

## Appendix H: Adverse variances over £25k

This Annex shows requests for increases in budget ceilings where existing forecasts predict that budgets will be overspent or an explanation of the current position.

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H1	<b>Permanency and Protection Service</b>	Children Looked After overspend due to accommodation costs of a new £75k placement. Children's Social Care staffing overspend due to agency costs whilst recruitment is taking place.														
	Budget £406k	Unaccompanied Asylum Seekers Children overspends are due to accommodation costs. The Council are investigating with the Home Office whether this can be claimed for. An update will be provided at Q3.														
	Forecast £587k															
H2	<b>Fostering, Adoption and Care Leaver Service</b>	Placements overspend is due to an increase in accommodation costs, such as a high cost placement of £263k from July. Due to demand for placements there has been an increased use of Foster Agencies.														
	Budget £1,523k	The table below shows how the number of service users has changed during the year (NB: in cost terms IFA and residential care placements are typically the highest cost and special guardianships lowest cost)														
	Forecast £1,920k															
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H3	<b>ASC Support and Review - Direct Payments</b>	There are two main reasons why this function is overspending. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Care needs of some service users has been reassessed which has resulted in lower contributions from the CCG.</li> <li>2. Direct Payments for Older Peoples has seen an increased in service users from 27 at Q1 to 31 at Q2.</li> </ul>														
	Budget £766k															
	Forecast £848k															

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H4	<b>ASC Support and Review - Residential &amp; Nursing</b>	<p>14 new service users in the function during Q2 increasing costs significantly</p> <p>Funding from Continuing Health Care no longer received for 3 service users, which has seen a drop in income of £85k.</p>
	Budget £2,830k	
	Forecast £3,269k	
H5	<b>Planning Policy</b>	<p>The over spend relates to the work required to deliver the Local Plan (additional works of the Woolfox site and increased legal costs). Next year, it is envisaged there will be a further £195k pressure as the Local Plan goes through the Inspection process.</p>
	Budget £582k	
	Forecast £635k	
H6	<b>Commissioned Transport</b>	<p>Commissioned Transport is demand led and the over spend is spread across three cost centres. Overall numbers of students have increased from 1204 to 1261. The requirements for minibus and taxi routes have increased from 46 to 55 and 3 more parents are receiving mileage due to complex foster care placements.</p> <p>Children Looked after Transport - an increase in complex cases, 8 new foster care placements out of county requiring 5 new emergency taxi contracts to be put in place so that statutory obligations are met.</p> <p>Home to School Transport - due to increases in student numbers and student locations requiring taxi transport.</p> <p>SEN transport due to the complex needs of students currently being catered for and an increase in students with EHCPs who are eligible for free transport.</p>
	Budget £1,601k	
	Forecast £1,781k	
H7	<b>Parking</b>	<p>Parking charges were amended at the start of the financial year to simplify tariffs and the 30 min tariff is now be free to support town centre shopping. There is a shortfall against budget as the changes appear to have changed peoples parking habits. This is continually being monitored and the position will be updated at Q3.</p>
	Budget (£326k)	
	Forecast (£290k)	

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H8	<b>Waste Management</b>	Refuse collection overspend is due to an indexation of 2.7% being charged for the service when initially the expectations were an indexation of 2.1%.
	Budget £2,307k	The Waste Management overspend is due to purchases of and repairs to plant and equipment. £20k
	Forecast £2,352k	The overspend is offset due to overachievement on green waste which will contribute more to the overheads to deliver the service. £21k.
H9	<b>Property Services</b>	The overspend in property services is due to agency costs required to cover vacant posts where recruitment has been unsuccessful and programmed capital works which did not progress as quickly as anticipated resulting in under capitalisation of salaries e.g. the removal of OEP Phase 2 from the capital programme.
	Budget £1,096k	
	Forecast £1,153k	
H10	<b>Legal &amp; Governance</b>	The forecast on this budget is volatile and costs associated with SEN tribunal claims are increasing.
	<b>Budget £460k</b>	
	<b>Forecast £526k</b>	