

SOCIAL WORK GAE / EXPENDITURE – SUPPLEMENTARY REPORT

1. SUMMARY

- 1.1 This paper provides further information in regard to aspects of the report on Social Work expenditure/GAE submitted by the Head of Strategic Finance to the Council on 28 June 2006, which has been referred back to the Audit Committee.

2. RECOMMENDATIONS

- 2.1 Note the further information provided in this report.

3. DETAIL

- 3.1 The report submitted to the Council on 28 June 2006 by the Head of Strategic Finance provided information in relation to Social Work GAE and expenditure for the years 2004/05, 2005/06, and the current financial year 2006/07. Social Work expenditure was broken down into a number of sub-headings. The main elements of Social Work expenditure, as per the Strategic Finance report are: -

- Service Strategy
- Children and Families
- Older People
- Disabilities and Mental Health Needs
- Free Personal Care

Appendices 1 to 5, attached to this report, provide a further breakdown of the expenditure under these five headings. This further information is not an exhaustive itemisation of each area but, rather, is a summary of the main areas of spend within each category.

- 3.2 Members should also be aware that, although direct Social Work expenditure has increased, year on year, over the last three years, two other significant sources of funding have decreased considerably – Supporting People and Better Neighbourhood Services Fund/Social Inclusion Projects. Appendix 6 shows the overall position in respect of these funding sources.

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