

Families, Children & Learning

Revenue Budget Summary

Outturn Variance 2017/18 £'000	Service	2018/19 Budget Month 2 £'000	Forecast Outturn Month 2 £'000	Forecast Variance Month 2 £'000	Forecast Variance Month 2 %	2018/19 Savings Proposed £'000	Savings Achieved/ Anticipated £'000	Savings At Risk £'000
(188)	Director of Families, Children & Learning	262	266	4	1.5%	15	15	0
884	Health, SEN & Disability Services	37,760	39,024	1,264	3.3%	1,245	421	824
(110)	Education & Skills	7,334	7,585	251	3.4%	276	206	70
2,100	Children's Safeguarding & Care	39,986	40,692	706	1.8%	2,722	2,232	658
(100)	Quality Assurance & Performance	1,396	1,392	(4)	-0.3%	50	51	0
2,586	Total Families, Children & Learning	86,738	88,959	2,221	2.6%	4,308	2,925	1,552
0	Further Financial Recovery Measures (see below)	-	(1,184)	(1,184)	-	-	-	-
2,586	Residual Risk After Financial Recovery Measures	86,738	87,775	1,037	1.2%	4,308	2,925	1,552

Explanation of Key Variances (Note: FTE/WTE = Full/Whole Time Equivalent)

Key Variances £'000	Service Area	Variance or Financial Recovery Measure Description
Further Directorate Financial Recovery Measures		
(1,184)	Further Financial Recovery Measures projection	The directorate has developed an over-arching Financial Recovery Plan to address the above pressures. The Recovery plan includes the following measures:
		- reducing the average unit cost of placements through improved commissioning and reviewing identified high cost placements;
		- review of Care leavers accommodation costs;
		- agreeing an action plan for containing Legal Fees with the Head of Law;
		- In-House Foster Care - aiming to move to 62% in-house carers by October and 65% by the end of the year;
		- Review of children disability placements;

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Key Variances		
£'000	Service Area	Variance or Financial Recovery Measure Description
		- Adult LD Community Care - further savings on outsourced provision, reducing the need for use of contingency budgets, and potential application of CCG grant;
		- Drove Road – review of staffing cover requirements;
		- Re-negotiation of Continuing Health Care contributions from the CCG.
Director of Families, Children & Learning		
4	Other	
Health, SEN & Disability Services		
561	Adults Learning Disabilities - Community Care	Complexity of clients continues to increase and both the number and unit cost of placements are in excess of budget for 2018/19.
275	Adults Learning Disabilities - loss of continuing health care funding	The Clinical Commissioning Group is reviewing health needs of clients and there is a potential loss of £0.275m of Continuing Health Care funding.
154	In-house Adults Learning Disability Provision	This overspend mainly relates to unachieved savings as a result of tranche 2 outsourcing not proceeding and delays with the Care Quality Commission in changing the registration of one of the residential services.
187	In-house Children's Learning Disability Provision	There is a significant budget pressure on Drove Road (£0.251m) being offset by small underspends in other areas of Children's in-house disability provision.
109	Children's Disability Agency Placements	Due to new high cost placements in 2018/19 both the number and unit cost of placements are in excess of budget.
(22)	Other	
Education & Skills		
70	Home to School Transport	The overspend is due to additional hired transport, recoupment and increased costs in aged 16-19 travel.
168	Skills and Employment	Due to underachievement of income targets in Able and Willing.
13	Other	

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Key Variances		
£'000	Service Area	Variance or Financial Recovery Measure Description
Children's Safeguarding & Care		
169	Demand-Led - Residential Agency Placements	The projected number of residential placements (36.02 FTE) is broken down as 32.02 FTE social care residential placements (children's homes) and 4.00 FTE schools placements. The budget allowed for 30.20 FTE social care residential care placements and 5.30 FTE schools placements. The average unit cost of these placements is lower than the budgeted level for both residential and boarding school placements. However, the number of children placed is 0.52 FTE above the budgeted level resulting in the overspend of £0.169m.
443	Demand-Led - Independent Foster Agency (IFA) Placements	The number of children placed in Independent Foster Agency placements has decreased in recent years. During 2017/18 there were 118.68 FTE (compared with 132.14 FTE for 2016/17). The current projected number of placements in 2018/19 is 96.34 FTE, a reduction of 18.8%. The budget for IFA placements included significant levels of savings and was set at 86.30 FTE. The numbers being higher than the budget by 10.04 FTE results in a projected overspend of £0.443m.
(173)	Demand-Led - Secure Accommodation	It is estimated that during 2018/19 there will be 0.83 FTE secure (welfare) placements and 1.77 FTE secure (justice) placements. The budget allowed for 1.40 FTE welfare and 1.10 FTE justice placements during the year. There are currently no children in a secure (welfare) placement and one in a secure (criminal) placement resulting in a projected underspend of £0.173m.
(49)	Demand-Led - Semi-independent/Supported placements	The number of semi-independent and supported living placements is projected to be 36.18 FTE and this is 0.92 FTE below the budgeted level. The average unit cost of these placements had increased considerably last year but is now reducing and this results in an underspend of £0.049m.
(625)	Demand-Led - In-House Fostering	As at the 31st May 2018 there were 154 children placed with 'in-house' foster carers and 156.87 FTE for the year. The budget, based on an increasing trend over the last few years and the drive to increase recruitment of in-house carers, was set at 171.60 FTE placements. This has resulted in the current projected underspend of £0.625m.
171	Demand-Led - Family & Friends placements, Child Arrangement Orders and Special Guardianship Orders	The budget allows for 314.40 FTE placements of these types. It is currently anticipated that there will be 323.26 FTE children in these placements during 2018/19 and this results in the overspend of £0.171m.

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Key Variances £'000	Service Area	Variance or Financial Recovery Measure Description
324	Demand-Led - Care Leavers	The projected number of care leaver placements in 2018/19 is 148.89 FTE. The budget allows for 114.40 FTE placements. The change in responsibilities for local authorities has seen a growth in the number of care leavers receiving financial support and has resulted in the overspend of £0.324m.
219	Demand-Led Unaccompanied Asylum Seeking Children (UASC) Grant	The numbers of unaccompanied asylum seeking children has increased considerably in the last two years. The costs of looking after these children is funded by a grant from the Home Office, however the increase in the number of asylum seekers has required additional staffing and there has been an increase in other, non- accommodation costs resulting in the overspend of £0.219m.
175	Legal Fees	High levels of Legal costs are projected at Month 2 (broadly consistent with previous years). For 2018/19 the Special Assessment budgets (Medical, Psychological etc) have been transferred to the Clermont Service and will be managed therein. Accordingly the overspend of £0.175m, is attributable in the main to Legal, Court and Counsel fees associated with the increased number of care proceedings experienced over recent years.
179	Adoption Payments	The overspend in Adoption Payments is made up of two elements. An underspend of £0.050m in Adoption Allowances combined with a projected overspend of £0.229m against the Interagency Adoption budget.
(127)	Other	
Quality Assurance & Performance		
(4)	Other	

Health & Adult Social Care (HASC)

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394	Adult Social Care	32,649	33,869	1,220	3.7%	2,130	1,804	326
(452)	Integrated Commissioning	6,240	6,240	0	0.0%	120	120	0
219	S75 Sussex Partnership Foundation Trust (SPFT)	14,036	14,752	716	5.1%	340	340	0
0	Public Health	723	884	161	22.3%	826	826	0
161	Total Health & Adult Social Care	53,648	55,745	2,097	3.9%	3,416	3,090	326
0	Further Financial Recovery Measures (see below)	-	(1,108)	(1,108)	-	-	-	-
161	Residual Risk After Financial Recovery Measures	53,648	54,637	989	1.8%	3,416	3,090	326

Explanation of Key Variances (Note: FTE/WTE = Full/Whole Time Equivalent)

Key Variances £'000	Service Area	Variance or Financial Recovery Measure Description
Further Directorate Financial Recovery Measures		
(1,108)	Further Financial Recovery Measures projection	The directorate has developed an over-arching Financial Recovery Plan to address the pressures detailed below across the various service headings.
		The Financial Recovery Plan includes: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - a review of high cost placements; - revision of use of in-house provision; and - Re-directing the use of some in house home care staff.
Adult Social Care		
(12)	Demand-Led Community Care - No Recourse to Public Funds	The average unit cost is slightly lower than the budgeted unit cost and the number of clients being supported is less than budgeted resulting in the underspend of £0.012m.

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Key Variances £'000	Service Area	Variance or Financial Recovery Measure Description
1,042	Demand-Led Community Care - Physical & Sensory Support	There are increasing numbers of 'new' older people being discharged from hospital requiring social care services for the first time, as well as increased community demand. This additional financial pressure is being partly met by the Adult Care Support Grant and Improved Better Care fund for 2018/19.
150	Demand-Led Community Care - Substance Misuse	There are relatively small numbers of clients within this service and this is in line with the expected demand. The average unit cost is higher than the budgeted unit cost resulting in the overspend of £0.150m.
110	In house residential provision - Older people	This is due to increased agency and overtime spend within the in house residential units.
(312)	Assessment teams	This is due to a number of temporary vacancies across the Assessment teams.
326	In house provision	The saving of £0.326m set against in house provision (home care and residential) has been put at risk subject to further review.
S75 Sussex Partnership Foundation Trust (SPFT)		
201	Demand-Led - Memory Cognition Support	There are higher numbers of care packages than are funded in the budget; the unit costs are also higher than had been anticipated resulting in the overspend of £0.201m. This is due to a current lack of affordable residential and nursing home placements within the city.
487	Demand-Led - Mental Health Support	The average unit costs are higher than budgeted and this results in the overspend of £0.487m. There is an increasing need and complexity within this client group.
Public Health		
160	Sexual Health Services	Due to a shortfall in contract savings and an increase in GP activity for 2017/18 Quarter 4.

Economy, Environment & Culture

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(1,924)	Transport	(9,082)	(9,246)	(164)	-1.8%	1,043	968	75
998	City Environmental Management	27,967	28,734	767	2.7%	350	125	225
21	City Development & Regeneration	2,578	2,708	130	5.0%	221	221	0
(159)	Culture	4,242	4,239	(3)	-0.1%	282	282	0
11	Property	(1,622)	(1,146)	476	29.3%	243	168	75
(1,053)	Total Economy, Environment & Culture	24,083	25,289	1,206	5.0%	2,139	1,764	375
0	Further Financial Recovery Measures (see below)	-	0	0	-	-	-	-
(1,053)	Residual Risk After Financial Recovery Measures	24,083	25,289	1,206	5.0%	2,139	1,764	375

Explanation of Key Variances

Key Variances £'000	Service Area	Variance or Financial Recovery Measure Description
(119)	Parking Services	<p>An underspend on bank charges and contract costs of £0.080m due to reduced card processing transaction fees as the result of a new contract which started during the 2017/18 financial year. The cost per transaction has reduced significantly under the new contract.</p> <p>Other net variances totalling to an underspend of £0.039m.</p> <p>Parking income is monitored on a monthly basis as there are a number of variable factors that can impact on parking activity. Minor variations in demand can result in significant financial implications. The current forecast variance represents 0.41% of the parking income budget.</p>

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Key Variances £'000	Service Area	Variance or Financial Recovery Measure Description
(120)	Traffic Management	An overachievement of income from skips & scaffold, tables and chairs, hoardings and A boards of £0.133m. The hoarding income (£0.099m) reflecting increased large development activity in the City. This is partially offset by costs of £0.013m associated with long term sickness.
75	Transport Projects and Engineering	Bus Shelter advertising income shortfall of £0.075m due to the tender for bus shelter advertising being delayed, where revised tenders were not compliant
City Environmental Management		
644	City Clean Operations	Forecast overspends of £0.230m on non-contracted overtime and agency staff due to staff vacancies and sickness. A forecast underachievement of commercial waste income due to the loss of an internal contract of £0.069m and forecast overspend on commercial waste disposal costs of £0.129m. Forecast overspends on vehicle costs of £0.213m due to increasing fuel prices and high repairs and maintenance costs for older vehicles.
123	Strategy & Projects	A forecast underachievement of income of £0.075m for public conveniences awaiting Environment, Transport and Sustainability Committee approval to introduce charging at 12 sites. Other minor net variances.
1	Other Variances	
City Development & Regeneration		
150	Development Planning	A forecast underachievement of Building Control income of £0.150m after consideration of the fee increase in July.
(20)	Other Variances	
Culture		
(3)	Other Variances	
Property		
420	Rents	There is a forecast shortfall in expected rental income mainly associated with the Contracted Property Portfolio (CPP) and New England House. Property are currently looking to sell some of the less profitable premises and reinvest for greater gain, including added social value where possible, but this project has caused some short term income loss within Corporate Landlord services for 2018/19 plus some vacant properties currently awaiting renovation and redevelopment.

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Key Variances £'000	Service Area	Variance or Financial Recovery Measure Description
		There are also some pressures from NNDR Business Rate revaluations leading to increased bills.
55	Property Services	For 2018/19 a large expected pressure of around £0.350m was identified at an early stage relating to the high demand for additional security provision. The Service manager expects to reduce this pressure through the investment of capital funding and implementation of efficiency measures that will reduce the revenue spend.

Neighbourhood, Communities & Housing

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(2)	Housing General Fund	4,819	5,569	750	15.6%	364	186	178
(270)	Libraries	4,759	4,759	0	0.0%	85	50	35
8	Communities, Equalities & Third Sector	2,742	2,742	0	0.0%	35	35	0
(177)	Regulatory Services	1,508	1,418	(90)	-6.0%	129	109	20
(16)	Community Safety	1,463	1,463	0	0.0%	40	20	20
0	Digital First	0	0	0	0.0%	0	0	0
(457)	Total Neighbourhood, Communities & Housing	15,291	15,951	660	9.6%	653	400	253
0	Further Financial Recovery Measures (see below)	-	(750)	(750)	-	-	-	-
(457)	Residual Risk After Financial Recovery Measures	15,291	15,201	(90)	-0.6%	653	400	253

Explanation of Key Variances

Key Variances £'000	Service Area	Variance or Financial Recovery Measure Description
Further Directorate Financial Recovery Measures		
(750)	Further Financial Recovery Measures projection	Housing General Fund services have a challenging savings target which is only partly met and a forecast overspend in Temporary Accommodation. There are a range of measures being put in place in Temporary Accommodation to deliver a balanced budget. If these measures are unsuccessful, the Flexible Homelessness Support Grant (which has a built in contingency) can be used, as a last resort, to mitigate any final in-year overspend.
Housing General Fund		
300	Housing General Fund savings	There is £0.300m of savings required of the Housing General Fund to be identified. Further work is underway to deliver more savings in-year. If these measures are unsuccessful, as noted above, the Flexible Homelessness Support Grant (which has a built

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Key Variances £'000	Service Area	Variance or Financial Recovery Measure Description
		in contingency) can be used, as a last resort, to mitigate any final in-year overspend.
300	Temporary Accommodation	The forecast overspend is largely the result of higher void and repair costs driven by the current work to transform the service to reduce the reliance on temporary accommodation. The service underestimated the resources needed to support the volume of void turnover in all types of temporary accommodation and this resulted in a higher than forecast volume of spot purchase accommodation. However, the service is now in the process of recruiting more staff using the Flexible Homelessness Support Grant to support this activity. The service is also aiming to reduce the volume of households in temporary accommodation by focusing resources on earlier prevention of homelessness.
150	Seaside Homes	There is a forecast overspend driven substantially by the insurance costs which have in the past been covered by underspends on voids and maintenance budgets.
Regulatory Services		
(90)	Staffing	Net underspend forecast across Safer Communities, mainly as a result of the summer start date for Field Officers and staffing costs being less than originally budgeted.

Finance & Resources

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150	Finance	4,794	4,994	200	4.2%	137	137	0
(456)	Housing Benefit Subsidy	(901)	(1,291)	(390)	-43.3%	0	0	0
(108)	HR & Organisational Development	625	625	0	0.0%	25	25	0
128	IT&D	2,264	3,340	1,076	47.5%	62	62	0
0	Business Operations	(162)	(162)	0	0.0%	0	0	0
0	Contribution to Orbis	13,887	13,887	0	0.0%	681	681	0
(286)	Total Finance & Resources	20,507	21,393	886	4.3%	905	905	0
0	Further Financial Recovery Measures (see below)		(925)	(925)	-	-	-	-
(286)	Residual Risk After Financial Recovery Measures	20,507	20,468	(39)	-0.2%	905	905	0

Explanation of Key Variances

Key Variances £'000	Service Area	Variance or Financial Recovery Measure Description
Further Directorate Financial Recovery Measures		
(925)	IT&D Contracts	A recovery plan is being developed to offset the pressure on IT&D contracts. This will be kept under review, along with the pressure itself, but currently includes the use of £0.325m unallocated funding following the disaggregation of Orbis budgets - this has mostly arisen from planned savings for the Orbis partnership being higher than those originally budgeted for. In addition it is intended to maximise the use of appropriate Modernisation Funding, other one-off and capital funding resources to mitigate the pressure by £0.600m.

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Key Variances		
£'000	Service Area	Variance or Financial Recovery Measure Description
Finance		
200	Revenues & Benefits	There is forecast to be a shortfall in court costs income of £0.200m which is mainly due to enforcement officer vacancies.
Housing Benefit Subsidy		
(390)	HB Subsidy	There is a forecast surplus of £0.150m on the recovery of overpaid council tax benefits. This is £0.063m less than the 2017/18 outturn and is based on the level of income in April and May which is significantly lower than in 2017/18. There is currently insufficient data to make a detailed forecast on the main subsidy budgets but, based on the 2017/18 position, a surplus of £0.240m is projected.
ICT		
1,076	IT&D Contracts	The service is currently indicating a pressure of £1.076m due to increased costs of contracts. The service has over 100 contracts covering all aspects of IT provision with a combined value of more than £3.300m. This has been due to a cumulative effect of increasing demand, increasing costs and reducing budgets over a number of years. A Financial Recovery plan is being developed to address this - see above.

Strategy, Governance & Law

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(36)	Corporate Policy	713	713	0	0.0%	20	20	0
(76)	Legal Services	1,350	1,350	0	0.0%	59	59	0
(54)	Democratic & Civic Office Services	1,745	1,745	0	0.0%	32	32	0
3	Life Events	(19)	(19)	0	0.0%	20	20	0
(15)	Performance, Improvement & Programmes	660	660	0	0.0%	48	48	0
(66)	Communications	606	606	0	0.0%	46	46	0
(244)	Total Strategy, Governance & Law	5,055	5,055	0	0.0%	225	225	0
0	Further Financial Recovery Measures (see below)	-	0	0	-	-	-	-
(244)	Residual Risk After Financial Recovery Measures	5,055	5,055	0	0.0%	225	225	0

Explanation of Key Variances

There are currently no key variances to report within this directorate.

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Corporate Budgets

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(2)	Bulk Insurance Premia	3,133	3,133	0	0.0%	0	0	0
(174)	Concessionary Fares	10,957	10,807	(150)	-1.4%	200	200	0
(280)	Capital Financing Costs	6,920	6,920	0	0.0%	0	0	0
(1)	Levies & Precepts	201	201	0	0.0%	0	0	0
(1,386)	Unallocated Contingency & Risk Provisions	464	464	0	0.0%	0	0	0
(380)	Unringfenced Grants	(17,105)	(17,105)	0	0.0%	0	0	0
124	Other Corporate Items	5,178	5,122	(56)	-1.1%	525	525	0
(2,099)	Total Corporate Budgets	9,748	9,542	(206)	-2.1%	725	725	0
0	Further Financial Recovery Measures (see below)	-		0	-	-	-	-
(2,099)	Residual Risk After Financial Recovery Measures	9,748	9,542	(206)	-2.1%	725	725	0

Explanation of Key Variances

Key Variances £'000	Service Area	Variance or Financial Recovery Measure Description
Concessionary Fares		
(150)	Concessionary Fares	The concessionary bus fares budget is forecast to underspend by £0.150m due to lower than anticipated reimbursement.
Other Corporate Items		
(56)	Corporate Pension Costs	On corporate pension costs there is an underspend of £0.041m relating to overpayments identified in respect of 2017/18 and £0.015m in respect of an in year reduction.

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Housing Revenue Account (HRA)

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(50)	Capital Financing	32,302	32,162	(140)	-0.4%	0	0	0
124	Strategic Director HRA	3,636	3,636	0	0.0%	105	105	0
(125)	Head of City Development & Regeneration	286	226	(60)	-21.0%	0	0	0
(100)	Housing Strategy	762	762	0	0.0%	0	0	0
(308)	Income Involvement Improvement	(45,955)	(45,955)	0	0.0%	0	0	0
(2)	Property & Investment	7,099	6,949	(150)	-2.1%	550	550	0
(183)	Tenancy Services	1,870	1,870	0	0.0%	0	0	0
(644)	Total Housing Revenue Account	0	(350)	(350)	0.0%	655	655	0

Explanation of Key Variances

Key Variances £'000	Service Area	Variance Description
Capital Financing		
(140)	Capital Financing	Significant reprofiling of HRA capital expenditure from 2017/18 into 2018/19 has impacted on the timing of borrowing required to fund the expenditure. This has resulted in lower interest charges being incurred during 2018/19 compared to the original budget forecast, as at Month 2.
Strategic Director HRA		
(60)	Employees costs	Staff vacancies and capitalisation of salaries are forecast to be higher than originally budgeted.
Property & Investment		
(100)	Premises costs	Lower than budgeted spending on service contracts (for example, the gas servicing contract).
(50)	Employees costs	The forecast underspend is due to staff vacancies

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Dedicated Schools Grant (DSG)

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0	Individual Schools Budget (ISB)	124,512	124,512	0	0.0%
(512)	Early Years Block (including delegated to Schools) <i>(This includes Private Voluntary & Independent (PVI) Early Years 3 & 4 year old funding for the 15 hours free entitlement to early years education)</i>	14,450	14,528	78	0.5%
291	High Needs Block (excluding delegated to Schools)	19,605	19,881	276	1.4%
20	Exceptions and Growth Fund	4,016	4,047	31	0.8%
0	Grant Income	(162,381)	(162,381)	0	0.0%
(201)	Total Dedicated Schools Grant (DSG)	202	587	385	190.6%

Explanation of Key Variances

Key Variances £'000	Service Area	Variance Description
Early Years Block (including delegated to Schools)		
78	Additional Support funding for 2, 3 & 4 year olds	Significant increase in the number of children receiving additional support funding and the impact of increased free entitlement available to working parents from September 2017.
High Needs Block (excluding delegated to Schools)		
58	Inclusion Support Service	Vacancy control and plans to move the service to operate on a part traded basis in 2019/20.
30	High Needs top-up for mainstream schools	Additional costs for Primary schools.
30	High Needs top-up for Special schools	Additional support packages for several pupils to avoid more expensive agency placements.
140	Educational agency placements and	Special schools are at capacity, due to pressure from mainstream settings, and this is

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Key Variances		
£'000	Service Area	Variance Description
	other external high needs provision	having implications for out of city placements.
18	Other	Balance of variances on other cost centres.
Exceptions and Growth Fund		
31	Historic pension costs	Historic pension liabilities.