

**CABINET MEMBER FOR ADULT SOCIAL CARE
24th June, 2013**

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

An apology for absence was received from Councillor Steele.

H10. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no Declarations of Interest made at the meeting.

H11. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

Consideration was given to the minutes of the meeting held on 10th June, 2013.

Resolved:- That the minutes of the meeting held on 10th June, 2013, be approved as a correct record.

H12. ADULT SERVICE REVENUE BUDGET OUTTURN 2012-13

Mark Scarrott, Finance Manager (Adult Services) presented a report relating to the Revenue Outturn position for Adult Services Department within the Neighbourhood and Adult Services Directorate for the financial year 2012/13.

It was reported that the 2012/13 revised cash limited budget was £72.024M, and the net Outturn for the Service for 2012/13 was an underspend of £0.527M (variation of -0.73%).

It was noted that a significant part of the actual underspend was due to additional income received from the NHS during the final quarter. This, together with a Council-wide moratorium on non-essential spend underpinned by tight financial management within the Service, had contributed to addressing the significant budget pressures which had emerged across the wider Council.

A summary revenue outturn position for Adult Social Services was given in the table within the submitted report.

The appendix to the submitted report detailed the revenue outturn 2012/13 and the reasons for variance from approved budgets. The following key variations were highlighted:-

Adults General (-£29,000)

- Underspend in the main due to savings due to the moratorium on supplies and services and managed savings on training

Older People's Services (-£761,000)

- Additional income Winter Pressures funding received from the NHS in the last quarter
- Vacancies due to Service reviews and difficulty in recruiting within Social Work Teams, Day Care, Transport, Extra Care Housing, Residential Care and Locality Services
- Impact of moratorium on non-essential spend within Day Care resulted in an underspend
- Slippage in developing services for Dementia clients, underspend on Independent Residential and Nursing Care due to less than budgeted for clients
- Slippage in carers' breaks
- Review of Care Enabling Service and Sitting Service resulted in underspend but increased activity for Independent Home Care in the final quarter had resulted in an overspend
- Overall overspends on Rothercare due to slippage in Service review and Assistive Technology equipment
- Underspends reduced by pressures on Direct Payments

Learning Disabilities (-£753,000)

- Main overspend in independent sector Residential Care as a result of an increase in the number of clients including higher average cost of care packages together with loss of income from Health
- Recurrent pressures on Day Care transport
- Under-recovery of income from charges reduced by vacant posts within inhouse day centres pending final outcome of review
- Demand for Direct Payments
- New high cost placements in Independent Day Care and Community Support
- Overspends reduced by underspend in Supported Living Schemes due to additional Continuing Health Care income

Mental Health Services (-£58,000)

- Continued increase in uptake on Direct Payments
- Savings on Community Support budgets
- Minor underspends on supplies and services

Physical and Sensory Disabilities (-£271,000)

- Slippage on new investments to provide alternatives to residential care
- Underspend on equipment and minor adaptations
- Additional Winter Pressures funding, vacancies and savings on supplies and services
- Increase in demand for Direct Payments

Adult Safeguarding (-£19,000)

- Vacant posts plus additional fee income from Court of Protection

Supporting People (-£142,000)

- Efficiency savings were made due to a reduction in actual activity on a number of subsidy contracts
- Savings made during the year offset against commissioning saving targets

Members present raised a number of issues that were clarified as follows:-

- The 104 additional clients receiving Direct Payments had been as a result of clients opting to stay with their current provider when the Home Care Tender had been renewed in April last year
- 2013/14 was going to be a difficult year and early management actions were being developed
- Evidence suggested limited savings achieved from increasing the eligibility criteria from substantial to critical
- Direct Payments would be paid monthly in future
- Revised arrangements for all high cost residential placements
- 8 Social Workers had recently been recruited
- Winter Pressures funding may not be forthcoming this financial year due to the increase in Health Support Funding received
- Day Care Transportation consultation had closed with very little opposition to the implementation of charges

Resolved:- (1) That the unaudited 2012/13 Revenue Outturn report for Adult Services be received and noted.

(2) That staff be congratulated on ensuring the 2012/13 budget had been brought in line with Corporate priorities in an efficient and cost effective manner.

H13. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Resolved:- That a further meeting be held on Monday, 8th July, 2013, commencing at 10.00 a.m.