

**CABINET MEMBER FOR ADULT SOCIAL CARE**  
**9th July, 2012**

Present:- Councillor Doyle (in the Chair); Councillors Gosling, P. A. Russell and Steele.

**H11. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING HELD ON 25TH JUNE, 2012.**

Consideration was given to the minutes of the previous meeting held on 25<sup>th</sup> June, 2012.

Resolved:- That the minutes of the previous meeting held on 25<sup>th</sup> June, be approved as a correct record.

**H12. ADULT SERVICES REVENUE BUDGET MONITORING REPORT - 2012-13.**

Consideration was given to a report, presented by the Finance Manager (Adult Services), which provided a financial forecast for the Adult Services Department within the Neighbourhoods and Adult Services Directorate to the end of March, 2013 based on actual income and expenditure to the end of May, 2012.

It was reported that the forecast for the financial year 2012/13 was a balanced budget against an approved net revenue budget of £74.567M.

The latest year end forecast showed a number of underlying budget pressures which were being offset by a number of forecast underspends:-

- A forecast underspend on Adults General Maintenance and Training mainly due to savings on charges for postages, telephones and printing
- Forecast overspends within Older People's services on In-House Residential Care, further increase in demand for Direct Payments and on In-House Transport offset by underspend on Enabling Care, Independent Sector Home Care, less clients for independent residential and nursing care and slippage in developing Dementia Services within Community Mental Health budgets
- Within Learning Disabilities an overspend on Residential Care budgets, recurrent budget pressure on Day Care Transport, additional high cost placements receiving Independent Sector Day Care Provision, increased demand for Direct Payments offset by underspend within Independent Sector Supported Living Schemes
- A Forecast overspend on Direct Payments within Mental Health Services due to increased demand was offset by slippage in developing Supported Accommodation within Community Support Services
- Continued pressure on Independent Sector Domiciliary Care, increase in demand for Direct Payments, forecast overspend on Residential and Nursing Care offset by underspend on Community Support contracts and slippage in developing alternatives to residential provision were the main variations within Physical and Sensory Disability services.
- Slight underspend on employee budgets within Adults Safeguarding
- Efficiency savings in Supporting People contracts

Total expenditure on Agency staff for Adult Services so far was £40,376 compared with an actual cost of £40,050 for the same period last year. The main costs were in respect of assessment and care management staff to cover vacancies and sickness. There had been no expenditure on consultancy to date.

There had been £40,580 spend up to the end of May, 2012, on non-contractual overtime for Adult Services compared with expenditure of £49,884 for the same period last year.

Discussion ensued on the report with the following issues raised/clarified:-

- The increase in the number of Direct Payments due to a number of clients wishing to retain their existing provider
- Continuing Health Care funding

Resolved:- (1) That the latest financial projection against budget for 2012/13 be noted.

(2) That the work being undertaken on developing a joint protocol between the Council and NHS Rotherham, light of the Health Select Commission's Review findings, on Continuing Health Care be noted.

### **H13. EXCLUSION OF THE PRESS AND THE PUBLIC.**

Resolved:- That, under Section 100A(4) of the Local Government Act 1972, the press and public be excluded from the meeting for the following item of business on the grounds that it involves the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in Paragraph 3 of Part 1 of Schedule 12A to the Local Government Act 1972 (as amended March 2006) (information relating to the financial or business affairs of any person (including the Council)).

### **H14. REVIEW OF ENABLING SERVICE.**

The Director of Health and Wellbeing submitted a report and business plan outlining the proposed new service arrangements for the Enabling Service in light of the review of the budget, operational management and direction of the in-house Domiciliary Care Service.

The business plan set out the new service arrangements developed from an analysis of the established demand/need patterns.

Consultation would take place with staff to ensure that the final proposals reflected their views and experiences.

Resolved:- (1) That consultation commence on the basis of the staffing proposals set out in Section 4 of the business plan submitted.

(2) That the budget proposals, as set out in the report submitted, be approved.

(3) That further work be undertaken on the financial implications to employees.

[4] That upon completion of the consultation process a report be submitted to Cabinet.

**(THE FOLLOWING TWO ITEMS HAD PREVIOUSLY BEEN DISPLAYED IN THE OPEN PART OF THE AGENDA BUT, FOLLOWING DISCUSSION, IT WAS FELT THAT THEY SHOULD BE CONSIDERED IN THE PRIVATE PART DUE TO CONTRACTUAL ISSUES/STAFF NEGOTIATIONS)**

**H15. DAY SERVICE REVIEW PROPOSALS - LEARNING DISABILITY SERVICES.**

Resolved:- That this item be deferred until the 23<sup>rd</sup> July meeting.

**H16. DAY SERVICE REVIEW PROPOSALS - TRANSPORT SERVICES.**

Resolved:- That this item be deferred until the 23<sup>rd</sup> July meeting.