

Area West Committee – 20th June 2007

6. Area West 2006/7 Outturn Report (Executive Decision)

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Purpose of the Report

To inform members of the actual spend against budgets for 2006/07 of the services over which this Committee exercises financial control.

Recommendations

It is recommended that members:

- (1) review and comment on the outturn position and explanation of variances from budgets for the financial year 2006/7;
- (2) note the position of the Area West Reserve;
- (3) carry forward the slippage of £86,951 on the capital programme.

REVENUE BUDGETS

Background

Full Council in February 2006 set the General Revenue Account Budgets for 2006/7 and delegated the monitoring of the budgets to the four Area Committees and District Executive. Area West now has delegated responsibility for the Area West development revenue budgets, which include revenue grants, regeneration and projects, the Area West Capital Programme and the Area West Reserve.

Financial Position

The table below shows the position of revenue budgets as at 31st March 2007.

	£
Approved base budget as at February 2006	417,160
Transfer of Admin staff to Development Control	(71,220)
Transfer of Equality & Diversity Officer from Corporate	13,060
Maintenance of Bowhayes garden	(310)
Budget Carry forwards approved DX June 2006	5,760
Borough Arcade (Market Office rent)	600
Funding of Community Plan support staff from Reserve	21,480
Funding of Speedwatch from Reserve	4,990
Salary Turnover Savings	(14,840)
Transfer of funding re telephone savings	(250)
Revised Budget as at 31st March 2007	376,430

A summary of the revenue position as at 31st March 2007 is as follows:

Element	Revised Budget	Actual Spend	Favourable Variation	Adverse Variation
Development				
Expenditure	319,400	313,219	(6,181)	
Income	(35,840)	(31,034)		4,806
Projects				
Expenditure	149,840	108,012	(41,828)	
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Grants				
Expenditure	92,870	92,566	(304)	
Income	0	0	0	0
Total West				
Expenditure	562,110	513,797	(48,312)	
Income	(185,680)	(139,045)		46,634
Net Expenditure	376,430	374,752	(1,678)	

The reasons for the significant variances are:

Element	Variance £	Details
Development	Exp (6,181) Inc 4,806	The saving on expenditure was mainly due to reduction in office running costs. (These have been reduced for 07-08). The reduced income was from Market rentals.
Projects	41,828 (41,828)	The reduced expenditure and Income is mainly for Chard Neighbourhood renewal (£29,400). This project will continue into next year, so the balance will be paid in 2007-08. There was also less spent on the Justice Panel and Crewkerne MCTi, which will be used in 2007-08.

Budget Virements

Under the Financial Procedure Rules, the Heads of Service 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 Head of Finance 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
£4,990	Area West Reserve	Area West Grants	Funding Speed Watch grants (approved April 03)
£13,060	Policy & Performance	West Development	Transfer of the Equality & Diversity Officer to Area West.
£9,420	West Development	Financial Services	Salary turnover savings from Regeneration Officer and Equality & Diversity post.

AREA RESERVE

The position on the Area West Reserve is as follows:

		£
Position as at 1 st April 2006		192,540
Less amounts transferred in 06-07		
Equine Tourism	(1,670)	(To Countryside)
Community Planning Admin Assistant	(21,480)	
Community Speedwatch	(4,990)	
Funding free parking in December 06	(2,530)	
		(30,670)
Current balance in Reserve at 31 st January 07		161,870
Less amounts allocated:		
Leader Plus – Blackdown Hills Partnership. Final payment 07/08	(5,000)	
Community Speedwatch balance	(9,480)	
Fence repairs Tapstone to Millfield cycle path	(8,000)	
Community Planning Admin Assistant 07/08	(21,850)	
Community Planning Projects	(75,000)	
Funding deficit on Chard Healthy Living to March 08	(12,000)	
		(131,330)
Uncommitted balance remaining 31 st March 07		30,540

Since the previous Committee report dated 21st March the balance uncommitted has reduced from £40,070 (by £9,530). This reduction includes the funding of the free parking in December 06 and the expected deficit from Chard Healthy Living. A saving was made as the 06-07 grant to Blackdown Hill Partnership was funded from savings in the revenue budgets in 06-07.

CAPITAL PROGRAMME

The revised capital programme for this financial year and beyond is attached at pages 4-5, together with a progress report on each scheme either Area or District Wide that are current within Area West.

The actual spend in 2006/7 was £30,102 on an approved budget of £117,053. The balance remaining in the West Capital Programme is £283,945 of which £179,396 is committed to approved schemes and £104,549 remains unallocated (£53,783 was allocated at the April 07 Committee).

It is recommended that the £86,951 unspent balance on the 06-07 schemes is carried forward to 2007-08.

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

Background Papers: *Financial Services Area West budget file.*

AREA WEST CAPITAL PROGRAMME 2006-07							
	A	B	C=A-B		D		
	In Year Monitoring				Gross		
	2006/07	Actual	Remaining	Slippage	Remaining		Update on current position
	Estimated	Spend to	Budget	to carry	Budget at	Responsible	
	Spend	31-Mar-07	06/07	forward	31-Mar-07	Officer (s)	
	£	£	£	£	£		
Health and Social Inclusion							
West & Middle Chinnock VH	3,500		3,500	3,500	3,500	ADM West	Approved Nov 06
Merriott VH Kitchen repairs	2,000	2,000	0	0	0	ADM West	Work now complete, Payment made in March 07.
Total Health and Social Inclusion	5,500	2,000	3,500	3,500	3,500		
Regeneration							
Holyrood Street HERS	21,166	0	21,166	21,166	21,166	ADM West	£7,608 of the balance was paid in May 07
Ilminster Community Office	0	0	0	0	20,000	ADM West	The accommodation working party recently considered new premises, which has proved unsuitable. Further discussion is planned from September 07.
Total Regeneration	21,166	0	21,166	21,166	41,166		
Community and Leisure							
MUGA Ilminster (Multi Use Games Area)	0	0	0	0	18,878	ADM West	Now completed. Final payment of £18,878 will be made when the management agreement is signed.
District wide Play Areas	16,612	16,612	0	0	0	Adrian Moore	The final schemes have now been completed and the grants were paid in October 06.
SSDC play Area Bondfield Way Chard	30,000	0	30,000	30,000	30,000	Adrian Moore	Consultation has been completed and the scheme is now out for quotations.
Grant Dowlish Wake replace & build new pavilion	2,000	2,000	0	0	0	ADM West	Work now complete, final payment of £2,000 was made in April 06.
Grant 06-07 Slinky bus for Chard / Ilminster	5,000	5,000	0	0	0	ADM West	This grant was paid in December 06.
Grant 06-07 Ilminster Community Transport	10,000	10,000	0	0	0	ADM West	Bus now delivered and grant paid in September 06
Chard: Snowdon Park recreation project. (former Mintons	98,789	15,379	83,410	83,410	83,410	ADM West	Tree planting and ground work was done in early 2006 which brings the cost of work completed to £57,000. Work on the paths around the park are nearing completion. The exact line of the cycle path is still under discussion but should be completed soon. The planning application was withdrawn from the April 07 meeting. Work on gates, signage and seating will follow.
Snowdon Park - Play Area	15,000	314	14,686	14,686	14,686	R Parr	Proposed sites are not suitable so investigating an alternative site. This could be a single adjacent site.
Snowdon Park - Section 106 contribution	-84,920	-15,693	-69,227	-69,227	-69,227	ADM West	Section 106 contribution held in separate account. The whole of the remaining £69,227 has been received.
NET cost of Chard The Mintons	28,869	0	28,869	28,869	28,869		Original allocation Ex Corporate Programme approved pre 1998
Total Leisure	92,481	33,612	58,869	58,869	77,747		

	In Year Monitoring				Slippage to carry forward	Gross Remaining Budget at 31-Mar-07	Responsible Officer (s)	Update on current position
	2006/07 Estimated Spend	Actual Spend to 31-Mar-07	Remaining Budget 06/07					
Environmental								
Chard/Ilminster Cycle Way	0	0	0	0	25,597	ADM West	Final part of the route to the Devon border is still to be completed, but there are still discussions over the exact route.	
Merriott Flood relief Scheme	18,065	13,472	4,593	4,593	4,593	Roger Meecham	Work is complete, but some compensation payments still to be made. The final compensations are subject to legal agreements which are not yet completed.	
Merriott Flood relief Scheme Grant from DEFRA	-3,802	0	-3,802	-3,802	-3,802	Roger Meecham	A Final grant claim has been made subject to final land compensation.	
Renovation of Public Conveniences	0	0	0	0	4,595	Ian Johns/B Tufton	Some general refurbishment work has been undertaken and access improvements made to the disabled toilets at South St Crewkerne. The site now has new owner and it is expected that a proposal for further renovation will be made . This may require additional funding.	
The Neroche Project (2006-2010)	2,625		2,625	2,625	10,500	ADM West	The 06-07 payment was made in April 07.	
Traffic Calming	-18,982	-18,982	0	0	15,500	Roger Meecham	The only outstanding scheme progressing is at Essex Close, Chard (phase 4), In 06-07 £3,193 was spent on fencing and £22,175 was credited for works at Tatworth completed by SCC. Work could start during the Summer Holidays.	
Total Environmental	-2,094	-5,510	3,416	3,416	56,983			
Unallocated Programme	0	0	0	0	104,549		This includes the additional allocation of £50,000 for 2006 to 2009	
Total WEST Capital Programme	117,053	30,102	86,951	86,951	283,945			
CORPORATE CAPITAL PROGRAMME schemes in Area West								
Community Play Schemes 2006 bid	0	0	0	0	135,000	R Parr	New schemes from April 07	
Youth Facilities Development 2006 bid	0	0	0	0	25,000	R Parr	New schemes from April 07	
Market Town Vision	0	0	0	0	300,000	ADM West	New schemes from April 07	
CCTV in Market Towns feasibility	0	0	0	0	10,000	ADM West	New schemes from April 07	
Other income due								
Chard Store, Commercial Row.	-35,000	-35,000	0		0		Agreement for Chard Town Council to Purchase.	