

# PUBLIC HEALTH APPENDIX E

## BUDGET CONTROL MEETING UPDATE REPORT

### AUGUST

MEETING DATE:

23<sup>RD</sup> SEPTEMBER 2013

#### Purpose

To provide the Chief Officer Finance with assurance on:

- the robustness of budget control and monitoring within Public Health
- to highlight key risks within the department
- to identify any mitigation which can be achieved to reduce the impact on the overall Council budget for 2013/14.

#### 1. Key Messages

- 1 The current underspend of £262k reflects consultants and other vacancies. A consultation on a review of the establishment has just been launched and the assumptions are based on all posts filled during October 2013.
- 2 There is a further risk of £0.5m in relation to cervical cytology. This is not included within the outturn above but is a material risk to achieving a balanced budget. This issue is currently being worked through the system.

##### 1.1. Current Status – Revenue Budget by Service

Service	Budget Expend	Budget (Income)	Net Budget	August Forecast Outturn	Projected (over)/ Underspend
	£000's	£000's	£000's	£000's	£000's
Public Health Grant	0	(7,753)	(7,753)	(7,753)	0
Pay Budget	1,873	0	1,873	1,689	184
Commissioning Budget	5,522	0	5,522	5,517	5
Contingency Budget	350	0	350	277	73
<b>Public Health Directorate</b>	<b>7,745</b>	<b>(7,753)</b>	<b>(8)</b>	<b>(270)</b>	<b>262</b>

#### KEY POINTS

- 1 A consultation on the outcome of a review of the public health establishment has been launched this week that ensures it is fit for purpose. There are currently four posts going through the recruitment process. The current underspend reflects vacancies up to 30<sup>th</sup> September.
- 2 Commitments have been set against the contingency budget; £97k to support children's wellbeing, £138k, costs not included within transition from NHS and £41k for additional overheads.

The net budget reflects the corporate savings target relating to 2 days additional leave. This does not apply to those TUPED over on NHS terms and conditions.

## **Risks**

1. The £0.5k risk in relation to cervical cytology testing is currently being worked through.
2. Wye Valley Trust have informed the Commissioners that the School Nursing Service will now concentrate on safeguarding only due to the number of cases. A working group has been set up to review the service for 2014/15 with a new service specification and performance indicators in place aligned to public health outcomes and grant conditions.

## **Opportunities**

3. There is currently £100k allocated for the obesity programme with no current plan.
4. The CCG have agreed to managed residential placements within a £17k budget for 2013/14 only. The budget is currently based 2012/13 spend of circa £150k.
5. Slippage in the recruitment process.
6. Use of transition funding currently in reserves against agency consultant.
7. Redesign of inherited contracts and programmes for 2014-2015.