

Education Portfolio

Budget

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Portfolio Context

Education and Skills

Providing all children and young people with access to a good education by adopting an all age approach, from supporting access to high quality early years provision through to the delivery of a diverse curriculum offer for young people post 16. This includes supporting strong attainment in all our schools.

Special Educational Needs and Disability

Ensuring all vulnerable children and young people aged 0 – 25 receive the education support and provision required in order for them to achieve their full potential.

School Place Planning and Admissions

Ensuring that schools in Buckinghamshire are sufficient in number to provide education suitable for the different ages (including pupils who are over compulsory school age but under the age of 19), abilities and aptitudes and special educational needs of pupils of school age.

Key Facts & Figures



123,075
of the
population is
under 18



234
schools



90%
of pupils attend
good or
outstanding
schools



3.1%
of pupils have a
SEND statement
or EHCP

Approximately 75,500 pupils aged 5-16 in Buckinghamshire schools.

4,524 children with an Education Health and Care Plan (EHCP), of whom **143** are LAC (October 2019).

Approximately 9,900 children receiving transport to and from school.

Key issues & Risks (1)

- At the end of Quarter 2, Education portfolio budgets were projected to **underspend by £353k** in the 2019-20 financial year.
- This is due to underspends against vacant posts in the SEND Service in the first part of the year whilst the new structure was being implemented and recruited to. This underspend is a one off position and recruitment to posts in the structure is ongoing. The forecast position assumes a number of additional posts are recruited to before the end of the year.
- The underspend in Education budgets is required to offset wider pressures within the Children's Services Business Unit in 2019-20.
- There are significant emerging budget pressures in two key areas:
 - Home to School Transport
 - Special Educational Needs and Disability (SEND) Services
- There continue to be pressures against Dedicated Schools Grant (DSG) budgets for pupils with SEND.

Home to School Transport

- **The forecast variance for Education budgets at Quarter 2 does not include the outcomes of policy changes implemented through this year. There is also a risk that savings targets for the re-procurement of home to school transport contracts will not be fully met.**
- The estimated financial implications in the current financial year of this delay is £500k.
- At this stage, it is anticipated that this can be met from corporate contingencies.
- Financial modelling is currently being undertaken to analyse the likely demand and updated impacts of policy changes in future years.

Key issues & Risks (2)

SEND Services

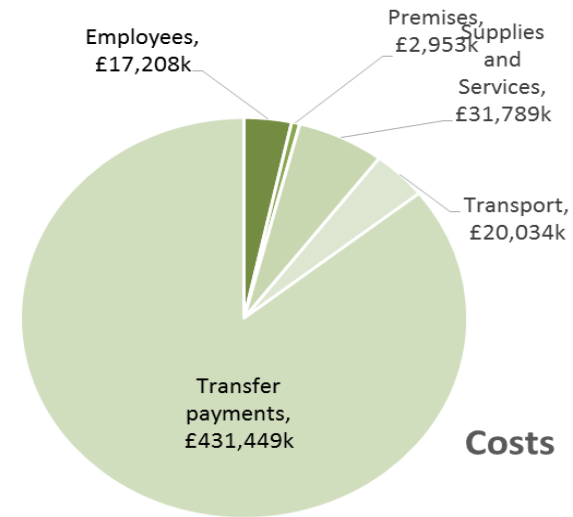
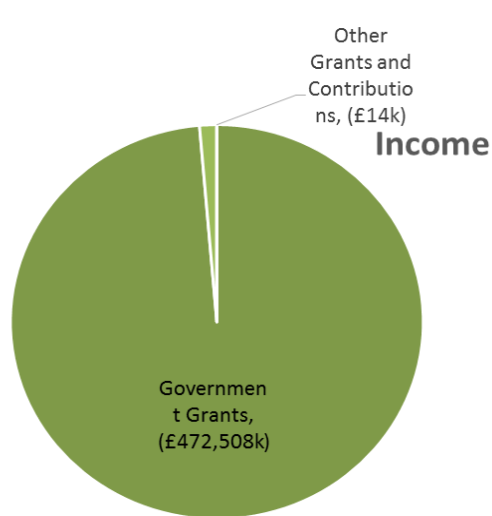
- Budgets for SEND services are projected to underspend in the current year however this is due to the implementation of the new structure and the time taken to recruit to new roles. This underspend will not continue in to future years due to the urgent need to recruit additional staff.
- Currently pressures on the service include:
 - Increased demand for Education Health and Care Plans (EHCPs) – The number of EHCPs has increased by 13% over the course of the previous academic year and is now approx. 4,500.
 - Demand for high cost placements is increasing.
 - High caseloads for staff within the service compared with statistical neighbours.
- **As a result, a further growth proposal of £500k is included in the MTFP. This can be partially offset by savings identified against former Buckinghamshire Learning Trust (BLT) contracts of £280k.**

Dedicated Schools Grant (DSG) Budgets

- DSG budgets for pupils with SEND remain under pressure, particularly in relation to high cost external placements for pupils with complex needs.
- A number of actions to reduce spend and to reduce reliance on high cost placements are in place and were reported to Schools Forum in October.
- Indicative funding announcements for 2020-21 include additional funding for the High Needs block of DSG. At this stage this funding is only confirmed for the 2020-21 financial year and therefore any plans to spend must not create ongoing commitments.
- The Council has commissioned a project in the current year to further develop and understand demand trajectories for high needs provision and to develop a tool for improved needs assessment.
- Additional funding has also been confirmed for the Schools block of DSG with minimum per pupil funding levels for schools being increased from 2020-21 financial year.

Draft Revenue Budget 2020-2023

Education Portfolio	2020-21			2021-22	2022-23
	Income £000	Expense £000	Net Budget	Net Budget	Net Budget
Adult Learning & Skills	(4,665)	4,605	(59)	(59)	(59)
Central Block	(239)	6,664	6,425	6,425	6,425
Early Years Block	-	31,559	31,559	31,559	31,559
Funding Block	(466,187)	(1,048)	(467,235)	(467,235)	(467,235)
High Needs Block	(1,332)	91,171	89,839	89,839	89,839
Integrated Transport	(3,380)	19,385	16,005	16,005	16,005
Management and Central costs	(95)	(513)	(608)	(608)	(608)
School Improvement and Early Years	(267)	1,986	1,719	1,719	1,719
Schools Block	(2,652)	342,064	339,411	339,411	339,411
Special Educational Needs	(126)	5,554	5,428	5,428	5,428
Strategic Commissioning	-	2,005	2,005	2,005	2,005
Net	(478,943)	503,432	24,490	24,490	24,490



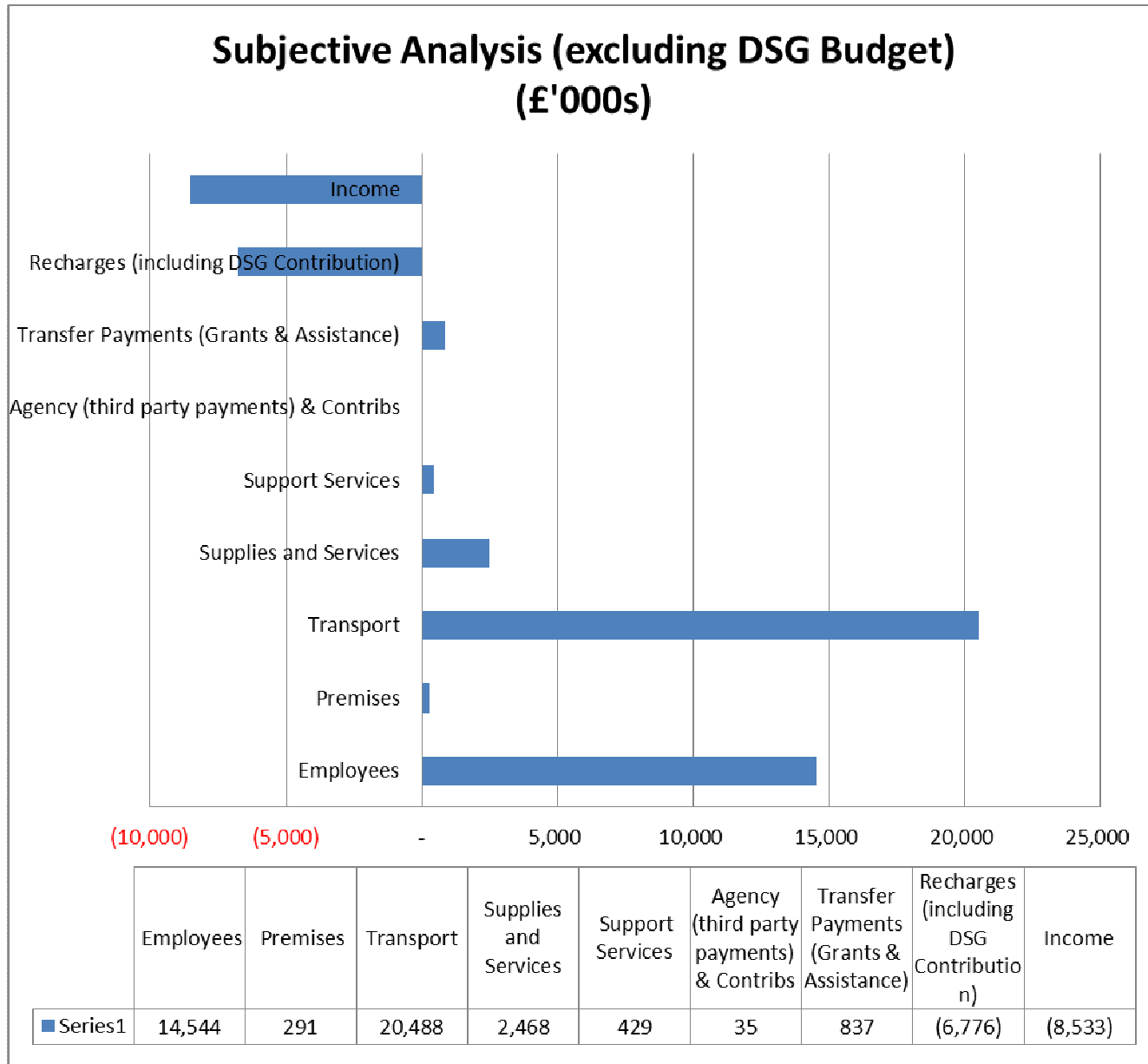
Overview of MTFP changes

	2020-21	2021-22	2022-23
Description of Change	£000's	£000's	£000's
Home to School Transport increases in demand and inflation	780	780	780
Strategic review of Transport Services	(302)	(302)	(302)
Strategic review of all budgets across the service to identify the extent to which services can be provided in a more effective and efficient way	(114)	(114)	(114)
Additional support for staffing levels within Integrated SEND Service	500	500	500
Savings achieved through review of services previously provided by BLT.	(280)	(280)	(280)
Change in funding through schools, early years, high needs and central services blocks within the Dedicated Schools Grant	(8,161)	(12,869)	(12,869)
Change in spending budgets funded by the Dedicated Schools Grant, including funding of schools, early years provision and high needs	8,161	12,869	12,869
Total	584	584	584

The summary above excludes one off adjustments that were made to support the 2019-20 budget:

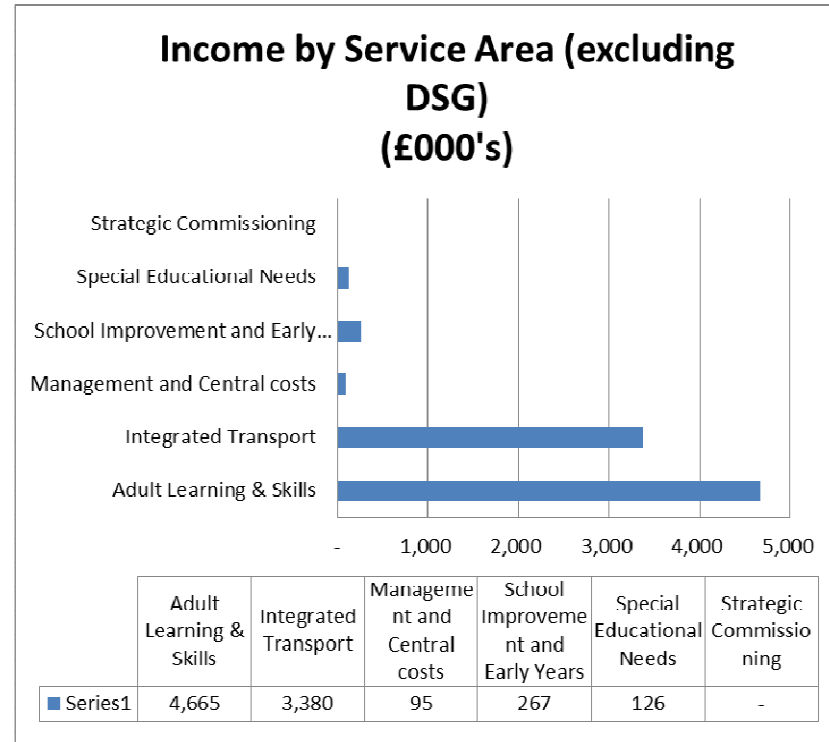
- Home to School Transport – one off investment of £1m to reflect part year savings from policy changes.
- Minor Works – one off saving of £37k taken in 2019-20.

Supporting Financial information



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Analysis of Income by Service Area and by type of income
(Excludes DSG budgets)



Analysis of Income	Grant £'000	Fees & Charges £'000	Interest £'000	Lettings/ Premises income £'000	Total £'000
Adult Learning & Skills	(3,586)	(1,075)	(4)	-	(4,665)
Integrated Transport	-	(3,380)	-	-	(3,380)
Management and Central costs	-	(95)	-	-	(95)
School Improvement and Early Years	(10)	-	-	(257)	(267)
Special Educational Needs	(83)	(43)	-	-	(126)
Strategic Commissioning	-	-	-	-	-
	(3,679)	(4,593)	(4)	(257)	(8,533)

Supporting Financial information

Portfolio FTE	
Staffing Data (Excluding Schools)	
	FTE*
Adult Learning & Skills	79.2
Central Block	27.6
High Needs Block	26.3
Management and Central costs	52.0
School Improvement and Early Years	23.7
Special Educational Needs	112.0
Strategic Commissioning	79.2
	400.1

*HR data is for illustrative purposes and excludes vacancies and agency posts; and is subject to ongoing finalisation process.

Contracts

The table shows the Top 5 contracts in the Portfolio, by annual contract value

Supplier	Description of Contract	Value of Whole Life of Contract	Notes
Buckinghamshire Healthcare NHS Trust	Integrated Therapies (Children and young people's: Speech and Language Therapy Occupational Therapy Physiotherapy)	£18,876,067	Value for 3 year contract. This is joint funded CCG 54%, BCC 46%
Buckinghamshire College Group	Post 16 Education - Buckinghamshire College Group	£6,994,136	
Treloar Trust	Specialist Education - Treloar School	£2,975,837	
Berkshire College of Agriculture	Post 16 Education - Berkshire College of Agriculture	£2,752,767	
Aspire Schools	Buckinghamshire Alternative Provision Services	£2,687,417	Annual Value - contract renegotiated each year

Draft Capital Programme 2020-23



The local authority is responsible for:

- providing sufficient school and early years places including additional classes and new schools.
- maintenance of maintained schools.

Capital plans based on **6,500** additional schools places needed for future demand.

£108 million
to increase school places and to support school and early years improvements and maintenance from 2020-23 .



Draft Capital Programme 2020-2023

Expenditure

		2020/21	2021/22	2022/23	Total MTFP
Service	Scheme	£000	£000	£000	£000
Schools	Primary School Places	6,465	9,271	1,100	16,836
	Provision for Early Years	192	1,200	-	1,392
	Provision for SEN	2,774	300	-	3,074
	School Property Maintenance	3,389	3,000	4,310	10,699
	School Suitability Issues	450	450	1,450	2,350
	Secondary School Places	17,506	28,200	27,722	73,428
Grand Total		30,775	42,421	34,582	107,778

Funding

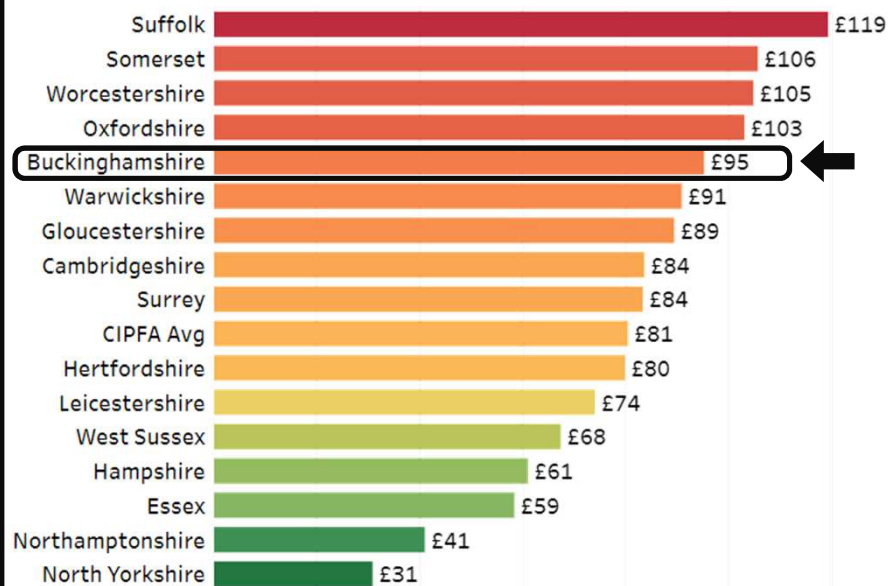
		2020/21	2021/22	2022/23	Total MTFP
Funding Source		£000	£000	£000	£000
Government Grants		(2,774)	(300)	-	(3,074)
Developer funding (CIL / s10)		(9,202)	(6,950)	(64,379)	(80,531)
Grand Total		(11,976)	(7,250)	(64,379)	(83,605)

Comparative Data

Adult Education – detailed breakdown

Spend (unit cost)

Gross expenditure per head of 18+ population (2018/19) Buckinghamshire & CIPFA NNs



Trend over time (Buckinghamshire and CIPFA NN Average)

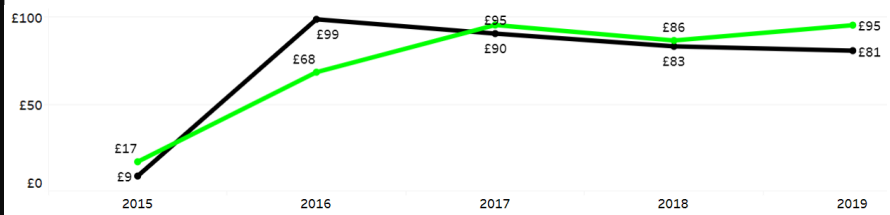


Chart Key : █ Buckinghamshire █ CIPFA NN Average

Outcome (performance measures)

Proportion of population aged 16-64 qualified to Level 2 (5 GCSEs grades A*-C (or equivalent)) in Buckinghamshire

Above CIPFA average



Proportion of population aged 16-64 qualified to Level 3 (at least 2 A-levels grades A-E or equivalent) in Buckinghamshire

Above CIPFA average



Proportion of population aged 16-64 qualified to Level 4 (recognised degree-level qualifications) in Buckinghamshire

Above CIPFA average



Achievement of a Level 3 qualification by the age of 19 in Buckinghamshire

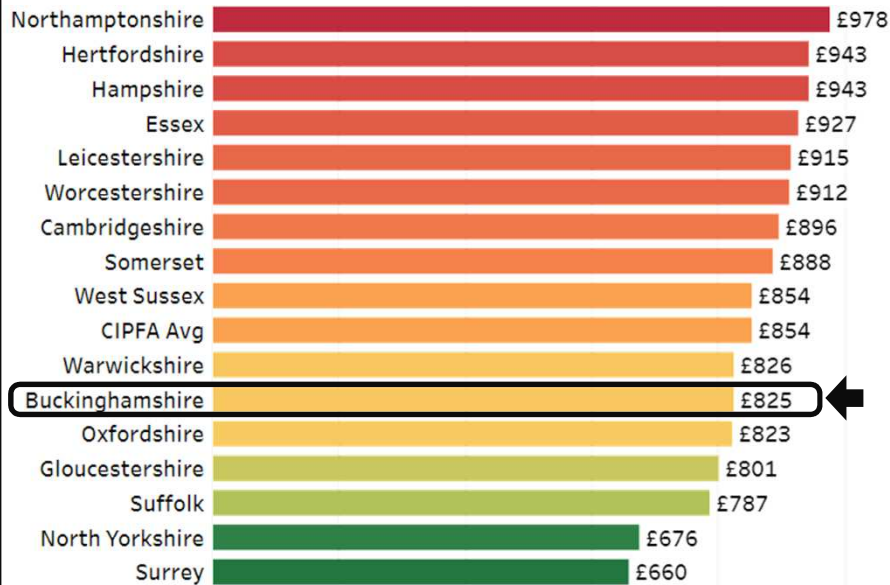
Highest of CIPFA group



Early Years

Spend (unit cost)

Gross expenditure per head of 0-4 population (2018/19) Buckinghamshire & CIPFA NNs



Trend over time (Buckinghamshire and CIPFA NN Average)



Chart Key : █ Buckinghamshire █ CIPFA NN Average

Outcome (performance measures)

% of pupils achieving a good level of development at age 5 in Buckinghamshire

Top 3 of CIPFA NN group



Narrowing the gap between the lowest achieving 20% in the early years foundation stage profile and the rest

Below CIPFA NN average (low is good)



% of early years registered providers inspected rated good or outstanding in Buckinghamshire

Average compared to CIPFA NN



% of 3 & 4 year olds benefiting from free early education in Buckinghamshire

Lowest of CIPFA NN group

