

Overview & Scrutiny

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Revenue Budget Monitoring

Report of the Overview and Scrutiny Board – February 2015

At its meetings on 18 and 24 February 2015, the Overview and Scrutiny Board considered the Revenue Budget monitoring report for Quarter 3.

The Board requested:

That additional information be prepared and presented to the Council in its consideration of the Quarter 3 Revenue Budget monitoring report in relation to:

- The lessons learnt in respect of Housing Benefit overpayments (in particular those made by Council rather than claimant error)
- The principles by which the Council determines whether to appoint consultants and the costs associated with consultants currently contracted
- The trends (against projections) within Adult Social Care on the numbers of clients receiving Direct Payments and the numbers of clients within residential care

It further agreed the following motion:

The Overview and Scrutiny Board is concerned about the possible calls on the General Fund balance of £4.4 million given the high probability that the Comprehensive Spending Review reserve will be depleted due to the estimated level of redundancy costs, the current projected overspend at year end and the possible outcome of the current Judicial Review.

Therefore the Council requests the Executive Director – Finance and Operations to undertake a further Review of Reserves to identify whether there is spare capacity within the Reserves to replenish the Comprehensive Spending Review reserve.