

Response of Council Cabinet to the recommendations of the Overview and Scrutiny Commission on the 2008/9-2010/11 proposed Revenue and Capital Budget

Appendix 3 – Recommendations of the Adult Services and Health Commission

Recommendations of the Adult Services and Health Commission on the draft Revenue and Capital Budgets 2008-2011

Recommendation

The Commission urges the Council Cabinet to bring forward the introduction of the income generation proposals as soon as possible and maximise the income for the Council.

CABINET RESPONSE

All options are being considered . There will have to be a full consultation exercise and results considered before proposals are put into effect.

The implications of the new system of 'Personalisation of budgets' also needs to be considered

Reasons

The Adult Services and Health Commission at its 29 October 2007 meeting and the Full Council at the 21 November meeting have both requested the Council Cabinet to explore income generation proposals and reduce pressures on Adult Social Services budget. The draft revenue budget proposals identify an income of £500k in 2008/09 budget which rises to £1.5m in 2009/10. It is assumed that the vast majority of this income will be generated from the re-introduction of home care charges and the £500k relates to charging introduced during part of the year. The Commission recommends the income generation measures are introduced as early as practical, preferably at the start of the financial year in order to maximise the income.

Draft Capital Budget

The Commission welcomes the inclusion of Adult Social Services Capital budget in the Corporate Capital Budget Plan for 2008-2011. The inclusion of the Social Services Capital budget developed from existing resources and not linked to future disposal of capital assets sends out a positive signal about future intention for the service. It also enables service managers to develop effective plans for the future.