Finance and Audit Scrutiny Committee 21 February 2024 Enquiries from Elected Members	
	Responses to Questions
Item 1	**Education Services Monitoring position**
Question 1	Cllr Kavanagh – are there any financial implications for Education Services from absence.
Answer	The main financial impact of absence affecting Education Services is on the Supply Teachers budget. However, this is also be used to cover other absences e.g. maternity cover or to deal with staffing entitlements related to pupil rolls so it is not possible to isolate the impact of absence alone. As reported in the Revenue Budget Monitoring reports the key budgetary pressure on Employee Costs within Education Services is due to school staffing entitlements aligned to pupil roll numbers. This includes a significant overspend in the secondary school sector due to increased numbers of pupils.

This paper will be considered at the start of the committee agenda however requests for clarification on the answers can be made via the committee clerk in advance of the committee meeting.