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### **ENVIRONMENT SCRUTINY COMMITTEE**

**To:** Councillors Kightley (Chair), Saunders (Vice-Chair), Blencowe, Marchant-Daisley, Owers, O'Reilly, Reid, Tunnacliffe and Brierley

*Despatched: Thursday, 30 May 2013*

**Date:** Tuesday, 11 June 2013

**Time:** 5.00 pm

**Venue:** Committee Room 1 & 2 - Guildhall

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### **AGENDA**

**Decisions for the Executive Councillor for Public Places**

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To Executive Councillor for Public Places: Councillor Andrea Reiner  
Report Director of Environment and Director of Resources  
by  
Relevant Scrutiny Environment 11 June 2013  
Committee

## **2012/13 Revenue and Capital Carry Forwards**

### **Not a Key Decision**

#### **1. Executive summary**

- 1.1 This report presents a summary of the 2012/13 revenue carry forward and capital rephasing requests for the new Public Places portfolio. Requests to carry forward funding arising from certain budget underspends into 2013/14 are identified.
- 1.2 Whilst the budget underspends and consequent carry forward requests were incurred when these services formed part of the Arts, Sport & Public Places portfolio reporting to the Community Services, these items will form part of budgetary control for this Scrutiny Committee and Portfolio for the 2013/14 financial year.
- 1.3 It should be noted that outturn reports being presented in this Committee cycle reflect the reporting structures in place prior to the recent changes in Executive portfolios. In light of those changes (together with the requirement to report outturn on the basis of portfolios in place during 2012/13) members of this committee are asked to consider the proposals to carry forward budgets and make their views known to The Leader, for consideration at Strategy & Resources Scrutiny Committee prior to his recommendations to Council.
- 1.4 As the Community Services Scrutiny Committee is not being held until 25 June, it is important that members of this scrutiny committee are given the opportunity to comment on future budgetary issues in respect of this portfolio.

## **2. Recommendations**

Members of the Scrutiny Committee are asked to consider and make known their views on the following proposals:

- a) To carry forward requests, totalling £42,250 as detailed in Appendix C.
- b) To carry forward capital resources to fund rephased net capital spending of £526,000 from 2012/13 into 2013/14 as detailed in Appendix D.

## **3. Background**

### **Revenue Outturn**

- 3.1 Appendix C sets out the final list of items, for this service portfolio, for which approval is sought to carry forward unspent budget from 2012/13 to the next financial year, 2013/14.

### **Capital Outturn**

- 3.2 Appendix D shows the outturn position for schemes and programmes within the future Public Places portfolio, with explanations of variances.
- 3.3 An overall underspend of £515,000 has arisen. £526,000 is due to slippage and rephasing of the capital programmes is required to transfer the budget into 2013/14. A further £11,000 is in respect of net project overspends against approved budgets.

## **4. Implications**

- 4.1 In relation to anticipated requests to carry forward revenue budgets into 2013/14 the decisions made may have a number of implications. A decision not to approve a carry forward request will impact on officers' ability to deliver the service or scheme in question and this could have staffing, equal opportunities, environmental and/or community safety implications.

## 5. Background papers

These background papers were used in the preparation of this report:

- Closedown Working Files 2012/13
- Directors Variance Explanations - March 2013
- Capital Monitoring Reports - March 2013
- Budgetary Control Reports to 31 March 2013

## 6. Appendices

- Appendix C - Revenue Budget 2012/13 - Carry Forward Requests (extract from Arts, Sport & Public Places)
- Appendix D - Capital Budget 2012/13 - Outturn (extract from Arts, Sport & Public Places)

## 7. Inspection of papers

To inspect the background papers or if you have a query on the report please contact:

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## Public Places Portfolio /Environment Scrutiny Committee

### Revenue Budget 2012/13 - Carry Forward Requests

#### Request to Carry Forward Budgets from 2012/13 into 2013/14

Item		Request £	Contact
	<b>Streets &amp; Open Spaces - River Frontage Management</b>		
1	Business Rates on Moorings from prior years awaiting assessment	19,250	A Wilson
2	Tree planting programme (ongoing scheme)	23,000	A Wilson
	<b>Total Carry Forward Requests for Public Places Portfolio / Environment Scrutiny Committee</b>	<b>42,250</b>	

# Public Places Portfolio within the Arts, Sport & Public Places to Community Services Scrutiny Committee

## Capital Budget 2012/13 - Outturn

Capital Ref	Description	Lead Officer	Original Budget	Final Budget	Outturn	Variance - Outturn compared to Final Budget	Re-phase Spend	Over / (Under) Spend	Variance Explanation / Comments
			£000	£000	£000	£000	£000	£000	
<b>Environment</b>									
SC234	Histon Road Cemetery Landscaping (S106)	A Wilson	0	5	0	(5)	5	0	Projects to be identified
SC347	Histon Road - Refurbishment of play area (S106)	A Wilson	0	3	11	8	0	8	Project complete
SC348	Allotment Improvements (S106)	A Wilson	17	0	3	3	(3)	0	Budget was rephased to 2013/14 as agreed at January 2013 Community Services Scrutiny committee.
SC396	Ravensworth Gardens - Remedial & Improvement Work	A Wilson	25	25	25	0	0	0	Project complete.
SC410	Mill Road Cemetery	A Wilson	0	0	3	3	0	3	Project complete.
SC432	Mill Road Cemetery Memorial Artwork (S106)	A Preston	51	41	9	(32)	32	0	This project has experienced significant delays due to the requirement for faculty approval from the dioceses for work to the cemetery. This approval has finally been received and the project can now be implemented by the artist.
SC433	Snowy Farr Memorial Artwork (S106)	A Preston	40	43	44	1	0	1	Project complete.
SC435	Biodiversity Projects Year 2 & 3	G Belcher	0	5	5	0	0	0	Project complete.

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SC456	Coldhams Common LNR Extension (S106)	G Belcher	54	41	33	(8)	8	0	Project on hold. Awaiting feedback from Friends of Coldhams Common proposed revision prior to further stakeholder consultation.
SC474	Cherry Hinton Hall Grounds Improvements - Phase 1 (S106)	A Wilson	75	40	21	(19)	19	0	Pathway and remedial works to be completed in 2013/14.
SC479	Abbey Pool Play Area Facilities (S106)	A Preston	89	0	3	3	(3)	0	Further consultation now required to determine whether the play area should be split to improve access. A S38 application/planning application will then be required following the outcome of the consultation, should the consensus be that the play area should be split/partly relocated.
SC492	Jesus Green Play Area (S106)	A Preston	152	0	4	4	(4)	0	S38 and Planning Applications now submitted, which has led to the delay in completion of this project. The outcome of this could impact further on programme.
SC493	Jesus Green Tennis Court (S106)	A Preston	91	115	102	(13)	3	(10)	Project complete. Final retention due in 2013/14
SC494	Kings Hedges "Pulley" Play Area (S106)	A Preston	75	74	3	(71)	71	0	Contractor on site, construction close to completion. Delays due to late mobilisation of Contractor.
SC496	Petersfield Play Area (S106)	A Preston	78	67	3	(64)	64	0	Contractor on site, construction close to completion. Delays due to late mobilisation of Contractor.



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			£000	£000	£000	£000	£000	£000	
SC497	Peveral Road Play Area (S106)	A Preston	88	87	3	(84)	84	0	Contractor on site, construction close to completion. Delays due to late mobilisation of Contractor.
SC499	Outdoor Fitness Equipment in Parks (S106)	A Preston	120	0	0	0	0	0	Scheme removed from the Capital Plan.
SC500	Trumpington Rec Outdoor Space (S106)	A Preston	48	47	46	(1)	1	0	Project complete. Some retention monies retained.
SC519	Wulfstan Way Art Project (S106)	N Black	45	42	43	1	0	1	Project complete.
SC520	Community Olympic Public Art Commission (S106)	N Black	129	106	104	(2)	0	(2)	Project complete.
SC521	Creation of New Allotment Site	A Wilson	15	19	19	0	0	0	Project complete.
SC544	Coleridge Recreation Ground Improvements (S106)	A Wilson	289	0	0	0	0	0	Budget rephased to 2013/14 as agreed at January 2013 Community Services Scrutiny committee.
SC548	Southern Connections Public Art Commission (S106)	N Black	0	4	2	(2)	2	0	Project on target
	Active Communities Small Projects (under £15k) (S106)	A Preston	0	0	10	10	0	10	S106 funds to be allocated towards minor projects.
PR010a	Environmental Improvements Programme - North Area	A Preston	98	43	47	4	(4)	0	Allocated spend to year end achieved.
PR010b	Environmental Improvements Programme - South Area	A Preston	55	8	7	(1)	1	0	Some delay to the delivery of projects from unexpected results from consultation and delays through working with the County Council.

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PR010c	Environmental Improvements Programme - West/Central Area	A Preston	74	111	38	(73)	73	0	Delays to the delivery of the Grantchester Road Traffic Calming project and underspends through the delivery of schemes at a lower cost.
PR010d	Environmental Improvements Programme - East Area	A Preston	87	45	45	0	0	0	Allocated spend to year end achieved.
PR010di	Environmental Improvements Programme - Riverside/Abbey Road Junction	A Preston	0	25	(7)	(32)	32	0	Final invoice awaited from County Council.
PR010j	Environmental Improvements Programme - Fitzroy/Burleigh Street	A Preston	0	88	18	(70)	70	0	Final invoice awaited from County Council.
PR010k	Environmental Improvements Programme - Wulfstan Way Local Centre (S106)	A Preston	0	29	29	0	0	0	Project complete.
PR027	Replacement of Parks & Open Space Waste/Litter Bins	A Wilson	75	75	0	(75)	75	0	Procurement team has met. Working up tender and looking at options for summer 2013.
<b>Total for Public Places Portfolio</b>			<b>1,870</b>	<b>1,188</b>	<b>673</b>	<b>(515)</b>	<b>526</b>	<b>11</b>	