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Children and Families Revenue Budget 2009/10

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Budget Challenges

- ◆ Tight local government settlement
- ◆ Council Tax Freeze
- ◆ Inflationary costs – energy and fuel
- ◆ School Estate
- ◆ Further 2% Efficiency saving assumed
- ◆ Balancing the budget in 2008/09
- ◆ Identifying further savings to balance with resources

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Revenue - Overall Financial Position

- ◆ Increase in AEF (support from Scottish Govt) next year of 1.5%
- ◆ Assume Council Tax frozen – No decision taken but worth £6.9m to Edinburgh
- ◆ The Council has identified service pressures of £20m next year
- ◆ This gap in Council finances has to be met through cost reductions or raising additional income from fees and charges
- ◆ A 2% reduction is required in budget just to stand still

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Revenue

◆ 2% savings required from all departments in each year from 2008/2011

- to meet pay awards
- increased superannuation costs
- increased fuel energy costs
- other inflationary & service pressures
- fund demographic pressures e.g. vulnerable children
- fund new service developments

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Children & Families Revenue - 2008/09

- ◆ 2% target = £4 million from devolved secondary, primary, special school budgets
- ◆ offset by £1.3m from falling school rolls
- ◆ £2.7m from pro rata top slice from school devolved budgets
- ◆ but £595,000 recycled to schools for energy
- ◆ other savings identified for inflationary costs, PPP contracts

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Children & Families Revenue Budget - 2009/10

- ◆ Children & Families 2% target = £5.9m for C&F + service pressures of £3.5m in current year to be funded
- ◆ 2% target now agreed at £3.7 m for secondary, primary, special school devolved budgets
- ◆ offset by £2.10 m from falling school rolls and school rationalisation
- ◆ This leaves £1.6 m to be found from school budgets
- ◆ Other potential savings options being examined include ICT (c£800k), PPP contract (£300k), increased lets charges (£300k), and energy efficiency.

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Budget Process

- ◆ Department has submitted its budget proposals to elected members for consideration
- ◆ Meetings ongoing with political groups
- ◆ Consultation has been undertaken with Head Teachers and school reps
- ◆ Council will set its budget on the 12th February.
- ◆ Any measures regarding school budgets will be included from April 2009



Capital Budget – 2009-2011

- ◆ Roll forward of the approved capital programme from 2008-2011 to 2009-2012
- ◆ Department have been asked to submit bids against approx £5.0m of new money in 2011/12 and 2012/13. School priorities include Dean Park, Towerbank, Corsorphine and ICT.
- ◆ Bids will be evaluated in the context of a 10 year investment strategy and the Council's asset management plan which identifies £19 per annum from 2011/12 for investment in upgrading the Council's property estate.
- ◆ Decisions re allocation of resources will be made by Elected members in February.
- ◆ Approval for 1st phase of Wave 3 programme will be sought.



- ◆ Any Questions?


