Bury Schools' Forum

Summary Financial Position 2020/21

Department for Children & Young People	Original Budget	Current Budget	Actual Year to Date	Variance
Education & Skills	16,250,100	10,624,600	11,672,964	1,048,364
Children's Commissioning	1,363,800	1,356,500	1,295,031	(61,469)
Early Help & School Readiness	1,725,200	1,794,400	1,494,330	(300,070)
Social Care & Safeguarding	22,675,700	22,407,200	22,856,536	449,336
TOTAL CHILDREN & YOUNG PEOPLE	42,014,800	36,182,700	37,318,860	1,136,160

The variance in each area is mainly due to:

• Education & Skills £1.048m overspend

- Home to School Transport
- Home to College Transport
- SEND Team interim agency capacity
- Unachieved savings targets
- Children's Commissioning £0.061m underspend
 - \circ Vacancies
- Early Help & School Readiness £0.300m underspend
 - Vacancies,
 - \circ Maximisation of grants

• Social Care & Safeguarding £0.449m overspend

- Safeguarding team interim agency capacity
- o Initial Response Team interim agency capacity
- External Legal Fees
- Independent Foster Agency fees

Offset by savings in

- o Children's residential placements
- Vacancies in other areas

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Dedicated Schools Grant (DSG) 2020/21

Deficit brought forward from 2019/20 £20.067m

Deficit carried forward to 2021/22 £21.407m

Increased deficit due mainly to:

- Increased in-year EHCPs and associated top-ups
- Increased in-year out of borough placements
- Increased in-year Special school placements and bandings

See DSG Safety Valve update for further information