

Decision Maker: CARE SERVICES POLICY DEVELOPMENT AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

Date: 18th June 2013

Decision Type: Non-Urgent Executive Non-Key

Title: FINAL OUTTURN REPORT 2012/13

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Chief Officer: Executive Director of Education, Care and Health Services

Ward: (All Wards);

1. Reason for report

1.1 This report provides the final position for 2012/13.

2. RECOMMENDATION(S)

2.1 The PDS Committee are requested to:

(i) note that there was an underspend of £4,610,000 on controllable expenditure at the end of 2012/13 and consider any issues arising from it.

(ii) note that the Executive will be requested to agree net carry forwards totalling £110,000 as detailed in Appendix 2.

(iii) refer the report to the Portfolio Holder for approval.

2.2 The Portfolio Holder is asked to approve the final outturn report 2012/13.

Corporate Policy

1. Policy Status: Not Applicable
 2. BBB Priority: Children and Young People
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Financial

1. Cost of proposal: Not Applicable:
 2. Ongoing costs: Not Applicable:
 3. Budget head/performance centre: Care Services Portfolio
 4. Total current budget for this head: £116.299m
 5. Source of funding: Care Services Approved Budget
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Staff

1. Number of staff (current and additional): 916.15 Full time equivalent
 2. If from existing staff resources, number of staff hours: N/A
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Legal

1. Legal Requirement: Statutory Requirement
 2. Call-in: Applicable
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Customer Impact

1. Estimated number of users/beneficiaries (current and projected): The 2012/13 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
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Ward Councillor Views

1. Have Ward Councillors been asked for comments? Not Applicable
2. Summary of Ward Councillors comments:

3. COMMENTARY

- 3.1 This report provides an update of the final budget position for the Care 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 Care Services budget in 2012/13 is an underspend of £4,610,000 compared to the last reported figure of £3,570,000 which was based on activity at the end of January 2013. After allowing for the net £110,000 carry forward request if agreed by Executive, the final outturn position will be £4,500,000.
- 3.3 The majority of the underspend relates to savings assumed for 2013/14 but delivered early. Details are shown in Table one below.

Table One

Breakdown of savings made early in 2012/13

2012/13
£000

Savings made early

Supporting People efficiencies	-900
Mental Health Services	-75
Strategic and Business support staffing	-63
Workforce Development	-100
Domiciliary Care - tendering	-400
Campus reprovision	-1,100
	<u>-2,638</u>

Other in year pressures/savings

B & B pressures (including one off bad debt provisions of £573k)	1,226
Adult Social Care	34
Strategic and Business Support (vacancies and running expenses)	-291
Children's Social Care (placements and no recourse to public funds pressures)	178
Education Division (vacancies and unused pupil premium budget share)	-167
Commissioning	
Commissioning - underspends on carers, SLA's and vacancies	-132
Learning Disabilities - placements and PCT reprovision underspend	-1,273
Mental Health - placements and SLA underspends	-420
Supporting People - review of supporting people services	-56
Drugs and Alcohol - lower spend on the residential budget	-91
Housing Improvement/Enforcement - underspend on the contribution to capital	-234
Non recurrent underspends relating to previous years	-746
	<u>-1,972</u>

Total outturn variance

-4,610

- 3.4 On the 12th June 2013 the Executive will be asked to approve a number of carry forward requests relating to either unspent grant income, or delays in expenditure where cost pressures will follow through into 2013/14. Appendix 2 provides a detailed breakdown of all of the carry forward requests. As you will see from Appendix 2 the carry forwards included in section 1 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 2013/14 and those in

section 3 relate to Housing and Commissioning, each have particular services issues attached.

- 3.5 Appendix 3 provides a breakdown of any full year implications arising from the final 2012/13 outturn. It should be noted that there are considerable pressures across the Portfolio of over £2.1m in 2013/14 that will need to be managed and contained within existing budgets.
- 3.6 Appendix 4 provides a detailed reconciliation of the Original 2012/13 budget to the Latest Approved 2012/13 budget.

4. POLICY IMPLICATIONS

- 4.1 The Resources Portfolio Plan 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 2013/14 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 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).

The main variations since the last Budget Monitoring report in March are shown in the table 2 below broken down over the divisions:-

Table two

Movement since the January Budget Monitoring

£'000

Adult Social Care	
Fewer PD placements	-84
Greater contribution from PCT for equipment	-55
Older people - Additional income from PCT and lower inflation for SLA's	-57
LD - staff vacancies and reductions in premises and running expenses	-68
Other	-22
Operational Housing - Increase in bad debt provision	573
Strategic and Business Support - 2013/14 savings delivered early and underspends on advertising	-146
Children's Social Care - YOT restructuring offset in part by additional running costs pressures	-22
Education Division - underspend on pupil premium funded services, Care matters underspend and Commissioning	-130
Commissioning - additional underspends in vacant posts (-£58k), Carers Service (-£61k), lower costs of some SLA's (-£26k) and other (£5k)	-140
Delays in Learning disability placements mainly around reprovision	-320
Delays in Mental Health placements, lower SLA costs	-74
Additional supporting people savings from gateway review, limiting inflationary increases	-56
Other	5
Environmental Services - Housing - minor variances	4
Difference by Division	<u>-592</u>
Children's Social Care - previous years	-317
Adult Social Care - Learning Disabilities - previous years	-129
	<u>-446</u>
Total	<u>-1,038</u>

Non-Applicable Sections:	Legal Personnel
Background Documents: (Access via Contact Officer)	2012/13 Budget files in ECHS Finance Section