

WIRRAL COUNCIL

SOCIAL CARE, HEALTH AND INCLUSION OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE: 19 JUNE 2007

REPORT OF THE DIRECTOR OF ADULT SOCIAL SERVICES

FINANCIAL MONITORING 2007-08

1. EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

- 1.1 *This is one of a series of reports submitted throughout the year to highlight the financial performance of the Adult Social Services Department. Members are asked to note the report.*

2. FINANCIAL YEAR 2006/07

- 2.1 At the time of preparing this report work continues on completing the accounts for the 2006/07 financial year and further details will be included in the report to the next meeting. The indications are that there will be an overspend of approximately £400,000 (including recharges from central Departments) due to the variations reported previously to Members.

3. FINANCIAL YEAR 2007/08

- 3.1 Further to the reporting of the Estimates 2007/08 to Cabinet on 20 February 2007 and to Council on 1 March 2007, the approved budget for the Adult Social Services Department is £77,616,400.
- 3.2.1 Since the budget was approved by this Committee in January it has been revised to reflect the agreed savings, policy options and the re-allocation of internal recharges.

Budget presented to Select Committee		£ 79,059,300
Changes arising after January select		
Management Support		100,000
Savings		
Home Care Services	(400,000)	
Reduction in Pay Increases by 1%	(395,200)	
Additional Continuing Health Care Income	(300,000)	
Transport Services	(200,000)	
Procurement	(133,100)	
Management Integration with PCT	(100,000)	
Car Allowances	(42,700)	
		(1,571,000)

Virements to various committees	(42,800)
Reallocation of Central Establishment and other Recharges	70,900
Budget approved by Council 1 March 2007	77,616,400

3.2.2 The budget analysis is detailed in Appendix 1.

4. FINANCIAL MONITORING 2007/08

4.1 Progress on implementing Policy Options

4.1.1 There are no policy options that affect the Department for 2007/08.

4.2 Progress on delivering savings

4.2.1 The department's savings total £3,202,700 and are identified as:

	£	Progress on savings
Domiciliary Care – Efficiency Delivery Programme	1,000,000	Working with providers to implement e-monitoring system
Continuing Health Care - reduced funding commitments following Grogan judgement	700,000	Programme of reviews in place to re-assess existing placements for health funding
Enablement of Homecare services	400,000	Change plan developed. On target to be achieved.
Fairer Charging Policy – non residential care	360,000	New Fairer Charging Policy implemented. On target to be achieved
Joint commissioning with Health Services	300,000	Discussions being held with Wirral PCT.
Transport Strategy	200,000	Business case prepared. Consultation to commence with people who use services
Fieldwork bank staff	100,000	Recruitment process has commenced
PCT integrated management	100,000	Discussions with the PCT are at an early stage. Not clear if savings will be achieved.
Car Allowances	42,700	Review of essential car users to be undertaken. Savings to be managed within existing budget.
	3,202,700	

4.3 Progress on delivering Service Re-engineering savings

4.3.1 The Adult Social Services Department's share of the overall savings target for the year 2007/08 is £1,295,000.

	£	Progress on savings
Service Re-engineering	1,162,000	Restructure of the Finance & Support Services Division has contributed £337,247 to the savings target.
Service Re-engineering – through Procurement	133,100	
	1,295,000	

4.3.2 The strategy for achieving the remaining savings is still being developed. Although work on the Care Services Efficiency Delivery Programme and Efficiency Plan targets is still in progress, it might be possible to bring forward some of the savings into the current financial year. Efficiency Plan targets are due to be presented to Cabinet in June 2007.

4.4 **Impact of Cabinet / Executive Board decisions**

4.4.1 There has been no Cabinet / Executive Board decisions in 2007/2008 which directly affect the Adult Social Services Department.

4.5 **Variations**

4.5.1 At this stage of the financial year there are no budget variations to report.

4.5.2 The following sections highlight those areas of the budget that are identified as key risks in delivering the objectives of the Department within the available resources.

- Utility costs in Care Services exceeded the budget in 2006/7 by £200,000 and Council agreed no inflation would be added in 2007/8. Existing costs and further expected increases will leave a potential shortfall in the budget of £220,000. The Department will review expenditure plans to see where compensating savings can be made.
- Community care expenditure and associated income from charges is extremely volatile and governed by the placement and attrition rate of people who use services. Whilst the community care budgets are projected to be balanced, if current forecasts prove only slightly inaccurate they could cause a major variation in the outturn. Managers continue to rigorously apply the Fair Access to Care criteria for new assessments and reviews of existing activity and will only commit resources where there is a statutory duty to meet someone's assessed needs.

4.6 **Issues affecting future financial years**

4.6.1 The Department is required to make an indicative efficiency saving target of £10.9m over the next 3 years from 2008-2011. Issues affecting the future financial years have been referred to above.

5. FINANCIAL AND STAFFING IMPLICATIONS

5.1 For 2007/08 the agreed estimate for the Adult Social Services Department is £77,616,400. The financial implications are as detailed above.

5.2 There are no additional staffing implications arising from this report.

6. EQUAL OPPORTUNITIES IMPLICATIONS

6.1 There are none arising directly from this report.

7. HUMAN RIGHTS IMPLICATIONS

7.1 There are none arising directly from this report.

8. COMMUNITY SAFETY IMPLICATIONS

8.1 There are no specific implications arising from this report.

9. LOCAL MEMBERS SUPPORT IMPLICATIONS

9.1 There are no specific implications for any Member or Ward.

10. LOCAL AGENDA 21 IMPLICATIONS

10.1 There are none arising directly from this report.

11. PLANNING IMPLICATIONS

11.1 There are none arising from this report.

12. BACKGROUND PAPERS

12.1 None used in the preparation of this report.

13. RECOMMENDATIONS

13.1 Members are asked to note the content of the report.

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APPENDIX 1**ADULT SOCIAL SERVICES****OBJECTIVE SUMMARY****Estimate
2007/08
£****CARE SERVICES**

Day Care	5,334,600
Home Care	0
Residential Homes	7,511,500
Service Manager	0
Supported Employment	1,234,800
Supported Living	2,008,900
Transport	0

CARE SERVICES TOTAL 16,089,800**FINANCIAL & SUPPORT SERVICES**

Management	0
Property Management	0
Savings	-2,070,000
Support	28,700
Westminster house	0

FINANCIAL & SUPPORT SERVICES TOTAL -2,041,300**MENTAL HEALTH & LEARNING DIFFICULTIES**

Assessment and Care Management	2,651,800
Community Care	13,626,800
Customer Access Services	128,400
Service Manager	0

MENTAL HEALTH & LEARNING DIFFICULTIES TOTAL 16,407,000**OLDER PEOPLE & PHYSICAL SENSORY DISABILITIES**

Assessment and Care Management	9,021,800
Community Care	37,025,900
Equipment and Adaptations	1,113,200
Service Manager	0

OLDER PEOPLE & PHYSICAL SENSORY DISABILITIES TOTAL 47,160,900**ADULT SOCIAL SERVICES TOTAL 77,616,400**