3,576	-71	
Supporting Families (previously Tackling Troubled Families)	0	384	366	-18	
Supporting Families (Payments by Results) Upfront Grant	719	720	720	0	
Reducing Parental Conflict Grant	0	48	43	-5	
Adoption Support Fund	28	70	54	-16	
KS2 Moderation & KS1 Phonics	11	11	11	-0	
Skills & Lifelong Learning	903	897	951	54 SRE	
Supporting Families; Investing in Practice programme (Mockingbird Family Model)	0	0	11	11 SRE	
Remand Grant	20	107	107	0	
Domestic Abuse Safe Accommodation Housing Grant - brought-forward	0	0	271	271	
Domestic Abuse Safe Accommodation Housing Grant	650	663	663	0	
Domestic Abuse Safe Accommodation Housing Grant - carried-forward	0	0	-149	-149	
Holiday Activities & Food Programme Grant	900	896	752	-145	
Extension of the Role of Virtual School Heads to children with a social worker Implementation	118	118	84	-34	
Afghanistan Resettlement (Education) Grants	0	0	177	177 SRE	
Homes for Ukraine, education and childcare elements - brought-forward	0	0	1,223	1,223	
Homes for Ukraine, education and childcare elements	0	31	31	0	
Household Support Fund - brought-forward	0	0	171	171	
Household Support Fund	4,400	4,400	4,364	-36	
Hong Kong UK Welcome Programme (British Nationals)	0	53	40	-13	
Early Years - Delivery Support Fund	0	82	11	-71	
Early Years - Wraparound Childcare Programme	0	11	11	0	
Early Years - Professional Development Programme	0	8	21	14 SRE	
Early Years - Experts and Mentors Programme	0	4	11	8 SRE	
Early Years - Childminder Programme	0	12	12	0	
Family Hubs Transformation Funding - brought-forward	0	0	281	281	
Family Hubs Transformation Funding	0	248	433	185 SRE	
Family Hubs Transformation Funding - carried-forward	0	0	-492	-492	
Leaving Care Allowance Uplift Implementation Grant (New Burdens)	0	72	72	0	
Staying Close Award	0	602	602	0	
Supported Accommodation New Burdens Grant	0	174	174	0	
Enhance Programme Funding	0	150	150	0	
Safeguarding Partnership Reform Funding	0	0	47	47 SRE	
Sales, Fees and Charges	0	0	33	33 SRE	
Police and Crime Commission High Risk, High Harm project	0	0	42	42 SRE	
Youth Support Grant	0	0	8	8 SRE	
Crimebeat	0	0	1	1 SRE	
Workforce Development Fund	0	0	51	51 SRE	
<b>Total Children &amp; Families - Children's Services - Specific Purpose</b>	<b>8,537</b>	<b>13,408</b>	<b>14,935</b>	<b>1,527</b>	



Grants 2023/24	Original Budget	Revised Forecast FR3	Final Outturn	Change from Revised Forecast FR3	Treatment of Grant
	2023/24	2023/24	2023/24	2023/24	Notes 2 - 5
	£000	£000	£000	£000	
<b>General Use (Held Corporately)</b>					
Social Care Support Grant (Children)	6,939	6,939	6,939	-0	
Staying Put Implementation Grant	0	130	130	0	
Extended Rights to Free Transport (Home to School Transport)	0	256	256	0	
Extended Personal Adviser Duty Implementation	0	57	57	0	
Extension of the role of Virtual School Heads	0	61	61	0	
<b>Total Children &amp; Families - General Use</b>	<b>6,939</b>	<b>7,443</b>	<b>7,443</b>	<b>-0</b>	
<b>TOTAL CHILDREN &amp; FAMILIES</b>	<b>194,635</b>	<b>191,454</b>	<b>192,239</b>	<b>785</b>	

Notes

- 1 The Dedicated Schools Grant, Pupil Premium Grant, Sixth Form Grant and Other School Specific Grant from the Education Funding Agency (EFA) figures are based on actual anticipated allocations. Changes are for in-year increases/decreases to allocations by the DfE and conversions to academy status.
- 2 SRE - Supplementary Revenue Estimate requested by relevant service.
- 3 ODR - Officer Decision Record to approve immediate budget change to relevant service.
- 4 Reserves - transfer to reserves at year end.
- 5 Balances - amount will be included as a variance to budget.

## Table 2 – DECISION DELEGATED TO OFFICERS

Supplementary Revenue Estimate Requests for Allocation of Additional Grant Funding (Specific Purpose) £500,000 or less

Committee	Year	Type of Grant	£000	Details
Children and Families - Schools	2023/24	Teachers Pay Additional Grant (Specific Purpose)	6	Increase on Financial Review 3 forecast. This grant is from the Department for Education (DfE). In July 2023, the ESFA announced £482.5 million for schools through the teachers' pay additional grant (TPAG) in 2023 to 2024 to support schools to meet the costs of the 2023 to 2024 teachers pay award.
Children and Families - Schools	2023/24	Teachers' Pension Grant (Specific Purpose)	1	Increase on Financial Review 3 forecast. This grant is from the Education & Skills Funding Agency (ESFA). The teachers' pension employer contribution grant (TPECG) supports schools and local authorities with the cost of the increase in employer contributions to the teachers' pension scheme. Local authorities must follow the terms and conditions set out in the conditions of grant.
Children and Families - Schools	2023/24	Senior Mental Health Lead Training Grant (Specific Purpose)	13	Increase on Financial Review 3 forecast. This grant is from the Department for Education (DfE). The Department for Education (DfE) is offering a grant of £1,200 for eligible state-funded schools and colleges in England to train a senior mental health lead to develop and implement a whole school or college approach to mental health and wellbeing. This training is not compulsory, but it is part of the government's commitment to offer this training to all eligible schools and colleges by 2025. Grants will be provided to cover (or contribute to) the cost of attending a quality

Committee	Year	Type of Grant	£000	Details
				assured course and may also be used to hire supply staff whilst leads are engaged in learning.
Children and Families - Schools	2023/24	S14 Experts and Mentors Programme Grant  (Specific Purpose)	8	Increase on Financial Review 3 forecast. This grant is from the Department for Education (DfE) with the view of offering early years support, delivered either face to face or virtually, by trained experts and mentors. The experts and mentors programme was rolled out nationally across England from September 2022, covering academic years 2022 to 2023 and 2023 to 2024. The experts and mentors programme supports private, voluntary or independent (PVI) nursery settings, maintained nursery schools and school-based nurseries.
Children and Families - Schools	2023/24	Mental Health Support / Return to Education Grant  (Specific Purpose)	21	This is a new grant from the Department for Education (DfE). To promote the importance of good mental health in schools and embed a whole school approach to help achieve this.
Children and Families – Children’s Services	2023/24	Skills & Lifelong Learning  (Specific Purpose)	54	Increase of Financial Review 3 forecast. This grant is from the Department for Education (DfE). Aim of the grant is to engage adults and provide the skills and learning they need to progress into, or within, work.
Children and Families – Children’s Services	2023/24	Supporting Families; Investing in Practice programme (Mockingbird Family Model)  (Specific Purpose)	11	This is a new grant from the Department for Education (DfE). The Mockingbird programme aims to replicate the support available through an extended family network via fostering families.

Committee	Year	Type of Grant	£000	Details
Children and Families – Children’s Services	2023/24	Afghanistan Resettlement (Education) Grants  (Specific Purpose)	177	This is a new grant from the Department for Education (DfE). It provides financial assistance to local authorities, in the form of the Afghanistan Resettlement (Education) Grant.
Children and Families – Children’s Services	2023/24	Early Years - Professional Development Programme  (Specific Purpose)	14	Increase of Financial Review 3 forecast. This grant is from the Department for Education (DfE). Funding has been awarded that will be used to enable settings to provide overtime payments or hire agency staff so that practitioners can attend training, and funding towards admin costs incurred by the local authorities in administering the programme.
Children and Families – Children’s Services	2023/24	Early Years - Experts and Mentors Programme  (Specific Purpose)	8	Increase of Financial Review 3 forecast. This grant is from the Department for Education (DfE). The experts and mentors programme supports private, voluntary or independent (PVI) nursery settings, maintained nursery schools and school-based nurseries.
Children and Families – Children’s Services	2023/24	Family Hubs Transformation Funding  (Specific Purpose)	185	Increase of Financial Review 3 forecast. This grant is from the Department for Education (DfE). The Department for Education (DfE) launched the £12 million family hubs transformation fund in November 2021 to support local authorities in England to open family hubs.
Children and Families – Children’s Services	2023/24	Safeguarding Partnership Reform Funding  (Specific Purpose)	47	This grant is a new grant from the Department for Education (DfE). The Department for Education (DfE) is investing more than £7 million, over the next 2 years to support local areas. The funding is to support changes to multi agency safeguarding

Committee	Year	Type of Grant	£000	Details
				arrangements and build a shared understanding between agencies.
Children and Families – Children’s Services	2023/24	Sales, Fees and Charges (Specific Purpose)	33	This grant is a new grant from the Department for Levelling-up, Housing and Communities (DLUHC). Legacy payment received relating to reduced income during covid due to restrictions.
Children and Families – Children’s Services	2023/24	Police and Crime Commission High Risk, High Harm project (Specific Purpose)	42	This grant is a new grant from the Home Office via the Police and Crime Commission. The funding is for the High Risk, High Harm project tackling domestic abuse.
Children and Families – Children’s Services	2023/24	Youth Support Grant (Specific Purpose)	8	This grant is a new grant from Middlewich Town Council. It is funding for the delivery of a youth club.
Children and Families – Children’s Services	2023/24	Crimebeat (Specific Purpose)	1	This grant is a new grant from the Home Office via the Police and Crime Commission. The funding is towards Anti-Social Behaviour projects.
Children and Families – Children’s Services	2023/24	Workforce Development Fund (Specific Purpose)	51	This grant is a new grant from the Department of Health and Social Care. The grant is disseminated by Skills for Care. It supports the provision of high-quality care and the continuing professional development (CPD) of staff across the adult social care sector by providing a contribution towards the costs of vocational learning.
<b>Total Specific Purpose Allocations less than £500,000</b>			<b>680</b>	

### Table 3 – DECISION DELEGATED TO OFFICERS

Supplementary Revenue Estimate Requests for Allocation of Additional Grant Funding (General Use) £500,000 or less

Committee	Year	Type of Grant	£000	Details
Children and Families – Children’s Services	2024/25	Extended Rights to Free Transport (Home to School Transport)  (General Use)	324	This funding is from the Department for Education. The Department for Education provides additional transport funding to local authorities to support children from low-income families to be able to attend schools further from home than the statutory walking distances. The funding is paid as a non-ring-fenced grant paid via the Department for Communities and Local Government under the Local Services Support Grant (section 31 of the Local Government Act 2003).
<b>Total General Use Allocations less than £500,000</b>			<b>324</b>	

## Table 4 – DECISION DELEGATED TO OFFICERS

Supplementary Revenue Estimate Requests for Allocation of Additional Grant Funding (General Use) previously named in the MTFS

Committee	Year	Type of Grant	£000	Details
				On 22 <sup>nd</sup> February 2023 Council delegated authority to the Chief Finance Officer, to approve supplementary estimates if the value of any named grant changes from the figures contained within Appendix C, Annex 7 of the MTFS.
Children and Families – Children’s Services	2024/25	Social Care Support Grant (Children)  (Specific Purpose)	8	Increase on the MTFS 2024-28 forecast. This grant is from the Department for Levelling-Up, Housing and Communities. The Social Care Grant is a grant provided to upper tier authorities for social care expenditure, on both adult and children’s social care. Additional funding was announced following the consultation on the provisional local government finance settlement which state it should be used where possible to invest in areas that help place children’s services on a sustainable financial footing.
<b>Total Delegated Decision Specific Purpose Allocations previously named in the MTFS</b>			<b>8</b>	

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## 3. Debt Management

	Outstanding Debt £000	Over 6 months old £000
<b>Children and Families Committee</b>		
Children's Social Care (Incl. Directorate)	219	0
Prevention and Early Help	141	(5)
Schools	24	(1)
	<b>384</b>	<b>(5)</b>

As at 31<sup>st</sup> March 2024, the majority of outstanding debt is under six months old. There is some debt over six months, netted off by credit notes, resulting in a credit balance.



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## 4. Capital Strategy

Table 1 Capital Programme

Children and Families											CAPITAL		
CAPITAL PROGRAMME 2023/24-2026/27													
Scheme Description	Total Approved Budget £000	Forecast Expenditure					Total Forecast Budget 2023/27 £000	Forecast Funding					Total Funding £000
		Prior Years £000	Outturn 2023/24 £000	Forecast Budget 2024/25 £000	Forecast Budget 2025/26 £000	Forecast Budget 2026/27 £000		Grants £000	External Contributions £000	Revenue Contributions £000	Capital Receipts £000	Prudential Borrowing £000	
<b>Committed Schemes in progress</b>													
<b>Childrens Social Care</b>													
Childcare Capital Expansion	749	0	0	749	0	0	749	749					749
Foster Carers Capacity Scheme	634	404	30	201	0	0	231				231		231
Crewe Youth Zone	4,826	395	0	3,331	1,100	0	4,431	2,231			2,200		4,431
Family Hubs Transformation	131	6	118	7	0	0	125	125					125
Children's Home Sufficiency Scheme	2,100	0	204	1,896	0	0	2,100				2,100		2,100
<b>Strong Start, Family Help &amp; Integration</b>													
Beechwood Nursery Expansion	868	856	0	12	0	0	12				12		12
Early Years Sufficiency Capital Fund	1,036	913	30	93	0	0	123	123					123
<b>Education and 14-19 Skills</b>													
Adelaide Academy	904	39	17	848	0	0	865	695			170		865
Adelaide Heath Academy	120	0	120	0	0	0	120	120					120
Basic Need Grant Allocation	7,570	0	10	5,117	2,442	0	7,570	7,570					7,570
Brine Leas High School	701	1	4	696	0	0	700	700					700
Cledford House	100	0	11	89	0	0	100	100					100
Congleton Planning Area	4,521	639	3,882	0	0	0	3,882	1,688	1,833		361		3,882
Congleton Planning Area - Primary (1)	2,209	9	170	100	1,930	0	2,200	866	1,334				2,200
Congleton Planning Area - Primary (2)	628	66	507	55	0	0	562	562					562
Congleton Planning Area - Primary (3)	2,254	4	1	49	0	2,200	2,250	2,250					2,250
Devolved Formula Capital	1,892	0	360	893	330	310	1,892	1,886			7		1,892
Energy Efficiency Schemes	672	48	343	280	0	0	624	624					624
Expansion of Park Lane School (to expand 'in borough' SEN school placements)	4,628	4,610	18	0	0	0	18	4	14				18
Future Schemes - Feasibility Studies	250	0	25	225	0	0	250	250					250
Handforth Planning Area - New School	13,003	3	1	499	8,500	4,000	13,000	136	12,864				13,000
Holmes Chapel Secondary School	3,664	1,778	1,887	0	0	0	1,887	1,644	243				1,887
Little Angels Satellite Sites	29	3	18	8	0	0	26	26					26

CAPITAL PROGRAMME 2023/24-2026/27

Scheme Description	Total Approved Budget £000	Forecast Expenditure					Total Forecast Budget 2023/27 £000	Forecast Funding					Total Funding £000
		Prior Years £000	Outturn 2023/24 £000	Forecast Budget 2024/25 £000	Forecast Budget 2025/26 £000	Forecast Budget 2026/27 £000		Grants £000	External Contributions £000	Revenue Contributions £000	Capital Receipts £000	Prudential Borrowing £000	
<b>Committed Schemes in progress</b>													
Macclesfield Academy Resource Provision	103	3	0	100	0	0	100	100					100
Macclesfield Planning Area - secondary	1,163	1,113	35	15	0	0	50		50				50
Macclesfield Planning Area - Secondary New	1,031	3	3	1,025	0	0	1,028	1,028					1,028
Macclesfield Planning Area - New School	1	1	0	0	0	0	0						0
Malbank High School	1,922	1,861	36	25	0	0	61	61					61
Mobberley Primary School	1,208	23	12	1,172	0	0	1,185	885			300		1,185
Monks Coppenhall SEN Expansion	123	142	-20	0	0	0	-20	-20					-20
Nantwich Planning Area (Primary)	9,061	515	218	7,328	1,000	0	8,546	5,526	3,020				8,546
Oakfield Lodge & Stables	50	0	12	38	0	0	50	50					50
Poynton Planning Area	1,500	0	13	487	1,000	0	1,500	697	803				1,500
Provision of Sufficient School Places - SEND	7,182	293	3,568	3,322	0	0	6,890	1,361				5,528	6,890
Puss Bank SEN Expansion	532	509	11	12	0	0	23					23	23
Provision of SEN Unit - Wistaston Primary School	1,506	6	163	1,337	0	0	1,500	1,200				300	1,500
Sandbach Boys School	20	0	20	0	0	0	20	20					20
Sandbach High School - Basic Need	1,767	1,773	-6	0	0	0	-6	-6					-6
Sandbach Boys School - Basic Need	1,710	1,703	8	0	0	0	8	8					8
Sandbach Primary Academy	1,583	0	106	1,477	0	0	1,583	1,583					1,583
Sandbach Planning Area (secondary - 300 places)	4	4	0	0	0	0	0						0
School Condition Capital Grant	7,874	789	265	2,820	2,000	2,000	7,085	7,085					7,085
SEN Free School 1	1	0	1	0	0	0	1	1					1
SEN Free School 2	1	0	1	0	0	0	1	1					1
SEN Placement Expn - Phase 2	4	4	0	0	0	0	0						0
Sen/High Needs Grant Allocation	5,379	158	10	5,211	0	0	5,222	5,222					5,222
Shavington Planning Area - Primary	8,040	131	25	625	5,000	2,259	7,909	5,549	2,360				7,909
Shavington Planning Area - Secondary	3,506	168	2,715	623	0	0	3,339	3,339					3,339
Special Provision Fund Capital Grant	722	603	29	91	0	0	119	113		6			119
Springfield Satellite Site (Dean Row)	6,112	807	5,127	178	0	0	5,305	4,505				800	5,305
The Dingle Primary School Expansion	1,395	67	1,068	260	0	0	1,328	1,328					1,328
Tytherington High School	2,500	0	172	28	2,300	0	2,500	2,500					2,500
Various SEN Sites - Small Works/Adaptations	150	0	0	150	0	0	150	150					150
Wheelock Primary School	2,411	11	190	2,210	0	0	2,400	1,890	510				2,400
Wilmslow High School BN	14,179	4,923	7,431	1,825	0	0	9,256	7,237	1,971			48	9,256
Wilmslow Primary Planning Area	626	1	0	625	0	0	625	125	500				625
<b>Total Committed Schemes</b>	<b>136,857</b>	<b>25,383</b>	<b>28,967</b>	<b>46,135</b>	<b>25,602</b>	<b>10,769</b>	<b>111,473</b>	<b>73,884</b>	<b>25,502</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>300</b>	<b>11,781</b>	<b>111,473</b>

CAPITAL PROGRAMME 2023/24-2026/27

Scheme Description	Forecast Expenditure						Total Forecast Budget 2023/27 £000	Forecast Funding					Total Funding £000
	Total Approved Budget £000	Prior Years £000	Outturn 2023/24 £000	Forecast Budget 2024/25 £000	Forecast Budget 2025/26 £000	Forecast Budget 2026/27 £000		Grants £000	External Contributions £000	Revenue Contributions £000	Capital Receipts £000	Prudential Borrowing £000	
<b>New Schemes</b>													
<b>Education and 14-19 Skills</b>													
New Satellite Special School - reuse of Cledford House	6,000	0	0	4,000	2,000	0	6,000	6,000					6,000
New Satellite school - site to be confirmed	9,000	0	0	3,000	4,500	1,500	9,000	9,000					9,000
New SEN places - Springfields Wilmslow/Dean Row	1,000	0	0	1,000	0	0	1,000	1,000					1,000
New SEN places - additional Alternative Provision Places	25	0	0	25	0	0	25	25					25
New SEN places - Resourced Unit at Leighton Primary	100	0	0	100	0	0	100	100					100
SEN New Free School - Westfields site	998	0	0	998	0	0	998	998					998
Westfields	1,000	0	0	1,000	0	0	1,000	1,000					1,000
<b>Total New Schemes</b>	<b>18,123</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>10,123</b>	<b>6,500</b>	<b>1,500</b>	<b>18,123</b>	<b>18,123</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>18,123</b>
<b>Total Children and Families Schemes</b>	<b>154,980</b>	<b>25,383</b>	<b>28,967</b>	<b>56,258</b>	<b>32,102</b>	<b>12,269</b>	<b>129,596</b>	<b>92,008</b>	<b>25,502</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>300</b>	<b>11,781</b>	<b>129,596</b>

**Table 2 Delegated Decision - Supplementary Capital Estimates (SCEs)**

Committee / Capital Scheme	Amount Requested	Reason and Funding Source
	£	
<b>Supplementary Capital Estimates that have been made up to £500,000</b>		
<b>Children and Families</b>		
School Condition Grant	402,082	MTFS Capital included £2,000,000 estimate for 24-25 School Condition Grant. This has confirmed to be £2,402,082, an additional £402,802.
<b>Total Supplementary Capital Estimates Requested</b>	<b>402,082</b>	

Service / Capital Scheme	Amount Requested £	Reason and Funding Source
<b>Capital Budget Virements that have been made up to £500,000</b>		
<b>Children &amp; Families</b>		
<b>Education and 14-19 Skills</b>		
New SEN places - additional Alternative Provision Places	25,000	Virement from High Needs Funding 24-25 to named project
New SEN places - to provide Resourced Unit at Leighton Primary Academy	100,000	Virement from High Needs Funding 24-25 to named project
Adelaide Academy	50,000	Virement from High Needs Funding 24-25 to increase current scheme to allow for additional SEN places
SEN New Free School - Westfields site	498,895	Virement from SEN Free School 1 to Westfields SEN New Free School project
SEN New Free School - Westfields site	499,200	Virement from SEN Free School 2 to Westfields SEN New Free School project
PSDS Schemes	167,777	Additional virement from School Condition Grant to Facilities Management to match fund PSDS schemes
Mobberley Primary School	250,000	Virement from High Needs Funding 24-25 to named project
School Condition projects	12,821	Virements to three school condition projects at outturn to cover additional costs to completion
High Needs projects	19,377	Funds to be returned to High Needs on closure of project
Congleton planning area	50,620	Virement from Basic Needs to support balance of costs on completion of project
Park Lane Expansion	18,000	Virement of surplus Special Provision Grant and s106 on completion of two projects to Park Lane expansion project to cover balance of costs on completion
Basic Need projects	31,880	Virements on completion of 3 projects to match in year spend with balance being returned to Basic Need
<b>Total Capital Budget Virements Approved</b>	<b>1,723,570</b>	
<b>Total Supplementary Capital Estimates and Virements</b>	<b>2,125,652</b>	

**Table 3 Requests for Supplementary Capital Estimates (SCEs) and Virements for Committee Approval**

Committee / Capital Scheme	Amount Requested £	Reason and Funding Source
<b>Capital Budget Virements above £500,000 up to and including £5,000,000</b>		
<b>Education and 14-19 Skills</b>		
Springfield Satellite Site (Dean Row)	594,989	Public Sector Decarbonisation works in connection to Dean Row part of a large scheme, necessitating the transfer of the relevant budget and grant.
New SEN places - Springfields Wilmslow/Dean Row Community Centre	1,000,000	Virement from High Needs Funding 24-25 to named SEN capital project
Westfields	1,000,000	Virement from High Needs Funding 24-25 to named SEN capital project
Nantwich Planning area	1,200,000	Virement from Basic Needs Funding 24-25 to increase budget for new Nantwich primary school
School condition projects	1,167,201	Virement from Childrens to Facilities Management for 24-25 school condition projects to be undertaken by Facilities Management
<b>Total Capital Virements requested</b>	<b>4,962,190</b>	
<b>Total Supplementary Capital Estimates and Virements</b>		
	<b>4,962,190</b>	

**Table 4 Requests for Supplementary Capital Estimates (SCEs) and Virements for Finance Sub Committee Approval**

<b>Committee</b>	<b>Amount Requested (£)</b>	<b>Reason and Funding Source</b>
<b>Supplementary Capital SCEs over £1,000,000</b>		
<b>Education and 14-19 Skills</b>		
Safety Valve High Needs Funding allocation 24-25	16,574,250	Additional funding awarded to support SEN capital schemes as part of Safety Value support from DFE
Additional High Needs allocation for 23-24	4,125,537	Additional High Needs Capital funding awarded by DFE for 23-24 in March 24 not included within the MTFS
High Needs allocation for 24-25	1,677,718	New High Needs Capital funding awarded by DFE for 24-25 in March 24 not included in the MTFS
<b>Total Supplementary Capital Estimates Requested</b>	<b>22,377,505</b>	
<b>Supplementary Capital Virements over £5,000,000</b>		
<b>Education and 14-19 Skills</b>		
New Satellite Special School - reuse of Cledford House	6,000,000	Virement from High Needs Funding to named SEN capital project
New Satellite school - site to be confirmed	9,000,000	Virement from High Needs Funding to named SEN capital project
<b>Total Supplementary Capital Virements Requested</b>	<b>15,000,000</b>	
<b>Total Supplementary Capital Estimates and Virements</b>	<b>37,377,505</b>	

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## 5. Reserves Strategy

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Name of Reserve	Opening Balance 1 April 2023 £000	Forecast Movement in Reserves 2023/24 £000	Forecast Closing Balance 31 March 2024 £000	Notes
<b><u>Directorate</u></b>				
Childrens Directorate - Transformation Funding	779	(779)	0	Budgeted drawdowns as per MTFS 2023-27.
Childrens Directorate - C&F ED	422	(422)	0	Budgeted drawdowns as per MTFS 2023-27.
<b><u>Childrens Social Care</u></b>				
Domestic Abuse Partnership	146	(15)	131	To sustain preventative services to vulnerable people as a result of partnership funding in previous years. Reserve is partnership funded, so balance is ringfenced or returned to partners.
<b><u>Strong Start, Family Help and Integration</u></b>				
Troubled Fams Initiative	1,949	(356)	1,593	Crewe Youth Zone and ACT have been assigned funding from shared outcomes of the Supporting Families Programme.
Public Sector Transformation – contribution to Early Youth Inclusion Fund	57	(57)	0	Revenue grant carried forward, to be fully utilised in year.
Complex Dependencies	21	(21)	0	Revenue grant carried forward, to be fully utilised in year.
<b>CHILDREN AND FAMILIES TOTAL</b>	<b>3,374</b>	<b>(1,650)</b>	<b>1,724</b>	



## Dedicated Schools Grant

The Dedicated Schools Grant (DSG) is ring-fenced funding received for: schools; high needs / special educational needs; and early years provision. In recent years there has been a pressure on the DSG high needs block where funding has not kept pace with the increasing numbers and cost of children with an education, health and care plan (EHCP). This has created a deficit DSG reserve balance which is held in an unusable reserve. The on-going pressure is regularly reviewed; the in-year deficit of £31.7m has increased the overall position to a deficit of £78.6m at the end of 2023/24. This was an improvement on the forecast due to a lower EHCP growth rate. The in-year deficit in 2024/25 is currently forecast at £51.3m, increasing the total deficit balance to £129.9m.

Dedicated Schools Grant Deficit	£m
Deficit Balance B/F	46.9
Additional In-year Pressures	31.7
<b>Deficit Balance at 31st March 2024</b>	<b>78.6</b>