

**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 10<sup>th</sup> June, 2013.

Resolved:- That the minutes of the meeting held on 10<sup>th</sup> 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, 8<sup>th</sup> July, 2013, commencing at 10.00 a.m.