

THE VALE OF GLAMORGAN COUNCIL

CABINET: 22ND MAY, 2025

REFERENCE FROM LEARNING AND CULTURE SCRUTINY COMMITTEE:
31ST MARCH, 2025

“ QUARTER 3 REVENUE MONITORING 2024/25 (REF) –

The reference from Cabinet of 6th March, 2025 as contained within the agenda was presented by the Operational Manager – Accountancy.

Councillor H. Payne queried whether the 51% of schools showing a budget deficit was that as a result of issues from the new Additional Learning Needs (ALN) Act. In reply, the Operational Manager stated that clarification would be provided, but ALN was a known cost pressure. There were also other factors causing budget deficits in schools.

Councillor A. Asbrey if the Council would be able to protect the 241 school transport routes that it currently provided. In response, the Operational Manager advised that there was internal working going on, with a coordinated school transport workshop recently held to identify some potential initiatives that could be put in place such as staggered times and the use of public transport.

Subsequently it was

RECOMMENDED – T H A T the Quarter 3 position with regard to the Authority's 2024/25 revenue budget be noted and the following comments referred to Cabinet for its consideration:

- In relation to the 51% of schools showing a budget deficit was that as a result of issues from the new ALN act.
- Would the Council be able to protect the 241 school transport routes that it currently provided.

Reason for recommendation

Having regard to the contents of the report and discussions at the meeting.”