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## Introduction

1. This report is the fourth report to this Committee on the forecast outturn against budget for the CFE Directorate. The detailed monitoring report for the third quarter of 2007-08 was reported to the previous meeting of Policy Overview Committee. The timing of this meeting means that the detailed report on the final outturn position for 2007-08 will be reported to the next meeting of this committee once the 2007-08 accounts have been closed and audited, so this report simply provides a very brief update based upon the most recent March "exception" report. These are brief reports submitted monthly between the major quarterly monitoring reports designed to highlight any significant changes in the forecast position.

## March 2008 exception monitoring report

2. This exemption report drew attention to very few issues as there was little overall change to the previous third quarter monitoring report. The main points to highlight are:

- a) Revenue
  - The Directorate continues to project a balanced budget for 2007-08 and whilst there were some variations between the forecasts of individual Units the overall position was unchanged.
  - There is still a £4.3m projected overspend in relation to support for unaccompanied asylum seeking children. Work with the Local Government Association and the Joint Councils to recover the costs incurred from the Home Office and DCSF continues.
- b) Capital
  - The forecast remains as previously reported. As previously reported to this committee the causes of the forecast underspend are largely due to a number of project phasing issues.

## **Recommendations**

3. Members of the Policy Overview Committee are asked to note the projected outturn figures for the directorate as at the March exception report.

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*Background Documents:*

None

*Other Useful Information:*

None