

Area West Committee – 16th November 2011

## 7. Budget Monitoring Report for the Period Ending 30th September 2011 (Executive Decision)

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### Purpose of the Report

The purpose of this report is to update members on the current budgetary position of the Area West Committee as at the end of September 2011.

### Public Interest

This report gives an update on the financial position of Area West Committee after six months of the financial year 2011/12.

### Recommendations

Members are recommended to:-

- (1) review and comment on the current financial position of Area West Budgets;
- (2) return the £6,000 allocated to the Neroche Project to unallocated capital balances.

## REVENUE BUDGETS

### Background

Full Council in February 2011 set the General Revenue Account Budgets for 2011/12 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 and regeneration, the Area West Capital Programme and the Area West Reserve.

### Financial Position

The table below shows the position of revenue budgets as at 30th September 2011. This includes transfers to or from reserves.

	£
<b>Approved base budget as at Feb 2011 (Original Budget)</b>	<b>381,650</b>
General Fund to Community Justice Panel	10,000
Budget Carry forwards (£20,000 approved June 2011)	20,000
<b>Revised Budget as at 30th September 2011</b>	<b>411,650</b>

A summary of the revenue position as at 30<sup>th</sup> September 2011 is as follows:

Element	Original Budget	Revised Budget	Y/E Forecast	Favourable Variance	Adverse Variance	%
	£	£	£	£	£	
<b>Development</b>						
Expenditure	368,920	394,180	394,180			-
Income	(48,490)	(34,750)	(34,750)			-
<b>Projects</b>						
Expenditure	21,130	66,130	66,130			-
Income	(13,930)	(48,930)	(48,930)			-
<b>Grants</b>						
Expenditure	54,020	35,020	35,020			-
Income	0	0	0			-
<b>Group Total</b>						
Expenditure	444,070	495,330	495,330			-
Income	(62,420)	(83,680)	(83,680)			-
<b>Net Expenditure</b>	<b>381,650</b>	<b>411,650</b>	<b>411,650</b>			-

### Area Development Manager's Comments

**Community Grants** – As a result of prudent management of grants programmes and in line with the agreed strategy, the capital and revenue budgets are now high enough to encourage new applications from local organisations. As a result of a recent promotion, completed application forms are anticipated from more than 20 local organisations seeking one-off financial support.

**Neroche Project** – The Committee's offer of financial support to the Neroche Project, made in January 2010 to support a major funding bid, will not now be taken up and it is therefore recommended that £6,000 be returned to unallocated balances.

**Area West Markets** – A decision was taken to allocate £1,390 at the October 2011 meeting towards Area West Markets improvements. This will be reflected in the next monitoring report.

### AREA RESERVE

The position on the Area West Reserve is as follows:

		£
<b>Position as at 1<sup>st</sup> April 2011</b>		<b>54,960</b>
Less amounts transferred for use in 2011/12:		0
<b>Current balance in Reserve at 30<sup>th</sup> September 2011</b>		<b>54,960</b>
Less amounts allocated but not yet transferred:		
Underwrite Community Grants	(40,500)	
Provision for Street Market improvements (some contribution agreed in principle – subject to detail)	(14,340)	
		(54,840)
<b>Uncommitted balance remaining</b>		<b>120</b>

## 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 West.

Currently the estimated spend for the Area West programme is £31,001 all of which is profiled for 2011/12. In addition there is a provision of £5,660 for the current year (which would require further approval by committee) with a further £20,000 approved in principle for future years. There is also a balance of £106,448 that is unallocated as detailed below.

There are the following reserve schemes within the programme:

Schemes	Provision 2011/12 £	Estimated Spend 2011/12 £	Future Spend £
Markets Improvement Group	5,660		
Iminster Community Office			20,000
Unallocated Capital Reserve		11,340	95,108
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>5,660</b>	<b>11,340</b>	<b>115,108</b>

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.

### 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 West budget was set any savings made included an assessment of the impact on equalities as part of that exercise.

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