

COUNCIL- 10 DECEMBER 2012

2012/13 REQUEST FOR VIREMENTS

Report by the Assistant Chief Executive & Chief Finance Officer

Introduction

1. Under the Council's Financial Regulations, Council approval is required for temporary budget virements larger than £0.5m and where they represent a change in policy.

Pooled Budgets

2. As reported to Cabinet on 16 October 2012, expenditure on the Council element of the Physical Disabilities Pool is expected to exceed budget by +£1.842m. In February 2012 Council approved additional funding of £0.800m from 2012/13 to move the base budget to a level to fund current clients and the needs of future clients. Based on more recent information this is insufficient to fund the current year activity and significantly increased demand.
3. The Council element of the Learning Disabilities Pooled Budget is forecast to underspend by -£2.509m. This underspend has arisen as the provision for additional client numbers of £1.3m in 2012/13 is not required and the cost of de-registration of the Home Farm Trust is forecast to be £0.5m less than anticipated. Furthermore, efficiency savings have been achieved earlier than expected.
4. Council is recommended to approve a temporary virement to amend the Council contributions to the Pools with the effect of moving funding from the Learning Disabilities Pool to offset pressures in the Physical Disabilities Pool. The on-going effect of the pressures on the Physical Disabilities Pool will be considered as part of the Service & Resource Planning Process.
5. The critical and substantial needs of all Learning Disability Service Users who have been assessed are being met from the remaining resources within the Learning Disabilities Pool. The Learning Disability Pool Joint Management Group approved the release of the funding from the Learning Disabilities Pooled Budget on 11 October 2012.

RECOMMENDATION:

- 6. Council is RECOMMENDED to approve a temporary virement in 2012/13 to amend the Council contributions to the Pools with the effect of moving £1.842m funding from the Learning Disabilities Pool to the Physical Disabilities Pool.**

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