

SUMMARY HEADLINES

1. Overall Position and Movement			
Revised Budget	Forecast Outturn	Outturn Variance	Transfer from reserves
P4 £0m	£0m	£0m	£0.3m

2. Revenue Position by Division					3. Latest Financial Position																																																
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4. Risks and Opportunities
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Variations in pupil numbers in early years may confirm a projected underspend or it may reverse the position. Cost and demand pressures and opportunities within High Needs are beginning to materialise. Further academisation could erode de-delegated funding for the authority There are 17 schools that ended the year with a deficit balance. These deficits have accumulated over a long period of time and for some schools represent a significant proportion of their annual school budget. Officers have been meeting with those schools to develop a plan whilst ensuring they are able to meet statutory responsibilities and, there is recognition that any repayment of deficit would be over much longer timescales than the 3 or so years that might normally be expected of schools. Two of the schools who have recently become academies had combined deficits of £1.1m which the LA will have to address this financial year.

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