

Children, Education and Skills

The tables below summarise the main responsibilities of this portfolio together with details of the revenue budgets and reserve balances for 2021/22.

Main responsibilities

Children's and Family Services

This covers a variety of services relating to the safeguarding, wellbeing and protection of children and young people and their families. Key aspects include the:

- Delivery of statutory functions under the Children and Families Act.
- Family Support Services.
- Commissioning, including jointly with partners of universal, targeted and specialist services including the integration of services.
- Provision of fostering, adoption and other services for children and young people both in the care system and for Care Leavers.
- Provision of services for children who are in need of support but are not in care.

Education and Skills Services

- Supporting education and learning and skills initiatives.
- 0 to 25 Special Educational Needs Services.
- The delivery of statutory education functions and work with schools - which includes promoting high standards of education and ensuring appropriate choice, diversity and fair access in the local education system.

Revenue	Budget 2021/22
Objective analysis - division of service:	£000
Children's and Family Services	27,567
Education Services	8,983
Total Core Authority Functions	36,550
Schools and Related Services funded by Dedicated Schools Grant (DSG) of £106m excluding academies	0
Net budget 2021/22 (provisional)	36,550
Indicative net budget 2022/23	37,909
Indicative net budget 2023/24	38,943

	Forecast balance 1/4/2021 £000	Forecast use/ (contribution) 2021/22 £000	Forecast balance 31/3/2022 £000	Forecast balance 31/3/2024 £000
Reserves (excluding DSG) *	(90)	0	(90)	0

* The portfolio's reserves position above excludes the contingency for Children's Services, which has a forecast balance as at 1 April 2021 of £0.908m and is forecast to be fully utilised by 31 March 2024.