

RECOMMENDATION TO COUNCIL-4

FROM THE EXECUTIVE 19 DECEMBER 2011

375 REVENUE BUDGET AND CAPITAL PROGRAMME MONITORING TO 30 SEPTEMBER 2011

The revenue budget for 2011/12 was approved by Council in February 2011. Budget monitoring is undertaken during the year against the working budget which represents the original approved budget adjusted for budgets carried forward from the previous financial year, virements and supplementary approvals.

Monitoring of actual capital expenditure against the approved budget is undertaken on a monthly basis with Budget Managers and reported to the Management Board on a quarterly basis. Members also have access to quarterly capital monitoring reports via the TEN Performance Management System.

The original Capital Programme for 2011/12 totalled £450,500 and was approved by the Council on 24 February 2011. Members agreed carry forwards from 2010/11 of £926,700 and additional variations of £1,299,400 on 19 September 2011.

Expenditure to date on schemes either completed or currently underway is generally in line with expectations with no significant areas of concern.

RESOLVED THAT:

- i) the financial position against budget as at 30 September 2011 be noted.
- ii) the Capital Programme scheme progress be noted.

RECOMMENDED that the Capital Programme be varied as set out below

Summary of Reasons

The Revenue budget at 30 September 2011 against phased budget is showing an under-spend of £177k. There are a number of variations and comments against cost centres are shown in Appendix A to the report. Further work on budget savings is being undertaken by budget managers and the position against each saving initiative is to be monitored at the Performance and Programme group meeting each month.

Variations to the Capital Programme must be approved by Council. The table below summarises those variations to the programme which have arisen during the second quarter of this financial year.

	Expenditure Budget Increase / (Decrease) £
S.106 Grants (i)	317,200
S.106 Grant (ii)	10,000
Website / Internet Upgrade	3,900
Upgrade CCTV Systems	(3,900)
Total Increase / (Decrease)	327,200

The reasons for the overall increase in capital expenditure budgets are summarised below:

- S106 grants (i) to Harborough District Council, Parish Councils & Community Organisations, recommended by the Grants Panel and approved by the Executive on 26 September 2011.
- S106 grant (ii) to Fleckney Parish Council to purchase land for recreational purposes. This is a follow-up grant to one approved in 2010/11 for the purchase of play equipment.

- Website / Internet Upgrade – due to unforeseen technical failures with the hosted Google Mini Disc a new Google appliance and associated configuration was required at an additional cost of £3,900. The Deputy Chief Executive authorised the expenditure with the cost to be met from savings elsewhere within the capital programme.
- Upgrade CCTV Systems – Upgrades to the CCTV system have been completed with a budget under-spend of £5,365. It is proposed to vire £3,900 of this under-spend to the Website project to cover the purchase of a new Mini Disc.