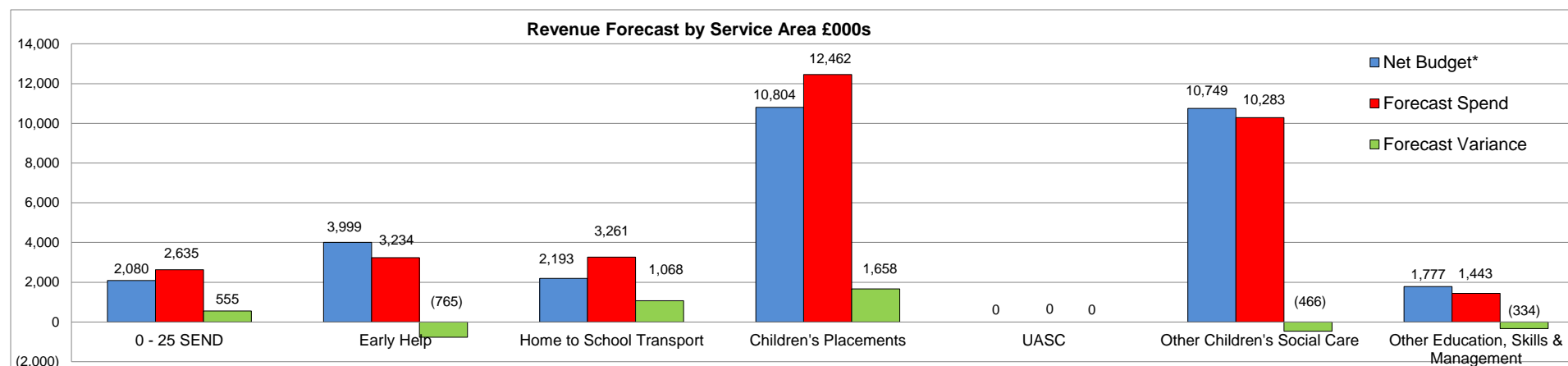


**Children, Education and Skills Portfolio 2018/19 Position  
Period 6 (September 2018)**

**1. Revenue Position**



**2. Explanations for Key Revenue Variances**

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

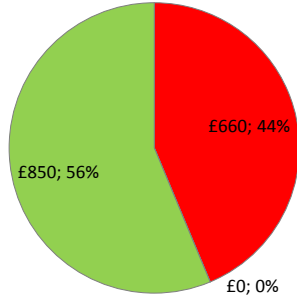
Service Area	Net Budget* £000s	Forecast Spend £000s	Forecast Variance £000s	Commentary on material variances
0 - 25 SEND	2,080	2,635	555	Adverse variance forecast. Pressures in Disability Team Staffing, Short Breaks, Clients Expenses (e.g. Personal Assistance and Sessional Support) and Direct Payments.
Early Help	3,999	3,234	(765)	Forecast positive variance delivered intentionally pending management of change. Includes £100,000 underspend on funding set aside for edge of care, which is supporting £100,000 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. The latest in tender methodology is being used. An update will be made in the next forecast iteration, as the September 2018 new academic year route and pupil changes have recently been finalised.
Children's Placements	10,804	12,462	1,658	Forecast adverse variance. Gross adverse variance of £1.835 million offset by £177,000 one-off funding for prior year from Health for one client. Forecast includes SEND placements. LAC numbers remain high but have been relatively stable over the last month, with the Local LAC cohort at 353 at 30/09/2018 compared to 323 at 30/09/2017, an increase of 9.3%. Similar high number trends are being seen nationally.
UASC	0	0	0	Forecast gross adverse variance is £889,000 which falls to £456,000 in year after use of the remaining £130,000 reserves and £303,000 one-off Home Office UASC Capacity Building Grant. UASC funding is complicated and for this year and beyond current funding levels will be insufficient to cover costs. The Council will need to negotiate additional grant funding from the Home Office for the 2018/19 £456,000 forecast shortfall.
Other Children's Social Care	10,749	10,283	(466)	Key pressures of £84,000 on Youth Offending Remand Costs, as remand activity has been unusually high in 2018/19 with 3 cases needing to be funded and of £97,000 on Children in Need (S17). These are offset primarily by the remainder of the additional one-off budget strategy funding*, which is being held in support of other pressures in the portfolio.
Other Education, Skills & Management	1,777	1,443	(334)	Forecast positive variance primarily due reduced requirement on Early Retirement of (£130,000) and other various staffing vacancies.
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.
<b>Total</b>	<b>31,602</b>	<b>31,918</b>	<b>316</b>	

**3. Three Year Savings Targets £000s**

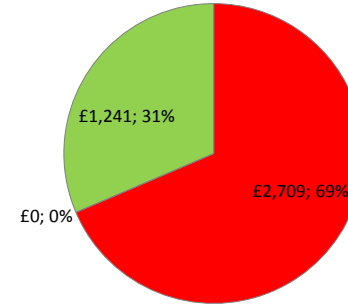
Year 1 = Current Financial Year

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
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,510</b>	<b>2,440</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>3,950</b>
Red	660	2,049	0	2,709
Amber	0	0	0	0
Green	850	391	0	1,241
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,510</b>	<b>2,440</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>3,950</b>

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

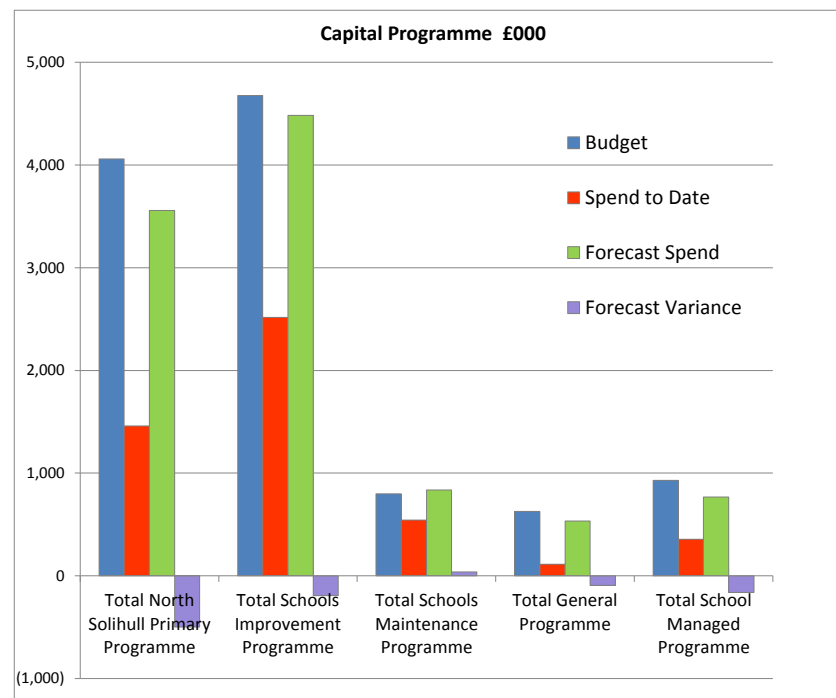


**2018/19 to 2020/21  
(3-Year)  
Revenue Savings Targets  
RAG Rating  
(£000; % RAG)**



#### 4. Capital Position

Schemes	Budget £000s	Spend to Date £000s	Forecast Spend £000s	Forecast Variance £000s	Comments
Total North Solihull Primary Programme	4,059	1,458	3,559	(500)	The new build scheme at Yorkswood is progressing well and a reserve is still held to deliver the final 105 places required to complete the commitment to 4200 new places within the Regeneration area.
Total Schools Improvement Programme	4,678	2,517	4,483	(195)	Works in respect of provision for additional places are now complete at Sharmans Cross and Shirley Heath and are on-going at Tudor Grange. 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 all complete.
Total Schools Maintenance Programme	797	542	834	37	Works predominantly to address kitchen and ventilation issues were largely completed during the summer.
Total General Programme	626	111	533	(93)	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	930	355	767	(163)	On-going school managed schemes.
<b>Total</b>	<b>11,090</b>	<b>4,983</b>	<b>10,176</b>	<b>(914)</b>	



#### 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	(303)	0	(303)	200	(103)	66	16	20	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>(303)</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>(303)</b>	<b>200</b>	<b>(103)</b>	<b>66</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>0</b>