



**ADULTS AND COMMUNITIES OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY**  
**COMMITTEE – 2 JUNE 2025**

**QUESTIONS ASKED UNDER STANDING ORDER 35**

**1. Question asked by Mr. Adam Stares**

“At this committee’s meeting on 20 January 2025, point 48 (iv) noted that the Adults & Communities department had a target of reducing costs by £4million in 2025/26, but that this would not come at the “expense of services provided”

Has the department identified these savings and is it on track to reach this target within the constraint of not cutting the services that are provided to service users?”

**Reply by the Chairman**

The demand management target of £4m applied to the 2025/26 budget is a consequence of activities undertaken in 2024/25 to effectively manage resources, which resulted in an underspend against the established budget in that year.

Therefore, the overall growth requirement for the following year (2025/26) can be reduced as the expected growth can be met within existing budget. In effect this saving has already been met.

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