



Service Budgets Appendix A

Children and Families Committee

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1. Allocation of Revenue and Capital Budgets

CHILDREN and FAMILIES COMMITTEE - Summary					
Service Area	Revenue Budget			Capital Budget	Total Revenue and Capital Budget
	2024/25	2024/25	2024/25	2024/25	2024/25
	Expenditure	Income	Net		Net
	£000	£000	£000	£000	£000
Directorate	-399		-399	0	-399
Children's Social Care	60,061	-1,488	58,573	6,156	64,729
Education and 14-19 Skills	27,091	-3,151	23,940	32,629	56,569
Strong Start, Family Help & Integration	12,830	-5,981	6,849	123	6,972
Total Cost of Service	99,583	-10,620	88,963	38,908	127,871

2. Approved Budget Policy Change items

MTFS Section 1 Ref No	Detailed List of Approved Budget Changes – Service Budgets (some of the budget change items have been separated out since the publication of the MTFS)	Budget Consultation Reference	2024/25 MTFS £m	2024/25 Forecast Outturn £m	Progress 2024/25 (RAG rating and commentary)	2025/26 £m	2026/27 £m	2027/28 £m
	Children and Families Committee		+9.909	+9.909		+6.470	+7.660	+7.447
15	Discretionary offer to children with disabilities	CF1	-0.900	-0.900	Green - On Track, project team progressing multiple improvements to redesign the service offer, ensuring consistency and efficiency.	-	-	-
16	Remove school catering subsidy	CF2	-0.516	-0.516	Amber - In Progress, rate uplift to be applied in Sep 2024 in order to cover the costs of the service through to the end of March 2025 when it ends.	-	-	-
17	Review of structure to further integrate children and families services	CF3	-1.000	-1.000	Amber - Delivery Planning in progress to address saving. Including: further Establishment review, service redesign, cross directorate risk management.	-0.200	-0.200	-
18	Reduce discretionary Post-16 Travel Support	CF4	-0.400	-0.400	Amber - Agreed by Committee so progressing, too early to confirm take-up so amber for now.	-	-	-
19	Achieve the Family Hub model	CF5	-0.250	-0.250	Green - Agreed by Committee so progressing, cross service savings with Facilities Management. Not going to be	-	-	-

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					delivered in year therefore alternative saving being found to cover this.			
20a	Other Service Reviews – Review of commissioned services across the C&F directorate. Review of the current Domestic Abuse Service	CF6	-0.100	-0.100	Completed.	-	-	-
20b	Other Service Reviews – Maximise grant allocation to cover all costs	CF6	-0.100	-0.100	Amber - Plan to explore current / future grants to ensure where T&Cs allow, contribution to fund base costs (e.g. staffing and on costs) is maximised.	-	-	-
20c	Other Service Reviews – Traded services	CF6	-0.050	-0.050	Amber - Part delivered but may need to look for alternative options to cover the remaining saving for this year.	-	-	-
21a	Reduce Growth in expenditure – review of high cost, low outcome external residential placements	CF7	-1.000	-1.000	Amber - Work underway to develop delivery plans for placements, sufficiency and market, as well as childrens homes and increasing foster carers.	-	-	-
21b	Reduce Growth in expenditure – increase commissioning approach to establish greater opportunities to provide	CF7	-0.400	-0.400	Amber - 16+ and 18+ Commissioning Plans / Market Shaping in Progress. Responding to increasing demand and complexity.	-	-	-

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	accommodation for +16 young people							
21c	Reduce Growth in expenditure – Foster Care	CF7	-0.250	-0.250	Amber - Developing a Delivery Plan to increase Foster Care provision.	-	-	-
21d	Reduce Growth in expenditure – reduced spend on expert assessment in court proceedings and services post public law proceedings	CF7	-0.250	-0.250	Amber - Establishing a Task & Finish Group to explore and develop processes and capacity to reduce costly Legal proceedings.	-	-	-
22	Pension Costs Adjustment		-0.515	-0.515	Completed.	-0.537	-	-
23	Growth to deliver statutory Youth Justice service, and growth to ensure budget is sufficient to meet Safeguarding Partnership duties		+0.170	+0.170	Green.	+0.005	-	-
24	Growth to provide capacity to deliver transformation for SEND		+0.500	+0.500	Green.	-	-	-
25	Wraparound Childcare Programme (funded)		+0.587	+0.587	Amber - Currently reviewing sufficiency and funding details to manage delivery within budget.	-0.309	-0.278	-
25	Wraparound Childcare Programme (funded)		-0.587	-0.587	Amber - Currently reviewing sufficiency and funding details	+0.309	+0.278	-

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					to manage delivery within budget.			
26	Legal Proceeding - Child Protection		+0.770	+0.770	Amber.	-	-	-
27	Growth in School Transport budget		+0.936	+0.936	Amber.	+1.501	+1.548	+0.476
28	Pay Inflation		+1.374	+1.374	Amber - Dependent on final agreed pay award.	+1.056	+1.082	+1.082
29	Use of Children & Families Transformation Reserve – reversal of 2023/24 use		+1.065*	+1.065*	Completed.	-	-	-
30	Growth in Childrens Placement costs		+10.825	+10.825	Amber - Will need to be closely monitored throughout the year to ensure that funding is sufficient to meet demand and complexity.	+4.645	+5.230	+5.889
31	Revenue costs for the Crewe Youth Zone (as above) aligned to Supporting Families Funding		-	-	Amber.	+0.400	-	-
31	Early Help budget to support funding towards the Crewe Youth Zone		-	-	Amber.	-0.400	-	-
32	SEND Capital Modification	NEW	TBC	TBC	Amber - Contingent upon wider asset management and associated timelines. Extensive work underway to plan and progress development			

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					opportunities. Captured as part of the Capital Program reported to Committee.			
33	Childrens Social Work Bank	NEW	TBC	TBC	Red - Various options currently being explored as part of wider C&F Establishment review and potential peripatetic resource options.			
34	Safe Walking Routes to School	NEW	TBC	TBC	Green - Features as part of School Transport Programme.			
35	Withdrawal of the CEC School Meals Service	NEW	TBC	TBC	Green - Features as part of School Catering subsidy project - CF2428-16.			

* Item represented a one-off spend in 2023/24. As it is not a permanent part of the budget, the value of the proposal is reversed in 2024/25.

3. Capital Programme

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CAPITAL PROGRAMME 2024/25-2027/28													
Scheme Description	Total Approved Budget £000	Forecast Expenditure					Total Forecast Budget 2024-28 £000	Forecast Funding					Total Funding £000
		Prior Years £000	Forecast Budget 2024/25 £000	Forecast Budget 2025/26 £000	Forecast Budget 2026/27 £000	Forecast Budget 2027/28 £000		Grants £000	External Contributions £000	Revenue Contributions £000	Capital Receipts £000	Prudential Borrowing £000	
Committed Schemes													
Childrens Social Care													
Childcare Capital Expansion	749	0	749	0	0	0	749	749	0	0	0	0	749
**Children's Home Sufficiency Scheme	2,100	50	2,050	0	0	0	2,050	0	0	0	0	2,050	2,050
**Crewe Youth Zone	4,826	396	3,330	1,100	0	0	4,430	2,230	0	0	0	2,200	4,430
Family Hubs Transformation (Early Years - C110120)	131	104	27	0	0	0	27	27	0	0	0	0	27
Total Children's Social Care	7,806	550	6,156	1,100	0	0	7,256	3,006	0	0	0	4,250	7,256
Strong Start, Family Help & Integration													
Early Years Sufficiency Capital Fund	1,036	913	123	0	0	0	123	123	0	0	0	0	123
Total Strong Start, Family Help & Integration	1,036	913	123	0	0	0	123	123	0	0	0	0	123
Education and 14-19 Skills													
Adelaide Academy	854	98	756	0	0	0	756	586	0	0	0	170	756
Basic Need Grant Allocation	9,035	1,210	5,383	2,442	0	0	7,825	7,825	0	0	0	0	7,825
Brine Leas High School	701	51	650	0	0	0	650	650	0	0	0	0	650
Cledford House	100	10	90	0	0	0	90	90	0	0	0	0	90
Congleton Planning Area	4,470	4,450	20	0	0	0	20	20	0	0	0	0	20
Congleton Planning Area - Primary (1)	2,209	179	100	1,930	0	0	2,030	730	1,300	0	0	0	2,030
Congleton Planning Area - Primary (3)	7,504	4	50	0	2,200	5,250	7,500	4,300	3,200	0	0	0	7,500
Devolved Formula Capital	1,280	0	340	330	310	300	1,280	1,280	0	0	0	0	1,280
Future Schemes - Feasibility Studies	250	0	250	0	0	0	250	250	0	0	0	0	250
Handforth Planning Area - New School	13,003	3	500	8,500	4,000	0	13,000	136	12,864	0	0	0	13,000
Macclesfield Planning Area - New School	4,001	1	0	0	0	4,000	4,000	0	4,000	0	0	0	4,000
Macclesfield Planning Area - Secondary New	1,031	3	1,028	0	0	0	1,028	1,028	0	0	0	0	1,028
Mobberley Primary School	958	33	925	0	0	0	925	625	0	0	300	0	925
Nantwich Planning Area (Primary)	7,861	715	6,146	1,000	0	0	7,146	4,126	3,020	0	0	0	7,146
Poynton Planning Area	1,500	20	480	1,000	0	0	1,480	677	803	0	0	0	1,480
Provision of Sufficient School Places - SEND	7,182	4,182	3,000	0	0	0	3,000	0	0	0	0	3,000	3,000
Provision of SEN Unit - Wistaston Primary School	1,506	306	1,200	0	0	0	1,200	900	0	0	0	300	1,200
Sandbach Primary Academy	1,583	200	1,383	0	0	0	1,383	1,383	0	0	0	0	1,383
SEN Free School 1	500	0	500	0	0	0	500	500	0	0	0	0	500
SEN Free School 2	500	0	500	0	0	0	500	500	0	0	0	0	500

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Committed Schemes													
Schools Condition Capital Grant	8,000	0	2,000	2,000	2,000	2,000	8,000	8,000	0	0	0	0	8,000
Shavington Planning Area - New Primary School	8,040	181	600	5,000	2,259	0	7,859	5,544	2,315	0	0	0	7,859
Shavington Planning Area - Secondary	3,506	2,368	1,139	0	0	0	1,139	1,139	0	0	0	0	1,139
Springfield Satellite Site (Dean Row)	6,112	5,612	500	0	0	0	500	0	0	0	0	500	500
The Dingle PS Expansion (Was Haslington PA-Primary)	1,395	1,017	378	0	0	0	378	378	0	0	0	0	378
Tytherington High School	2,500	0	200	2,300	0	0	2,500	2,500	0	0	0	0	2,500
Various SEN Sites - Small Works/Adaptations	150	0	150	0	0	0	150	150	0	0	0	0	150
Wheelock Primary School	2,411	211	2,200	0	0	0	2,200	1,690	510	0	0	0	2,200
Wilmslow High School BN	14,179	12,643	1,536	0	0	0	1,536	778	710	0	0	48	1,536
Wilmslow Primary Planning Area	626	1	625	0	0	0	625	125	500	0	0	0	625
Total Education & 14-19 Skills	112,948	33,497	32,629	24,502	10,769	11,550	79,450	45,909	29,223	0	300	4,018	79,450
													0
Total Committed Schemes	121,790	34,961	38,908	25,602	10,769	11,550	86,829	49,038	29,223	0	300	8,268	86,829
Total Children and Families Schemes	121,790	34,961	38,908	25,602	10,769	11,550	86,829	49,038	29,223	0	300	8,268	86,829

4. Earmarked Reserves

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Name of Reserve	Opening Balance 1 April 2023 £000	Forecast Movement in Reserves 2023/24 £000	Opening Balance 1 April 2024 £000	Forecast Movement in Reserves 2024/25 £000	Transfer to General Fund Reserve £000	Final Balance 31 March 2025 £000	Notes
Directorate							
Childrens Directorate - Transformation Funding	779	(779)	0	0	0	0	Budgeted drawdowns as per MTFS 2023-27.
Childrens Directorate - C&F ED	422	(422)	0	0	0	0	Budgeted drawdowns as per MTFS 2023-27.
Childrens Social Care							
Domestic Abuse Partnership	146	(146)	0	0	0	0	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.
Strong Start, Family Help and Integration							
Troubled Families Initiative (<i>*ring-fenced reserve</i>)	1,949	(178)	1,771	(1,771)	0	0	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	0	0	0	Revenue grant carried forward, to be fully utilised in year.
Complex Dependencies	21	(21)	0	0	0	0	Revenue grant carried forward, to be fully utilised in year.
CHILDREN AND FAMILIES TOTAL	3,374	(1,603)	1,771	(1,771)	0	0	