

REVENUE BUDGET MONITORING STATEMENT

SUMMARY	Budget	2008/09	
		Approved Estimate	Variance
	£000	£000	£000
Learning & Care			
Children & Young People - DSG funded	73,160	73,041	299
Dedicated Schools Grant	(73,432)	(73,269)	(299)
Children & Young People - LA funded	13,280	16,052	483
Adult Social Care	29,143	29,505	(279)
Director's Office	393	291	0
Strategy & Resources	1,897	2,422	(60)
Housing	908	949	(20)
Specific Government Grants	(1,835)	(534)	0
Total Learning & Care	43,514	48,457	124
Community Services			
Highways & Engineering	3,540	3,890	(5)
Streetcare & Operations	4,215	4,215	0
Planning Services	2,291	2,291	(20)
Public Protection & Sustainability	9,767	9,924	0
Asset Management	(760)	(732)	(20)
Leisure Services	2,563	2,606	(30)
Libraries, Information, Arts & Heritage	2,902	2,917	0
Parking Services	(2,812)	(2,772)	180
Corporate Management	512	471	0
Total Community Services	22,218	22,810	105
Corporate Services			
Corporate Management	651	650	0
Democratic Services	2,818	2,791	4
Legal Services	1,049	1,065	82
Corporate Performance and Development	875	1,256	(65)
Business Improvement	2,753	2,716	60
Customer Service Centre	1,115	1,209	34
Finance	2,932	2,984	44
Human Resources	1,696	1,696	(65)
Procurement	347	388	0
Total Corporate Services	14,236	14,755	94
TOTAL EXPENDITURE	79,968	86,022	323
Contribution from Earmarked Reserve	0	(625)	0
Contribution to Capital Reserve	0	200	0
Corporate Initiatives	(376)	(331)	202
Levies-			
Environment Agency	130	130	0
Capital Financing inc Interest Receipts	5,414	5,414	(700)
NET REQUIREMENTS	85,136	90,810	(175)
Less - Special Expenses	(1,075)	(1,075)	0
Transfer (from)/ to balances	0	(489)	175
GROSS COUNCIL TAX REQUIREMENT	84,061	89,246	0
Working Balances	5,735	5,755	5,266
Transfer from/to balances	0	(489)	175
	<u>5,735</u>	<u>5,266</u>	<u>5,441</u>

* With effect from 1st April 2008, area based grants are treated as general grants and are used to fund the overall gross council tax requirement. The approved estimate has been adjusted to reflect this requirement, and the £5,188k is now incorporated with formula grant and non-domestic rates income in order to achieve a balanced budget. The transfers to and from the balances have been adjusted accordingly.

LEARNING & CARE DIRECTLY MANAGED COSTS	2008/09		Variance- Manager's Forecast	Notes
	Budget	Approved Estimate		
	£000	£000	£000	
CHILDREN & YOUNG PEOPLE - DSG FUNDED SCHOOLS BUDGET				
INDIVIDUAL SCHOOLS BUDGET				
Expenditure	79,495	84,649	0	
Income	(17,116)	(21,103)	0	
Net	62,379	63,546	0	
CENTRAL SCHOOLS BUDGET				
Expenditure	14,324	13,162	299	1-7
Income	(3,543)	(3,667)	0	
Net	10,781	9,495	299	
DEDICATED SCHOOLS GRANT				
Expenditure	0	(225)	(299)	8
Income	(73,432)	(73,044)	0	
Net	(73,432)	(73,269)	(299)	
TOTAL DSG FUNDED SCHOOLS BUDGET	(272)	(228)	0	
LA FUNDED LEARNING & CARE				
CHILDREN & YOUNG PEOPLE - LA FUNDED				
Expenditure	20,193	20,243	416	10-17, 27
Income	(6,913)	(4,191)	67	18
Net	13,280	16,052	483	
ADULT SOCIAL CARE				
Expenditure	40,143	41,088	(342)	19,21,22,25-30,33
Income	(11,000)	(11,583)	63	20,23,24
Net	29,143	29,505	(279)	
DIRECTOR'S OFFICE				
Expenditure	393	291	0	
Income	0	0	0	
Net	393	291	0	
STRATEGY & RESOURCES				
Expenditure	2,335	2,871	(60)	33
Income	(438)	(449)	0	
Net	1,897	2,422	(60)	
HOUSING				
Expenditure	2,811	2,822	(20)	31,32
Income	(1,903)	(1,873)	0	
Net	908	949	(20)	
SPECIFIC GOVERNMENT GRANTS				
Expenditure	0	0	0	
Income	(1,835)	(534)	0	
Net	(1,835)	(534)	0	
TOTAL LA FUNDED LEARNING & CARE	43,786	48,685	124	
TOTAL DIRECTLY MANAGED COSTS	43,514	48,457	124	

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Note	Explanation
1	<p>Payments to Early Years PVI providers Approved gross estimate: £3,040k Variation: + £27k (+ £27k) First reported at Cabinet: Aug 08</p> <p>RBWM pays grant to private, voluntary and independent nursery and childcare providers up to 12.5 hours per child per week for over 2, 3 and 4 year olds under the Government's policy for the free entitlement to nursery education and childcare. This is a demand led budget. Latest information on the number of children in the PVI sector suggests that there will be no change to the £27k forecast overspend on the £3 million budget. Numbers of children can vary from term to term depending on take-up.</p> <p>Action: by Head of Children's Services</p>
2	<p>Inclusion service Approved gross estimate: £2,124k Variation: - £69k (- £69k) First reported at Cabinet: Aug 08</p> <p>The Inclusion service in total is still expected to underspend by approximately £69k mainly due to temporary management vacancies. Some posts that were expected to be filled in the Autumn Term remain vacant.</p> <p>Action: by Head of Children's Services</p>
3	<p>Out-of-Borough Special school placements - DSG funded Approved gross estimate: £3,715k Variation: + £760k (766k) First reported at Cabinet: Jul 08</p> <p>Out of Borough special school placements are typically very expensive and can cost up to £4k per week. The budget was £100k overspent in 2007-08. This budget covers 50% of the 20 placements joint funded with children's safeguarding and the full cost of the SEN placements funded entirely by the central Schools Budget (currently around 75). The budget is demand-led and under considerable pressure as a result of a large increase in the number of placements. The cost of one new placement in the last month has been offset by a similar reduction in costs, following agreement over the transfer of a joint funded child to adult care from November.</p> <p>Action: by Head of Children's Services</p>
4	<p><u>SEN recoupment</u> Approved gross estimate: £1,217k Variation: - £120k (-120k) First reported at Cabinet: Nov 08</p> <p>The process of inter-authority recharges for the additional SEN costs of children in other LA schools is known as recoupment. RBWM spends over £1m on the SEN costs of RBWM children in other LAs' schools, but recoups as much through charges to OLAs for their children in our schools. A provision was made in 05-06 and 06-07 for £141k. Latest information suggest most of this will not now be needed.</p> <p>Action: by Head of Children's Services</p>
5	<p><u>Cotingency for SEN adjustments</u> Approved gross estimate: £80k Variation: - £27k (- £25k) First reported at Cabinet: Nov 08</p> <p>The SEN statements contingency budget funds schools for in-year changes in their pupils with high level SEN needs. The largest number of changes take place in September and the latest projection suggests an underspend of £25k taking account of the starters and leavers.</p> <p>Action: by Head of Children's Services</p>

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6	<p>Maternity insurance for schools Approved gross estimate: £107k Variation: + £50k (+ £50k) First reported at Cabinet: Aug 08 The DSG funds an insurance scheme to cover the additional costs to schools of staff who are on maternity leave. This year has seen a larger than usual number of staff taking maternity leave, which is likely to result in a potential overspend of £50k. Action: by Head of Children's Services</p>
7	<p>Central school services - school specific contingency Approved gross estimate: £360k Variation: - £322k (-£321k) First reported at Cabinet: Aug 08 There has been no change to the forecast underspend reported last month. This is mainly due to a reduction in rates payable arising out of a reassessment of rateable values in around 40 schools and other education buildings. This is likely to result in a refund of around £262k which will come back into the central Schools Contingency budget. Latest estimates suggest that the contingency set aside for newly qualified teacher payments will be £40k more than is needed due to lower than expected numbers of NQTs. A further net underspend of £20k is also expected, mainly due to a decrease in demand for one-off contingency allocations from schools. Action: by Head of Children's Services</p>
8	<p>Dedicated Schools Grant Approved gross estimate: £73,044k Variation: - £299k (- £308k) First reported at Cabinet: Jul 08 The total overspend reported above will be carried forward into the next year and be a first call on the 09-10 DSG. Action: by Head of Children's Services</p>
9	(Blank)
10	<p>Home to School Transport Approved gross estimate: £2,072k Variation: + £120k (+£90k) First reported at Cabinet: Jun 08 The projected overspend on the Home to School Transport has increased by £30k mainly due to the extension of a contract covering a route to Henley College. The increase reflects the addition cost of the contract from November to March 2009. The rest of the forecast overspend, as previously reported, relates to post SEN 16 pupils and cost pressures arising from the changes at the start of the new academic year. These include the addition of a new bus route at Waltham St. Lawrence under 'safer routes to school' advice, the high cost of wheelchair transport for specific individuals starting secondary school, an increased requirement for passenger assistants on SEN routes, and the impact of fuel cost increases on new contracts. Action: by Head of Children's Services</p>
11	<p>Speech and Language therapy Approved gross estimate: £297k Variation: + 25k (+ £25k) First reported at Cabinet: Nov 08 A pressure of £25k has arisen as a result of expenditure on provision of speech and language services to schools in 2007-08 for which no accrual was made. Action: by Head of Children's Services</p>

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12	<p>Residence order allowances Approved gross estimate: £171k Variation: + £15k (+£17k) First reported at Cabinet: Jun 08 Latest analysis suggests little change to the overspend reported last month. The overall overspend remains consistent with the pattern of pressures on this budget seen at the end of last financial year. Whilst unit costs are relatively stable, the number of users receiving payments (around 30) is slightly higher than expected. Residence order allowances are paid where children are being looked after by closed relatives other than parents.</p> <p>Action: by Head of Children's Services</p>
13	<p><u>Disabled children</u> Approved gross estimate: £827k Variation: + £108k (+ £104k) First reported at Cabinet: Jun 08 The disabled children budget was overspent in 2007-08 by £102k. Costs are increasing steadily and are back to the same number of disabled children in external placements as seen last year (12 disabled children currently have residential placements). The individual cost of placements remains high, and the budget now looks likely to be overspent by £104k in 2008-09, a increase of £4k on last month.</p> <p>Action: by Head of Children's Services</p>
14	<p><u>Looked after children</u> Approved gross estimate: £825k Variation: + £ 78k (+ £78k) First reported at Cabinet: Jul 08 The high cost of placements and unexpected demand for residential places can have a disproportionately significant effect on the budget. This has been the case in recent months where new high cost placements have put additional pressure on the budget. The latest outturn projections are similar to those reported last month.</p> <p>Action: by Head of Children's Services</p>
15	<p>Agency foster care payments Approved gross estimate: £150k Variation: - £85k (-£85k) First reported at Cabinet: Jun 08 Children are placed in agency foster care at an average cost of between £700 and £1200 per week only when a suitable internal placement cannot be found. The projected underspend reflects the reduced numbers of children placed with external foster carers compared with last year. Numbers have not changed since last month.</p> <p>Action: by Head of Children's Services</p>
16	<p>Internal foster care Approved gross estimate: £958k Variation: +13k (£ 13k) First reported at Cabinet: Sep 08 Foster care payments are paid to RBWM's foster parents in the form of monthly and annual allowances. Last year the number of children in internal foster care homes was around 50. In recent months an increase in the number of new internal foster placements has given rise to a small forecast overspend.</p> <p>Action: by Head of Children's Services</p>
17	<p><u>Youth & Community - Outdoor Education</u> Approved estimate: £158k Variation: - £32k (- £32k) First reported at Cabinet: July 08 The previously reported overspend in relation to outdoor Education projects has been reforecast in the light of staff vacancies over the summer months. Action has also been taken to bring back on track other services in the Y&C budget that were previously reporting overspends. The result of these factors has been to turn the projected overspend into a underspend of - £32k. This has been partially offset by an increase in unachievable income related to Outdoor Education projects (see below).</p> <p>Action: by Head of Children's Services</p>

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18	<p>Youth & Community - Outdoor Education Income Approved estimate: (£119k) Variation: +£67k (+ £67k) First reported at Cabinet: July 08 Unachievable income in relation to Outdoor Education projects budgets has increased to £67k over the summer months. Action: by Head of Children's Services</p>
19	<p>External Homecare - Externally Purchased Hours - Expenditure Approved estimate: £2,384k Variation: £100k (£130k) First reported at Cabinet: Jun 08 One of our block providers continues to provide less than half the targeted 80% of hours in their zone. As a consequence, higher spot purchased care is being utilised, leading to a cost pressure which is expected to be covered by settlement from the provider. The anticipated reduction in use of the highest of these spot purchasers is beginning to be achieved as some clients are moved to medium cost providers . .At present the number of hours of care being delivered exceeds the budget by 185 hours per week and these additional hours are met from Spot purchases. This is expected to cost an additional £80k in the current year. There will also be a cost pressure of £20k arising from a revision of charges from a spot provider. Action: by Head of Adult Services</p>
20	<p>External Homecare - Externally Purchased Hours - Income Approved estimate: -£834k Variation: £10k (-£26k) First reported at Cabinet: July 08 The previously expected shortfall in income for External Homecare services is now remedied as it is expected that the volume of care purchased will be greater than the budget giving rise to additional income, and a number of higher need service users have been replaced by those with lower needs giving rise to a higher proportion of paid for hours .This has resulted in an anticipated additional £17k (£26k last month) income in the current year compared to the previously reported break even position.However there is a projected £27k shortfall in income from Meals on Wheels which will lead to a net shortfall in income on the external homecare budget.</p>
21	<p>In-House Homecare - Expenditure Approved estimate: £1,883k Variation: +£0k (+£51k) First reported at Cabinet: July 08 The £30k pressure originally reported in July 08 has now been resolved by means of virement within the Homecare service.The budget pressure of £51k reported last month arose from costs related to budget savings approved in 2006-7 but actioned late in 2007-8.This pressure has been resolved by means of a supplementary estimate to cover the cost of pension enhancements . Action: by Head of Adult Services</p>
22	<p>Older Person - Residential & Nursing Care - Expenditure Approved estimate: £9,531k Variation: -£203k (-£180k) First reported at Cabinet: July 08 The average number of Spot purchased Residential placements for the year are 1 above budget while average prices are slightly below budget level. This results in an overspend of £16k. Nursing Spot purchases are at an average of 10 places below budget although average price per bed has risen above budget. This gives rise to an underspend of -£204k. There is an additional underspend of -£15k on Block Nursing Care provision due to a decrease in bed numbers. Action: by Head of Adult Services</p>

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23	<p><u>Older Person - Residential & Nursing Care - Income from Service Users and Health.</u> Approved estimate: -£3,529k Variation: -£139k (-£96k) First reported at Cabinet: July 08 Average contribution received from service users for Residential and Nursing placements for Older People, are greater than budget. The impact of this is partly offset by the decrease in expected Spot placements . The net effect on service user contributions is over-achievement of income by -£133k and there is also additional third party top-up income of -£46k projected on residential spot placements. However the lower volume of Nursing placements has a direct impact on the amount of Free Nursing Care that can be recovered from the PCT which is causing a pressure of £40k.. Action: by Head of Adult Services</p>
24	<p><u>Older Person - Residential & Nursing Care - Other Income</u> Approved estimate: -£257k Variation: +£192k (+£192k) First reported at Cabinet: July 08 There is a significant pressure arising from an income sharing agreement with one of our block Residential & Nursing care providers. RBWM is entitled to a share of income from the sale of beds to non-RBWM service users. The provider is finding it difficult to fill these places and therefore there is a reduction in the expected income to RBWM. Projections are based on current occupancy levels but RBWM are working in partnership with the provider to improve the situation. Action: by Head of Adult Services</p>
25	<p><u>Physical Disability - Expenditure</u> Approved estimate: £475k Variation: -£25k (-£25k) First reported at Cabinet: Jun 08 Expected savings against budgets for Occupational Therapy equipment. Action: by Head of Adult Services</p>
26	<p><u>Elderly & Physical Disability - Expenditure</u> Approved estimate: £2,166k Variation: -£64k (-£64k) First reported at Cabinet: July 08 Savings realised following finalisation of 2007/08 accounts for Emergency Duty Team and Rapid Response & Rehabilitation service. There is likely to be a further savings of -£30k in 2008-9 once the accounts are finalised Action: by Head of Adult Services</p>
27	<p><u>Physical Disability - Residential and Nursing Care -Expenditure</u> Approved estimate: £1,226k Variation: £30k (£30k) First reported at Cabinet: Nov 08 Pressure Arising from 2 additional spot residential placements commencing from September 2008 Action: by Head of Adult Services</p>
28	<p><u>Learning Disability - Expenditure</u> Approved estimate: £13,927k Variation: -£60k (-£60k) First reported at Cabinet: Jun 08 Savings of £30k from schemes run by Housing Associations following finalisation of their 2007/08 accounts. Further savings on Learning Disability placements of -£30k due to movements in start dates of expected packages. Action: by Head of Adult Services</p>

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29	<p>Mental Health - External Care - Expenditure Approved estimate: £1,581k Variation: +£121k (+£101k) First reported at Cabinet: July 08 There has been an increase in demand over the year for care placements for service users with a mental health problem including one high cost placement for an 18 year old service user transferring from Children's Services. Action: by Head of Adult Services</p>																								
30	<p>Concessionary Fares - Expenditure Approved estimate: £1,023k Variation: -£200k First reported at Cabinet: Dec 08 Following a recent meeting with bus operators a more realistic estimate of the year end cost can be made and this indicates that there will be an underspend on the Concessionary Fares scheme of £200k in the current year. Action: by Head of Adult Services</p>																								
31	<p>Homelessness - Expenditure Approved estimate: £91k Variation: +£15k (+£15k) First reported at Cabinet: Jun 08 A shortage of three bedroom homes for rent has led to longer stays in temporary accommodation of larger families, which in turn has resulted in an increase in the cost of temporary accommodation as demand increases against a static supply. Availability of such homes has now improved, as a result of 6 properties being purchased in collaboration with MHDA in Maidenhead. Action: by Head of Housing</p>																								
32	<p>Supporting People - Expenditure Approved estimate: £2,213k Variation: -£35k (-£35k) First reported at Cabinet: Jun 08 Prepayment of invoice in 2007/08 has resulted in a one-off saving in Supporting People care budgets for 2008/09. Action: by Head of Housing</p>																								
33	<p>Staffing Budgets Approved estimate: Variation: £73k (£87k) First reported at Cabinet: Jun 08 Latest analysis of staffing budgets across the Learning and Care Directorate, taking account of latest information on vacancies, appointments and the managed vacancy factor, suggests that there will be an overspend of £73k at the end of the year. The breakdown across service areas is as shown below. The projected overspend against safeguarding reflects the net overspend of all safeguarding staff budgets and is mainly due to the cost of filling vacancies in a high risk area of work with agency staff.</p> <table border="0" data-bbox="248 1518 798 1859"> <tr> <td>Children & Young People Management</td> <td style="text-align: right;">£28k</td> </tr> <tr> <td>School Improvement</td> <td style="text-align: right;">£10k</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Education welfare</td> <td style="text-align: right;">-£8k</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Extended Learning</td> <td style="text-align: right;">£13k</td> </tr> <tr> <td>SEN Commissioning & Contracts</td> <td style="text-align: right;">£24k</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Safeguarding children - children in need</td> <td style="text-align: right;">£107k</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Community Care Management</td> <td style="text-align: right;">£10k</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Elderly & Physical Disability</td> <td style="text-align: right;">£30k</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Learning Disability</td> <td style="text-align: right;">-£30k</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Mental Health Care Management & Services</td> <td style="text-align: right;">-£51k</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Strategy & Resources</td> <td style="text-align: right;">-£60k</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Total</td> <td style="text-align: right;">£73k</td> </tr> </table> <p>Action: by Head of Services</p>	Children & Young People Management	£28k	School Improvement	£10k	Education welfare	-£8k	Extended Learning	£13k	SEN Commissioning & Contracts	£24k	Safeguarding children - children in need	£107k	Community Care Management	£10k	Elderly & Physical Disability	£30k	Learning Disability	-£30k	Mental Health Care Management & Services	-£51k	Strategy & Resources	-£60k	Total	£73k
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