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Subject: **ADULT SOCIAL SERVICES BUDGET MONITORING 2009/10**

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Summary: A report on the updated quarter 1 forecast outturn against  
budget for Kent Adult Social Services.

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## Introduction

1. (1) This is the third report for 2009-10 to this Committee on the forecast outturn against budget for the Adult Social Services Department.

## Background

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

a) **Budget Monitoring reports**

A detailed quarterly budget monitoring report is presented to Cabinet, usually in September, December and March, and a draft final outturn report in June. 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.

(3) A special Budget IMG is being arranged as happened last year to discuss the future Budget and MTP proposals in more detail.

### **Updated First Quarter monitoring report**

3. (1) The revenue monitoring exception report for Adult Social Services as presented to Cabinet in October is attached at Appendix 1. This indicates an overall revenue pressure of £582k, which is an increase of £86k in the position submitted in the first quarter's full monitoring. This pressure will be addressed through a range of 'Guidelines for Good Management Practice', which are place across all teams in order to help us manage demand on an equitable basis consistent with policy and legislation, and will ensure that the Directorate achieves a balanced position by the end of the year.

(2) The main movement in the revenue forecast relates to Physical Disability Residential Care which has increased by £0.194m which primarily results from an increase of six permanent clients, together with changes to estimates for non permanent care and income.

(3) The current forecast against the capital programme, based on the budget excluding PFI, is a variance of -£0.606m, a movement of -£0.581m since last month. Of this -£0.300m relates to The Beaney Centre, which is led by the Communities Directorate but will not now commence until February/March 2010. Even then as a precaution the KASS Directorate has chosen to re-phase 100% of the project. The other movement over £0.100m relates to Crispe House where there will a further review of the proposed Joint Housing project and this element of the funding will be re-phased.

### **Recommendations**

4. (1) Members of the Policy Overview and Scrutiny Committee are asked to note the projected outturn figures for the Directorate as at the October Cabinet report.

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