

Committee(s): Education Board – For Information	Dated: 20/05/21
Subject: Revenue Outturn 2020/21	Public
Which outcomes in the City Corporation’s Corporate Plan does this proposal aim to impact directly?	3,7,8
Does this proposal require extra revenue and/or capital spending?	N
Report of: Director of Community & Children’s Services and the Chamberlain	For Information
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Summary

This report compares the 2020/21 revenue outturn for the Education Board with the final agreed budget for the year. Total net expenditure during the year was £3,458m which is an underspend of £66,000 when compared to the Final agreed budget of £3,524m. This is summarised in the table below.

Summary Comparison of 2020/21 Revenue Outturn with Final Agreed Budget – Education Board			
	Final Agreed Budget £000	Revenue Outturn £000	Variations (Increase)/ Reduction £000
Local Risk	(1,447)	(1,398)	49
Central Risk	(2,077)	(2,060)	17
Overall Totals	(3,524)	(3,458)	66

The Director of Community and Children’s Services is proposing to carry forward £30,000 of his local risk underspend for identified purposes of this Committee.

These proposals will be considered by the Chamberlain in consultation with the Chairman and Deputy Chairman of the Resource Allocation Sub-Committee and, if agreed, will be added to the Director’s budgets for 2021/22.

The central risk underspend relates to the additional budget received from the Priorities Investment Pot and a request will be made to carry this forward.

Recommendation

It is recommended that this revenue outturn report for 2020/21 is noted together with the Director of Community and Children’s Services’ proposal to carry forward £30,000 Local risk budget to 2021/22.

Main Report

Revenue Outturn for 2020/21

- Actual net expenditure for your Committee's services during 2020/21 totalled £3,458m. A summary comparison with the final agreed budget for the year of £3,524m is tabulated below. In the tables, figures in brackets indicate expenditure or adverse variances.

Comparison of 2020/21 Revenue Outturn with Final Agreed Budget					
	Original Budget £000	Final Agreed Budget £000	Revenue Outturn £000	Variations (Increase) / Reduction £000	Paragraph
Local Risk					
Employee expenses	(341)	(425)	(461)	(36)	4
Transport related expenses	0	0	0	0	
Supplies & Services	(711)	(1,022)	(937)	85	
Total Local Risk	(1,052)	(1,447)	(1,398)	49	
Central Risk					
Grants to Academies	(1,730)	(2,060)	(2,060)	0	
Fees and services	0	(17)	0	17	
Total Central Risk	(1,730)	(2,077)	(2,060)	17	
Overall Totals					
	(2,782)	(3,524)	(3,458)	66	

- A reconciliation of original local risk budget to the final agreed local risk budget is provided in Appendix A. The original local risk budget of £1,052m was increased to £1,447m in the year due to additional resources agreed totalling £390k to be used towards Mental Health and wellbeing support for the City Academies (£320k) along with funding for the delivery of a summer school (£70k). There was a further £5k added to the local risk budget in relation to staff costs which are met centrally.
- The 2020/21 final approved central risk budget includes £17k additional resources due to successful bids from the Priorities Investment Pot. A further £330k was agreed by Policy & Resources Committee in July 2020 for supplementary City Premium grant funding.

Reasons for significant variations

The local risk includes budgets held for events to take place during the year however due to the pandemic these had to be held online which ended up costing less and resulting in a favourable variance.

Local Risk Budget Carry Forward to 2021/22

4. Chief Officers can request underspends of up to 10% or £500,000 (whichever is the lesser) of the final agreed local risk budget to be carried forward provided the underspending is not fortuitous and the resources are required for a planned purpose. Such requests are subject to the approval of the Chamberlain in consultation with the Chairman and Deputy Chairman of the Resources Allocation Sub Committee.
5. The Director of Community and Children's Services' is able to request a total carry forward of £49,000 to 2021/22 for this Committee, in accordance with the budgetary arrangements for local risk resources.
6. The Director is proposing to allocate £30,000 of his carry forward to this Committee, to deliver two elements under the Skills Strategy:
 - a. 1) A review of Creative industries skills provision in adult learning (innovation and development)
 - b. 2) Enhancements to the Ofsted preparation through two external consultancy contractsBoth aspects occur from April until 31/07/2021
7. These requests will be considered by the Chamberlain in consultation with the Chairman and Deputy Chairman of the Resource Allocation Sub Committee and, if agreed, added to the budgets for 2021/22. All requests for carry forwards are currently being consolidated into a report to be submitted before the summer recess

Corporate & Strategic Implications

Strategic implications – None

Financial implications: If the carry forward requests are agreed, they will be added to the budgets for 2021/22.

Resource implications: None

Legal implications: None

Risk implications: None

Equalities implications: None

Climate implications: None

Security implications: None

Conclusion

Members are asked to note this revenue outturn report for 2020/21 together with the Director of Community and Children's Services' proposal to carry forward £30,000 Local risk budget to 2021/22.

Appendices

- Appendix A – Reconciliation of Original Local Risk Budget 2020/21 to the Final Agreed Local Risk Budget 2020/21.

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