



## WEST DUNBARTONSHIRE COUNCIL

### Report by Director of Community Health and Care Partnership

Community Health and Care Partnership Committee: 28 March 2012

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**Subject: CHCP Social Work Services Budgetary Position 2011/12 as at Period 11 – year to 29 February 2012**

#### **1. Purpose**

- 1.1 To advise members of the financial performance of the CHCP Social Work services budget for the period to 29 February 2012.

#### **2. Background**

- 2.1 At a meeting of West Dunbartonshire Council on 9 February 2011, Members agreed the revenue estimates for 2011/2012. At that time, a total net budget of £59.407m was approved for CHCP Social Work.
- 2.2 Between 9 February and 15 December budget reviews have taken place (e.g. targeted management savings, spending freeze) within the Council, which have been completed, quantified and have seen budgets adjusted. Following these changes the annual departmental budget was revised to £58,767m.
- 2.3 A revised budget (probable outturn) of £58,270m was reported to members on 15 December 2011. The probable outturn indicated an underspend from revised budget of £0.497m within CHCP Social Work. The reported probable outturn has been further reduced by £0.020 to reflect the financial impact of Industrial Action taken on 30<sup>th</sup> November 2011. Therefore, this report compares actual income and expenditure to the revised probable outturn position.

#### **3. Main Issues**

- 3.1 The overall variance for the service to period 11 is £352,231 favourable. The main variances to date are as follows:
- 3.1.1 **Operations and Servicing** is shown as favourable by £81,914. Employee costs are £27,398 favourable due to some vacant posts and lower internal training costs. In addition Payments to Other Bodies is favourable by £34,210 due to reduced costs for training provided by external bodies. Transport costs

are also favourable by £12,086 due to reduced client need for taxis journeys.

**3.1.2 Residential Accommodation for Young People** is shown as adverse by £45,456. Employee costs are adverse by £33,707 due to the cost of re-grading unit managers not being fully met by a provision. In addition Payments to Other Bodies is adverse by £13,338 due to increased client need.

**3.1.3 Other Services for Young People** is shown as favourable by £102,545. Employee costs are favourable by £48,556 due to vacant posts. Payments to Other Bodies is favourable by £42,769 due to reduced client need and as a consequence Transport costs are also favourable by £7,819.

**3.1.4 Residential Accommodation for Elderly** is shown as adverse by £100,047. Employee costs are adverse by £21,770 due to the cost of re-grading unit managers not being fully met by a provision. In addition Payments to Other Bodies is adverse by £89,290 due to the probable outturn being underestimated for external Care Home costs.

**3.1.5 Day Centres for Elderly** is shown as favourable by £41,277. This is due to internal Transport costs being less than anticipated following a transfer of employees from CHCP to HEED.

**3.1.6 Residential Accommodation for Learning Disability** is shown as favourable by £52,063. This is due to Payments to Other Bodies which is favourable by £50,010 as a result of reduced client need.

**3.1.7 Physical Disability** is shown as adverse by £29,011. This is mainly due to Payments to Other Bodies which is adverse by £19,504 due to increased client need. Payments to Clients is also adverse by £9,484 due to increased Direct Payments.

**3.1.8 Supplementation – Mental Health** is shown as favourable by £43,090. This is mainly due to Payments to Other Bodies which is favourable by £47,581 as a result of reduced client need for Housing Support services.

**3.1.9 Home Care** is shown as favourable by £188,123. Employee costs are favourable by £122,230 due to reduced use of premium rate overtime. In addition Payments to Other Bodies is favourable by £94,385 due to the level of assessed client need being less than anticipated in the probable outturn. These favourable variances are partially being offset by a reduction in the level of income being received from client charges which is adverse by £21,995.

## **4. People Implications**

**4.1** Some posts remain vacant, however any significant issues highlighted are considered and posts are filled when required.

## **5. Financial Implications**

**5.1** Other than the financial position noted above there are no financial implications of the budgetary control report.

## **6. Risk Analysis**

**6.1** The main financial risks to the ongoing financial position relate to unforeseen client needs being identified between now and the end of the financial year which may result in increased costs arising from expensive service provision. This can affect several parts of the service.

## **7. Equalities Impact Assessment (EIA)**

**7.1** No issues were identified in a screening for potential equalities impact of this report.

## **8. Strategic Assessment**

**8.1** The report is for noting and, therefore, does not directly affect any of the strategic priorities.

## **9. Conclusion and Recommendations**

**9.1** There is a favourable variance shown at period 11 of £352,231. The main points are favourable variances in Operations and Servicing, Other Services for Young People and in Home Care Services, offset by an adverse variance in Residential Accommodation for Elderly. It should be noted that some budget lines within CHCP Social Work are volatile in nature with the potential for significant variation.

**9.2** Members are asked to note the contents of this report.

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**Appendices:** Appendix A - Summary Budgetary Control Report  
Appendix B - Detailed Budgetary Control Report

**Background Papers:** None

**Wards Affected:** All