



Audit Committee

11 October 2013

Finance and Performance Working Group

Purpose of Report: Progress report

The Group met on 26 July to consider draft Q1 finance reports and an efficiency tracker. The Portfolio Holders for Corporate Delivery and Care and the Head of Business Services and Head of Adult Social Care were also present for parts of the meeting

It was noted that Adult and Commissioning were forecasting an overspend of £3M despite having had additional funding, equating to an increase of 7.2% in their budget. Efficiency savings of £1.5M were to be achieved but only £50K have been identified and little has been achieved. A further report was requested from the Head of Adult Social Care, but this remains outstanding.

An underspend is forecast in Children's Services attributable to preventative measures being taken at an earlier stage and the numbers of Looked After Children falling.

Overall, service areas are forecasting an overspend of £2.7M. Although corporate areas have been underspent in previous years offsetting service overspends, this was no longer sustainable.

A further meeting with the new Strategic Director, People, and to consider Period 3 Finance reports and Q1 Performance reports had to be cancelled and will be rearranged.

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Sources/background papers:

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Dates of future meetings:

23 September – Period 5 Finance and Q1 Performance (Cancelled)

15 November - Period 6 Finance and Q2 Performance