

ROTHERHAM BOROUGH COUNCIL – REPORT TO SCHOOLS FORUM

1	Meeting:	Schools Forum
2	Date:	2 nd March 2012
3	Title:	Rotherham Total Schools Budget Monitoring Report to 31 st January 2012

4 Summary

This Budget Monitoring Report provides a financial forecast for the Rotherham Total Schools Budget to the end of March 2012 based on actual income and expenditure to the end of January 2012 and the most up to date financial forecast from individual schools.

The forecast for the financial year 2011/12 at this stage is £4,475k under spend (- 2.43%) before agreed carry forwards. The position after carry forward of balances is £64k (- 0.03%) under spend.

5 Recommendations

That the Schools Forum receives and notes the latest financial projection against budget for the year based on actual income and expenditure to the end of January 2012.

6 Proposals and Details

6.1.1 The table below summarises the forecast outturn against agreed budgets:

Service	Revised Budget	Actual Spend to 31 st January 2012 £000	Forecast Outturn Position to 31 st March 2012 £000	Variation (Revised Budget v Outturn)	
	£000			£000	%
Autism Communication Team	170	145	169	-1	-0.59
Behaviour Support	579	489	578	-1	-0.17
Maltby BEST	10	5	10	0	0
Children & Families Special Needs Service	224	198	227	+3	+1.34
Children in Public Care	152	120	141	-11	-7.24
Early Intervention Team	54	54	54	0	0
Early Years ASD Support	93	72	86	-7	-7.49
Home to EOTAS Transport	20	20	20	0	0
Private, Voluntary & Independent Nursery Education	2,529	2,199	2,529	0	0
Education Welfare Central Attendance	17	15	17	0	0
Hearing Impaired Service	590	555	587	-3	-0.51
Learning Support Service	327	606	314	-13	3.97
Operational Safeguarding Unit	126	107	126	0	0
Free School Meals Assessment	36	35	31	-5	-14.08
Portage	204	196	207	+3	+1.47
Pupil Referral Units	2,456	2,434	2,503	+47	+1.91
Y10/11 RCAT Children	10	3	10	0	0
Resources and Business Strategy	1	1	1	0	0
School Effectiveness Service	1,152	1,110	1,136	-16	-1.39
School Catering Service	405	347	405	0	0
Schools Contingency	428	57	436	+8	+1.87
Maintenance of Premises	100	100	100	0	0
Private Finance Initiative (PFI)	3,233	3,233	3,233	0	0
SEN Assessment Team	33	35	35	+2	+6.06
SEN Transport to Extra District Schools	101	60	101	0	0
Special Educational Needs	2,263	2,064	2,367	+104	+4.60
SEN Extra District Placements	-183	-244	-257	-74	-40.44
Trade Union Activities	56	44	61	+5	+8.86
Visual Impaired Service	419	371	411	-8	-1.91
Young People's Service	28	24	28	0	0
Risky Business	45	31	45	0	0
Centrally Managed Services Plus:	15,678	14,483	15,711	-33	-0.21
Delegated Schools Budgets	163,117	143,519	158,956	-4,161	-2.55
School Rates	2,260	2,305	2,305	+45	+2.01
Rotherham School Improvement Partnership	767	-142	767	0	0
Former Specific Grants	2,182	1,704	1,788	-393	-18.01
TOTAL FORECAST OUTTURN POSITION	184,004	161,819	179,529	-4,475	-2.43
Less: Carry forwards					
Forecast School Balances				4,161	
Extended Services Sustainability				250	
ADJUSTED TOTAL FORECAST OUTTURN POSITION				-64	-0.03

- 6.1.2 Presented below is an analysis of the main pressures and the underlying reasons beneath them:

Pupil Referral Units +£47k

Forecast over spends at the Bridge PRU (additional costs of fees from Rotherham College of Arts and Technology and staffing costs), Rowan Centre (no budget for rates), Riverside PRU (rates, indirect employee costs, supplies and transport) and Broom Lane PRU (overspends on staffing and building works).

These over spends have been offset by under spends at the Alternative Resource Centre (premises costs), Education Other than at School (increased income projection) and St Mary's (indirect employee expenses, supplies, premises).

Special Educational Needs +£104k

Forecast over spend resulting from an increase in the contribution to external placements and an additional contribution to Broom Lane PRU offset by under spends due to changes in numbers of placements in Rotherham Schools.

School Rates +£45k

Increase in rates charges due to re-valuations of school premises.

- 6.1.3 These pressures have been offset by the following forecast under spends:-

Centrally Managed Services -£139k

The under spends are outlined in the table in 6.1.1.

Delegated Schools Budgets -£4,161k

Overall forecast under spend based on budget monitoring returns from individual schools as at 30th November 2011.

Former Specific Grants -£393k

Includes an agreed carry forward on Extended Services of -£250k (Schools Forum Minute 180 13th May 2011) to allow the service to continue until the end of August 2012. A further under spend of -£143k from Former Specific Grants transferred in to DSG is to be retained to offset the pressures outlined in 6.1.2.

7. Finance

Finance details are included in section 6 above.

8. Risks and Uncertainties

Principal risks and uncertainties relate to the 'needs led' nature of budgets in relation to Special Educational Needs pupils,

The reductions in other grant funding in 2010/11 and 2011/12 has placed significant pressure on the centrally managed services for schools. Needs-led budgets are currently being used to offset overspends in these areas. There is a risk that demands on these budgets may increase and result in an overspend position on the overall DSG budget.

9. Policy and Performance Agenda Implications

It is the intention of the Department for Education to give schools more autonomy and responsibility for spending decisions. Rotherham has recently formed the Rotherham School Improvement Partnership which is a move towards transferring the responsibility for School Improvement interventions to schools. A Strategic Governance Group is developing plans which set out the future arrangements for Rotherham Schools, including details of the deployment of Resources to support this.

10. Background Papers and Consultation

- Report to Schools Forum on the 24th June 2011.

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

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