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## Portfolio Performance and Resources Annual Report 2019/20



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# CHILDREN, FAMILY SERVICES & EDUCATION PORTFOLIO OVERVIEW



## Portfolio Summary

This Portfolio Performance and Resources Annual Report (PPRR) is the first one of the new reporting system established in July 2019 but, unfortunately due to the current crisis, is limited to out-turn performance and financial data.

Below are some of the highlights of the last year for my portfolio:

In Early Years, the targeting of some children to support their learning needs has been a priority to enable their school readiness, especially through Speech Language and Communication. An LGA Early Years Peer Review was held last October, which overwhelmingly supported the approaches being taken.



In September 2018 Stockport was issued with a Written Statement of Action (WSOA) requiring improvement across many aspects of SEND activity. During this year there has been much work taking place with co-production being at the heart of the development. Examples have included improving the Local Offer, parental inclusion, and a joint commissioning strategy. Progress has also been monitored by visits from DfE and NHS England. One strategic spin off from this has been the review of the High Needs Block of the Dedicated Schools Grant (DSG) given the continuing financial pressures that was completed for Feb 2020.

There have been a number of innovative changes being piloted including the Werneth and Brinnington Pilot with social workers embedded at the school, "No Wrong Door" approach for Looked After Children based on a scheme from North Yorkshire and Achieving Change Together (ACT) with new approaches to complex safeguarding. The latter two are examples of developments funded by GM Innovation funding as was the launch of the Care Leavers Charter in November.

The One Voice approach between the School Improvement Team and primary schools provided a methodology of joint development over the coming school year. The Poverty Proofing project in Edgeley had identified changes required in the schools in their approaches.

Ofsted introduced a new inspection system in September that has led to several high schools having their ratings changed. Meanwhile, the mental health and well-being of young people is a pressing need with positive developments during the year providing a more coherent approach e.g. I – Thrive.

The report itself outlines a largely positive picture in terms of performance and a small deficit for the Portfolio Revenue Budget, both of which contain some significant achievements.

**Cllr Colin Foster, Cabinet Member for Children, Family Services and Education**

### Revenue Budget (Forecast)

	£000
Cash Limit	39,698
Outturn	39,886
Deficit	188

#### Reserves

Approved use of reserves balance is £2.077m.  
Planned draw down as at Q4 is £0.957m.

### Capital Programme

	£000
2019/20 Capital Budget	0
2020/21 Capital Budget	24
2021/22 Capital Budget	0

# CHILDREN, FAMILY SERVICES & EDUCATION

## 1. DELIVERING OUR PRIORITIES



This report is based on the **2019/20 Portfolio Agreement**, approved by Cabinet on 23 July 2019. The link to the Agreement can be [found here](#)







Due to the current situation and unprecedented levels of demand, this report focuses on out-turn performance and financial data for 2019/20, rather than the usual, more comprehensive round-up of progress against portfolio priorities.

Highlight and exception commentary is provided for specific areas of performance, and this is linked where possible to specific projects, programmes and activities.

Some data has not been collected, whilst there are some measures for which out-turn data is not yet available, particularly where this comes from external sources. In these cases, the latest data is shown in order to provide a complete picture of performance across the portfolio, based on the latest available data.

Consideration is currently being given to the future reporting framework in the light of the council's response to COVID19, reflecting the impact of the pandemic and associated measures on key areas of performance in addition to recovery plans for 2020/21 going forward.

### Key to symbols used in tables













	Red; Indicator is performing significantly below target		Getting worse; This indicator has worsened when compared to previous period
	Amber; Indicator is performing below target		Stable; Indicator value has changed by less than 1% when compared to previous period
	Green; Indicator is on track or performing above target		Getting better; This indicator has improved when compared to previous period
<p><b>Bold measures</b> are included in the Greater Manchester Strategy outcomes framework and/or suite of 'headline' measures included in Corporate Report  <i>Data in italics is provisional / forecast</i></p>			

**Priority 1: Our children are school ready**

*Children starting school ready to learn is fundamental to supporting good outcomes later in life. We will work with partners to ensure that children are educated in high quality early years settings and ensure that all parents have access to the support they need, at the time they need it, to give their child a healthy start, with good early development.*

*We will strive to raise standards in early years settings in order to ensure all children start school ready to learn and close the gap between the level of development of different groups of children at the end of the Early Years Foundation Stage (EYFS).*











**Measuring Performance and Reporting Progress**

PI Code	Short Name	Good Performance	2017/18	2018/19	2019/20			
			Actual	Actual	Actual	Target	Status	Trend
CFSE.1 GMS	Percentage of Mothers smoking at delivery (number)	Low	12.3% (208)	10.8% (258)	11.3% (248)	9.5%		
CFSE.2	Mothers who are breastfeeding at 6-8 weeks (number)	High	46.8% (1492)	50.5% (1558)	51% (1486)	48.0%		
CFSE.6(i)	Early Days Course: Average change in parents' wellbeing	High	New measure	+2.7	Awaiting data	Aim to maximise		
CFSE.6(ii)	Early Days Course: Average change in parents' knowledge of baby development	High	New measure	+1.9	Awaiting data	Aim to maximise		
CFSE.7 GMS indicator	Percentage of babies with low birth weight at term	Low	2.0% (2016)	2.3% (2017)	Awaiting data	2.0%		
GMS indicator	Rate of tooth extractions with decay as the primary diagnosis per 10,000 0-5 year olds	Contextual	30 2016/17 (0-4 yr olds)	50 2017/18	N/A	Aim to minimise	N/A	N/A
CFSE.8 GMS	Percentage of early years settings rated 'Good' or 'Outstanding' by Ofsted	High	95.7% (Mar 2018)	96.0% (Mar 2019)	97.1% Q3	98%		

**Academic Year Measures**

PI Code	Short Name	Good Performance	2016/17	2017/18	2018/19			
			Actual	Actual	Actual	Target	Status	Trend

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CFSE.3	Children within reception year who are recorded as overweight or very overweight (number)	Low	23.1% (825)	21.8% (755)	23.4% (795)	21.0%		
CFSE.4	Children in Reception classed as underweight, three year combined (number)	Low	0.9% (92)	0.6% (61)	0.5% (56)	0.3%		
CFSE.5	Percentage take up of the 2 Year Childcare Offer	High	100.0% (Spring Term 2017)	103.1% (Spring Term 2018)	98% (Spring Term 2019)	99.0%		
<b>CSFE.9(i) GMS</b>	<b>Percentage of children achieving a Good Level of Development (GLD) at the end of the EYFS</b>	High	<b>71.6%</b>	<b>70.0%</b>	<b>70%</b>	<b>72.5%</b>		
<b>CSFE.9(ii)</b>	<b>Percentage of Free School Meals (FSM) eligible children achieving a GLD at the end of EYFS</b>	High	<b>50.0%</b>	<b>46.0%</b>	<b>46%</b>	<b>54.3%</b>		













Highlights and exceptions: -

Please note all educational data relates to the 2018/19 academic year. Please see previous PPRRs for detailed analysis and commentary.



**Priority 2: Children and young people are well prepared for adulthood and engage in education, employment and training**

*We will work with partners to raise standards in schools, improve attendance and inclusion and support young people to successfully transition out of secondary school life ready, equipped for work and lifelong learning. We will improve education outcomes for children and young people from disadvantaged backgrounds.*































**Measuring Performance and Reporting Progress**

PI Code	Short Name	Good Performance	2017/18	2018/19	2019/20			
			Actual	Actual	Actual	Target	Status	Trend
CFSE.10	Percentage of children attending a primary school graded good or better by Ofsted	High	New measure	91% (June 2019)	92%	Aim to maintain		
CFSE.11	Percentage of children attending a secondary school graded good or better by Ofsted	High	New measure	60.7% (June 2019)	52%	78.8%		
CFSE.26	<b>Percentage of young people in academic Years 12 and 13 (16-18) who are in education or worked based training</b>	High	<b>96.7% (6059) Q3</b>	<b>96.3% (5774) Q3</b>	<b>96.1% (5744) Q3</b>	<b>97%</b>		
CFSE.27	<b>Percentage of young people in academic Years 12 and 13 (16-18) not in employment, education or training</b>	Low	<b>1.9% (119) Q3</b>	<b>2.0% (117) Q3</b>	<b>2.8% (166) Q3</b>	<b>2.0%</b>		
CFSE.28	<b>Percentage of young people in academic Years 12 and 13 (16-18) where the destination is unknown</b>	Low	<b>1.4% (87) Q3</b>	<b>1.7% (104) Q3</b>	<b>1.1% (66) Q3</b>	<b>0.7%</b>		
CFSE.29	<b>Percentage of young people in academic Years 12 and 13 (16-18) in Apprenticeships (number)</b>	High	<b>8.1% (505) Q3</b>	<b>7.2% (431) Q3</b>	<b>6.4% (384) Q3</b>	<b>9.5%</b>		
GMS	<b>Percentage of year 10 pupils reporting that</b> a)They feel optimistic about the future b)They feel equipped for life	High	N/A	a) 82.1% b) 83.4%	N/A	Aim to maximise	N/A	N/A





















**Academic Year Measures**

PI Code	Short Name	Good Performance	2016/17	2017/18	2018/19			
			Actual	Actual	Actual	Target	Status	Trend
CFSE.12 (i) GMS	<b>Children attaining the expected standard at KS2 in Reading, Writing and Maths combined</b>	High	<b>64.1%</b>	<b>66.5%</b>	<b>66.0%</b>	<b>67%</b>		

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CFSE.12 (ii)	Percentage of Children In Need (CIN) attaining the expected level at KS2 in Reading, Writing and Maths combined	High	22.0%	38.0%	30%	38.0%		
CFSE.12 (iii)	Percentage of FSM children attaining the expected level at KS2 in Reading, Writing and Maths combined	High	39%	41.0%	41.4%	42.0%		
CFSE.13 (i)	Value added progress measure - KS1 and KS2 – Reading	High	0.5	0.3	0.3	0.5		
CFSE.13 (ii)	Value added progress measure - KS1 and KS2 – Writing	High	-0.4	-0.1	0.1	0.0		
CFSE.13 (iii)	Value added progress measure - KS1 and KS2 – Maths	High	0.1	0.2	0.1	0.3		
<b>CFSE.14 (i)</b>	<b>Children achieving 9-4 pass in English and Maths at KS4</b>	<b>High</b>	<b>N/A</b>	<b>N/A</b>	<b>66%</b>	<b>67.5%</b>		<b>N/A</b>
<b>CFSE.15 (i)</b>	<b>Children achieving 9-5 pass in English and Maths at KS4</b>	<b>High</b>	<b>44.4%</b>	<b>45.4%</b>	<b>46%</b>	<b>45.5%</b>		
<b>CFSE.16 (i) GMS</b>	<b>Average Attainment 8 score per pupil (KS4)</b>	<b>High</b>	<b>48.2</b>	<b>47.3</b>	<b>47.4</b>	<b>48.0</b>		
CFSE.16 (ii)	Attainment 8 score per pupil (KS4) – CIN	High	24.8	18.3	19.1	19.0		
CFSE.16 (iii)	Average Attainment 8 score per pupil (KS4) – FSM	High	35.7	33.7	31.3	34.5		
<b>CFSE.17 (i) GMS</b>	<b>Average Progress 8 score (KS2 - KS4)</b>	<b>High</b>	<b>0.07</b>	<b>-0.03</b>	<b>-0.02</b>	<b>-0.02</b>		
CFSE.17 (ii)	Average Progress 8 score (KS2 - KS4) – CIN	High	-1.49	-1.70	-1.63	-1.51		
CFSE.17 (iii)	Average Progress 8 score (KS2 - KS4) – FSM	High	-0.50	-0.67	-0.80	-0.53		
CFSE.18	English Baccalaureate Average Point Score	High	New measure	New measure	4.11	4.17		<b>N/A</b>
CFSE.19	Percentage entering English Baccalaureate	High	43.1%	40.6%	43.7%	42.0%		
<b>CFSE.20 (i)</b>	<b>Percentage of persistent absentees</b>	<b>Low</b>	<b>11.2%</b>	<b>11.8%</b>	<b>10.3%</b>	<b>10.8%</b>		

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CFSE.20 (ii)	Percentage of persistent absentees – CIN	Low	45.7%	36.2%	34.6%	31.3%		
CFSE.20 (iii)	Percentage of persistent absentees – FSM	Low	28.3%	30.1%	22.0%	23.6%		
CFSE.21	Unauthorised absence rate	Low	1.2%	1.4%	1.3%	1.2%		
CFSE.22	Authorised absence rate	Low	3.6%	3.6%	3.2%	3.5%		
CFSE.23 (i)	Fixed period exclusions	Low	2.10%	2.24%	2.42%	2.10%		
CFSE.23 (ii)	Fixed period exclusions – CIN	Low	9.30%	9.97%	Awaiting data	8.25%		
CFSE.23 (iii)	Fixed period exclusions – FSM	Low	4.80%	6.18%	Awaiting data	5.0%		
<b>CFSE.24 (i)</b>	<b>Percentage of permanent exclusions</b>	<b>Low</b>	<b>0.11%</b>	<b>0.11%</b>	<b>Awaiting data</b>	<b>0.08%</b>		
CFSE.24 (iii)	Percentage of permanent exclusions – FSM	Low	0.33%	0.32%	Awaiting data	0.28%		
<b>GMS</b>	<b>Percentage of secondary schools performing below the national floor standard at KS4 (scoring a Progress 8 score below -0.5)</b>	<b>Low</b>	<b>8.3%</b>	<b>7.7%</b>	<b>N/A</b>	<b>Aim to minimise</b>		

Highlights and exceptions: -

The latest inspection report from Ofsted published on 3<sup>rd</sup> March graded St Anne's RC High School in Heaton Chapel as 'inadequate' which has reduced the overall number of pupils attending a secondary school with a rating of 'good' or better at year-end (CFSE 11).

Please note all educational data relates to the 2018/19 academic year. Please see previous PRRs for detailed analysis and commentary.

Recently published full year data for 2018/19 shows a reduction in persistent absence, authorised absence and unauthorised absence rates; and performance is above target in relation to persistent and authorised absence rates. There has also been a reduction in persistent absence rates amongst the children in need and free school meal cohorts.















Disaggregated data relating to exclusions is not currently available.



### Priority 3: Children and young people enjoy good health and receive effective services as needed in order to optimise independence and the best health outcomes





*The best health possible adds so much to the quality of life and the ability to live it to the full. We will work with partners to ensure that all children and young people have the best health they can regardless of where they live or any conditions they were born with.*

#### Measuring Performance and Reporting Progress

PI Code	Short Name	Good Performance	2017/18	2018/19	2019/20			
			Actual	Actual	Actual	Target	Status	Trend
CFSE.30	Emotional Health of Looked After Children (SDQ score)	Low	14.0	14.0	Awaiting data	13.0		
CFSE.31	<b>Conceptions to women aged under 18 rate per 1,000 (conceptions per thousand women aged 15 to 17)</b>	Low	<b>16.1 (76) Q3</b>	<b>15.0 (68) Q3</b>	<i>12 month time lag</i>	13.0		
CFSE.32	Sexual Health Needs (Chlamydia diagnosis rate) per 100,000 15-24 year olds (number)	Low	456 (1569)	443 (1551)	Awaiting data	Aim to minimise		
CFSE.35	Alcohol related hospital admissions, rate per 1,000 under 18 year olds (number)	Low	0.6 (39.6)	0.4 (27) Q1-Q3 only	Awaiting data	0.4		
CFSE.36	Hospital admissions as a result of unintentional or deliberate injury, rate per 1,000 0-17 year olds (number)	Low	11.4 (719)	13.8 (869)	8.8 (557) Q1-Q3	10		
CFSE.37	Hospital admissions as a result of self-harm (0-17 year olds) per 1,000 (number)	Low	1.6 (98)	1.8 (112)	0.9 (59) Q1-Q3	1.4		
CFSE.38	The number of children referred to CAMHS services	Contextual	2,342	3,183	Awaiting data	N/A	N/A	N/A
CFSE.39	Percentage of children and young people with a diagnosable mental health condition who receive treatment from an NHS funded community mental health service	High	28.6%	38.2%	Awaiting data	34% (NHSE target)		
CFSE.40	Levels of activity – Young People	High	Data not available	45.7% 2017/18	Awaiting data	Aim to maximise	N/A	N/A
CFSE.41	Levels of inactivity – Young People	Low	Data not available	32.2% 2017/18	Awaiting data	Aim to minimise	N/A	N/A

Highlights and exceptions: -









Cumulative data for hospital admissions as a result of unintentional or deliberate injury or self-harm during Q1-Q3 2019/20 is in line with the same period during the 2018/19.

Academic Year Measures								
PI Code	Short Name	Good Performance	2016/17	2017/18	2018/19			
			Actual	Actual	Actual	Target	Status	Trend
CFSE.33 GMS	Percentage of children within Year 6 who are recorded as overweight or very overweight (number)	Low	31.9% (1017)	33.1% (1074)	31.3% (1032)	31.9%		
CFSE.34	Percentage of children in Year 6 classed as underweight three year combined (number)	Low	1.1% (92) 2014/15 - 16/17	0.9% (84) 2015/16 - 17/18	0.8% (84) 2016/17 - 18/19	0.7%		









**Priority 4: Children and young people live safely and happily within their families and there are fewer family breakdowns and rates of crime and anti-social behaviour reduce**

*We will work with partners to support children and young people to keep themselves safe, intervene and protect if necessary and make Stockport as safe as possible for our children and young people.*

**Measuring Performance and Reporting Progress**

PI Code	Short Name	Good Performance	2017/18	2018/19	2019/20			
			Actual	Actual	Actual	Target	Status	Trend
CFSE.42	Custodial sentences (10-17yr olds) per 1,000 (number)	Low	0.34 (9)	0.33 (9)	Awaiting data	0.23		
CFSE.43	First time entrants to youth justice system (age 10 - 17) rate per 100,000 (number)	Low	206 (55)	222 (60)	Awaiting data	210		
CFSE.44	Re-offenders (10-17yr olds) - % re-offending within 2 years (number)	Low	31.5% (41) (Sept 16 cohort)	36.7% (44) (Sept 17 cohort)	Awaiting data	30%		
CSFE.45	Number of Stockport Family Early Help Assessments (EHA)	Contextual	1,998	1,850	2,408	N/A	N/A	N/A
CSFE.47	Children in Need per 10,000	Contextual	319.7	319.1	353.5 (2232) Q4	N/A	N/A	N/A
CSFE.48	Percentage of social care referrals converted to social work assessments (number)	Contextual	95.9% (821)	95.0% (763)	98% (882) Q4	N/A	N/A	N/A
CFSE.49 GMS	Looked After Children (per 10,000)	Contextual	57.7 (363)	57.3 (362)	59.5 (376) Q4	N/A	N/A	N/A
CFSE.50	Children subject to a Child Protection Plan, rate per 10,000 0-17yr olds (number)	Contextual	52.8 (332)	39.3 (247)	33.6 (212) Q4	N/A	N/A	N/A
CFSE.51	Children who run away from home per 1,000 0-17yr olds (number)	Low	4.9 (308)	4.7 (299)	4.7 (297) Q4	4.6		
CFSE.52	Percentage of child sexual exploitation referrals recorded as being at high risk (number)	Contextual	25.3% (42)	14.8% (20)	22.4% (38)	N/A	N/A	N/A

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CFSE.53	Percentage of children placed for adoption within one year of the agency decision that the child should be placed for adoption (number)	High	82.4% (14)	100% (16)	Awaiting data	100%		
CFSE.54	Domestic Incident: Juvenile Present (where a child under 18 is present but not involved) per 1000	Contextual	1.61	1.71	Awaiting data	N/A	N/A	N/A
CFSE.55	<b>Children missing from care per 1,000 0-17 year olds (number)</b>	Low	<b>2.7 (168)</b>	<b>2.7 (170)</b>	<b>2.9 (182)</b>	<b>2.6</b>		
CFSE.56	Number of pupils participating in Road Safety Education	High	2,051	4,094	Awaiting data	Aim to maximise		
CFSE.57	Number of pupils participating in Bikeability training	High	1,418	1,756	Awaiting data	Aim to maximise		











Please note contextual data relating to children's social care is provisional.

## Priority 5: Improved outcomes for Special Education Needs and Disabilities (SEND)



























*All children and young people deserve the right to achieve their potential. We will work with partners to promote outstanding educational, employment and health and wellbeing outcomes for all of Stockport's SEND children so that they maximise their potential and make a successful transition into adult life.*

### Measuring Performance and Reporting Progress

PI Code	Short Name	Good Performance	2017/18	2018/19	2019/20			
			Actual	Actual	Actual	Target	Status	Trend
CFSE.58	Number of children for whom the Local Authority maintains an Education, Health and Care (EHC) Plan or Statement of SEN per 1000 (number)	Contextual	25.9 (2,132)	27.4 (2,255)	26.4 (2,171)	N/A	N/A	N/A

PI Code	Short Name	Good Performance	2016/17	2017/18	2018/19			
			Actual	Actual	Actual	Target	Status	Trend
CFSE.12 (iv) (a)	Percentage of SEND children attaining the expected level at KS2 in reading, writing and maths combined for those with an EHC Plan	High	8.0%	11.0%	12%	13.0%		
CFSE.12 (iv) (b)	Percentage of SEND children attaining the expected level at KS2 in reading, writing and maths combined for those receiving SEN support	High	22.0%	24.0%	26%	26.0%		
CFSE.14 (ii) (a)	SEN children achieving 9-4 pass in English and Maths at KS4 for those with an EHC Plan	High	N/A	N/A	12.7%	11.5%		N/A
CFSE.14 (ii) (b)	SEN children achieving 9-4 pass in English and Maths at KS4 for those receiving SEN support	High	N/A	N/A	40%	45.0%		N/A
CFSE.15 (ii) (a)	SEN children achieving 9-5 pass in English and Maths at KS4 for those with an EHC Plan	High	N/A	N/A	6.3%	5.3%		N/A
CFSE.15 (ii) (b)	SEN children achieving 9-5 pass in English and Maths at KS4 for those receiving SEN support	High	N/A	N/A	19.3%	25.0%		N/A
CFSE.16 (iii) (a)	SEND Average Attainment 8 score per pupil (KS4) for those with an EHC Plan	High	15.9	14	15.2	15.0		

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CFSE.16 (iii) (b)	SEND Average Attainment 8 score per pupil (KS4) for those receiving SEN support	High	36.7	36.5	35.5	37.0		
CFSE.17 (iv) (a)	Average Progress 8 score for SEND pupils for those with an EHC Plan	High	-0.94	-1.30	-1.12	-1.09		
CFSE.17 (iv) (b)	Average Progress 8 score for SEND pupils for those receiving SEN support	High	-0.30	-0.27	-0.31	-0.20		
CFSE.18 (ii) (a)	SEN English Baccalaureate Average Point Score for those with an EHC Plan	High	New measure	1.03	1.17	1.04		
CFSE.18 (ii) (b)	SEN English Baccalaureate Average Point Score for those receiving SEN support	High	New measure	2.97	2.95	3.00		
CFSE.19 (ii) (a)	SEN percentage entering English Baccalaureate for those with an EHC Plan	High	New measure	2.1%	4.8%	2.9%		
CFSE.19 (ii) (b)	SEN percentage entering English Baccalaureate for those receiving SEN support	High	New measure	22.6%	23.8%	24.0%		
CFSE.59 (a)	Fixed-period exclusion rate (all schools) for those with an EHC Plan	Low	19.8%	22.3%	16.7%	20.9%		
CFSE.59 (b)	Fixed-period exclusion rate (all schools) for those receiving SEN support	Low	12.5%	13.2%	14.4%	14.76%		
CFSE.20 (iv) (a)	Persistent absence rate (secondary schools) for those with an EHC Plan	Low	25.9%	28.9%	31.2%	26.5%		
CFSE.20 (iv) (b)	Persistent absence rate (secondary schools) for those receiving SEN support	Low	24.3%	28.3%	26.9%	26%		
CFSE.24 (iv) (a)	Permanent exclusions (all schools) for those with an EHC Plan	Low	0.45%	0.25%	0.19%	0.13%		
CFSE.24 (iv) (b)	Permanent exclusions (all schools) for those receiving SEN support	Low	0.36%	0.16%	0.29%	0.20%		

Please note all educational data for the SEND cohorts relates to 2018/19 academic year. Please see previous PRRs for detailed analysis and commentary. All statuses are from SEND scorecard and targets reflect those set in the Written Statement of Action.

For CFSE 58, it is also worth noting that Stockport has a significantly higher number of pupils with EHC Plans - 26.4 per 1,000 0-24 yr olds compared to the national figure of 21.1.

# CHILDREN, FAMILY SERVICES & EDUCATION

## 2. FINANCIAL RESOURCES & MONITORING



### 2.1 Revenue – Cash limit

	Previously Reported (Q3) £000	Increase (Reduction) £000	Budget at Q4 £000
<b>Cash Limit</b>	39,499	199	39,698

#### Budget changes since Q3

The portfolio cash limit has been increased by £0.199m since the Quarter 3 reported position, this relates to:

- £0.139m corporate funding relating to redundancy costs; and
- £0.060m reserve allocation to finance external consultancy costs for the SEND Transport review

#### 2.1.1 Quarter 4 Final Outturn Analysis

The table below provides a summary by Portfolio of the forecast outturn position as at Q4 Outturn. After deployment of reserves/grant monies totalling £1.369m largely in respect of savings targets profiled into 20/21 the portfolio is reporting a £0.188m deficit at Q4 final outturn.

Portfolio	Current 2019/20 Q4 Budget £m	Final Outturn Q4 £m	Final Variance Q4 £m
Education (incl. 14-19 services)	3.660	3.855	0.195
Children & Family Services	36.038	36.031	(0.007)
<b>Total Service</b>	<b>39.698</b>	<b>39.886</b>	<b>0.188</b>

#### Education Services:

The Education service budget areas are reporting a Q4 final outturn position of £0.195m deficit.

The above is mainly attributable to overspends in the SEND Transport area (mainstream and post 16) which relates to SEND demand levels and travel cost increases both linked to the general ongoing increase for such specialist provision/support across the borough. The above has been offset by surpluses reported in School Improvement (senior staff re-structure) and Educational Psychologists service (additional income generation).

The saving relating to the recent re-structure of the management team within the School Improvement

team is part of the planned staffing changes to achieve the initial MTFP £1.1m savings target assigned to the directorate of which corporate reserves were provided in 2019/20.

As part of the overall Council MTFP planned transport savings, all SEN transport provision was reviewed ahead of the 2020/21 financial year. The review was undertaken by external consultants in 2019 and final proposals following consultation resulted in a savings target of £0.258m applied to the 2020/21 baseline cash limit budget (double running reserves have been provided in 20/21 at £0.108m to reflect the academic year impact). Given the above outturn position on SEN transport (i.e. overspend relating to ongoing increase in demand) this provides for an unlikely achievement of this saving requirement in 2020/21 and this has been raised with corporate colleagues and will be formally reported at Q1 budget monitoring alongside any other key budgetary issues (i.e. Covid-19).

#### Children and Families:

The financial resources deployed to Children and Families Services total £36.038m and the position at outturn is a slight surplus of £0.007m.

The outturn for placements of children who are looked after (CLA) is a surplus of £0.872m as illustrated in the table below.

Description	£m
External residential placements	(0.229)
External Foster care placements	(0.271)
Internal Foster care and Staying put	(0.372)
<b>Total</b>	<b>(0.872)</b>

The budget on external placements has been increased by £1.827m in 19/20 as part of the £3.117m demand pressures increase.

The actual position for external residential placements and external foster care as at Q3 was a surplus of £0.378m and £0.277m respectively as at the 3<sup>rd</sup> of December. However, as our internal provision was full to capacity both in the internal children's homes and in the Broadfields flats (16+ provision) the potential for new placements in the final quarter was recognised and therefore the reported surplus was reduced to £0.413m, the level required to report an overall breakeven position and still allowing for increases in the final quarter. The final outturn is a combined surplus for external provision of £0.500m. There is an overall increase of 2 placements in external residential provision between Q3 and outturn although there has been significant movement in that time of 5 new placements, 3 ceased placements and 11 changes in provision for young people in existing placements. There is a reduction of 1 IFA placement between Q3 and outturn which was already planned at Q3 and therefore has no impact on the financial forecast between quarters.

The surplus on internal provision consists of £0.114m on internal foster care and £0.256m on Staying Put. This represents a reduction in the combined surplus of £0.417m reported at Q3 of £0.045m. The number of young people in internal foster care has increased by 4 since Q3. Additional payments for festival allowances around Christmas and other one-off allowances for the final quarter are slightly higher than forecast

Since Q3 a report has been approved at the senior management team (SMT) in relation to the appointment of a further 3 Mockingbird foster carers. This along with the recruitment of more foster



carers willing to take more complex and challenging young people is essential to the service continuing to manage the CLA cohort within budget. Therefore the forecast underspend on Internal Foster care provision is not expected to repeat in 20/21.

There has been an on-going forecast surplus on Staying Put due to the continued receipt of grant funding and the increase to the cash limit budget through the MTFP process on the expectation that the grant funding would cease. Therefore, the budget will be reduced by £0.050m in 20/21 as part of the £0.0458m saving target. There is also a potential increase in new staying put placements with 8 of the current foster care cohort turning 18 in the new financial year. Therefore the surplus in this area is expected to be reduced in 20/21.

We will continue to monitor these budgets on a fortnightly basis throughout the year.

There is a deficit at outturn of £0.117m on Non-CLA placements as follows;

<b>Description</b>	<b>£m</b>
Special Guardianships	0.024
Special Guardianship, RO/CAO - One off back pay	0.322
Adoption Allowances	(0.102)
Residence Orders/Child Arrangement Orders	(0.073)
Supported Lodgings	(0.054)
<b>Total</b>	<b>(0.117)</b>

The forecasts for adoption allowances, residence orders/child arrangement orders and Supported Lodgings are unchanged since Q3. The reason for the increase is the change in the estimated back pay for Special Guardianship Order (SGO) carers following the decision based on legal advice to re-align the rates to the foster care rates.

The decision to do this was taken following advice from legal services and in consideration of examples in case law to align the rates which form the basis of an individual's SGO allowance calculation to the foster care rates for boarding out and expenses. Rates for both were in alignment until April 2014 after which differing rates of inflation were applied to differing age brackets in consideration of national minimum recommended rates for foster care. The estimated back pay included in the Q3 forecast has been exceeded following the completion of individual carer assessments. Of the £0.322m show in the table above £0.222m has been paid out to date and £0.100m has been accrued for outstanding assessments. The £0.322m has been funded from the 19/20 cash limit budget, however as the process of individual assessments continues there is the possibility of further costs arising in 20/21. We will again endeavour to cover these within the cash limit, however if this is not possible consideration will be given to entering a reserves request to cover the costs in relation to this issue.

The budget for CLA maintenance payments reported a deficit at outturn of £0.137m with £0.016m being in support of families with no recourse to public funds (NRTPF). Expenditure on CLA maintenance relates to support for looked after children and is largely related to payments for contact with parents and other family members, direct work, nursery fees and support payments where the child is placed with a family member who is not the parent. Expenditure often relates to work towards the rehabilitation home of young people in costly placements. The expenditure in this area has

increased in recent years and in direct correlation with the increase in numbers of looked after children. A review of CLA maintenance payments similar to that which was carried out in relation to section 17 payments has now concluded and the policy and scheme of delegation for this area of spend has been updated. The updated guidance will be issued to staff shortly following which the spend in this area will be closely monitored before any increase to the budget is requested.

The children with disabilities service continues to face financial challenges and is reporting a forecast deficit of £0.505m at outturn relating to respite care packages, level 3 and level 2, which represents an increase of £0.133m since Q2.

The increase in expenditure relates to 2 new support packages since Q3 totalling £0.034m, a significant increase in support for one young person totalling £0.035m, further increases to existing packages totalling £0.006m, £0.022m of costs billed in the final quarter relating to the whole year but not recorded as a commitment and an additional transfer of £0.039 to the Home from Home carers budget due to more young people being supported through this service than anticipated.

The deficit of £0.060m on the Regional Adoption Agency (Adoption Counts) reported at Q3 is reduced to £0.007m at outturn due to a reduction in the forecast deficit on inter agency adoption and an increase in the surplus on staffing due to posts not being recruited to.

There are surpluses reported on the Youth Offending Service (YOS) and Safeguarding and Development of £0.197m and £0.075m respectively as a result of grant maximisation where existing staff have delivered new programmes of work.

There are further deficits in both the first response team and fostering team of £0.056m and £0.109m respectively related to the use of agency staff to cover both long-term sickness and absence and maternity leave. Both are business critical, front line services and as such cannot hold vacancies to balance the position.

## 2.2 Earmarked Reserves

### Transfer from reserves:

The majority of earmarked reserves are held at a corporate level and services produce a business case to draw down funds, which is approved through corporate leadership team and members. This strategic approach is designed to provide financial resilience for the council and to ensure that council reserves are used on an invest-to-save basis and to support council priorities. The exceptions to this are ring fenced reserves and the directorate flexibility reserve. Listed below are the agreed utilisations against the corporate and directorate reserves, which have been factored into the year-end position:

Corporate Reserves					
Reserve Category	Reserve Narration	To be used for	Approved £000	Change £000	Balance £000
Corporate Reserves	Revenue Grant Reserve (includes ring-fenced reserves)	Apprentice Funding	354	0	354
Budget	Children's Reserve	Demand Pressures -	54	54	0

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Resilience Reserve		Autism Worker			
Corporate Reserves	Revenue Grant Reserve	Young Apprenticeship Scheme	11	0	11
Corporate Reserves	Transformation / Double Running Reserve	Transport Review	275	275	0
Reserve Linked to Budget	Transformation – Invest to Save Reserve	Support for the annual reductions in Youth Justice Grant which underpins the service.	158	0	158
Budget Resilience Reserve	Children’s Reserve	Teenage Pregnancy	30	0	30
Corporate Reserves	Legislative and Statutory Requirements Reserve	Funding remaining for serious case reviews -	79	0	79
Reserve Linked to Budget	Children’s Reserve	Additional RIO post in the MASSH to support demand pressures	18	0	18
Reserve Linked to Budget	Children’s Reserve	Additional Fostering Team Social Worker	24	24	0
Corporate Reserves	Third Party Monies Reserve	NW Partnership monies	262	0	262
<b>Reserve Category</b>	<b>Reserve Narration</b>	<b>To be used for</b>	<b>Approved £000</b>	<b>Change £000</b>	<b>Balance £000</b>
Corporate Reserves	Revenue Grant Reserve	ASC SW Development Grant	12	12	0
Corporate Reserves	Revenue Grant Reserve	CYP SW Development Grant	20	20	0
Corporate Reserves	Revenue Grant Reserve	CYP ASYE Grant	15	15	0
Reserve Linked to Budget	Transformation – Double Running Reserve, Children and Family Services	To be used for phasing 19/20 savings	458	458	0
Budget Resilience Reserve	Children’s Reserve	SGO Property Adaptation	126	99	27
<b>Ring Fenced Reserves</b>					
Reserve Linked to Budget	Transformation – Invest to Save Reserve	EP Service Redesign	19	0	19
Strategic Priority Reserve	Traded Service Reserve	Ethnic Diversity Reserve	65	0	65
Strategic	Traded Service	Music Services	97	0	97

Priority Reserve	Reserve				
		<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>2,077</b>	<b>0,957</b>	<b>1,120</b>

\*Acronyms used in the reserves table

RIO	Referral and Information Officer
MASSH	Multi Agency Safeguarding Support Hub
NW	North West
ASC SW	Adult Social Care Social Work
CYP SW	Children and Young People Social Work
CYP ASYE	Children and Young People, Assessed and Supported Year in Employment
SGO	Special Guardianship Order
EP	Education Psychology

## 2.3 Portfolio Savings Programme

Proposal	Risk Rating	Value £000	Value Achieved £000	Additional Information
SEND Transport Review	Amber	258	258	* deferred to 20/21
Free School travel passes	Green	17	17	* deferred to 20/21
Director of Education – allocate to grant funding	Green	120	120	
EY Grant for Central Services	Green	10	10	
Staying Put	Green	100	100	
EY Grant for Central Staff	Green	110	110	
Corporate Director Post	Green	55	55	
Care Matters	Green	25	25	
Education, Careers & Advice Service	Amber	142	142	Saving achieved in 19/20 through non-recurrent ESF grant funding, work on-going as part of review of Children's and Education services to achieve on a recurrent basis
Youth Offending Service	Green	80	80	
Children and Education Services Review	Green	458	458	* deferred to 20/21
<b>Total</b>		<b>1,375</b>	<b>1,375</b>	

\*The saving requirement was supported by Corporate Reserves in 2019/20.

## 2.4 Dedicated Schools Grant

Dedicated Schools Grant (DSG) - the Centrally Held Budget (CHB) is managed by the local authority on behalf of schools and consists of a range of services to schools and pupils.

The total DSG allocation which is centrally held is £29.956m comprising the high needs block (£24.810), de-delegated funding for services to LA maintained schools (£2.955m) and Central School Services (£2.191m). The final Q4 outturn position provides a deficit at £1.301m.

This is largely as a result of increasing demand and costs relating to pupils with high needs who require education and support in a specialist provision.

The above deficit will be carried forward as a deficit into the 2020/21 financial year and will now be managed as part of the overall DSG review project. This will run alongside the council's vision to implement a new Integrated childrens and education strategy linked to the outcomes/requirements following the local area SEND inspection in autumn 2018 and the subsequent written statement of action (WSOA).

## 2.5 Capital Programme

*Expenditure as at 31 Dec 2019 £000	Scheme	2019/20 Programme £000	2020/21 Programme £000
0	Short breaks for disabled children	0	24
	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>24</b>

### Resources

Resources	2019/20 £000	2020/21 £000
Capital Grants	0	24
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>24</b>

### Programme Amendments: Re-phasing

Scheme	2019/20 £000	2020/21 £000	2021/22 £000	Funding Source	Reason
Short breaks for disabled children	(24)	24	0	Capital Grant	Rephased to 2020/21
<b>Total</b>	<b>(24)</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>0</b>		

### Commentary:

**Short Breaks (Aiming High)** – Scheme to provide adaptations to homes to allow foster carers or short breaks providers to provide care for children. The available capital funds are being used to extend a client property. The capital allocation for this has been rephased to 2020/21 due to delays in the build.