

GENERAL FUND 1999/2000 PROJECTION

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1. **Purpose**

1.1 The purpose of this report is to advise the Committee of actual expenditure to date against profiled estimate and the projected position for the year 1999/00.

2. **Summary**

2.1 Latest Projected Outturn for the year 1999/2000 is that the Committee's net expenditure will be within £30,000 of the latest estimate.

3. **Recommendations**

3.1 The Committee is requested to note the latest Projections of the 1999/2000 budget.

4. **Background**

- 4.1 Financial Regulations dictate that each Committee shall receive a statement identifying its spending position for the year and in addition receive a position statement on salary costs. These are attached as **Annex A and B** respectively.

5. **Issues and Choices**

- 5.1 The major projected variations are attached at **Annex A** to this report. The overspend on Learning Disability of £194,000 is a result of the following:

- (a) additional agency staff having been used at Tower Drive day centre to cover for sickness (£57,000);
- (b) additional staffing costs for the Emerson Valley Independent Living Project (£44,000); and
- (c) additional placements required to be made during the year (£100,000) for which no estimate was made at the time that this year's budget was calculated in October 1998. There has been a marked increase in the overall number of clients and costs of care needed to be provided as well as a greater number of transition clients than that notified to the Directorate.

- 5.2 The underspend on Home Care wages (£288,000) is a result of the difficulty in recruiting staff and from a reduced requirement for hours.

- 5.3 The salaries and wages monitor statement (attached at **Annex B**) shows that the 3% vacancy provision has been exceeded by £73,000 for the first six months of the year. Savings shown are currently offsetting other variations on the budget.

6. **Implications**

6.1 Environmental

No direct environmental implications.

6.2 Equalities

No direct equality implications.

6.3 Financial

The financial implications of this report are dealt with in other sections.

6.4 Legal

None.

6.5 Staff and Accommodation

None.

7. **Conclusions**

- 7.1 It is projected that the outturn position for 1999/2000 will be within £30,000 of the latest approved estimate.

Background Papers: None