

THE HIGHLAND COUNCIL
ADULT & CHILDREN'S SERVICES COMMITTEE

13 November 2013

Revenue Budget Monitoring 2013/14

Report by Director of Health and Social Care

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Summary

This report sets out the revenue monitoring statement for the 6 months to September 2013.

1. Background

- 1.1 The Health and Social Care Service has responsibility for:
- Children's Services, including child health
 - Criminal Justice Services
 - Mental Health Officers
 - Out-of-hours Social Work
 - Social Work leadership
 - The commissioning of adult social care from NHS Highland

2 Revenue monitoring to 30 September 2013

- 2.1 The projection at the end of September for revenue expenditure at the year-end is £135.776m, which would involve an overspend of £0.039m. This represents an improvement of £0.124m on the July monitoring position.
- 2.2 This projection takes account of continuing overspend on out of authority placements, and underspend on staffing as expenditure on the new preventative measures will not be full year.
- 2.3 The changed position is largely due to the following factors:
- A small reduction in out of authority residential placement costs.
 - A reduction in number children in out of authority foster placements.
 - A revised forecast about the rate of staff vacancies over the year.
- 2.4 These financial benefits are in part mitigated by pressures in relation to:
- An increase in property overspend, mainly due to costs incurred by the move of staff from Culloden, Inverness to Ardross Street, and an increase in rent for The Bridge, Inverness.
 - An increase in SDS commitments.
- 2.5 It is intended that a report on SDS commitments and future planning, will be brought to the next meeting of the Committee.

2.6 Because of staff absences in Business Support, it is not possible to provide Committee with the usual detailed update on out of authority placements. Albeit the forecast has reduced slightly in September, it remains subject to fluctuation, and there have been admissions to residential schools in recent weeks.

3. Implications arising from Report

3.1 The resource issues are set out in this report.

3.2 There are no legal, equality or climate change implications.

3.3 There are risks associated with any projected overspend. Robust actions by staff and managers continue to seek to minimise these, while we also address the needs of children and families.

Recommendation

The Committee is asked to note the budget monitoring position.

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	Actual	Annual	Year End	Year End
SEPTEMBER 2013	Year To Date	Budget	Estimate	Variance
BY ACTIVITY	£000	£000	£000	£000
Specialist Support for Learning				
Additional Support for Learning (All)	1,258	2,810	2,621	-189
Educational Psychology	517	1,263	1,114	-149
	1,775	4,073	3,735	-338
Early Years/Family Resources				
Family Resources	1,414	4,269	3,341	-928
Pre school Services	2,059	4,304	4,029	-275
	3,473	8,573	7,370	-1,203
Children's Social Care				
Children and Families Teams	3,978	8,562	8,376	-186
Disability Teams and Services	1,473	2,966	2,978	12
Fostering and Adoption	1,947	3,622	3,792	170
Health Improvement	28	440	200	-240
Looked After Children (Residential) In house	1,250	2,769	2,619	-150
Looked After Children (Residential) Independent / 3rd Sector	5,468	9,184	10,618	1,434
Looked After Children (Through care & aftercare)	386	722	722	0
Self Directed Support (Direct Payments)	331	347	624	277
Youth Action Teams	629	1,499	1,508	9
Specialist Services - Vol Orgs	291	514	514	0
	15,781	30,625	31,951	1,326
Commissioned Child Health				
Child Protection Advisors	161	400	376	-24
Health Improvement	20	44	40	-4
Management and Planning	97	-241	2	243
Nursing	2,203	4,828	4,701	-127
Primary Mental Health Workers	210	497	507	10
Voluntary Organisations	20	37	37	0
Allied Health Professionals	1,394	2,493	2,432	-61
	4,105	8,058	8,095	37
Commissioned Adult Services	18,126	85,965	85,965	0
Retained Adult Services				
Older People - Care Homes	898	2,125	2,075	-50
Training	85	422	374	-48
Adult Support & Protection	650	909	991	82
Out of Hours Social Work	158	335	328	-7
	1,791	3,791	3,768	-23
Criminal Justice				
Criminal Justice	109	30	30	0
People Misusing Drugs/Alcohol	22	54	50	-4
	131	84	80	-4
Mental Health Officers	546	988	1,032	44
Directorate & Strategic Planning				
Directorate & Service Business Support	307	856	791	-65
Pan Service (Insurance & Pension Costs)	135	123	303	180
Non Service Specific Property	296	539	624	85
	738	1,518	1,718	200
Income due from NHS for Child's Health Service	-2,070	-7,938	-7,938	0
TOTAL HEALTH AND SOCIAL CARE	44,396	135,737	135,776	39
BY SUBJECTIVE				
Staff Costs	15,965	33,887	31,729	-2,158
Other Costs	33,017	114,431	116,628	2,197
Gross Expenditure	48,982	148,318	148,357	39
Grants	-1,919	-3,503	-3,503	0
Other Income	-2,667	-9,078	-9,078	0
Gross Income	-4,586	-12,581	-12,581	0
	44,396	135,737	135,776	39