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## REVENUE BUDGET – UNAUDITED OUTTURN 2007/08

### By Bill Alexander

#### Summary

This report sets out the un-audited Revenue Budget outturn position for the financial year ended 31st March 2008.

#### 1. Background

- 1.1 The un-audited net expenditure position for the Joint Committee budget at the end of the financial year was £1.228m under-spent, the details of which are contained in the appendix.

#### 2. Significant Issues

- 2.1 The Joint Committee was required to contribute £569,000 in 2007/08 as part of the savings target for the Social Work and Education, Culture & Sport Services. The Committee agreed a number of measures at the start of the financial year, to deliver these savings.
- 2.3 Members are aware of the significant pressures that the Joint Committee budget experienced during the financial year, which were in relation to early education and out of authority placements.
- 2.4 With regard to early education, 2007/08 was the final year when transitional funding was available to support the ongoing review of provision, to the value of £0.25m. As indicated early in the financial year, together with various measures taken as part of the review, this was sufficient to ensure no overspend at the end of the financial year. Indeed, as the budget was tightly managed, with this additional funding, there was an underspend in the year of £0.227m.
- 2.3 Clearly though, there continue to be budget pressures in early education, as referred to elsewhere at this meeting of the Committee, and these will need to continue to be managed as part of the review.
- 2.4 The more significant pressure in the last financial year was with regard to out of authority placements. The Committee received regular reports about the position, and members will recall that in March 2008 the Highland Council approved a supplementary estimate of £2.09m, to off-set the overspend on these placements.
- 2.5 The actual net expenditure for out of authority placements at the end of the financial year was £5.246m which constituted a significant overspend, albeit £0.411m lower than had been anticipated.

- 2.6 Also, the wide-ranging measures taken to off-set the budget pressure relating to out of authority placements resulted in savings in a range of other headings delegated to the Committee. These savings measures included delaying the filling of vacant posts and an embargo on all discretionary expenditure.
- 2.7 In addition, delays inherent in the implementation of reorganisation resulted in a staffing under spend of £0.784m.
- 2.8 Further, the late receipt of a 2006/2007 grant in respect of Intensive Support and Monitoring from the Scottish Government generated unplanned income of £0.356m.
- 2.9 It is anticipated that, with the appropriate levels of funding now in situ for out of authority placements, the budgets delegated to Committee will be restored to normal activity in the current financial year.

### **Recommendation**

Members are requested to note the un-audited 2007/08 outturn position.

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JOINT COMMITTEE ON CHILDREN & YOUNG PEOPLE							
APRIL 2007 TO MARCH 2008	ANNEX 1						
	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000
	Annual	Annual	Annual	Annual	Actual	Year End	Year End
	Budget	Budget	Budget	Budget	Year To Date	Estimate	Variance
	ECS	SW&HS	NHS				
By Activity							
Early Education	8,820			8,820	8,593	8,820	- 227
Childcare & Family Resources		1,843	35	1,878	1,757	1,878	- 121
Surestart		1,981		1,981	1,891	1,981	- 90
Workforce Expansion	219			219	264	219	45
New Community Schools Approach	1,706	170	104	1,980	1,854	1,980	- 126
Autism Review	295	42	156	493	410	493	- 83
Keyworkers	113	53		166	148	166	- 18
Children affected by disability		58		58	20	58	- 38
Aftercare	304	66		370	367	370	- 3
Foster Care		160		160	160	160	-
Highland Children's Forum	30	19		49	49	49	-
Child Protection	30	227	55	312	307	312	- 5
Getting it right for every child	250	90		340	342	340	2
Senior Manager (ASN)	37			37	37	37	-
Additional support for Learning	515			515	507	515	- 8
Co-ordinator (SEBD)	47			47	48	47	1
Crocus	21			21	21	21	-
Learning disabilities nurses	-		71	71	71	71	-
Youth Action Teams		974	80	1,054	1,041	1,054	- 13
SACRO		121		121	121	121	-
NCH Gael Og		96		96	96	96	-
Drug & Alcohol Services		119		119	136	119	17
Commissioning Services		33		33	-	33	- 33
ISS/IMS		487		487	469	487	- 18
Educational Support for LAC	78	95		173	144	173	- 29
Intensive Support Units	514	248		762	665	762	- 97
Young Carers Project		51		51	51	51	-
Family Group Conferences		80		80	50	80	- 30
Health Improvement			335	335	335	335	-
Parenting Services		86		86	161	86	75
Voluntary Organisation Grants	19	222	69	310	310	310	-
Applegrove	128			128	110	128	- 18
Out of Authority placements	5,657			5,657	5,246	5,657	- 411
<b>Overall Total</b>	<b>18,783</b>	<b>7,321</b>	<b>905</b>	<b>27,009</b>	<b>25,781</b>	<b>27,009</b>	<b>- 1,228</b>