

a: Revenue Budget Monitor

	Revised Budget	Forecast	Outturn	Of which:	
		Outturn	Variance	COVID	Non COVID
P02	£233.2m	£245.3m	£12.2m overspend	£13.7m	£1.4m
			(Covid expenditure offset by £2.8m direct grant income)		

May	June	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb
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Position by Division:

	2021/22 - Full Year					Variance Analysis				
	Approved Budget	Revised Budget	Forecast Outturn	Outturn	Variance	COVID-19 Exp	COVID-19 Inc	Gross COVID Impact	Covid Service Grants/Inc	Non-COVID
	£000s			£000s	Context	£000s				
People										
Adult Social Care	151,448	151,448	157,874	6,426		7,691	0	7,691	(2,271)	1,006
Children and Families Services	65,115	65,115	69,514	4,399		4,914	0	4,914		(515)
Educational Improvement	11,998	11,928	12,831	903		0	0	0		903
Public Health - General Fund	4,753	4,753	5,239	486		1,055	0	1,055	(569)	(0)
Total People	233,315	233,244	245,457	12,213		13,660	0	13,660	(2,840)	1,393

Key Messages:

Adult Social Care

The Adult Social Care (ASC) forecast position at Period 2 is £1.0m (non- Covid-19) overspend however there is significant risk to this if mitigating actions can't be taken to reduce costs as run rate indicates potential pressures of £6.5m.

Adult Social Care budgets continue to experience significant pressure in 2021/22. The main variances relate to adults of working age budgets which are overspending in all areas of the service provision for this cohort i.e., residential (349 service users with average weekly cost of £1,520 per service user), nursing (average weekly cost of £1,121 per week each for 70 service users). However, the main significant overspend is due to continued increased service volumes for accommodation-based support (budget assumes 332 service users but 551 are currently being supported at an average cost per place of £827 per week). Furthermore, increased overspends relating to adults with working age are also on homecare service users (budget assumes 175 but 301 are being supported with an average cost of £299 per week per person), similarly outreach provision has an increase of 168 service users from 375 assumed in the budget to 543. Residential and nursing budgets for people over 65 years old are also at risk of £4.3m overspend. These forecast overspends are partly offset by underspends on employee costs and higher than expected levels of service user income.

Reflecting the need to continue to maximise hospital capacity for those being treated for coronavirus and to support the social care sector to help support and deliver this, Adult Social Care has received £2.271m from the government for Quarter 1 2021/22 in relation to Covid-19 grants to fund infection control and rapid

testing measures, particularly in relation to care homes. This has been deployed at pace to support care providers with the challenges they face.

The government has just announced an extra £250m grant to be allocated to all Adult Social Care local authorities for the extension of corona virus (Covid-19) protection (infection control and rapid testing) but exact amounts per local authority are still to be confirmed.

Children and Families

Children and Families division are forecasting £4.4m overspend (without Covid, -£0.5m after Covid) as can be seen in the table below.

Service Area	Service Area Name	Revised Budget P02	20/21 Outturn	21/22 Current Forecast P2	Shift outturn to P2 forecast	Current P2 Variance	Covid	Non covid
112	Joint Commissioning (Children)	4,701	4,482	4,694	211	-7		-7
113	Targeted Support	9,271	10,137	9,262	-875	-9		-9
153	Quality Assurance, BSCB	1,880	2,114	1,868	-246	-12		-12
154	Area Social Work (North)	2,439	2,454	2,461	7	22		22
155	Area Social Work (East/Central)	3,547	4,188	3,892	-296	345	300	45
156	Area Social Work (South)	2,656	3,144	2,754	-391	98	90	8
157	Children & Aftercare teams	7,749	7,610	7,618	8	-131	303	-434
158	Internal & External Placements	26,547	29,697	30,649	952	4,102	4,118	-16
159	Children & Family Support - Management	2,281	1,308	2,281	973			
15A	Safeguarding and Area Services	1,876	1,940	1,879	-61	3		3
15B	Specialist Services	2,169	1,637	2,156	519	-13	102	-115
15	Children and Families Services	65,115	68,711	69,514	803	4,399	4,914	-515

The major area of overspend is in Placement which is overspending by £4.1m whilst team/other service budgets are overspending by £0.3m. The Looked After Children numbers have risen by 6% between April 20 and May 21. The P2 forecast is showing the full year impact of those placements made during Covid-19. The placement budget has received an additional £3.7m (inflation £0.6m, legacy write off £1.7m & growth from reserve £1.4m). The overspend of £4.1m is explained by an historical overspend on placements carried forward from 2020/21 (£4.8m overspend in 2020/21 less increased budget of £3.7m) plus £2.4m of increased expenditure due to full year impact of placements made during 2020/21, annual inflationary increase on inhouse foster care of 2% and an additional net increase of 20 Independent fostering placements in May 2021. There was also a budget virement from placements of £0.5m to establish the in-house disabled service residential home. The key areas of overspend continue to be in Out of Authority placements +£1.8m, Residence orders +£1.3m, External Supported Accommodation £0.3m and Internal Children's homes +£0.1m. This is offset by inhouse fostering -£0.4m and parent & child -£0.1m. There is however continuing pressure within the parent and child budget which is likely to see an increase next month due to the volume of referrals and in the use of secure placements.

There is significant volatility within placements due to the impact of Covid-19 and lockdown. There are also pressures due to lack of supply of placements within the external market, although we continue to try to

develop this area. The in-house fostering and placement service are also running at capacity. The service is currently developing a financial recovery plan and the current forecast does not include any mitigations to offset spend. Part of this plan is to continue the development of the in-house fostering and residential provision. The current estimated Covid-19 expenditure pressure is £4.9m.

Educational and Skills

Education and Skills division are forecasting to overspend by £0.9m the main areas of overspend relate to Home to School Transport (HTST)

Pressure in HTST includes, travel costs - linked to increased number of children being transported and pressure in getting good drivers and escorts, Personal Travel Budgets and Parent Partnership SPSP. There is still issue with getting accurate and timely information from Mission. This may impact on future forecast for HTST.

There is also risk of overspend on staffing due to pressure in the SEN team as a result of increased workload necessitated by the need to complete significant amount of EHC plans.

Communities and Public Health

The Public Health England (PHE) grant award for Public Health (PH) ring-fenced grant for 2021/22 is £33,643m. PH also hold general fund budget and other partnership grants of £4.666m which supports domestic abuse and sexual violence, health watch, substance misuse, rough sleeping, drug and alcohol treatment, sports projects, Hengrove and Leisure Centres.

There is no adverse forecast relating to the Public Health ring-fenced budgets. The current forecast overspend on the PH general fund relates to the potential financial assistance for Leisure services contracts in the sum of £1,055k in 2021/22 as a result of Covid-19 pandemic. This will be mitigated by part funding by the National Leisure Recovery Funding (NLRF) - £494k grant and the remaining £487k would be covered by unallocated Covid-19 response funding carried forward from 2020/21.

In continuation of the Covid-19 support for the communities and public health in 2021/22, as at Period 2 Bristol City Council has received grant funding totalling the sum of £4.556m from government departments which include Test and Trace – Contain Outbreak Management Fund (COMF) £3.709m, Clinically Extremely Vulnerable (CEV) £279k, Practical Support for those self - isolating - £478k and Project Eagle Surge Testing - £89k. All outbreak management funding is committed up to end of March 2022 with COMF grant ring fenced against the plan to ensure the council had sufficient capacity to manage throughout the year. The delivery of the outbreak management plan is reliant on that budget and that posts across the council are in place.

Savings Delivery

21/22 People Directorate Savings Target (£'000s):

6,114

	This month			Last month		
	Total value of savings (£'000s)	Value at risk (£'000s)	Proportion at risk	Total value of savings (£'000s)	Value at risk (£'000s)	Proportion at risk
No - savings are at risk	5,890	5,890	100%			
Yes - savings are safe	224	0	0%			
SAVING CLOSED - CONFIRMED AS 'SECURED & DELIVERED'	0	0	n/a			
NO RAG PROVIDED	0	0	n/a			
Grand Total	6,114	5,890	96%			
n/a - represents one off savings or mitigations in previous year	-8,082	0	0%			
WRITTEN OFF	6,520	0	0%			
Grand Total	4,552	5,890	129%			

Top 5 largest savings at risk in year (ordered by size of saving at risk)		
ID	Name of Proposal	Value at Risk in 21/22 (£'000)
21_NS_01	Monitoring and grip debt recovery and DPs	£ 2,000
FP33_21_C	Commissioning Adult Purchasing Budget (subset of original Better Lives savings)	£ 2,000
FP33_21_B	Strengths Based Approach (subset of original Better Lives savings)	£ 1,350
21_New01	Tactical savings - mileage, supplies and services	£ 500
BE7-2b	18/19 Rollover - Organisational redesign including the council's senior management structures (Mitigation for Education Post)	£ 40

Mitigated savings from previous years' that remain 'due' for delivery this year (£m)		
Amount due from previous year(s):	£	3.39
Amount reported at risk:	£	3.39

Key Changes since last month

n/a

Key messages/Comments:

- The People Directorate target for 21/22 is £6.114m, made up of 6 individual savings. £3.39m of this is rollovers from 20/21.
- Adult Social Care savings account for 4 of the top 5 largest savings at risk for 21/22. These savings were RAG rated prior to P2 financial reports being available to review.
- Delivery plans relating to 21_NS_01, FP33_21_C, FP33_21_B are prepared for discussion at People Transformation Board this month. For the adult purchasing budget and Strengths Based Approach early indications are that savings are not materialising as quickly as anticipated, with a more refined view expected from P3.

b) Risks and Opportunities

Division	Risk or Opportunity	Description of Impact £	Risk / Opportunity £	Likelihood (%age)	Net / (opportunity) £
Adult Social Care	Risk	Further wave of covid-19 infections resulting in additional care costs (e.g. hospital discharges, impact on cost of care and provider sustainability, above initial emergency planning assumptions and no certainty regarding levels infection control or other government grant assistance.	4,000,000	50%	2,000,000
Adult Social Care	Risk	Impact of pandemic on ability to deliver transformational change and savings plans	5,350,000	50%	2,675,000
Children's and Families	Risk	Covid-related expenditure pressure amounts to £4.9m. There is possibility the claims will not be realised.	4,900,000	50%	2,450,000
Education	Risk	Home to School transport (HTST): Due to data quality issues, there is possibility that forecast in the monitor may be understated.	176,000	75%	132,000
DSG	Risk	Impact of future panel meetings not yet reflected in the monitor.	2,500,000	80%	2,000,000

c: Capital

Approved Budget £35.1m	Revised Budget £35.1m	Expenditure to Date £1.9m 6% of Budget	Forecast Outturn £31m 88% of budget	Outturn Variance (£4.1m)
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Ref	Scheme	Budget	Expenditure to Date	Forecast	Variance	Expenditure to date	Forecast
						£000s	%
People							
CRF1	Covid Recovery Fund – Community Improvements – Pending Business Case Devel	2,500	0	250	(2,250)	0%	10%
CRF2	Covid Recovery Fund – Youth Zones Investment – Pending Business Case Develop	750	0	750	0	0%	100%
PE01	School Organisation/ Children’s Services Capital Programme	14,293	1,677	14,371	77	12%	101%
PE02	Schools Organisation/SEN Investment Programme	9,726	3	9,726	0	0%	100%
PE03	Schools Devolved Capital Programme	2,000	0	2,000	0	0%	100%
PE05	Children & Families - Aids and Adaptations	120	0	120	0	0%	100%
PE06	Children Social Care Services	1,440	1	1,440	0	0%	100%
PE06B	Adult Social Care – Better Lives at Home Programme	4,257	312	2,310	(1,947)	7%	54%
PE10	Sports Capital Investment	0	(53)	0	0		
Total People		35,085	1,940	30,966	(4,119)	6%	88%

The People capital programme is currently reporting a £4.1m underspend at P2. Whilst the majority of the People capital programme relates to schools (which is forecast to overspend by a small amount) the main variances relate to the Covid Recovery Fund (£2.3m underspend) which is currently pending the completion and sign off of the business case. The other variance relates to the Better Lives at Home Programme which is currently reporting a forecast underspend of £2.3m where work is ongoing with our strategic partners Arcaidis, on optimising the use of this capital funding.