

Financial Management of Care Provision – Audit Update

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Division and Local Member: Not applicable

1. Summary

- 1.1. This report provides an update for Audit Committee following the partial opinion received following the *Financial Management of Care Provision* audit issued 31 March 2017.

2. Issues for consideration / Recommendations

- 2.1. Members are asked to note the actions that have taken place by officers since the audit was completed and in particular focuses on the management actions agreed.

3. Background

- 3.1. It is important for Members to note that the audit carried out preceded three things:

- The restructure (and reduction) of the county's Finance service establishment 1 April 2017.
- The implementation of the contracts for the *Provision of Regulated Homecare Service in Somerset* which commenced 27 March 2017
- The restructure and reduction of restructuring of the Adults & Health Operations Business Management Service (ongoing).

These projects have resulted in the introduction of major changes to staff, contract practice and structures, that address a number of the outcomes recommended. As such the audit has helped inform some of the changes adopted

- 3.2. It should be noted that in some cases the savings resulting from the restructures which are necessary to ensure a sustainable foundation for the authority (included in 3.1 above) can impact on controls and risk, albeit we have looked to ensure that any changes have a positive impact on behaviours and practice where possible.

4. Update on Management Actions

- 4.1. Please see the attached Appendix A and Appendix B

5. Background papers

5.1. Financial Management of Care Provision Audit - Final Report 31 March 2017

Note For sight of individual background papers please contact the report author