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**Integrated Community Equipment Store (ICES) Pooled Budget – 2009/10 Third Quarter Forecast**

**Ward(s)** All

**Portfolios:** Councillor McCracken – Health, Social Care & Inclusion

**Summary of report:**

This report shows the 2009/10 financial outturn forecast for the pooled budget within the remit of this panel based on the first nine months of the financial year. A net revenue underspend of £0.056m is predicted.

**Background papers:**

Various financial working papers and report to Partnership Executive Board.

**Reason for scrutiny:**

To provide an update on the 2009/10 financial performance of the pooled budget within the remit of this panel.

**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 and with the NHS Walsall's Local delivery plan (LDP). The total gross budget for the ICES Pooled Budget for 2009/10 is £1.359m, which is funded by £0.555m from NHS Walsall (41%) and £0.804m by Walsall Council (59%).

**Citizen impact:**

None directly associated with this report.

**Environmental impact:**

None directly associated with this report.

**Performance management:**

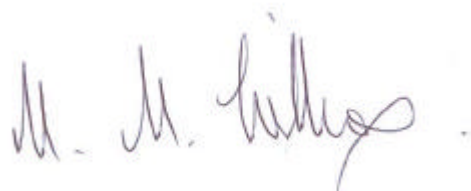
Financial performance is considered alongside service targets.

**Equality implications:**

None directly associated with this report.

**Consultation**

Consultation has been undertaken as part of the budget monitoring process with senior managers within the services.



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## 1. OVERALL PROJECTION 2009/10

- 1.1 **Table 1** shows a summary of the actual outturn for the period 1<sup>st</sup> April 2009 to 31<sup>st</sup> December 2009 and the estimated position for the ICES pooled budget at 31<sup>st</sup> March 2010.

**Table 1 – Summary position ICES pooled budget 2009/10**

|            | <b>Budget<br/>2009/10<br/>£m</b> | <b>Profiled<br/>Budget<br/>£m</b> | <b>Current<br/>Outturn<br/>£m</b> | <b>Current<br/>Var<br/>£m</b> | <b>Projected<br/>Outturn<br/>£m</b> | <b>Projected<br/>Var<br/>£m</b> |
|------------|----------------------------------|-----------------------------------|-----------------------------------|-------------------------------|-------------------------------------|---------------------------------|
| Equipment  | 0.865                            | 0.649                             | 0.579                             | (0.070)                       | 0.795                               | (0.070)                         |
| Non pay    | 0.129                            | 0.096                             | 0.110                             | 0.014                         | 0.143                               | 0.014                           |
| Pay        | 0.365                            | 0.274                             | 0.296                             | 0.022                         | 0.365                               | -                               |
| Audit Fees | 0.004                            | 0.003                             | 0.003                             | -                             | 0.004                               | -                               |
|            | <b>1.363</b>                     | <b>1.022</b>                      | <b>0.988</b>                      | <b>(0.034)</b>                | <b>1.307</b>                        | <b>(0.056)</b>                  |

- 1.2 Although Walsall Council is the accountable body for the ICES pooled budget the operations manager is employed by NHS Walsall and is responsible for spend in liaison with the pooled budget manager. Therefore financial information is provided by NHS Walsall.
- 1.3 The ICES pooled budget for the 2009/10 financial year is £1.359m. Budget monitoring information received shows the actual spend to date as at 31<sup>st</sup> December 2009 is £0.988m against a profiled budget of £1.022m for the same period. Based upon current information a projected underspend of £0.056m is anticipated.
- 1.4 The proportion of the underspend applicable to Walsall Council is £0.035m (59% of £0.059m) and is being used to offset expenditure elsewhere within the directorate. As with both of the authorities' pooled budgets, partners may agree to carry forward under and overspends or make use of them in year.