

Area North Committee – 22 June 2011

11. Area North Financial Outturn Report 2010/11 (Executive Decision)

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Purpose of the Report

To inform Members of the actual spend against budgets for 2010/11 of the services over which this Committee exercised financial control.

Public Interest

This report gives an update of the Area North Committee's financial outturn for the twelve months ended 31st March 2011.

Recommendations

Members are recommended to:

- (1) Review and comment on the outturn position and explanation of variances from budgets for the financial year 2010/11
- (2) Note the position of the Area North Reserve as at 31st March 2011
- (3) Carry forward the slippage of £161,034 on the Area North capital programme (Appendix A)
- (4) 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) (Appendix C)

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 31st March 2011. This includes transfers to or from reserves. It also includes the carry forwards agreed by District Executive in July 2010:

Approved base budget as at Feb 2010	324,350
Carry forwards approved July 2010	53,780
Funding contribution to 3 rd Sector & Partnership Assistant	(3,500)
Printer funding transferred to Finance	(1,960)
Revised Budget as at 31st March 2011	372,670

A summary of the revenue position as at 31st March 2011 is as follows:

Element	Original Budget	Outturn Budget	Actual Spend	Carry Forward	Actual + Carry Forward	Variance	%
	£	£	£	£	£	£	
Development	295,990	330,340	255,732	38,000	293,732	(36,608)	(11.1)
Grants	28,360	42,330	29,652	12,050	41,702	(628)	(1.5)
Group Total	324,350	372,670	285,384	50,050	335,434	(37,236)	(9.99)

Note that figures in brackets in the variance column are favourable variances.

Area Development Manager (North) comments

The underspend for the year (under 'variance') includes £30,000 of the uncommitted Service Enhancement budget which was not approved for carry forward to next year at the District Executive meeting on 2nd June 2011. The results for the year reflect various efficiencies made during the year in the course of changing our accommodation requirements.

In addition, the planned savings of around 4% of the budget were achieved.

The approved carry forwards relate to uncommitted Service Enhancement expenditure and allocated revenue projects and programmes that are underway but their delivery timetable spans more than one financial year. Under Grants there are also some carry forwards where a grant has been approved but payment will not be made until satisfactory details are obtained about payments or project completion.

Budget Virements

Under the financial procedure rules and providing that the Assistant Director (Finance & Corporate Services) has been notified in advance, the Area Development Manager can authorise virements for each individual cost centre within their responsibility (as defined by Appendix B of the Annual Budget Report) and Assistant Director/Portfolio Holder can authorise virements up to a maximum of £25,000 between services within their responsibility. 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 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
1,960	Area North Admin	Finance	Lease for MFD printer to be treated as finance lease. Costs & funding transferred to Finance

AREA RESERVE

The position on the Area North Reserve as at 31st March 2011 is as follows:

	£	£	Comments
Position as at 1st April 2010		43,920	
<u>Less amounts allocated:</u>			
Completion of feasibility study for the Langport – Cartgate Cycleway	(1,000)		Partially completed £500 spent. Remaining work has now been completed.
Promoting local access to services – Area North Community Offices	(2,000)		Additional work achieved without cost to date.
Support towards progressing affordable rural housing schemes within the Area North	(15,000)		To transfer as required for additional staffing, printing, and professional fees. Work to date covered from existing budgets.
Professional fees and associated costs to progress priorities for the re-use of redundant buildings or workspace development	(2,000) 2,000		£500 spent from original allocation 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. Enforcement process is complete with no requirement for funding.
Listed building enforcement action	(1,000)		As above. Some work completed by owner. Urgent Works Notice served May 2011.
Total Committed		(36,500)	
Uncommitted balance remaining		7,420	

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.

In summary the actual spend to 31st March 2011 was £57,944 on an approved 2010/11 programme of £152,080. £66,898 of the unallocated programme for 2010/11 was unused. It is recommended that the slippage of £161,034 for both approved and reserve schemes be carried forward into 2011/12.

For future years, there is £61,531 in the main programme and £175,000 in the reserve schemes awaiting allocation.

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

Schemes	Future Spend including slippage from 2010/11 £
Unallocated Capital Reserve	111,240
Langport Vision, including boating access to parking and pathways	20,000
Local priority projects – enhancing facilities and services	110,658
TOTALS	241,898

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

The details of the Community Grants are included in Appendix C. At the end of March 2011, out of a total budget of £42,330, there was an uncommitted balance remaining of £628.

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*