

Appendix 2 – Pressures/Investment/Inflation/Support for Growing Population

Service	Description of Support for Growing Population	2024/25	2025/26	2026/27	Total	FTE impact
		£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	
Children's Safeguarding	Budget identified for support for growing population in Children's. The demand has been determined based on the demographic numbers on which the 2020/21 budget was set compared to the current position and potential increase in demand informed by 3% population growth predictions.	2,419	2,479	2,479	7,377	None
Education	Home to School Transport – increase in Education, Health, Care plans has led to increased number of children eligible.	1,300	1,300	1,300	3,900	None
	Total	3,719	3,779	3,779	11,277	

Service	Description of Growth and Investment	2024/25	2025/26	2026/27	Total	FTE impact
		£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	
Children's Safeguarding	External Residential Growth - due to shortage of fostering households, coupled with the range of children's needs there has been a shift towards high-cost external residential placements. The cost of high-cost residential placements has increased by 47% since last year.	10,500	0	0	10,500	+8
Children's Safeguarding	Unaccompanied Asylum Seeking Children Grant shortfall - Costs related to supporting this cohort are met from grant rather than Council budget. The presentation of unaccompanied asylum seeking children within Manchester has increased over the past 5 years. UASC children now make up over 0.07% of the total child population, indicating that as a Local Authority we are supporting a higher number of UASC. There is currently a substantial shortfall between the funding local government receives and the actual cost.	2,500	0	0	2,500	None
Education	School Condition Surveys - Council is committed to ensuring that children access high quality education in buildings that are fit for purpose and sustainable. There is an ongoing commitment to ensure the suitability of local authority-maintained schools which requires up to date condition surveys to inform prioritisation of works	100	0	0	100	None
	Total	13,100	0	0	13,100	

Service	Description of Inflation	2024/25	2025/26	2026/27	Total	FTE Impact
		£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	
Children's Safeguarding	Internal fostering placements – Department of Education (DfE) announced minimum increase in foster care allowances reflected by 6.8% in Dec 23.	1,440	0	0	1,440	None
Education	Home to School Transport - full year effect of Home to School Transport cost September 2023 price increases are estimated to be £560k.	560	0	0	560	None
	Total	2,000	0	0	2,000	