

## 12. Budget Monitoring Report for the Period Ending 30 June 2010

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### Purpose of the Report

The purpose of this report is to update Members on the current financial position of the Area North Committee as at the end of June 2010.

### Public Interest

This report gives an update on the financial position of Area North Committee after three months of the financial year 2010/11.

### Recommendations:

Members are recommended to:

- (1) Review and comment on the current financial position on Area North budgets
- (2) Note the position of the Area North Reserve as at 30<sup>th</sup> June 2010
- (3) Agree the revised Reserve Schemes and the profiling of the Capital Programme for 2010/11 to 2014/15 (appendix A)
- (4) Members to note the position of the Play & Youth capital investment programme in Area North (Appendix B)
- (5) Note the position of the Area North Community Grants budget, including details of grants authorised under the Scheme of Delegation by the Area Development Manager (North) in consultation with the ward member(s)

## REVENUE BUDGETS

### Background

Full Council in February 2010 set the General Revenue Account Budgets for 2010/11 and delegated the monitoring of the budgets to the four Area Committees and District Executive. Area North now has delegated responsibility for the Area North Development revenue budgets, which include revenue grants and regeneration, the Area North Capital Programme and the Area North Reserve.

## Financial Position

The table below shows the position of revenue budgets as at 30<sup>th</sup> June 2010. This includes transfers to or from reserves.

	£
Approved base budget as at Feb 2010	324,350
Carry forwards Development (£39,810 approval delayed until July 2010)	
Carry forwards Grants (£13,970 approval delayed until July 2010)	
Funding contribution to 3 <sup>rd</sup> Sector & Partnership Assistant	(3,500)
Revised Budget as at 30 <sup>th</sup> June 2010	320,850

A summary of the revenue position as at 30<sup>th</sup> June 2010 is as follows:

Element	Original Budget £	Revised Budget £	Y/E Forecast £	Variance £	Fav / Adv	%
Development	295,990	292,490	292,490	-	-	-
Grants	28,360	28,360	28,360	-	-	-
Group Total	324,350	320,850	320,850	-	-	-

## Area Development Manager (North) Comments

The overall net expenditure for Area North is expected to be within budget for the year.

The allocations process for the service enhancement budget is yet to be agreed, there is £50,000 available for 2010-11. The community grants budget is largely unspent to date, however there are in principle allocations to the Martock Youth Project, Links Community Transport, and the four Local Information Centres, all through Service Level Agreements, meaning that in practice around £18,000 to March 2011 is available for local community and partnership projects.

The process of budget savings for 2011-12 has started, each service has been asked to find 4% - this means around £13000 from the net budget of £321,000.

The capital programme for 2010-11 is open to new applications from community / partnership projects which will address local priorities.

## Budget Virements

Under the financial procedure rules the Strategic/Assistant Directors and Managers can authorise virements within each individual service of their responsibility (as defined by Appendix B of the Annual Budget Report) and up to a maximum of £25,000 between services within their responsibility providing that the Assistant Director Finance & Corporate Services has been notified in advance. All virements exceeding these limits need the approval of District Executive. All virements between different Services, irrespective of value, need approving by District Executive. Area Committees can approve virements between their reserves and budgets up to a maximum of £25,000 per virement and £50,000 in any one financial year, provided that all such approvals are reported to the District Executive for noting. (In accordance with the constitution)

The following virements have taken place since the last report:

Amount £	From	To	Details
3,500	Area North Administration	3 <sup>rd</sup> Sector & Partnership	Funding contribution to partnership assistant

## AREA RESERVE

The position on the Area North Reserve as at 30<sup>th</sup> June 2010 is as follows:

	£	£	Comments
Position as at 1 <sup>st</sup> April 2010		43,920	
<u>Less amounts allocated:</u>			
Completion of feasibility study for the Langport – Cartgate Cycleway	(1,000)		Partially completed £500 spent, keep provision for further fees.
Promoting local access to services – Area North Community Offices	(2,000)		Allocations to be made
Support towards progressing affordable rural housing schemes within the Area North	(15,000)		To transfer as required for additional staffing, printing, and professional fees.
Delivery of five community play day events in 2009	(1,500)		Report due, followed by transfer to play & youth services
Professional fees and associated costs to progress priorities for the re-use of redundant buildings or workspace development	(2,000)		£500 spent to progress re-use of empty property. Remaining allocation of £2,000 transferred to the enforcement action below
Serving of Section 215 Planning Enforcement Notice to owner of property in dilapidated condition	(17,500)		To cover the costs of SSDC carrying out remedial works if owner of property fails to comply; and subsequently reclaiming from owner
<b>Total Committed</b>		<b>(37,000)</b>	
Uncommitted balance remaining		6,920	

## CAPITAL PROGRAMME

The revised capital programme for this financial year and beyond is attached following this report together with a progress report on each scheme either Area or District Wide that are current within Area North.

The estimated spend on the North Capital programme in 2010/11 is £154,611, with a further £45,000 allocated for future years.

There is £80,898 in the reserve schemes for 2010/11 and a further £140,000 for future years.

The details of the Reserve Schemes for future years are as follows:

Schemes	Estimated Spend 2009/10 £	Future Spend £
Unallocated Capital Reserve	36,240	40,000
Langport Vision – river and countryside access to promote sustainable tourism in Cocklemoor / Upper Parrett area		20,000
Local priority projects – enhancing facilities and services	44,658	80,000
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>80,898</b>	<b>140,000</b>

If Members would like further details on any of the Area North budgets or services they should contact the relevant budget holder or responsible officer.

## **COMMUNITY GRANTS**

Two grants of £750 each were offered during the quarter to June from the original budget of £28,360.

## **Corporate Priority Implications**

The budget is closely linked to the Corporate Plan.

## **Carbon Emissions & Adapting to Climate Change Implications (NI188)**

There are no implications currently in approving this report.

## **Equality and Diversity Implications**

When the Area North budget was set any savings made included an assessment of the impact on equalities as part of that exercise.

**Background Papers:** *Financial Services Area North budget file*