

Motion – Policy and Resources Committee, Thursday 17th August 2017

Item 4 – Financial Monitoring Pack

The Policy and Resources Committee:

1. Agrees recommendations 3.1a), b), d), e) and f) as set out on page 17 of the report;
2. In relation to recommendation 3.1c), the committee:
 - a) Notes the current assessment of the Council's financial risks;
 - b) Notes the comments in paragraph 3.2.3 of the Financial Risks Analysis Report in relation to management of the Argyll and Bute Health and Social Care Partnership's financial resources, and the risks arising to the Council from any overspend or unsuccessful budget recovery plan;
 - c) Notes that at the end FQ1 the projected year-end outturn position for the HSCP is an overspend of £5m, an increase from the start of the financial year where a £2m budget gap was identified;
 - d) Notes that the HSCP, in common with all council departments in the context of significantly reduced funding, needs to identify, manage and implement savings across all relevant service areas;
 - e) Notes that at its 2017/18 budget meeting in February 2017, the council agreed to provide one-off transitional funding of £2.137m, in excess of the Scottish Government recommendations on funding levels, to the HSCP to assist in meeting living wage requirements, supporting transformational change and smoothing its projected budget gap;
 - f) Instructs the Chief Executive to write to the HSCP Integrated Joint Board expressing concern at the escalating financial gap and the potential risk this brings to highly valued, essential local services, to the Council and to the Partnership itself if action to address this gap is not taken urgently;
 - g) Agrees to seek confirmation from the HSCP Board that a robust action plan will be put in place to mitigate the risks arising from an increasing budget gap and to focus on meeting service and savings targets.

Proposer: Aileen Morton

Seconder: Gary Mulvaney