

**REPORT TO: HEALTH & SOCIAL CARE SERVICES COMMITTEE ON  
6 AUGUST 2008**

**SUBJECT: COMMUNITY CARE AND CRIMINAL JUSTICE REVENUE AND  
CAPITAL BUDGET MONITORING 2008/09**

**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 consideration of capital and revenue budgets and long term financial planning within Social Work Services.

**2. RECOMMENDATION**

- 2.1 **It is recommended that Health & Social Care Services Committee:**
  - (i) **notes the position of the Revenue budget for Community Care and Criminal Justice as set out in APPENDIX 1; and**
  - (ii) **notes the position of the Capital programme for Community Care for 2008/09 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 30 June 2008 is detailed in **APPENDIX 1**.
- 3.2 The figures for 30 June 2008 give an indicative figure, with an overall position on the Community Care and Criminal Justice budget of £750,000 underspend (against which the efficiency savings need to be offset). A provisional forecast for the year end position is included, based only on the first three months of the year and will be revised regularly during the year.

- 3.3 The Management & Support Service currently shows an overspend of £48,000 mainly due to the sum of £24,000 being the full year payment of software licences for the CareFirst system and overspend in staffing of £25,000, primarily due to the appointment of temporary staff as Data Cleaners.
- 3.4 Moray Wide Expenditure is showing an overspend of £41,000, which is due to a payment made to a provider in advance of receiving invoices. At this stage the full year forecast of overspend is anticipated, due to the catering costs of Meals on Wheels.
- 3.5 Occupational Therapy shows an underspend of £112,000, due mainly to staff vacancies (£23,000) and the Telecare monies (£100,000) brought forward from 2007/08 and will be spent during 2008/09.
- 3.6 Homecare budget is showing an overspend of £52,000 which is an over-commitment against the budget at this stage. Senior Management will continue to closely monitor this budget and take actions to minimise any overspend by the end of the financial year.
- 3.7 There is currently an underspend of £195,000 on the Learning Disabilities budget, which is due to a backlog of invoices not yet received (£90,000), staff vacancies (£45,000) and higher than anticipated income from clients (£47,000)
- 3.8 Addictions Services is showing an overspend of £32,000 this is mainly due to a delay in recharging staff costs.
- 3.9 At this stage, Area Teams are showing an underspend of £388,000 predominantly due to a backlog of invoices not yet received from a major supplier (£338,000) and staffing vacancies of £39,000.
- 3.10 Permanent Care is showing an underspend of £115,000 mainly due to payments of Care Home agreed uplifts not yet processed (£85,000), and higher than anticipated income from clients of £30,000.
- 3.11 **The Capital Budget (see APPENDIX 2).** The Capital Programme for 2008/09 is showing a brought forward balance of £279,000 and £380,000 in 2008/09 for the project for Challenging Behaviour for Learning Disabilities in Forres, which was agreed as an efficiency project at Policy Committee on 13 June 2007 (para 34 of the minute refers). This is the subject of a separate report to this Committee.
- 3.12 Included in the Capital Plan for 2008/09 is a provisional sum of £60,000 for the upgrading of the Murray Street training accommodation, required to meet Care Commission requirements.

#### **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 (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 Community Care and Criminal Justice budget is under spent at this stage is £750,000 gross (£624,000 net of efficiency savings). The current forecast for year end is showing an underspend of £192,000 at this early stage, however, the budget is under great pressure this year.**

**5.2 The capital works for 2008/09 for the Forres Project is on target for completion in 2008/09. There is also a provisional balance of £60,000 for the new project of Murray Street training accommodation, which will be subject of a future report.**

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

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