

REVENUE BUDGET MONITORING STATEMENT

SUMMARY	Budget	2008/09 Approved Estimate	Variance
	£000	£000	£000
Learning & Care			
Children & Young People - DSG funded	73,160	73,039	192
Dedicated Schools Grant	(73,432)	(73,269)	(192)
Children & Young People - LA funded	13,280	16,021	367
Adult Social Care	29,143	29,422	(14)
Director's Office	393	291	0
Strategy & Resources	1,897	2,412	(60)
Housing	908	949	(20)
Specific Government Grants	(1,835)	(523)	0
Total Learning & Care	43,514	48,342	273
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	9,890	0
Asset Management	(760)	(732)	0
Leisure Services	2,563	2,615	0
Libraries, Information, Arts & Heritage	2,902	2,917	0
Parking Services	(2,812)	(2,772)	165
Corporate Management	512	512	0
Total Community Services	22,218	22,826	180
Corporate Services			
Corporate Management	651	650	0
Democratic Services	2,818	2,791	20
Legal Services	1,049	1,065	(11)
Corporate Performance and Development	875	1,256	(50)
Business Improvement	2,753	2,716	60
Customer Service Centre	1,115	1,209	17
Finance	2,932	2,984	49
Human Resources	1,696	1,696	(50)
Procurement	347	347	0
Total Corporate Services	14,236	14,714	35
TOTAL EXPENDITURE	79,968	85,882	488
Contribution from Earmarked Reserve *	0	(591)	0
Contribution to Capital Reserve	0	0	200
Corporate Initiatives	(376)	(331)	44
Levies-			
Environment Agency	130	130	0
Capital Financing inc Interest Receipts	5,414	5,414	(700)
NET REQUIREMENTS	85,136	90,504	32
Less - Special Expenses	(1,075)	(1,075)	0
Transfer (from)/ to balances	0	(183)	(32)
GROSS COUNCIL TAX REQUIREMENT	84,061	89,246	0
Working Balances	5,735	5,755	5,572
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LEARNING & CARE DIRECTLY MANAGED COSTS	2008/09		Variance- Manager's Forecast	Notes
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CHILDREN & YOUNG PEOPLE - DSG FUNDED SCHOOLS BUDGET				
INDIVIDUAL SCHOOLS BUDGET				
Expenditure	79,495	84,475	0	
Income	(17,116)	(21,076)	0	
Net	62,379	63,399	0	
CENTRAL SCHOOLS BUDGET				
Expenditure	14,324	13,295	192	1-5
Income	(3,543)	(3,655)	0	
Net	10,781	9,640	192	
DEDICATED SCHOOLS GRANT				
Expenditure	0	(225)	(192)	6
Income	(73,432)	(73,044)	0	
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TOTAL DSG FUNDED SCHOOLS BUDGET	(272)	(230)	0	
LA FUNDED LEARNING & CARE				
CHILDREN & YOUNG PEOPLE - LA FUNDED				
Expenditure	20,193	20,311	300	7,8,9,10,11,12,13, 27
Income	(6,913)	(4,290)	67	14
Net	13,280	16,021	367	
ADULT SOCIAL CARE				
Expenditure	40,143	40,787	(211)	15,17,18,21-24,27
Income	(11,000)	(11,365)	197	16, 19, 20
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DIRECTOR'S OFFICE				
Expenditure	393	291	0	
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STRATEGY & RESOURCES				
Expenditure	2,335	2,819	(60)	27
Income	(438)	(407)	0	
Net	1,897	2,412	(60)	
HOUSING				
Expenditure	2,811	2,742	(20)	25,26
Income	(1,903)	(1,793)	0	
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SPECIFIC GOVERNMENT GRANTS				
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Note	Explanation
1	<p><u>Payments to Early Years PVI providers</u> Approved gross estimate: £3,040k Variation: + £27k (+ £27k) First reported at Cabinet: Aug 08 RBWM pays grant to private, voluntary and independent nursery and childcare providers up to 12.5 hours per child per week for over 2,000 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 analysis of children in the PVI sector suggests that payments will exceed the £3 million budget by £27k. Numbers of children can vary from term to term depending on take-up, and a more accurate outturn projection will be available in September at the start of the new term.</p> <p>Action: by Head of Children's Services</p>
2	<p><u>Inclusion service</u> Approved gross estimate: £2,124k Variation: - £35k (- £35k) First reported at Cabinet: Aug 08 The Inclusion service in total is expected to underspend by approximately £35,000 mainly due to temporary management vacancies. The Service is to be temporarily reorganised & vacant posts filled in the Autumn Term.</p> <p>Action: by Head of Children's Services</p>
3	<p><u>Out-of-Borough Special school placements - DSG funded</u> Approved gross estimate: £3,715k Variation: + £200k (120k) First reported at Cabinet: Jul 08 Out of Borough special school placements are typically very expensive and can cost up to £2k-3k per week. The budget was £100k overspent in 2007-08. This budget covers 50% of the 17 placements joint funded with children's safeguarding and the full cost of the c.60 SEN placements funded entirely by the central Schools Budget. The service has recently seen an increase in the number of children being placed and this is likely to result in an increased overspend, now projected to be around £200k. Although the base budget was uplifted by more than inflation to reflect the typically high increase in fees, this may not have been sufficient to cover actual costs. Because expenditure in the Schools Budget is funded by the ring-fenced Dedicated Schools Grant, the overspend will be a first call on next year's DSG, with no effect on the Local Authority funded budget in 2008-09.</p> <p>Action: by Head of Children's Services</p>
4	<p><u>Maternity insurance for schools</u> Approved gross estimate: £107k Variation: + £30k (+ £30k) 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 £30k.</p> <p>Action: by Head of Children's Services</p>
5	<p><u>Various</u> Approved gross estimate: Variation: - £30k (-£30k) First reported at Cabinet: Aug 08 Latest analysis of central DSG budgets suggest a number of areas are likely to be underspent at the end of the year. These include some property related budgets, and the school specific contingency where there have been fewer than expected calls from schools for one-off exceptional funding.</p> <p>Action: by Head of Children's Services</p>

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6	<p><u>Dedicated Schools Grant</u> Approved gross estimate: £73,044k Variation: - £192k (- £112k) 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>
7	<p><u>Home to School Transport</u> Approved gross estimate: £2,072k Variation: +£51k (+£51k) First reported at Cabinet: Jun 08 The cost of transporting SEN pupils is typically hard to predict because a large number of journeys are made by taxi, and because of unpredictable demand patterns. The largest increase in transport activity is among SEN pupils, both pre and post 16. Latest projection of costs suggest that the Home to School Transport budget will be overspent by around £51k. New transport contracts commence in the new term in September at which the effect of pupil changes will also be better known. This will allow a more accurate outturn projection than is currently available. Other pressures may emerge during the course of the year. They include: an increased requirement for passenger assistants on SEN routes, the impact on contract prices of new legislation requiring drives to have private hire licenses, and increased transport requirement arising out of establishment of safe routes to school. The rising cost of fuel may also have an impact when contracts are renewed later in the year. Action: by Head of Children's Services</p>
8	<p><u>Residence order allowances</u> Approved gross estimate: £171k Variation: + £21k (+£24k) First reported at Cabinet: Jun 08 The first quarter payments for residence order allowances suggests that there will be a projected overspend for the year of £24k. This is slightly less than reported last month but still 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. They are a cheaper and in most cases more appropriate alternative to foster care or residential care. Action: by Head of Children's Services</p>
9	<p><u>Disabled children</u> Approved gross estimate: £827k Variation: + £52k (+ £56k) First reported at Cabinet: Jun 08 The disabled children budget was overspent in 2007-08 by £102k. Whilst the number of placements has decreased by one compared with last year (11 disabled children currently have residential placements), the individual cost of placements remains high, and the budget now looks likely to be overspent by £52k in 2008-09, a small decrease on last month. The reduction reflects the lower than expected costs of some placements for the new school year Action: by Head of Children's Services</p>

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10	<p><u>Looked after children</u> Approved gross estimate: £825k Variation: + £ 117k (+ £114k) First reported at Cabinet: Jul 08 Unexpected changes in demand for residential places can have a disproportionately significant effect on the budget because of the high cost of placements. Two additional high cost placements, one costing over £5,000 per week have occurred recently putting further pressure on this budget. Although one of the placements is expected to be relatively short term, they are one of the main contributory factors towards the most recent projected overspend of £117k. Action: by Head of Children's Services</p>
11	<p><u>Agency foster care payments</u> Approved gross estimate: £150k Variation: - £51k (-£51k) First reported at Cabinet: Jun 08 Currently only two children are placed in care through independent foster agencies at a cost of between £700 and £1200 per week. This is fewer than last year and is likely to result in a projected underspend for the year of £51k. Children are placed in agency foster care only when a suitable internal placement cannot be found. Action: by Head of Children's Services</p>
12	<p><u>Internal foster care</u> Approved gross estimate: £958k Variation: - £46k First reported at Cabinet: Sep 08 Foster care payments are paid to RBWM's foster parents in the form of allowances monthly and annual allowances. Last year the number of children in internal foster care homes was in the region of 50. This year this figure has fallen to 45 resulting in a projected underspend of £46k. Action: by Head of Children's Services</p>
13	<p><u>Youth & Community - Outdoor Education</u> Approved estimate: £158k Variation: - £32k (+£59k) 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 an underspend of - £32k. This has been partially offset by an increase in unachievable income related to Outdoor Education projects (see below). Action: by Head of Children's Services</p>
14	<p><u>Youth & Community - Outdoor Education Income</u> Approved estimate: (£119k) Variation: +£67k (+ £18k) 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>

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15	<p><u>External Homecare - Externally Purchased Hours - Expenditure</u> Approved estimate: £2,473k Variation: £0k (£0k) First reported at Cabinet: Jun 08 Although numbers of hours being delivered by External providers is marginally below budgeted hours, 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. The expected reduction in use of the highest of these Spot purchasers has not happened as many of our medium cost Spot providers are at full capacity. These pressures are now expected to be fully covered by settlement from the provider. Action: by Head of Adult Services</p>
16	<p><u>External Homecare - Externally Purchased Hours - Income</u> Approved estimate: -£867k Variation: +£30k (+£30k) First reported at Cabinet: July 08 There is an expected shortfall in income for External Homecare services as fewer hours of care are being purchased than anticipated in the budget. In particular, a number of higher need service users have been replaced by those with lower needs within Extra Care schemes Action: by Head of Adult Services</p>
17	<p><u>In-House Homecare - Expenditure</u> Approved estimate: £1,727k Variation: +£30k (+£30k) First reported at Cabinet: July 08 Impact of phasing in of budget savings initiatives will mean that the full savings target will not be achieved in year. Action: by Head of Adult Services</p>
18	<p><u>Older Person - Residential & Nursing Care - Expenditure</u> Approved estimate: £9,531k Variation: -£192k (-£192k) First reported at Cabinet: July 08 The average number of Spot purchased Residential placements for the year is 3 above budget while average prices are slightly below budget. This results in an overspend of £41k. Nursing Spot purchases are however declining with the average placements for the year being 9.5 below budget although average price per bed has risen above budget. This gives rise to an underspend of -£233k. Action: by Head of Adult Services</p>
19	<p><u>Older Person - Residential & Nursing Care - Income from Service Users and Health.</u> Approved estimate: -£3,449k Variation: +£9k (+£9k) 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 and the under-utilisation of interim contract beds. The net effect on service user contributions is over-achievement of income by -£62k. 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 £71k. Action: by Head of Adult Services</p>

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20	<p><u>Older Person - Residential & Nursing Care - Other Income</u> Approved estimate: -£257k Variation: +£158k (+£158k) 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>
21	<p><u>Physical Disability - Expenditure</u> Approved estimate: £475k Variation: -£25k First reported at Cabinet: Jun 08 Expected savings against budgets for Occupational Therapy equipment Action: by Head of Adult Services</p>
22	<p><u>Elderly & Physical Disability - Expenditure</u> Approved estimate: £2,166k Variation: -£34k (-£34k) First reported at Cabinet: July 08 Savings realised following finalisation of 2007/08 accounts for Emergency Duty Team and Rapid Response & Rehabilitation service. Action: by Head of Adult Services</p>
23	<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>
24	<p><u>Mental Health - External Care - Expenditure</u> Approved estimate: £1,581k Variation: +£125k (+£170k) 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. Reduced projection in August mainly due to notice being given on two placements. Action: by Head of Adult Services</p>

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25	<p><u>Homelessness - Expenditure</u> 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.</p> <p>Action: by Head of Housing</p>																												
26	<p><u>Supporting People - Expenditure</u> 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.</p> <p>Action: by Head of Housing</p>																												
27	<p><u>Staffing Budgets</u> Approved estimate: Variation: £52k 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 £52k at the end of the year. The breakdown across service areas is as follows:</p> <table border="0" data-bbox="319 1075 845 1456"> <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;">£16k</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>Children in need assessment</td> <td style="text-align: right;">£221k</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Adoption</td> <td style="text-align: right;">- £14k</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Looked After Children</td> <td style="text-align: right;">- £105k</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Quality Assurance Management</td> <td style="text-align: right;">£5k</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;">£10k</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Learning Disability</td> <td style="text-align: right;">- £65k</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Mental Health Care Management & Services</td> <td style="text-align: right;">- £31k</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Strategy & Resources</td> <td style="text-align: right;">- £60k</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Total</td> <td style="text-align: right;">£52k</td> </tr> </table> <p>Action: by Head of Services</p>	Children & Young People Management	£28k	School Improvement	£16k	Extended Learning	£13k	SEN Commissioning & Contracts	£24k	Children in need assessment	£221k	Adoption	- £14k	Looked After Children	- £105k	Quality Assurance Management	£5k	Community Care Management	£10k	Elderly & Physical Disability	£10k	Learning Disability	- £65k	Mental Health Care Management & Services	- £31k	Strategy & Resources	- £60k	Total	£52k
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Income	(1,047)	(697)	0	
Net	3,540	3,890	(5)	
STREETCARE & OPERATIONS including:- Highway Maintenance and Amenity Litter				
Expenditure	4,853	4,856	0	
Income	(638)	(641)	0	
Net	4,215	4,215	0	
PLANNING SERVICES				
Expenditure	4,682	4,682	(45)	2,3,6
Income	(2,391)	(2,391)	65	2,4,5
Net	2,291	2,291	20	
PUBLIC PROTECTION & SUSTAINABILITY including:- Refuse Collection & Disposal, Recycling, Env Health & Trading Standards				
Expenditure	9,979	10,095	0	
Income	(212)	(205)	0	
Net	9,767	9,890	0	
ASSET MANAGEMENT including:- Industrial & Commercial Estates & Administrative Buildings				
Expenditure	3,547	3,547	45	7
Income	(4,307)	(4,279)	(45)	7
Net	(760)	(732)	0	
LEISURE SERVICES including;_ Parks, Cemeteries & Leisure Centres				
Expenditure	9,604	9,656	0	
Income	(7,041)	(7,041)	0	
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LIBRARIES, INFORMATION, ARTS & HERITAGE				
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