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To: Communities Cabinet Committee

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Subject: Customer & Communities Directorate & Portfolio Financial
Monitoring 2012/13

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Summary: Members of the Cabinet Committee are asked to note the first quarter's full budget monitoring report for 2012/13 reported to Cabinet on 17 September 2012.

Members of the Cabinet Committee are also asked to note the subsequent update to this position which was reported in the monitoring exception report to Cabinet on 15 October 2012.

FOR INFORMATION

1. Introduction

- 1.1 This is a regular report to this Committee on the forecast outturn for Customer & Communities Directorate & Portfolio.

2. Background

- 2.1 A detailed quarterly monitoring report is presented to Cabinet, usually in September, December and March and a draft final outturn report in either June or July. These reports outline the full financial position for each portfolio and will be reported to Cabinet Committees after they have been considered by Cabinet.

In the intervening months an exception report is made to Cabinet outlining any significant variations from the quarterly report.

The first quarter's monitoring report for 2012/13 was reported to Cabinet Committees in September 2012. An update to this position was reported in the monitoring exception report to Cabinet on 15 October 2012. The relevant extracts from this exception report are included in the revenue and capital sections below.

3. Customer & Communities Directorate & Portfolio 2012/13 Financial Forecast - Revenue

- 3.1 **Table 1** shows the movements reported in the exception report following the quarter 1 report provided to Cabinet Committees in September 2012.

Portfolio	Forecast Variance £m	Movement from Qtr 1 £m
Customer & Communities	-0.556	-0.094
Directorate Total	-0.556	-0.094

The main reasons for this movement are detailed below:

3.2 **Customer & Communities Portfolio:**

The underspend for this portfolio has increased by £0.094m this month from -£0.462m to -£0.556m. This is due to:

- 3.2.1 -£0.171m Supporting Independence & Supported Employment – A forecast underspend of -£0.232m against staffing within Kent Supported Employment (KSE). In addition there is a forecast income shortfall of +£0.061m relating to the Department for Work & Pensions (DWP) funded Work Programme.

Referrals are below the anticipated demand and consequently a reduction in income ensues, with gross expenditure reduced accordingly.

- 3.2.2 A number of smaller movements, all below £0.1m, across a number of units which total +£0.077m.

4. **Customer & Communities Directorate/Portfolio 2012/13 Financial Forecast - Capital**

- 4.1 **Table 2** shows the summary of variance from cash limit, as reported in the exception report to Cabinet on 15th October 2012.

Portfolio	Customer & Communities
	Amount £m
Funded variance	0.050
Variance to be funded from revenue	0.063
Total variance	0.113

There have been no movements in unfunded variances since quarter 1.

5. **Recommendations**

- 5.1 Members of the Communities Cabinet Committee are asked to note the revenue and capital forecast variances from budget for 2012/13, for the Customer & Communities Portfolio, based on the first quarter's full monitoring to Cabinet and the subsequent exception report.

Background Documents

N/A

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