

**SOCIAL CARE AND INCLUSION
SCRUTINY AND PERFORMANCE PANEL**

**Agenda
Item No. 7a**

DATE: 3 SEPTEMBER 2009

2008/09 FINAL BUDGETARY POSITION PRIOR TO EXTERNAL AUDIT

Ward(s) All

Portfolio:

Councillor McCracken – Health, Social Care & Inclusion

Summary of report

This report summarises the outturn position for the year ended 2008/09 for Social Care and Inclusion, which is subject to external audit during July.

Recommendation

To note the 2008/09 year end financial position within social care and inclusion, an underspend position of **£79K**.

Background papers

Various financial working papers.

Quarterly reporting to Scrutiny Panel throughout year

2008/09 Budget Books on Council's Internet and Intranet

Reason for scrutiny

To inform the panel of the position for 2008/09.



Signed:

Chief Finance Officer: James T Walsh

Date: 29 June 2009

Resource and legal considerations

The budgets were set as part of the council's budget setting process in line with the Medium Term Financial Strategy.

The accounts were monitored and reported on as part of the budget guidelines and all entries into the final accounts have been undertaken in line with Accounting Guidance and Standards applicable to local government

Citizen impact

The budget is aligned with service activity within service plans across the council. Investment has been targeted at service improvement, stability and user demand.

Environmental impact

None directly associated with this report.

Performance management

Financial performance is considered alongside service targets. All targets which have a finance impact have been met.

Equality Implications

Services consider equality issues in setting budgets and delivering services. Irrespective of budgetary pressures the council must fulfil equal opportunities obligations.

Consultation

Consultation was undertaken as part of the budget setting process and throughout the financial year.

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1 Revenue Outturn 2008/09 – Social Care and Inclusion

- 1.1 The revenue outturn for 2008/09 for the Social Care & Inclusion directorate (including Strategic Housing) is an underspend of **£79K**. This position is subject to external audit evaluation which will take place during July.

2 Summary of Financial Position

- 2.1 There is a predicted underspend across all SC&I service areas for 2008/09 of **£0.079m** which is shown in summary in **Table 1** and in detail at **Table 2**.

Table 1 - Predicted outturn for SC&I compared to the base budget 2008/09

Service Area	Budget £'000	Spend £'000	Variance before carry forward £'000	Carry Forwards £'000	Variance £'000
Adults	78,757	78,509	-248	+331	+83
Strategic Housing	2,216	2,054	-162	-	- 162
TOTAL	80,973	80,563	-410	+331	-79

Key: "+" = Adverse position i.e. overspent; "-" = Favourable position i.e. underspent

Table 2 – Detailed Financial Position for client group

	Spend 2008/09 (£)	Budget 2008/09 (£)	Variance (£)	Carry Forward (£)	Variance post carry forward (£)
<u>Adults</u>					
ASYLUM SEEKERS	110	0	110		110
OLDER PEOPLE	44,249,554	45,619,107	-1,369,553	331,000	-1,038,553
LEARNING DISABILITIES	16,379,828	16,365,614	14,214		14,214
MENTAL HEALTH	7,346,963	7,018,355	328,607		328,607
OTHER	51,820	142,955	-91,135		-91,135
PHYSICAL DISABILITY	7,855,253	6,874,893	980,360		980,360
SSMSS	2,337,232	2,229,334	107,898		107,898
CORPORATE SUPPORT	507	-42	549		549
SUPPORTING PEOPLE	205,844	268,211	-62,367		-62,367
NCO's	82,179	238,443	-156,264		-156,264
	78,509,290	78,756,871	-247,581	331,000	83,419
<u>Housing</u>					
HOUSING STANDARDS & IMPROVEMENT	-202,702	4,755	-207,458		
HOUSING STRATEGY & PARTNERSHIP	1,016,010	1,049,883	-33,873		
SUPPORTED HOUSING	1,241,160	1,161,754	79,406		
	2,054,467	2,216,392	-161,925		-161,925
	80,563,756	80,973,263	-409,506	331,000	

- 2.2 The figures in the table above are after the carry forward of earmarked reserves relating to supporting people of £0.067m and the approved carry forward of £0.331m underspend shown in **Table 3**.

Table 3 - Requests for carry forward of underspends

Service Area	Description	£,000
OP	NCO Service (training)	4
OP	Single Assessment Project	69
OP	Housing 21 (year 1 surplus)	244
OP	Health & Safety	14
Total		331

- 2.3 The main reason for the overspend position within adult services is the high cost placements within the younger adults division, increased demand in mental health services for people with dementia and under achievement of people first DOH income, which totals approx £1.300m. Details on the adults position can be seen at **Appendix 1**.
- 2.4 In summary, older people's services showed a net underspend for the year following the successful implementation of the management action plan. The non-pooled learning disability services showed a net overspend due in the main to Links to Work having reduced levels of income due to the economic downturn. The learning disabilities pooled fund is estimating an underspend. At its meeting on 26 November 2008 PEG agreed for this underspend to be returned in the agreed proportion to each partner, which has been shown as offsetting part of the non-pooled overspend within learning disabilities.
- 2.5 Strategic housing are showing an underspend due to savings on staffing costs and additional funding following negotiations with Kickstart, Northern Housing Consortium and supporting people. This underspend will not be recurring necessarily in future years due to the increase in use of temporary accommodation and the additional costs of providing housing related support with decreasing budgets.