

Annex 1

Housing & Adult Social Services Context

The main areas causing the overspend on Adult Social Services are;

- An increase in the expected number of Mental Health residential and nursing placements – this was an area where the budget was reduced for 09/10 based on previous years' activity
- A continued increase in the volume and complexity of community based support for Learning Disabilities
- A continued increase in the number of Older People needing community based supports
- An agreed budget saving to deliver additional customer income of £180k has not yet been implemented due to the need to complete a full Equalities Impact Assessment (EIA) and lack of sufficient resources to complete all the work needed.

The increase in demand from older and disabled people was anticipated and the York Long Term Commissioning Strategy reported to members in October 2007 projected that by 2020 there would be an increase of 31% in the over 65 population, and within this number, an increase in the over 85s of 60%. People over 85 are more likely to need support from health and social care services. The strategy also went on to project the likely impact on service demands and costs.

The table below shows the numbers of people accessing services in 2007, the projections that were made at the time about the increased capacity that was likely to be required by 2010 set alongside the current number of packages in place. This shows that increases are happening broadly in line with the forecast although at a higher rate with a 25% increase in community care packages and a 22% increase in care home placements over the past 2 years.

	Baseline snapshots (as at 17/7/07)	2010 forecast of capacity needed	Actual packages (as at 31/7/09)
Community Based	2635	3104	3322
Residential & Nursing	653	761	797

It is for this reason that the major reviews of direct services were agreed by members and these are being brought within the broader More for York programme. However, within this context of increasing demand it will be very difficult to produce a balanced outturn position in 09/10 in advance of the completion of the major reviews.

As part of the budget setting process for 09/10 savings were offered in a number of areas that did not affect service delivery. They included:

- in increase in the existing vacancy factor by 1% saving £85k.
- a 1% efficiency against premises, supplies & services budgets and a minor base budget exercise that had been undertaken to drive out further efficiencies saving £200k.
- Further savings identified corporately in administration, use of external consultants, energy budgets, transport, and improved staff attendance totalling £167k.