

SURREY COUNTY COUNCIL

LEADER

DATE: 14 DECEMBER 2011

REPORT OF: CAROLINE BUDDEN, HEAD OF CHILDREN'S SERVICES



SUBJECT: VIREMENT OF BUDGET BETWEEN CHILDREN SCHOOLS & FAMILIES AND ADULT SOCIAL CARE TO REFLECT NEW TRANSITION ARRANGEMENTS.

KEY ISSUE/DECISION:

To approve a virement between Children, Schools & Families and Adult Social Care to reflect new transition arrangements.

DETAILS:

1. Arrangements for dealing with the transition of clients from child to adulthood have been improved by standardising the age of transition at 18 for all clients and reorganising support under the newly appointed Transition Development Manager.
2. Looked After Children with ongoing complex needs, eligible for social care provision, will now become the responsibility of Adult Social Care at 18 rather than 21. Standardising the transition age in this way will bring consistency with all other clients and with arrangements in other local authorities.
3. To enable Adult Social Care to take on responsibility for clients between 18 and 21, a transfer of funding has been agreed, based on the numbers and costs of 18-21 year olds receiving care during 2011/12. The agreed figure is £707,000.
4. Approval is required for a transfer of £707,000 from Children, Schools & Families to Adult Social Care. This will be a permanent transfer of funds providing Adult Social Care with the full year resource required to take responsibility for 18 to 21 year old Looked After Children from 2011/12 onwards.
5. This virement will ensure that budget responsibility and delivery are aligned to improve the transparency of future monitoring.

Consultation

6. The Head of Childrens Services and the Assistant Director, Personal Care & Support have been consulted and agree to the virement between their respective directorates. The relevant Portfolio Holders have also been consulted.

Financial and value for money implications

7. Extra resources will be required for Adult Social Care to take on the additional clients (18 to 21 year old Looked After Children). Children, Schools & Families will no longer need the resource for this. The transfer from one directorate to the other will mean that the financial implications of the change are neutral for both directorates.

Equalities implications

8. There are no equalities implications associated with this virement.

Risk Management Implications

9. There are no risk management implications associated with this virement.

Implications for the Council's priorities or Community Strategy / Local Area Agreement targets

10. The proposed expenditure continues to align with the Council's priorities.

Climate change/carbon emissions implications

11. There are no climate change / carbon emission implications.

Corporate Parenting/Looked After Children implications

12. There is impact upon Looked After Children in that the simplified and standardised transition arrangements will improve the service provided for Looked After Children as they become adults.

Section 151 Officer commentary

13. The Section 151 Officer confirms that all material, financial and business issues and risks have been considered in this report. If approved, the effect of this for 2012/13 will be built into the Medium Term Financial Plan 2012/17.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

It is recommended that the revenue budget virement of £707,000 for 2011/12 from Children, Schools & Families to Adult Social Care be approved.

REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATIONS:

To align budget responsibility and delivery in line with the improved Transition arrangements.

WHAT HAPPENS NEXT:

Once approval is received the budget virement will be reflected in monthly budget monitoring.

Contact Officer:

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Consulted:

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Sources/background papers:

None
