

Decision Maker: Care Services Portfolio Holder

**For Pre-Decision Scrutiny by the Care Services PDS
Committee on**

Date: 26th June 2014

Decision Type: Non-Urgent Executive Non-Key

Title: FINAL OUTTURN REPORT 2013/14

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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 2013/14.

2. **RECOMMENDATION(S)**

2.1 The PDS Committee are requested to:

(i) note that there was an underspend of £149,000 on controllable expenditure at the end of 2013/14 and consider any issues arising from it;

(ii) note that the Executive on the 10th June 2014 have agreed the net carry forwards as detailed in Appendix 2; and

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

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: £119.622m
 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 2013/14 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 2013/14 is an underspend of £149,000 compared to the last reported figure of £27,000 underspent which was based on activity at the end of January 2014.

WINTER PRESSURES/URGENT CARE

- 3.3 Winter Pressure issues have been reported to previous Care Services Portfolio committees. The net position at the end of March 2014 was a cost to Bromley of £55k. This has been absorbed into the overall monitoring position and therefore there will be no requirement for any drawdown of funding. Details of the expenditure are contained within Table one.

Table One

<u>WINTER PRESSURES/URGENT CARE</u>	<u>£'000</u>
Staffing	90
Senior Care Manager	7
Community Equipment	185
Emergency Placements	54
Domiciliary Care	4
Total	<u>340</u>
Less funding from the CCG	-285
Net Amount	<u>55</u>

CARRY FORWARDS

- 3.4 On the 10th June 2014 the Executive were 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 2014/15. 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 2014/15. Future reports to the Portfolio Holder will be required to approve their release.

PUBLIC HEALTH

- 3.5 Public Health underspent in 2013/14 by £769k. As per the terms of the grant funding this amount has been transferred to a Public Health Reserve which can be used in 2014/15 for Public Health activities

FULL YEAR EFFECTS MOVING INTO 2014/15

- 3.6 Appendix 3 provides a breakdown of any full year implications arising from the final 2013/14 outturn. It should be noted that there are considerable pressures across the Portfolio of over £1.2m in 2014/15 that will need to be managed and contained within existing budgets. The breakdown is contained within table two below.
- 3.7 The above does not include any savings targets for 2014/15 and therefore the overspend in 2014/15 may be higher than the figure in table two. The budget monitoring paper elsewhere on this agenda gives more detail on the ongoing positions

Table two

FULL YEAR EFFECT PRESSURES FOR 2014/15

	<u>£'000</u>
Residential and Domiciliary Care - Older People	398
Operational Housing	237
Children's Social Care Placements	282
No Recourse to Public Funds	205
Mental Health and Learning Disabilities	91
	<u>1,213</u>

- 3.8 Appendix 4 provides a detailed reconciliation of the Original 2013/14 budget to the Latest Approved 2013/14 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 2014/15 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 The financial implications are contained within the body of the report. A detailed breakdown of the projected outturn by service area is shown in Appendix 1(a) with explanatory notes in Appendix 1 (b).

Non-Applicable Sections:	Legal Personnel
Background Documents: (Access via Contact Officer)	2013/14 Budget files in ECHS Finance Section