

**Report of Head of Governance and Scrutiny Support**

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

**Date: 15 June 2017**

**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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**Summary of main issues**

1. The Scrutiny Board (Children's Services) resolved to consider the budget of Children's Services at appropriate intervals, utilising the first report of the municipal year to aid the setting of the annual scrutiny work programme. The purpose of this report is to provide Board Members with information with regard to the financial health of Children's Services.
2. As this is the first opportunity for the Scrutiny Board to reflect on the budget since December 2016 the Board will be provided with the outturn summary for the financial year 2016/17 which provides information relating to the budget provision and actual spend. The financial update for the current financial year 2017/18 will also be provided. As both sets of information will not be available until the 13 June 2017 they will be circulated to the Scrutiny Board as supplementary information in advance of the meeting.
3. A representative from the directorate's financial management support has been invited to present the budget reports and address any further questions from the Board.

## **Recommendations**

4. Members are asked to:

- (a) note financial report for Children's Services for the financial year 2017/18 and the outturn summary for the financial year 2016/17.
- (b) make recommendations as deemed appropriate.
- (c) to identify areas of concern which may require further Scrutiny focus during 2017/18

**Background documents** - 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.