

21 JANUARY 2007

DRAFT BUDGET 2008/09

Ward(s) All

Portfolio Cllr McCracken – Social Care and Inclusion

Summary of report

This report presents the draft revenue budget for Social Care and Inclusion for 2008/9 along with saving and investment options in respect of the revenue budget 2008/9 to enable consideration and further recommendations to cabinet.

Recommendations

To consider the information within this report and make recommendations to cabinet as appropriate.

Signed



CFO

James T Walsh

Date:

10 January 2008

Reason for scrutiny

To enable scrutiny of draft budget for 2008/9 along with options for investment and savings in the context of setting the 2008/9 corporate revenue budget.

Resource and legal considerations

Services were requested to identify efficiency savings and investment for consideration in the setting of the 2008/9 corporate revenue budget and to review their base budgets in line with the corporate guidelines and estimated changes in inflation and pay awards.

The consideration of the draft budget reports by the scrutiny panels is an integral part of the council's budget setting process.

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

Draft budgets, investment and savings options are considered in the context of service targets and outcomes.

Equality implications

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

Background papers

Various financial working papers.

Report Author & Contact Officers:

Stephanie Simcox – Head of Finance – Social Care and Inclusion

☎ 01922 652703

SimcoxS@walsall.gov.uk

Alison Jarrett – Head of Service Finance

☎ 01922 652102

JarrettA@walsall.gov.uk

1. DRAFT REVENUE BUDGET FOR 2008/9

- 1.1 The draft revenue budget for 2008/9 has been calculated based on the 2007/8 budget which has been adjusted in line with expected inflationary and other factors. A summary of which is shown in **Table 1** below.

Table 1 – Calculation of 2008/9 Draft Revenue Budget for Social Care and Inclusion

Description	£m
Base Budget 2007/08	66.539
Budget Refresh : allocation of pay inflation	0.899
Budget Refresh : allocation of contractual and other inflation	1.525
Budget Refresh : Adult grant moved to mainstream funding	4.074
Full Year effect investment	1.365
Full Year Effect Procurement Efficiencies	-0.450
Sub-total prior to new investment and new efficiencies	73.952
New Investment	2.345
New Efficiencies	-1.678
Base Budget 2008/09	74.619

2 SCRUTINY RECOMMENDATIONS TO CABINET

- 2.1 At its budget scrutiny meeting on 19 November 2007, this panel received the detailed breakdown of all the social care and inclusion investment bids and savings options submitted to cabinet to enable any recommendations to be made to cabinet for inclusion in the draft budget proposals. This panel discussed the options in principle but did not make any formal recommendations to cabinet. Recommendations from other scrutiny panels were reported to cabinet on 19 December 2007 and cabinets' draft budget proposals were considered at their meeting of 16 January 2008.

Appendix 1 gives a summary of the investment bids and **Appendix 2** the savings options for social care and inclusion which were considered by cabinet.

Social Care and Inclusion Draft Revenue Budget 2008/09 +

Appendix 1

Draft investment options included in 2008/09 draft budget

Detail	Value £	Scrutiny Panel	Decision by Scrutiny Panel
Older persons - Demographic Growth.	219,026	Social Care and Inclusion	Discussed at scrutiny but no decision given
Walsall's Independent living centre continuation. - YADS	85,000	Social Care and Inclusion	Discussed at scrutiny but no decision given
Client demand future years growth - YADS	764,000	Social Care and Inclusion	Discussed at scrutiny but no decision given
Occupational Therapy staffing structures - YADS	163,883	Social Care and Inclusion	Discussed at scrutiny but no decision given
Social Care Client Based Income shortfall	450,000	Social Care and Inclusion	Discussed at scrutiny but no decision given
Learning Disability Demographic Growth - new cases 08/09.	464,334	Social Care and Inclusion	Discussed at scrutiny but no decision given
Criminal justice and Social Inclusion (Mental Health).	60,000	Social Care and Inclusion	Discussed at scrutiny but no decision given
Service Modernisation, Commissioning & Improvement - Adult Services	139,000	Social Care and Inclusion	Discussed at scrutiny but no decision given
TOTAL	2,345,243		

Social Care and Inclusion Draft Revenue Budget 2008/09 +

Appendix 2

Draft efficiencies options included in draft budget

Detail	Value £	Scrutiny Panel	Decision by Scrutiny Panel
Working with the independent sector and voluntary organisations to reduce the cost of external placements and to provide contract efficiencies (YADS)	(94,000)	Social Care and Inclusion	Discussed at scrutiny but no decision given
Reduction of cost of external placements and contract efficiencies (Learning Disabilities)	(168,000)	Social Care and Inclusion	Discussed at scrutiny but no decision given
Restructuring and efficiencies from within the care management teams via brokerage, change in assessment processes and streamlining practices - 2009/10+ (Learning Disabilities)	0	Social Care and Inclusion	Decision not required until 2009
Reduced expenditure on interim management - social care & inclusion (Older People)	(139,000)	Social Care and Inclusion	Discussed at scrutiny but no decision given
Working with the independent sector and voluntary organisations to reduce the cost of external placements and to provide contract efficienciesb (Mental Health)	(100,000)	Social Care and Inclusion	Decision not required until 2009
Mental health subject to joint organisation - efficiencies arising from economies of scale / joint working - 2009/10+	0	Social Care and Inclusion	Decision not required until 2009
Working with the independent sector and voluntary organisations to reduce the cost of external placements and to provide contract efficiencies (Older People)	(640,000)	Social Care and Inclusion	Discussed at scrutiny but no decision given
Restructuring and generating efficiencies from within the care management teams via brokerage, changing in assessment processes, streamline practices. - 2009/10+ (Older People)	0	Social Care and Inclusion	Decision not required until 2009
Reduced expenditure on repairs and maintenance due to recent investment (Supported Housing)	(217,000)	Social Care and Inclusion	Discussed at scrutiny but no decision given
Externalisation of integrated community equipment store (YADS)	0	Social Care and Inclusion	Decision not required until 2009
Externalise non specialist home support elements of home support. (Older People)	0	Social Care and Inclusion	Decision not required until 2009
Savings in homecare as a result of using assistive technology (Older People)	(300,000)	Social Care and Inclusion	Discussed at scrutiny but no decision given
Deletion team manager post following amalgamation of YADS and LD. Also restructuring and generating efficiencies from within the care management teams - 2009/10+. (YADS)	(20,000)	Social Care and Inclusion	Discussed at scrutiny but no decision given
TOTAL	(1,678,000)		