

WRITTEN STATEMENT OF A KEY DECISION CABINET

ITEM:	SOCIAL CARE BUDGET
Members Present:	Councillors RJ Phillips (Leader), GV Hyde, Mrs LO Barnett, PJ Edwards, Mrs JP French, JC Mayson, DW Rule, RV Stockton, DB Wilcox.
Date of Decision:	19 May 2005
This is a key decision because there is the potential to result in the Council incurring expenditure above agreed budgets for the service or function (shown as a line in the budget book) to which the decision relates but allowing for virements between budget heads and savings within budget heads of up to £500,000.	
A notice was served in accordance with section 15 of the Local Authorities (Executive Arrangements) (Access to Information) Regulation 2000 to the Chairman of the Social Care and Housing Scrutiny Committee.	
Purpose:	To advise Cabinet of the conclusions arising from the review undertaken into the causes of the increase in overspend of the Social Care Budget and the implications for 2005/06 and beyond.
Decision:	<p>That</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (a) Cabinet supports the actions taken to manage the over-commitment in the Social Care budget and the approach to be taken with regard to the overspend for 2004/05; (b) Officers be supported in making the difficult decisions required on the needs of individual service users as a result of this approach; (c) The budget continues to be monitored on a monthly basis until the new Senior Management structure is in place, and that remedial action be taken before then if the situation deteriorates; and (d) The position for the write-off of the overspend be reviewed in the context of the above.
Reasons for the Decision:	An understanding of the reasons for the movement in projected overspend is critical to ensure that effective financial management procedures are in place and any implications in terms of the 2005/06 Budget are identified.
Options Considered:	N/A
Declaration of Interest:	None
Date the key decision is due to take effect:	26 May 2005

COUNCILLOR RJ PHILLIPS	Date:.....
LEADER OF THE COUNCIL	

To be completed by officer:	
Date consent received from Chairman of Scrutiny Committee:	
Subject to Call-in:	No
If yes was the decision modified?	
If yes Cabinet Member (.....) decision reference:	
Date original decision took effect:	26 May 2005