

Service	People and Communities (P&C)
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KEY INDICATORS

Previous Status	Category	Target	Current Status	Section Ref.
Red	Revenue position by Directorate	Balanced year end position	Red	1.2
Green	Capital Programme	Remain within overall resources	Green	2

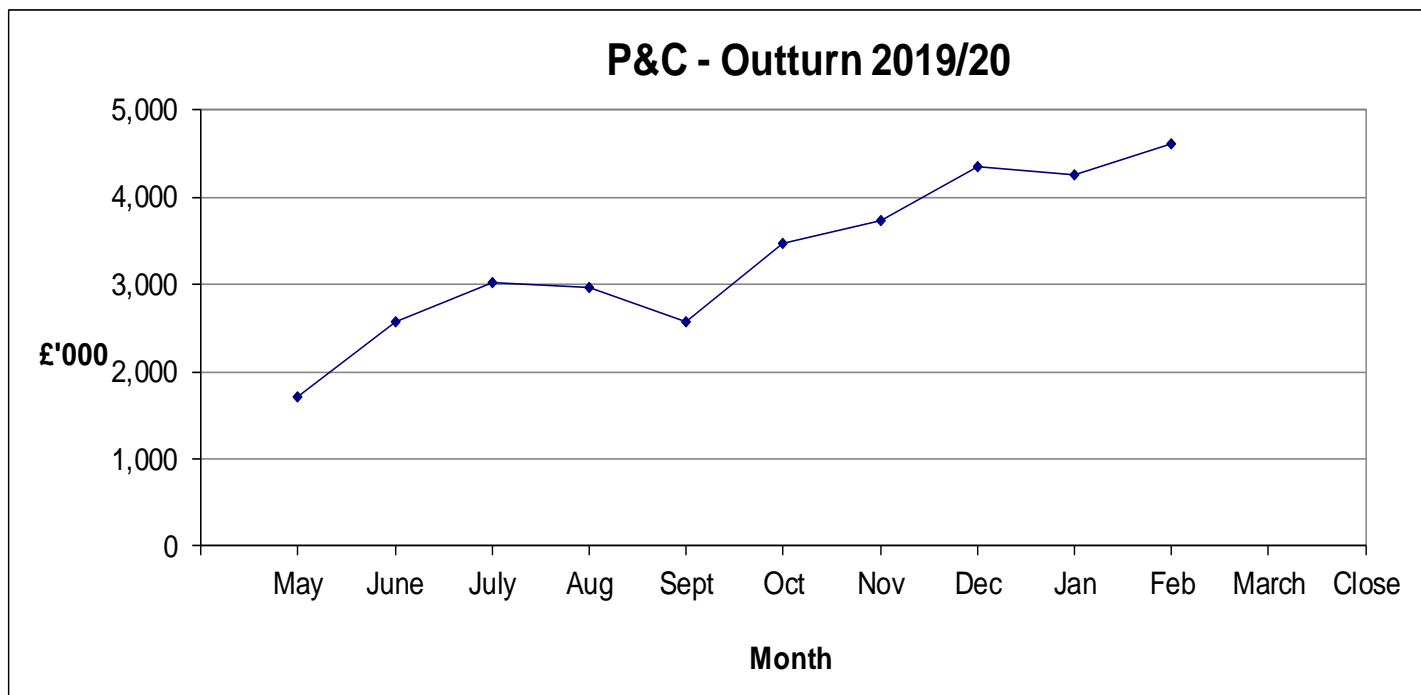
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Appx 4	Savings Tracker	Each quarter, the Council's savings tracker is produced to give an update of the position of savings agreed in the business plan.	
Appx 5	Technical Appendix	Twice yearly, this will contain technical financial information for P&C showing: Grant income received Budget virements into or out of P&C Service reserves	

1. Revenue Executive Summary

1.1 Overall Position

People and Communities is forecasting an overspend of £4,618k at the end of February, an increase of £371k since January.



1.2 Summary of Revenue position by Directorate

Forecast Variance Outturn (Previous) £000	Directorate	Budget 2019/20 £000	Actual £000	Outturn Variance £000	Outturn Variance %
2,218	Adults & Safeguarding	148,297	165,865	2,780	1.9%
1,005	Commissioning	42,084	12,234	984	2.3%
-60	Communities & Safety	13,155	10,601	-169	-1.3%
624	Children & Safeguarding	60,857	55,541	274	0.5%
10,960	Education	94,224	76,870	12,248	13.0%
0	Executive Director	873	564	-0	0.0%
14,747	Total Expenditure	359,490	321,675	16,118	4.5%
-10,500	Grant Funding	-96,068	-95,226	-11,500	12.0%
4,247	Total	263,422	226,450	4,618	1.8%

1.3 Summary by Committee

P&C's services are overseen by different committees – these tables provide committee-level summaries of services' revenue financial positions.

1.3.1 Adults Committee

Forecast Variance Outturn (Previous) £000	Directorate	Budget 2019/20 £000	Actual Feb 2020 £000	Forecast Outturn Variance £000
7,257	Adults & Safeguarding	148,297	165,865	7,417
433	Adults Commissioning (including Local Assistance Scheme)	16,114	-10,648	348
7,690	Total Expenditure	164,411	155,217	7,766
0	Grant Funding (including Improved Better Care Fund, Winter Pressures Grant etc.)	-15,169	-13,921	0
-5,039	Expected deployment of grant and other funding to meet pressures			-4,637
2,651	Total	149,241	141,296	3,129

1.3.2 Children and Young People Committee

Forecast Variance Outturn (Previous) £000	Directorate	Budget 2019/20 £000	Actual Feb 2020 £000	Forecast Outturn Variance £000
527	Children's Commissioning	25,958	22,281	556
2	Communities & Safety - Youth Offending Service	2,162	1,565	1
-0	Communities & Safety - Central Integrated Youth Support Services	1,399	838	-0
624	Children & Safeguarding	60,857	55,541	274
10,960	Education	94,224	76,872	12,248
0	Executive Director (Exec D and Central Financing)	873	564	-0
12,114	Total Expenditure	185,473	157,661	13,079
-10,500	Grant Funding (including Dedicated Schools Grant etc.)	-78,261	-78,697	-11,500
1,614	Total	107,213	78,964	1,579

1.3.3 Community and Partnerships Committee

Forecast Variance Outturn (Previous) 4£000	Directorate	Budget 2019/20 £000	Actual Feb 2020 £000	Forecast Outturn Variance £000
16	Strategic Management - Communities & Safety	15	143	18
-22	Safer Communities Partnership	836	956	-36
9	Strengthening Communities	495	502	-18
15	Adult Learning and Skills	2,583	1,873	0
-0	Trading Standards	694	617	-0
-81	Cultural & Community Services	4,971	4,108	-134
-62	Total Expenditure	9,594	8,199	-170
0	Grant Funding (including Dedicated Schools Grant etc.)	-2,638	-2,608	0
-62	Total	6,956	5,592	-170

1.4 Significant Issues

Within People and Communities, the major savings agenda continues with £75m of savings required across the Council between 2019 and 2024. P&C budgets are facing increasing pressures from rising demand and changes in legislation, with the directorate's budget increasing by around 3% in 2019/20.

At the end of February 2020, the overall P&C position is an overspend of £4,618k around 1.8% of budget. This is an increase of around £371k from January.

The projected overspend is concentrated in adult social care, children in care and education – these key areas are summarized below. Appendix 1 provides the detailed financial information by service, and appendix 2 provides a narrative from those services projecting a significant variance against budget.

1.4.1 Adults

Similar to councils nationally, cost pressures are faced by adult social care. At the end of February, Adults services are forecast to overspend by £3,129k, around 1.9% of budget. Within that, budgets relating to care provision are forecasting a £7.3m overspend, mitigated by around £4.6m of additional funding.

There remains a risk of volatility in care cost projections due to the large volume of care being purchased each month, the continuing focus on reduced delayed discharges from the NHS, ongoing negotiations with providers around the rates paid for care, and the continuing implementation of Mosaic (the new social care recording and payments system).

Older People's and Physical Disability Services are forecasting an overspend of £6.5m, slightly improved from December. The cause of the overspend is predominantly the higher than expected costs of residential and nursing care compared to when budgets were set, in part due to the ongoing focus on discharging people from hospital as quickly as is appropriate. A detailed explanation of the pressures due to prior-year activity was provided to Adults Committee and GPC in the first reports of the financial year, and much of the further in-year pressure is due to the trends in price increases continuing. Trends suggesting an increase in demand over the Winter period were reported in December and continue to be factored into projections and appear accurate, reflecting similar experiences in the NHS and in other councils.

The Learning Disability Partnership is forecast to overspend by £763k, unchanged from January, with the NHS paying a further £228k as part of the pooled budget. This is a relatively static cohort of service users whose needs have been increasing year-on-year in line with experiences nationally. Based on changes over the first half of the year, we expect these increases to exceed the level built into budgets. In particular, the cost of young people transitioning into adults is high, linked to rising cost of services for children with complex needs. Savings delivery within the LDP remains on track to overachieve, which provides some mitigation.

Strategic Management – Adults contains grant and financing mitigations that are partially offsetting care pressures, as well as higher than expected slippage on staffing budgets. Government has continued to recognise pressures on the social care system through the Adult Social Care Precept and a number of ringfenced grants. As well as using these grants to make investments into social care to bolster the social care market, reduce demand on health and social care services and mitigate delayed transfers of care, we are able to hold a portion as a contingency against in-year care pressures.

Adults Commissioning is projected to overspend by £348k, mainly as a result of increased demand on some centrally commissioned preventative and lower-level services, block domiciliary care capacity, with some further mitigations identified in February. In addition, delayed delivery of savings around Housing Related Support is contributing to the overspend.

1.4.2 Children's

Strategic Management – Children & Safeguarding is forecasting an underspend of £300k. This is as a result of more posts being vacant and recruitment to vacancies taking longer than anticipated. across District teams and Child and Family Centres.

Children in Care is anticipating a pressure of c£159k. Pressures on Unaccompanied Asylum Seeking Children budgets (£200k) and Supervised Contact (£50k) are offset in part by a forecast underspend across Fostering and the Corporate Parenting Teams. The service is working to mitigate the remaining pressures by reviewing all applicable arrangements in order to attempt to bring these into line with the amount of government funding available.

The Children's Disability Service is forecasting an over-spend of £165k. This is mainly due to a change in policy resulting in families having the option to purchase overnight care in the child's home via a Direct Payment (DP). This change was due to take place in April 2020 but for operational reasons has had to be implemented earlier. There have also been some exceptional costs which have had an impact on the budget, such as funding agency care staff to support one young adult in his home and funding two young adults to live in supported accommodation pending access to benefits at 18 years (avoiding more costly residential placements.)

Children in Care Placements is forecasting a year end overspend of £475k as a result of the continued decrease in the number of children in care. As previously reported an additional budget allocation of £350k as approved by GPC and £500k of additional social care grant has been applied to support this budget.

Significant work is underway to reduce high cost placements, however the placement market is saturated, with IFA providers having no vacancies which results in children going into higher cost residential placements. We are, however, seeing a net increase in, in-house fostering placements which is contributing towards planned savings.

Legal Proceedings is forecasting a £250k overspend, a reduction of £50k on the previous month due to the reduction in live cases.

The remaining pressure is directly linked to numbers of care proceedings per month which increased by 72% for the period Feb to Apr 19 compared to the preceding 10 months. The spike in proceedings is related to the introduction of the new model of specialist teams, and greater scrutiny and management oversight. This has resulted in the identification of children for whom more urgent action was required.

1.4.3 Education

Home to School Transport – Special is now forecasting an increased £1.15m overspend. Between 1st April 2019 and 1st January 2020 there was an increase in the number of pupils with EHCPs of 448 (10.5%), compared with 347 (9%) over the same period last year, leading to a corresponding increase in transport costs.

Alongside this, we are seeing an increase in complexity of need resulting in assessments being made that the child/young person requires individual transport, and, in many cases, a passenger assistant to accompany them. In two cases, private ambulances have had to be provided due to the severity of the children's medical needs. This follows risk assessments undertaken by health and safety, and insurance colleagues.

Children in Care Transport is forecasting a revised underspend of £500k – Ongoing work around route optimisation, combined with decreasing numbers of Children in Care have resulted in lower than budgeted costs, despite the pressures on the wider transport market.

Home to School Transport – Mainstream is reporting an anticipated £250k overspend for 2019/20. While savings were achieved as part of the annual tender process we are continuing to see a significant increase in the costs being quoted for routes in some areas of the county, which are in excess of the inflation that was built into the budget. Where routes are procured at particularly high rates these are agreed on a short-term basis only with a view to reviewing and retendering at a later date in order to reduce spend where possible, however there is no guarantee that lower prices will be secured in future.

There have also been pressures due to the number of in-year admission requests when the local school is full. These situations require us to provide transport to schools further away, outside statutory walking distance. The effect on the transport budget is taken into account when pupils are placed in-year which has mitigated the effect of this to some degree, however in many cases the only viable transport is an individual or low-occupancy taxi.

Dedicated Schools Grant (DSG) – Continuing increases have been forecast for a number of DSG funded High Needs Block budgets including funding for special schools and units, top-up funding for mainstream schools and Post-16 provision, and out of school tuition. As previously reported In 2018/19 we saw a total DSG overspend across SEND services of £8.7m which, combined with underspends on other DSG budgets, led to a deficit of £7.2m carried forward into 2019/20. Current estimates forecast an in-year pressure of approximately £11.5m as a result of the continuing rise in EHCPs. This is a ring-fenced grant and, as such, overspends do not currently affect the Council's bottom line but are carried forward as a deficit balance into the next year.

1.4.4 Communities and Safety

Registration & Citizenship Services are forecasting a surplus of £419k. An increase in the statutory charge for birth, marriage and death certificates, together with the recent introduction of online bookings requiring upfront payment, has resulted in an increase in income above original projections. Some of this increase is expected to continue into future years and as such has been recognised as part of the 2020/21 Business Plan.

The Coroner Service is now forecasting a pressure of £374k. This is due to the increasing complexity of cases being referred to the coroner that require inquest and take time to conclude, requiring more specialist reports and advice and the recruitment of additional staff to complete investigations and prevent backlogs of cases building up. The cost of essential contracts for body storage, pathology, histology and toxicology has also increased.

2. Capital Executive Summary

2019/20 In Year Pressures/Slippage

At the end of February 2020 the capital programme is forecasting an overspend of £1,900m. The level of slippage has not exceeded the revised Capital Variation budget of £13,399m.. In February movements on schemes has occurred totaling £175k.

Details of the currently forecasted capital variances can be found in appendix 3.

3. Savings Tracker Summary

The savings tracker is produced quarterly, and will be included in the FMR once per quarter. The tracker at the end of quarter 3 was included in January's report, with a summary position of:

Committee	Number of Savings	Total Original Savings £000	Total Forecast Savings £000	Total Variance £000
Adults	9	-6,782	-6,624	158
C&P	2	-60	-60	0
C&YP	14	-3,419	-3,389	30
Adults & CYP	1	-583	-282	301
TOTAL	26	-10,844	-10,355	489

4. Technical note

On a biannual basis, a technical financial appendix will be included as appendix 5. This appendix will cover:

- Grants that have been received by the service, and where these have been more or less than expected
- Budget movements (virements) into or out of P&C from other services (but not within P&C), to show why the budget might be different from that agreed by Full Council
- Service reserves – funds held for specific purposes that may be drawn down in-year or carried-forward – including use of funds and forecast draw-down.

5. Key Activity Data

The Actual Weekly Costs for all clients shown in section 2.5.1-2 are calculated based on all clients who have received a service, are receiving a service, or we plan will receive a service. Some clients will have ceased receiving a service in previous months, or during this month, or we will have assumed an end date in the future.

5.1 Children and Young People

5.1.1 Key activity data to February 2020 for **Children in Care Placements** is shown below:

Service Type	BUDGET				ACTUAL (Feb)				VARIANCE		
	No of placements Budgeted	Annual Budget	No. of weeks funded	Average weekly cost per head	Snapshot of No. of placements Feb 20	Yearly Average	Forecast Outturn	Average weekly cost per head	Yearly Average budgeted no. of placements	Net Variance to Budget	Average weekly cost diff +/-
Residential - disability	3	£425k	52	2,980.70	3	3.13	£461k	3,133.22	0.13	£36k	152.52
Residential - secure accommodation	1	£376k	52	5,872.95	0	1.82	£614k	6,269.93	0.82	£238k	396.98
Residential schools	19	£2,836k	52	2,804.78	14	15.92	£1,800k	2,317.67	-3.08	-£1,036k	-487.11
Residential homes	33	£6,534k	52	3,704.67	36	38.02	£7,039k	4,072.41	5.02	£505k	367.74
Independent Fostering	240	£11,173k	52	798.42	267	293.85	£12,662k	859.14	53.85	£1,489k	60.72
Supported Accommodation	26	£1,594k	52	1,396.10	22	22.77	£1,731k	1,612.58	-3.23	£138k	216.48
16+	7	£130k	52	351.26	8	7.17	£168k	393.62	0.17	£38k	42.36
Growth/Replacement	-	£k	-	-	-	-	£62k	-	-	£62k	-
Additional one off budget/actuals	-	£850k	-	-	-	-	-£144k	-	-	-£994k	-
Mitigations required	0	£k	0	0.00	0	0.00	£k	0.00	-	£k	0.00
TOTAL	329	£23,919k			350	382.68	£24,394k		53.68	£475K	
In-house fostering - Basic	205	£2,125k	56	179.01	179	191.86	£1,974k	179.42	-13.14	-£150k	0.41
In-house fostering - Skills	205	£1,946k	52	182.56	183	204.09	£1,921k	203.11	-0.91	-£25k	20.55
Kinship - Basic	40	£425k	56	189.89	36	42.63	£487k	201.84	2.63	£62k	11.95
Kinship - Skills	10	£35k	52	67.42	11	11.23	£48k	72.82	1.23	£13k	5.40
TOTAL	245	£4,531k			215	234.49	£4,431k		-10.51	-£100k	
Adoption Allowances	107	£1,107k	52	198.98	107	107.05	£1,175k	200.76	0.05	£68k	12.15
Special Guardianship Orders	307	£2,339k	52	142.30	283	265.00	£2,079k	141.48	-42	-£260k	-2.80
Child Arrangement Orders	88	£703k	52	153.66	86	87.77	£710k	155.74	-0.23	£6k	2.08
Concurrent Adoption	5	£91k	52	350.00	2	1.02	£10k	210.00	-3.98	-£81k	-140.00
TOTAL	507	£4,240k			478	472.05	£3,973k		0.05	-£267k	
OVERALL TOTAL	1,081	£32,690k			1,043	1,089.22	£32,797k		43.22	£108k	

NOTE: In house Fostering and Kinship basic payments fund 56 weeks as carers receive two additional weeks payment during the Summer holidays, one additional week payment at Christmas and a birthday payment.

5.1.2 Key activity data to the end of February 2020 for **SEN Placements** is shown below:

BUDGET				ACTUAL (Feb 20)				VARIANCE			
Ofsted Code	No. of Placements Budgeted	Total Cost to SEN Placements Budget	Average annual cost	No of placements Feb 20	Yearly Average	Total Cost to SEN Placements Budget	Average Annual Cost	No of Placements	Yearly Average	Total Cost to SEN Placements Budget	Average Annual Cost
Autistic Spectrum Disorder (ASD)	102	£6,218k	£61k	96	98.44	£5,909k	£60k	-6	-3.56	£-309k	£-1k
Hearing Impairment (HI)	3	£117k	£39k	3	3.42	£107k	£31k	0	0.42	£-10k	£-8k
Moderate Learning Difficulty (MLD)	10	£200k	£20k	11	9.65	£422k	£44k	1	-0.35	£221k	£24k
Multi-Sensory Impairment (MSI)	1	£75k	£75k	0	0.00	£0k	-	-1	-1.00	£-75k	£k
Physical Disability (PD)	5	£89k	£18k	5	4.94	£186k	£38k	0	-0.06	£97k	£20k
Profound and Multiple Learning Difficulty (PMLD)	1	£68k	£68k	1	1.00	£67k	£67k	0	0.00	£-1k	£-1k
Social Emotional and Mental Health (SEMH)	45	£2,013k	£45k	61	49.86	£2,595k	£52k	16	4.86	£582k	£7k
Speech, Language and Communication Needs (SLCN)	3	£138k	£46k	5	5.00	£237k	£47k	2	2.00	£99k	£1k
Severe Learning Difficulty (SLD)	5	£445k	£89k	5	8.66	£497k	£57k	0	3.66	£52k	£-32k
Specific Learning Difficulty (SPLD)	4	£138k	£35k	6	4.92	£195k	£40k	2	0.92	£57k	£5k
Visual Impairment (VI)	2	£73k	£36k	2	2.76	£102k	£37k	0	0.76	£30k	£1k
Growth	-	£k	-	-	-	£-144k	-	-	-	£-144k	-
Recoupment	-	-	-	0	0.00	£k	£k	-	-	£k	£k
TOTAL	181	£9,573k	£53k	195	188.65	£10,173k	£55k	14	7.65	£600k	£2k

5.2 Adults

In the following key activity data for Adults & Safeguarding, the information given in each column is as follows:

- Budgeted number of care packages: this is the number of full-time equivalent (52 weeks) service users anticipated at budget setting
- Budgeted average unit cost: this is the planned unit cost per service user per week, given the budget available
- Actual care packages and cost: these figures are derived from a snapshot of the commitment record at the end of the month and reflect current numbers of service users and average cost

A consistent format is used to aid understanding, and where care types are not currently used in a particular service those lines are greyed out.

The direction of travel compares the current month's figure with the previous month.

5.2.1 Key activity data to end of February 2020 for the Learning Disability Partnership is shown below:

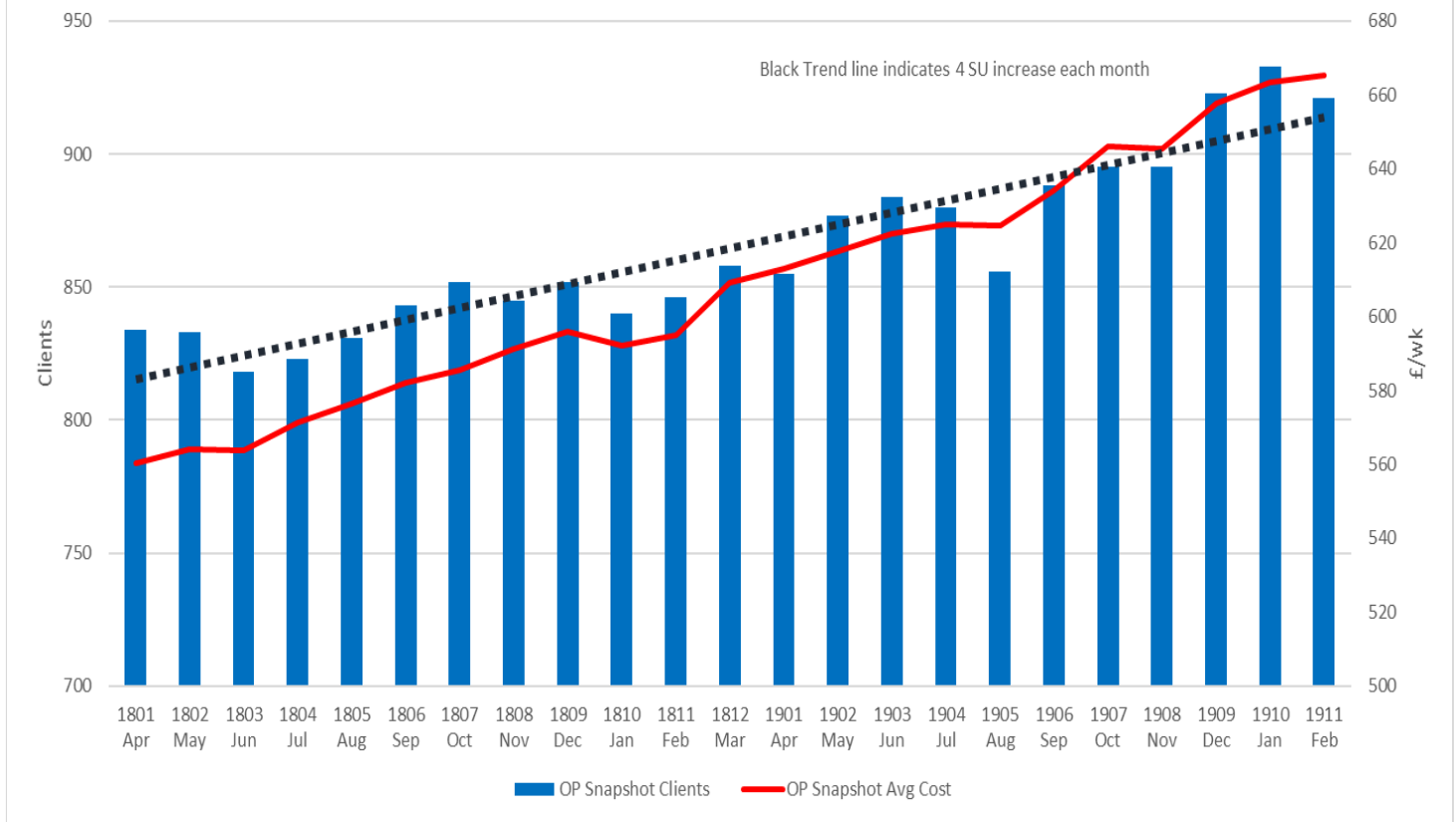
Learning Disability Partnership	BUDGET			ACTUAL (February 20)				Forecast		
Service Type	Expected No. of Care Packages 2019/20	Budgeted Average Unit Cost (per week)	Annual Budget	Current Care Packages	D o T	Current Average Unit Cost (per week)	D o T	Forecast Actual	D o T	Variance
Accommodation based										
~ Residential	274	£1,510	£21,836k	260 ↓		£1,657 ↓		£22,781k ↓		£945k
~ Residential Dementia										
~ Nursing	7	£1,586	£429k	7 ↔		£1,822 ↔		£515k ↓		£86k
~ Nursing Dementia										
~ Respite			£429k					£728k ↓		£300k
Community based										
~ Supported Living	411	£1,202	£26,717k	464 ↑		£1,185 ↑		£28,301k ↑		£1,584k
~ Direct payments	415	£404	£8,531k	414 ↔		£422 ↑		£8,447k ↓		-£83k
~ Live In Care	14	£1,953	£k	13 ↓		£1,931 ↓		£k		£k
~ Day Care	469	£136	£3,453k	470 ↑		£170 ↓		£3,929k ↓		£475k
~ Other Care	175	£68	£754k	55 ↔		£43 ↔		£789k ↓		£34k
~ Homecare	474		£10,466k	342				£8,658k ↑		-£1,808k
Total In Year Expenditure			£72,616k					£74,149k		£1,533k
Care Contributions			-£3,407k					-£4,018k ↓		-£611k
Health Income										
Total In Year Income			-£3,407k					-£4,018k		-£611k
Further savings included within forecast										£k
Forecast total in year care costs										£922k

The LDP includes service-users that are fully funded by the NHS, who generally have very high needs and therefore costly care packages

5.2.2 Key activity data to the end of February 2020 for Older People's (OP) Services is shown below:

Older People	BUDGET			ACTUAL (February 20)				Forecast		
Service Type	Expected No. of Care Packages 2019/20	Budgeted Average Unit Cost (per week)	Annual Budget	Current Care Packages	D o T	Current Average Unit Cost (per week)	D o T	Forecast Actual	D o T	Variance
Accommodation based										
~ Residential	446	£551	£11,791k	456 ↑		£588 ↑		£14,213k ↑		£2,422k
~ Residential Dementia	432	£586	£13,271k	429 ↓		£626 ↓		£14,223k ↓		£952k
~ Nursing	289	£643	£10,234k	272 ↓		£689 ↑		£10,401k ↑		£167k
~ Nursing Dementia	113	£753	£4,543k	124 ↓		£827 ↑		£5,685k ↓		£1,141k
~ Respite			£1,733k					£1,731k ↑		-£2k
Community based										
~ Supported Living	116		£4,043k	110 ↔				£4,814k ↑		£772k
~ Direct payments	208	£287	£2,921k	188 ↓		£316 ↑		£2,818k ↓		-£103k
~ Live In Care	27	£779	£1,012k	28 ↓		£808 ↑		£1,158k ↑		£146k
~ Day Care	43	£82	£1,447k	27 ↑		£101 ↓		£710k ↓		-£737k
~ Other Care	6	£31	£11k	4 ↑		£31 ↓		£134k ↑		£123k
~ Homecare	1,127	Per Hour £16.43	£11,270k	1,120 ↓		Per Hour £16.73 ↓		£11,573k ↓		£302k
Total In Year Expenditure			£62,277k					£67,460k		£5,183k
Care Contributions			-£17,732k					-£19,174k ↓		-£1,442k
Health Income			-£86k					-£86k ↔		£k
Total In Year Income			-£17,818k					-£19,260k		-£1,442k
Inflation and uplifts			£87k					£87k ↔		£k
Forecast total in year care costs			£44,545k					£48,287k		£3,742k

OP Spot Activity and Weekly Cost for Care Homes from April 2018



5.2.3 Key activity data to the end of February 2020 for **Physical Disabilities (OP)** Services is shown below:

Physical Disabilities	BUDGET			ACTUAL (February 20)				Forecast		
Service Type	Expected No. of Care Packages 2019/20	Budgeted Average Unit Cost (per week)	Annual Budget	Current Care Packages	D T	Current Average Unit Cost (per week)	D T	Forecast Actual	D T	Variance
Accommodation based										
~ Residential	41	£786	£1,790k	32	↓	£1,043	↑	£1,666k	↓	£124k
~ Residential Dementia	1	£620	£32k	1	↔	£750	↔	£61k	↑	£29k
~ Nursing	31	£832	£1,441k	34	↓	£968	↓	£1,649k	↓	£208k
~ Nursing Dementia	1	£792	£41k	2	↑	£776	↓	£58k	↑	£17k
~ Respite			£220k					£219k	↑	£1k
Community based										
~ Supported Living	7	£774	£258k	5	↑	£1,059	↓	£265k	↑	£7k
~ Direct payments	288	£357	£5,188k	289	↑	£371	↑	£5,114k	↑	£73k
~ Live In Care	29	£808	£1,359k	31	↓	£817	↓	£1,352k	↓	£7k
~ Day Care	48	£70	£181k	26	↑	£89	↑	£133k	↑	£49k
~ Other Care	4	£39	£4k	0	↔		↔	£2k	↓	£1k
~ Homecare	257	Per Hour £16.37	£2,777k	288	↑	Per Hour £16.80	↓	£3,027k	↑	£249k
Total In Year Expenditure			£13,291k					£13,545k		£254k
Care Contributions			-£1,062k					-£1,259k	↔	£197k
Health Income			-£561k					-£561k	↔	£k
Total In Year Income			-£1,623k					-£1,820k		£197k
Inflation and Uplifts									↔	£k
Forecast total in year care costs			£11,668k					£11,725k		£57k

5.2.4 Key activity data to the end of February 2020 for Older People Mental Health (OPMH) Services is shown below:

Older People Mental Health	BUDGET			ACTUAL (February 20)				Forecast		
Service Type	Expected No. of Care Packages 2019/20	Budgeted Average Unit Cost (per week)	Annual Budget	Current Care Packages	D o T	Current Average Unit Cost (per week)	D o T	Forecast Actual	D o T	Variance
Accommodation based										
~Residential	25	£528	£691k	25	↓	£667	↓	£916k	↓	£225k
~Residential Dementia	23	£539	£648k	17	↓	£596	↑	£685k	↓	£37k
~Nursing	25	£638	£833k	21	↔	£694	↑	£790k	↓	-£43k
~Nursing Dementia	80	£736	£3,079k	70	↓	£839	↓	£3,011k	↓	-£68k
~Respite	1	£137	£7k	1	↔	£475	↔	£5k	↔	-£2k
Community based										
~Supported Living	5	£212	£55k	4	↔	£484	↔	£102k	↓	£47k
~Direct payments	7	£434	£149k	6	↑	£200	↑	£111k	↓	-£38k
~Live In Care	2	£912	£95k	5	↔	£1,084	↔	£265k	↑	£170k
~Day Care	2	£37	£4k	2	↔	£30	↔	£3k	↔	-£1k
~Other Care	0	£0	£k	1	↔	£11	↔	£28k	↓	£28k
~Homecare	42	Per Hour £16.49	£406k	43	↑	Per Hour £16.44	↓	£380k	↓	-£26k
Total In Year Expenditure			£5,967k					£6,296k		£329k
Care Contributions			-£851k					-£961k	↔	-£110k
Health Income			£k					£k	↔	£k
Total In Year Income			-£851k					-£961k		-£110k
Inflation Funding to be applied			£184k					£52k		-£132k
Forecast total in year care costs			£5,300k					£5,387k		£87k

5.2.5 Key activity data to end of February 2020 for Adult Mental Health Services is shown below:

Adult Mental Health	BUDGET			ACTUAL (February 20)				Forecast		
Service Type	Expected No. of Care Packages 2019/20	Budgeted Average Unit Cost (per week)	Annual Budget	Current Care Packages	D o T	Current Average Unit Cost (per week)	D o T	Forecast Actual	D o T	Variance
Accommodation based										
~Residential	58	£654	£1,984k	56	↓	£783	↑	£2,124k	↑	£140k
~Residential Dementia	5	£743	£194k	7	↔	£808	↔	£253k	↔	£59k
~Nursing	16	£612	£512k	13	↓	£705	↑	£551k	↑	£39k
~Nursing Dementia	1	£624	£33k	1	↔	£629	↔	£33k	↔	£k
~Respite	0	£0	£k	0	↔	£0	↔	£k	↔	£k
Community based										
~Supported Living	123	£162	£1,041k	115	↓	£119	↑	£863k	↑	-£178k
~Direct payments	9	£355	£167k	13	↓	£375	↑	£241k	↑	£74k
~Live In Care	0	£0	£k	2	↔	£970	↔	£56k	↓	£56k
~Day Care	2	£77	£8k	3	↔	£55	↑	£10k	↑	£2k
~Other Care	1	£152	£8k	0	↔	£0	↔	£20k	↔	£12k
~Homecare	140	£80.00	£586k	64	↑	£138.00	↑	£616k	↑	£30k
Total In Year Expenditure			£4,533k					£4,767k		£234k
Care Contributions			-£396k					£375k	↑	£771k
Health Income			-£22k					-£2k		£20k
Total In Year Income			-£418k					£373k		£791k
Inflation Funding to be applied			£k					£k		
Forecast total in year care costs			£4,249k					£5,179k		£930k

APPENDIX 1 – P&C Service Level Financial Information

Forecast Outturn Variance (January) £'000	Service	Budget 2019/20	Actual February 2020	Outturn Variance	
		£'000	£'000	£'000	%
Adults & Safeguarding Directorate					
-5,010	1 Strategic Management - Adults	-860	17,214	-4,271	-497%
0	Transfers of Care	1,724	1,838	0	0%
68	Prevention & Early Intervention	8,579	9,222	68	1%
38	Principal Social Worker, Practice and Safeguarding	1,404	1,354	32	2%
-8	Autism and Adult Support	956	813	-3	0%
-316	2 Carers	416	92	-316	-76%
Learning Disability Partnership					
0	Head of Service	5,781	5,075	0	0%
270	3 LD - City, South and East Localities	35,304	33,820	247	1%
594	3 LD - Hunts & Fenland Localities	28,259	26,945	570	2%
57	3 LD - Young Adults	7,960	7,934	56	1%
68	3 In House Provider Services	6,396	6,022	118	2%
-227	3 NHS Contribution to Pooled Budget	-19,109	-19,109	-228	-1%
762	Learning Disability Partnership Total	64,591	60,686	763	1%
Older People and Physical Disability Services					
384	4 Physical Disabilities	12,282	12,937	487	4%
1,344	5 OP - City & South Locality	20,557	20,665	1,346	7%
1,039	5 OP - East Cambs Locality	6,545	7,131	1,154	18%
1,861	5 OP - Fenland Locality	7,977	9,291	1,803	23%
1,979	5 OP - Hunts Locality	10,921	12,352	1,728	16%
6,607	Older People and Physical Disability Total	58,282	62,376	6,518	11%
Mental Health					
-240	Mental Health Central	1,973	1,591	-196	-10%
189	Adult Mental Health Localities	5,445	5,165	152	3%
128	Older People Mental Health	5,788	5,514	33	1%
77	Mental Health Total	13,205	12,270	-11	0%
2,218	Adults & Safeguarding Directorate Total	148,297	165,865	2,780	2%
Commissioning Directorate					
45	Strategic Management –Commissioning	11	600	80	703%
52	Access to Resource & Quality	1,795	1,473	81	5%
-6	Local Assistance Scheme	300	214	-6	-2%
Adults Commissioning					
546	6 Central Commissioning - Adults	11,095	-15,522	461	4%
6	Integrated Community Equipment Service	1,024	1,546	6	1%
-113	7 Mental Health Commissioning	3,696	3,114	-113	-3%
439	Adults Commissioning Total	15,814	-10,862	354	2%

Forecast Outturn Variance (January) £'000	Service	Budget 2019/20	Actual February 2020	Outturn Variance	
		£'000	£'000	£'000	%
	<u>Children's Commissioning</u>				
475	⁸ Children in Care Placements	23,919	20,625	475	2%
-0	Commissioning Services	245	184	-0	0%
475	Children's Commissioning Total	24,164	20,809	475	2%
1,005	Commissioning Directorate Total	42,084	12,234	984	2%
	Communities & Safety Directorate				
16	Strategic Management - Communities & Safety	15	143	18	118%
2	Youth Offending Service	2,162	1,565	1	0%
-0	Central Integrated Youth Support Services	1,399	838	-0	0%
-22	Safer Communities Partnership	836	956	-36	-4%
9	Strengthening Communities	495	502	-18	-4%
15	Adult Learning & Skills	2,583	1,873	0	0%
-0	Trading Standards	694	617	-0	0%
21	Community & Safety Total	8,185	6,493	-35	0%
-0	Strategic Management - Cultural & Community Services	163	150	2	2%
-78	Public Library Services	3,442	2,994	-78	-2%
-7	Cultural Services	308	192	-13	-4%
0	Archives	455	336	0	0%
-370	⁹ Registration & Citizenship Services	-516	-880	-419	-81%
375	¹⁰ Coroners	1,117	1,316	374	33%
-81	Cultural & Community Services Total	4,971	4,108	-134	-3%
-60	Communities & Safety Directorate Total	13,155	10,601	-169	-1%
	Children & Safeguarding Directorate				
0	¹¹ Strategic Management – Children & Safeguarding	3,900	3,816	-300	-8%
-0	Partnerships and Quality Assurance	2,326	2,054	-0	0%
159	¹² Children in Care	16,560	17,487	159	1%
0	Integrated Front Door	1,974	2,134	0	0%
165	¹³ Children's Disability Service	6,594	6,422	165	3%
-0	Children's Centre Strategy	29	-6	-0	0%
0	Support to Parents	1,749	652	0	0%
-0	Adoption Allowances	5,772	4,858	-0	0%
300	¹⁴ Legal Proceedings	1,970	1,741	250	13%
	<u>District Delivery Service</u>				
0	Safeguarding Hunts and Fenland	3,741	3,541	0	0%
-0	Safeguarding East + South Cambs & Cambridge	6,773	4,231	-0	0%
0	Early Help District Delivery Service –North	5,116	4,305	0	0%
-0	Early Help District Delivery Service – South	4,351	4,306	-0	0%
-0	District Delivery Service Total	19,981	16,383	-0	0%
624	Children & Safeguarding Directorate Total	60,857	55,541	274	0%

Forecast Outturn Variance (January) £'000	Service	Budget 2019/20	Actual February 2020	Outturn Variance	
		£'000	£'000	£'000	%
Education Directorate					
-28	Strategic Management - Education	7,069	3,718	-28	0%
-0	Early Years' Service	2,122	1,996	0	0%
-79	Schools Curriculum Service	167	-76	-85	-51%
-53	Schools Intervention Service	969	734	-9	-1%
-0	Schools Partnership service	537	1,584	-0	0%
-30	Teachers' Pensions & Redundancy	2,910	2,250	-30	-1%
<u>SEND Specialist Services (0-25 years)</u>					
-1,100	15 SEND Specialist Services	9,647	9,146	-547	-6%
4,300	15 Funding for Special Schools and Units	16,849	18,502	4,347	26%
3,500	15 High Needs Top Up Funding	17,100	17,377	3,900	23%
600	15 Special Educational Needs Placements	9,973	10,392	600	6%
3,200	15 Out of School Tuition	1,519	2,824	3,200	211%
10,500	SEND Specialist Services (0 - 25 years) Total	55,087	58,241	11,500	21%
<u>Infrastructure</u>					
-0	0-19 Organisation & Planning	4,076	3,352	-0	0%
0	Early Years Policy, Funding & Operations	94	53	0	0%
0	Education Capital	178	-12,125	0	0%
950	16 Home to School Transport – Special	9,821	8,453	1,150	12%
-500	17 Children in Care Transport	2,005	1,254	-500	-25%
200	18 Home to School/College Transport – Mainstream	9,189	7,437	250	3%
650	0-19 Place Planning & Organisation Service Total	25,363	8,425	900	4%
10,960	Education Directorate Total	94,224	76,870	12,248	13%
Executive Director					
0	Executive Director	782	645	-0	0%
0	Central Financing	91	-81	0	0%
0	Executive Director Total	873	564	-0	0%
14,747	Total	359,490	321,675	16,118	4%
Grant Funding					
-10,500	19 Financing DSG	-61,469	-66,888	-11,500	-19%
0	Non Baselined Grants	-34,599	-28,338	0	0%
-10,500	Grant Funding Total	-96,068	-95,226	-11,500	12%
4,247	Net Total	263,422	226,450	4,618	2%

APPENDIX 2 – Service Commentaries on Forecast Outturn Position

Narrative is given below where there is an adverse/positive variance greater than 2% of annual budget or £100,000 whichever is greater for a service area.

Service	Budget 2019/20	Actual	Outturn Variance	
	£'000	£'000	£'000	%
1) Strategic Management – Adults	-860	17,214	-4,271	-497%
<p>Around £2.9m of grant funding has been applied to partially mitigate opening pressures in Older People's Services detailed in note 3 below, in line with one of the purposes of the grant funding, in addition to a number of other underspends in the services within this budget heading. A further £1.35m of in-year funding was agreed by GPC in July 2019 and applied to this line to provide further mitigation to cost pressures. In addition, there is higher than expected slippage on staffing budgets – some of this is expected and budgeted for, arising when recruiting to posts takes longer than expected or where new members of staff cost less overall than previous post-holders, but projections suggest an additional underspend.</p>				
2) Carers	416	92	-316	-76%
<p>The number of direct payments made to Carers is lower than in previous years, mainly as a result of the focussed work in the Adults Positive Challenge Programme to provide more individualised support to Carers. This includes increased access to the right information and advice at the right time and an improved awareness of the need to work with the Carer and the cared-for person together, which may result in increased support to the cared-for person if required in order to better support the needs of the Carer.</p>				
3) Learning Disability Partnership	58,810	55,610	763	1%
<p>An overspend of £990k is forecast against the Learning Disability Partnership (LDP). According to the risk sharing arrangements of the LDP pooled budget, the proportion of the overspend that is attributable to the Council is <u>£763k</u>, the same as in January.</p> <p>Total new savings of £950k are budgeted in 2019/20 in addition to the LDP share of the Adult's Positive Challenge saving of £562k. These comprise the business plan target of £700k and a funnel saving of £250k relating to additional reassessments to be carried out by locality teams. Currently delivery of these savings is on track.</p> <p>However, demand pressures have been higher than anticipated and have exceeded the demand funding allocated to the budget thus far. This is despite much positive work that has been carried out to maintain a stable number of service users. Particular pressures have been seen on the budgets for residential care and supported living, despite service user numbers in these provisions being stable or decreasing. This reflects the increasing cost of packages, particularly for service users with complex and increasing needs, which we have a statutory duty to meet.</p> <p>New packages and package increases are scrutinised by panel and, where possible, opportunities to support people in alternative ways are being pursued. Referrals to Technology Enabled Care for LDP service users have increased in 2019/20.</p>				
4) Physical Disabilities	12,282	12,937	487	4%
<p>An overspend of £487k is forecast for Physical Disabilities services. A pressure of £440k was carried forward from 2018/19 relating to increases in client numbers and the number of people with more complex needs requiring more expensive types of care. This trend has continued into the current year, albeit to a slightly lesser extent, increasing the overspend over and above the carried forward pressure.</p> <p>The total savings expectation in this service for 2019/20 is £269k, and this is expected to be delivered in full through the Adults Positive Challenge Programme of work, designed to reduce demand, for example through a reablement expansion and increasing technology enabled care to maintain service user independence.</p>				

Service	Budget 2019/20	Actual	Outturn Variance	
	£'000	£'000	£'000	%
5) Older People's Services	46,000	49,439	6,031	13%

An overspend of £6,031k is forecast for Older People's Services. The overall forecast reflects the full-year effect of the overspend in 2018/19 and additional pressures expected to emerge over the course of 2019/20. The full-year-effect of the pressures that emerged in 2018/19 is £2.8m.

It was reported during 2018/19 that the cost of providing care was generally increasing, with the unit costs of most types of care increasing month-on-month and the number of people requiring residential care was also going up. The focus on discharging people from hospitals as quickly as possible to alleviate pressure on the broader health and social care system can result in more expensive care for people, at least in the shorter-term, and in the Council funding care placements that were appropriate for higher levels of need at point of discharge through the accelerated discharge process.

Residential placements are typically £50 per week more than 12 months ago (8%), and nursing placements are typically around £100 per week more expensive (15%). Within this, there was a particularly stark increase particularly in nursing care in the last half of 2018/19 – around 75% of the increase seen in a nursing bed cost came between November and March, and so the full impact was not known when business planning was being undertaken by committees. The number of people in residential and nursing care increased over 2018/19 by around 30% more than anticipated, again concentrated in the second half of the year.

This trend is continuing into 2019/20; there has been a significant increase in demand in recent months, impacting on both current commitment levels and projections for the rest of the financial year. It is estimated that the additional in-year pressure that will be seen by year end as a result of the upwards trend in price and service user numbers in bed-based care is approximately £3.4m.

A deep dive has been carried out into 100 care home placements between 11/11 and 9/12 to understand what is driving the increase in demand. This shows that the increase in bed based placements and spend is due to the net increase in demand being higher than expected. All but 3 people were already receiving care and support but needs had escalated - the average age being 82. One third of referrals resulted from hospital discharge, the remainder from the community. The deep dive confirmed that opportunities had been taken to maintain independence for as long as possible in line with Adults Positive Challenge.

There has been an increase in expected income for clients contributing towards the cost of their care, which is the reason for the forecast movement this month.

The total savings expectation in this service for 2019/20 is £3.1m. It is expected that £2.1m will be delivered in-year through the Adults Positive Challenge Programme of work, designed to reduce demand, for example through a reablement expansion and increasing technology enabled care to maintain independence, and a further £400k will be delivered through increased capacity in the Occupational Therapy service. The shortfall against the saving is contributing to the overall overspend position.

In addition to the work embodied in the Adults Positive Challenge Programme to intervene at an earlier stage so the need for care is reduced or avoided, work is ongoing within the Council to bolster the domiciliary care market, and the broader care market in general:

- Providers at risk of failure are provided with some intensive support to maximise the continuity of care that they provide;
- The Reablement service has been greatly expanded and has a role as a provider of last resort for care in people's homes.

Service	Budget 2019/20	Actual	Outturn Variance	
	£'000	£'000	£'000	%
6) Central Commissioning – Adults	11,095	-15,522	461	4%
<p>An overspend of £461k is forecast on Central Commissioning Adults. This is a reduction of £85k on the position reported in January.</p> <p>£400k of the forecast overspend is in relation to increased spend on the contract for block cars that deliver domiciliary care to people, including those leaving hospital. The Council has needed to support a number of packages at an enhanced rate this year due to the large scale failure of a major provider of homecare in the last quarter of 2018. There was a need to retain the capacity in the market, as domiciliary care enables people to remain in their own homes and retain their independence; the alternative is often moving into bed-based care at a higher cost. Retaining this capacity has helped us to support winter pressures and facilitate earlier discharges from hospital.</p> <p>This is an in-year pressure only as the contract has now been re-commissioned, with more favourable rates secured that will lead to a balanced budget in 2020/21. Reducing capacity within this area in order to mitigate the in-year cost pressure would ultimately lead to increased spend on alternative provision such as bed-based care.</p> <p>The remainder of the overspend is mainly due to a delay in the realisation of savings on the Housing Related Support contracts; some contracts have been extended until the service is retendered. The full saving is still forecast to be delivered by 2021/22 and work is ongoing as to how best to deliver this service. The in-year pressure on housing related support is £299k, a reduction of £9k on the underachievement reported in January due to further savings being identified on related contracts.</p> <p>Further mitigations on other contracts have been identified and £76k of the reduction in forecast this month is due to the identification of savings on contracts relating to direct payments management and older people's services.</p>				
7) Mental Health Commissioning	3,696	3,114	-113	-3%
<p>Mental Health Commissioning is forecasting an underspend of £113k. There is a one-off benefit as a result of credits due from two external providers relating to prior year activity (£90k). Additionally, a number of efficiencies have been achieved against current year contracts. Whilst these only have a relatively immaterial impact on the 2019/20 financial position, any ongoing efficiencies will be factored in to Business Planning for 2020/21 onwards.</p>				
8) Children in Care Placements	23,919	20,625	475	2%
<p>The revised Children in Care Placements outturn forecast is a £475k overspend. This is following an additional budget allocation of £350k as approved by GPC and the application of £500k of additional social care grant. Overspend is a result of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Activity at the start of the year in relation to gang-related crime which has led to additional costs and high cost secure placements being required [at an average weekly cost of £7000.00 per child]. • Additional unaccompanied asylum seekers became Looked After. • An increase in the number of Children in Care in external placements [+20%] against a projected reduction. 				

Service	Budget 2019/20	Actual	Outturn Variance	
	£'000	£'000	£'000	%

Children in Care Placements continued;

External Placements Client Group	Budgeted Packages	31 Jan 2020 Packages	29 Feb 2020 Packages	Variance from Budget
Residential Disability – Children	3	3	3	0
Child Homes – Secure Accommodation	1	0	0	-1
Child Homes – Educational	19	14	14	-5
Child Homes – General	33	37	36	+3
Independent Fostering	240	274	267	+27
Supported Accommodation	26	23	22	-4
Supported Living 16+	7	6	8	+1
TOTAL	329	357	350	+21

The foster placement capacity both in house and externally is overwhelmed by demand both locally and nationally. The real danger going forward is that the absence of appropriate fostering provision by default, leads to children and young people's care plans needing to change to residential services provision.

Mitigating factors moving forward include:

- Monthly Placement Mix and Care Numbers meeting chaired by the Service Director and attended by senior managers. This meeting focuses on activity aimed at reducing the numbers in care, length of care episodes and reduction in the need for externally commissioned provision.
- Reconstitution of panels to ensure greater scrutiny and supportive challenge.
- Introduction of twice weekly conference calls per Group Manager on placement activity followed by an Escalation Call each Thursday chaired by the Head of Service for Commissioning, and attended by each of the CSC Heads of Service as appropriate, Fostering Leads and Access to Resources.
- Authorisation processes in place for any escalation in resource requests.
- Assistant Director authorisation for any residential placement request.
- Monthly commissioning intentions (sufficiency strategy work-streams), budget and savings reconciliation meetings attended by senior managers accountable for each area of spend/practice. Enabling directed focus on emerging trends and appropriate responses, ensuring that each of the commissioning intentions are delivering as per work-stream and associated accountable officer. Production of datasets to support financial forecasting (in-house provider services and Access to Resources).
- Investment in children's social care commissioning to support the development of robust commissioning pseudo-dynamic purchasing systems for external spend. These commissioning models coupled with resource investment will enable more transparent competition amongst providers bidding for individual care packages, and therefore support the best value offer through competition driving down costs.
- Provider meetings scheduled through the Children's Placement Service (Access to Resources) to support the negotiation of packages at or post placement. Working with the Contracts Manager to ensure all placements are funded at the appropriate levels of need and cost.
- Regular High Cost Placement Review meetings to ensure children in externally funded placements are actively managed in terms of the ability of the provider to meet set objectives/outcomes, de-escalate where appropriate [levels of support] and maximizing opportunities for discounts (length of stay/siblings/ volume) and recognising potential lower cost options in line with each child's care plan.
- Additional investment in the recruitment and retention of the in-house fostering service to significantly increase the net number of mainstream fostering households over a three year period, as of 2018.
- Access to the Staying Close, Staying Connected Department for Education (DfE) initiative being

piloted by a local charity offering 16-18 year old Children in Care Placements the opportunity to step-down from residential provision, to supported community-based provision in what will transfer to their own tenancy post 18.

- Greater focus on those Children in Care Placements for whom permanency or rehabilitation home is the plan, to ensure timely care episodes and managed exits from care.

Service	Budget 2019/20	Actual	Outturn Variance	
	£'000	£'000	£'000	%
9) Registration & Citizenship Services	-516	-880	-419	-81%

Registration & Citizenship Services are forecasting a surplus of £419k. An increase in the statutory charge for birth, marriage and death certificates, together with the introduction of online bookings requiring upfront payment, has resulted in an increase of income in the service above original projections. Some of this increase is expected to continue into future years and as such has been recognised as part of the 2020/21 Business Plan.

10) Coroners	1,117	1,316	374	33%
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The Coroner Service is forecasting a pressure of £374k. This is due to the increasing complexity of cases being referred to the coroner that require inquest and take time to conclude, requiring more specialist reports and advice and the recruitment of additional staff to complete investigations and prevent backlogs of cases building up. The cost of essential contracts for body storage, pathology, histology and toxicology has also increased.

11) Strategic Management – Children & Safeguarding	3,900	3,816	-300	-8%
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Across District teams and Child and Family Centres, an over achievement of the vacancy savings target is expected of £300k, due to a combination of more posts being vacant and recruitment to vacancies taking longer than anticipated.

12) Children in Care	16,560	17,487	159	1%
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The Children in Care budget is forecasting an over spend of c£159k.

The UASC budget is forecasting a pressure of £200k. This is in the over 18 budget due to the increased number of children turning 18 and acquiring care leaver status. The costs associated with supporting this group of young people are not fully covered by the grant from the Home Office.

The Supervised Contact Service is currently forecasting a £40k overspend offset by underspends totalling -£81k across the Fostering and MST services.

Actions being taken:

For UASC we are continuing to review placements and are moving/have moved young people as appropriate to provisions that are more financially viable in expectation of a status decision. We are also reviewing our young people who are appeal rights exhausted. To note: We are currently undertaking further analysis of our internal commitment record to confirm the current estimated outturn position. For Supervised Contact we will continue to review/manage all contact until year end.

Service	Budget 2019/20	Actual	Outturn Variance	
	£'000	£'000	£'000	%
13) Children's Disability Service	6,594	6,422	165	3%

The Children's Disability Service is forecasting an over-spend of £165k.

This is mainly due to a change in policy resulting in families having the option to purchase overnight care in the child's home via a Direct Payment (DP). This change was due to take place in April 2020 but for operational reasons we had to bring this offer forward. We have also had some exceptional costs which have had an impact on the budget, such as funding agency care staff to support one young adult in his home and funding two young adults to live in supported accommodation pending access to benefits at 18 years (avoiding more costly residential placements). Added to this, we have seen an increase in the number of requests for DPs, an increase in the average amount of DPs paid per family (due to increasingly complex needs) and an increase in day time support (as opposed to overnight provisions). The service have also seen an increase in exceptional costs, including court-directed transport costs for parental contact to an out-of-county placement, No Recourse to Public Funds cases, and several one-off payments for specialist equipment in foster carer homes.

Actions being taken:

A full review of the short breaks contract and our overnight short breaks offer is being undertaken. We are also investing in a finance team to streamline our monitoring processes, enable more in-depth analysis, address debt recovery and identify savings.

14) Legal Proceedings	1,970	1,741	250	13%
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The Legal Proceedings budget is forecasting a £250k overspend. This is a reduction of £50k on the previous month due to the reduction in live cases and a revised forward forecast to reflect this.

Numbers of care proceedings per month increased by 72% for the period Feb to Apr 19 compared to the preceding 10 months. The increase was mainly due to care applications made in March, April and May, particularly in the North where four connected families saw 16 children coming into our care with sexual abuse and neglect the main concerns.

Whilst we have seen reductions in live proceedings since the end of July these legacy cases and associated costs have caused significant pressure on the legal budget.

Actions being taken:

Work is ongoing to manage our care proceedings and CP Plans and better track the cases through the system to avoid additional costs due to delay.

15) SEND Specialist Services (0-25 years)	55,087	58,241	11,500	21%
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A continuing increase in the number of children and young people with an EHCP is resulting in an ongoing worsening financial position in SEND Specialist Services, with an overspend of £11.5m anticipated on the High Needs Block of the Dedicated Schools Grant (DSG), an increase of £1m from the previously reported position.

Between 1st April 2019 and 1st January 2020 there was an increase in the number of pupils with EHCPs of 448 (10.5%), compared with 347 (9%) over the same period last year. This increase, along with an increase in complexity of need has resulted in a pressure on all demand-led elements of the service.

High Needs Top Up Funding - £3.9m DSG overspend: As well as the overall increases in EHCP numbers creating a pressure on the Top-Up budget, the number of young people with EHCPs in Post-16 Further Education is continuing to increase significantly as a result of the provisions laid out in the 2014 Children and Families Act. This element of provision is causing the majority of the forecast overspend on the High Needs Top-Up budget.

Service	Budget 2019/20	Actual	Outturn Variance	
	£'000	£'000	£'000	%
SEND Specialist Services (0-25 years) continued;				
<p>Funding to Special Schools and Units - £4.3m DSG overspend: Additional demand for places at Special Schools and High Needs Units combined with an increase in complexity of need has resulted in a significant pressure on this budget. Average top up paid to special schools is increasing, as is the number of places being commissioned, with the demand such that the majority of our Special Schools are now full.</p> <p>SEN Placements – £0.6m DSG overspend: Where a suitable placement cannot be made in a mainstream school or a Cambridgeshire Special School pupils may be placed in an independent special school, or out-of-county. An increase in such cases has resulted in an overspend of £0.6m on the SEN Placements budget.</p> <p>Out of School Tuition - £3.2m DSG overspend: There has been a continuing increase in the number of children with an EHCP who are awaiting a permanent school placement. Where this happens, pupils are provided with out of school tuition. Due to the increase in demand for specialist placements the anticipated expenditure of Out of School Tuition has increased significantly compared to previous years.</p> <p>SEND Specialist Services - £500k DSG Underspend: Wider SEND Specialist services are forecasting a £500k underspend. This is due to a combination of factors including staffing vacancies and support to Early Years.</p> <p>Mitigating Actions: A SEND Project Recovery team has been set up to oversee and drive the delivery of the SEND recovery plan to address to current pressure on the High Needs Block.</p>				
16) Home to School Transport – Special	9,821	8,453	1,150	12%
<p>Home to School Transport – Special is forecasting an £1.15m overspend for 2019/20. As outlined in note 15 we are continuing to see significant increases in pupils with EHCPs and those attending special schools, leading to a corresponding increase in transport costs.</p> <p>Alongside this, we are seeing an increase in complexity of need resulting in assessments being made that the child/young person requires individual transport, and, in many cases, a passenger assistant to accompany them. In two cases, private ambulances have had to be provided due to the severity of the children's medical needs. This follows risk assessments undertaken by health and safety, and insurance colleagues.</p> <p>A strengthened governance system around requests for costly exceptional transport requests introduced in 2018/19 is resulting in the avoidance of some of the highest cost transport as is the use of personal transport budgets offered in place of costly individual taxis. Further actions being taken to mitigate the position include:</p> <p>An ongoing review of processes in the Social Education Transport and SEND teams with a view to reducing costs</p> <p>An earlier than usual tender process for routes starting in September to try and ensure that best value for money is achieved</p> <p>Implementation of an Independent Travel Training programme to allow more students to travel to school and college independently. Four organisations who responded to a soft market test initiative were invited to present their suggestions for what such a programme might involve for Cambridgeshire and Peterborough and how they would deliver this on 14 February. This informed the specification for a formal tender process, which is expected to be launched shortly.</p>				

Service	Budget 2019/20	Actual	Outturn Variance	
	£'000	£'000	£'000	%
17) Children in Care Transport	2,005	1,254	-500	-25%
Children in Care Transport is forecasting a £500k underspend. Ongoing work around route optimisation, combined with decreasing numbers of Children in Care have resulted in lower than budgeted costs, despite the pressures on the wider transport market.				
18) Home to School Transport – Mainstream	9,189	7,437	250	3%
Home to School Transport – Mainstream is reporting an anticipated £250k overspend for 2019/20. While savings were achieved as part of the annual tender process we are continuing to see a significant increase in the costs being quoted for routes in some areas of the county, which are in excess of the inflation that was built into the budget. Where routes are procured at particularly high rates these are agreed on a short-term basis only with a view to reviewing and retendering at a later date in order to reduce spend where possible, however there is no guarantee that lower prices will be secured in future.				
There have also been pressures due to the number of in-year admission requests when the local school is full. These situations require us to provide transport to schools further away, outside statutory walking distance. The effect on the transport budget is taken into account when pupils are placed in-year which has mitigated the effect of this to some degree, however in many cases the only viable transport is an individual or low-occupancy taxi.				
19) Financing DSG	-61,469	-65,971	-11,500	-17%
Within P&C, spend of £61.5m is funded by the ring fenced Dedicated Schools Grant. Current pressures on Funding to Special Schools and Units (£4.3m), High Needs Top Up Funding (£3.9m), Out of School Tuition (£3.2m), SEN Placements (£0.6m) and SEND Specialist Services (-£0.5m) equate to £11.5m and as such will be carried forward as a deficit on the DSG. The final DSG balance brought forward from 2018/19 was a deficit of £7.2m.				

APPENDIX 3 – Capital Position

3.1 Capital Expenditure

2019/20						TOTAL SCHEME	
Original 2019/20 Budget as per BP	Scheme	Revised Budget for 2019/20	Actual Spend (Feb)	Forecast Spend – Outturn (Feb)	Forecast Variance – Outturn (Feb)	Total Scheme Revised Budget	Total Scheme Variance
£'000		£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000		
51,085	Basic Need – Primary	34,420	25,528	32,555	-1,865	273,605	-11,560
64,327	Basic Need – Secondary	51,096	39,730	42,735	-8,360	321,067	-813
100	Basic Need - Early Years	2,173	811	2,173	0	5,718	0
7,357	Adaptations	1,119	970	1,090	-29	13,428	0
6,370	Specialist Provision	4,073	3,556	5,460	1,387	23,128	-53
2,500	Condition & Maintenance	3,623	3,549	4,083	460	27,123	952
1,005	Schools Managed Capital	2,796	0	2,796	0	9,858	0
150	Site Acquisition and Development	485	125	485	0	935	0
1,500	Temporary Accommodation	1,500	174	257	-1,243	12,500	-1,243
275	Children Support Services	275	0	275	0	2,575	0
5,565	Adult Social Care	5,565	4,189	5,565	0	30,095	0
3,117	Cultural and Community Services	5,157	1,792	3,308	-1,849	10,630	0
-16,828	Capital Variation	-13,399	0	0	13,399	-61,000	0
2,744	Capitalised Interest	2,744	0	2,744	0	8,798	0
129,267	Total P&C Capital Spending	101,627	80,424	103,527	1,900	678,460	-12,717

The schemes with significant variances (>£250k) either due to changes in phasing or changes in overall scheme costs can be found in the following table:

Revised Budget for 2019/20	Forecast Spend - Outturn (February)	Forecast Spend - Outturn Variance (February)	Variance Last Month (January)	Movement	Breakdown of Variance	
					Under / overspend	Reprogramming / Slippage
£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000
Basic Need – Primary						
Histon Additional Places						
400	3,000	2,600	2,600	0	0	2,600
Although delays were initially anticipated on this project as it involves building a replacement for the current Histon & Impington Infant School on a site (Buxhall Farm) in the Green Belt, the scheme has accelerated and construction is now well underway. While the replacement school is not be required until 2021, commencing work at this point will result in lower construction costs than if the project were delayed.						
Chatteris Additional Primary Places						
4,600	2,300	-2,300	-2,100	-200	0	-2,300
£1.6m slippage anticipated in 2019/20 due to issues around Highways and planning permission. This scheme has now been combined with that listed separately for Cromwell Community College, following approval from the DfE to a proposal to extend the school's age range to enable it to provide all-through education, 4-19. A further £0.7k spend adjustment has been made on receipt of revised cashflow that identifies £200k of the slippage is to poor ground conditions and weather. The contractor expects time to be recovered in the programme so there will be no delay to the completion date.						

Revised Budget for 2019/20	Forecast Spend - Outturn (February)	Forecast Spend - Outturn Variance (February)	Variance Last Month (January)	Movement	Breakdown of Variance	
					Under / overspend	Reprogramming / Slippage
£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000
Bassingbourn Primary School						
2,666	2,300	-366	-316	-50	-275	-91
Savings made on completion of scheme.						
Godmanchester Bridge (Bearscroft Development)						
355	80	-275	-255	20	-275	0
Savings made on completion of scheme.						
Basic Need – Secondary						
Fenland Secondary						
5,000	150	-4,850	-4,850	0	0	-4,850
None of the applications submitted to the DfE to establish the new secondary as free school were approved. Further delays have occurred as work to determine the final specification for the scheme and the associated project cost are being reconsidered. A further re-assessment will be required in response to Fenland District Council's review of its Local Plan.						
Cromwell Community College, Chatteris						
5,500	3,400	-2,100	-2,100	0	0	-2,100
£1.5m slippage anticipated in 2019/20 due to issues around Highways and planning permission. This scheme has now been combined with that listed separately for Chatteris Additional Primary Places, following approval from the DfE to a proposal to extend the school's age range to enable it to provide all-through education, 4-19. A further £0.5k spend adjustment has been made on receipt of contractor revised cashflow.						
Alconbury Weald Secondary & Special						
350	100	-270	-270	0	0	-270
Framework partners will shortly be invited to submit initial designs for these two co-located schools with the aim of both being available to open in September 2023.						
Cambourne Village College						
5,550	4,100	-1,450	-1,450	0	0	-1,450
Reduction due to completion of project on site and release of unspent contingency and risk register allowances. Also, the phase 3b and 3c pre-construction works fees included in contractor contract sum will not be spent now, as it is now likely that a separate new project will be developed in response to an updated demographic assessment. Also, it is not expected any spend on ICT will be incurred this year.						
Northstowe Secondary						
32,000	32,500	500	500	0	0	500
Spend forecast adjusted in line with the latest contractor cashflow forecast.						

Revised Budget for 2019/20	Forecast Spend - Outturn (February)	Forecast Spend - Outturn Variance (February)	Variance Last Month (January)	Movement	Breakdown of Variance	
					Under / overspend	Reprogramming / Slippage
£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000
<u>Specialist provision</u>						
Highfields Ely Phase 2						
3,600	5,000	1,400	1,400	0	0	1,400
Revised spend forecast received from contractor. Value of works higher than anticipated for 2019/20 due to pre-fabricated construction and works progressing ahead of schedule, which means that the project is likely to be completed in May 2020.						
<u>Condition & Maintenance</u>						
School Condition, Maintenance & Suitability						
3,123	3,482	359	359	0	952	-593
The forecast overspend of £359k has arisen due to an increase in the number of unplanned emergency and condition projects requiring urgent attention to ensure the schools concerned remained operational. The in-year position has been offset with slippage of £593k for Galfrid Primary (formerly Abbey Meadows) which was agreed by GPC as additional funding for 2019/20. This funding is required in 2020/21 due to the scheme timescales being delayed.						
<u>Temporary Accommodation</u>						
1,500	257	-1,243	-1,243	0	-1,243	0
£1,243k forecast underspend as the level of temporary mobile accommodation was lower than initially anticipated when the Business Plan was approved.						
<u>Cultural and Community Services</u>						
Libraries - Open access & touchdown facilities (hub libraries)						
567	11	-556	-556	-0	0	-556
Work is ongoing to tender for the system and create a detailed plan for the rollout of Open Access across all libraries; this will involve building surveys of all sites to determine the requirements for implementation, which is the expenditure projected within the current financial year. A report will be brought to C&P Committee in the Spring to update members and make decisions about prioritisation and principles of the rollout, with implementation and expenditure taking place later in 2020/21 and 2021/22.						
Libraries - Open access & touchdown facilities - further 22 Libraries						
605	0	-605	-605	-0	0	-605
Work is ongoing to tender for the system and create a detailed plan for the rollout of Open Access across all libraries; this will involve building surveys of all sites to determine the requirements for implementation, which is the expenditure projected within the current financial year. A report will be brought to C&P Committee in the Spring to update members and make decisions about prioritisation and principles of the rollout, with implementation and expenditure taking place later in 2020/21 and 2021/22.						
Community Hubs – Sawston						
1,603	1,180	-423	-423	0	0	-423
Work is ongoing to complete the new Sawston Community Hub. Spend updated as per the latest Business Case which was presented at Capital Programme Board. A further £65k in funding has been requested to complete the fit out of the new building, this will be funded through Prudential Borrowing.						

Revised Budget for 2019/20	Forecast Spend - Outturn (February)	Forecast Spend - Outturn Variance (February)	Variance Last Month (January)	Movement	Breakdown of Variance	
					Under / overspend	Reprogramming / Slippage
£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000
Other changes across all schemes (<250k)						
-	-	-1,920	-1,975	55	-1,268	-652
Other changes below £250k make up the remainder of the scheme variances.						
Total P&C variances:		-11,499	-11,324	-175	-2,109	-9,390

P&C Capital Variation

The Capital Programme Board recommended that services include a variations budget to account for likely slippage in the capital programme, as it is sometimes difficult to allocate this to individual schemes in advance. The allocation for P&C's negative budget has been calculated as below, updated for the transfer of Cultural and Community Services. Slippage and underspends expected in 2019/20 are currently resulting in £11.5m of the capital variations budget being utilised.

2019/20					
Service	Capital Programme Variations Budget	Forecast Outturn Variance (Feb 20)	Capital Programme Variations Budget Used	Capital Programme Variations Budget Used	Revised Outturn Variance (Feb 20)
	£000	£000	£000	%	£000
P&C	-13,399	-11,499	11,499	85.8%	1,900
Total Spending	-13,399	-11,499	11,499	85.8%	1,900

3.2 Capital Funding

2019/20				
Original 2019/20 Funding Allocation as per BP	Source of Funding	Revised Funding for 2019/20	Funding Outturn (Feb 20)	Funding Variance - Outturn (Feb 20)
£'000		£'000	£'000	£'000
6,905	Basic Need	6,905	6,905	0
4,126	Capital maintenance	3,547	3,547	0
1,005	Devolved Formula Capital	2,796	2,796	0
4,115	Adult specific Grants	4,146	4,146	0
14,976	S106 contributions	6,555	6,555	0
2,052	Other Specific Grants	2,576	2,576	0
10,100	Other Contributions	10,231	10,231	0
390	Prudential Borrowing	48,730	50,630	1,900
11,598	Prudential Borrowing (Repayable)	16,141	16,141	0
129,267	Total Funding	101,627	103,527	1,900

