

ACS 12019
Adults and Community Services Budget Monitoring Summary - January 2012

2010/11 Actuals £'000	Division Service Areas	2011/12 Original Budget £	2011/12 Latest Approved £	2011/12 Projection £	Variation £	Notes	Variation Last Reported £	Full Year Effect £
	Care Services							
-88	AIDS-HIV Grant	190	190	112	-78	1	-78	0
31,031	Assessment and Care Management	32,124	32,480	32,911	431	2	231	320
7,892	Direct Services	5,321	4,874	4,934	60	3	100	0
2,056	Learning Disabilities Care Management	2,230	2,380	2,380	0		0	0
2,036	Learning Disabilities Day Services	2,030	2,030	2,030	0		0	0
1,412	Learning Disabilities Housing & Support	1,317	1,328	1,328	0		0	0
44,339		43,212	43,282	43,695	413		253	320
	Commissioning and Partnerships - ACS Portfolio							
2,729	Commissioning and Partnerships	2,435,140	2,633	2,636	3	4	36	0
14,841	Learning Disabilities Services	16,193,530	15,906	15,510	-396	5	-152	-385
4,547	Mental Health Services	5,124,190	5,076	4,753	-323	6	-306	-100
5,267	Procurement & Contracts Compliance	5,185,190	4,879	4,353	-526	4	-696	0
275	Drugs and Alcohol	256,350	257	214	-43	7	-30	0
0	PCT Funding (Social Care & Health)	0	0	0	0	8	0	0
27,659		29,194,400	28,751	27,466	-1,285		-1,148	-485
	Housing and Residential Services							
1,587	Housing Needs	1,173	2,673	2,998	325	9	497	570
111	Housing Strategy & Development	92	753	767	14	10	14	0
1,311	Residential Services	998	46	46	0		0	0
-5	Enabling Activities	-18	-18	-5	13	10	13	0
-1,607	Housing Benefits	64	-455	-455	0		0	0
0	Private Sector Housing	0	0	0	0		0	0
1,397		2,309	2,999	3,351	352		524	570
	Strategic Support Services							
8,574	Concessionary Fares	8,776,320	8,776	8,763	-13	} 11	-11	0
728	Customer Services	542,200	509	495	-14		-7	0
1,300	Performance & Information	1,542,350	1,528	1,294	-234		-114	0
197	Quality Assurance	199,310	194	195	1		5	0
0	Transforming Social Care	0	0	0	0		0	0
10,799		11,060,180	11,007	10,747	-260		-127	0
84,194	TOTAL CONTROLLABLE FOR ADULTS AND COM	40,300,101	86,039	85,259	-780		-498	405
11,165	TOTAL NON CONTROLLABLE	1,381,340	6,857	6,821	-36	12	-3	0
9,773	TOTAL EXCLUDED RECHARGES	9,214,030	9,222	9,222	0		0	0
105,132	PORTFOLIO TOTAL	50,895,471	102,118	101,302	-816		-501	405

1. AIDS/HIV Grant - Cr £78k

It is anticipated that the AIDS/HIV budget will not be fully committed this year and that an underspend of £78k will assist in off-setting pressures within the Care Services division. This budget will be reduced by £75k as part of the 2012/13 budget savings for the department.

2. Assessment & Care Management - £431k

The variation can be analysed as follows:-

	January	November
	£'000	£'000
a) Domiciliary care & direct payments for older people	190	305
b) Residential/Nursing care and respite for older people	136	(129)
c) Residential and domiciliary care for people with physical disabilities	55	55
d) Care management staffing	50	0
	<u>431</u>	<u>231</u>

- a) There has been a reduction of £115k in the forecast for domiciliary care based on activity to date, however the planned hours can vary significantly from month to month, particularly during the winter. The priority is to keep older people in their own homes rather than placed in residential care, especially following discharge from hospital, however this month there has been an increase in residential and nursing care placements. The projected overspend takes account of savings of £549k as a result of inflationary increases to providers being lower than anticipated.
- b) The budgets for residential, nursing and respite care for older people are now forecast to overspend by £136k, an increase of £265k. Activity to date shows a slight increase in numbers since November and a further increase is anticipated over the winter months.
- c) The variation for clients with physical disabilities comprises a projected overspend of £42k on residential and nursing care and £13k on domiciliary care. This is based on activity to the end of January, however costs can change significantly if complex cases arise.
- d) Turnover assumptions in the salary budgets for the assessment and care management teams have not been achieved this year and this has resulted in a projected overspend of £50k.

3. Direct Services - £60k

Latest monitoring of the Integrated Community Equipment Store (ICES) budget has shown increased activity over the past few months. With this rise and the anticipated additional expenditure over the winter period, it is expected that the budget will overspend by £100k. This projection includes management action to contain the overspend.

The overspend on ICES is partially offset by an underspend of £40k for staffing costs in the Reablement team.

4. Commissioning & Partnerships - Dr £3k / Cr £526k

The 2011/12 budget includes a savings target £350k for efficiency targets for all suppliers, £300k for reduced commissioning of Supporting People Services and £500k for reduced funding of sheltered housing.

The projected underspend summarised below is additional to those savings and is analysed below.

	£'000	£'000
<u>Commissioning & Partnerships</u>		
Efficiency targets for all suppliers	(58)	
Admissions avoidance overspend	147	
Carers budget	(80)	
Other	(6)	
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<u>Procurement & Contract Compliance</u>		
Savings from sheltered housing higher than budgeted	(256)	
Savings from SP commissioning higher than budgeted (including FYE of savings achieved in 2010/11) and net of the virement to Housing Needs	(83)	
Negotiated contract price increases lower than budgeted	(187)	
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Contract savings from sheltered housing and supporting people services in 2011/12 will contribute towards the ACS budget savings needed from 2012/13.

5. Learning Disabilities Services - Cr £396k

Appendix 1 (b)

Budgets for learning disabilities placements, domiciliary care and direct payments are forecast to underspend by £396k, which can be analysed as follows;

	£'000
Residential/nursing & supported living - reduced costs	(348)
Staff vacancies, SLA's etc.	(48)
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Latest forecasts indicate that the underspend on residential, supported living and domiciliary care will continue into 2012/13 and will amount to around £385k. The savings are mainly as a result of commissioning cost efficient placements for some of the former PCT reprovision clients. As part of the 2012/13 budget process a saving of £200k from LD placements was identified and included in the 2012/13 budget, to help contribute towards the overall savings target of £15m needed by the Council in 2012/13.

6. Mental Health Services - Cr £323k

The underspend arises partly from the full year effect of client moves during 2010/11 which resulted in more cost effective placements, from an increase in the use of flexible support rather than residential placements and from containing annual contract price increases due to providers.

7. Drugs & Alcohol Service - Cr £43k

The projected underspend of £43k comprises £5k on Young Peoples Substance Misuse and £38k on the main DAT budget, (including £15k on the residential budget).

In 2013/14 the Public Health budgets including the funding for substance misuse will transfer to the Local Authority. For substance misuse budgets, it is proposed that this transfer of responsibility is brought forward to 2012/13 and a S256 agreement with the PCT for a pooled budget for 2012/13 is put in place. This will ensure that the proposed reduction in grant funding for 12/13 can be managed within existing resources.

8. Social Care and Health Grant

The Department of Health allocated funds for social care services which also support the NHS. This funding has been transferred to Bromley from the PCT as part of a section 256 agreement and amounts to £3.176m in 2011/12, with a further £3.042m to be transferred in 2012/13.

The Shadow Health and Well-Being board endorsed a number of investment plans for priority areas, which were subsequently approved by the Executive.

£1.6m has been drawn down to date and latest forecasts show that due to delays in some of the projects starting, expenditure and commitments are expected to be £1.3m by the 31st March. A request will be made to carry the £500k underspend into 2012/13.

9. Housing Needs (Bed & Breakfast /Temporary Accommodation) - £325k

Budget Pressures in 2011/12 and future years

The forecast overspend of £325k is based on the latest client information and a full year effect of £770k is anticipated in 2012/13.

A virement was approved from the Commissioning and Partnerships division to fund an investment of £170k during the remainder of the financial year and into 2012/13 to address the problems. These include a range of enhanced "offers" to private landlords and letting agents to make properties available to Council nominees and enhanced offers to attract more temporary accommodation for leasing. The resulting savings in the nightly cost of and numbers in B&B will help to offset to the full year overspend in 2012/13 and future years.

Although the initiatives have started, it is unlikely that a significant amount will have been committed by the end of March and therefore a carry forward request will be made, so that the initiatives can be implemented during 2012/13.

Housing Grants

The overall budget for the Housing Needs service contains funding of a number of specific grants for a range of specific activities of around £820k received from the DCLG this year and last year. These include addressing overcrowding and underoccupation, a range of homelessness prevention work, financial advice and prevention of repossession for mortgage or rent arrears. and a specific allocation of £150k was received to assist clients affected by the proposed reductions to the Local Housing Allowance (Housing Benefit) rates, currently being phased in (originally from April 2011 but subsequently a 9 month transition was agreed). These grants pay for a wide range of things including staff who work with landlords and clients on a range of schemes to provide accommodation for homeless people or help to keep those about to be made homeless in their rented or privately owned accommodation. It is also for pays for assistance with rent deposits and guarantees plus a wide range of incentives to landlords or lenders to avoid repossession or obtain access to properties for Council nominations.

The introduction of the transition period for the reduction in Local Housing Allowance means that the timing of commencement of usage of this grant had to be rephased from April 2011 to January 2012. This, coupled with the difficulties in **Appendix 1 (b)** forecasting outputs and spend on this wide range of initiatives means that there could be the need for some carry forward at the end of the financial year, to enable the planned schemes and critical work on the rephased LHA reductions to take place after April 2012.

10. Enabling Activities £13k / Housing Strategy & Development £14k

Interest rates and mortgage balances have fallen over the last few years resulting in reduced income from interest on mortgage repayments. The anticipated shortfall in income this year is £27k.

11. Strategic Support Services Cr £260k

The net underspend can be analysed as follows:

	£'000	£'000
Performance & Information		
- Director vacancy	(71)	
- Other staff vacancies	(5)	
- Learning & Development savings	(158)	
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Concessionary Fares		(13)
Quality Assurance		1
Customer Services		(14)
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		(260)

Learning and development savings of £75k have been approved as part of the 2012/13 budget setting.

Recent Funding Allocated to Bromley

Some new funding has been allocated to the Portfolio since the last budget monitoring report.

Preventing Repossession Grant £147k

Funding was allocated in February to enable local authorities to establish a Preventing Repossessions Fund to help homeowners at risk of mortgage repossession. It is envisaged that the fund would be used to offer small interest-free loans or grants to at risk households.

A key feature of a Preventing Repossessions Fund is the recyclable nature which will enable a local authority to develop sustainable support over a longer period than one financial year.

said that "although the grant is not ring fenced, and can be used on wider preventing repossession activity, the intentions of the grant are to provide as many loans as possible to avoid repossession".

The Executive will be requested to approve the draw down of this grant, however due to the lateness of the funding allocation, it will not be possible for schemes and processes to be put in place until 2012/13. Therefore a request will be made at the year end to carry forward the funding into 2012/13.

Warmer Homes - £85k

Following a successful bid to the Department of Health, Bromley was awarded £85k from the Warm Homes Healthy People Fund on the 21st December. The purpose is to work with partners to inform over 5000 existing volunteers and Care workers to identify and assist those at risk and to provide support in the form of local loans and grants and immediate temporary heating and if necessary, a winter warmth pack and thermometer.

The referral team based at Age UK (Bromley) forward on cases from other interventions, including a shopping service and the hospital discharge after care service and will focus on additional checks on properties of vulnerable patients being released from hospital, with specific insulation and heating checks.

The proposals include training for DIY time bank volunteers on refilling combination boilers, setting time clocks and energy efficiency advice plus identification and engagement of marginalised minority groups and promotion of vaccinations and other protective interventions.

The Executive will be asked to approve the draw down of this funding, which in accordance with the funding conditions must be fully spent by the 31st March.

12. Non-Controllable budgets Cr £36k

Appendix 1 (b)

For information here, the variation mainly relates to a net underspend in landlord building maintenance budgets across the department. The Property division within the Renewal & Recreation Department are accountable for these variations.

Waiver of Financial Regulations

Since the last report to the Executive, waivers were approved for the extension of 13 contracts with values of between £5k and £100k. Most of them were extended until 31.3.13.

In addition there was one waiver for £53k as a result of a fee increase for a current residential placement.

Virements approved under Director's delegated powers

Details of virements actioned by Chief Officers under delegated authority under the Financial Regulations "Scheme of Virement" will be included in financial monitoring reports to the Portfolio Holder. Since the last report to the Executive, the following virement has been actioned

Contribution to Housing Community Development Worker from MH	£
To - Housing Community Development worker	20,000
From - Mental Health Services running expenses	(20,000)

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LATEST APPROVED BUDGET 2011/12
Adult & Community Services Portfolio

BUDGET VARIATIONS

	£'000	£'000
2011/12 Original Budget		96,371
Carry forwards from 2010/11:-		
<u>Agreed by Executive on 20/07/11</u>		
Choice Based Lettings		15
Hospital Discharge/Reablement Funding via PCT		
- Expenditure		98
- Income	Cr	98
Social Care Funding via PCT under S256		
- Expenditure		205
- Income	Cr	205
Social Care Reform (ACS)		
- Expenditure		521
- Grant Income	Cr	521
Joint Improvement Programme		
- Expenditure		20
- Grant Income	Cr	20
LD Revenue Campus Closure Grant (ACS)		
- Expenditure	459	
Housing Overcrowding Pathfinder Grant (ACS)	95	
Homelessness Prevention Grant	150	
Stroke Care Grant	90	794
Contribution from Earmarked Reserve		Cr 794
Total Carry forwards		15
General		
Government Grants Deferred - Removal of 2011/12 Budget Allocation		5,550
Homelessness Grant Income - Transferred to General "Local Services Support"		500
Return of LD Growth to Central Contingency	Cr	150
Total General		5,900
Budget Transfers / Other:		
Non-Controllable Budget - Property Rental Income	Cr	37
Additional charging income funding 2 posts in Exchequer	Cr	54
Out of Hours Contract to Customer Service Centre	Cr	25
Contribution to BSSD additional call volumes	Cr	15
Landlord Building Maintenance virements (non-controllable)	Cr	37
Total Budget Transfers / Other:	Cr	168
Total Variations		5,747
2011/12 Latest Approved Budget		102,118