

**REPORT TO: HEALTH & SOCIAL CARE SERVICES COMMITTEE ON 26 MAY 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:**
  - a) **considers the provisional position of the revenue and capital budget for Community Care and Criminal Justice as at 31 March 2010 as set out in APPENDIX 1 and paragraph 3.14,**

**3. BACKGROUND**

**The Revenue Budget**

- 3.1 The provisional position in relation to the Community Care and Criminal Justice budget as of the 31 March 2010 is detailed in **APPENDIX 1**. The figures are provisional as the final accounts are still being finalised.
- 3.2 The figures for 31 March 2010 give an indicative figure, with an overall position on the Community Care and Criminal Justice budget of £1.3M underspend.
- 3.3 Management Strategy & Support currently shows an underspend of £87,000, this is due to numerous minor variances, including underspends in staffing, transport and Delayed Discharge efficiency saving, which is offset by overspends in software licences, printing & stationary and insurance.
- 3.4 Homecare is showing a minor overspend of £5,000 due to the large demand on this service relating to the shift in the balance of care.
- 3.5 Occupational therapy shows an overspend of £10,000, primarily due underspends in staffing, Community Alarm and transport which is being offset by overspends on aids and minor adaptations.

- 3.6 The Older Peoples Services Budget is showing an underspend of £354,000. There are numerous variances within this budget however, the current underspend is primarily due to staffing, increased income, Community Alarm and purchasing ( relating to permanent care) which is being reduced by overspend in transport and the efficiency targets for voluntary payments and lunch clubs.
- 3.7 Physical & Sensory Disability services budget is currently underspent by £20,000 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 £153,000, which is primarily due to underspends in staffing, purchasing and the delay in the Forres Project.
- 3.9 Learning Disabilities is currently showing an underspend of £406,000, which is due to various factors including underspends in staffing, care purchased, block contracts and increased income.
- 3.10 The Social Work Training budget is currently underspent by £91,000, 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 £186,000, 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 Social Work Out of Hours budget is currently overspent by £36,000 and is historically overspent due to the nature of the budget. However, officers are closely monitoring this budget .

### **The Capital Budget**

- 3.13 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.
- 3.14 The project for the upgrading of Murray Street training accommodation was reported to this Committee on 1 July 2009 as being completed with total expenditure of £53,000 against a budget of £60,000 (para 6 of the minute refers). The retention period for this project has now been completed and a retention value of £4,000 has been paid in March 2010, which will be met by the Capital Plan budget.

## **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. The provisional figures for 31 March 2010 for the Community Care and Criminal Justice revenue budget is £1.3m underspent. 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 and Head of Children & Families 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 for 2009/10 is provisionally an under spend of £1.3M.**
- 5.2 There are no projects for Community Care and Criminal Justice agreed in the Capital Plan for 2009/10, however a retention cost of £4,000 has been paid in March 2010 relating to the Murray Street training accommodation project.**

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Background Papers:

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