

CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE'S SERVICES SCRUTINY PANEL

Venue: Bailey House, Rawmarsh Road, Rotherham. **Date:** Friday, 2 July 2010
Time: 9.15 a.m.

A G E N D A

1. To determine if the following matters are to be considered under the categories suggested in accordance with the Local Government Act 1972.
2. To determine any item which the Chairman is of the opinion should be considered as a matter of urgency.
3. Apologies for Absence.
4. Declarations of Interest.
5. Questions from the press and public.
6. Matters Referred from the Youth Cabinet.
7. Communications.
8. Children and Young People's Service's Directorate Revenue Outturn 2009/10 (report herewith) (Pages 1 - 22)
9. Fostering Inspection Update (Officers to report)
10. Minutes of a meeting of the Children and Young People's Scrutiny Panel held on 4th June, 2010 (copy attached) (Pages 23 - 31)
11. Minutes of meetings of the Cabinet Member and Advisers for Children and Young People's Services held on 2nd June, 2010 and on 9th June, 2010 (copies attached) (Pages 32 - 39)
12. Minutes of a meeting of the Performance and Scrutiny Overview Committee held on 11th June, 2010 (copy attached) (Pages 40 - 43)

13. 10.00 a.m. - Safeguarding: Scrutiny Development and Awareness Raising
(delivered jointly by NSPCC and IDeA Peer Member)

Session will focus on:-

- Identifying outcomes and risk factors
- What is safeguarding and child protection?
- Roles and responsibilities
- How do you know if the child protection system is effective?
- The local position
- Local action – next steps

PLEASE NOTE:-

This session will run until 1.00 p.m.

**Date of Next Meeting:-
Friday, 3 September 2010**

Membership:-

Chairman – Councillor G. A. Russell

Vice-Chairman – Councillor License

Councillors:- Ali, Buckley, Dodson, Donaldson, Falvey, Fenoughty, Kaye, Rushforth, Sharp and Sims

Co-optees:-

Mrs. J. Blanch-Nicholson, Ms. T. Guest,
Dr. S. Warren and Councillor N. Tranmer

1.	Meeting:	Children and Young People's Service's Scrutiny Panel
2.	Date:	2nd July 2010
3.	Title:	Children and Young People's Service's Directorate Revenue Outturn 2009/10
4.	Directorate:	Children and Young People's Services

5. Summary

The Children and Young People's Service Directorate unaudited Outturn (excluding schools delegated budgets) for 2009/10 shows an overspend of £3,944,414 against a net cash limited budget of £37,957,288. This represents a variation of 10.39%.

This outturn is before adjusting for the carry-forward of traded balances (£45,881 surplus). The adjusted variance to budget is £3,990,295 overspent (10.51%).

In addition to the above, this report also contains a request for an earmarked balance to the value of £3,709.

A detailed report on Schools delegated balances will be submitted to Cabinet Member in late July once information regarding planned use of balances has been obtained from the schools with balances higher than the DCSF threshold (5% Secondary, 8% other phases).

The outturn position shows an improvement of £387k on the March 2010 reported budget monitoring position.

6. Recommendations

Members are asked to:

- a) Receive the report;
- b) Support a recommendation to the Strategic Leadership Team and Cabinet to approve the carry forward request contained within this report;
- c) Note that the planned use of school balances will be reported to this meeting in late July.

7. Proposals and Details

The summary Outturn position for the Directorate is analysed below:-

	Budget	Outturn	Underspend (-)	% Variation
			Overspend (+)	to Budget
	£	£	£	%
Non-School Funding	271,136	272,478	1,342	0.5
Strategic Management	5,178,859	4,791,528	- 387,331	-7.5
School Effectiveness	1,165,935	1,166,546	611	0.1
Access to Education	3,590,725	3,614,375	23,650	0.7
Special Education Provision	1,256,492	1,327,417	70,925	5.6
Specific Grant	25,190	84,344	59,154	234.8
Youth and Community	2,770,384	2,800,177	29,793	1.1
Student Support / Pensions	1,591,563	1,562,316	-29,247	-1.8
Delegated Services	-22,881	-435,880	-412,999	1805.0
Commissioning & Social Work	7,492,260	8,803,002	1,310,742	17.5
Children Looked After	10,833,381	13,284,703	2,451,322	22.6
Family Support Services	0	0	0	0
Youth Justice	596,695	596,695	0	0
Other Children & Families Services	2,636,465	3,036,690	400,225	15.2
Support Services & Management Costs	571,084	997,311	426,227	74.6
Grants	0	0	0	0
Total	37,957,288	41,901,702	3,944,414	10.4

7.1 Strategic Management – Under-spend £387,331

This under-spend is due to changes to accounting regulations that now require PFI and similar capital schemes, e.g. Building Schools for the Future, to be brought onto the Council's balance sheet as an asset. This change has enabled the Council to charge development costs incurred in the course of creating such an asset to a capital budget. This has released £695k revenue funding to offset Strategic Management and wider Directorate pressures.

7.2 Special Education Provision – Overspend £70,925

This overspend is due to non-achievement of vacancy factors (£42,971) and income targets (£27,954) in the Education Psychology Service.

7.3 Specific Grant – Overspend £59,154

This is due to receiving less income than anticipated on the Healthy Schools project (£40,950) & non-achievement of vacancy factors in the Ethnic Minority Achievement team (£18,204).

7.4 Commissioning and Social Work – Overspend £1,310,742

The overspend in this area has been partially offset by re-distribution of £188k of under spends from grants.

The overspend on commissioning and social work is attributable to Section 17 payments (Prevention of Children Entering Care), Section 23 payments (expenses relating to Looked After Children), Residence orders, Direct payments & Special Guardianship allowances, interpretation and agency costs:

Section 17

The number of children in need and those subject to a child protection plan at the start of the financial year was 1,933 (1643 Children in Need & 290 with a Child Protection plan) this has now increased to 2,213 (1,936 Children in Need & 277 with a Child Protection Plan) as at 31st March 2010. This was budgeted at £50 per child giving a total budget of £97K. This budget is 75% overspent with an outturn of £170K. Additionally there was £56k of payments to women with children, with no recourse to public funds. These costs have been paid from the Section 17 budget.

Section 23

The number of looked after children at the end of March 2009 was 407. This was budgeted at £81 per child giving a total budget of £33K. This budget is 267% overspent with an outturn of £121K. The number of out of authority placements results in higher travel costs for contact arrangements.

Interpretation Costs

This overspend of £62k is a result of the increased EU migrant population and family assessments and care proceedings being communicated effectively. Failure to have accurate translation in child protection would leave children vulnerable and would potentially expose the Local Authority to significantly increased court and legal costs. Cases have to be accurately translated to allow all parties to be clear about the case being presented.

Residence Order, Special Guardianship & Direct Payment Allowances

These allowances help prevent a child from entering a more expensive care placement.

	Estimates for Budget Setting 2009/10			Actual for 2009/10			2009/10
	No of allowances	Unit Cost per week	Total	No of Allowances being paid at 31 March 2010	Unit Cost Per week	Total	Overspend
		£	£'000		£	£'000	£'000
Residence Orders	58	222	669	70	205	746	77
Special Guardianship	5	96	25	14	104	76	51
Direct Payments	97	34	172	88	63	286	113

Agency

Due to the high level of care proceedings being undertaken by locality social work teams there has been a need to employ agency staff in order to ensure contact hours with clients are maintained. This includes costs for the additional administrative and Family Support Workers in response to the Contact and Referral Assessment inspection undertaken in August. This has led to an overspend of £499K. The true vacancy rate (without agency cover) at Team Manager level as at 31 March 2010 is at 33.3% (5 FTE) and Social Workers is 26.4% (22.2 FTE).

There are also overspends on Social Worker recruitment (£60k), transport (£20k), supplies & services (£139k) and non-achievement of the vacancy factor (£237k).

7.5 Children Looked After – Overspend £2,451,322

The over spend in this area has been offset by re-distribution of £251k of under spends from Specific Grants.

The number of children in residential out of authority placements as at 31 March 2010 is 26. The budgeted numbers of 14 placements were set at a unit cost of £2,984 a week. The current average unit cost of £3,552 per week and the 12 placements above budget has resulted in an additional cost of £671K. (+65.9% above the original budget).

The number of children in Independent foster care is 93. The budgeted numbers of 77 placements were set at a unit cost of £446 a week. The current unit cost of £902 per week and the 16 placements above budget has resulted in an additional cost of £2.305m (+128.8% above budget). The over spend in this area has been partially offset by savings in in-house fostering allowance costs due to the number of foster carers being below budgeted level. (-£690k).

Plans continue to be progressed to recruit additional in-house foster carers. 27 new foster carers have been approved up to end of March 2010 (a net increase of 14 carers for the year).

The number of looked after children requiring placements increased from 345 at the end of March 2008 to 407 at the end of March 2009. As at the end of March 2010 this number is 408, an increase of 63 (18.2%) since the end of March 2008. The number of these children placed in external provision has increased from 22 at the end of March 2008 to 96 at the end of March 2009 and 119 at the end of March 2010 so therefore increasing the overall costs of placements.

Other Children Looked After Services £416k

Other overspends in this area include Residential Homes £337k mainly due to agency cover for residential social worker vacancies and absences, additional Boarding Out payments (£44k), the Fostering Team salaries (£56k) and the Business Support salaries (£20K) partially offset by £41k of underspends across the service.

7.6 Other Children & Families Services – Overspend £400,225

This overspend is mainly due to an increase in adoption activity. 25 children have been adopted in the year with a further 42 placed with their prospective adopters. In addition, adoptive families are being sought for 51 children for who have a SHOBPA decision (i.e. should be placed for adoption approved). Due to increase in adoptions this area has received investment in 2010/11.

7.7 Support Services & Management Costs – Overspend £426,227

The over spend in this area has been offset by re-distribution of £81k of under spends from Specific Grants. This overspend is mainly due to Legal costs as the increase in looked after children numbers has resulted in an increase in associated legal activity.

7.8 Schools Balances

The Schools balances brought forward into 09/10 were £4,912,713. In-year use of these balances to the value of £2,165,041 leaves balances of £2,747,672 to be carried forward into 2010/11. A separate report detailing the schools balances and their planned use will be submitted in late July.

7.9 Carry Forward of Traded Balances

In accordance with the 9th April 2008 Cabinet decision to carry forward 100% of surplus and deficits and be included in future years' business plans, the following trading service balances will be carried forward in to 2010/11 financial year:

(£224,175) Schools Staff Sickness Insurance Scheme (Trading surplus)

The service brought forward a surplus into 2009/10 of £330,368 and will carry forward into 2010/11 a surplus of £224,175 resulting from an in year use of these balances of £106,193. The service continues to monitor the charging and reimbursement policy to ensure a trading surplus operates on the account.

£178,294 Schools Catering Service (Trading deficit)

At the end of 2007/08 financial year it was agreed that the service be required to cover the £200K deficit balance at £50k per annum over a period of 4 years. The balance at the end of March 2009 was reduced from £200k to £183,599 which represents a reduction £16,401. At the end of March 2010 Catering had made a profit of £55,305 with £50,000 of this agreed to be used to offset CYPS deficit leaving £5,304 to reduce the trading deficit. The service now has 3 years to cover the £178,294 deficit as it was agreed that due to the contribution to the Directorate overspend, recovery would be extended by a year.

7.10 Request for Carry Forward

In addition to the schools delegated balances (£3,755,453) Members are asked to note the following request for carry forward of an earmarked balance:

£3,709 Try Line Centre Partnership

Income earned by the Partnership to be used to support the Playing for Success after School Programme which is provided to Rotherham Schools at no cost with the Centre generating income to maintain this approach.

8. Finance

The attached appendices contain the detail of the financial outturn as follows:

CYPS SHEET 1 (i) ~ Summary of Schools Delegated Outturn 2009/10

CYPS SHEET 1 (ii) ~ Summary CYPS (non Schools delegated) Outturn 2009/10

CYPS SHEET 2A (i, ii and iii) ~ Net Outturn at Service level for non-schools services

CYPS SHEET 2B (i, ii and iii) ~ Gross Outturn at Service level for non-schools services

CYPS SHEET 2C (i ii and iii) ~ Income Outturn at Service level for non-school services

CYPS SHEET 3 (i, ii and iii) ~ Reasons for net variances (+/-£25k or +/-5%) for non-school services

CYPS SCHOOL BALS ~ Summary of Phase level school balances as at 31/3/10.

9. Risks and Uncertainties

The outturn figures included in this report are subject to internal quality assurance work on the Statement of Accounts which will be undertaken during May/June 2010. The outturn is also subject to external audit verification during June/July.

10. **Policy and Performance Agenda Implications**

The overspend in Children and Young People's Service has been mitigated by reviewing budgets and the implementation of a moratorium on spending within the Directorate during 2009/10. An objective of the Improvement Notice is the strengthening of financial management arrangements, which has resulted in the moratorium and review of budgets continuing in to 2010/11 to ensure future financial management targets are met alongside the delivery of the required improvements as set out in the Improvement Plan.

11. **Background Papers and Consultation**

This report has been discussed with the Strategic Director of Finance and the Strategic Director of Children and Young People's Services.

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ROTHERHAM METROPOLITAN BOROUGH COUNCIL

REVENUE OUTTURN 2009/2010DIRECTORATE:

CHILDREN & YOUNG PEOPLE'S SERVICE

	NET APPROVED BUDGET	NET OUTTURN
	£	£
Figures per Cedar		
E: - Education	22,512,317	82,748,983
U - Social Care	17,381,433	21,071,495
<u>Less</u>		
Items "below the line"		
- Capital Financing Charges		-57,032,411
- CEC	-1,427,647	-1,759,159
- Office Accommodation	-508,815	-479,071
<u>Other Adjustments</u>		
(Please list)		
- F.E. Debt Charges		16,906
- Contingent Liability		-500,000
- Schools Outturn		-2,165,041
Figures per Service Outturn Report	37,957,288	41,901,702
(Copy Attached)		

Revenue Outturn

C&YPS SHEET 1 (i)

DIRECTORATE:

Children and Young People's Services

SERVICE UNIT:

C&YPS (Delegated School Budgets)

<u>Revenue Budget/Outturn Position 2009/2010</u>	£
Balances brought forward from 2008/2009 following decision of 1 Cabinet (Underspendings b/f '+': Overspendings b/f '-')	4,912,713
2 ADD Approved Cash-limited Budget for 2009/2010	0
3 ADD Supplementary Estimates approved in 2009/2010	0
ADD/SUBTRACT Virement from/to another Directorate / Service Unit 4 approved in 2008/2009	0
5 RESOURCES AVAILABLE 2009/2010 (1+2+3+4)	<u>4,912,713</u>
6 NET ACTUAL OUTTURN 2009/2010 (As reported to Members)	2,165,041
7 Net under (-) / overspend (+) 2009/2010 (5-6)	<u><u>-2,747,672</u></u>
8 REQUESTS FOR CARRY FORWARD INTO 2010/2011	
School Balances	2,747,672

SCHOOL BALANCES

Children and Young People's Services

MOVEMENTS IN SCHOOLS DELEGATED BUDGETS AND DECLARED SAVINGS
BALANCES 2009/2010 TO 2010/2011Delegated Budget

Sector	Bal B/F to 2009/10 £	In-Year Change £	Bal C/F to 2010/11 £	% Change £
Primary Schools	3,190,454	-1,352,230	1,838,224	-42.4%
Secondary Schools	1,360,699	-63,329	1,297,370	-4.7%
Special Schools	223,461	-706,437	-482,976	-316.1%
Early Excellence Centres	138,099	-43,045	95,054	-31.2%
Total	4,912,713	-2,165,041	2,747,672	-44.1%

Declared Savings

Sector	Bal B/F to 2009/10 £	In-Year Change £	Bal C/F to 2010/11 £	% Change £
Primary Schools	443,806	-182,875	260,931	-41.2%
Secondary Schools	1,820	-1,068	752	-58.7%
Special Schools	165,300	-24,556	140,744	-14.9%
Early Excellence Centres	2,671	-945	1,726	-35.4%
Total	613,597	-209,444	404,153	-34.1%

Combined Overall Balances

Sector	Bal B/F to 2009/10 £	In-Year Change £	Bal C/F to 2010/11 £	% Change £
Primary Schools	3,634,260	-1,535,105	2,099,155	-42.2%
Secondary Schools	1,362,519	-64,397	1,298,122	-4.7%
Special Schools	388,761	-730,993	-342,232	-188.0%
Early Excellence Centres	140,770	-43,990	96,780	-31.2%
Total	5,526,310	-2,374,485	3,151,825	-43.0%

Revenue Outturn

C&YPS SHEET 1 (ii)

DIRECTORATE:

Children and Young People's Services

SERVICE UNIT:

C&YPS (Excluding Delegated School Budgets)

<u>Revenue Budget/Outturn Position 2009/2010</u>	£
Balances brought forward from 2008/2009 following decision of 1 Cabinet (Underspendings b/f '+': Overspendings b/f '-')	156,647
2 ADD Approved Cash-limited Budget for 2009/10	38,042,000
3 ADD Supplementary Estimates approved in 2009/10	-117,000
ADD/SUBTRACT Virement from/to another Directorate/Service Unit 4 approved in 2009/10	-124,359
5 RESOURCES AVAILABLE 2009/10 (1+2+3+4)	<u>37,957,288</u>
6 NET ACTUAL OUTTURN 2009/10 (As reported to Members)	41,901,702
7 Net under (-) / overspend (+) 2009/10 (5-6)	<u>3,944,414</u>
8 REQUESTS FOR CARRY FORWARD INTO 2010/2011	
Delegated Support Services - Trading Balances (net deficit)	45,881
<i>Consisting of:-</i>	
<i>School Catering £178,294 (deficit)</i>	
<i>Schools Sickness Insurance Scheme £224,175 (surplus)</i>	
Try Line Centre Partnership	3,709

Revenue Outturn

C&YPS SHEET 2 C (i)

DIRECTORATE: Children and Young People's Services

SERVICE UNIT: C&YPS (Excluding Schools Delegated Budgets)

Revenue Outturn 2009/2010 - Income Variance Analysis

1	2	3	4	5	6
Division of Service Budget	Approved Budget	Latest Revenue Monitoring Report (16/03/2010)	Actual Outturn	Under (+) / Over (-) Recovery	Under / Over Recovery as a % of Approved Budget
<u>NON-SCHOOL DSG FUNDING</u>					
Nursery Education	-1,885,098		-1,697,835	187,263	9.9%
Portage	-213,183		-211,926	1,257	0.6%
Standards Fund	-4,381,247		-6,280,216	-1,898,969	-43.3%
School Museum Service	-58,388		-57,243	1,145	2.0%
Children in Public Care	-170,384		-196,278	-25,894	-15.2%
Learning Support Service	-643,258		-708,357	-65,099	-10.1%
School Swimming	-29,767		-48,976	-19,209	-64.5%
Agency - Special Education LEA	-382,710		-411,088	-28,378	-7.4%
Hearing Impaired Service	-607,783		-632,113	-24,330	-4.0%
Visual Impaired Service	-401,864		-418,424	-16,560	-4.1%
Travellers Unit	-77,260		-73,375	3,885	5.0%
Behaviour Support Service	-734,304		-752,340	-18,036	-2.5%
Pupil Referral Units	-2,308,334		-2,417,591	-109,257	-4.7%
SEN Management	-371,063		-390,346	-19,283	-5.2%
SUB TOTAL	-12,264,643	-12,264,643	-14,296,111	-2,031,468	-16.6%
<u>STRATEGIC MANAGEMENT</u>					
LSB Contingency	-2,851,067		-2,872,108	-21,041	-0.7%
Strategic Management	-633,909		-769,908	-135,999	-21.5%
Programme Support	-675,834		-1,077,998	-402,164	-59.5%
SUB TOTAL	-4,160,810	-4,160,810	-4,720,014	-559,204	-13.4%
<u>SCHOOL EFFECTIVENESS</u>					
School Effectiveness	-699,123		-699,639	-516	-0.1%
SUB TOTAL	-699,123	-699,123	-699,639	-516	-0.1%
<u>ACCESS TO EDUCATION</u>					
Home / School Transport	-155,750		-184,149	-28,399	-18.2%
Access Management & Admin.	-52,616		-52,622	-6	0.0%
Parent Partnership	0		0	0	0.0%
SUB TOTAL	-208,366	-208,366	-236,770	-28,404	-13.6%

Revenue Outturn

C&YPS SHEET 2 A (i)

DIRECTORATE: Children and Young People's Services

SERVICE UNIT: C&YPS (Excluding Schools Delegated Budgets)

Revenue Outturn 2009/2010 - Net Variance Analysis

1	2	3	4	5	6
Division of Service Budget	Approved Budget	Latest Revenue Monitoring Report (16/03/2010)	Actual Outturn	Under (-) / Over (+) Spending	Under / Over Spending as a % of Approved Budget
<u>NON-SCHOOL DSG FUNDING</u>					
Nursery Education	0		0	0	0.0%
Portage	0		0	0	0.0%
Standards Fund	0		0	0	0.0%
School Museum Service	0		0	0	0.0%
Children in Public Care	234,750		234,750	0	0.0%
Learning Support Service	0		0	0	0.0%
School Swimming	0		1,342	1,342	0.0%
Agency - Special Education LEA	0		0	0	0.0%
Hearing Impaired Service	0		0	0	0.0%
Visual Impaired Service	0		0	0	0.0%
Travellers Unit	36,386		36,386	0	0.0%
Behaviour Support Service	0		0	0	0.0%
Pupil Referral Units	0		0	0	0.0%
SEN Management	0		0	0	0.0%
SUB TOTAL	271,136	239,136	272,478	1,342	0.5%
<u>STRATEGIC MANAGEMENT</u>					
LSB Contingency	0		0	0	0.0%
Strategic Management	4,881,755		4,514,601	-367,154	-7.5%
Programme Support	297,104		276,927	-20,177	-6.8%
SUB TOTAL	5,178,859	4,919,859	4,791,528	-387,331	-7.5%
<u>SCHOOL EFFECTIVENESS</u>					
School Effectiveness	1,165,935		1,166,546	611	0.1%
SUB TOTAL	1,165,935	1,165,935	1,166,546	611	0.1%
<u>ACCESS TO EDUCATION</u>					
Home / School Transport	3,043,280		3,043,280	0	0.0%
Access Management & Admin.	445,824		460,619	14,795	3.3%
Parent Partnership	101,621		110,476	8,855	8.7%
SUB TOTAL	3,590,725	3,616,725	3,614,375	23,650	0.7%

Revenue Outturn

C&YPS SHEET 2 B (i)

DIRECTORATE: Children and Young People's Services

SERVICE UNIT: C&YPS (Excluding Schools Delegated Budgets)

Revenue Outturn 2009/2010 - Gross Variance Analysis

1	2	3	4	5	6
Division of Service Budget	Approved Budget	Latest Revenue Monitoring Report (16/03/2010)	Actual Outturn	Under (-) / Over (+) Spending	Under / Over Spending as a % of Approved Budget
<u>NON-SCHOOL DSG FUNDING</u>					
Nursery Education	1,885,098		1,697,835	-187,263	-9.9%
Portage	213,183		211,926	-1,257	-0.6%
Standards Fund	4,381,247		6,280,216	1,898,969	43.3%
School Museum Service	58,388		57,243	-1,145	-2.0%
Children in Public Care	405,134		431,028	25,894	6.4%
Learning Support Service	643,258		708,357	65,099	10.1%
School Swimming	29,767		50,318	20,551	69.0%
Agency - Special Education LEA	382,710		411,088	28,378	7.4%
Hearing Impaired Service	607,783		632,113	24,330	4.0%
Visual Impaired Service	401,864		418,424	16,560	4.1%
Travellers Unit	113,646		109,761	-3,885	-3.4%
Behaviour Support Service	734,304		752,340	18,036	2.5%
Pupil Referral Units	2,308,334		2,417,591	109,257	4.7%
SEN Management	371,063		390,346	19,283	5.2%
SUB TOTAL	12,535,779	12,503,779	14,568,589	2,032,810	16.2%
<u>STRATEGIC MANAGEMENT</u>					
LSB Contingency	2,851,067		2,872,108	21,041	0.7%
Strategic Management	5,515,664		5,284,509	-231,155	-4.2%
Programme Support	972,938		1,354,925	381,987	39.3%
SUB TOTAL	9,339,669	9,080,669	9,511,542	171,873	1.8%
<u>SCHOOL EFFECTIVENESS</u>					
School Effectiveness	1,865,058		1,866,185	1,127	0.1%
SUB TOTAL	1,865,058	1,865,058	1,866,185	1,127	0.1%
<u>ACCESS TO EDUCATION</u>					
Home / School Transport	3,199,030		3,227,429	28,399	0.9%
Access Management & Admin.	498,440		513,240	14,800	3.0%
Parent Partnership	101,621		110,476	8,855	8.7%
SUB TOTAL	3,799,091	3,825,091	3,851,145	52,054	1.4%

Revenue Outturn

C&YPS SHEET 2 C (ii)

DIRECTORATE: Children and Young People's Services

SERVICE UNIT: C&YPS (Excluding Schools Delegated Budgets)

Revenue Outturn 2009/2010 - Income Variance Analysis

1	2	3	4	5	6
Division of Service Budget	Approved Budget	Latest Revenue Monitoring Report (16/03/2010)	Actual Outturn	Under (+) / Over (-) Recovery	Under / Over Recovery as a % of Approved Budget
<u>SPECIAL EDUCATION PROVISION</u>					
SEN Admin, Support & Agency	-2,771,764		-2,874,119	-102,355	-3.7%
SEN Assessment	-178,616		-204,593	-25,977	-14.5%
Education Welfare Service	-59,460		-77,257	-17,797	-29.9%
Education Psychology Service	-130,468		-102,514	27,954	21.4%
SUB TOTAL	-3,140,308	-3,140,308	-3,258,483	-118,175	-3.8%
<u>SPECIFIC GRANT SUPPORT</u>					
Ethnic Minorities	-159,142		-106,962	52,180	32.8%
Surestart	-1,623,340		-1,609,944	13,396	0.8%
Children's Centres & Extended Schools	-4,947,920		-5,309,979	-362,059	-7.3%
External Funding	-10,635,254		-9,471,316	1,163,938	10.9%
Schools Miscellaneous Codes	0		-2,109,436	-2,109,436	-100.0%
SUB TOTAL	-17,365,656	-17,365,656	-18,607,636	-1,241,980	-7.2%
<u>Youth & Community</u>					
Youth Service	-1,336,400		-1,503,775	-167,375	-12.5%
Outdoor Education Centres	-319,405		-268,411	50,994	16.0%
Family Community & LLL	-1,105,403		-1,428,490	-323,087	-29.2%
SUB TOTAL	-2,761,208	-2,692,208	-3,200,676	-439,468	-15.9%
<u>STUDENT SUPPORT / PENSIONS</u>					
Post 16 Education	-167,625		-176,978	-9,353	-5.6%
Early Years & Childcare	-4,286,081		-3,794,232	491,849	11.5%
Pensions - Non Schools	0		0	0	0.0%
Pensions - Schools	0		0	0	0.0%
Non School Fng - Miscellaneous	0		-224,083	-224,083	-100.0%
SUB TOTAL	-4,453,706	-4,453,706	-4,195,294	258,412	5.8%
<u>DELEGATED SERVICES</u>					
School Catering	-7,439,963		-7,541,625	-101,662	-1.4%
School Music & Performing Arts	-1,255,336		-1,494,290	-238,954	-19.0%
Delegated Support Services	-300,000		-1,944,866	-1,644,866	-548.3%
SUB TOTAL	-8,995,299	-9,350,299	-10,980,781	-1,985,482	-22.1%

Revenue Outturn

C&YPS SHEET 2 A (ii)

DIRECTORATE:

Children and Young People's Services

SERVICE UNIT:

C&YPS (Excluding Schools Delegated Budgets)

Revenue Outturn 2009/2010 - Net Variance Analysis

1	2	3	4	5	6
Division of Service Budget	Approved Budget	Latest Revenue Monitoring Report (16/03/2010)	Actual Outturn	Under (-) / Over (+) Spending	Under / Over Spending as a % of Approved Budget
<u>SPECIAL EDUCATION PROVISION</u>					
SEN Admin, Support & Agency	15,000		15,000	0	0.0%
SEN Assessment	225,742		225,742	0	0.0%
Education Welfare Service	560,011		560,011	0	0.0%
Education Psychology Service	455,739		526,664	70,925	15.6%
SUB TOTAL	1,256,492	1,298,492	1,327,417	70,925	5.6%
<u>SPECIFIC GRANT SUPPORT</u>					
Ethnic Minorities	0		18,204	18,204	100.0%
Surestart	0		0	0	0.0%
Childrens Centres & Extended Schools	0		0	0	0.0%
External Funding	25,190		66,140	40,950	162.6%
Schools Miscellanaous Codes	0		0	0	0.0%
SUB TOTAL	25,190	-76,810	84,344	59,154	234.8%
<u>Youth & Community</u>					
Youth Service	2,552,556		2,553,687	1,131	0.0%
Outdoor Education Centres	72,368		104,739	32,371	44.7%
Family Community & LLL	145,460		141,751	-3,709	-2.5%
SUB TOTAL	2,770,384	2,850,384	2,800,177	29,793	1.1%
<u>STUDENT SUPPORT / PENSIONS</u>					
Post 16 Education	75,855		64,008	-11,847	-15.6%
Early Years & Childcare	0		0	0	0.0%
Pensions - Schools	1,025,180		1,025,649	469	0.0%
Pensions - Non Schools	461,553		443,454	-18,099	-3.9%
Non School Fng - Miscellaneous	28,975		29,205	230	0.8%
SUB TOTAL	1,591,563	1,546,563	1,562,316	-29,247	-1.8%
<u>DELEGATED SERVICES</u>					
School Catering	-328,249		-199,955	128,294	39.1%
School Music & Performing Arts	0		0	0	0.0%
Delegated Support Services	305,368		-235,924	-541,292	177.3%
SUB TOTAL	-22,881	-377,881	-435,880	-412,999	-1805.0%

Revenue Outturn

C&YPS SHEET 2 B (ii)

DIRECTORATE: Children and Young People's Services

SERVICE UNIT: C&YPS (Excluding Schools Delegated Budgets)

Revenue Outturn 2009/2010 - Gross Variance Analysis

1	2	3	4	5	6
Division of Service Budget	Approved Budget	Latest Revenue Monitoring Report (16/03/2010)	Actual Outturn	Under (-) / Over (+) Spending	Under / Over Spending as a % of Approved Budget
<u>SPECIAL EDUCATION PROVISION</u>					
SEN Admin, Support & Agency	2,786,764		2,889,119	102,355	3.7%
SEN Assessment	404,358		430,335	25,977	6.4%
Education Welfare Service	619,471		637,268	17,797	2.9%
Education Psychology Service	586,207		629,178	42,971	7.3%
SUB TOTAL	4,396,800	4,438,800	4,585,900	189,100	4.3%
<u>SPECIFIC GRANT SUPPORT</u>					
Ethnic Minorities	159,142		125,165	-33,977	-21.3%
Surestart	4,947,920		5,309,979	362,059	7.3%
Children's Centres & Extended Schools	10,635,254		9,471,316	-1,163,938	-10.9%
External Funding	10,660,444		9,537,455	-1,122,989	-10.5%
Schools Miscellaneous Codes	0		2,109,436	2,109,436	100.0%
SUB TOTAL	26,402,760	26,300,760	26,553,351	150,591	0.6%
<u>Youth & Community</u>					
Youth Service	3,888,956		4,057,461	168,505	4.3%
Outdoor Education Centres	391,773		373,150	-18,623	-4.8%
Family Community & LLL	1,250,863		1,570,242	319,379	25.5%
SUB TOTAL	5,531,592	5,542,592	6,000,853	469,261	8.5%
<u>STUDENT SUPPORT / PENSIONS</u>					
Post 16 Education	243,480		240,987	-2,493	-1.0%
Early Years & Childcare	4,286,081		3,794,232	-491,849	-11.5%
Pensions - Schools	1,025,180		1,025,649	469	0.0%
Pensions - Non Schools	461,553		443,454	-18,099	-3.9%
Non School Fng - Miscellaneous	28,975		253,288	224,313	774.2%
SUB TOTAL	6,045,269	6,000,269	5,757,610	-287,659	-4.8%
<u>DELEGATED SERVICES</u>					
School Catering	7,111,714		7,341,669	229,955	3.2%
School Music & Performing Arts	1,255,336		1,494,290	238,954	19.0%
Delegated Support Services	605,368		1,708,942	1,103,574	182.3%
SUB TOTAL	8,972,418	8,972,418	10,544,902	1,572,484	17.5%

Revenue Outturn

C&YPS SHEET 2 C (iii)

DIRECTORATE: Children and Young People's Services

SERVICE UNIT: C&YPS (Excluding Schools Delegated Budgets)

Revenue Outturn 2009/2010 - Income Variance Analysis

1	2	3	4	5	6
Division of Service Budget	Approved Budget	Latest Revenue Monitoring Report (16/03/2010)	Actual Outturn	Under (-) / Over (+) Spending	Under / Over Recovery as a % of Approved Budget
<u>COMMISSIONING & SOCIAL WORK</u>					
Integrated Teams	-307,242		-494,979	-187,737	-61.1%
Child Protection	-288,446		-333,503	-45,057	-15.6%
Locality Teams	0		-115,535	-115,535	-100.0%
Health & Disability	0		-38,069	-38,069	-100.0%
Other Commissioning & Social Work	-120,407		-158,819	-38,412	-31.9%
SUB TOTAL	-716,095	-716,095	-1,140,905	-424,810	-59.3%
<u>CHILDREN LOOKED AFTER</u>					
Children's Homes	-511,688		-642,054	-130,366	-25.5%
Fostering Services	-189,996		-243,106	-53,110	-28.0%
SUB TOTAL	-701,684	-701,684	-885,160	-183,476	-26.1%
<u>FAMILY SUPPORT SERVICES</u>					
Services for Under Eights	-5,836		0	5,836	100.0%
SUB TOTAL	-5,836	-5,836	0	5,836	100.0%
<u>YOUTH JUSTICE</u>					
Secure Accommodation	0		0	0	0.0%
Youth Offending Teams	-320,356		-311,112	9,244	2.9%
SUB TOTAL	-320,356	-320,356	-311,112	9,244	2.9%
<u>OTHER CHILDREN & FAMILIES SERVICES</u>					
Adoption Services	0		-16,549	-16,549	-100.0%
Leaving Care Services	0		0	0	0.0%
Other Children's Services	-14,682		-14,613	69	0.5%
SUB TOTAL	-14,682	-14,682	-31,162	-16,480	-112.2%
<u>SUPPORT SERVICES & MANAGEMENT COSTS</u>					
Service Managers	0		-1	-1	-100.0%
Accommodation costs	-311		-350	-39	-12.6%
Business Management	0		6	6	100.0%
Legal Charges	-90,214		-172,016	-81,802	-90.7%
SUB TOTAL	-90,525	-90,525	-172,361	-81,836	-90.4%
<u>GRANTS</u>					
Other Youth Justice Services	-1,441,503		-1,468,733	-27,230	-1.9%
National Carers Grant	-216,210		-223,710	-7,500	-3.5%
Health Grants	-646,182		-608,623	37,559	5.8%
SUB TOTAL	-2,303,895	-2,303,895	-2,301,066	2,829	0.1%
TOTAL	-58,202,192	-58,488,192	-65,037,169	-6,834,977	-11.7%

Revenue Outturn

C&YPS SHEET 2 A (iii)

DIRECTORATE:

Children and Young People's Services

SERVICE UNIT:

C&YPS (Excluding Schools Delegated Budgets)

Revenue Outturn 2009/2010 - Net Variance Analysis

1	2	3	4	5	6
Division of Service Budget	Approved Budget	Latest Revenue Monitoring Report (16/03/2010)	Actual Outturn	Under (-) / Over (+) Spending	Under / Over Spending as a % of Approved Budget
COMMISSIONING & SOCIAL WORK					
Integrated Teams	4,748,452		5,646,906	898,454	18.9%
Child Protection	584,449		664,586	80,137	13.7%
Locality Teams	1,503,621		1,761,662	258,041	17.2%
Health & Disability	557,208		665,103	107,895	19.4%
Other Commissioning & Social Work	98,530		64,745	-33,785	-34.3%
SUB TOTAL	7,492,260	9,381,260	8,803,002	1,310,742	17.5%
CHILDREN LOOKED AFTER					
Children's Homes	5,547,677		6,304,269	756,592	13.6%
Fostering Services	5,285,704		6,980,433	1,694,729	32.1%
SUB TOTAL	10,833,381	13,580,381	13,284,703	2,451,322	22.6%
FAMILY SUPPORT SERVICES					
Services for Under Eights	0		0	0	0.0%
SUB TOTAL	0	0	0	0	0.0%
YOUTH JUSTICE					
Secure Accommodation	5,722		5,722	0	0.0%
Youth Offending Teams	590,973		590,973	0	0.0%
SUB TOTAL	596,695	596,695	596,695	0	0.0%
OTHER CHILDREN & FAMILIES SERVICES					
Adoption Services	1,096,897		1,495,725	398,828	36.4%
Leaving Care Services	1,448,915		1,425,361	-23,554	-1.6%
Other Children's Services	90,653		115,604	24,951	27.5%
SUB TOTAL	2,636,465	3,001,465	3,036,690	400,225	15.2%
SUPPORT SERVICES & MANAGEMENT COSTS					
Service Managers	128,041		135,625	7,584	5.9%
Accommodation costs	80,086		104,501	24,415	30.5%
Business Management	204,245		228,457	24,212	11.9%
Legal Charges	158,712		528,728	370,016	233.1%
SUB TOTAL	571,084	612,084	997,311	426,227	74.6%
GRANTS					
Other Youth Justice Services	0		0	0	0.0%
National Carers Grant	0		0	0	0.0%
Health Grants	0		0	0	0.0%
SUB TOTAL	0	-20,000	0	0	0.0%
TOTAL	37,957,288	42,334,288	41,901,702	3,944,414	10.4%

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Revenue Outturn

C&YPS SHEET 2 B (iii)

DIRECTORATE: Children and Young People's Services

SERVICE UNIT: C&YPS (Excluding Schools Delegated Budgets)

Revenue Outturn 2009/2010 - Gross Variance Analysis

1	2	3	4	5	6
Division of Service Budget	Approved Budget	Latest Revenue Monitoring Report (16/03/2010)	Actual Outturn	Under (-) / Over (+) Spending	Under / Over Spending as a % of Approved Budget
<u>COMMISSIONING & SOCIAL WORK</u>					
Integrated Teams	5,055,694		6,141,884	1,086,190	21.5%
Child Protection	872,895		998,088	125,193	14.3%
Locality Teams	1,503,621		1,877,197	373,576	24.8%
Health & Disability	557,208		703,172	145,964	26.2%
Other Commissioning & Social Work	218,937		223,564	4,627	2.1%
SUB TOTAL	8,208,355	10,097,355	9,943,906	1,735,551	21.1%
<u>CHILDREN LOOKED AFTER</u>					
Children's Homes	6,059,365		6,946,324	886,959	14.6%
Fostering Services	5,475,700		7,223,539	1,747,839	31.9%
SUB TOTAL	11,535,065	14,282,065	14,169,863	2,634,798	22.8%
<u>FAMILY SUPPORT SERVICES</u>					
Services for Under Eights	5,836		0	-5,836	-100.0%
SUB TOTAL	5,836	5,836	0	-5,836	-100.0%
<u>YOUTH JUSTICE</u>					
Secure Accommodation	5,722		5,722	0	0.0%
Youth Offending Teams	911,329		902,085	-9,244	-1.0%
SUB TOTAL	917,051	917,051	907,807	-9,244	-1.0%
<u>OTHER CHILDREN & FAMILIES SERVICES</u>					
Adoption Services	1,096,897		1,512,274	415,377	37.9%
Leaving Care Services	1,448,915		1,425,361	-23,554	-1.6%
Other Children's Services	105,335		130,217	24,882	23.6%
SUB TOTAL	2,651,147	3,016,147	3,067,852	416,705	15.7%
<u>SUPPORT SERVICES & MANAGEMENT COSTS</u>					
Service Managers	128,041		135,626	7,585	5.9%
Accommodation costs	80,397		104,852	24,455	30.4%
Business Management	204,245		228,451	24,206	11.9%
Legal Charges	248,926		700,743	451,817	181.5%
SUB TOTAL	661,609	702,609	1,169,672	508,063	76.8%
<u>GRANTS</u>					
Other Youth Justice Services	1,441,503		1,468,733	27,230	1.9%
National Carers Grant	216,210		223,710	7,500	3.5%
Health Grants	646,182		608,623	-37,559	-5.8%
SUB TOTAL	2,303,895	2,283,895	2,301,066	-2,829	-0.1%
TOTAL	105,171,394	109,834,394	114,800,242	9,628,848	9.2%

Revenue Outturn

C&YPS SHEET 3 (i)

DIRECTORATE: Children and Young People's Services

SERVICE AREA: C&YPS (Excluding Schools Delegated Budgets)

Revenue Outturn 2009/2010 - Reasons for Variance from Approved Budget

1	2	3
Division of Service	Under (-) / Over (+) Spending (£)	Under / Over Spending as a % of Approved Budget
		Key Reasons (for variances +/-£25k or +/-5%)
<u>NON-SCHOOL FUNDING</u>		
Nursery Education	0	0.0%
Portage	0	0.0%
Standards Fund	0	0.0%
School Museum Service	0	0.0%
Children in Public Care	0	0.0%
Learning Support Service	0	0.0%
School Swimming	1,342	0.0%
Agency - Special Education LEA	0	0.0%
Hearing Impaired Service	0	0.0%
Visual Impaired Service	0	0.0%
Travellers Unit	0	0.0%
Behaviour Support Service	0	0.0%
Pupil Referral Units	0	0.0%
SEN Management	0	0.0%
<u>STRATEGIC MANAGEMENT</u>		
LSB Contingency	0	0.0%
Strategic Management	-367,154	-7.5% Capitalisation of BSF expenditure
Programme Support	-20,177	-6.8% Non-recurrent grant income
<u>SCHOOL EFFECTIVENESS</u>		
School Effectiveness	611	0.1%
<u>ACCESS TO EDUCATION</u>		
Home / School Transport	0	0.0%
Access Management & Admin.	14,795	3.3%
Parent Partnership	8,855	8.7% Unachieved Vacancy Factor

Revenue Outturn

C&YPS SHEET 3 (ii)

DIRECTORATE: Children and Young People's Services

SERVICE AREA: C&YPS (Excluding Schools Delegated Budgets)

Revenue Outturn 2009/2010 - Reasons for Variance from Approved Budget

1	2	3
<u>Division of Service</u>	<u>Under (-) / Over (+) Spending (£)</u>	<u>Under / Over Spending as a % of Approved Budget</u>
		<u>Key Reasons (for variances +/-£25k or +/-5%)</u>
<u>SPECIAL EDUCATION PROVISION</u>		
SEN Admin, Support & Agency	0	0.0%
SEN Assessment	0	0.0%
Education Welfare Service	0	0.0%
Education Psychology Service	70,925	15.6% Unachieved income generation target & Vacancy Factor
<u>SPECIFIC GRANT SUPPORT</u>		
Neighbourhood Renewal Fund	18,204	100.0% Unachieved Vacancy Factor
Surestart	0	0.0%
Children's Centres & Extended Schools	0	0.0%
Sports Co-ordinators	0	0.0%
Former Holding Accounts	40,950	162.6% Overspend on Healthy School Project
<u>YOUTH & COMMUNITY</u>		
Youth Service	1,131	0.0%
Outdoor Education Centres	32,371	44.7% Unachieved income targets on outdoor education venues
Family Community & LLL	-3,709	-2.5% See Request for Carry Forward - Sheet 1(ii)
<u>STUDENT SUPPORT / PENSIONS</u>		
Post 16 Education	-11,847	-15.6% Underspend on Post 16 Travel - needs led
Early Years & Childcare	0	0.0%
Pensions - Non Schools	-18,099	-3.9%
Pensions - Schools	469	0.0%
Non School Fng - Miscellaneous	230	0.8%
<u>DELEGATED SERVICES</u>		
School Catering	128,294	39.1% See Request for Carry Forward - Sheet 1 (ii)
Delegated Support Services	-541,292	177.3% Includes Schools Insurance Scheme - See Request for Carry Forward - Sheet 1 (ii)
School Music & Performing Arts	0	0.0%

Revenue Outturn

C&YPS SHEET 3 (iii)

PROGRAMME AREA: Children and Young People's Services
DIRECTORATE: C&YPS (Excluding Schools Delegated Budgets)

Revenue Outturn 2009/2010 - Reasons for Variance from Approved Budget

1	2	3
Division of Service	Under (-) / Over (+) Spending (£)	Under / Over Spending as a % of Approved Budget
<u>COMMISSIONING & SOCIAL WORK</u>		
Integrated Teams	898,454	18.9% Overspend on agency costs, Section 17 & 23, supplies & services, transport & interpretation costs
Child Protection	80,137	13.7% Overspend on staffing, transport and supplies & services.
Locality Teams	258,041	17.2% Overspend on staffing & recruitment costs
Health & Disability	107,895	19.4% Overspend on Direct Payments
Other Commissioning & Social Work	-33,785	-34.3% Underspend on staffing
<u>CHILDREN LOOKED AFTER</u>		
Children's Homes	756,592	13.6% Increased placement numbers in out of authority homes - needs led budget
Fostering Services	1,694,729	32.1% Increased placement numbers in out of authority fostering - needs led budget
<u>FAMILY SUPPORT SERVICES</u>		
Services for Under Eights	0	0.0%
<u>YOUTH JUSTICE</u>		
Secure Accommodation	0	0.0%
Youth Offending Teams	0	0.0%
<u>OTHER CHILDREN & FAMILIES SERVICES</u>		
Adoption Services	398,828	36.4% Overspend on inter agency adoption fees due to an increase in adoption activity - needs led budget
Leaving Care Services	-23,554	-1.6%
Other Children's Services	24,951	27.5% Additional costs for adaptations
<u>SUPPORT SERVICES & MANAGEMENT COSTS</u>		
Service Managers	7,584	5.9% Non achievement of the vacancy factor
Accommodation costs	24,415	30.5% Additional cost of maintenance on Child Contact Houses
Business Management	24,212	11.9% Non achievement of the vacancy factor
Corporate Costs	370,016	233.1% Increase in legal fees - needs led budget
<u>GRANTS</u>		
Other Youth Justice Services	0	0.0%
National Carers Grant	0	0.0%
Children's Fund	0	0.0%
TOTALS	3,944,414	10.4%

CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE'S SERVICES SCRUTINY PANEL
4th June, 2010

Present:- Councillor Licence (in the Chair); Councillors Ali, Buckley, Dodson, Fenoughty, Kaye and Rushforth

Also in attendance were:- Councillor Lakin, Mr M Hall and Mrs S Hitchens

Apologies were received from:- Councillors G A Russell, Sharp and Sims; Mr M Burn, Ms K Muscroft and Father Hayne

1. COUNCILLOR MICHAEL CLARKE

The Chair referred to the recent death of Councillor Michael Clarke.

The Panel held a minute's silence as a mark of respect.

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest made at this meeting.

3. QUESTIONS FROM THE PRESS AND PUBLIC

There were no questions from members of the press or the public.

4. MATTERS REFERRED FROM THE YOUTH CABINET

There were no issues to report at this meeting.

5. COMMUNICATIONS

The Chair welcomed Gani Martins, the Director of Safeguarding and Corporate Parenting Services and Dorothy Smith, the Senior Director for Schools and Lifelong Learning to their first meeting of the Children and Young People's Services Scrutiny Panel together with Councillor Lakin who had recently taken over the position of Cabinet Member for Children and Young People's Services.

Caroline Webb announced that a recruitment process was to be undertaken in respect of new co-optees to the panel. She added that this would not affect any of the existing parent governor representatives or those representing the diocese. She confirmed that an update would be given to PSOC next week and it was hoped that the newly recruited co-optees would be attending the next meeting of the Panel on 2nd July.

6. CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE'S SCRUTINY PANEL - WORK PROGRAMME 2010/11

Caroline Webb, Senior Scrutiny Adviser introduced the submitted report detailing this Scrutiny Panel's proposed work programme for the

2010/2011 Municipal Year.

A comment was made in respect of the suggested review of Alcohol and Substance Misuse and it was suggested that this could be offered also to the Adult Services and Health Scrutiny Panel for them to be part of the review. It was agreed that this would be taken to PSOC for further discussion.

Resolved:- (1) That the draft work programme be received.

(2) That the Review of Alcohol and Substance Misuse be referred to PSOC for discussion as to the whether members of the Adult Services and Health Scrutiny Panel could be involved in the Review.

7. YOUTH SERVICE PROVISION - PROPOSED REVIEW

Consideration was given to a report presented by Chris Brodhurst-Brown, Youth Services Manager concerning the proposed Review of Youth Services Provision.

A previous Scrutiny Review of the Youth Services had recommended a future review of Youth Service provision, including reference to buildings used by Rotherham Youth Service, in order to deliver 21st Century Youth Provision as envisaged by the Government agendas within Youth Matters and Aiming High: a ten year strategy for positive activities.

A considerable amount of background work had taken place with regard to this recommendation, including benchmarking against similar authorities and detailed discussions with the Transforming Rotherham Learning initiative in order to ensure congruence with Rotherham's Building Schools for the Future Programme.

In April 2010, the Cabinet Member for Children and Young People considered a report which laid out findings, which included:

- There was inconsistency and inequity in the level of provision available to young people across the borough, although the actual level of resource allocated in financial terms to each locality was remarkably consistent.
- Provision was not always based on need.
- Some centres were in the wrong place.
- Some centres were understaffed with limited sessions of opening. Additional load was also being placed upon centres as a result of the drive for Friday evening and weekend opening.
- Whilst a good deal of progress had been made in terms of building condition under the Premises Strategy, there were some centres in need of further support. Most buildings were in reasonable condition, but there were some key buildings that needed major work.

- Although the buildings were in generally reasonable condition there were issues with how attractive they were to young people in terms of decor and equipment.

On the basis of this report two key recommendations were agreed:

- That a strategy for the next stage of the Youth Service review be commissioned
- That a Business Case for the Outdoor Learning Service be prepared.

The Strategy would focus on:

- Integration in the Area Planning Process in Area Assemblies
- The development of a Youth Work 'Quality Charter' to benchmark provision in the voluntary and community sectors.
- The identification of gaps in provision in the locality, including an audit at Area Assembly and Parish Council
- The expressed wishes and needs of local young people
- Equality of access to a consistent Youth Offer Borough wide
- The priorities of local communities
- Building requirements in terms of the Early Intervention and Support agenda
- Workforce development requirements, including the creation of "Centres of Excellence", high achieving Youth Centres where trainee youth workers are placed for the duration of their training.

The Strategy would be informed by:

- The use of the buildings by young people; frequency and numbers
- The number, condition, location and suitability of the buildings
- The cost of running the buildings and levels of staffing
- Personal knowledge and understanding of the provision and local communities.
- Premises condition reports and the outcomes of Youth Service Systems Inspections.
- Staffing Team Trees and financial data, married to attendance figures to arrive at an indicative Unit Cost for each centre, i.e. a cost per attendance per young person.
- The outcomes of Voice and Influence work by local young people, these to include work in partnership with Area Assemblies and those

from the recent Borough wide young people's conferences.

- The Govt. requirements that all local authorities in England are expected to "*secure....access to sufficient educational and recreational leisure time facilities for the improvement of their well being and sufficient facilities for such activities*" (S,6: Education and Inspections Act 2006)

A specific element of Youth Service facilities are those that provide Outdoor Learning. Rotherham is unusual in that Outdoor Learning provision has been retained whilst other local authorities have closed theirs. This has been achieved by setting income targets that require the provision to be self sustaining, but this has become more challenging each year. Work was now required to consider the best way to deliver this provision for our young people in the future.

A small working group of Officers under the chair of the Director of Community Services have been tasked with completing the strategy to modernise the youth facilities across the borough and report back to the Cabinet Member with a full options appraisal and clear recommendations by September 2010.

In addition, and specifically to Outdoor Education, a robust business plan for the whole of Outdoor Learning was being devised and this would include a detailed marketing plan and clear processes for review.

A question and answer session ensued and the following issues were raised and discussed:-

- A comment was made about the facilities and services provided in that they were not always suitable to the need of young people. It was suggested that young people be consulted about the nature of the provision. Chris confirmed that work was being undertaken to bring the universal centre based provision up to scratch.
- Reference was made to a website (The Directory) which had been set up previously to keep young people informed with up to date information about Borough wide services and it was queried as to how successful this had been. Chris confirmed that there had been a number of problems relating to this site and it had been offline for quite a while, so she was unable to comment. However she also confirmed that it was an early priority to get IT support to ensure that the Rotherham part of the website was up to date. It was suggested and agreed that further information relating to this be included on the next progress report in respect of this review.
- Concerns were raised about the lack of publicity in respect of the services available to young people in Rotherham and it was suggested that work be carried out with partners to promote this more. Chris confirmed that Youth Work Managers were working on creating Marketing Strategies to promote the services available across Rotherham. In the planning stages of these Strategies

there would be input from various youth forums, youth services etc.

- Reference was made to the number of vacancies which had not been filled in the past year and concern was expressed about how this would be addressed. A query was raised about the use of volunteers and whether this was an option for consideration. Chris confirmed that there had been three adverts placed for volunteers in the past 2 years which had brought in a number of part time volunteers. She added that all volunteers were offered training which could progress through various levels of training should they so wish. In addition a number of level 3 apprentices had been taken on around the borough to work their placements and 10 post graduates from Sheffield Hallam University were expected to start work from September.

It was also made clear that the Youth Service currently operated with a 17% vacancy factor which meant that posts had to remain unfilled for a period of time to enable a balanced budget.

- Reference was made to the number of organisations that were offering facilities. It suggested that maybe links could be made between youth workers and the various clubs. It was confirmed that there were links between the area youth workers and local groups in the community which were working very well.
- Reference was made to the funding which was available to sports clubs that wasn't being applied for due to the lack of experience in relation to the completion of the application form. It was confirmed that Voluntary Action Rotherham were well equipped to assist clubs in respect of this should they need it. Members of the Panel commented that this was not an obvious place for people to go for help and it was felt that this service needed to be better promoted.

Resolved:- (1) That the content of the report be noted.

(2) That a further report be presented when the review of Youth Services, commissioned by the Cabinet Member, has reported back. This would include the outcome of the work on Outdoor learning provision.

8. MACHINERY OF GOVERNMENT - UPDATE

With reference to Minute No. 141 of 9th April 2010, further consideration was given to a report presented by Joyce Thacker, Strategic Director for Children and Young People's Services concerning the Machinery of Government.

Reference was made to 6th form provision in Rotherham and that there was a need to create a smaller number of larger 6th forms, offering a wider range of courses for students. It was confirmed that this would be reviewed but that it would be a difficult piece of work to undertake.

A discussion took place around the governance of the 16-19 cluster, who would audit organisations and how this was monitored. Confirmation was

given that the 14-19 Board, which was chaired by the Cabinet Member for Children and Young People's Services had responsibility for this.

Concern was raised about the transition from Main Stream schools to 6th form as it was felt that this was lacking somewhat. The Strategic Director for Children and Young People's Services confirmed that there was guidance and support in place in relation to this but would welcome any feedback if this was not giving the assistance it was meant to be.

Resolved:- (1) That the transfer of 16-19 responsibilities from the LSC to the Local Authority be noted.

(2) That the preparations made by officers for the adoption of these new responsibilities and commissioning powers be endorsed.

(3) That it be agreed that the Strategic Director for Children and Young People's Services be authorised to draw down funds from the YPLA for the purposes detailed in the report.

9. CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE'S SERVICES - SAFEGUARDING AND LOOKED AFTER CHILDREN SELF-ASSESSMENTS

Consideration was given to a report presented by Gani Martins, Director of Safeguarding and Corporate Parenting concerning the Safeguarding and Looked After Children Self-Assessments.

The Self Assessments exercise was conducted in order to identify those areas of good progress and those areas where further work was required.

The findings were:-

Safeguarding – Overall grade was 'Adequate'

From the 11 areas of assessment:-

1 was graded 'Good'
6 were graded 'Adequate'
4 were graded 'Inadequate'

The 4 'Inadequate' areas were:-

(a) Partnership – Due to the number of serious case reviews judged as 'Inadequate'

(b) Service Responsiveness – Due to the need to demonstrate that the Safe and Well Protocol and the CAF were effective and understood by agencies.

(c) Assessment and Direct Work with Children – Due to the variable quality of assessments and social work vacancies.

(d) Case Planning and Recording – Due to the need to demonstrate impact of quality assurance work.

These grades were based on the need to evidence that plans and processes were embedded and demonstrated clear improvements and outcomes.

There was an action plan in place to address those areas highlighted as 'Inadequate' within the assessment.

Both the self assessments would be updated each month and the grades revised as appropriate based on progress of those areas of further improvement.

A discussion ensued and the following points were raised:-

- Whether there was an action plan in place to address the “inadequate” grades. It was confirmed that work was being undertaken in respect of these on a daily basis to make improvements.
- Were officers confident that the self assessment was correct? It was confirmed that external testing had been undertaken and mock inspections were planned.
- A discussion took place around the timelines set for achieving improvements and a short term plan had been put in place for the “quick fixes”. It was agreed that these and medium/long term plans would be reported to a future meeting of the panel.
- The Cabinet Member for Children and Young People’s Services Manager commented that there were robust performance management procedures in place which he would be monitoring closely.

Resolved:- That the progress in improving outcomes for Children and Young people and the plans for further improvement be noted.

10. CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE’S SERVICES - FOSTERING INSPECTION SELF-ASSESSMENT

Consideration was given to a report presented by Gani Martins, Director of Safeguarding and Corporate Parenting concerning the Fostering Inspection Self Assessment.

The report provided Members with details of the Self Assessment submitted to Ofsted in preparation for the forthcoming inspection of Fostering Services in Rotherham. The inspection is scheduled to take place on 21st June for a period of 4 days.

The report highlighted those areas of progress and good outcomes for

children and young people's services since the last inspection in June 2009, and the plans for further improvement.

Resolved:- That the report and the progress made within the Fostering Services be noted.

11. DCSF PROGRESS REPORT

Consideration was given to a report presented by the Director of Resources, Planning and Performance in respect of the DCSF Notice to Improve.

The report presented the significant progress made against the Notice to Improve which was issued in December 2009. It covered the background to issuing the Notice to Improve, together with details of the significant improvements that had been made and the continued efforts that were being made to meet or where possible, exceed the targets set.

Resolved:- That the report be received and the position be noted.

12. CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE'S SERVICES NOTICE TO IMPROVE - PROGRESS UPDATE

Further to Minute No. 139 of the meeting of the Children and Young People's Scrutiny Panel held on 9th April, 2010, consideration was given to a report presented by the Director of Resources, Planning and Performance concerning the Children and Young People's Services' Notice to Improve. Members noted that detailed regular monitoring continues to take place against a number of actions across several themes.

A discussion ensued and the following issues were raised and clarified:-

- Reference was made to the provision of laptops to staff, and a query was raised as to the impact this had made, whether data quality had improved and whether the speed at which assessments were done had improved. The Strategic Director confirmed laptops had been issued to staff and their usage was being monitored and evaluated.
- A comment was made about the data checks which were currently being undertaken, particularly in relation to NI 59, and a query was raised as to the findings of these checks. It was confirmed that improvements were being made and that new structures which were in place would improve sustainability.
- A query was raised in respect of the monitoring of the Notice to Improve and how often it was reported to members. Confirmation was given that it was currently reported every two weeks to the Improvement Panel which is chaired by the Chief Executive, although this was to be reduced to a monthly basis.
- Reference was made to the use of agency staff for social workers

and a query was raised as to the measures in place to ensure that this did not have a detrimental effect on the performance grade. It was confirmed that by September 2010 it was anticipated that most posts would be filled and therefore there would be less need for agency staff.

Resolved:- That the progress made against the targets set in the Notice to Improve be noted.

13. MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE'S SCRUTINY PANEL HELD ON 9TH APRIL, 2010

Resolved:- That the minutes of the previous meeting of the Children and Young People's Scrutiny Panel held on 9th April, 2010 be approved as a correct record for signature by the Chairman.

14. MINUTES OF MEETINGS OF THE CABINET MEMBER AND ADVISERS FOR CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE'S SERVICES HELD ON 7TH APRIL, 2010, 20TH APRIL, 2010 AND ON 28TH APRIL, 2010

Resolved:- That the minutes of the meetings of the Cabinet Member and Advisers for Children and Young People's Services held on 7th April, 2010, 20th April, 2010 and 28th April 2010 be noted.

15. MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE CHILDREN'S BOARD HELD ON 21ST APRIL, 2010

Resolved:- That the minutes of the meeting of the Children's Board held on 21st April 2010 be noted.

16. MINUTES OF MEETINGS OF THE PERFORMANCE AND SCRUTINY OVERVIEW COMMITTEE HELD ON 26TH MARCH, 2010, 16TH APRIL, 2010 AND 30TH APRIL, 2010

Resolved:- That the minutes of the meetings of the Performance and Scrutiny Overview Committee held on 26th March, 2010, 16th April, 2010 and 30th April, 2010 be noted.

**CABINET MEMBER FOR CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE'S SERVICES
2nd June, 2010**

Present:- Councillor Lakin (in the Chair); Councillors Currie and Havenhand.

Also in attendance:- Councillor Tweed.

D1. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING HELD ON 28TH APRIL 2010

Resolved:- That the minutes of the previous meeting held on 28th April, 2010 and be approved as a correct record.

D2. MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE CHILDREN'S BOARD HELD ON 21ST APRIL 2010

Resolved:- (1) That the contents of the minutes of the meeting of the Children's Board held on 21st April, 2010 be noted.

(2) That, with regard to Minute No. 78 (Financial Management of Children's Trust), the preparation of a risk register be noted.

D3. RESOURCING OF THE CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE'S PLAN – ROTHERHAM'S SELF ASSESSMENT

Consideration was given to a report presented by the Director of Resources, Planning and Performance concerning the recent legislative changes contained in the Apprenticeships, Skills, Children and Learning Act 2009, which amended the requirements for resource planning of the Children and Young People's Plan. A previous report to the Children's Trust had Board identified that the Audit Commission had developed key lines of enquiry which Children's Trust Boards could use to determine their position. The Board had agreed to the key partners contributing to the self assessment, these partners being the Borough Council, NHS Rotherham, South Yorkshire Police and Voluntary Action Rotherham. The findings of the self assessment carried out by all partners were summarised in the submitted report.

Resolved:- That the report be received and its contents noted.

D4. YORKSHIRE AND HUMBER GRID FOR LEARNING FOUNDATION - DIRECTORSHIP

Consideration was given to a report presented by the Director of Resources, Planning and Performance stating that Rotherham is one of a number of local authorities in Yorkshire and Humber which is a member of the Yorkshire and Humber Grid for Learning, one of the ten Regional Broadband Consortia in the country which provides broadband services and educational content to schools, colleges and other educational establishments.

Local Authorities are being invited to nominate a director to sit on the foundation board to be responsible for taking decisions about the running of the company which is a "non profit sharing company limited by guarantee".

Resolved:- (1) That the report be received and its contents noted.

(2) That Mrs. Susan Wilson, Performance, Information and Quality Manager of Children and Young People's Services, be nominated for appointment to the Yorkshire and Humber Grid for Learning Foundation Board.

D5. CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE'S SERVICES NOTICE TO IMPROVE - PROGRESS UPDATE

Further to Minute No. D156 of the meeting of the Cabinet Member and Advisers for Children and Young People's Services held on 7th April, 2010, consideration was given to a report presented by the Performance and Quality Manager concerning the Children and Young People's Services' Improvement Plan summary and action plan. Members noted that detailed regular monitoring continues to take place against a number of actions across several themes.

The report provided an overview of the progress made since the Minister of State's Notice to Improve was received, included the RAG (red, amber, green) rating and direction of travel for the areas of improvement and identified some areas of good performance and key risks to meeting the stretching targets set for the Council and its strategic partners.

With regard to National Indicators 59 and 60 (initial and core assessments for children's social care), Members noted the significantly improved performance of a number of the Locality Teams and the continuing rigorous monitoring of all Locality Teams' performance on these assessments.

Resolved:- (1) That the report be received and its contents noted.

(2) That the progress being made against the targets set in the Notice to Improve be welcomed.

(3) That further progress reports continue to be submitted to the Cabinet Member and Advisers for Children and Young People's Services.

D6. IMPROVING INFORMATION SHARING AND MANAGEMENT (IISAM) PROGRAMME UPDATE

Further to Minute No. 90 of the meeting of the Cabinet Member and Advisers for Children and Young People's Services held on 2nd December, 2009, consideration was given to a report submitted by the Systems and Change Manager providing an update on progress within

the Improving Information Sharing and Management (IISaM) Programme. The IISaM Programme includes the implementation of ContactPoint, electronic enablement of the Common Assessment Framework, Integrated Children's System and Information Sharing. The programme also covered the Connexions Client Caseload Information System (CCIS).

Discussion took place on the possibility of alterations to the IISaM Programme as a consequence of the recent formation of the Coalition Government.

Resolved:- (1) That the report be received and its contents noted.

(2) That a further update be provided to an early meeting of the Cabinet Member and Advisers for Children and Young People's Services.

CABINET MEMBER FOR CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE'S SERVICES
9th June, 2010

Present:- Councillor Lakin (in the Chair) and Councillor Currie.

An apology for absence was received from Councillor Havenhand.

D7. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING HELD ON 2ND JUNE, 2010

Resolved:- That the minutes of the previous meeting held on 2nd June, 2010 and be approved as a correct record.

D8. LOCAL SAFEGUARDING CHILDREN BOARD - ANNUAL REPORT 2009/10 AND BUSINESS PLAN 2010/11

Consideration was given to a report presented by the Strategic Director of Children and Young People's Services stating that under the revised guidance for "inter-agency working to safeguard and promote the welfare of children", i.e. Working Together to Safeguard Children, published in March 2010, the first statutory annual report of the Local Safeguarding Children Board on the "effectiveness of safeguarding in the local area" has been published by 1st April, 2011. Included with the report was the Business Plan for 2010/11.

Resolved:- (1) That the Rotherham Local Safeguarding Children Board Annual Report for 2009/10 and Business Plan for 2010/11 be received and their contents noted.

(2) That every endeavour be made to ensure that effective complementary arrangements are in place to maximise the impact of the Local Safeguarding Children Board first statutory annual report in March, 2011.

D9. CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE'S SERVICES - REVENUE OUTTURN 2009/10

Consideration was given to a report presented by the Finance Manager containing the Children and Young People's Service Directorate unaudited Revenue Outturn (excluding schools delegated budgets) for 2009/10; the report showed an overspend of £3,944,414 against a net cash limited budget of £37,957,288, representing a variation of 10.39%.

Members noted that:-

(i) this revenue outturn is before adjusting for the carry-forward of traded balances (£45,881 surplus);

(ii) the adjusted variance to budget is £3,990,295 overspent (10.51%);

(iii) this report contained a request for an earmarked balance to the value of £3,709, in respect of the Try Line Centre Partnership (income earned by the Partnership to be used to support the Playing for Success after School Programme which is provided to Rotherham Schools at no cost, with the Centre generating income to maintain this approach);

(iv) the revenue outturn position shows an improvement of £387,000 on the March, 2010 reported budget monitoring position.

It was also noted that a detailed report on Schools' delegated balances will be submitted to the Cabinet Member and Advisers in late July, once information regarding planned use of balances has been obtained from the schools with balances higher than the Government's threshold (5% Secondary, 8% other phases).

Resolved:- (1) That the report be received and its contents noted.

(2) That the Strategic Leadership Team and the Cabinet be asked to approve the request for an earmarked balance of £3,709, related to the Try Line Centre Partnership, to be carried forward to the 2010/11 revenue budget for Children and Young People's Services.

D10. CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE'S SERVICES - CAPITAL OUTTURN 2009/10

Consideration was given to a report presented by the Finance Manager stating that the approved Children and Young People's Services Directorate Capital Programme for 2009/10 was £20,594,029. The actual spend against the programme in 2009/10 was £20,512,780, a variance of £81,249 under-spend (-0.4%). The submitted report showed the capital budget out-turn (subject to external audit verification) for the financial year 2009/10.

Resolved:- That the 2009/10 capital out-turn report for Children and Young People's Services, as now submitted, be received and its contents noted.

D11. CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE'S PLAN 2010 TO 2013

Further to Minute No. 158 of the meeting of the Cabinet Member and Advisers for Children and Young People's Services held on 7th April, 2010, consideration was given to a report presented by the Policy, Planning and Research Officer concerning the final draft of the Children and Young People's Plan 2010-2013, which includes new content for each area of focus, as well as the foreword and resourcing section. The Equality Impact Assessment was also submitted and an action plan distributed at the meeting.

Discussion took place on the need to prepare a briefing note about the new Plan, for distribution to school governors.

Resolved:- (1) That the report, together with the Children and Young People's Plan 2010-2013 and accompanying documents be received and their contents noted.

(2) That the Plan and other documents be referred for consideration at the meeting of the Children's Board, to be held on 21st June 2010.

D12. VALUABLE LESSONS – IMPROVING ECONOMY AND EFFICIENCY IN SCHOOLS

Further to Minute No. D91 of the meeting of the Cabinet Member and Advisers for Children and Young People's Services held on 2nd December 2009, consideration was given to a report presented by the Director of Resources, Planning and Performance stating that the Coalition Government had announced that front line funding to schools will be protected and money allocated to individual school budgets for 2010/11 will not be affected by the Government's proposed budget reductions. However, it has also been announced that efficiency savings are expected of schools and it is therefore critical that schools continue to offer good value for money through a range of measures including procurement and workforce deployment.

The Council's 'Valuable Lessons' Action Plan identifies progress made in the three key areas of school support which the Audit Commission believed could be strengthened:-

- : Financial support
- : Staffing and purchasing in schools
- : Accountability for value for money

Resolved:- (1) That the report be received and its contents noted.

(2) That the progress made against the Action Plan, arising from the Audit Commission's recommendations in 2009, be noted.

D13. MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE BUILDING SCHOOLS FOR THE FUTURE PROJECT BOARD HELD ON 25TH MAY, 2010

Consideration was given to the contents of the minutes of the meeting of the Building Schools for the Future Project Board, held on 25th May, 2010.

Resolved:- That the contents of the minutes be noted.

D14. EXCLUSION OF THE PRESS AND PUBLIC

Resolved:- That, under Section 100A(4) of the Local Government Act 1972, the press and public be excluded from the meeting for the following items of business on the grounds that they involve the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in those paragraphs, indicated below, of

Part 1 of Schedule 12A to the Local Government Act 1972 as amended.

D15. CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE'S SERVICES - ANNUAL COMMENT AND COMPLAINT REPORT 2009/2010

Consideration was given to a report presented by the Complaints Manager concerning performance for complaints in Children and Young People's Services during 2009/2010, along with comparison to 2007/2008 and 2008/2009. The report also provided information about other types of enquiries and feedback handled by the Complaints and Customer Service Team, together with details of future service developments.

In brief, the following complaints were received; 122 people have made 262 complaint points at Stage 1, 12 people made 96 complaint points at stage 2, and 1 person escalated two of their Stage 2 complaints to a Stage 3 Review Panel (the panel was not convened in 2009/2010).

Resolved:- That the Children and Young People's Services Annual Report for Comments and Complaints 2009/2010 be received and its contents noted.

(Exempt under Paragraph 2 of the Act – information which is likely to reveal the identity of an individual)

D16. COMMISSIONING AND CONTRACTING OF EDUCATION BUSINESS PARTNERSHIP SERVICES

Further to Minute No. 135 of the meeting of the Cabinet Member and Advisers for Children and Young People's Services held on 11th February, 2009, consideration was given to a report presented by the Assistant Head of School Effectiveness outlining the progress to date with the planning and commissioning education business partnership services to meet the needs of the 14-19 cohort for work-related learning.

Resolved:- (1) That the report be received and its contents noted.

(2) That approval be granted for the exemption, in accordance with Standing Order 38 (exemptions from contract standing orders) to allow a one year extension to the existing contract with the current education business partnership services provider, Business and Education South Yorkshire, until 31st August, 2011, to ensure continuity of service delivery and to enable the longer term strategic planning and commissioning activity to be agreed and implemented.

(Exempt under Paragraph 3 of the Act – information relating to financial or business affairs)

D17. EDUCATION CATERING SERVICES TRADING STATEMENT 2009-2010

Consideration was given to a report presented by the Principal Catering Officer containing the out-turn trading position for the Education Catering Service for the financial year 2009/2010. In addition, the report provided a summary of the Service's action, to date, to work in partnership to

promote Healthy Eating and increase the take-up of school meals.

Reference was also made to the agreed contribution to the deficit carry-forward and the suggested increase in the price of a school meal.

Resolved:- (1) That the report be received and its contents noted.

(2) That the increase in the price of a school meal by five pence, with effect from September, 2010, be approved.

(3) That the deficit recovery to be achieved over the next three years, as detailed in the report submitted, be approved.

(Exempt under Paragraph 3 of the Act – information relating to financial or business affairs)

PERFORMANCE AND SCRUTINY OVERVIEW COMMITTEE
11th June, 2010

Present:- Councillor Whelbourn (in the Chair); The Mayor (Councillor McNeely); Councillors Austen, Gilding, J. Hamilton, License, Steele, Swift and Whysall.

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors G. A. Russell and P. A. Russell.

1. COUNCILLOR MICHAEL CLARKE

Members stood as a token of respect to the late Councillor Clarke, who had been a valued Member of this Committee.

2. NEW MEMBERS

The Chairman welcomed Councillors Steele and Whysall to their first meeting.

3. CO-OPTED MEMBERS

Nominations were noted for co-opted membership of the Scrutiny Panels.

Resolved:- That co-option arrangements be agreed with each Scrutiny Panel Chairman.

4. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST.

There were no declarations of interest made at this meeting.

5. QUESTIONS FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC AND THE PRESS.

There were no questions from members of the public or the press.

6. PAYMENT OF INVOICES WITHIN THIRTY DAYS - FORMER BVPI8.

Sarah McCall, Performance Officer, presented the submitted report setting out details of the former Best Value Performance Indicator 8 which measured the payment of undisputed invoices within 30 days. The Council had agreed an average annual target of 97.5% for performance of BVPI8 for 2009/10.

Outturn performance for recent years has achieved:

2006/07	91%
2007/08	94%
2008/09	92%

Performance against BVPI8 was not as consistent as it should be and it had been recognised that the Council should act to instil and embed good practice in this area and work was ongoing to this effect.

Outturn performance for the new financial year achieved 94.65%.

If the Council under performed on BVPI8 then this may have an effect on our CPA score. Vulnerable smaller suppliers may also experience financial difficulties due to delayed payment which goes against our commitment to the SME Friendly Concordat.

Making late payments to suppliers could damage relationships between the Council and suppliers and could potentially cause cash flow difficulties for suppliers, dependant on invoice values and suppliers' turnover. It was possible that late payments could result in suppliers putting our account 'on stop' which could cause delays to Council projects. Ultimately late payment could result in the matter being referred to court.

Detailed consideration was given to all the matters set out in the report.

Resolved:- (1) That the current position in respect of BVPI8 be noted.

(2) That a report be submitted to this Committee highlighting maverick spend and relevant processes.

(3) That relevant Procurement Champions attend this Committee to detail key issues of poor performance.

7. PROCUREMENT LOCAL PERFORMANCE INDICATORS.

Sarah McCall, Performance Officer, presented the submitted report setting out details of the local indicators developed in 2007 to measure the Council's procurement function in terms of delivery of the Procurement Strategy and day-to-day management of the procurement function. The suite of indicators was updated in 2009 to ensure effective monitoring.

The report set out details of the indicators, targets and performance for the year 2009-2010.

A number of issues were raised by the Committee.

Performance against these LPIs would reflect how the Corporate Procurement Strategy was being implemented and embedded across the Council which could impact on the Council's ability to evidence value for money and CPA/CAA scores.

Sarah was asked to raise the issues discussed today at the Procurement Panel to be held on 14th June, 2010.

Resolved:- (1) That current performance be noted.

(2) That the auditing of top suppliers for equality and diversity purposes be reviewed by the Democratic Renewal Scrutiny Panel.

8. PROCUREMENT STRATEGY ACTION PLAN.

Sarah McCall, Performance Officer, presented the submitted report setting out details of the purpose of the Procurement Strategy which was to set out how the Council intended to procure its goods, works and services in order to support the Authority's overall aims and objectives over the life span of the Strategy. It outlined the Council's current position and clearly pointed to areas where we needed to improve, with a supporting action plan to deliver those areas. The action would be managed by the Council's Procurement Panel.

The Strategy was aligned with the Council's Corporate Commissioning Framework which examined how the Council could strategically pull together all commissioning activity to ensure maximum gain from any efficiencies that may be generated.

If the actions in the above plan were not met the refreshed Corporate Procurement Strategy may not be fully implemented and embedded across the Council which could impact on the Council's ability to evidence value for money and CAA scores.

Resolved:- That the current position in respect the action plan be noted.

9. DRAFT SCRUTINY ANNUAL REPORT

Consideration was given to a draft of the Annual Report, circulated at the meeting.

Resolved:- That any comments on the draft be forwarded to the Scrutiny Team.

10. DRAFT WORK PROGRAMME

Consideration was given to this Committee's Work Programme for 2010/11.

Reference was made to a number of important issues, such as flooding, that needed continual scrutiny and also to change to occur due to the new Coalition Government.

Resolved:- That a draft programme be developed based on today's discussion.

11. CORPORATE IMPROVEMENT BOARD - TO APPOINT TWO SCRUTINY MEMBERS

16D PERFORMANCE AND SCRUTINY OVERVIEW COMMITTEE - 11/06/10

The Committee expressed the view that its role was to scrutinise corporate improvement rather than be Members of the Corporate Improvement Board.

12. MEMBERS' TRAINING AND DEVELOPMENT PANEL - TO APPOINT TWO SCRUTINY MEMBERS

Resolved:- That Councillors Austen and Steele be appointed.

13. MINUTES.

Resolved:- That the minutes of the meeting held on 30th April, 2010 be approved as a correct record for signature by the Chairman.

14. WORK IN PROGRESS

Councillor Austen reported on the following :-

- VAR
- Councillor Hussain's portfolio
- new Council Website
- Domestic Violence/Alcohol/Drug abuse

Councillor Whysall reported upon the image and renaissance of Rotherham.

Councillor Jane Hamilton reported upon the Children's Plan.

The Chairman reported on the following:-

- floods
- NHS Rotherham
- Use of Agency Staff and Consultants

15. CALL-IN ISSUES

There were no formal call in requests.