

9. Area West 2007/8 Budget Monitoring Report for the Period Ending 30th June 2007 (Executive Decision)

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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 West Committee as at the end of June 2007.

Recommendations

It is recommended that:

- (1) members review and comment on the current financial position of the Area West Budgets;
- (2) members review the Area West Capital Programme and agree the current and future spend.

REVENUE BUDGETS**Background**

Full Council in February 2007 set the General Revenue Account Budgets for 2007/8 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 30th June 2007.

	£
Approved base budget as at February 2007	483,590
Budget Carry forwards approved DX June 2007	0
Funding deficit on Healthy Living Centre (March 07 committee)	12,000
Funding of Community Plan support staff from Reserve	21,850
Salary Turnover Savings	(0,000)
Revised Budget as at 30th June 2007	517,440

A summary of the revenue position as at 30th June 2007 is as follows:

Element	Budget to 30 th June.	Actual to 30 th June.	Variation 30 th June.	Annual Budget	Expected by year end
Development					
Expenditure	109,238	88,203	(21,035)	430,830	430,830
Income	(5,968)	(4,512)	1,456	(23,870)	(23,870)
Projects					
Expenditure	27,557	31,716	4,159	116,210	116,210
Income	(49,777)	(54,335)	(4,558)	(104,210)	(104,210)
Grants					
Expenditure	24,620	52,098	27,478	98,480	98,480
Income	0	0	0	0	0
Total West					
Expenditure	161,415	172,017	10,602	645,520	645,520
Income	(55,745)	(58,847)	(3,102)	(128,080)	(128,080)
Net Expenditure	105,670	113,170	7,500	517,440	517,440

It is expected that the expenditure during the year will be within the adjusted budget at 30th June 2007. The variations at 30th June are explained below.

West Development. The budget is underspending because of vacant posts for Regeneration & Equalities Officers. The Regeneration post will require a request for a budget carry forward at the end of the year to fund the post into the new financial year.

Grants. Most of the grants have been paid following the April Area West Committee. The budget 'profile' is based on even payments through the year so will need to be adjusted to reflect the actual payments.

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
21,850	Area West Reserve	Area West Admin	Funding of Community Plan support staff for 07-08. Agreed West Committee December 2004.
12,000	Area West Reserve	Project budget for Health Living Centre	Funding of the projected deficit in 07-08. Agreed West Committee March 2007.

AREA RESERVE

The position on the Area West Reserve is as follows:

		£
Position as at 1 st April 2007		161,870
Less amounts transferred in 07-08		
Fund deficit re Healthy Living Centre	(12,000)	
Community Planning Admin Assistant	(21,850)	
		(33,850)
Current balance in Reserve at 31 st January 07		128,020
Less amounts allocated:		
Leader Plus – Blackdown Hills Partnership. £5,000 per annum until 07-08	(5,000)	
Community Speed Watch balance	(9,480)	
Fence repairs Tapstone to Milfield cycle path	(8,000)	
Community Forum Projects	(75,000)	
Additional funding for Grants 07-08	(2,160)	
		(99,640)
Uncommitted balance remaining		28,380

CAPITAL PROGRAMME

The revised capital programme for this financial year and beyond is attached at pages 13-14, together with a progress report on each scheme either Area or District Wide that are current within Area West. As a result of a review on the progress of the current schemes the estimated spend in 2007/8 is £167,762. Spend in future years is now expected to be £88,558 in 2008-09 and £27,625 in 2009-10.

The unallocated funds within the programme are £8,555 (updated for July 07 Committee).

Details of the Community Play and Youth Facilities programme are also included on page 15.

It is recommended members agree future programme.

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.