



To: Executive Councillor for Housing  
Report by: Director of Customer and Community Services and  
Director of Environment and Director of Resources  
Relevant scrutiny committee: Community Services Scrutiny Committee 17/3/2011  
Wards affected: All Wards

**PROVISIONAL CARRY FORWARD REQUESTS (2010/11) AND REVENUE AND CAPITAL PROJECT APPRAISALS**  
**Not a Key Decision**

**1. Executive Summary**

- 1.1 This report presents details of any anticipated variances from budgets, both revenue and capital, where resources are requested to be carried forward into the 2011/12 financial year in order to undertake or complete activities previously approved to take place in 2010/11.
- 1.2 Also included as appendices to this report (if applicable) are any project appraisals that require consideration by Community Services Scrutiny Committee and approval by the Executive Councillor prior to project commencement.

**2. Recommendations**

The Executive Councillor is recommended:

- a) To agree the provisional revenue carry forward requests, totalling £47,350 as detailed in Appendix A, to be recommended to Council for approval, subject to the final outturn position.
- b) To agree the provisional rephasing of £4,624,000 of capital resources, from 2010/11 into 2011/12, as part of the Housing Capital Investment Plan, to be recommended to Council for approval, subject to the final outturn position.

### **3. Background**

#### **Revenue Outturn**

- 3.1 Appendix A sets out the provisional list of items for this portfolio, for which approval is sought to carry forward unspent budget from 2010/11 to the next financial year, 2011/12.

#### **Capital Outturn**

- 3.2 All capital schemes were reviewed as part of the budget process in January 2011 and the Capital Plan was amended to account for rephasing and anticipated over/underspends on individual schemes at this stage.
- 3.3 Appendix B shows the capital schemes covered by the Housing Capital Investment Plan (Housing Revenue Account and Housing General Fund schemes funded from HRA resources). Any provisional requests to rephase additional resources from 2010/11 to 2011/12 have been incorporated in the appendix and are explained in detail in the notes to the appendix.

### **4. Implications**

- 4.1 The financial implications of approving the provisional carry forward of budget from the current year into 2011/12, will result in a reduced requirement in the use of reserves for the current financial year, with a corresponding increase in the use of reserves in 2011/12.
- 4.2 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:

- Directors Variance Explanations – January 2011
- Budgetary Control Reports to 31 January 2011

### **6. Appendices**

- Appendix A – Provisional Carry Forward Requests
- Appendix B – Housing Capital Investment Plan
- Appendix B Notes – Notes to the Housing Capital Investment Plan

## 7. Inspection of papers

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

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## Community Services - Housing

### Revenue Budget 2010/11 - Carry Forward Requests

Request to Carry Forward Community Services (Housing) Budgets from 2010/11 into 2011/12

Item		Request £
	<p><b>Director of Customer and Community Services</b></p> <p><b>Housing General Fund</b></p>	
1	<p>A carry forward of currently uncommitted 2010/11 CLG Homelessness Grant is requested to enable further homelessness prevention work to be undertaken with this targeted funding in 2011/12.</p>	34,000
	<p><b>Director of Environment - Refuse and Environment</b></p>	
2	<p>A carry forward of the underspend of the Housing Management Orders budget to 2011/12 is requested in order to carry out CPO work, if necessary, next year.</p>	7,820
3	<p>An underspend is projected on the budget set aside for energy/poverty monitoring as the contractor we have used fell into financial difficulty. A review of how we carry out this work is needed before we can proceed. It is requested to carry this forward so that it can be completed in 2011/12.</p>	2,530
4	<p>An underspend on Energy promotion work is expected in 2011/12. It is asked that £3,000 is carried forward in order to facilitate work on the green deal in 2011/12.</p>	3,000
		47,350

## Housing Capital Investment Plan - HRA &amp; GF

	2010/11 Current Budget Jan 2011 £000's	Provisional Rephasing / Slippage £000's	2010/11 Budget less Provisional Rephasing / Slippage £000's	Notes	2011/12 Budget plus Provisional Rephasing / Slippage £000's
<b>General Fund Housing Capital Spend</b>					
Investment in Affordable Housing (Including Developer's Contributions)	15	0	15		0
Other General Fund Housing	1,624	40	1,584	1	3,017
<b>Total General Fund Housing Capital Spend</b>	<b>1,639</b>	<b>40</b>	<b>1,599</b>		<b>3,017</b>
<b>HRA Capital Spend</b>					
Decent Homes Programme	5,377	97	5,280	2	5,004
Other Spend on HRA Stock	3,091	798	2,293	3	3,827
HRA New Build	1,341		1,341		1,047
Cambridge Standard Works	370	130	240	4	330
Sheltered Housing Capital Investment	4,116	3,559	557	5	4,999
Other HRA Capital Spend	513	0	513		330
<b>Total HRA Capital Spend</b>	<b>14,808</b>	<b>4,584</b>	<b>10,224</b>		<b>15,537</b>
<b>Total Housing Capital Spend</b>	<b>16,447</b>	<b>4,624</b>	<b>11,823</b>		<b>18,554</b>
<b>Housing Capital Resources</b>					
Right to Buy Receipts	(430)	0	(430)		(327)
Other Capital Receipts (Land and Dwellings)	0	0	0		0
MRA	(5,020)	0	(5,020)		(5,119)
Direct Revenue Financing of Capital	(2,743)	0	(2,743)		(2,021)
Other Capital Resources (Grants / Shared Ownership / R&R Funding)	(2,199)	0	(2,199)		(562)
Developer's Contributions (Affordable Housing)	(314)	0	(314)		(331)
Prudential Borrowing	(283)	0	(283)		0
<b>Total Housing Capital Resources</b>	<b>(10,989)</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>(10,989)</b>		<b>(8,360)</b>
<b>Net (Surplus) / Deficit of Resources</b>	<b>5,458</b>		<b>834</b>		<b>10,194</b>
<b>Capital Balances b/f</b>	<b>(13,943)</b>		<b>(13,943)</b>		<b>(12,427)</b>
<b>Use of / (Contribution to) Balances in Year</b>	<b>5,458</b>		<b>834</b>		<b>10,194</b>
Ear-Marked for Future Investment in HRA Stock	0		0		0
Ear-Marked for Future Investment in Affordable Housing / (Use of Previously Ear-Marked Resources)	682		682		(682)
<b>Capital resources remaining to fund future Housing Investment Programme</b>	<b>(7,803)</b>		<b>(12,427)</b>		<b>(2,915)</b>

### Housing Capital Investment Plan

#### Notes to the Housing Capital Investment Plan

- 1 Resources for Disabled Facilities Grants are not expected to be fully spent in 2010/11, and therefore a provisional sum of £40,000 is requested to be carried forward to help meet demand in 2011/12.
- 2 Work to Cemetery Lodge, a dwelling within the housing stock, is not now anticipated to take place until 2011/12, resulting in a request to rephase £20,000 of resources for wall finishes and £69,000 for health and safety works into 2011/12. £8,000 of works for door replacements is also expected to slip into 2011/12 in conjunction with the associated fire works as described in note 3, with a request for provisional approval to carry forward this resource.
- 3 There is an anticipated need to rephase £24,000 for garage improvement works and £100,000 for balcony works at Princess and Hanover Court to ensure that the work is undertaken as part of a larger single project at this location, incorporating safety works to access the roof. Works in relation to £674,000 of funding for fire escapes, fire doors, fire prevention emergency lighting, dry risers and smoke detectors is not now anticipated to take place until 2011/12 due to the capacity of City Services in 2010/11 and difficulties with procuring an external contractor within the original time scales.
- 4 Cambridge Standard works in Ditton Fields (£70,000) and the project to allow ad-hoc parking solutions across the city (£60,000) have not taken place during 2010/11 as anticipated and provisional approval to rephase the £130,000 funding into 2011/12 is requested to enable these works to be undertaken early in the new financial year.
- 5 Work is underway to fully refurbish the sheltered scheme at Brandon Court. The majority of the expenditure is now expected to fall within 2011/12, with provisional approval sought to rephase £2,953,000 from 2010/11 into the new financial year to meet this cost as incurred. Resources of £106,000 to upgrade warden call systems in a number of sheltered schemes are also requested to be rephased into 2011/12 when this work is now anticipated to be undertaken. £500,000 of resources earmarked for a joint re-development project at Roman Court will not now be required until 2011/12.