

Item: 3

Orkney Health and Care Committee: 15 November 2018.

Revenue Expenditure Monitoring.

Joint report by Chief Officer / Executive Director, Orkney Health and Care and Head of Finance.

1. Purpose of Report

To advise of the revenue position as at 30 September 2018 across each of the service areas for which the Committee is responsible.

2. Recommendations

The Committee is invited to note:

2.1.

The revenue financial summary statement in respect of Orkney Health and Care for the period 1 April to 30 September 2018, attached as Annex 1 to this report, indicating an underspend position of £10,200.

2.2.

The revenue financial detail by Service Area statement in respect of Orkney Health and Care for the period 1 April to 30 September 2018, attached as Annex 2 to this report.

2.3.

The explanations given, and actions proposed in respect of significant budget variances, as outlined in the Budget Action Plan, attached as Annex 3 to this report.

3. Background

3.1.

On 22 February 2018, the Council set its overall budget for financial year 2018 to 2019. On 17 April 2018, the Policy and Resources Committee received the detailed revenue budgets which form the basis of the individual revenue expenditure monitoring reports.

3.2.

Individual revenue expenditure monitoring reports are circulated as briefing reports every month to inform Elected Members of the up to date financial position. Quarterly revenue expenditure monitoring reports are presented to individual service committees, replacing the need for a monthly budget briefing this reporting period.

3.3.

In terms of revenue spending, at an individual cost centre level, budget holders are required to provide an explanation of the causes of each material variance and to identify appropriate corrective actions to remedy the situation.

3.4.

Material variances are identified automatically as Priority Actions within individual budget cost centres according to the following criteria:

- £10,000 and 10% more or less than Anticipated position (1B).
- £50,000 more or less than Anticipated position (1C).

3.5.

Priority Actions can be identified at the Service Function level according to the same criteria and these are shown in the Revenue Expenditure Statements. As with individual cost centre variances, each of these Priority Actions requires an explanation and corrective action to be identified and these are shown in the Budget Action Plan.

3.6.

The details have been provided following consultation with the relevant Executive Directors and their staff. In addition to the variances generated in the current month, the variances reported in previous reporting periods will remain within the Budget Action Plan until these actions have been completed.

3.7.

The figures quoted within the Budget Action Plan by way of the underspend and overspend position will always relate to the position within the current month.

4. Financial Summary

4.1.

The financial summary for the period 1 April to 30 September 2018 is attached as Annex 1 to this report.

4.2.

The details by Service Area statement is attached as Annex 2 to this report.

4.3.

The Budget Action Plan, attached as Annex 3 to this report, provides an explanation and proposed corrective action for each of the Priority Actions identified.

5. Corporate Governance

This report relates to the Council complying with its governance and financial processes and procedures and therefore does not directly support and contribute to improved outcomes for communities as outlined in the Council Plan and the Local Outcomes Improvement Plan.

6. Financial Implications

6.1.

The Financial Regulations state that service directors are able to incur expenditure within an approved revenue budget. Such expenditure must be in accordance with the Council's policies or objectives subject to compliance with these Financial Regulations and approved schemes of delegation.

6.2.

Additional expenditure requirements identified during the financial year can only be approved by means of a spending recommendation to the Policy and Resources Committee, subject to the use of emergency powers.

6.3.

A pay increase of 3% is included in the base budget for 2018 to 2019 which is yet to be agreed. The estimated cost of the backpay from 1 April to 30 September 2018 is £208,700 across Orkney Health and Care which would change the current underspend position to an overspend of £198,500.

7. Legal Aspects

Financial monitoring and reporting helps the Council meet its statutory obligation to secure best value.

8. Contact Officers

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9. Annexes

Annex 1: Financial summary.

Annex 2: Financial details by service area.

Annex 3: Budget Action Plan.

Annex 1: Financial Summary

The table below provides a summary of the position across all Service Areas.

Service Area	Spend £000	Budget £000	Over/Under Spend		Annual Budget £000
			£000	%	
Social Care	9,185.3	9,195.5	-10.2	99.9	18,964.9
Service Totals	9,185.3	9,195.5	-10.2	99.9	18,964.9

Compared to last month, the total number of PAs has changed as follows:

Service Area	No. of PAs		Service Functions	PAs/ Function
	P05	P06		
Social Care	5	4	12	33%
Totals	5	4	12	33%

Annex 2: Financial Detail by Service Area

The following tables show the spending position by service function

Social Care	PA	Spend £000	Budget £000	Over/Under £000	Spend %	Annual Budget £000
Administration - SW		500.2	507.2	-7.0	98.6	2,034.1
Childcare	1C	1,716.8	1,774.4	-57.6	96.8	3,807.3
Elderly - Residential		2,623.5	2,617.5	6.0	100.2	5,467.7
Elderly - Independent Sector		168.8	171.1	-2.3	98.6	337.8
Elderly - Day Centres		266.5	283.6	-17.1	94.0	539.7
Disability		2,284.9	2,263.8	21.1	100.9	5,260.6
Mental Health	1B	78.0	104.2	-26.2	74.8	232.1
Other Community Care		436.0	449.4	-13.4	97.0	749.1
Occupational Therapy		198.9	194.0	4.9	102.5	385.4
Home Care	1C	1,849.6	1,719.8	129.8	107.5	3,510.3
Criminal Justice	1B	8.3	29.5	-21.2	28.2	43.2
Integrated Joint Board		-946.2	-919.0	-27.2	103.0	-3,402.4
Service Total		9,185.3	9,195.5	-10.2	99.9	18,964.9

Changes in original budget position:

Original Net Budget	18,181.8
Contingency Fund Pressure Bid - Residential Childcare	372.0
Contribution to OHAC from Out of Orkney Placement Fund	411.1
	18,964.9

Annex 3: Budget Action Plan

Social Care

Function	Function Description/ Explanation	Action Category/ Action Description	Responsible Officer	Deadline	Status
R19C	<p>Childcare</p> <p>Less than anticipated expenditure by £57.6K</p> <p>Intensive Foster Carers (IFC) are currently being recruited and subject to a rigorous assessment process.</p>	<p>Monitor the situation</p> <p>An average assessment for fostering, depending on complexity is 9 - 12 months with IFC likely to be at the later end of this estimate. We are now 6 months into a 3 year campaign and have seen standard carer applications and approvals increase as a result.</p>	Scott Hunter	31/03/2019	Ongoing
R19H	<p>Mental Health</p> <p>Less than anticipated expenditure by £26.2K</p> <p>There were vacancies within the team for a Senior Practitioner and a Mental Health Social Worker post from April - Sep. We could not recruit to either despite numerous adverts and have therefore recruited two Social Workers who will undertake MHO training. As a result of the vacancies and the programme of training there will be challenges for covering the on-call rota.</p>	<p>Process transaction(s)</p> <p>The recently recruited Social Workers commenced post in August/September. Since this date there are now two Mental Health Support Worker vacancies.</p>	John Trainor	30/09/2018	Ongoing

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R19K	<p>Home Care</p> <p>More than anticipated expenditure by £129.8K</p> <p>The demand for direct payments in lieu of Home Care continues to grow. Within in-house service there has been no ability to reduce the service to compensate as ageing population is continuing to increase.</p>	<p>Raise virements request</p> <p>The recognition of the impact of the overall Self-Directed Support Act has been raised with Members and further work is being undertaken to address this issue with Scottish Government. In the short term and underspends from other budgets will be reallocated here.</p>	John Trainor	31/10/2018	Ongoing
R19L	<p>Criminal Justice</p> <p>Less than anticipated expenditure by £21.2K</p> <p>There have been vacancies in the early part of this year.</p>	<p>No action required</p> <p>These vacancies have now been recruited to. This is a ringfenced budget but the funding will be fully utilised by year end.</p>	Scott Hunter	30/09/2018	Ongoing