



REPORT TO EXECUTIVE

Agenda item 16(i)

PORTFOLIO AREA: Health & Well-being

Date of Meeting: 29th July 2002

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Key Decision: Yes

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Title: General Fund Provision – Financial outturn 2001/02

Report of: Director of Housing

Report reference: H050/02

Summary:

This report considers budgetary resources originally allocated for 2001/02 to provide health related services in partnership with north Cumbria health economy, social services under the auspices of Carlisle Local Health Group. These resources were categorised as 'C' i.e. general underspends and not automatically allowed to be carried forward by the Executive.

Recommendations:

The Executive is requested to release resources, which whilst committed were unspent in 2001/02, set aside to promote initiatives to address health improvement and tackle health inequalities in the district.

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1. BACKGROUND INFORMATION AND OPTIONS

- 1.1 The purpose of this report is to inform the Executive of the need to release certain budgetary resources for 2001/02 held by this authority on behalf of the Carlisle Health Group to implement a number of health related initiatives in the district.
- 1.2 The resources set out below are a combination of pooled resources from both the City Council (£10,000) and North Cumbria Health Action Zone (£24,700).
- 1.3 For a variety of reasons, primarily in relation to the elongated processes involved in partnership working and the necessity to determine those areas in the district that would most benefit from interventionist schemes to improve health, these resources have been committed but not spent.
- 1.4 The initiatives are set out in the table below:

| Housing General Fund | | |
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| Expenditure Code | Description | Budget - £ |
| F37 8467 1100 | Fuel Poverty Initiative in HAZ Wards | 5,400 |
| F37 8467 3430 | Carlisle City Council contribution to the Clinical Exercise Practitioner Project | 10,000 |
| F37 8467 3431 | Exercise on Prescription set aside for Longtown to assist in recovery from F&MD | 700 |
| F37 8467 3432 | Geographic Information System partnership to establish Ward "Health" profiles | 13,500 |
| F37 8467 3433 | Exercise on Prescription – continuation of scheme in community based settings. | 5,100 |
| Total Resources | | 34,700 |

- 1.5 The issues set out in 1.3 have now been progressed and preparations are in hand to commence the initiatives across the district. Consequently the Executive is requested to release the total sum of £34,700.

2. CONSULTATION

- 2.1 The initiatives set out in 1.4, have been widely consulted upon with partner organisations, with detailed consultation with local health and community groups currently in hand.

3. STAFFING/RESOURCES COMMENTS

N/A

4. CITY TREASURER'S COMMENTS

- 4.1** The City Treasurer has been consulted in the preparation of this report. The items in para. 1.4 which total £34,700 were included in category 'C' (general underspend) in the General Fund outturn report and hence not agreed for automatic carry forward. Any category 'C' requests must be considered as a special report by the Executive.

5. LEGAL COMMENTS

N/A

6. CORPORATE COMMENTS

N/A

7. RISK MANAGEMENT ASSESSMENT

The risk management process for each of the initiatives is managed by the Carlisle Local Health Group.

8. EQUALITY ISSUES

The initiatives set out in section 1.4 of this report all impact on the equality and equity of service provision to improve the quality of life in those areas/wards suffering the highest incidence of poverty and deprivation.

9. ENVIRONMENTAL IMPLICATIONS

N/A

10. CRIME AND DISORDER IMPLICATIONS

N/A

11. RECOMMENDATIONS

The Executive is requested to release resources, which whilst committed were unspent in 2001/02, set aside to promote initiatives to address health improvement and tackle health inequalities in the district.

12. REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATIONS

To ensure projects previously endorsed by the Local Health Group can be implemented to the benefit of service recipients in given locations across the district.