

Health & Adult Social Care - Position Statement at end of November 2013

Forecast of spend against cash limit

	Original budget £ 000's	Approved cash limit variations £ 000's	Current budget £ 000's	Projected net expenditure £ 000's	Variation £ 000's	Variations	
						Cash limit changes £ 000's	Overspend or underspend £ 000's
Adult Services department	38,712	(267)	38,446	38,446	0	0	0
Public Health department	139	130	269	(20)	(289)	0	(289)
Overall portfolio position	38,851	(137)	38,714	38,425	(289)	0	(289)

Adult Services department is currently predicting to break-even on its revenue budget for 2013/14. The main changes in year relate to addition of funding for Health care and Telecare brought forward from 2012/13 and advance savings forecast on the transformation / downsizing programme in year one of £350,000. Advance savings arise due to the phased closure of Homes for Older People. Two BwD homes closed this year (Greenways in June 2013 and Feniscliffe Bank in November 2013), and residents have been successfully relocated in other facilities in the borough. The savings target of over £1m from the closure programme was originally budgeted for 2014/15, and it has been requested that advance savings are carried forward to next year to enable the portfolio to continue meet its efficiency targets, as the remaining two homes stay open part year until capacity is available in the private sector.

Public Health department is currently predicting to under-spend by -£289,000 against its grant funded revenue budget for 2013/14. The main changes in year relate to additional funding for health improvement projects and transition costs during the initial transfer of responsibilities from Care Trust Plus. Other savings arise due to the complex commissioning arrangements with clinical services providers delaying the start of new contracts, and release of the contingency set aside to cover financial risks transferring from health. This means that there is part-year slippage on new investments in the first year, and unspent grant will be transferred into a Public Health Reserve at the end of 2013/14 for use in next year. The Public Health Grant income is ring-fenced for specific use in the public health investment plan over two years, and is predicted to be fully utilised in 2014/15.

Statistical Information

	Q1 (June)	Q2 (Sept)	November	Q3 (Dec)	Q4 (Mar)
	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000
Value of Debtors					
2013/14	505	473	461		
2012/13	416	463	445	458	501
2011/12	298	380	387	406	439
Collection Rates					
2013/14	73.59%	81.56%	81.24%		
2012/13	72.66%	75.71%	74.57%	76.35%	77.12%
2011/12	78.86%	79.01%	79.04%	78.30%	78.63%
No. of debtors					
2013/14	604	549	582		
2012/13	579	589	573	580	570
2011/12	669	599	647	600	631

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The Adult Services department budget is dependant on income recovery of charges made to service users for social care packages that help them live independently in their own homes, or in residential settings when this becomes necessary. The overall income budget for the department is £15.6 million including charges to the CCG of £3.94m and £11.66m relating to debtors for fees & charges. Debt recovery is closely monitored each month to ensure that all service users are paying the correct amount for their care, especially when cost of living expenses are increasing and benefits or earned income is being squeezed. This area has seen significant improvements in year, following investment in dedicated staff to verify circumstances, chase and recover debt owed. Collection rates are now 81.24%, this is an increase on rates in the last two years, and reduces the risk of debts remaining unpaid.

<u>Transformation progress</u>	£ 000's	% of Target
Total Savings Target	4,035	
Complete	2,676	66.3%
On Target	1,360	33.7%
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Behind Target	0	0.0%
Not Delivering	0	0.0%

The Adult Services department has committed to delivery of over £4.3 million transformation savings in 2013/14. All internal and externally contracted services have been reviewed in year, and efficiency targets passed on to our service partners where necessary. The Service Review programme is monitored closely every two weeks, alongside pressures from increased demand, to ensure that transformation plans stay on target for the year. The department is ahead of profiled savings as at November 2013, having achieved over 66% of savings budgeted to date, and is confident that the plan will be delivered in full for the year.

The Public Health department have worked with other departments across the Council to develop joint services that have health benefits, which need to be protected throughout the transformation period, enabling the Council to continue to meet its key priorities. The "Social Determinants of Health" programme has delivered £1 million of budget savings from 2013/14. Monitoring of health benefits is shared across departments and reported separately.

Capital Programme

Summary of Schemes in 2013/14 Programme	Original Approval £ 000's	Revised Budget Approval £ 000's	Latest Forecast £ 000's	Variation from Revised Approval £ 000's	Variation from Original Approval £ 000's	Current Spend to Date £ 000's
Property Upgrades	18	27	27	0	9	20
Disabled Facilities Grant	1,463	1,574	1,574	0	111	494
Extra Care Scheme	0	50	50	0	50	12
Telecare	80	80	80	0	0	66
Day Care Services Upgrades	647	646	646	0	(1)	155
TOTAL DC*NETCAP	2,208	2,377	2,377	0	169	747

Disabled Facilities Grant budget of £1,574,000 is made up of £558,700 DFG grant, £609,000 main programme, external contributions of £149,000 and slippage of £257,300 from 12/13. *The main programme amount includes £500,000 one off contribution.*

Variation from original approval arises from slippage from the prior year. There are no current increases in budget in year to note, or transfers to the 2014/15 capital programme to report. The

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This appendix is forwarded to scrutiny and opposition Members for information.