

**Report to:** CHILDREN'S SERVICES,  
CULTURE, YOUNG PEOPLE  
AND SPORT SCRUTINY  
COMMITTEE

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**Report Title:** **Children Services Portfolio – Revenue & Capital  
Monitoring Report – Quarter Two – 2008/09**

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**Confidential:** This report does **not** contain information which warrants its consideration  
in the absence of the press and members of the public.

**Purpose:** The purpose of the report is to inform the Scrutiny Committee of the  
revenue and capital position in respect of the Children Services portfolio  
for 2008/09, as at Quarter Two.

**Recommendations:** The Scrutiny Committee is asked to note the report.

## **1. PURPOSE OF THE REPORT**

This report provides the Executive Members with information relating to the performance and financial position of the Children services portfolio for the second quarter (month 6) of the 2008/09 financial year.

## **2. MONTH 6 2008-2009 CAPITAL MONITOR**

At month 3 the capital programme was projected to spend £26,790,504 this figure has subsequently reduced by £2,743,136 and results in a projected out-turn for the year of £24,047,368. The main reasons for the change are detailed below:

Additional grant funding confirmed:

St Josephs RC Targeted Capital Funding	£190,000	
Rumworth Specialist Schools	£100,000	
Hayward Specialist Schools	£100,000	
The Farm – Area Based Grant (ABG)	£ 89,000	
Bolton Science and Technology (ABG)	£ 60,000	
Bolton Science and Technology (NWDA)	£ 19,039	
School Travel Plans	£149,171	
Academies	<u>£175,722</u>	
		£882,932

New schemes added to the programme:

Premier Training	£ 50,000	
Land purchase – Hayward	<u>£3,459,857</u>	
		£3,509,857

Slippage to 2009-2009

Firwood	(£6,000,000)	
Early Years – Quality and Access	(£ 879,115)	
Children Centres – Phase 3	(£ 244,280)	
Youth Capital Fund	<u>(£ 119,000)</u>	
		(£7,242,395)

Changes in Scheme costs	£ 106,470
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**Total reduction from Month 3** **(£2,743,136)**

The full programme including the funding can be seen at Appendix 1.

### **3. MONTH 6 2008-2009 REVENUE MONITOR**

The table below shows the overall financial position for the department but further detail can be seen in Appendix 2.

	<b>Latest Budget</b>	<b>Projected Outturn</b>	<b>Projected year end variance</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
Children services Local Authority (LA) Block	43,557,290	44,021,090	-463,800
Centrally held DSG	10,349,400	10,058,724	290,676
Delegated Schools Block	161,564,600	161,564,600	0
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>215,471,290</b>	<b>215,644,414</b>	<b>-173,124</b>

#### **Local Authority Block**

This block has seen an improvement in the position since month 3. It was reported at that time that an overspend of £949,514 was expected. As can be seen in the table above this has reduced to £463,800.

The pressures that were facing the block in the form of vulnerable peoples transport and the fostering services still remain however reductions in the number of agency placements, contracted services and daycare have enabled the cost of this to be contained.

Work is still ongoing to manage the budget with a view to achieving a balanced budget at the end of the financial year.

#### **Centrally held - Dedicated Schools Grant**

The centrally held block within the Dedicated Schools Grant is still expected to be under spent at month 6. At month 3 the projection was an under spend of £334,803 so the level has reduced as:

##### Think Family Project

Schools Forum have now decided to release the £100,000 funding to the project.

##### Free entitlement 3 and 4 year olds

An increase in the number of children entitled to the free entitlement has resulted in a projected overspend of £50,000 in this budget.

#### **Schools delegated budgets – Dedicated Schools Grant**

There is no change to the projection in this block at this point in the year. It is still anticipated that the full allocation will be spent and that schools will use £2,756,694 of their reserves to fund building works. Details of the anticipated level of this reserves at the end of the financial year are given below:

<b>School Balances</b>	<b>Balance 1 April 2008 £</b>	<b>Anticipated Movements in year £</b>	<b>Estimated Balance 31 March 2009 £</b>
Nursery Schools	141,033	-75,601	65,432
Primary Schools	4,945,994	-1,177,005	3,768,989
Secondary Schools	523,479	-1,276,549	-753,070
Special Schools	428,548	-227,539	201,009
Total	6,039,054	-2,756,694	3,282,360

#### 4. RESERVES POSITION

The table below outlines the projected out-turn position of the department's reserves at the 31<sup>st</sup> March 2009, after incorporating the financial estimates information included within this report.

<b>Committee Reserves</b>	<b>Balance 1 April 2008 £</b>	<b>Anticipated Movements in year £</b>	<b>Balance 31 March 2009 £</b>
Schools Balances	6,039,054	-2,756,694	3,282,360
Extended Schools	378,603	0	378,603
General Reserves	-104,744		-104,744
Schools Partnership funding	48,986		48,986
Artists in Schools	102,551		102,551
Early Years	498,407		498,407
Safeguarding board	72,836		72,836
Leadership Collaborative	186,323		186,323
Capital Reserve from RCCO	4,109,038	-173,691	3,935,347
Total	11,331,054	-2,930,385	8,400,669

The capital reserves are the accumulation of revenue contributions that are being held over for delayed schemes. The movement in year has reduced since the figure last reported as the scheme at Firwood will not commence in this financial year.

#### 5. EFFICIENCIES 2008-2009

As part of the budget setting process the portfolios identified efficiency savings of £1,172,300 within the LA block. The financial impact of these efficiencies was included within the budget for the portfolio and the details are given in the table below:

Efficiency	Description	Amount £	Status
Agency Placements	Reduction in the number of children requiring to be placed in agency placements	50,000	Achieved
Integrated Youth Offer	Savings generated through VFM review	500,000	Review nearly complete
Early start and children social care	Reconfiguration of management layers	157,500	Review on going
Finance Unit	Process review/integration of school finance systems managed by vacancies	20,000	Achieved
Departmental management realignment and capacity building	Risk of dispute resolution costs to be managed within the department, plus remodelling and capacity building across staffing in access and inclusion division managed by existing vacancies.	135,000	Review on going
Children's Trust	Children and Young People working party to be embedded within Children's Trust	59,800	Achieved
Children's services departmental expenditure reductions	Reduced expenditure in respect of general equipment	250,000	Currently expected to be on target
	<b>Total reduced from base budget</b>	<b>1,172,300</b>	

## 6. GRANTS

Appendix 2 also shows the grants that are expected to be drawn down by the Authority. Currently this totals £51,503,951, which is an increase on the figure last reported of £1,361,318 and relates, in the main, to the following funding:

### Area Based Grants

Raising Aspirations in our schools	£35,000
Dialogic Teaching to Develop Pedagogy	£20,000
Out of school enterprise clubs	£40,000
Not in education, employment or Training (NEETS) reduction	£63,700

### Department of Children, Schools and Families (DCSF)

Diploma Grants – increase to original funding	£ 22,071
Find your talent	£445,000
Student Finance Policy Change	£ 12,210
Parenting Experts	£ 40,000
Youth Opportunities Fund – increase to original funding	£ 94,000
Think Family	£372,500
Sure Start – increase to original funding	£115,430

<b>Training and Development Agency (TDA)</b>	
Workforce Strategy Partners Programme (WSPP)	£40,000
Higher Level Training	£23,000
 <b>Children Workforce Development Council (CWDC)</b>	
Integrated Working	£41,250
 <b>Learning and Skills Council (LSC)</b>	
Young Parents – increase to original funding	£24,660

Currently all grants are expected to spend the allocation.

## **7. PERFORMANCE INFORMATION**

The performance dashboard for quarter 2 is the subject of a separate report.

## **8. RECOMMENDATIONS**

The Executive Member for Children Services is asked to comment on the financial information in respect of the Children Services portfolio for the second quarter of the 2008/09 financial year.

## Capital Programme 2008-2009

Scheme	Scheme Approved	Original Budget £ 2008-2009	Month 3 Projection £ 2007-2008	Month 6 Projection £ 2008-2009	Variation from Month 3 £ 2008-2009	Actual Expenditure Month 6 £ 2008-2009
Building Maintenance		2,000,000	2,361,957	2,356,970	4,987	1,446,361
Project Prioritisation		1,481,000	1,501,032	1,617,894	-116,862	932,886
Capital Support Fund		200,000	246,627	238,159	8,468	-83,709
Kitchens		169,000	169,000	169,000	0	0
Access		457,500	449,772	477,224	-27,452	86,674
<b>Devolved</b>						
Alls Schools		3,920,000	5,286,564	5,392,783	-106,219	1,997,038
<b>Academies:</b>						
Hayward TCF	Month 3		3,500	3,463,357	-3,459,857	3,424,898
Hayward Academy			10,995	101,817	-90,822	101,817
Withins Academy				75,900	-75,900	75,758
Firwood (Firwood/Withins Co-location)		6,000,000	6,000,000	0	6,000,000	0
Academies - General				9,000	-9,000	8,588
<b>Other:</b>						
Extended Schools - Standards Fund		486,700	486,676	486,676	0	
Harnessing Technology		887,900	887,919	887,919	0	242,165
Other ICT		391,500	391,508	391,508	0	
Youth & Play Centres		120,000	367,415	385,979	-18,564	141,544
Youth Capital Fund	Month 3		162,000	162,000	0	12,384
Youth Capital Fund Plus	Month 3		452,000	333,000	119,000	
Scheme investigations					0	1,032
Brook Learning Partnership - TCF			31,931	31,931	0	31,931
The Bolton Gateway			738,980	738,980	0	15,021
St Joseph RC - TCF Standards and diversity	Month 6			190,000	-190,000	
NOF - PE and Sport	Month 3		162,838	162,838	0	102,275
St Andrews and St Osmunds			220,000	220,000	0	9,578
ICT Refresh		350,000	700,000	700,000	0	
St Saviours			13,211	13,211	-0	7,759
George Tomlinson Specialist School			15,886	15,886	0	15,886
Rumworth Specialist Schools	Month 6			100,000	-100,000	
Haywards Specialist Schools	Month 6			100,000	-100,000	
E-Learning Credits			175,272	175,272	0	68,890
Computers for Pupils			651,718	651,718	-0	651,718
Bolton Science and Technology Centre	Month 6			19,039	-19,039	14,077
The Orchards - Phase 1 (Greenfold, Cherry Tree etc)			430,312	430,312	0	-4,294
The Orchards - Phase 2			1,136,814	1,136,814	0	988,986
Ladybridge - Attainment	Month 3		250,000	250,000	0	108,369
Primary Places	Month 3		400,000	400,000	0	258,569
Queensbridge Footpath	Month 3		40,000	40,000	0	
Premier Training	Month 6			50,000	-50,000	1,061
The Farm - ABG	Month 6			89,000	-89,000	
Bolton Science and Technology Centre - ABG	Month 6			60,000	-60,000	
<b>Early Years</b>						
Children Centres Phase 2			466,152	517,836	-51,684	452,972
Extended Schools			181,416	181,416	0	30,432
Children Centres - Phase 3		304,400	304,400	0	304,400	
Children Centres - Maintenance				90,000	-90,000	300
Early Years - Quality and Access		1,159,000	1,158,995	198,316	960,679	93,241
<b>Children Social Care</b>						
Re-location of Children Homes		196,000	196,000	196,000	0	
Re-provision of residential		142,300	142,300	142,300	0	
Integration - joint teams		50,000	50,000	50,000	0	
Semi-independence unit		100,000	100,000	100,000	0	
Children Social Care - DFG		90,000	90,000	90,000	0	26,297
Funding Short breaks	Month 3		141,900	141,900	0	500
ICS Capital	Month 3		133,270	133,270	0	24,701
Mobile Technology	Month 3		82,143	82,143	0	6,144
<b>Total Expenditure 2008-2009</b>		<b>18,505,300</b>	<b>26,790,504</b>	<b>24,047,368</b>	<b>2,743,136</b>	<b>11,291,849</b>
<b>FINANCED BY</b>						
Corporate Borrowing Approval - Supported		4,668,400	4,546,777	4,546,777	0	
- Unsupported		2,284,100	2,560,179	1,375,758	1,184,421	
Corporate Reserves			133,586	183,586	-50,000	
Capital Receipts - Corporate		1,000,000	1,724,272	4,184,129	-2,459,857	
Section 106			13,211	13,211	0	
Standards Fund Grant - Devolved		3,920,000	5,329,564	5,435,783	-106,219	
Standards Fund Grant - NDS Mods			982,414	1,102,276	-119,862	
Standards Fund Grant - Computers for Pupils			651,718	651,718	0	
Standards Fund Grant - E-learning Credits			175,272	175,272	0	
Standards Fund Grant - Extended Schools		486,700	486,676	486,676	0	
Standards Fund - Harnessing Technology		887,900	887,919	887,919	0	
Hayward TCF			3,500	3,500	0	
The Orchards TCF			242,000	242,000	0	
Brook Learning Partnership - TCF			31,931	31,931	0	
St Joseph RC - TCF				190,000	-190,000	
Bolton Gateway - TCF			738,980	738,980	0	
Children Centres - Phase 2			466,152	466,152	0	
Children Centres - Phase 3		304,400	304,401	60,120	244,281	
Early Years		1,159,000	1,158,995	279,880	879,115	
Specialist Schools			15,886	215,886	-200,000	
NOF Grant			162,838	162,838	0	
Funding Short Breaks			141,900	141,900	0	
ICS Capital Grant			133,270	133,270	0	
Mobile Technology			42,539	42,539	0	
Youth Capital Fund			162,000	162,000	0	
Youth Capital Fund Plus			452,000	333,000	119,000	
NWDA				19,039	-19,039	
Area Based Grant - ABG				167,564	-167,564	
Housing			2,427	2,427	0	
CPS			44,000	44,000	0	
Johnson Fold Reserve			7,646	7,646	0	
Revenue Contributions to Capital - LA		3,794,800	5,188,451	1,559,591	3,628,860	
<b>Total Financing 2008-2009</b>		<b>18,505,300</b>	<b>26,790,504</b>	<b>24,047,368</b>	<b>2,743,136</b>	
<b>Under/Over Financing</b>		<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>-0</b>	





## Departmental Summary - Month 6 Projection

	Local Authority			Dedicated Schools Grant (DSG)									Other Grant Funding			Grand Total		
	Budget £	Projection £	Variance £	Centrally Held			Schools		Variance £	Total DSG			Budget £	Projection £	Variance	Budget £	Projection £	Variance
				Budget £	Projection £	Variance £	Budget £	Projection £		Budget £	Projection £	Variance						
Enjoy and achieve	1,118,800	1,151,055	-32,255	471,300	434,600	36,700				471,300	434,600	36,700	8,065,546	8,065,546	0	9,655,646	9,651,201	4,445
Inclusion and Engagement	1,843,400	1,796,488	46,912	5,401,900	5,349,237	52,663				5,401,900	5,349,237	52,663	1,185,170	1,185,170	0	8,430,470	8,330,895	99,575
Performance Planning and Resources	4,746,900	4,737,153	9,747	271,500	250,035	21,465				271,500	250,035	21,465	213,784	213,784	0	5,232,184	5,200,972	31,212
Positive Contributions	2,569,300	2,493,509	75,791			0				0	0	0	8,327,318	8,327,318	0	10,896,618	10,820,827	75,791
Service Management	10,266,500	10,812,134	-545,634	542,400	312,452	229,948				542,400	312,452	229,948	0	0	0	10,808,900	11,124,586	-315,686
Staying Safe	23,012,390	23,030,751	-18,361	3,662,300	3,712,400	-50,100				3,662,300	3,712,400	-50,100	11,446,808	11,446,808	0	38,121,498	38,189,959	-68,461
Other Grants										0	0		22,265,325	22,265,325	0	22,265,325	22,265,325	0
Delegated - Primary							73,907,300	75,084,305	-1,177,005	73,907,300	75,084,305	-1,177,005				73,907,300	75,084,305	-1,177,005
Delegated - Secondary							78,677,200	79,953,749	-1,276,549	78,677,200	79,953,749	-1,276,549				78,677,200	79,953,749	-1,276,549
Delegated - Special							7,689,900	7,917,439	-227,539	7,689,900	7,917,439	-227,539				7,689,900	7,917,439	-227,539
Delegated - Nursery							1,290,200	1,365,801	-75,601	1,290,200	1,365,801	-75,601				1,290,200	1,365,801	-75,601
Schools use of balances brought forward								-2,756,694	2,756,694	0	-2,756,694	2,756,694				0	-2,756,694	2,756,694
	43,557,290	44,021,090	-463,800	10,349,400	10,058,724	290,676	161,564,600	161,564,600	0	171,914,000	171,623,324	290,676	51,503,951	51,503,951	0	266,975,241	267,148,365	-173,124
Bolton Science and Technology Centre	0	300,000	-300,000															

## Note

Other grants are Schools standards grant, Schools standards grant - personalisation, schools development grant, School travel advisors, Education Health Partnership