

## EIP DEPARTMENT

### Revenue Operational Budget as at 31 December 2022

	Annual Budget	Budget to Date	Actual	Variance (Overspend)	Forecast Outturn
	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000
<b>Expenditure</b>					
<b>Core Funded</b>					
Employees	3,741	2,806	2,473	333	417
Proposed Pay Award 2022/23				0	
Premises	3	2	0	2	3
Supplies & Services	689	676	660	16	19
Transport	43	32	28	4	2
Schools Transport	1,311	984	1,297	(313)	(928)
Commissioned Services	1,840	531	533	(2)	(4)
Grants to Voluntary Organisations	35	4	1	3	(62)
Capital Financing	1	1	1	0	0
<b>Grant Funded</b>					
Employees	3,747	2,321	2,321	0	0
Premises	24	6	6	0	0
Supplies & Services	22	14	14	0	0
Transport	6,728	4,686	4,686	0	0
Independent School Fees	1,589	1,159	1,159	0	0
Inter Authority Special Needs	604	173	173	0	0
Pupil Premium Grant	183	80	80	0	0
Nursery Education Payment	6,000	4,097	4,097	0	0
Grants to Voluntary Organisations	1,442	973	973	0	0
<b>Total Expenditure</b>	<b>28,002</b>	<b>18,545</b>	<b>18,502</b>	<b>43</b>	<b>(553)</b>
<b>Income</b>					
Fees & Charges	-93	-89	-124	35	36
Government Grant	-1,513	-1,135	-1,135	0	0
Reimbursements & Other Grant Income	0	0	-46	46	46
Schools SLA Income	-358	-269	-283	14	67
Transfer to/from Reserves	-991	-941	-941	0	0
Dedicated Schools Grant	-18,566	-13,924	-13,924	0	1
Inter Authority Income	-544	-408	-393	(15)	(29)
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>-22,065</b>	<b>-16,766</b>	<b>-16,846</b>	<b>80</b>	<b>121</b>
<b>Net Operational Expenditure</b>	<b>5,937</b>	<b>1,779</b>	<b>1,656</b>	<b>123</b>	<b>(432)</b>
<b>Recharges</b>					
Premises Support	127	95	95	0	0
Transport Support	439	329	433	(104)	(139)
Central Support	2,308	1,731	1,731	0	0
Asset Rental Support	17	13	13	0	0
Recharge Income	-22	-16	-16	0	0
<b>Net Total Recharges</b>	<b>2,869</b>	<b>2,152</b>	<b>2,256</b>	<b>(104)</b>	<b>(139)</b>
<b>Net Departmental Expenditure</b>	<b>8,806</b>	<b>3,931</b>	<b>3,912</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>(571)</b>

### **Comments on the above figures**

The net Departmental expenditure is £0.019m below the profiled budget at the end of quarter three and is based on latest available information. The forecast outturn for 2022/23 estimates net spend will be £0.571m above the approved budget

Core funded employee expenditure is forecast to be £0.417m under budget at year end. As the case in 2021/22 there are a number of vacant positions across the department. The most notable of these was the Operational Director position. This has only recently been filled (internally) which leaves a vacant Divisional Manager position. The vacant DM position is currently being acted up into until end of August 23. It has been forecast that the majority of these vacancies will be filled by the end of this financial year but there will not be full year costs for them in 2022/23, resulting in a one off saving.

Supplies and services costs are forecast to be under budget at year-end by approximately £0.019m as a number of grants have been identified and utilised. All spend in this area is essential spend only and the budget holders across the Department closely monitor all spend.

Again, 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. The budget can be split into two main areas; between SEN pupils attending In Borough Schools and those attending out of Borough Schools. The demand for the School Transport service is increasing in line with the increasing number of pupils with SEN within the Borough.

At present there are 491 service users in this financial year, the majority of which attend schools within the borough, 378 compared to 113 out of the borough.

It is worth noting though that this situation is not unique to Halton, it is a pressure across all Councils nationwide. The cost of transport has risen sharply in the current year with average prices increasing by 17% mainly from September 2022. Schools transport spend is forecast to be £0.928m over the approved budget at year end if current demand continues.

Grants to Voluntary Organisations is forecast to be over budget by £0.062m at year end. This is due to the Positive Behaviour Service. The department pays a contribution to this service each year, however, the cost is significantly higher than the budget. This has been covered in previous years by utilising grants available, as yet there has been no such agreement made for 2022/23.

Reimbursements and Other Grant Income has generated £0.046m above budget in 2022/23. Presently this forecast mainly consists of contributions from the Halton Clinical Commissioning Group towards Integrated Youth contracts.

School SLA income is forecast to over generate by £0.067m in this financial year. Certain services such as Educational Psychology and Education Welfare are in high demand from schools. As a result they are generating higher levels of income than initially targeted.

Inter Authority income is projected to underachieve by £0.029m. The Council has limited capacity to accept pupils from other authorities due to its own special schools and units being full.

### **Capital Projects as at 31 December 2022**

<b>Capital Expenditure</b>	<b>22/23 Capital Allocation £'000</b>	<b>Allocation to Date £'000</b>	<b>Actual Spend £'000</b>	<b>Total Allocation Remaining £'000</b>
Asset Management Data	6	2	2	4
Capital Repairs	1,155	972	972	183
Asbestos Management	29	17	17	12
Schools Access Initiative	36	2	1	34
Fairfield Primary School	20	0	0	20
Kitchen Gas Safety	1	1	1	0
Small Capital Works	124	57	57	67
Cavendish School	469	33	33	436
SEMH Free School	237	231	231	6
<b>Net Expenditure</b>	<b>2,077</b>	<b>1,315</b>	<b>1,314</b>	<b>762</b>

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Asset Management (CAD plan updates and Condition Surveys) works, kitchen gas safety works and small capital works will continue in 2022-23 in response or in line with any emergency Health and Safety issues.

The majority of the Capital Repairs works took place during the summer holidays. The remaining programmed works for 2022-23 are mainly single glazing replacements.

Asbestos management surveys are updated annually 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 Allocation (HNPCA). 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 has been completed to create additional teaching space at Cavendish School. This project is now at Procurement stage and awaiting Planning permission. If this project goes ahead, the HNPCA will be utilised.