

ANGUS COUNCIL

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SOCIAL WORK DEPARTMENT REVENUE BUDGET 2002/03 VIREMENT PROPOSALS

JOINT REPORT BY THE DIRECTORS OF SOCIAL WORK AND FINANCE

ABSTRACT

This report advises members of virement proposals for the social work department's revenue budget for 2002-2003.

1 RECOMMENDATIONS

It is recommended that the Social Work and Finance and I.T. Committees approve the virement proposals as shown in Appendix 1.

2 INTRODUCTION

In recent years, Angus Council Social Work has addressed a number of cost pressures and policy issues that have carried large financial implications and the structure and monitoring of the Social Work budget is now extremely complex. This report details areas within the "mainstream" funding where virement proposals need to be authorised by committee.

3 VIREMENT ISSUES

Arising out of the budget monitoring process, areas (excluding new monies) where virement which requires Committee approval have been identified. These virement proposals are shown in Appendix 1. The Director of Social Work will, as part of the budget setting exercise, identify areas where this virement should be made permanent to ensure that the budget at the start of the next financial year takes account of these issues.

4 FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

The virement proposals arise from monitoring the Social Work budget are cost neutral.

5 HUMAN RIGHTS IMPLICATIONS

There are no Human Rights implications arising from the recommendations contained in this report.

6 CONSULTATION

The Chief Executive, the Director of Law and Administration and the Director of Finance have been consulted in the preparation of this report.

7 CONCLUSION

The proposals contained in this report arise from monitoring a complex budget to provide a range of essential services to Social Work clients.

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NOTE: No background papers, as defined by Section 50D of the Local Government (Scotland) Act 1973 (other than any containing confidential or exempt information) were relied on to any material extent in preparing the above report.

VIREMENT PROPOSALS

	Virement to £000's	Virement from £000's
<p>Children's Residential Schools The projected overspend is based on care plans for individual children/ young people. This joint budget is essentially demanded. The figure shown here is the social work department's share of the overspend. (Education department will contribute £52,000)</p>	86	
<p>Home Care Restructuring Bridging costs (held in a separate budget) The costs of restructuring home care have been reported to the social work committee. From 2003-04, money will be vired permanently to reflect the new service model.</p>	739	263
<p>Early Support Discharge This underspend is due to staff slippage and some expenditure on occupational therapy aids being coded to the O.T. budget.</p>		144
<p>Disabilities Transport The transport costs associated with day care services are higher than budgeted. This will be reviewed and appropriate budgets established for future years.</p>	180	
<p>Occupational Therapy This overspend is partly attributable to the coding RE Early Supported Discharge (see above), but also is due to the nature of the service. The Director of Social Work will consider how this recurring budget shortfall can be addressed within the context of new money for social work from 2003-04 onwards.</p>	265	
<p>Learning Disabilities Community Lunan Park Bungalow The budget previously required for the provision at Lunan Park Bungalow should be vired to L.D. Community projects.</p>	103	109
<p>Private & Voluntary Placements: Community Care The projected underspend is due to additional income being received from service user charges. The Director of Social Work will review the budget for this area of activity, in line with the development of Free Personal Care and other current policy initiatives (e.g. addressing delayed discharges).</p>		717
<p>Training Section This is due to staff vacancies. Social Work Committee recently approved a restructuring report for training within the social work department that will address this.</p>		140
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