

**REPORT TO: HEALTH & SOCIAL CARE SERVICES COMMITTEE ON
3 FEBRUARY 2010**

**SUBJECT: COMMUNITY CARE AND CRIMINAL JUSTICE REVENUE AND
CAPITAL BUDGET MONITORING 2009/10**

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 the Council's Administrative Scheme in relation to the function 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 considers the position of the revenue and capital budget for Community Care and Criminal Justice as at 31 December 2009 as set out in APPENDIX 1.**

3. BACKGROUND

3.1 The Revenue Budget

The position in relation to the Community Care and Criminal Justice budget as of the 31 December 2009 is detailed in **APPENDIX 1**.

- 3.2 The figures for 31 December 2009 give an indicative figure, with an overall position on the Community Care and Criminal Justice budget of £1.295m underspend (against which the efficiency savings of £0.095m need to be offset). A provisional forecast of £0.352m underspend for the year end position is included, based on the nine months of the year and will be revised regularly during the year.
- 3.3 Management Strategy & Support currently shows an overspend of £0.011m, this is due to numerous minor variances, but primarily due to the Contracts Manager spend to save post (that has now ended), an overspend on Carefirst software costs and PTU costs, which are being offset by an underspend in Adult Protection.
- 3.4 Homecare is showing an underspend of £0.021m, due to the Buckie home from hospital project which has now commenced. However, there are several overspends within this budget, due to the great demand for this service, which are reducing this underspend.

- 3.5 Occupational therapy shows an underspend of £0.026m, primarily due to staff vacancies, which is being offset by overspends on aids and minor adaptations.
- 3.6 The Older Peoples Services Budget is showing an underspend of £0.370m. There are numerous small variances within this budget however, the current underspend is primarily due staffing and the delay in receiving invoices from providers, for which work is continuing to resolve the issues.
- 3.7 Physical & Sensory Disability services budget is currently underspent by £0.077m due to various factors including staffing, increased client income and grant received more than budgeted for the Department of Work and Pensions Workstep Scheme.
- 3.8 Mental Health is currently showing an underspend of £0.115m, which is primarily due to underspends in purchasing and Choose Life project.
- 3.9 Learning Disabilities is currently showing an underspend of £0.542m, which is due to various factors including underspends in staffing, purchasing, block contracts and increased client income.
- 3.10 The Social Work Training budget is currently underspent by £0.074m, this is again due to numerous variances, but predominantly due to underspends in staffing, training and increased income.
- 3.11 The Criminal Justice Budget is underspent by £0.066m, however, this service is funded by the Scottish Government through the Northern Criminal Justice Authority and is therefore a ring-fenced budget
- 3.12 The Capital Budget

There are no projects for Community Care & Criminal Justice that were agreed under the Capital Programme for 2009/10 and the two projects for 2008/09 were both completed within the financial year

4. SUMMARY OF IMPLICATIONS

(a) *Single Outcome Agreement/Service Improvement Plan*

- (i) Community Care resources are deployed to meet National Outcome 6 – We Live Longer Healthier Lives.**

(b) Policy and Legal

Community Care Resources are deployed in order to meet the statutory requirements laid down in Social Work (Scotland) Act 1968.

(c) Resources (Financial, Risks, Staffing and Property)

The resource implications are set out in this report. As at 31 December 2009 the Community Care and Criminal Justice revenue budget is £1.265m underspent, with a provisional forecast year end budget of £0.352m underspend. There is no capital budget for 2009/10.

(d) Consultations

Deborah Bosworth, Principal Accountant, Service Managers for Learning Disabilities, Mental Health, Older People and Physical and Sensory Disability have been consulted and concur 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 underspent at this stage by £1.265m. The current forecast for year end is showing an underspend of £0.352m.**
- 5.2 There are no projects for Community Care and Criminal Justice agreed in the Capital Plan for 2009/10.**

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Background Papers:

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