



COMMUNITY & REGENERATION COMMISSION 21 March 2006

Report of the Director of Resources

Supporting People update

RECOMMENDATION

1. To comment upon the Supporting People update report sent to Cabinet on 21 February 2006.

SUPPORTING INFORMATION

2. The Commission at its January meeting requested an update on the position with Supporting People. The Cabinet had also requested a similar update, and the attached report to Cabinet is now presented for your consideration.
3. The overall financial position has stabilised following the implementation of both a full round of individual service reviews and the Strategic Reviews which were set a target to reduce spending overall by making the minimum impact on client groups.

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Background papers: Cabinet report attached.
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IMPLICATIONS

Financial

1. The financial position of supporting people has improved markedly over the last year with the conclusion of individual service reviews and overall strategic reviews, both of which have resulted in considerable savings. The latest funding settlement for Supporting People, published in December reduced funding, but by less than had previously been expected, thanks to the publication of an updated formula for Supporting People funding which in its current draft leaves Derby's funding almost unchanged in cash terms – still a significant reduction in real terms. The projections included in the report are an optimistic projection of the implementation of all reviews on time, but leave the overall position with some contingency funding rather than an overspend.

Legal

2. The Council as the Administering Authority for Supporting People is liable for the full cost of any overspend against the government grant. It relies on the Commissioning Board to plan spending within the funding offered.

Personnel

3. None arising from this report.

Equalities impact

4. The services provided are to vulnerable people. There would clearly be a greater impact of any reduced Supporting People service on these groups than the general population of the city.

Corporate Objectives and Priorities for Change

5. Without the positive action to identify priorities identified in this report, there would be a detrimental effect on the Council's priority of **minimising increases in Council Tax and providing value for money**. The services supported by Supporting People underpin many of the Council's objectives, particularly **healthy, safe and independent communities**.