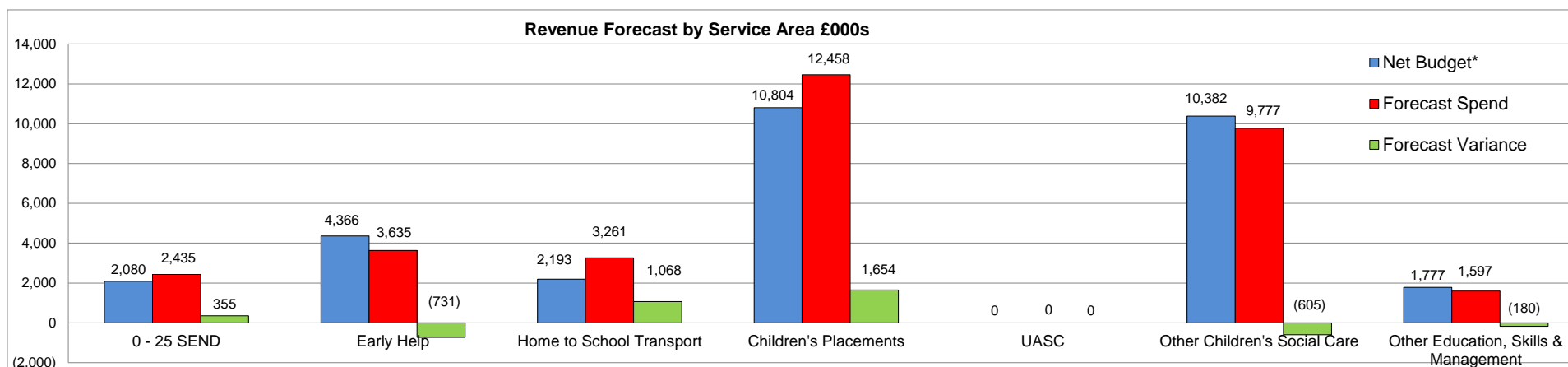


**Children, Education and Skills Portfolio 2018/19 Position
Period 4 (July 2018)**

1. Revenue Position



2. Explanations for Key Revenue Variances

* Note: The 2018/19 net budget includes £1.277m additional one-off budget strategy funding

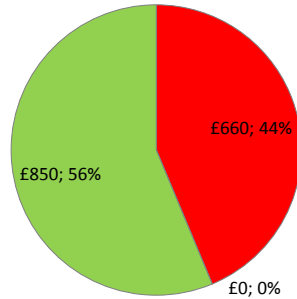
Service Area	Net Budget* £000s	Forecast Spend £000s	Forecast Variance £000s	Commentary on material variances
0 - 25 SEND	2,080	2,435	355	Adverse variance forecast, particularly due to case load pressures on the Disability Team.
Early Help	4,366	3,635	(731)	Forecast positive variance delivered intentionally pending management of change. Includes £100k underspend on funding set aside for edge of care, which is supporting the £100k adverse variance on section 17 within other Children's Social Care below.
Home to School Transport	2,193	3,261	1,068	Forecast adverse variance includes assumption that route rationalisation at the start of the new academic year in September 2018 will result in £200k of cost reductions in the financial year. The latest in tender methodology is being used.
Children's Placements	10,804	12,458	1,654	Gross adverse variance of £1.831m offset by £177k one-off funding for prior year from Health for one client. Forecast includes SEND placements. LAC numbers remain high, with the Local LAC cohort at 357 at 31/07/2018 compared to 326 at 31/07/2017, an increase of 9.5%. Similar trends are being seen nationally. The forecast includes various assumptions on potentially volatile numbers, children's need levels and costs.
UASC	0	0	0	Forecast gross adverse variance of £850k. This is offset by one-off UASC Capacity Grant (£303,000), the remaining UASC reserve (£130,000) and we will be seeking to negotiate with the Home Office for additional grant (£417,000) to cover the remaining UASC pressure. The forecast includes various assumptions on potentially volatile numbers, children's need levels and costs.
Other Children's Social Care	10,382	9,777	(605)	£100k adverse variance on section 17 (children in need) which is to be funded from £100k set aside in Early Help for edge of care support, as set out above. Positive variances primarily relate to the remaining funding from the £1.277m budget strategy reserve allocation, which was made to underwrite and will be reallocated to fund pressures from increasing demand.
Other Education, Skills & Management	1,777	1,597	(180)	Adverse variance of £100k on Skills due to income shortfall offset by positive variance on salaries (£280k), primarily due to HOS vacancy in Learning & Skills Management (£97k) and (£130k) Early Retirement.
Windfall Funding - Placements	0	(1,000)	(1,000)	All required in year to offset demand pressures.
Windfall Funding - School Transport	0	(400)	(400)	All required in year to offset demand pressures.
Total	31,602	31,763	161	

3. Three Year Savings Targets £000s

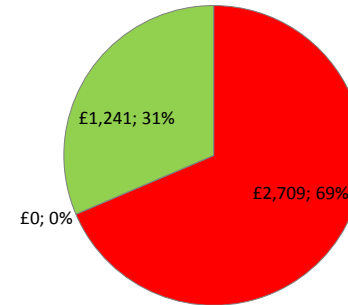
Year 1 = Current Financial Year

Description of Target	Year 1 £000s	Year 2 £000s	Year 3 £000s	3-Year Total £000
0 - 25 SEND	100	150	0	250
Early Help	150	927	0	1,077
Home to School Transport	150	0	0	150
Children's Social Care	610	1,039	0	1,649
Other Education, Skills & Management	500	252	0	752
Cross-cutting	0	72	0	72
Total	1,510	2,440	0	3,950
Red	660	2,049	0	2,709
Amber	0	0	0	0
Green	850	391	0	1,241
Total	1,510	2,440	0	3,950

**2018/19
Revenue Savings Targets
RAG Rating
(£000; % RAG)**

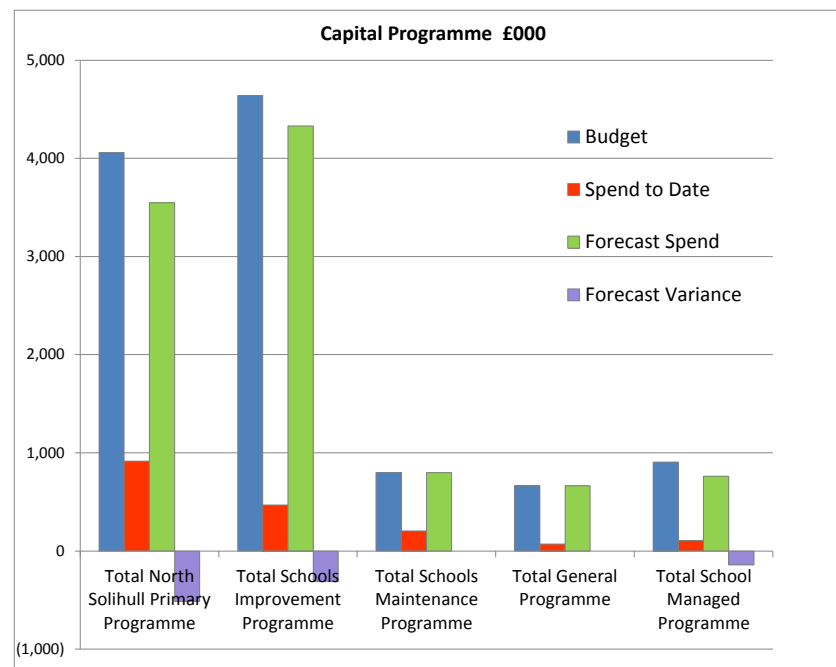


**2018/19 to 2020/21
(3-Year)
Revenue Savings Targets
RAG Rating
(£000; % RAG)**



4. Capital Position

Schemes	Budget £000s	Spend to Date £000s	Forecast Spend £000s	Forecast Variance £000s	Comments
Total North Solihull Primary Programme	4,059	917	3,546	(513)	The new build scheme at Yorkswood is now on site and a reserve is held to deliver the final 105 places required to complete the commitment to 4200 new places within the Regeneration area.
Total Schools Improvement Programme	4,641	468	4,331	(310)	Works in respect of provision for additional places are on-going at Tudor Grange, Sharmans Cross and Shirley Heath, while planning is underway for Alderbrook Academy. The extension of the nursery at Yew Tree and the refurbishment of the Early Years phase at Reynolds Cross are both also on site.
Total Schools Maintenance Programme	797	206	797	0	Works predominantly to address kitchen and ventilation issues on-going.
Total General Programme	663	71	663	0	On-going schemes with some rephasing identified for IT Systems Development projects, to be re-determined based on latest plans for Early Help and SEND.
Total School Managed Programme	904	105	762	(142)	On-going school managed schemes.
Total	11,064	1,767	10,099	(965)	



5. Reserves & Contingencies

Reserve / Contingency	Opening Balance 2018/19	Use / (Addition to) Reserve Year to Date	Current Balance	Forecast Further Use / (Addition to) in 2018/19	Forecast Closing Balance 2018/19	Forecast Further Use / (Addition to) 2019/20	Forecast Further Use / (Addition to) 2020/21	Forecast Further Use / (Addition to) 2021/22	Forecast Closing Balance 2021/22
	£000s	£000s	£000s	£000s	£000s	£000s	£000s	£000s	£000s
Reserves	(302)	0	(302)	200	(102)	66	16	21	2
Total	(302)	0	(302)	200	(102)	66	16	21	2