



Jane Robinson, Chief Executive

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

1. The purpose of this report is to inform of the latest monitoring position on the 2015/16 revenue budget at the end of the third quarter to 31 December 2015. It also includes details of a revised net revenue budget that incorporates additional Public Health grant income following the transfer of responsibility to the Council for the funding of public health services for children aged 0-5 years old.
2. Council agreed the original revenue budget for 2015/16 on 26 February 2015. An amendment was approved by Cabinet on 14 July 2015 when the budget was adjusted to reflect the direct funding of the Better Care Fund to the CCG.
3. From 1 October 2015, the responsibility for provision of public health services for children aged 0-5 years old transferred to the Council together with grant funding. This report therefore requests approval of a revision to the net revenue budget for 2015/16.
4. The Council also received confirmation on 4 November 2015 that it would be subject to an in-year cut in Public Health grant funding as part of the national reduction in Public Health funding by the Government. The monitoring assumes that the in-year cut of Public Health grant income will be covered by the deployment of ring-fenced reserves to support the existing budget.
5. It is important that effective budget monitoring and action planning is in place to ensure that spending in 2015/16 is contained within approved budgets as this will contribute to a sustainable financial position for the Council. Any overspend at the end of the financial year will result in the 2016/17 funding gap being increase.
6. The Cabinet has considered the facts and issues arising from the report including alternative options and took all relevant advice before formulating their recommendation.

RECOMMENDATIONS

7. It is recommended that Council:
 - i) Notes the Council's revenue expenditure position at 31 December 2015 as set out in Appendix 1 and 2 of the attached report

ii) Approves the revised net revenue budget for 2015/16 from £205.400m to £207.387m to reflect the additional Public Health grant income following the transfer of responsibilities to the Council for the provision of public health service for children aged 0-5years.