

## Housing Committee - Housing Revenue Account

### Revenue Budget 2021/22 - Carry Forward Requests

#### Provisional Request to Carry Forward Housing Revenue Account Revenue Budgets from 2021/22 into 2022/23

Item	Cost Centre	Contact	Provisional forecast variance position of cost centre (underspend)/overspend at January month end. Prior to carry forward	Carry Forward Request £
<b>Strategic Director - Jane Wilson</b>  <b>Supervision and Management General</b>				
1	6008	Julia Hovells	(60,130)	60,000
Housing Transformation - Housing Transformation activity has been delayed during 2021/22 as a result of the need to wait for detail surrounding the Housing White Paper and to ensure that activity is aligned with the corporate 'Our Cambridge' transformation programme. Further activity is now planned for 2022/23. Resource carried forward will also allow officers to fulfil a commitment to funding the fixed term role of Zero Tolerance Officer to enforce the Zero Tolerance policy, recognising that the appointment was delayed in 2021.				
2				50,000
City Homes - Welfare Reforms - One-off additional funding to support tenants through the transition from Housing Benefit to Universal Credit has not been required during 2021/22, as the bulk of tenants have not yet been 'passported through' to the new system. This is likely to be at some point during 2022/23.				
3	6012	Anna Hill	(211,860)	59,260
City Homes - Staffing - Funding was approved for 2 fixed term posts. A Tenancy Auditor, hoped to be in post for 12 months from April 2021 has been appointed from the end of February 2022 due to continued COVID constraints, with funding of £41,700 for 11 months to be carried forward. A dedicated Assistant Housing Officer to be in post from October 2021 for 12 months to tackle former tenants' arrears has not been successfully recruited to and as a result the 6 months funding in 2021/22 of £17,560 is requested as a carry forward so that the 12 month post can be recruited to from April 2022.				
4	6002	Laura Adcock	8,160	3,150
Resident Involvement - A project has been commissioned during 2021/22 to connect communal use computers in each of our sheltered schemes to facilitate digital inclusion. The project has been delayed due to the availability of resource to roll this out and therefore a carry forward has been requested.				
<b>Supervision and Management Special</b>  No carry forward items				
<b>Repairs and Maintenance</b>				
5				283,200
Cyclical Maintenance – Heat Detectors - Due to the coronavirus pandemic the start of the heat detector works was delayed, and the contractor has experienced significant difficulties with gaining access to properties since that point. The carry forward will allow continued heat detectors to be installed to meet the agreed programme.				
6	6205	John Conroy	(711,940)	466,600
Cyclical Maintenance – Smoke Detectors - Due to the coronavirus pandemic the start of these smoke detector works was delayed, and the contractor has experienced significant difficulties with gaining access to properties since that point. The carry forward will allow continued smoke detectors to be installed to meet the agreed programme.				
7				156,870
Risk and Compliance - Hardwire Testing - The 2021/22 electrical inspection programme has not been completed as a result of the contractor experiencing access issues to a number of the properties identified for inspection. Carry forward of resource will allow the contractor to continue undertaking electrical hard wire tests, and to ensure that the backlog is addressed, and the authority is compliant with legislation.				
8				45,760
Risk and Compliance – Asbestos Surveys and Inspections - The underspend in the asbestos surveys budget from 2021/22 is requested to be carried forward to extend the contract for the fixed term Asbestos Officer for a further 9 months to continue with the asbestos investigations and surveys programme to ensure that compliance can be demonstrated, and appropriate action is taken.				
9	6215	Renier Barnard	(395,690)	266,440
Risk and Compliance - Fire Door Inspections - The contract for fire door inspections was terminated last year as a result of a slow start from the contractor. A new contractor has now been appointed, but it has taken time to mobilise the new arrangements, and as a result the programme has been unable to progress this year. A carry forward is requested to allow this work to be delivered in 2022/23.				
The total provisional forecast variance across the Repairs Service at the end of January 2022, was a net underspend of £1,423,600, so although the carry forward requests against cost centre 6215 will exceed the budget for the cost centre, approval can be given as the costs can be met within the overall repairs budget.				

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10	<p>Asset Management - Water Conservation Project - Funding of £50,000 was approved in January 2021, to be split over two financial years, and to cover both research and pilot changes. Although work has been commissioned, the timing of delivery means that the budget will be required as a carry forward to complete the project.</p> <p>The total provisional forecast variance across the Repairs Service at the end of January 2022, was a net underspend of £1,423,600, so although the carry forward requests against cost centre 6203 exceed the budget for the cost centre, approval can be given as the costs can be met within the overall repairs budget.</p>	6203	Lynn Thomas	41,770	25,000
	<b>Appropriations</b>				
11	Underspending in the Housing Capital Programme in 2021/22 is likely to result in a reduced call upon revenue resources to fund capital expenditure. To ensure that any re-phased capital expenditure can be financed in 2022/23, it is requested to carry forward the approval to use the balance of revenue funding approved for 2021/22 into the following year. The financial sum will be confirmed as part of the outturn report presented in the June committee cycle.	6001	Julia Hovells	Year end transactions	TBC
12	Underspending in the Housing Capital Programme in 2021/22 is likely to result in a reduced call upon revenue resources to fund capital expenditure as identified above. This in turn will mean that the authority will not need to draw some of these resources from ear-marked reserves, but will instead need to do this in 2022/23. The financial sum will be confirmed as part of the outturn report presented in the June committee cycle.	6000	Julia Hovells	Year end transactions	TBC
	<b>Total Revenue Carry Forward Requests for Housing Revenue Account / Housing Scrutiny Committee</b>				<b>1,416,280</b>