

Comprehensive Spending Review 2007- Decisions and Actions required- for information

Decisions

1. The board is asked to note the attached report which sets out the LGA's response to the CSR07 settlement, particularly in relation to Adult Social Care.

Actions Required

2. The board is asked to comment as appropriate.

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Summary

1. The LGA's view of the overall Comprehensive Spending Review 2007 (CSR07) settlement is that it looks to be a particularly tough settlement for local government with the 1 per cent real terms increase announced so far falling short of the minimum increase called for by the LGA. In Adult Social Care provision, the LGA estimates it will cost an additional £2.682bn to provide care to increasing numbers of older people over the next three years. However, a number of positive outcomes of the settlement have been identified, including the government's announcement that it will be preparing a green paper to 'consult on reform of the public support and care system focusing on older people'. The LGA welcomes this, although it is concerned that the settlement does not provide sufficient resources to enable councils to manage the pressures in this area now.

Background

2. The three year Comprehensive Spending Review 2007 (CSR07) was announced by the Chancellor Alistair Darling on 9th October 2007. The attached LGA briefing paper sets out the key headline messages for local government coming out of the settlement.

Implications for Wales

3. This analysis does not cover Wales, which received an allocation in the CSR for devolved public services and economic development. Discussions on the use of this will be made by the National Assembly for Wales and finalised at the end of November.

Financial/Resource Implications

4. It is not yet clear what the individual council allocations will be, as the distribution formula has not yet been finalised.

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