

Education, Inclusion and Provision Department

Revenue Operational Budget as at 30 September 2021

	Annual Budget £'000	Budget to Date £'000	Actual £'000	Variance (Overspend) £'000	Forecast Outturn £'000
Expenditure					
Core Funded					
Employees	3,105	1,663	1,636	27	54
Premises	3	0	0	0	0
Supplies & Services	825	457	416	41	87
Transport	6	1	0	1	0
Schools Transport	1,323	362	528	(166)	(406)
Commissioned Services	1,583	792	792	0	0
Grants to Voluntary Organisations	35	10	10	0	0
Capital Financing	1	0	0	0	0
Grant Funded					
Employees	3,344	1,602	1,602	0	0
Premises	24	0	0	0	0
Supplies & Services	576	38	38	0	0
Transport	1	0	0	0	0
Schools Transport	21	1	1	0	0
Independent School Fees	5,422	2,831	2,831	0	0
Inter Authority Special Needs	383	42	42	0	0
Pupil Premium Grant	191	10	10	0	0
Nursery Education Payments	7,527	3,506	3,506	0	0
Grants to Voluntary Organisations	276	106	106	0	0
Total Expenditure	24,646	11,421	11,518	(97)	(265)
Income					
Fees & Charges Income	-91	-71	-75	4	8
Government Grant	-17,362	-8,136	-8,136	0	0
Reimbursements & Other Grant Income	-544	-287	-287	0	0
Schools SLA Income	-350	-270	-270	0	0
Transfer from Reserves	-556	-556	-556	0	0
HBC Support Costs Income	-22	-22	-22	0	0
Total Income	-18,925	-9,342	-9,346	4	8
Net Operational Expenditure	5,721	2,079	2,172	(93)	(257)
Covid Costs					
Emergency Childcare Payments	0	0	20	(20)	(20)
Schools Transport Contract Costs	0	0	12	(12)	(12)
Government Grant Income					
Government Grant Income	0	0	-32	32	32
Net Covid Expenditure	0	0	0	0	0
Recharges					
Premises Support	129	64	64	0	0
Transport Support	440	220	243	(23)	(46)
Central Support	1,987	994	994	0	0
Asset Rental Support	17	0	0	0	0
Net Total Recharges	2,573	1,278	1,301	(23)	(46)
Net Departmental Expenditure	8,294	3,357	3,473	(116)	(303)

Comments on the above figures

The net Departmental expenditure of £8.294m is £0.116m over budget at the end of quarter two and based on available information the outturn forecast for 2021/22 is currently projecting an overspend against budget of £0.303m.

Core funded employee costs are £0.027m below the budget for the year to date and based on current information which includes a number of vacancies it is envisaged overall this budget head will have a forecasted underspend for the year in the region of £0.054m.

Supplies and services costs are forecast to be under budget at year-end by an estimated £0.087m. This is due to budget holders across the Department closely monitoring all spend in this area.

Schools Transport is the main budget pressure for Education, Inclusion and Provision. The Council has a statutory responsibility to provide Special Educational Needs (SEN) pupils with transport. Year on year the demand for this service is increasing in line with the increasing number of pupils with SEN within the Borough. It is worth noting though that this situation is not unique to Halton, it is a pressure across all Councils. This concern has been recognised and the budget has been given an additional £0.671m in 2021/22 in order to help ease some of this pressure. However, despite this budget growth schools transport is £0.166m over budget at the end of quarter 2 and it is forecast based on current demand spend will exceed the annual budget by £0.406m by the end of March 2022.

Capital Projects as at 30 September 2021

Capital Expenditure	2021/22 Capital Allocation £'000	Allocation to Date £'000	Actual Spend £'000	Total Allocation Remaining £'000
Asset Management Data	25	9	4	21
Capital Repairs	1,111	800	764	347
Asbestos Management	12	10	9	3
Schools Access Initiative	50	20	9	41
Basic Needs Projects	606	0	0	606
Fairfield Primary School	6	0	0	6
Kitchen Gas Safety	0	0	34	(34)
Small Capital Works	7	7	18	(11)
SEND allocation	77	7	35	42
Healthy Pupil Capital Fund	753	0	0	753
Chesnut Lodge	986	4	3	983
Ashley at The Heath	0	0	10	(10)
Woodside KS2 Resource Base	4	2	2	2
Net Expenditure	3,637	859	888	2,749

Comments on the above figures

Asset Management (CAD plan updates and Condition Surveys) works, kitchen gas safety works and small capital works will continue in response or in line with any emergency Health and Safety issues.

The majority of the Capital Repairs works were completed during the summer holidays. Remaining works are mostly single glazing replacement, which will be programmed in for 2022.

Some schools have applied for Access Initiative funding and works are either complete or due to be completed by the end of the academic year.

Asbestos programme surveys are being updated and remedial work carried out where necessary.

The SEND allocation comprises of two funding sources: Special Provision Capital Fund (SPCF) and the more recent allocation of High Needs Provision Capital Fund (HNCF). The balance of the SPCF allocation will be used to support the SEMH Free School project, which is being procured by the DfE. A feasibility study is currently being progressed to create additional teaching space at Cavendish School. If this project goes ahead, the HNCF will be utilised.