

ANGUS COUNCIL

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SOCIAL WORK AND HEALTH DEPARTMENT REVENUE BUDGET OUTTURN 2003-2004

JOINT REPORT BY THE DIRECTOR OF SOCIAL WORK AND HEALTH AND THE  
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**ABSTRACT**

This report advises the committees of the outturn position for the social work and health department's revenue budget for 2003-2004 and comments on the major variances arising.

**1 RECOMMENDATIONS**

It is recommended that the Social Work and Health Committee and the Resources and Central Services Committee note the content of this report.

**2 INTRODUCTION**

In line with Angus Council's Financial Regulations, this report advises members of the revenue budget outturn for the social work and health department. The information is based on the audited management accounts for 2003-2004.

Committee report no. 137/04 to the Resources and Central Services and the Strategic Policy Committees approved the virement of £520k (or such other sum as may be determined) to the Local Capital Fund in respect of the Social Work and Health underspend.

**3 REVENUE BUDGET OUTTURN**

The controllable element of the social work and health department's expenditure was in line with the budget, having transferred £565,000 to the Local Capital Fund (in accordance with report 137/04).

There is therefore no balance of underspend available for virement between financial years in line with council's procedures.

There are a number of significant variances, which are commented on below.

	<b>OVER £000</b>	<b>UNDER £000</b>
<b>Children and Families</b> There has been some difficulty in filling posts within children's services which has resulted in an underspend.		225
Failure to recruit to the new professional foster carers scheme has resulted in an underspend of £132k.		132
Family placement activity was higher than anticipated in the budget, due to the number of children who are accommodated	72	
Residential child care was overspent due to the cost of residential schools and secure accommodation.	119	
<b>Older People</b> Home care is overspent by £313k due to a combination of staff costs and under-recovery of income.	313	
Accommodation in the local authority homes is overspent by £328k. £235k of this is in respect of Beechhill Court which was funded through Supporting People, whilst £91k is due to additional staff costs.	328	
Augmented care is underspent – mainly due to staff vacancies		292
<b>People with Physical Disabilities</b> The main underspend in this area is due to expenditure on specialist residential care being less than originally anticipated.		337
Physical assessment is underspent, due to staff slippage.		58
Transportation to the McKinnon Centre is overspent.	100	
Equipment and Adaptations to Houses is overspent, due to demand for services.	115	
<b>Totals</b>	1047	1044
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There are a number of other minor variances.

#### **4 HUMAN RIGHTS ACT IMPLICATIONS**

There are no human rights implications arising from the recommendations contained in this report.

## **5 CONSULTATION**

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

## **6 CONCLUSION**

This report outlines the final year-end position for the social work and health department's revenue budget for 2003 – 2004.

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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.

**APPENDIX 1**

**CALCULATION OF SOCIAL WORK AND HEALTH REVENUE BUDGET OUTTURN**

	Budget		Actual	
	£000's	£000's	£000's	£000's
Net expenditure per audited management accounts		39,926		39,650
LESS				
Central Support Recharges	1,282		1,281	
Capital Charges	935		935	
Property maintenance	292		183	
Energy Costs	254		177	
Specific Grants	-362		-345	
Children's Panel	120		99	
Quality of Life	252		167	
"Non-controllable" expenditure		2,773		2,497
<b>Controllable expenditure</b>		<b>37,153</b>		<b>37,153</b>

**SUMMARY**

	Budget	Actual	Variance
	£000's	£000's	£000's
Controllable	37,153	37,153	-
Non-Controllable	2,773	2,497	276
Net expenditure 2003/04	39,926	39,650	276