

**REPORT TO: HEALTH & SOCIAL CARE SERVICES COMMITTEE ON 28 MAY 2008**

**SUBJECT: COMMUNITY CARE REVENUE AND CAPITAL BUDGET MONITORING 2007/08**

**BY: DIRECTOR OF COMMUNITY SERVICES**

**1. REASON FOR REPORT**

- 1.1 To inform the Health & Social Care Services Committee of the current position regarding the Community Care and Criminal Justice Revenue and Capital budgets.
- 1.2 This report is submitted to Committee in terms of Section E(1) of the Council's Administrative Scheme relating to the functions of the Council as Social Work Authority under the Social Work (Scotland) Act 1968.

**2. RECOMMENDATION**

- 2.1 **It is recommended that Health & Social Care Services Committee:**
  - (i) **Notes the Provisional position of the revenue budget for Community Care and Criminal Justice as set out in APPENDIX 1;**
  - (ii) **Notes the position of the capital programme for Community Care for 2007/8 as set out in APPENDIX 2;**

**3. BACKGROUND**

**3.1 The Revenue Budget**

The position in relation to the Community Care and Criminal Justice budget as of the 31 March 2008 is detailed in **APPENDIX 1** the figures are provisional as the final accounts are currently being finalised.

- 3.2 The figures for 31 March 2008 indicate an underspend for financial year 2007/08 on the Community Care and Criminal Justice budget of £910,000 which represents 3% of the annual budget. This underspend is predominantly due to monies set aside within the Learning Disability budget for the Challenging Behaviour project in Forres, which will not commence until Autumn 2008 and to income received from clients as contributions towards to cost of care above the level budgeted for. Client contributions are based on financial assessments of individual circumstances and these can vary significantly.

- 3.3 Management and Support shows an overspend, reflecting agreed expenditure up to £180,000 from reserves, approved by Council on 4 July 2007 for additional staff resource to review the Care First System and to carry out Data

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- 3.4 Criminal Justice is funded 100% from central government through the partnership of the Northern Criminal Justice Authority . The £48,000 budget is an amount which is ring fenced for any contribution that the Council may have to make in the case of an overspend by the partnership.

### 3.5 The Capital Budget

The project for Challenging Behaviour for Learning Disabilities in Forres was agreed as an efficiency project at Policy Committee on 13<sup>th</sup> June 2007 (para 34 of the minute refers) and is expected to be completed in 2008/09. The Burnie Day Centre project and the Installation of Sprinklers and Hot Water Valves are all complete. The details are attached in **APPENDIX 2**.

## 4. SUMMARY OF IMPLICATIONS

- (a) **Corporate Development Plan/Community Plan/Service Improvement Plan**  
The Social Programme states ‘the Council will support and encourage measures that achieve social inclusion and enhance the quality of life for the residents of Moray’.
- (b) **Policy and Legal**  
The revised Eligibility Criteria and measures taken to reduce spend on the Community Care budget was approved by Community Services Committee on the 31 May 2006. These actions do not affect the Council’s ability to meet its duty of care as set out in the Social Work (Scotland) Act 1968 and the NHS & Community Care Act 1990.
- (c) **Resources (Financial, Risks, Staffing and Property)**  
The resource implications are set out in this report.
- (d) **Consultations**  
The Head of Financial Services has been consulted and concurs with the financial implications set out in this report.

**5. CONCLUSION**

**5.1 It is concluded that the Provisional year-end position for financial year 2007/08 Community Care and Criminal Justice is an underspend of £910,000.**

**5.2 The new Forres project is on target for completion in 2008/9.**

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Background Papers: Papers held by the Accountancy team and the Head of Community Care

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