

## Finance and Resources Scrutiny Committee 30<sup>th</sup> November 2021

<b>Report Title</b>	<b>Northamptonshire Children's Trust Budget Monitoring report – Period 6</b>
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#### **Appendix A - NCT Budget Monitoring Report – Period 6**

##### **1. Purpose of Report**

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- 1.1. The report provides the Period 6 budget monitoring and forecast outturn position for Northamptonshire Children's Trust (NCT).

##### **2. Executive Summary**

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- 2.1 The Period 6 budget monitoring report contains a detailed review of the financial position of NCT as at the 30<sup>th</sup> September 2021.
- 2.2 The report details variances at individual service level, service demand pressures and proposed mitigations.
- 2.3 The report also provides an update on the Transformation and Savings programme and projection of reserves

##### **3. Recommendations**

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- 3.1 That the Finance and Resources Scrutiny Committee:
- a) Note the contents of the budget monitoring report and offer comment

## **4. Report Background**

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- 4.1 NCT as part of the Service Delivery Contract (SDC) provides a monthly budget report to The Operational Council Group and quarterly to the Strategic Commissioning group.
- 4.2 The budget report details variances at individual service level, service demand pressures and proposed mitigations and the forecast outturn position.

## **5. Issues and Choices**

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- 5.1 The key issues are:
  - a) The impact on children's services budgets both locally and nationally of increased demand post covid and the increasing complexity of demand.
  - b) The continued challenges around social worker recruitment and the pressures on staffing budgets.

## **6. Implications (including financial implications)**

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### **6.1 Resources and Financial**

- 6.1.1 To note the year end forecast overspend position of NCT, the mitigations that have been proposed and the respective financial year outturn position.

### **6.2 Legal**

- 6.2.1 There are no legal implications arising from the proposals.

### **6.3 Risk**

- 6.3.1 NCT provides a detailed risk register as part of its governance arrangements and is reported and monitored by the respective Trust committees. The key strategic risks are detailed in the business plan.

### **6.4 Consultation**

- 6.4.1 N/A

### **6.5 Consideration by Scrutiny**

- 6.5.1 This is the first consideration of NCT budget by Finance and Resources Scrutiny Committee.

## 6.6 **Climate Impact**

6.6.1 N/A

## 6.7 **Community Impact**

6.7.1 Effective Children's social care and early help supports communities.

## **7. Background Papers**

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7.1 NCT Business Plan