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## **REVENUE BUDGET 2009/10 - MONITORING REPORT by Jonathan King**

### **Summary**

This report details the position of the Joint Committee for Children and Young People budget as at the end of January 2010.

#### **1. Background**

- 1.1 The January 2010 revenue monitoring statement is attached as an appendix.
- 1.2 The projected outturn for 2009/2010 has been reviewed by the head of service in cooperation with the Finance Managers for both Social Work and ECS. The review has focussed on identifying the patterns of over and underspend in preparation for setting a robust budget for the next year. In particular attention has been on the significant costs showing up in both this and the Social Work budget associated with the funding of placements for accommodated children in establishments in Highland and elsewhere.
- 1.3 The monitoring report to the January meeting of this committee indicated that there was no longer an anticipated significant underspend against that heading, and as members will note from the attached summary the review has now concluded that by the year end the position will be an overspend on these placements from the JCCYP budget of circa £700,000. The overall number of children placed has not increased significantly, however increasingly this spend relates to children with extremely complex needs often associated with health (including mental health) and disability. The unit cost of placements also continues to rise.
- 1.4 Across all other budget headings managers have been instructed to maintain current underspends to compensate for the pressure on of purchased placements. These are largely derived from vacancies many of which have been filled part way through the year. Our current estimate is that across the full budget there is likely to be a very small underspend of £27,000 as shown, but management action continues because of the risk that the costs of placements could still alter that position.
- 1.5 Work is ongoing with finance managers to ensure that budget holders are given robust budgets for next year, which more closely reflect the anticipated activity levels in 2010/2011. This will include measures to

ensure that adequate provision is made for the full costs of purchased care places.

- 1.6 The review of current purchasing of residential care is ongoing, and has been extended to include all the activity and associated costs relating to accommodated children, including those in council provision, family placements (fostering and Kinship Care) and outsourced specialist foster care. The findings will be reported to a future committee.

### **Conclusion**

The current projection for the JCCYP budget at the year end is a small overall underspend of £27,000, and work continues to keep activity within budget. The principle driver of the increasing spend is the cost of residential placements for looked after children.

### **Recommendation**

The Joint Committee is asked to note and comment on the current budget position as at 31<sup>st</sup> January, and as projected for the year end.

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**JOINT COMMITTEE FOR CHILDREN & YOUNG PEOPLE**

**Revenue Expenditure Monitoring Report for the period from 1 April 2009 to 29th January 2010**

	Actual Year To Date £000			Annual Budget £000			Year End Estimate £000			Year End Variance £000		
	NHSH	THC	TOTAL	NHSH	THC	TOTAL	NHSH	THC	TOTAL	NHSH	THC	TOTAL
<b>BY ACTIVITY</b>												
Early Years (Non Devolved)	36	4,018	4,054	43	5,209	5,251	43	4,977	5,020	0	-232	-232
Surestart	0	1,241	1,241	0	1,698	1,698	0	1,693	1,693	0	-5	-5
Childcare	0	1,043	1,043	0	1,513	1,513	0	1,463	1,463	0	-50	-50
Early Years (Non Devolved) Other	0	61	61	0	80	80	0	69	69	0	-11	-11
Specialist Services	26	723	749	31	1,103	1,134	31	912	943	0	-191	-191
Out of Authority Placements	0	5,907	5,907	0	5,938	5,938	0	6,638	6,638	0	700	700
Additional Support for Learning	0	223	223	0	339	339	0	289	289	0	-50	-50
Disability Teams	0	883	883	0	971	971	0	1,056	1,056	0	85	85
Quality Assurance and Review	0	66	66	0	105	105	0	105	105	0	0	0
Additional Support Needs - Other	143	395	538	171	592	763	172	465	636	0	-127	-127
Youth Action Teams	0	824	824	0	1,001	1,001	0	1,037	1,037	0	36	36
Intensive Support & Vocational Training Centres	0	581	581	0	817	817	0	777	777	0	-40	-40
Youth Action Services - Other	108	593	702	131	883	1,013	130	820	950	-1	-62	-63
New Community Schools Approach	91	1,269	1,360	109	1,862	1,972	109	1,763	1,872	0	-99	-99
Getting it Right For Every Child	0	52	52	0	97	97	0	97	97	0	0	0
Health Improvement	233	0	233	318	0	318	281	0	281	-37	0	-37
Budget Holding Code	0	0	0	0	-57	-57	0	0	0	0	57	57
<b>Total JCCYP</b>	<b>637</b>	<b>17,880</b>	<b>18,517</b>	<b>804</b>	<b>22,151</b>	<b>22,955</b>	<b>766</b>	<b>22,162</b>	<b>22,927</b>	<b>-38</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>-27</b>
<b>Pre-school Devolved</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>3,564</b>	<b>3,564</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>4,070</b>	<b>4,070</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>4,070</b>	<b>4,070</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>BY SUBJECTIVE</b>												
Staff Costs	6,029			8,372			8,003			-370		
Other Costs	12,713			14,651			15,073			422		
Gross Expenditure	18,742			23,024			23,076			53		
Grants	-112			-225			-267			-42		
Other Income	-750			-647			-647			0		
Gross Income	-862			-872			-914			-42		
	<b>17,880</b>			<b>22,151</b>			<b>22,162</b>			<b>11</b>		