

**Report of Head of Scrutiny and Member Development**

**Report to Scrutiny Board (Children and Families)**

**Date: 24<sup>th</sup> July 2014**

**Subject: Financial Health Monitoring Children's Services- Budget Update**

Are specific electoral Wards affected? If relevant, name(s) of Ward(s):	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
Are there implications for equality and diversity and cohesion and integration?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
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Does the report contain confidential or exempt information? If relevant, Access to Information Procedure Rule number: Appendix number:	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No

**Summary of main issues**

1. The Scrutiny Board (Children and Families) resolved to consider the budget of Children's Services at appropriate intervals. This is reflected in the work programme of the Scrutiny Board 2014/15. The purpose of this report is to provide Board Members with information with regard to the financial health of Children's Services to date for the financial year 2014/15 (appendix A).
2. Also attached for the information of the Scrutiny Board is an outturn summary for the financial year 2013/14 which provides information relating to the budget provision and actual spend. (appendix B)
3. The directorate's Head of Finance have been invited to present the attached information and address any further questions from the Board.

**Recommendations**

4. Members are asked to:
  - (a) note financial report for Children's for the financial year 2014/15.
  - (b) note the outturn summary for the financial year 2013/14.
  - (c) make recommendations as deemed appropriate.

## **Background documents**

5. None<sup>1</sup>

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<sup>1</sup> The background documents listed in this section are available to download from the Council's website, unless they contain confidential or exempt information. The list of background documents does not include published works.