

Summary of 2015/16 Projected Variations

Service Area	Current Variation
	£
Children's Safeguarding & Specialist Services	1,169,347
Education & Corporate Parenting	118,892
Family, Cohesion & Commissioning Services	306,118
Development, Business & Employment	200,000
Leisure, Culture & Facilities Management	4,670
Adult Social Services	3,057,725
Health, Well Being & Public Protection	(299,000)
Neighbourhood & Customer Services	107,268
Law, Democracy & People Services	(800,000)
Finance, Audit & Information Governance	(284,419)
Cooperative Council & Commercial Delivery Unit	0
Council Wide	0
Total Projected Variation	3,580,601
Use of Uncommitted Corporate Contingencies	(3,580,601)
Total Projected Year End Variation	0

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2015/16 Revenue Budget Variations over £50,000				
Description	Budget	Variation	Comments	
	£	£		
Childrens Safeguarding & Specialist Services				
Children in Care Placements	8,207,239	991,100	The 2014/15 reported outturn position was £1.558m overspent and at the end of that year there were 293 Children in Care. The budget strategy for 2015/16 included a budget reduction of £0.300m for Children in Care (CIC) placements. The Cost Improvement plan for 2015/16 includes a further target cost reduction of £0.350m across External Residential, External and Internal Fostering. This position reflects a reduction in expenditure compared to 2014/15 of around £0.9m. Work is ongoing to ensure forecasted step downs from high cost residential placements take place as planned to deliver forecasted cost reductions. Work also continues to assess the placement costs being incurred, including reviewing unit costs, numbers of children in care and the placement strategy. Looked after Children total was 293 as at 11/6/15.	
Care leavers Accommodation costs	599,630	33,262	The 2014/15 reported outturn position was £0.135m overspent. A target has been set in the Cost Improvement plan to achieve a cost reduction of £0.100m against this area. Ongoing review of care packages in the service will continue to enable savings in this area for remainder of the year, progress of which will be regularly reviewed as part of monitoring of progress delivering the Cost Improvement Plan.	
Staffing (Safeguarding)	7,535,318	103,274	The final 2014/15 Safeguarding overspend on staffing was £0.237m. This included £0.819m cost for agency staff. The current agency forecast is for outturn of £0.392m in 2015/16, which is partly offset by vacancies held in the service area. There are 9 agency workers currently in post, it is planned to reduce this number to 4 by the end of November.	
Income (Specialist Services)	(807,080)	70,952	A reduction in expenditure in the jointly arranged services result in a reduced amount of income being collected from Shropshire.	
Internal Foster Carers costs (excluding salaries, fees and allowances)	339,065	140,897	Specific pressures include travel costs £97k and Foster Carer training of £21k forecast overspend. The 2014/15 reported outturn position for travel costs was £164k overspend and a target has been set in the Cost Improvement plan for cost reduction of £40k.	
Joint Adoption Service	298,448	159,000	The 2015/16 budget for the service hosted by Shropshire includes savings of £70k which will not be deliverable. The cessation of the Adoption Reform Grant that part-funded this service has created an additional pressure of £90k. Work has commenced within the service to develop proposals to bring spend back within budget for all Adoption services.	
Direct Payments	174,361	51,623	The 2014/15 overspend for direct payments of personal care for children with disabilities was £105k. This £52k pressure relates to the first 6 months of 2015/16 only. Education Health & Social Care plans are to be introduced from 1st October 2015 and it is anticipated that this will not result in any further additional overspend.	
Children not in Care / in Need costs	4,780	227,380	Specific pressure of £125k for 3rd party fees for children placed with adoption agencies and £102k for payments made to carers to support keeping children at home as opposed to in care (Section 17). Both payments are an alternative to higher care related costs. There is a planned reduction in cost of £40k for Section 17 payments in 2015/16, this forms part of the service's Cost Improvement plan.	

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Description		Budget	Variation	Comments
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Contingency			(750,000)	Specific contingency set aside as part of the budget strategy
Variations under £50k		3,488,338	141,860	Childminding, Computer Software & licences.
Total Children's Safeguarding & Specialist Services		19,840,099	1,169,347	
Education & Corporate Parenting				
Miscellaneous School Expenditure		5,958,548	81,392	Projected expenditure above budget on remissions for schools is £120k which is currently being offset by anticipated savings on the funding of redundancies for schools.
Variations under £50,000		3,948,137	37,500	This overspend relates to the funding of Shortwood Pool for which no budget is available due to the changes in the Government's school funding of joint use, further work needs to be undertaken across a number of service areas within the Council to solve this ongoing shortfall.
Total Education & Corporate Parenting		9,906,685	118,892	
Family, Cohesion & Commissioning				
Early Intervention & Family Connect		3,026,948	56,205	Pressure continuing from 2014/15 on staff costs in Family Connect. The Service is actively looking to find a solution in this financial year.
Cohesion including Homelessness/ Housing Needs		2,590,917	(67,245)	Savings being forecast on expected operational expenditure and some over recovery on income.
Transport Contracting & Commissioning	Supporting People Contracting	1,258,589	317,260	The service are planning to reduce costs for 2015/16 by £425k out of a total target savings of £800k, the remainder will be targeted 2016/17. the service is currently under review to deliver savings by looking at innovative ways to deliver support which is more flexible and allow for more efficient delivery of hours and a reduced unit rate. Re-tendering of short term accommodation service is currently underway and a £108k saving has been identified within projections for this financial year increasing in a full year to £217k
Variations under £50k		2,757,139	(102)	
Total Family, Cohesion & Commissioning		9,633,593	306,118	

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Adult Social Services				
External Purchasing		40,671,872	6,819,411	The pressure which has been reported throughout the 2014/15 financial year and previous continues into 2015/16. The Service area is managing the costs of service delivery and operations through a programme of transformation. The activity and forecast outcomes of these activities is included in a cost improvement plan which if delivered in full in 2015/16 would eradicate the overspend on 2015/16 budgets. The forecast reported here is the current expected position taking into account savings that are known to be realised in 2015/16, there are projects underway for which the results of any cost reductions are not yet known such as Locality Working Pilot where results remain to be evaluated. This year, 2015/16 will be the second year that services have been purchased from the In House Provider. In 2014/15 whilst the logistics of service delivery and charging were put in place the service was delivered to budget. In the current year a scale of charges has been developed and the current forecast reported here represents the cost of those services which exceeds budget.
Income		(15,646,527)	(1,653,758)	Around £1.1m arising from client contributions towards care and as in 2014/15 the forecast is for income to exceed budget, budgets need to be realigned and will be revised in 2015/16 to reflect current forecasts. Also included here is income received which is not budgeted such as contributions towards care from the CCG, funding towards Care Act costs and use of reserves.
Transport		656,993	153,513	The 14/15 ASS transport budget was reduced by £229k as a result of the recommendations made in the Transport Review and expenditure remains at 2014/15 levels and therefore the pressure on this budget is consistent with that reported during 14/15. A Transport Review Project Group has been set up to look at ways to reduce Adult Social Services expenditure on Transport and identify a more robust transport policy in a bid to reduce the remaining overspend.
Equipment		427,416	(72,846)	Current forecasts report an underspend on equipment purchasing budgets. The expenditure is likely to increase as the year progresses as delivery of integrated prevention services is stepped up
Contingency			(2,500,000)	Specific contingency set aside as part of the budget strategy
Variations under £50k		8,904,058	311,405	
Total Adult Social Services		35,013,812	3,057,725	

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Public Health, Wellbeing & Public Protection				
Public Health				
Staffing and operational budgets		986,565	(31,000)	Underspend relates to various operational budgets in Public Health
Smoking Cessation Contract		562,100	(150,000)	Projection based on forecasted number of quitters continuing to reduce partly due to popularity of e-cigarettes.
Working Age - Healthy Lifestyles & Health trainers		876,940	(70,000)	In year vacancies within Telford & Wrekin Health trainers teams and Healthy lifestyle hubs.
Variations under £50k		6,482,206	(48,000)	Various underspends across Early Help offer and NHS Health checks
Public Protection & Civil Resilience				
Variations under £50k		1,835,680	0	Detailed Monitoring has not yet been undertaken for this Service Area in accordance with the risk based monitoring approach being adopted
Total Public Health, Wellbeing & Public Protection		10,743,491	(299,000)	
Leisure, Culture & Facilities Management				
Leisure Services	Service Wide	2,837,590	100,000	The income targets for the Leisure centres are challenging. The ongoing BSF building works at Oakengates is impacting on this facility along with new income targets set for the proposed Synthetic Turf pitch.
FM & Cleaning & Catering	Variations Under £50k	539,370	(95,330)	Underspends mainly as a result of additional caretaking and helpdesk income and vacant posts for part of the year.
Total Leisure, Culture & Facilities Management		3,376,960	4,670	

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Development, Business & Employment				
Regeneration & Investment	Property Investment Portfolio Income	(4,862,330)	300,000	This reflects the current projections for income, service charges, MSCP and operational costs.
Variations Under £50k			(100,000)	One off vacancy management savings across whole Service Area.
Total Development, Business & Employment		(4,862,330)	200,000	
Neighbourhood & Customer Services				
ICT	Supplies & Services	1,347,850	174,556	Unavoidable budget pressure from an increase in the number of Microsoft Licenses required across the Council. This over spend has been met from ICT budgets over the last 3 years however due to the reduction in ICT budgets during the last 12 months in order to deliver savings there is no longer the capacity to fund these costs going forward. One off pressure from Wood disposal arising from higher unit costs as a result of Moody's site being closed until September 2015.
Waste & Neighbourhood Services	Supplies & Services - Waste Disposal	497,790	61,663	
Variations Under £50k		29,034,497	(128,951)	
Total Neighbourhood & Customer Services			107,268	
Finance, Audit & Information Governance				
Treasury Management		10,454,180	(200,000)	Savings from Treasury Management activities
Variations Under £50k		(143,029)	(84,419)	Variations mainly arising from vacant posts
Total Finance, Audit & Information Governance			(284,419)	
Law, Democracy & People Services				
Single Status		1,045,000	(800,000)	Underspend as single status will not be implemented in 2015/16
Total Law, Democracy & People Services			(800,000)	
Total Variations			3,580,601	

Capital Approvals - by Service Area

Appendix 3

Virements				Funding / Comment
Scheme	Service Area	15/16		
		£		
Building Schools for Future	Education and Corporate Parenting	300,000		Grant
All Other School Schemes	Development Business & Employment	(300,000)		Grant
Total		-	-	-

Slippage					Funding / Comment
Scheme	Service Area	15/16	16/17	17/18	Later Years
		£	£	£	£
Housing Company - Housing	Development Business & Employment	(27,432,000)	22,442,000	4,990,000	Prudential
Commercial Investment Project	Development Business & Employment	(3,891,000)	3,891,000		Prudential
Superfast Broadband Programme	Development Business & Employment	(1,402,633.00)	1,395,134.00	7,499.00	Grant
Superfast Broadband Programme	Development Business & Employment	(756,737.38)	381,664.38	375,073.00	Capital Receipts
Superfast Broadband Programme	Development Business & Employment	(407,957.00)	407,957.00		Revenue
Superfast Broadband Programme	Development Business & Employment	(759,532.39)		759,532.39	Prudential
Total		(34,649,859.77)	28,517,755.38	6,132,104.39	-

New Allocations				
Scheme	Service Area	15/16	16/17	
		£	£	
All Other School Schemes	Development Business & Employment	303,208		External
Housing	Development Business & Employment	200,000	(200,000)	Prudential
Housing	Development Business & Employment		300,000	External
Accommodation Strategy	Development Business & Employment	235,000		Revenue
All Other School Schemes	Development Business & Employment	310,000		Revenue
Legal Fees	Corporate	60,000		Prudential
Total		1,108,208.00	100,000.00	