

ANGUS COUNCIL

RECAST OF THE REVENUE BUDGET 2020/21 - BUDGET REVISIONS - INCREASED COSTS/REDUCED INCOME

SERVICE:- SCHOOLS & LEARNING

MOBILISATION COSTS - Additional costs that have or are anticipated to be incurred as a direct result of COVID-19, including actions taken to mobilise resources and deal with impacts of the crisis

LOST INCOME & OTHER COSTS - Income loss and other additional costs that have occurred as a result of COVID-19, including building closures, arrears, decreased tourism and behaviour changes due to social distancing measures.

RECOVERY COSTS - Costs which will occur during exit from lockdown due to service redesign and/or reconfiguration to align with long-term social distancing measures. They should reflect the additional costs associated with reconfiguring and redesigning services in order to align with Scotland's route map through and out of the crisis as well as the relevant national guidance for the service area.

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Recruitment of up to 40 teachers for 1 academic year to cover for staff to continue to shield, cover any other increased staff absence due to COVID-19 and provide targeted support for individuals and small groups in an effort to close the attainment gap.	1,333	0	0	1,333	Angus Council has been allocated additional funding from the Scottish Government towards the costs of providing additional teachers. The funding is conditional on additional teachers being recruited. An allocation of £1.592m has been provided covering the academic year which breaks down into £1.062m in financial year 2020/21 and £0.530m in financial year 2021/22. This funding does not cover the full costs but the Council has already agreed to use the corporate contingency in General Fund Reserves to meet the shortfall	0	up to 40 FTE	1,333
Recruitment of 10 full-time school and pupil support assistants on a 1 year temporary contract and increasing the hours of those already employed by Angus Council to the equivalent of 21 FTE to provide additional support in schools	200	0	0	200	Angus Council has been allocated additional funding from the Scottish Government towards the costs of providing additional support staff. An allocation of £0.106m has been provided covering the academic year which breaks down into £0.071m in financial year 2020/21 and £0.035m in financial year 2021/22. This funding does not cover the full costs but the Council has already agreed to use the corporate contingency in General Fund Reserves to meet the shortfall	0	up to 21 FTE	200
Payments to parents for the provision of free school meals throughout the 2020 summer holidays.	227	0	0	227	These costs will be fully covered by additional grant from the Scottish Government specifically provided for this purpose	0	0.0	227
Digital Inclusion - Equip children and young people experiencing digital exclusion with access to digital devices and internet connectivity to ensure they can continue to connect with schools, teachers and learning.	76	0	0	76	This cost will be covered through additional Scottish Government grant funding. The Council is also eligible to claim up to £439k of capital funding for this initiative.	0	0.0	76

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Additional School Transport costs based on updated guidance. Although social distancing is not required the Council will incur some additional transport costs where special arrangements are required for some scholars	300	0	0	300	Cost is based on current guidance which could be subject to change. Cost estimate could also be impacted by localised lockdowns or if new arrangements had to be made, Part funding of this additional cost (£80k) comes from savings in transport costs during the period when schools were closed and supplier support payments were made instead. Additional funding from Scottish Government for transport and other costs is also being provided to help offset some of the budget impact	80	0.0	220
Enhanced Cleaning of Schools from Tayside Contracts - based on the additional hours that will be put into schools by Tayside Contracts cleaners to cover the Clean2's requested by Angus Council. Cost includes additional materials	497	0	0	497	Cost is based on current guidance which could be subject to change in light of experience or if new guidance is published	0	0.0	497
Hygiene & Safety Measures - additional costs in respect of hand sanitisers, signage and personal protective equipment - initial provision.	95	0	0	95	The £95,000 relates to the initial cost of provision to allow schools to return safely. It is intended to repurpose existing budgets to meet these initial additional costs. This could create future budgetary difficulties as Education will be unable to contain any other unexpected costs which arise during this financial year.	95	0.0	0
Hygiene & Safety Measures - ongoing costs for schools based on usage in first week of new term	343	0	0	343	This is a very early best estimate of the full financial year impact based on usage in the first week of term. The intention is to monitor usage across the first four weeks of term to establish a reliable figure for projecting forwards. The projected cost for full academic year is £470k. This is split as follows:- 20/21 £343k, 21/22 £127	0		343
Pre-Order App for Ordering Secondary School Meals	11	0	0	11	This additional costs can be contained by repurposing current budgets.	11	0.0	0
Supply Staff Payments - these are payments to Supply Teachers who had previously worked for Angus Council but were not working for AC at time of lockdown.	208	208	0	0	Payments have been made in line with national guidance and agreed terms and conditions	0	0.0	208
Miscellaneous Expenses - School / Parent Texting Costs/ PPE	15	15	0	0	These additional costs can be contained by repurposing current budgets.	15	0.0	0

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Early Years Payments to Private Providers to Ensure Sustainability, Payments to Private Providers Acting as Childcare Hubs and Payments to Dundee Childminders for Providing Childcare Services to Angus Key Workers. All of these costs have been incurred based on our local supplier support arrangements and national guidance/direction	950	950	0	0	In line with national guidance these additional costs can be met from available headroom in the ring-fenced Early Learning & Childcare revenue grant funding provided by the Scottish Government for ELC expansion. Re-use of this funding does not impact on the roll out of ELC expansion in Angus	0	0.0	950
Payments to Parents for Free School Meals(pre-summer holidays) based on existing entitlement to free school meals	490	490	0	0	These costs will be fully covered by additional grant from the Scottish Government (Food Fund £602k)	0	0.0	490
Loss of School Let income	50	0	50	0	For operational reasons there will be no school lets until October at the earliest. This assumes that school lets return to pre-lockdown levels once they begin again. There is a significant risk that this will not be the case. Also there could be additional cleaning costs attributable to any school let.	0	0.0	50
Loss of Music Tuition Income	44	0	44	0	This assumes that the musical tuition income will return to the levels experienced pre-lockdown once schools open. There is a significant risk that this will not be the case however on-line lessons may be offered which may reduce the risk.	0	0.0	44
Loss of School Meals Income	900	0	900	0	There is a significant risk that the school meal income will not return to normal once schools open.- Given that only limited catering options will be offered from the start of term then the loss of school meal income could be significant. Lower uptake may be offset to some extent by reduced meal production costs. The net impact will be monitored closely.	0	0.0	900
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