

4.1.3 Supplies and Services **£445,000** **Overspend**

The main area of overspend relates to contract catering payments, it is anticipated that this area will be overspent by £223,000. The reason for this overspend is currently under investigation. An additional area of anticipated overspend is in relation to expenditure on computer equipment. These overspends will be partially offset by underspends in other expenditure items within supplies and services resulting in the anticipated overspend shown above.

4.1.4 Transport Costs **£81,000** **Overspend**

It is anticipated the transport costs will be overspent at the year-end. This anticipated overspend relates to the area of staff travel. However, it is anticipated that the transport arrangements in place for service users will change to reflect the new day opportunities programme.

4.1.5 Administration Costs **£102,000** **Underspend**

An underspend of £102,000 is projected in this area at the year-end. This budget has been enhanced from the prior year surpluses to absorb prior year overspends.

4.1.6 Payments to Other Bodies **£68,000** **Overspend**

At the present moment in time, there are significant pressures on fostering and adoption budgets. These are the result of increased numbers of children requiring to be taken into care because of their vulnerability in the community, in many instances as a result of addiction problems within the family. Work is ongoing at present to establish whether the increase is short term, or whether the current level of need is likely to be long term. If placements are to continue at the current level, the budget would be overspent by £800,000 at the year end.

A similar increase in placements exists at present in residential schools, particularly in secure placements. These result from decisions made by the courts and childrens' panels. If the current level of placements were to continue to the year end, the budget would be overspent by £400,000. Once again, work is ongoing to ascertain whether the current level of placements reflects a long-term position.

4.1.7 Other Costs **£25,000** **Underspend**

This anticipated underspend is a result of strong budgetary control of this expenditure area. It reflects the prior year underspend.

4.1.8 Income **£350,000** **Over-recovered**

Income is anticipated to be over-recovered at the year-end. The anticipated over-recovery will be within the area of Residential Care and Resource Transfer.

5. Financial Concurrence

The Director of Finance concurs with the financial information contained in this report and has been fully involved in its preparation.

6. Recommendations

It is recommended that the contents of this report be approved.



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9 August 2005

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FINANCIAL MONITORING REPORT

1 April 2005 to 24 June 2005 (Period 4)

COMMITTEE: SOCIAL WORK

DIVISION :

TOTAL SOCIAL WORK SUMMARY

LINE NO. (1)	DESCRIPTION (2)	BUDGET TO DATE (3)	ACTUAL TO DATE (4)	YEAR TO DATE VARIANCES (5)	% (6)
		£	£	£	
1.	EMPLOYEE COSTS	20,755,996	20,662,145	93,851 Underspend	0%
2.	PROPERTY COSTS	880,766	859,388	21,378 Underspend	2%
3.	SUPPLIES AND SERVICES	1,902,598	1,985,293	(82,696) Overspend	-4%
4.	TRANSPORT & PLANT	1,282,544	1,361,798	(79,254) Overspend	-6%
5.	ADMINISTRATION COSTS	590,196	599,824	(9,628) Overspend	-2%
6.	PAYMENTS TO OTHER BODIES	18,447,555	17,958,977	488,578 Underspend	3%
7.	OTHER COSTS	138,281	115,314	22,967 Underspend	17%
8.	APPORTIONED EXPENSES	0	0	- On Target	
9.	CAPITAL FINANCING CHARGES	0	0	- On Target	
10.	TOTAL EXPENDITURE	43,997,936	43,542,739	455,196 Underspend	1%
11.	INCOME	15,797,103	15,319,807	(477,296) Under-recover	-3%
12.	NET EXPENDITURE	28,200,832	28,222,932	(22,100) Overspend	-0%

ANNUAL BUDGET (7)	PROJECTED OUTTURN (8)	PROJECTED OUTTURN VARIANCE (9)	% (10)
£	£	£	
70,762,194	70,506,194	256,000 Underspend	0%
5,043,990	5,182,990	(139,000) Overspend	-3%
8,188,724	8,633,724	(445,000) Overspend	-5%
4,719,594	4,800,594	(81,000) Overspend	-2%
2,628,957	2,526,957	102,000 Underspend	4%
72,039,368	72,107,368	(68,000) Overspend	-0%
1,099,371	1,074,371	25,000 Underspend	2%
3,054,225	3,054,225	0 On Target	0%
1,238,917	1,238,917	0 On Target	0%
168,775,340	169,125,340	(350,000) Overspend	-0%
57,743,465	58,093,465	350,000 Over-recovery	1%
111,031,875	111,031,875	0 Underspend	0%