

2012/13 Revenue Budget Variations					
Description		Budget	Service	Comments	Flag for Service Variation
		£	£		
Childrens Safeguarding					
Children in Care Placements		9,812,530	1,395,395	Based on all known CiC placements and projected for expected leave dates where known - this will reflect a change in both periods of care and numbers within residential care. Latest CiC numbers for mid June were 305 (31 st March 2012 – 302)	↑↑↑↑
Child Protection and Assessment Staffing		2,079,250	323,966	This is based on the net cost of agency staff, taking their forecast costs and taking off budgets for posts being covered. There are various different agency staff used but in total the expenditure is for an average of 13.4 fte Agency staff . The cost of agency staff is offset by any vacancies being covered by such staff.	↑↑↑
Support for Children in Need/Legal Costs and Assessments		224,390	253,668	Reflects the costs associated with court proceedings, specific support for children in need and specific assessment requests. The level of such costs are subject to the individual cases which present during the year.	↑↑↑
Other Variances under £50,000		5,827,350	(31,208)		↓
Total Children's Safeguarding		17,943,520	1,941,821		
Staffing			(130,000)	There are expected to be some impact from vacancies arising in this year and the implementation of the restructure.	↓↓
Premature Retirement costs			96,000	Additional retirement costs are expected to arise after taking into account reductions from expenditure no longer being paid out.	↑
Income				There is a risk of reduced levels of income in particular around Traded Income services. There is currently insufficient information to determine the levels of service bought from the Council. Therefore, further detailed work is required to forecast income in order to determine levels of income to be generated with accuracy.	
Total Education, Culture & Skills			(34,000)		
Family & Cohesion Services					
Statements			300,000	Reflects the current projections based on known numbers in the system and a forecast of future statements. Projections of expenditure in this area are volatile due to the constant updating of information.	↑↑↑

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DSG			(250,000)	Funding brought forward from 2011/12 provisionally agreed by School's Forum to be used against pressures on statements. This will be ratified in due course.	↓↓
Community Cohesion				There is a risk of reduced levels of income in some areas of the Community Cohesion service. Further work is required in order to determine whether income targets can be met, but it is too early to determine with accuracy potential income shortfalls.	
Variations under £50k			(131,468)		↓↓
Total Family and Cohesion Services			(81,468)		
Care & Support					
Purchasing - all client groups		32,679,000	5,050,000	In the 2011/12 financial year the financial impact of the PCTs review of eligibility for clients with a Primary Health need had a major impact. The budget was overspent by £4.7m because of the increasing financially supported caseload the Council had inherited. The impact of this course of action continues into 2012/13. The increase in expenditure resulting from the full year impact of clients reassessed in 2011/12 is an estimated £1.3m (net of client income etc) falling to the Council. The anticipated expenditure falling to the Council in 2012/13 is £6.0m.	↑↑↑↑
Funding from the PCT			(2,700,000)	The rebalancing of spending on clients with a Primary Health Need referred to as Continuing Health Care will result in further funding being made available to the Council by the PCT. The expectation is that £2.7m will be made available as a grant to the Council.	↓↓↓↓
Funding from the PCT(DH funding)			(2,030,000)	£2.03m of this funding was passed to PCTs by the Department of Health to support Social Care. The funding was first made available in 2011/12. This funding is made available by way of a grant to the Council.	↓↓↓↓
Subtotal			320,000		
Income -client contributions for all client groups		-10,113,000	400,000	Further work is required to determine if client contributions are falling short of target. Contributions fell short of target in 2011/12 but a shortfall of this magnitude is cause for concern.	↑↑↑


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Care Leavers		684,000	113,000	This is as a result of pressure on supported accommodation budgets. Spend depends on the level of support and accommodation required; work is ongoing with the aim of reducing costs.	↑↑
Total Care & Support			833,000		
<u>Customer & People Services</u>					
ICT	Various Budgets	628,740	77,449	Net overspend against corporate ICT contracts which are being offset by savings on staffing costs.	↑
Education Catering Client Account - Free School Meals	Income	(795,700)	199,862	Shortfall against Free School Meals Income due to schools not buying back into service.	↑↑
Variations under £50k			16,572		↑
Total Customer & People Services			293,883		
<u>Finance, Audit & Information Governance</u>					
Variations under £50k			(118,820)	Under spends mainly arising against employees due to vacant posts, reduced hours and staff not at the top of salary scales.	↓↓
Total Finance, Audit & Information Governance			(118,820)		
<u>Council Wide</u>					
Treasury Management			(200,000)	Benefits of low interest rates and less borrowing than anticipated in the early part of the year.	↓↓
Total Council Wide			(200,000)		
Total Variations			2,634,416		

Key

£0 - £100k

Underspend



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£101 - £250k	↑	Overspend			
£251 - £500k	↑↑				
£501k and above	↑↑↑				
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