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To: Supporting People Commissioning Body, 2 April 2014

Subject: 2013-14 forecast & 2014-15 budget

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Summary

This report provides a forecast of the outturn for the 2013-14 financial year and confirmation of the 2014-15 budget.

Recommendations

The Commissioning Body is asked to

- (1) Note and agree
 - The projected outturn of £23,471.2 against the cash limit of £24,856.5k
 - An underspend of £1,385.3k
 - The planned reduction in the 14-15 budget of £2,400k.
- (2) Receive a paper in October, outlining the recommendations of the Core Strategy Group for future use of the Supporting People reserve.

1. Floating Support in Lieu

- 1) At the meeting on the 29 July 2013, an in-year saving of £608k was discussed following the Commissioning Body's decision to cease the Floating Support in Lieu contracts from November 2013. It was agreed that instead of declaring this as a one-off underspend, that contracts supporting the Troubled Families programme should be extended/commissioned until the year-end.

Currently, not all of the providers are able to commit to these contracts, or not at the levels budgeted for, so an underspend of £91.6k has been forecast.

2. 2013-14 Forecast

- 1) The service regularly reviews the outputs and terms of its contracts and as a result of this, a significant number of contracts have been varied throughout the year and such variations now result in an underspend of £1,443.7k.
- 2) An extra-ordinary meeting was held on the 25 October to discuss the underspend at that time, an expenditure of up to £150k was authorised to be spent on the Hostels Plus project for rough sleepers. This forecast may deviate slightly as and when contracts are let.
- 3) When taking into account the under-utilisation of the Troubled Families contracts of £91.6k, the contract variations of £1,443.7k and the additional expenditure on Hostels Plus, the service as a whole is now forecasting an

underspend of £1,385.3k which represents a movement of £58k from the previous monitoring report (£1,327k)

An analysis of the category by category variances of budget compared to actual/forecast are shown in Appendix 1.

3. 2014-15 Budget

- 1) The 2104-15 budget has now been set by County Council with the planned reduction in the Supporting People budget of £2,400k agreed.

4. Supporting People reserve

- 1) The service retains a reserve as a result of savings generated when its budget was ring-fenced and subject to grant conditions.
- 2) At its February meeting, the Core Strategy Group suggested that they consider one off pilot projects using the reserve that could be established prior to phases two and three of the commissioning plan.
- 3) A paper outlining potential uses for the reserves will be brought to the October meeting of the Commissioning Body.

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Appendix 1: Forecast 2013-14

Funding and Capacity 2013/14	FINANCIAL			ACTIVITY			
	Budgeted	Forecast Outturn	Variance	Budgeted Capacity	Usage	KPI 1	KPI 2
	£	£	£	Units	%	%	%
Community Alarms	391,000	407,914	16,914	8792			
Very Sheltered	129,300	128,940	(360)	254	93	97.9	
Floating Support Service	4,318,300	3,018,358	(1,299,942)	1563	78.7	95.9	73.2
HIA	583,100	538,348	(44,752)	3600			
Leaseholders	21,000	12,774	(8,226)				
Long Term	4,251,600	4,187,100	(64,500)	537	110	99.5	
Sheltered	2,797,100	2,758,639	(38,461)	5543	93	99	
Short Term Accommodation	10,650,200	10,645,843	(4,357)	1093	99		88.8
Floating Support in Lieu	1,400,000	1,308,380	(91,620)				
Hostels Plus	0	150,000	150,000				
Total Contracts	24,541,600	23,156,295	(1,385,305)				
Admin	314,900	314,900	0				
Total	24,856,500	23,471,195	(1,385,305)				