

ANGUS COUNCIL

SOCIAL WORK COMMITTEE
FINANCE AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY COMMITTEE

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SOCIAL WORK DEPARTMENT NEW MONEY MONITORING REPORT 2002-2003

JOINT REPORT BY THE DIRECTORS OF SOCIAL WORK AND FINANCE

ABSTRACT

This report advises members of the position with "new money" made available to the social work department revenue budget for 2002-2003.

1 RECOMMENDATIONS

It is recommended that the Social Work and Finance and IT Committees:-

- i) note the current position as detailed in this report;
- ii) instruct the Directors of Finance and Social Work to inform committee of any significant variations that arise before the end of the financial year;
- iii) approve the allocation of the final year-end balances to the Local Capital Fund to facilitate developments in social work physical resources.

2 INTRODUCTION

The Revenue Budget Projected Outturn report (report no. 1429/02) presented to the Finance and Information Technology Committee on 3 December 2002 indicated that the Directors of Social Work and Finance would present a further report on the progress in spending new monies.

Elected members will be aware that the Scottish Executive has placed a number of significant new burdens / responsibilities on social work departments. In the main, these areas have attracted additional funding. For Angus Council social work, the 2002-2003 revenue budget included additional funding of £5,527,000 for these issues (details can be found in Appendix 1).

The major development in the current financial year has been the introduction of "free" personal care. A prudent approach was adopted to this area, given the level of uncertainty around the cost implications. That is, the Director of Social Work did not propose any infrastructure/ community developments until the financial impact for Angus could be established with an appropriate degree of confidence.

3 PROPOSAL

It is proposed to deploy the available resources – using the council's virement flexibility rules where necessary – to make required improvements to social work department's infrastructure. Specifically, it is proposed that the underspend on the new monies will be transferred to the Council's Local Capital Fund to allow the development of physical resources. This will include the development of a new headquarters building for social work (possibly jointly with health) and the refurbishment of residential facilities in Carnoustie, Brechin and Montrose. A further

report will be prepared specifying this deployment when the year end position is confirmed.

Approval of these proposals will also relieve some of the pressure on the Council's capital plan (since social work will not take up all of its allocation in 2003/04 & 2004/05) and will assist the implementation of an office accommodation strategy for the Council.

4 FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

The proposals are cost neutral and will allow some departmental and corporate initiatives to move forward.

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 for deploying the resources available will provide much needed support for the social work department's infrastructure, allowing significant changes to be implemented in the coming years.

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Director of Social Work

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.

Appendix 1

New Monies 2002-2003

	Budget	Outturn on Current Activity	Balance
	£'000	£'000	£'000
Sutherland Monies	572	572	0
Home care developments	234	234	0
Learning disabilities review	210	210	0
Adults with incapacity	16	0	16
Drugs rehabilitation	121	104	17
Drugs workers	61	61	0
Free personal care - residential	2,263	2,263	0
Free personal care – community/ infrastructure	1,203	420	783
Modernising community care	48	48	0
Carers strategy	195	121	74
Surestart	126	126	0
Youth Crime	158	158	0
Children's services development fund	58	58	0
Better integrated children's services	151	112	39
Changing children's services fund	111	111	0
TOTALS	5,527	4,598	929