

COUNCIL – 9 JULY 2013

OLDER PEOPLE'S POOLED BUDGET ARRANGEMENTS (SECTION 75 AGREEMENT)

Report by Director for Social and Community Services and Assistant
Chief Executive & Chief Finance Officer

1. As set out in the Older People's Pooled Budget Arrangements, the expansion of the Older People Pool represents a change in policy. The virement of budgets requires approval by Council under the Authority's Financial Regulations.
2. The Cabinet report sought Cabinet approval to increase the services and budgets that form the Older Person's Pooled Budget arrangements between Oxfordshire County Council and the Oxfordshire Clinical Commissioning Group, and to ensure the risk sharing and governance arrangements are appropriate for a truly pooled budget.
3. These joint working arrangements include a new Older People's Joint Commissioning Strategy 2013-2017 which has been the subject of public consultation. The Older People's pooled budget is a key mechanism for implementing the detailed action plan that forms part of the new strategy, and programme management arrangements to ensure its successful delivery are also being finalised.

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4. It is proposed to include significantly higher contributions from both the County Council and the Clinical Commissioning Group in the Older People's Pooled Budget. These figures may change slightly as financial contributions from both parties are finalised , but will broadly be as follows:

	Existing Contribution	Additional Contribution	Total Contribution
County Council	£78m	£21m*	£99m*
Clinical Commissioning Group	£30m	£59m	£89m
Total	£108m	£61m	£188m

- * The Council will transfer an additional £21m into the pool, bringing the total contribution to £99m. However the Council will also transfer an income target of £18 million into the pool, meaning the net Additional Contribution is £3 million and the net Total Contribution is £81 million. Apportionment of risk for 2013/14 will be based on the gross figure of £99m.

Under the approved 2013/14 virement rules the exact detail of the budget changes will be agreed by budget holders. Extract from virement rules below:

5. Where a decision by Council or Cabinet has already specified that temporary or permanent virements will result the virements should be first agreed and then actioned by the relevant budget holders and managers affected. If there are disagreements, an arbitration process will be led by the Chief Finance Officer.

RECOMMENDATION

6. **Council is RECOMMENDED to approve the virement of £21m into the Older People's Pooled Budget, as well as an income target of £18m.**

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