

2014/15 revenue budget

Summary recommendations

Cabinet is asked to:

1. note the revised revenue 2014/15 budget incorporating the 2013/14 transfers and carry forwards. (Annex 2, paragraph 1); and
2. approve the two 2014/15 revenue virements for SEN Reform Grant distribution and Children Service’s contact centre realignment (Annex 2, paragraph 2 and 4).

Revenue 2014/15 budget

1. Surrey County Council has now set its budget for the 2014/15 financial year. Cabinet approved the budget on 25th March 2014. Table A2.1 shows the directorate MTFP 2014/15 revenue budget incorporating the carry forwards from 2013/14 approved in April and May. Table A2.1 also highlights the funding from reserves that supports the revenue budget.

Table A2.1: Revenue 2014/15 budget

	Income £m	Expenditure £m	Original net budget £m	Carry forward £m	Updated net budget £m
Adult Social Care	-72.3	412.3	340.0	0.1	340.1
Children, Schools & Families	-151.5	334.0	182.5	0.7	183.2
Schools	-468.3	468.3	0.0		0.0
Customers & Communities	-24.8	82.3	57.5	0.9	58.4
Environment & Infrastructure	-17.9	146.9	129.0	1.0	130.0
Business Services	-15.3	98.0	82.7	1.8	84.5
Chief Executive's Office	-30.1	44.5	14.4	0.0	14.4
Central Income & Expenditure	-845.7	65.5	-780.2	0.9	-779.3
Service total	-1,625.9	1,651.8			
Funding from reserves:			25.9	5.5	31.4
Budget Equalisation Reserve			20.1	5.5	25.6
Waste Site Contingency			0.3		0.3
Equipment Renewal Reserve			1.8		1.8
Interest Rate Reserve			3.7		3.7
Reserves			25.9	5.5	31.4

Note: Adult Social Care’s 2014/15 budget includes a £14m one-off contribution from reserves.

Virement request

2. At the time the budget for 2014/15 and the MTFP 2014-19 were agreed, the Council had only recently been notified of the allocation of additional grant funding by central

government - the Adoption Reform Grant (£0.983m) and a Special Educational Needs (SEN) Reform Grant (£1.224m). For budget setting purposes the grants were held in the central income and expenditure account. Although these grants are not specifically ring fenced, their purpose is to support the implementation of government reforms and legislative change in relation to adoption and SEN. Since being notified of the additional grant monies the service has worked on business plans to establish how they can be used most effectively.

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3. The request is to transfer the expenditure and grant income budgets to Children Schools & Families from Central Income & Expenditure.
4. Children's Services have redesigned the referral service including creation of a Multi Agency Safeguarding Hub with the aim of increasing partnership working with the police and other agencies. This is one of the changes arising in response to the most recent OFSTED inspection. It has included moving staff located in the contact centre within the Customer & Communities directorate to the public facing central referral and area teams. Therefore approval is sought to vire the £0.517m budget for those staff from Customer & Communities to Children, Schools & Families.