

## ROTHERHAM BOROUGH COUNCIL – REPORT TO MEMBERS

1.	<b>Meeting:</b>	<b>Cabinet Member for Adult Social Care</b>
2.	<b>Date:</b>	<b>Monday 25 June 2012</b>
3.	<b>Title:</b>	<b>Adult Services Revenue Outturn Report 2011/12</b> All Wards Affected
4.	<b>Directorate:</b>	<b>Neighbourhoods and Adult Services</b>

### 5. Summary

To inform Members of the Revenue Outturn position for the Adult Social Services Department within the Neighbourhoods and Adult Services Directorate for the financial year 2011/12. After adjustments for VER and in year virements the net Outturn for Adult Services shows an overall underspend of £2.543m against a revised net cash limited revenue budget of £76.530m (a variation of - 3.32%).

A significant part of the actual underspend is due to additional income received from NHS during the final quarter. This together with a Council wide moratorium on non essential spend underpinned by tight financial management within the service as contributed to addressing the significant budget pressures which emerged across the wider Council.

### 6. Recommendations

**That Members receive and note the unaudited 2011/12 Revenue Outturn Report for Adult Services.**

## 7. Proposals and Details

The 2011/12 revised cash limited budget after supplementary estimates and budget virements was £76,530,053, the net Revenue Outturn for the service for 2011/12 was £73, 987,473. This resulted in an overall net underspend of £2,542,580 (-3.32%). This represents an increase in the underspend of £397,741 compared with the last budget monitoring report as at the end of February 2012, largely due to the impact of the Council wide moratorium on non essential spend, controlled vacancy management and additional income from NHS.

The summary revenue outturn position for Adult Social Services is as follows:-

Service Area	Revised Budget	Outturn	Surplus (-) Deficit (+)	% Variation to Budget
	£	£	£	%
Adults General, Management, Training and Support	3,973,918	3,648,197	-325,721	-8.20
Older People's Services	35,515,927	34,614,951	-900,976	-2.54
Learning Disability Services	17,052,911	16,500,466	-552,445	-3.24
Mental Health Services	5,313,299	5,312,687	-612	-0.01
Physical Disability Services	6,366,922	6,026,835	-340,087	-5.34
Adult Safeguarding	786,221	637,524	-148,697	-18.91
Supporting People	7,520,855	7,246,813	-274,042	-3.64
<b>Total Adult Services</b>	<b>76,530,053</b>	<b>73,987,473</b>	<b>-2,542,580</b>	<b>-3.32</b>

The key variations within each service area can be summarised as follows:

### **Adults General (-£326k)**

The main underspend was in respect of slippage from additional funding from NHS for the further development of services for Carers (-£286k). There were also savings due to the moratorium on printing, postage and stationary (-£40k).

### **Older People's Services (-£901k)**

One of the main reasons for the overall underspend within this service area was due to the additional income received from NHS in the last quarter of the financial year in respect of support for the winter period and additional funding for Carers (-£1.148m). There were savings in respect of a number of vacant social work posts within the Assessment and Care Management and transport (-£267k), an overall underspend on the intermediate care pooled budget (-£33k) mainly due to slippage on employee costs and an underspend on independent sector residential and nursing care due to 11 fewer placements than planned, additional income from NHS and increased income from property charges (-£159k).

There were also additional income from transport fees and charges (-£34k) during the year.

However, the underspend was reduced by an overall overspend on Home Care provision (+£199k) due to an increase in average weekly hours.

There was also an increase in clients (+60) receiving a Direct Payment (+£227k) and a recurrent budget shortfall on income from In House residential care fees (+£234k) plus an overspend on employee costs due to the use of agency staff to cover sickness (+£80k).

### **Learning Disabilities (-£552K)**

The overall underspend within the service is mainly as a result of slippage on developing new supported living schemes (-£166k), contract efficiency savings negotiated with service providers (-£112k) and additional income from NHS (-£248k). There were also underspends due to vacancies within Assessment and Care management and Community Teams (-£147k). These were reduced by a net overspend on residential and nursing care budgets due to additional demand for placements and a reduction in continuing health care income (+£119k) and other minor overspends (+£2k).

### **Mental Health Services (-£1k)**

The main pressure during the year was the continued increase in uptake on Direct Payments (+£214k), which was reduced by savings on Community Support budgets (-£196k) as clients in these services moved to a direct payment.

There were also pressures on the out of hours service and the use of agency to cover vacant posts (+£97k). These overspends were offset by additional income from NHS towards the funding of residential care placements (-£66k) plus efficiency savings negotiated with the service provider for supported living (-£28k). Other savings across the services amounted to (-£22k).

### **Physical and Sensory Disabilities (-£340k)**

The main pressure during the year was a continued increase in number of clients (+22) receiving independent sector home care (+£300k). This overspend was offset by slippage on new investments to provide alternatives to residential care (-£356k), efficiency savings on voluntary sector contracts (-£41k) and underspends on Assistive Technology (-£170k) due to additional income from NHS. There was also an underspend against approved budget on employee costs due to the reconfiguration at Grafton House including an increase in income from client contributions (-£93k). These savings were slightly reduced by service wide overspends of £20k.

### **Adult Safeguarding (-£149k)**

This underspend was due to difficulties recruiting to vacant posts during the year plus NHS funding for mental capacity.

### **Supporting People (-£274k)**

Efficiency savings achieved as part of meeting the budget reductions agreed for 2012-13 including underspends on subsidy contracts that are based on actual activity incurred during the year.

## **8. Finance**

The attached appendix 1 shows a brief description of the main reasons for variation from the approved budget.

## **9. Risks and Uncertainties**

The outturn figures included in this report are subject to quality assurance work on the Statement of Accounts, which will be undertaken during June 2012 and subsequently external audit verification during July/August.

## **10. Policy and Performance Agenda Implications**

The approved cash limited budget for 2011/12 has allowed existing levels of service to be maintained to support the most vulnerable people and continues to contribute to meeting the Council's priorities, ensuring care and protection are available for those people who need it most.

## **11. Background Papers and Consultation**

This report has been discussed and agreed with both the Strategic Director of Neighbourhoods and Adult Services and the Director of Financial Services.

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