

Item

2022/23 HOUSING REVENUE ACCOUNT PROVISIONAL REVENUE CARRY FORWARDS

To:

Councillor Gerri Bird, Executive Councillor for Housing

Report by:

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Wards affected:

Abbey, Arbury, Castle, Cherry Hinton, Coleridge, East Chesterton, King's Hedges, Market, Newnham, Petersfield, Queen Edith's, Romsey, Trumpington, West Chesterton

Key Decision

1. Executive Summary

- 1.1 This report presents details of any anticipated variances from budgets, where resources are requested to be carried forward into the 2023/24 financial year in order to undertake or complete activities anticipated to have taken place in 2022/23.
- 1.2 The position in relation to rephrasing of any investment as part of the Housing Capital Investment Plan will be reported to Housing Scrutiny Committee in the June 2023 committee cycle, alongside final revenue carry forward requests.

2. Recommendations

The Executive Councillor, is recommended, following scrutiny and debate at Housing Scrutiny Committee, to:

- a) To agree the provisional carry forward requests, totalling £440,840 as detailed in Appendix A, are approved, subject to the final outturn position.

3. Background

Revenue Outturn

- 3.1 Approval in principle is sought to carry forward unspent budget from 2022/23 into the next financial year, 2023/24. Provisional carry forward requests are being presented to the March 2023 Housing Scrutiny Committee, to ensure that officers have the appropriate authority to continue uninterrupted to deliver services and projects, from April 2023, that have been delayed for any reason.
- 3.2 Final carry forward requests will be presented in the June 2023 committee cycle, where the sums involved may differ from the estimates provided in March 2023, which have been provided for approval in principle.
- 3.3 Appendix A sets out the provisional list of items, for the Housing Revenue Account, for which approval is sought to carry forward unspent budget from 2022/23 to the next financial year, 2023/24.

4. Implications

(a) Financial Implications

- 4.1 The financial implications of approving the provisional carry forwards of £440,840 budget from the current year into 2023/24, will result in a reduced requirement in the use of Housing Revenue Account reserves for the current financial year, from £9,146,980 to £8,706,140, with a corresponding increase in the use of reserves in 2023/24.
- 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.

(b) Staffing Implications

Any direct staffing implications arising from the delay in delivery of workstreams, or the carry forward of resource, will be considered and addressed by officers as part of each individual carry forward approval.

(c) Equality and Poverty Implications

There are no direct equality and poverty implications associated with this report.

(d) Environmental Implications

There are no direct environmental implications associated with this report.

(e) Procurement Implications

Any procurement implications arising from the delay in delivery of workstreams will be considered and addressed by officers as part of each individual carry forward approval.

(f) Consultation and Communication

Consultation with tenant and leaseholder representatives is an integral part of the Housing Scrutiny Committee process.

(g) Community Safety

There are no direct community safety implications associated with this report.

4. Background papers

Background papers used in the preparation of this report:

Background information is held in the Council's financial management system.

5. Appendices

- Appendix A – Provisional HRA Carry Forward Requests

6. Inspection of papers

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

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Housing Committee - Housing Revenue Account
Revenue Budget 2022/23 - Carry Forward Requests

Provisional Request to Carry Forward Housing Revenue Account Revenue Budgets from 2022/23 into 2023/24

Item		Cost Centre	Contact	Forecast outturn variance position of cost centre (underspend) / overspend at year end prior to carry forward	March 2023 Carry Forward Request £
	Strategic Director - Jane Wilson				
	Supervision and Management General				
1	Housing Transformation - Housing Transformation activity has been delayed during 2022/23 as a result of the awaited detail surrounding the Housing White Paper and to ensure that activity is aligned with the corporate 'Our Cambridge' transformation programme. Further activity is anticipated in 2023/24, with the HRA also being required to contribute to the corporate cost of organisational change.	6008	Julia Hovells	(117,970)	117,970
2	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 2022/23, as the bulk of tenants have not yet been 'passported through' to the new system. This is likely to be at some point during 2023/24, with all claimants to be moved across before the end of 2024.	6012	Anna Hill	(174,480)	55,370
	Supervision and Management Special				
3	Independent Living Service and Independent Living Service Management - CCTV Upgrade - A project to upgrade the CCTV in sheltered schemes, to connect the cameras to the CCTV monitoring systems at Huntingdonshire District Council has been delayed, and is not expected to complete until early in 2023/24.	6104/6105	Nathan Chapman	(22,180)	17,500
	Repairs and Maintenance				
4	Risk and Compliance - Electrical Testing - The 2022/23 electrical inspection programme, which incorporated resource carried forward from 2021/22 is not anticipated to be delivered in full in 2022/23 as a result of a contract change in November 2022. 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.	6215	Renier Barnard	(199,130)	100,000
5	Risk and Compliance - Fire Door Inspections - A contract for fire door inspections is now being delivered, but it took time to mobilise the new arrangements, and as a result the programme, which included resource carried forward from 2021/22, is not expected to be delivered in full this year. The programme as also been refined to recognise the level of repair work that it is prudent to complete before considering a full door replacement. A carry forward is requested to allow this work to continue in 2023/24.				100,000
	Although the carry forward requests against cost centre 6215 will exceed the forecast underspend against the budget for the cost centre, approval can be given as the costs can be met within the forecast net underspend on both cost centres 6211 (Gas Servicing) and 6215 (Risk and Compliance), which are managed collectively.				
6	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, delays have been experienced in delivery of the project meaning that the budget will be required as a carry forward to complete the project in 2023/24.	6203	Lynn Bradley	(89,100)	50,000
	Appropriations				
	No carry forward items				
	Total Revenue Carry Forward Requests for Housing Revenue Account / Housing Scrutiny Committee				
					440,840