



MONITORING OF THE SHADOW INTEGRATED BUDGET 2014/15

Aim

- 1.1 To provide the Shadow Board with Assurance on the financial position and report, by exception, of any significant pressures within the Partnership's Integrated Budget based on actual expenditure and income to 31 July 2014.
- 1.2 A full financial report will be provided at a future meeting

Background

Shadow Integrated Budget

- 2.1 The total Shadow Revised Integrated Budget stands currently at £133.4m. Work is ongoing to identify any additional services areas for integration and their supporting budget, to ensure full compliance with latest draft legislation. At present, it has been identified that Housing Aids and Adaptations requires inclusion within the Integrated Budget which will be factored into future reports to the Board.
- 2.2 Consultation on the Draft Regulations to the Public Bodies (Joint Working) (Scotland) Act 2014 ended during August 2014. Further guidance on exactly which services / budgets must be / should be integrated within partnerships is expected by Autumn 2014 and the services and budgets currently included within the shadow integrated budget for the Scottish Borders will be reviewed and will be subject to further refinement prior to the April 2015.

Summary

- 3.1 The revenue monitoring position reported to the Board is based on the actual income and expenditure to the 31 July 2014. At this point the Partnership is projecting an outturn expenditure position of £133.8m, a small outturn variance is therefore projected at this time.
- 3.2 It should be noted that within integrated service areas, there are areas of projected pressure. To ameliorate this however, management teams have already delivered a range of savings from vacancy management and withdrawal of soft commitments and are working with Finance to identify and implement a range of further remedial actions with a view to delivering a balanced outturn at the 31 March 2015
- 3.3 Any further pressures which may arise in-year will be identified early and reported to the Shadow Board on an ongoing basis during 2014/15. There are a number of areas of key risks to the reported position. These include:

- The short supply of certain drugs is causing volatility in price and impacting adversely on GP prescribing costs
- The actual 2014/15 income position for Residential Care to date may vary from assumed projected levels once all outstanding assessments have been undertaken and invoices issued
- A number of remedial actions put in place to mitigate projected pressures are one-off or temporary and as a result, sustainable permanent solutions still require identification for 2015/16 onwards
- Other factors may yet emerge in-year which will further impact on the Integrated Budget projected position in future reports

Recommendation

The Integration Shadow Board is asked to:-

- **Approve** the above reported projected position; and
- **Note** that Budget Holders/Managers will continue to work to deliver planned savings measures and bring forward actions to ensure a breakeven outturn position for 2014/15.

Policy/Strategy Implications	-
Consultation	-
Risk Assessment	-
Compliance with requirements on Equality and Diversity	-
Resource/Staffing Implications	-

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