CHILDREN AND FAMILIES OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE – 3 MARCH 2026

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Question asked by Adam Stares:

In the previous MTFS (2025) the Children & Family Services department was set to make savings of £5.6million across five areas (CF1 to CF5) for the 2025/26 financial year.

Given that there is little over a month left in the current fiscal year has the Department delivered these savings / is it on track to do so, and how does this break down across the five sections?

Response by the Chairman:

Children & Family Services has delivered savings in line with the £5.6m target set out in the 2025 MTFS for 2025/26. While delivery across the programme has been broadly on track, there has been variation within CF5 (Smarter Commissioning, Procurement and Demand Management). In particular, Strand 4 (Increased Partner Income) has under-achieved against its in-year target; however, this has been offset by over-achievement in other CF5 strands.

Area	MTFS Target	Year End Forecast
CF1	-750	-750
CF2	-390	-390
CF3	-250	-250
CF4	-150	-150
CF5	-4,060	-4,060
	-5,600	**-5,600**

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