MONITORING REPORT FROM DIRECTORS OF ADULT AND COMMUNITY SERVICES

DATE: 25 June 2009

PURPOSE

To update members on activity within the Adult and Community Services Directorates during the period to 31 May 2009.

BACKGROUND

The Adult and Community Services Directorate budget is projected to be underspent by £274k relating mainly to a reduction in inflation rates on care contracts and the impact of demographic changes.

SPECIFIC AREAS FOR ATTENTION

Revenue Budget

There are two significant savings impacting on the Adult and Community Services budgets and one significant pressure.

One saving arises from the economic downturn in that the impact of inflation on residential and nursing home fees are now anticipated to be £165k less than budgeted for. Negotiations are still under way and this sum is yet to be confirmed. Secondly the impact of a number of underspends in 2008/9 and current demographic trends, would indicate that approximately £100k of the £570k demographic growth allocation for 2009/10 may not be required.

Finally, there are continued difficulties with the contract at Queen's Court and an income shortfall of £156k is forecast. The contract is under re-negotiation. This income shortfall is offset by current underspending on nursing spot placements.