

ROTHERHAM BOROUGH COUNCIL – REPORT TO CABINET MEMBER

1.	Meeting:	Cabinet Member for Lifelong Learning and Culture
2.	Date:	13th March 2012
3.	Title:	Schools Budget Monitoring Report 2011/2012 (Period – 01/04/11 to 30/11/11)
4.	Directorate:	Children and Young People’s Services

5. Summary

To provide a summary budget monitoring report to 30th November 2011.

6. Recommendations

That the Cabinet Member notes the contents of the report.

7. Proposals and Details

Budget monitoring reports have been received from each School for the period ending November 2011. The consolidated position is a projected year end surplus of £4.209m. Appendix A provides a breakdown of the individual budget variations that make up this position. A summary of which is analysed in the table below.

Summary of forecast outturn 2011/12:-

	Budget	Forecast	Variance
	(£'000s)	(£'000s)	(£'000s)
Nursery	1,926	1,827	99
Primary	89,854	86,132	3,722
Secondary	72,385	72,412	-27
Special	10,713	10,298	415
Total	174,878	170,669	4,209

The projected balance indicates a significant 49% increase from the 2010/2011 actual delegated budget balance surplus of £2.828m. Please see table below for summary detail.

Summary of comparison between 2010/2011 actual surplus and 2011/2012 forecast carry forward:-

	10/11 Surplus c/f	11/12 Forecast	Increase	% Increase
	(£'000s)	(£'000s)	(£'000s)	
Nursery	204	99	-105	-51%
Primary	2,798	3,722	924	33%
Secondary	-574	-27	547	95%
Special	400	415	15	4%
Total	2,828	4,209	1,381	49%

The main reason for the forecast increase within sectors is largely due to the delegation of the former centrally held grants.

The table below is a summary of comparison between the 2010/11 actual number of schools in deficit and the number of schools forecasting to be in deficit by the end of 2011/12:-

	Actual no. of schools in deficit 10/11	Forecast no. of schools in deficit 11/12
Nursery	0	0
Primary	9	5
Secondary	5	5
Special	0	0
Total	14	10

- Of the five Secondary schools with deficit balances in 2010/2011 Winterhill, Wickersley, Pius and Swinton are once again forecasting a deficit in 2011/2012 whereas Rawmarsh is no longer forecasting an overspend but Clifton are. Two of which (Swinton and Clifton Schools) have agreed licensed deficits arrangements in place (a 3 year recovery plan agreed with the Authority).

8. Finance

At this point in time, the report shows a projected combined underspend of £4,209m. Variations in the Schools' Budget are ring-fenced with surpluses or deficits carried forward to the following year.

9. Risks and Uncertainties.

Regular monitoring will ensure that risks and uncertainties are highlighted and can be addressed at an early stage.

10. Policy.

Effective budget monitoring reports during the year can provide valuable information about spending patterns and make forecasts of likely under or overspending at the year-end.

11. Background Papers and Consultation

Detailed budget monitoring reports prepared and submitted by individual schools.

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