

## WEST DUNBARTONSHIRE COUNCIL

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

Community Health and Care Partnership Committee: 25 January 2012

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**Subject: CHCP Social Work Services Budgetary Position 2011/12 as at Period 8 – year to 30 November 2011**

#### **1. Purpose**

- 1.1** To advise members of the financial performance of the CHCP Social Work services budget for the period to 30 November 2011.

#### **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. Therefore, this report compares actual income and expenditure to the probable outturn position.

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

- 3.1** The overall variance for the service to period 8 is £11,282 favourable. The main variances to date are as follows:
- 3.1.1 Other Services for Young People** is shown as favourable by £31,940. This is due mainly to Employee costs which are favourable by £23,474 due to delays in filling vacant posts. In addition Payments to Other Bodies is favourable by £8,313 due to reduced client need.

**3.1.2 Home Care** is shown as favourable by £17,962. Employee costs are favourable by £37,091 due to management action to reduce the need for premium rate overtime. This favourable variance is offset by a number of contributing adverse variances including income which is adverse by £8,654 due to less people being assessed as having the means to contribute to the cost of their care than assumed in the probable outturn and Payments to Clients which is adverse by £6,433 due to increased client need.

#### **4. People Implications**

**4.1** A number of 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 8 of £11,282. The main points are small favourable variances in Other Services for Young People and in Home Care Services. 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