



Audit Committee

17 January 2014

Finance and Performance Working Group

Purpose of Report: Progress report

During the period the Group have considered the Q2 finance report and remain concerned that there is already a projected overspend in Adult and Commissioning of nearly £3M. A further meeting was held with the Strategic Director, People Head of Adult Social Care and Accountancy Manager to monitor progress with a Review of Financial Management which was being undertaken across the authority and, in particular five key deliverables for the People Directorate.

The Group were advised that three of the Key Deliverables were complete and awaiting presentation to Management Team. A further meeting would be arranged following consideration by Management Team.

It had been acknowledged that the service had been subject to many managerial changes over recent years. Transformational change was needed but could take three years to achieve. More services would be delivered through regional boards and collaboration with partners was essential. Management tiers had been reduced to ensure that financial management is undertaken at ground level. Lines of accountability have been clarified within the service and with partners. Data is more robust and there will be greater monitoring of performance to ensure that challenge is maintained.

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Sources/background papers:

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