

WEST DUNBARTONSHIRE COUNCIL

Report by the Director of WD Community Health & Care Partnership

Community Health & Care Partnership Committee: 21 November 2012

Subject: Financial Report 2012/13 as at Period 6 (30 September 2012) (WDC)

1. Purpose

- 1.1** The purpose of the report is to provide the Committee with an update on the financial performance of the WD Community Health & Care Partnership to 30 September 2012 (Period 6).

2. Recommendations

- 2.1** The Committee are recommended to consider and note the contents of this report.

3. Background

- 3.1** At a meeting of West Dunbartonshire Council on 26 January 2012, Members agreed the revenue estimates for 2012/2013. At that time, a total net budget of £59.314m was approved.
- 3.2** Between 26 January and 30 September 2012, there have been budget reviews and virements within the Council, which have adjusted this budget to £58.847m with no overall net effect to the Council budget. The movement in budget comprises the following:

	£m
Original budget	£59.314
Committee Services savings	-£0.009
Virement to Contingency Fund - Recurring Variances	-£0.078
Virement to HEEDS – Women’s Aid Projects	-£0.340
Virement to Corporate Services – Disclosure costs	-£0.013
Revised budget	£58.874

- 3.3** At a meeting of West Dunbartonshire Council on 20 June 2012, Members agreed the capital estimates for 2012/2013 and a total capital budget of £2.088m was approved for the department.

4. Main Issues

Revenue Budget

- 4.1 The current departmental budgetary position is summarised in Appendix 1, with a more detailed analysis by service in Appendix 2.
- 4.2 The overall variance for the department to period 6 is £47,294 adverse. The main variances to date are as follows:
- (i) Strategy, Planning & Health Improvement
A favourable variance of £42,593 is being reported here. This is due to vacant posts.
 - (ii) Residential Accommodation for Young People
This budget is currently £28,628 adverse due to a large increase in the cost of Foster Care placements with a number of recent placements being made to independent agencies. The full year forecast variance for this budget is £160,000 adverse, currently this variance is £71,833 but this is being offset by reduced needs for Supported Accommodation and Young People Leaving care (£25,865 favourable). In addition a delay in the implementation of a restructure in Children's Homes has created a favourable staffing variance (£12,239).
 - (iii) Residential Schools
An adverse variance of £189,674 has arisen as a result of a number of new placements being made to residential schools. It is currently estimated that these placements will remain in place for the remainder of this financial year leading to a year end adverse variance of £380,000.
 - (iv) Childcare Operations
This budget is £61,152 favourable at period 6, due to vacant posts and a reduction in the demand for Section 12 payments to clients.
 - (v) Other Services – Young People
This budget is £47,899 favourable at period 6, due to vacant posts.
 - (vi) Residential – Learning Disability
At present this budget is reported as £60,736 adverse. This is mainly due to the cost of Supplementation services (£21k) and Direct Payments increasing (£13k). There is also a variance on property costs as a result of an additional accommodation unit being let (£14k) and client need has meant an increase in hours for some staff providing front line service (£17k)
 - (vii) Physical Disability
This budget is £26,994 adverse at period 6, due to an increase in the number of Direct Payments being made.

(viii) Mental Health

This budget is £41,624 favourable at period 6. This is due to vacant posts (£27k) although some vacancies have recently been filled. In addition expenditure on new clients anticipated in the budget has not commenced when anticipated resulting in a favourable variance on Payments to Other Bodies (£26k). Both favourable variances are offset by a reduction in income from clients which is £14k adverse.

(ix) Homecare

This budget is £28,249 adverse at period 6. Payments to Other Bodies is adverse by £67,680 due to an invoice from 2011/12 which was not previously identified. This adverse variance is being partially offset but a favourable staffing variance of £51,684 due to the budget for Superannuation being overstated.

Capital Budget

- 4.3 The current departmental budgetary position is noted within Appendix 3, which shows a favourable variance to budget of £175,000. This is due to slippage in the project to redevelop Learning Disability Services following the closure of Auchentoshan Centre. Project plans are now being costed and work is expected to commence following a tendering process. It is likely that expenditure on this project will slip into 2013/14 financial year.

5. People Implications

- 5.1 There are no people implications.

6. Financial Implications

- 6.1 Other than the financial position noted above, there are no financial implications of the budgetary control report.

7. Risk Analysis

- 7.1 The main financial risks to the ongoing financial position relate to unforeseen cost being identified between now and the end of the financial year. This can affect all service areas.

8. Equalities Impact Assessment (EIA)

- 8.1 The report is for noting and therefore, no Equalities Impact Assessment was completed for this report.

9. Consultation

- 9.1 The views of both Finance and Legal services have been requested on this report and both have advised there are neither any issues nor concerns with the proposal. As the report is for noting no further consultation is envisaged.

10. Strategic Assessment

10.1 At its meeting on 26 September 2012, the Council agreed that its five main strategic priorities for 2012 - 2017 are as follows:

- Improve economic growth and employability;
- Improve life chances for children and young people;
- Improve care for and promote independence with older people;
- Improve local housing and environmentally sustainable infrastructure;
and
- Improve the well-being of communities and protect the welfare of vulnerable people.

10.2 Proper budgetary control and sound financial practice are cornerstones of good governance and support Council and officers to pursue the 5 strategic priorities of the Council's Strategic Plan. This report forms part of the financial governance of the Council.

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Appendices: Appendix 1 - Summary Budgetary Position (Revenue)
Appendix 2 - Detailed Budgetary Position (Revenue)
Appendix 3 - Summary Budgetary Position (Capital)

Background Papers: None

Wards Affected: All