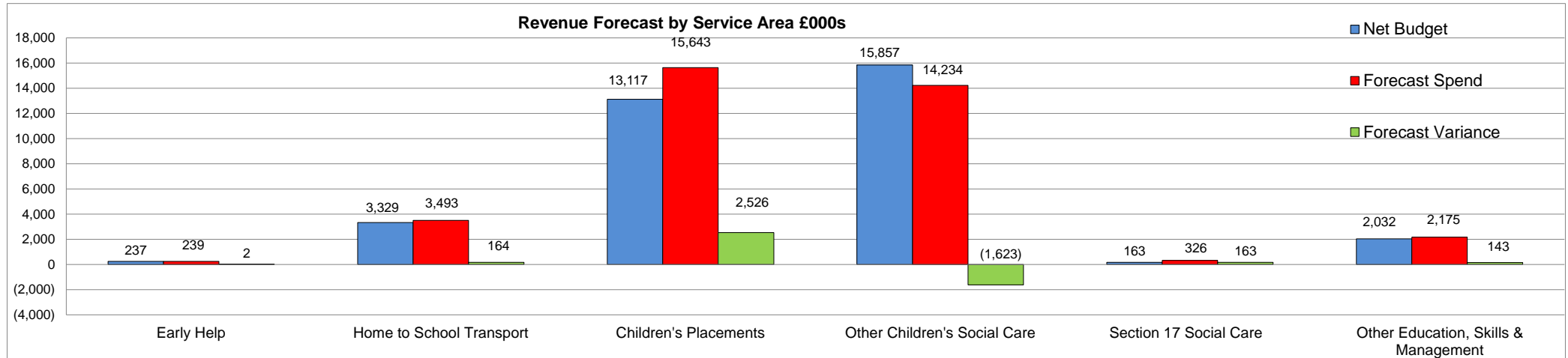


**Children, Education and Skills Portfolio 2020/21 Position
Period 06 (September 2020)**

1. Revenue Position



2. Explanations for Key Revenue Variances

Service Area	Net Budget £000s	Forecast Spend £000s	Forecast Variance £000s	Commentary on material variances
0 - 25 SEND	2,534	2,640	106	
Section 17 CDT	493	1,295	802	Section 17 CDT remains a red risk and is the subject of a focused piece of work. Provision of £450k available to offset held in Other Children's Social Care.
Early Help	237	239	2	
Home to School Transport	3,329	3,493	164	September onwards remains uncertain and costs depend on Government guidance. However, there has been some DFE grant received to offset some of the impact of Covid arrangements. Provision of up to £500k included in the Other Children's Social Care budget from the new Social Care Grant to offset any overspend in year.
Children's Placements	13,117	15,643	2,526	CIC numbers continue to rise from 390 (local) in March 2020 to 428 (local) in September 2020. There are also Covid costs being incurred. An initial estimate of £325k is included so far for placements and £49k for personal allowances. Individual cases continue to be assessed for any
Other Children's Social Care	15,857	14,234	(1,623)	This underspend reflects MTFS and grant funding held to offset pressures elsewhere within the Portfolio.
Section 17 Social Care	163	326	163	Provision of £100k for new FSS S17 available to offset overspend pressure.
Other Education, Skills & Management	2,032	2,175	143	Staffing and other savings but offset by £458k from lower income in the Music Service for which a Covid BID has been made.
Subtotal	37,761	40,045	2,284	
Covid-19 Agreed Funding	0	(1,147)	(1,147)	Subject to final review and allocations from the Covid-19 fund.
Funding from Children's Reserve	0	(1,137)	(1,137)	Drawdown from the Children's Reserve of £2.045m.
Total	37,761	37,761	(0)	

3. Three Year Savings Targets £000s

None for Children's Services

4. Capital Position

Schemes	Budget	Spend to Date	Forecast Spend	Forecast Variance	Comments
	£000s	£000s	£000s	£000s	
Total North Solihull Primary Programme	1,482	968	1,557	75	Yorkswood is now complete although the final account is a matter of ongoing dispute. A fuller report will be available for the end of the calendar year, ahead of the bi-annual Capital update to the Cabinet Member. Works to Kingshurst Primary School are progressing well and remain on programme to complete for the beginning of the Spring Term 2021.
Total Schools Improvement Programme	2,757	20	1,382	(1,375)	Olton is now on site while Valley and Cheswick Green have all been the subject of some delay due to the pandemic. However, activity has resumed around these projects, although the cash flow within the programme will need adjusting between years. Engagement around design work has also resumed at Alderbrook Academy.
Total Schools Improvement Programme - HNB	1,849	657	1,149	(700)	Project design, planning and procurement works to support the SEN schemes highlighted is continuing. Summerfield have now been decanted into the Auckland building which will facilitate providing vacant possession of the Free School site.
Total Schools Maintenance Programme	909	132	909	0	This sub programme continues to address our stock condition priorities. Further to approval by the Cabinet Member to the new budget arrangements on the 9 July 2020 the majority of works are in progress.
Total General Programme	547	89	447	(100)	Ongoing schemes including ICT Refresh and DDA Compliance.
Total School Managed Programme	817	452	609	(208)	On-going school managed schemes.
Total	8,361	2,318	6,053	(2,308)	

