

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

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

**Date: 13<sup>th</sup> December 2012**

**Subject: Financial Health Monitoring Children's Services- Initial Budget Proposals for 2013/14, Budget Update Month 7 and School Funding Reforms 2013/14**

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
Is the decision eligible for Call-In?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
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 purpose of this report is to inform Members of the financial health of Children's Services after seven months of the financial year 2012/13 (appendix A) and to also present the initial 2013/14 budget proposals relevant to the Scrutiny Board's portfolio (appendix B).
2. The Scrutiny Board (Resources and Council Services) will be taking the Executive's Initial Budget proposals (complete report) on the 17<sup>th</sup> of December. This Board will raise any specific questions or statements on behalf of the Scrutiny Board (Children and Families) with regard to budget proposals for that Directorate.
3. Any conclusions/observations and recommendations that are made by Scrutiny Board (Resources and Council Services) will be fed back to Executive Board prior to full Council which will incorporate the views of each of the Scrutiny Boards within a composite statement, as in previous years.
4. Also attached for the information of the Scrutiny Board is the report due to be presented to the Executive Board on the 12<sup>th</sup> of December which details reformed arrangements for School Funding for 2013/14 (appendix C)
5. The Director of Children's Services and the directorate's Head of Finance have been invited to today's meeting to present the attached information and address any further questions from the Board.

## **Recommendations**

6. Members are asked to:

- (a) note the projected financial position of Children's Services after seven months of the financial year 2012/13.
- (b) consider the initial 2013/14 budget proposals relevant to the Scrutiny Board's portfolio.
- (c) note the reformed school funding arrangement for 2013/14

## **Background documents**

7. 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.