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To: Adult Social Care and Public Health Policy Overview and Scrutiny Committee – 30 March 2012

Subject: **ADULT SOCIAL CARE BUDGET FORECAST AND SAVINGS REPORT 2011/12**

Classification: Unrestricted

Summary: A report on the forecast outturn and savings position against the budget for Kent Adult Social Care Services of the Families and Social Care Directorate for the third quarter.

Introduction

1. (1) This is the fourth report for 2011-12 to this Committee on the forecast outturn against budget for Adult Social Care and includes an update on savings.

Background

2. (1) Policy Overview and Scrutiny Committees (POSCs) annually consider the draft Medium Term Financial Plan at their November and January meetings. To enable a more informed discussion, reports will be presented to the Committee on a regular basis:

a) **Budget Monitoring reports**

A detailed quarterly budget monitoring report has been presented to Cabinet, in September, December and March, with a draft final outturn report in July. A report for each directorate is annexed to the summary report, and the annex for the Adult Social Services Directorate will be presented to this Committee at the meetings following those Cabinet meetings. This will help inform this POSC about current trends, pressures and management actions in advance of the next year's budget setting

b) **Performance data**

This will be reported at least half-yearly to this Committee.

c) **Outturn report**

Effectively an amalgam of the above two, the outturn report will summarise both the financial and performance information for the whole of the preceding year

(2) Informed by these reports, the POSCs will be in a stronger position to question and comment on the future budget and medium term proposals, as they will be asked to do at the November and January meetings.

Third Quarter Monitoring Report - Revenue

3. (1) The full monitoring report for the third quarter for Adult Social Care as presented to Cabinet on 19 March 2012 is attached at Appendix 1 and this indicates an overall underspend of £3.868m.

(2) The £3.868m under spend breaks down as follows:

	£m
Older People	-3.117
Physical Disability	1.435
Learning Disability	-0.875
Mental Health	0.265
Assessment of Vulnerable Adults	-1.447
Safeguarding Adults	46
Directorate Management & Support	-0.175
TOTAL	-3.868

(3) The revenue forecast also allows for the impact of the NHS Support for Social Care of £16.226m as well as additional winter pressures funding of £3.775m.

(4) This position assumes that all but £1.795m savings identified within the Medium Term Plan will be achieved.

	£'m
LD/PD Procurement	1.252
Slippage of Enhanced Domiciliary	0.100
Slippage of Jointly Owned Properties	0.040
Non residential charging	
Delay in implementing -NDI/DREA	0.403
Total	1.795

(5) The achievement of savings is pivotal to the delivery of an efficiently managed budget. Robust monitoring arrangements are in place on a monthly basis to ensure that forecasts and expenditure are closely monitored and where necessary challenged.

(6) Our monitoring process includes ensuring all high cost placements and support packages are reviewed, plus a continued analysis and scrutiny of all requests for waiving of third party top ups to the cost of placements, and rigorous on-going panel arrangements.

Third Quarter Monitoring Report - Capital

(7) The full monitoring report for the third quarter for Adult Social Care, as presented to Cabinet on 19 March 2012, is attached at Appendix 2 and this indicates an underspend of £1.996m, of which all of it is requested to be re-phased into 12/13.

Recommendations:

4. (1) Members of the Adults Social Care & Public Health Policy Overview and Scrutiny Committee are asked to **NOTE** the Quarter 3 monitoring position for revenue, capital and savings, reported to Cabinet in March.

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