Report No. CS12011

London Borough of Bromley

Agenda Item No.

PART 1 - PUBLIC

Decision Maker: Care Services Policy Development & Scrutiny Committee

Date: 19 June 2012

Decision Type: Non-Urgent Executive Key

Title: FINAL OUTTURN REPORT 2011/12

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Ward: Borough Wide

1. Reason for report

This report provides the final outturn position for 2011/12.

2. RECOMMENDATION(S)

- 2.1 Members are requested to note that there was an under spend of £1,418,000 on controllable expenditure at the end of 2011/12 and consider any issues arising out of it.
- 2.2 To note that the Executive will be requested to agree net carry forwards totalling £388,000 as detailed in Appendix 2.

Corporate Policy

- 1. Policy Status: Existing policy.
- 2. BBB Priority: Excellent Council.

Financial

- 1. Cost of proposal: N/A
- 2. Ongoing costs: Recurring cost.
- 3. Budget head/performance centre: Adult and Community Services Portfolio
- 4. Total current budget for this head: £100.8m
- 5. Source of funding: ACS Approved Budget

Staff

- 1. Number of staff (current and additional): 659 fte's
- 2. If from existing staff resources, number of staff hours:

Legal

- 1. Legal Requirement: Statutory requirement. The statutory duties relating to financial reporting are covered within the Local Government Act 1972; the Local Government Finance Act 1998; the Accounts and Audit Regulations 1996; the Local Government Act 2000; and the Local Government Act 2002.
- 2. Call-in: Call-in is applicable

Customer Impact

1. Estimated number of users/beneficiaries (current and projected): The 2011/12 budget reflects the financial impact of the Council's strategies, service plans etc. which impact on all of the Council's customers (including council tax payers) and users of the services.

Ward Councillor Views

1. Have Ward Councillors been asked for comments? N/A.

Summary of Ward Councillors comments: Council Wide

3. Commentary

- 3.1 This report provides an update of the final budget position for the Adult and Community Services Portfolio PDS Committee, which is broken down in detail in Appendix 1, along with explanatory notes.
- 3.2 The final outturn for the "controllable" element of the ACS budget in 2011/12 is an under spend of £1,418,000 compared to the last reported figure of £780,000 which was based on activity at the end of January 2012. After allowing for the net £388,000 carry forward request if agreed by the Executive, the final outturn position will be £1,030,000.
- 3.3 On the 20th June 2012 the Executive will be asked to approve a number of carry forward requests relating to either unspent grant income, or delays in achieving invest to save initiatives where cost pressures will follow through into 2012/13. Appendix 2 provides a detailed breakdown of all the carry forward requests. As you will see from Appendix 2 the carry forwards included in section1 will have repayment implications if not approved, those in section 2 relate to grants which will not have to be repaid if not agreed but will impact on service delivery in 2012/13 and those in section 3 which all relate to the housing service and will help ensure that full year cost pressures of £696,000 following through into 2012/13 are managed within the overall resources available.
- 3.4 Appendix 3 provides a breakdown of any full year implications arising from the final 2011/12 outturn and Appendix 4 provides a detailed reconciliation of the Original 2011/12 budget to the Latest Approved 2011/12 Budget.

4. POLICY IMPLICATIONS

- 4.1 The Resources Portfolio Plan for 2011/12 includes the aim of effective monitoring and control of expenditure within budget and includes the target that each service department will spend within its own budget.
- 4.2 Bromley's Best Value Performance Plan "Making a Difference" refers to the Council's intention to remain amongst the lowest Council Tax levels in outer London and the importance of greater focus on priorities.
- 4.3 The four year financial forecast report highlights the financial pressures facing the Council. It remains imperative that strict budgetary control continues to be exercised in 2012/13 to minimise the risk of compounding financial pressures in future years.
- 4.4 Chief Officers and Departmental Heads of Finance are continuing to place emphasis on the need for strict compliance with the Council's budgetary control and monitoring arrangements.

5. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

5.1 A detailed breakdown of the projected outturn by service area is shown in Appendix 1(a) with explanatory notes in Appendix 1(b).

5.2 The main variations since the last Budget Monitoring report in April are shown in the table below, broken down over the divisions:-

| Movement since the January Budget Montioring | £'000 |
|----------------------------------------------|-------|
| Care Services | 147 |
| Commissioning & Partnership | -414 |
| Housing & Residential Services | -207 |
| Strategic Support Services | -164 |
| Variation since last reported | -638 |

Movement since January Budget Monitoring

5.3 The movement of £147,000 in Care Services division is broken down as follows:-

| | Movement |
|---------------------------------------------------------------|----------|
| | £'000 |
| People with Physical Disabilities | -246 # |
| Older People Services | 154 |
| Learning Disabilities Services | -243 |
| One-off costs relating to Care Homes Reprovision etc | 375 |
| Other | 107 |
| | 147 |
| # £130k relates to inflation increases not given to providers | |

5.4 The movement of £414,000cr the Commissioning & Partnership division is broken down as follows:-

| | £'000 |
|------------------------------------------------------------|-------|
| Fewer Learning Disabilities placements | -165 |
| Mental Health Services | -83 |
| Procurement savings delivered earlier than anticipated etc | -154 |
| Drugs and Alcohol | -12 |
| | -414 |

- 5.5 The main variation in the Housing & Residential Services budget relates to the £388,000 carry forward request and an increase in bad debt provision.
- 5.6 Strategic support services under spent by a further £52,000 relating to the Learning & Development training budget since the last monitoring report and £112,000 in staff advertising & general running expenses.