

MEMBERS INTERESTS 2012

A Member with a disclosable pecuniary interest in any matter considered at a meeting must disclose the interest to the meeting at which they are present, except where it has been entered on the Register.

A Member with a non pecuniary or pecuniary interest in any business of the Council must disclose the existence and nature of that interest at commencement of consideration or when the interest becomes apparent.

Where sensitive information relating to an interest is not registered in the register, you must indicate that you have an interest, but need not disclose the sensitive information.

Please tick relevant boxes

Notes

	General		Notes
1.	I have a disclosable pecuniary interest.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<i>You cannot speak or vote and must withdraw unless you have also ticked 5 below</i>
2.	I have a non-pecuniary interest.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<i>You may speak and vote</i>
3.	I have a pecuniary interest because it affects my financial position or the financial position of a person or body described in 10.1(1)(i) and (ii) and the interest is one which a member of the public with knowledge of the relevant facts, would reasonably regard as so significant that it is likely to prejudice my judgement of the public interest or it relates to the determining of any approval consent, licence, permission or registration in relation to me or any person or body described in 10.1(1)(i) and (ii) and the interest is one which a member of the public with knowledge of the relevant facts, would reasonably regard as so significant that it is likely to prejudice my judgement of the public interest	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	<i>You cannot speak or vote and must withdraw unless you have also ticked 5 or 6 below</i> <i>You cannot speak or vote and must withdraw unless you have also ticked 5 or 6 below</i>
4.	I have a disclosable pecuniary interest (Dispensation 16/7/12) or a pecuniary interest but it relates to the functions of my Council in respect of: (i) Housing where I am a tenant of the Council, and those functions do not relate particularly to my tenancy or lease. (ii) school meals, or school transport and travelling expenses where I am a parent or guardian of a child in full time education, or are a parent governor of a school, and it does not relate particularly to the school which the child attends. (iii) Statutory sick pay where I am in receipt or entitled to receipt of such pay. (iv) An allowance, payment or indemnity given to Members (v) Any ceremonial honour given to Members (vi) Setting Council tax or a precept under the LGFA 1992	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	<i>You may speak and vote</i> <i>You may speak and vote</i> <i>You may speak and vote</i> <i>You may speak and vote</i> <i>You may speak and vote</i> <i>You may speak and vote</i>
5.	A Standards Committee dispensation applies.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<i>See the terms of the dispensation</i>
6.	I have a pecuniary interest in the business but I can attend to make representations, answer questions or give evidence as the public are also allowed to attend the meeting for the same purpose	<input type="checkbox"/>	<i>You may speak but must leave the room once you have finished and cannot vote</i>

'disclosable pecuniary interest' (DPI) means an interest of a description specified below which is your interest, your spouse's or civil partner's or the interest of somebody who you are living with as a husband or wife, or as if you were civil partners and you are aware that that other person has the interest.

Interest

Employment, office, trade, profession or vocation

Sponsorship

Prescribed description

Any employment, office, trade, profession or vocation carried on for profit or gain.

Any payment or provision of any other financial benefit (other than from the relevant authority) made or provided within the relevant period in respect of any expenses incurred by M in carrying out duties as a member, or towards the election expenses of M.

	This includes any payment or financial benefit from a trade union within the meaning of the Trade Union and Labour Relations (Consolidation) Act 1992.
Contracts	Any contract which is made between the relevant person (or a body in which the relevant person has a beneficial interest) and the relevant authority— (a) under which goods or services are to be provided or works are to be executed; and (b) which has not been fully discharged.
Land	Any beneficial interest in land which is within the area of the relevant authority.
Licences	Any licence (alone or jointly with others) to occupy land in the area of the relevant authority for a month or longer.
Corporate tenancies	Any tenancy where (to M's knowledge)— (a) the landlord is the relevant authority; and (b) the tenant is a body in which the relevant person has a beneficial interest.
Securities	Any beneficial interest in securities of a body where— (a) that body (to M's knowledge) has a place of business or land in the area of the relevant authority; and (b) either— (i) the total nominal value of the securities exceeds £25,000 or one hundredth of the total issued share capital of that body; or (ii) if the share capital of that body is of more than one class, the total nominal value of the shares of any one class in which the relevant person has a beneficial interest exceeds one hundredth of the total issued share capital of that class.

"body in which the relevant person has a beneficial interest" means a firm in which the relevant person is a partner or a body corporate of which the relevant person is a director, or in the securities of which the relevant person has a beneficial interest; "director" includes a member of the committee of management of an industrial and provident society;

"land" excludes an easement, servitude, interest or right in or over land which does not carry with it a right for the relevant person (alone or jointly with another) to occupy the land or to receive income; "M" means a member of a relevant authority;

"member" includes a co-opted member; "relevant authority" means the authority of which M is a member;

"relevant period" means the period of 12 months ending with the day on which M gives notice to the Monitoring Officer of a DPI; "relevant person" means M or M's spouse or civil partner, a person with whom M is living as husband or wife or a person with whom M is living as if they were civil partners;

"securities" means shares, debentures, debenture stock, loan stock, bonds, units of a collective investment scheme within the meaning of the Financial Services and Markets Act 2000 and other securities of any description, other than money deposited with a building society.

'non pecuniary interest' means interests falling within the following descriptions:

- 10.1(1)(i) Any body of which you are a member or in a position of general control or management and to which you are appointed or nominated by your authority;
- (ii) Any body (a) exercising functions of a public nature; (b) directed to charitable purposes; or (c) one of whose principal purposes includes the influence of public opinion or policy (including any political party or trade union), of which you are a member or in a position of general control or management;
- (iii) Any easement, servitude, interest or right in or over land which does not carry with it a right for you (alone or jointly with another) to occupy the land or to receive income.
- 10.2(2) A decision in relation to that business might reasonably be regarded as affecting your well-being or financial position or the well-being or financial position of a connected person to a greater extent than the majority of other council tax payers, ratepayers or inhabitants of the ward, as the case may be, affected by the decision.

'a connected person' means

- (a) a member of your family or any person with whom you have a close association, or
- (b) any person or body who employs or has appointed such persons, any firm in which they are a partner, or any company of which they are directors;
- (c) any person or body in whom such persons have a beneficial interest in a class of securities exceeding the nominal value of £25,000; or
- (d) any body of a type described in sub-paragraph 10.1(1)(i) or (ii).

'body exercising functions of a public nature' means

Regional and local development agencies, other government agencies, other Councils, public health bodies, council-owned companies exercising public functions, arms length management organisations carrying out housing functions on behalf of your authority, school governing bodies.

A Member with a personal interest who has made an executive decision in relation to that matter must ensure any written statement of that decision records the existence and nature of that interest.

NB Section 21(13) of the LGA 2000 overrides any Code provisions to oblige an executive member to attend an overview and scrutiny meeting to answer questions.

EXECUTIVE OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

AGENDA ITEM: 6
28 JUNE 2012
Start: 7.30pm
Finish:9.40pm

PRESENT

Councillor Ashcroft (Chairman)

Councillors	Blane	J Hodson
	Baldock	Jones
	Bell	Kay
	Cheetham	Moran
	Cropper	O'Toole
	Mrs R Evans	Pendleton
	Fillis	Pope
	Gagen	Savage
	Gibson	

Also in attendance: Councillor M Forshaw Portfolio Holder: Planning and Development

Officers: Assistant Director Housing and Regeneration (Mr R Livermore)
Shaun Walsh (Transformation Manager)
Deputy Borough Planner (Mr I Gill)
Deputy Borough Treasurer (Mr M Kostrzewski)
LDF Team Leader (Mr P Richards)
Assistant Solicitor (Mrs J Williams)
Principal Overview and Scrutiny Officer (Mrs C A Jackson)

1. APOLOGIES

There were no apologies for absence. Councillor Moran apology for late arrival was noted.

2. MEMBERSHIP OF THE COMMITTEE

There were no changes to membership of the Committee.

3. URGENT BUSINESS

There were no items of urgent business.

4. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Councillor J Hodson declared a personal and prejudicial interest in item 8 relating to the Local Plan Preferred Options stating that if during consideration of that item the River Douglas Linear Park formed part of the discussion he would leave the meeting.

5. DECLARATIONS OF PARTY WHIP

There were no declarations.

6. MINUTES

RESOLVED: That the minutes of the meeting held on 29 March 2012 be received as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

7. PETITION REVIEW REQUEST - SOCIAL INCLUSION OF DISABLED RESIDENTS

Consideration was given to the report of the Borough Solicitor advising that a review had been requested of the steps that the Council had taken in response to a petition on Social Inclusion of Disabled Residents, submitted by the Petition Organiser, Mr A Lenton. The report, as circulated and contained on pages 7 to 20 of the Book of Reports, set out the steps taken to respond to the petition and included the Council's response to the Petition's Organiser (Appendix B) and the Petition Organiser's request (Appendix C) for a review of that response.

The Petition Organiser did not attend the meeting.

Comments and questions were raised in respect of the following:

- The Council's consultation processes, procedures and sample size.
- The arrangements effected by the changes to Concessionary Travel from April 2011, and the funding responsibilities of the County Council in relation to discretionary travel.
- The Council's current and future funding of Dial-a-Ride.

RESOLVED: That the steps taken by the Council in response to the petition are adequate.

8. LOCAL PLAN PREFERRED OPTIONS (LPPO) - FEEDBACK REPORT AND CONSULTATION RESPONSES

The Committee considered the report of the Borough Planner which set out the Local Plan Preferred Options (LPPO) Feedback Report and Consultation Responses received as a result of consultation during the period in January/February 2012.

Members considered the report and comments and questions were raised in respect of the following:

- The enormity of the task over the past few years to develop the Local Plan.
- Access to supporting documentation.
- Effect of future development in Burscough and the impact on infrastructure including the:
 - waste water treatment and partnership working;
 - role of United Utilities and the Environment Agency in managing and developing improvements to the waste water treatment network;
 - impact of development near to a major road (A59), addressing traffic and transport issues, including traffic management and effective solutions to highway issues.

- Effect of future proposals in Up Holland including the:
 - proposed development at Chequer Lane and highway issues in the vicinity.
 - proposed development at Mill Lane, particularly traffic and access issues.
- Issues raised by Sefton MBC in respect of proposals at Moss Lane.
- General concerns regarding highway network, capacity and improvements to junctions across the Borough.
- The use and application of planning policies to control developments and apply appropriate terms and conditions.
- Consultation processes with developers and landowners.
- Green Belt boundaries review and the Plan B sites – the alternatives should housing targets not be met.

The Deputy Borough Planner and LDF Team Leader were in attendance and responded to questions.

RESOLVED: That the report be noted and the Officers be thanked for their work.

9. PUBLICATION LOCAL PLAN DOCUMENT

Consideration was given to the report of the Borough Planner which sought approval to publish the Local Plan Publication document and seek representation from the public over an 8 week period in August to October 2012 prior to the Submission of the document to the Secretary of State for Examination in Public at the end of October 2012.

The Deputy Borough Planner who was in attendance explained the wide variety of methods that would be used during the consultation period.

Comments and questions were raised in respect of the following:

- The proposed drop-in sessions, the unmanned exhibitions, location and Officer availability.
- The contents of the Local Plan Publication document going forward for consideration during the period of representation.

The Portfolio Holder for Planning and Development who was in attendance, with the permission of the Chairman, addressed the Committee and made an undertaking to extend the provision of drop in sessions to Up Holland.

RESOLVED: That the recommendation to Cabinet to publish the Local Plan Publication document be endorsed.

10. KEY DECISION FORWARD PLANS - 1 MAY 2012 TO 31 OCTOBER 2012

There were no items under this heading.

11. RELEVANT MINUTES OF CABINET

Consideration was given to the minutes of the meeting of Cabinet held on 12 June 2012. Questions and comments were raised in respect of the following items:

Minute 8 (Use of 106 Monies in Burscough) – land identified at Pickles Drive.

Minute 10 (CCTV – New Locations) – types/styles of surveillance equipment to be used; locations; protection against vandalism; consultation process re. locations; advantages and disadvantages of CCTV as a deterrent.

In relation to CCTV it was proposed that a report be prepared giving details of the use and effectiveness of CCTV in the Borough and that Ward Councillors be consulted in respect of the proposed new locations of CCTV in their Wards.

Minute 12 (Findon/Firbeck Revival) – Re. energy efficiency phase of the project – the types of alternative energy efficiency measures being proposed.

Minute 13 (Appropriation of Land at Furnival Drive and Pickles Drive Burscough) – Size/capacity of land being appropriated.

Minute 16 (The Future of Skelmersdale Sports Centre) – reduce hours of operation.

- RESOLVED: A. That in relation to consideration of Minute 10 CCTV – New Locations (Cabinet 12 June 2012) that the matter be referred to Cabinet with a request that a report be prepared on the operation of CCTV to include details on its use and effectiveness and that Ward Councillors be consulted on the proposed CCTV locations being considered in their Wards.
- B. That the minutes of the meeting of Cabinet held on 12 June 2012 be noted.

(Note: Subsequent to the meeting the Head of Leisure & Cultural Services circulated the requested information to Members of the Committee in relation to Skelmersdale Sports Centre reduced hours of operation).

12. CALL IN ITEM - HIGH STREET INNOVATION FUND

Consideration was given to the report of the Borough Solicitor which advised that a decision in relation to the above item (minute 15 refers) had received a call in requisition signed by five members of the Committee. The report set out the reason given for the call in, together with a different decision put forward by the five Members concerned on the requisition notice.

In the ensuing discussion the following comments/questions were noted in relation to:

- Involvement of local businesses.
- Utilisation of the £100,000 grant funding on developing the schemes proposed.
- Potential for funding through the LEP and other programmes/partners.
- Wider issues including employment opportunities and further investment opportunities.

RESOLVED: That the Committee does not wish to ask for a different decision.

13. PUBLIC LAND AUCTION PILOT - ITEM REFERRED FROM CABINET TO EXECUTIVE OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

Consideration was given to the report of the Borough Solicitor which reported on the above-mentioned report to the Committee for information following previous consideration of the item called-in at its meeting on 29 March 2012.

The Committee noted the contents of the report.

RESOLVED: That the report be noted.

14. EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC

RESOLVED: That under Section 100A(4) of the Local Government Act 1972, the public be excluded from the meeting during consideration of the following item of business on the grounds that it involves the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in paragraph 3 of Part 1 (Financial/Business Affairs) of Schedule 12A to the Act and as, in all the circumstances of the case, the public interest in maintaining the exemption under Schedule 12A outweighs the public interest in disclosing the information.

15. CALL IN ITEM - OUTCOME OF THE ASSET REVIEW - REPORT OF CONSULTANTS DTZ

Consideration was given to the report of the Borough Solicitor which advised that a decision in relation to the above item (minute 21 refers) had received a call in requisition signed by five members of the Committee. The report set out the reason given for the call in, together with a different decision put forward by the five Members concerned on the requisition notice.

In the ensuing discussion comments and questions were raised on the reasons put forward for a different decision.

RESOLVED: That the Committee does not wish to ask for a different decision.

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Chairman

CABINET (SPECIAL MEETING)

AGENDA ITEM: 8(a)

18 JULY 2012

Start: 6.00pm

Finished: 6.45pm

Councillor I Grant (Leader of the Council, in the Chair)

Councillors		<u>Portfolio</u>
M Forshaw		Planning and Development
A Fowler		Public Realm
A Owens		Deputy Leader & Housing (Finance), Regeneration and Estates
D Sudworth		Health, Leisure and Community Safety
D Westley		Resources and Transformation

In attendance	Aldridge	R Evans
Councillors:	Ashcroft	Moran
	Baybutt	O'Toole
	Cropper	Pendleton
	Dereli	Pope
	Furey	Wilkie

Officers

Managing Director (Transformation) (Ms K Webber)
Managing Director (People and Places) (Mrs G Rowe)
Borough Planner (Mr J Harrison)
Deputy Borough Planner (Mr I Gill)
LDF Team Leader (Mr P Richards)
Interim HR Advisor (Ms M Ashton)
Principal Member Services Officer (Mrs S Griffiths)

24. APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence were received on behalf of Councillor Mrs Hopley.

25. SPECIAL URGENCY (RULE 16 ACCESS TO INFORMATION PROCEDURE RULES)/URGENT BUSINESS

There were no items of urgent business.

26. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

27. MATTERS REQUIRING DECISIONS

Consideration was given to the reports relating to the following matters requiring decisions as contained on pages 201 – 1788 of the Book of Reports.

28. ORDER OF BUSINESS

The Leader varied the order to business to enable agenda item 4(c) to be considered prior to items 4(a) and 4(b).

29. LOCAL PLAN PREFERRED OPTIONS (LPPO) – FEEDBACK REPORT AND CONSULTATION RESPONSES

Councillor Forshaw introduced the report of the Borough Planner recommending the Council's response to each of the representations received as a result of the consultation exercise in relation to the Local Plan Preferred Options (LPPO).

Cabinet members also had before them copies of the decisions arising from consideration of the report at the Local Development Framework Cabinet Working Group and Executive Overview and Scrutiny and Planning Committees.

Councillor Forshaw proposed the removal of part g) of Policy EN3 (Provision of Green infrastructure and open recreation space) due to fact that these sites were unlikely to be delivered during the plan period.

In reaching the decision below, Cabinet considered the comments of Councillor Forshaw and the details set out in the report before it and accepted the reasons contained therein.

- RESOLVED: A. That the representations received during the LPPO consultation in January/February 2012 together with the Summary Feedback Report as set out in Appendix 1 be noted, and the proposed response of the Council to each representation received, as set out in Appendix 2 of the report, be approved.
- B. That Part g) of Policy EN3 (Provision of green infrastructure and open recreation space) be removed from the Local Plan and the LPPO Feedback Report be amended accordingly.
- C. That call-in is not appropriate for this item as the report has previously been considered by the Executive Overview & Scrutiny Committee.

30. PUBLICATION LOCAL PLAN DOCUMENT

Councillor Forshaw introduced the report of the Borough Planner seeking approval, for consultation purposes, of the Publication Local Plan document and its related documentation. The report reminded members that this document brought together several strands of local planning policy that were previously covered in separate documents under the Local Development Framework.

Cabinet members also had before them copies of the decisions arising from consideration of the report at the Local Development Framework Cabinet Working Group and Executive Overview and Scrutiny and Planning Committees.

CABINET (SPECIAL MEETING)

18 JULY 2012

The Borough Planner circulated revised wording as Addendum 2 in relation to Appendix 1, paragraph 9.44 (page 152) together with an additional recommendation.

In reaching the decision below, Cabinet considered the details set out in the report before it, together with the additional information referred to, and accepted the reasons contained therein.

- RESOLVED: A. That, following consideration of the minutes of the LDF Cabinet Working Group on 13 June 2012, Planning Committee and Executive Overview & Scrutiny Committee (Appendices 9-11), the Local Plan Publication document at Appendix 1, including Addendums 1 (page 1749) and 2 (page 152) to this report, to be made available for public representation for 8 weeks in August-October 2012 (the Publication period).
- B. That it be noted that Cabinet have had regard to the five documents listed in Appendices 2-6 of the report in making their decision at A above, which will also be publicly available for representation as part of the Local Plan Publication.
- C. That delegated authority be given to the Borough Planner, in consultation with the Portfolio Holder for Planning & Development, to submit the Local Plan Publication document to the Secretary of State for Examination in Public, together with all the representations received during the Publication period, once authority has been granted by full Council to do so.
- D. That delegated authority be given to the Borough Planner, in consultation with the Portfolio Holder for Planning & Development, to make any minor amendments to the Local Plan Publication document prior to publication or submission, to correct any minor errors that are identified.
- E. That part g) of Policy EN3 (Provision of green infrastructure and open recreation space) be removed from the Local Plan Publication Document.
- F. That call-in is not appropriate for this item as the report has been submitted to the Executive Overview & Scrutiny Committee on 28 June 2012.

30. ADDENDUM TO GREEN BELT STUDY

Councillor Forshaw introduced the report of the Borough Planner, as circulated and contained on pages 1755-1785 of the Book of Reports, seeking approval to publish an addendum to the Green Belt Study which contained an update of assessments of

specific parcels within the Green Belt Study in response to comments made on it by local residents during and after the Local Plan Preferred Options consultation.

CABINET (SPECIAL MEETING)

18 JULY 2012

In reaching the decision below, Cabinet considered the details set out in the report before it and accepted the reasons contained therein.

- RESOLVED: A. That the addendum to the Green Belt Study at Appendix 1 to the report, be approved for publication.
- B. That call-in is not appropriate for this item due to the need to publish the Addendum to the Green Belt Study as part of the Local Plan evidence base in advance of the Publication period of the Local plan, commencing 9 August 2012.

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LEADER

CABINET

HELD: 11 SEPTEMBER 2012
Start: 7.30pm
Finish: 8.45pm

Councillor I Grant (Leader of the Council, in the Chair)

Councillors		<u>Portfolio</u>
M Forshaw		Planning and Development
Mrs Hopley		Landlord Services and Human Resources
A Owens		Deputy Leader & Housing (Finance), Regeneration and Estates
D Sudworth		Health, Leisure and Community Safety
D Westley		Resources and Transformation

In attendance	Ashcroft	Savage
Councillors:	Dereli	Pendleton
	J Hodson	

Officers

- Managing Director (People and Places) (Mrs G Rowe)
- Managing Director (Transformation) (Ms K Webber)
- Assistant Director Community Services (Mr D Tilleray)
- Assistant Director Housing and Regeneration (Mr B Livermore)
- Borough Treasurer (Mr M Taylor)
- Borough Planner (Mr J Harrison)
- Transformation Manager (Mr S Walsh)
- Principal Member Services Officer (Mrs S Griffiths)

31. APOLOGIES

There were no apologies for absence.

32. LEADER ANNOUNCEMENT

The Leader announced the retirement of Councillor Fowler from the Cabinet at the end of September and expressed his thanks to him for his valuable contribution to the work of Cabinet over recent years.

33. SPECIAL URGENCY (RULE 16 ACCESS TO INFORMATION PROCEDURE RULES)/URGENT BUSINESS

There were no items of special urgency.

34. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

1. Councillor Grant declared a non-pecuniary interest in agenda item 7(f) (Use of Section 106 monies in Aughton) in view of his membership of Aughton Parish Council.

2. Councillor Westley declared a non-pecuniary interest in agenda items 6 (Item referred from Special Meeting of Corporate & Environmental Overview and Scrutiny Committee – One Connect IT Service), 7(a) Burscough Community Woodlands and 7(n) Revenue Budget Position, in respect of matters relating to Lancashire County Council as a member of Lancashire County Council.

35. MINUTES

RESOLVED: That the minutes of the meetings of Cabinet held on 12 June 2012 and 18 July 2012 be approved as a correct record and signed by the Leader.

36. ITEM REFERRED FROM THE EXECUTIVE OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE - CCTV NEW LOCATIONS

Councillor Sudworth introduced the report of the Borough Solicitor which set out comments referred from the Executive Overview and Scrutiny Committee at its meeting held on 28 July 2012, when scrutinising Cabinet minute 10 CCTV – New Locations, which was considered by Cabinet on 12 June 2012.

In responding to the comments of the Executive Overview and Scrutiny Committee Councillor Sudworth indicated that the production of a report would have limited value due to the nature of the criteria to be measured, particularly in relation to crime prevention and the use of CCTV in contributing to residents 'feeling safe'. He went on to outline the latest position in relation to the CCTV locations project, and indicated that the final locations would need to be determined largely by the technical and feasibility study.

In reaching the decision below, Cabinet considered the details set out in the report before it together with the comments from Councillor Sudworth, and accepted the reasons contained therein.

RESOLVED: A. That the comments of the Executive Overview and Scrutiny Committee be noted, and that no further action be taken in this regard.

- B. That call-in is not appropriate as it relates to an item already considered by the Executive Overview and Scrutiny Committee.

37. ITEM REFERRED FROM SPECIAL MEETING OF CORPORATE & ENVIRONMENTAL OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE - ONE CONNECT LTD. IT SERVICE

Councillor Grant introduced the report of the Borough Solicitor which set out comments referred from the Corporate and Environmental Overview and Scrutiny Committee at its special meeting held on 12 July 2012, in respect of the report 'One Connect Limited Annual Review 2011-12'.

In reaching the decision below, Cabinet considered the details set out in the report before it and accepted the reasons contained in it.

- RESOLVED:
- A. That proposals for internet access for Members at 52 Derby Street via mobile and/or tablet computers be noted.
 - B. That the further investigations for Members to access their e-mail account on line from any P.C. be noted.
 - C. That call-in is not appropriate as it relates to an item already considered by the Corporate and Environmental Overview and Scrutiny Committee.

38. MATTERS REQUIRING DECISIONS

Consideration was given to the reports relating to the following matters requiring decisions as contained on pages 1805 – 2026 and 2029 – 2058 of the Book of Reports.

39. BURSCOUGH COMMUNITY WOODLANDS

Councillor Sudworth introduced the report of the Assistant Director Community Services which advised Members of the results of the site investigations undertaken to assess the feasibility of a community woodland scheme on the former landfill site at Platts Lane, Burscough.

In reaching the decision below, Cabinet considered the details set out in the report before it and accepted the reasons contained in it.

- RESOLVED:
- A. That the findings of the Geo-Environmental Interpretive Report on site investigations at Platts Lane landfill site, be noted and a further report be submitted to Cabinet on design proposals, costings and funding options for the scheme.
 - B. That Lancashire County Council be requested to undertake further analysis of the effects of organic growing medium (OGM) on the mobility and leachability of some contaminants, as recommended in the site investigation report, and its possible short and long term effects on nearby watercourses.

40. PILOT SCHEME FOR COMPENSATION FOR MISSED REPAIR APPOINTMENTS

Councillor Mrs Hopley introduced the report of the Assistant Director Housing and Regeneration in which approval was sought for a pilot scheme for compensation for missed repair appointments.

Councillor Mrs Hopley referred to the excellent work undertaken by the tenants. She went on to express concern over elements of the pilot scheme, particularly in relation to administrative procedures, bureaucracy, costs, manpower, levels of compensation etc. and indicated that as current targets were being met she could not offer support to the scheme at the present time. She circulated a motion which was seconded.

A copy of minute no. 18 of the Landlord Services Committee (Cabinet Working Group) held on 5 September 2012 was circulated.

In reaching the decision below, Cabinet considered the comments from Councillor Mrs Hopley, the Motion circulated, the minutes of the Landlord Services Committee and the details set out in the report before it and accepted the reasons contained therein.

- RESOLVED:
- A. That the comments of the Landlord Services Committee be noted.
 - B. That thanks and appreciation be expressed to the tenants for their work on this project.
 - C. That a pilot scheme not be implemented at the present time.

41. QUARTERLY PERFORMANCE INDICATORS (Q1 2012/13)

Councillor Westley introduced the report of the Transformation Manager which detailed performance monitoring data for the quarter ended 30 June 2012.

In reaching the decision below, Cabinet considered the details set out in the report before it and accepted the reasons contained in it.

- RESOLVED:
- A. That the Council's performance against the indicator set for the quarter ended 30 June 2012, be noted.
 - B. That call-in is not appropriate for this item as the report is being submitted to the next meeting of the Corporate and Environmental Overview and Scrutiny Committee on 25 October 2012.

42. USE OF SECTION 106 MONIES IN TARLETON

Councillor Forshaw introduced the report of the Assistant Director Community Services which considered proposals regarding the use of Section 106 monies received by the Council from housing developers for the creation/enhancement of public open space within Tarleton.

In reaching the decision below, Cabinet considered the details set out in the report before it and accepted the reasons contained in it.

- RESOLVED: That the proposed projects detailed in section 6 of the report be approved and the Section 106 commuted sum of up to £43,970 in Tarleton be made available for these projects.

43. USE OF SECTION 106 MONIES IN ORMSKIRK

Councillor Forshaw introduced the report of the Assistant Director Community Services which considered proposals regarding the use of Section 106 monies received by the Council from housing developers for the enhancement of public open space and recreation provision within Ormskirk.

In reaching the decision below, Cabinet considered the details set out in the report before it and accepted the reasons contained in it.

RESOLVED: That the proposed projects to provide new teenage play facilities in Coronation Park, an Access for All project in Ruff Wood, new seating in Victoria Park, and path and drainage enhancement in West End Park detailed in section 6 of the report, be approved and the Section 106 commuted sum of £50,335 generated in Ormskirk be made available for these projects.

44. USE OF SECTION 106 MONIES IN AUGHTON

Councillor Forshaw introduced the report of the Assistant Director Community Services which considered proposals regarding the use of Section 106 monies received by the Council from housing developers for the creation or enhancement of public open space in Aughton.

In reaching the decision below, Cabinet considered the details set out in the report before it and accepted the reasons contained in it.

RESOLVED: That the proposed projects detailed in section 6 of the report be approved and the Section 106 commuted sum of up to £70,335 in Aughton be made available for these projects.

45. USE OF SECTION 106 MONIES IN BURSCOUGH

Councillor Forshaw introduced the report of the Assistant Director Community Services which considered a proposal regarding the use of Section 106 monies received by the Council from housing developers for the enhancement of public open space and recreation provision within Burscough.

In reaching the decision below, Cabinet considered the details set out in the report before it and accepted the reasons contained in it.

RESOLVED: That the proposed project to provide new furniture and bins at Junction Lane War Memorial, Burscough, detailed in section 6 of the report, be approved and the Section 106 commuted sum of £2,000 generated in Burscough be made available for this project.

46. APPROVAL OF STATEMENT OF LICENSING POLICY AND AUTHORISATIONS REQUIRED BY THE GAMBLING ACT 2005

Councillor Sudworth introduced the report of the Assistant Director Community Services in which he sought approval of the draft Statement of Licensing Policy prior to public consultation.

A copy of minute no. 15 of the Licensing and Gambling Committee held on 17 July 2012 was included within the report.

In reaching the decision below, Cabinet considered the details set out in the report before it and the minutes of the Licensing and Gambling Committee, and accepted the reasons contained therein.

- RESOLVED:
- A. That the draft Statement of Licensing Policy attached as Appendix 2 to the report (Appendix A) be approved.
 - B. That the Assistant Director Community Services be given delegated authority to publish the draft Statement of Licensing Policy and conduct a period of public consultation prior to returning the final policy for approval before the 31 January 2013.
 - C. That the Assistant Director Community Services be given delegated authority to make any minor/inconsequential amendments to the draft Statement of Licensing Policy.
 - D. That the Assistant Director Community Services be requested to make representations to the appropriate Government Department regarding the scope for deregulation to allow the review of the policy less frequently.

47. HOUSING AND REGENERATION - ANNUAL REPORT 2012

Councillor Mrs Hopley introduced the report of the Assistant Director Housing and Regeneration seeking approval of the Housing and Regeneration Annual Report 2012.

A copy of minute no. 19 of the Landlord Services Committee (Cabinet Working Group) held on 5 September 2012 was circulated.

In reaching the decision below, Cabinet considered the details set out in the report before it together with the minute of the Landlord Services Committee and accepted the reasons contained therein.

- RESOLVED:
- A. That the comments of the Landlord Services Committee, be noted.
 - B. That the Housing and Regeneration Annual Report 2012 be approved.

- C. That the Assistant Director Housing and Regeneration be given delegated authority to make any minor/inconsequential amendments to the Housing and Regeneration Annual Report 2012.

48. FIRBECK REVIVAL

Councillor Owens introduced the report of the Assistant Director Housing and Regeneration in which he advised Members of the results of the consultation exercise and sought authority to determine the improvement scheme and give the necessary consents and approvals in order to deliver the Firbeck Revival Initiative.

A copy of minute no. 20 of the Landlord Services Committee (Cabinet Working Group) held on 5 September 2012 was circulated.

In reaching the decision below, Cabinet considered the details set out in the report before it together with the minute of the Landlord Services Committee and accepted the reasons contained in it.

- RESOLVED:
- A. That the results of the consultation undertaken with residents as set out in Appendix A to the report, be noted.
 - B. That the position regarding energy efficiency (Phase 1) works in paragraph 5.4, be noted.
 - C. That the proposal to demolish all flats highlighted on the plan at Appendix B to the report except for Firbeck Court, be confirmed, subject to necessary consents and approvals.
 - D. That the position regarding Findon Field be noted and that the Assistant Director Housing and Regeneration bring a further report if this proves necessary.
 - E. That the Assistant Director Housing and Regeneration be authorised:-
 - a) to offer the tenants of flats affected:
 - Alternative suitable accommodation
 - Home loss payments subject to qualification criteria
 - Disturbance allowance
 - An option to return to the area when redevelopment has taken place
 - b) to take appropriate action through the Courts to obtain vacant possession when tenants do not voluntarily vacate the premises
 - c) to offer alternative accommodation to tenants of the Sanctuary Group and that these properties be leased to the Sanctuary Group under terms to be agreed by the Assistant Director of Housing and Regeneration

- d) to purchase any privately owned flats
- e) to take all necessary steps to obtain vacant possession including compulsory purchase
- f) to demolish blocks of flats when vacant
- g) upon completion of phases 1 & 2 of the revival initiative, to develop and consult on proposals for the improvement of the neighbourhood, and following consultation with Ward Councillors and relevant Portfolio Holders, to implement the preferred revival improvements (Phase 3)
- h) to procure and implement improvements to Council owned properties that will be made as part of the revival scheme in 2013/14 consisting of renewing kitchens and bathrooms. (It being noted that for the ground floor flats in Firbeck Court showers or, where appropriate, wet rooms would be installed rather than bathrooms)
- i) to enter into negotiations to purchase and demolish 110-116 Firbeck (the empty flats adjacent to the Dental Surgery)
- j) to take all necessary action, obtain all necessary permissions and consents and to enter into all necessary documentation to facilitate the Firbeck Revival Initiative.

49. HIGH INCOME TENANTS - PAY TO STAY CONSULTATION

Councillor Mrs Hopley introduced the report of the Assistant Director Housing and Regeneration which sought approval of the response to The High Income Social Tenants – Pay to Stay consultation paper issued by the Department of Communities and Local Government on 13 June 2012.

A copy of minute no. 21 of the Landlord Services Committee (Cabinet Working Group) held on 5 September 2012 was circulated.

In reaching the decision below, Cabinet considered the details set out in the report before it together with the minute of the Landlord Services Committee and accepted the reasons contained therein.

- RESOLVED:
- A. That the comments of the Landlord Services Committee be noted.
 - B. That the response at Appendix A to the report be approved as the Council's response to The High Income Social Tenants – Pay to Stay Consultation paper.
 - C. That call-in is not appropriate for this item as the matter is one where urgent action is required to meet the closing date for consultation which is 12 September 2012.

50. CONTRACT FOR PLAY EQUIPMENT MAINTENANCE

Councillor Grant introduced the report of the Assistant Director Community Services in which he sought authority for the process for the engagement of a contractor for the maintenance of Council play equipment.

In reaching the decision below, Cabinet considered the details set out in the report before it and accepted the reasons contained in it.

RESOLVED: That the Assistant Director Community Services, in consultation with the relevant Portfolio Holder, be authorised to undertake a tender exercise in relation to play area maintenance and accept the highest scoring tender.

51. CHANGE TO FIXED PENALTY NOTICE - WASTE RECEPTACLE NOTICES

Councillor Sudworth introduced the report of the Assistant Director Community Services in which he updated Members on changes to legislation and sought authority for an amended level of fixed penalty.

In reaching the decision below, Cabinet considered the details set out in the report before it and accepted the reasons contained in it.

RESOLVED: That the fixed penalty amount for offences relating to waste receptacles be reduced to £60.

52. REVENUE BUDGET POSITION

Councillor Westley introduced the report of the Borough Treasurer in which he set out the key features on revenue budget performance for both the General Revenue Account (GRA) and Housing Revenue Account (HRA).

In reaching the decision below, Cabinet considered the details set out in the report before it and accepted the reasons contained in it.

RESOLVED: A. That the outturn position for the last financial year be noted and endorsed.

B. That the financial performance in the current year to date be noted.

C. That £25,000 for the marketing of Delf House, agreed by Council on 18 July 2012, be allocated to employ consultants who are to negotiate the lease extension on this commercial asset.

D. That call-in is not appropriate for this item as the report is being submitted to the next meeting of the Executive Overview and Scrutiny Committee.

53. CAPITAL PROGRAMME OUTTURN 2011-12

Councillor Westley introduced the report of the Borough Treasurer which summarised the capital outturn position for the 2011/2012 financial year.

In reaching the decision below, Cabinet considered the details set out in the report before it and accepted the reasons contained in it.

RESOLVED: A. That the final position, including slippage, on the Capital Programme for the 2011/2012 financial year be noted and endorsed.

B. That call-in is not appropriate for this item as the report is being submitted to the next meeting of the Executive Overview and Scrutiny Committee on 27 September 2012.

54. CAPITAL PROGRAMME MONITORING 2012-13

Councillor Westley introduced the report of the Borough Treasurer which provided an overview of the current progress on the Capital Programme.

In reaching the decision below, Cabinet considered the details set out in the report before it and accepted the reasons contained in it.

RESOLVED: A. That the progress on the Capital Programme as at the end of July 2012, be noted.

B. That call-in is not appropriate for this item as the report is being submitted to the next meeting of the Executive Overview and Scrutiny Committee on 27 September 2012.

55. KEY DECISION FORWARD PLAN QUARTERLY REPORT

Councillor Grant introduced the report of the Borough Solicitor which advised that no decision had been made during the last quarter in respect of Special Urgency Procedure Rule 16 for the period 1 April – 30 June 2012.

RESOLVED: That it be noted that Access to Information Rule 16 (Special Urgency) was not exercised during the quarter ending 30 June 2012.

56. EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC

RESOLVED: That under Section 100A(4) of the Local Government Act 1972, the public be excluded from the meeting during consideration of the following items of business on the grounds that they involve the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in paragraph 3 of Part 1 of Schedule 12A of that Act and as, in all the circumstances of the case, the public interest in maintaining the exemption under Schedule 12A outweighs the public interest in disclosing the information.

57. MATTERS REQUIRING DECISIONS

Consideration was given to the report relating to the following matter requiring decisions as contained on pages 2029 - 2052 of the Book of Reports.

58. STRATEGIC ASSET MANAGEMENT PROJECT

Councillor Owens introduced the report of the Assistant Director Housing and Regeneration which updated Members on the progress of the Strategic Asset Management Project, advised on the outcomes of the Parbold and Digmaor Wards and sought authority to dispose of assets.

In reaching the decision below, Cabinet considered the details set out in the report before it and accepted the reasons contained in it.

- RESOLVED:
- A. That the contents of the report, including the work undertaken by officers to date, and the progress on the assets previously identified for disposal, be noted.
 - B. That the Assistant Director Housing and Regeneration be authorised to take the actions recommended in Appendices A and B in relation to the 9 sites in the Parbold ward and the 116 sites in the Digmaor ward, together with the land adjacent to Digmaor Parade, Birleywood, Skelmersdale, which is an opportunity site.
 - C. That the sites set out in Appendix D are no longer required for their current uses as set out in that Appendix and that they be appropriated as required for regeneration purposes for the reasons set out in the report.
 - D. That the Assistant Director Housing and Regeneration be authorised to take all necessary steps to appropriate the sites referred to in C. above and sign the memoranda of appropriation.

- E. That the Assistant Director Housing and Regeneration be authorised to dispose of all of the sites marked in bold with an * in Appendix B (as identified on Plans B1-B3), together with land adjacent to Digmoor Parade, Birleywood, Skelmersdale in Appendix C (as identified on Plan C1).
- F. That funding of £10,000 be made available from contingencies to enable sites designated in previous report as '1- Seek to Dispose' along with those identified in Appendices B and C, to be progressed further, as detailed in paragraph 8.2 of the report.

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AGENDA ITEM: 10

CABINET: 11 September 2012

**EXECUTIVE OVERVIEW AND
SCRUTINY COMMITTEE:
27 SEPTEMBER 2012**

Report of: Borough Treasurer

Relevant Managing Director: Managing Director (People and Places)

Relevant Portfolio Holder: Councillors D. Westley and A. Owens

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SUBJECT: REVENUE BUDGET POSITION

Borough wide interest

1.0 PURPOSE OF THE REPORT

1.1 To set out key features on revenue budget performance for both the General Revenue Account (GRA) and Housing Revenue Account (HRA).

2.0 RECOMMENDATIONS TO CABINET

2.1 That the outturn position for the last financial year be noted and endorsed.

2.2 That the financial performance in the current year to date be considered and noted.

2.3 That £25,000 for the marketing of Delf House, agreed by Council on 18th July, now be allocated to employ consultants who are to negotiate the lease extension on this commercial asset.

2.4 That call in is not appropriate for this item as the report is being submitted to the next meeting of the Executive Overview and Scrutiny Committee.

3.0 RECOMMENDATIONS TO EXECUTIVE OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

3.1 That the financial position of the Revenue Accounts be noted.

4.0 BACKGROUND

- 4.1 Monitoring reports on the budget position are produced on a regular basis to ensure that Members are aware of the financial performance of the Council, and so that appropriate action can be agreed to deal with any issues.
- 4.2 This report provides details on the financial performance of the GRA and the HRA in the 2011-12 financial year, as well as providing an initial analysis of issues in the current financial year.

5.0 GRA OUTTURN POSITION

- 5.1 The final outturn position shows an overall favourable variance of £520,000, which is equivalent to 3.6% of the total budget. This continues the track record of delivering outturn performance in line with the budget that has consistently been achieved by the Council in recent years. It also means that another year's successful performance has been achieved, which is a credit to the Council, given the very difficult financial climate that it is operating in. The outturn position for individual services is shown in Appendix 1.
- 5.2 The outturn position shows an improvement of £60,000 compared to the previous projected outturn position of £460,000 reported at the third quarter stage of the year. This projected outturn position was calculated on a prudent basis and consequently the improvement at the year-end was not unexpected, and follows the pattern of previous years.
- 5.3 Some of the key features of the outturn position include:
- The active management of staffing levels has meant that the corporate savings target of £250,000 for staff efficiencies was achieved
 - The corporate savings target of £350,000 from business plan initiatives was also achieved. This included a six month saving of £250,000 from the operation of the new shared service arrangement with Lancashire County Council (LCC) and One Connect Limited (OCL)
 - Income performance has generally been good with most services achieving their budget targets. The CRA portfolio and the Industrial Portfolio both achieved favourable budget variances, however the Investment Centre ran at a significant deficit. In previous years surpluses have been generated by the Investment Centre and accounted for within a reserve, in compliance with the grant funding conditions. As this is a ring fenced account the losses can be off-set against the reserve up to the point of full utilisation. Hence, last financial year it did not have a direct impact on the GRA bottom line.
- 5.4 The outturn position set out above does not include the value of prepayments agreed through negotiation that have been repaid by Lancashire County Council / One Connect Limited on the start-up of the new shared service arrangement. The largest item here is annual software licences which were paid before the contract start date but from which OCL will receive some benefit. This item is not included in the surplus of £520,000 above as it is treated as a technical one off adjustment.

5.5 The Council determined how these favourable budget variances should be used when it agreed the Major Service Review report at its meeting in July, including allocating a budget of £25,000 for the marketing of Delf House. Subsequent to this approval the current occupants of Delf House, the Co-op, have indicated they wish to remain tenants for a further 5 years. Consequently it is proposed that this budget is now used to employ consultants to undertake negotiations on this extension.

6.0 HRA OUTTURN

6.1 The HRA has achieved a small favourable variance of £25,000 for the year, which is equivalent to around 0.1% of the gross budget of £22.273m. This surplus has been added to HRA working balances, which stood at £656,000 at the year end.

6.2 A significant change took place during the year with the implementation of the Government's new HRA Self-Financing system. Under this new system the Council had to make a one off payment of £88.212m to the Government but will now no longer have to make annual subsidy payments (which were running at over £6m per year). The one off payment was funded by taking out loans from the Public Works Loan Board. The length of these loans runs from 15 to 50 years, at a fixed average interest rate of 3.47%, with annual interest payments of around £3m. Consequently this new system will deliver a significant financial benefit to the HRA.

6.3 Another major focus within the HRA for 2011-12 has been to deliver the service improvements required by the Tenants Services Authority (TSA), and additional resources were allocated for this purpose. As the work to deliver these improvements cut across all HRA service areas there have been variances against individual budget headings particularly in respect of employee and repair costs. The void and day to day response repairs budgets for instance came under particular pressure where improvements were made to re-let times for voids, and to meet the demand led response repairs required by our tenants. However, by the end of 2011-12 financial year the Council was compliant with the requirements of the TSA.

6.4 On the financially positive side, low Right to Buy Levels of Council House Sales, and a change in the accounting treatment of income agreed with the external Auditors, has meant that HRA income was higher than originally estimated. Additionally, the HRA has benefitted from refunds arising from a review of utility charges from a former energy supplier.

7.0 CURRENT YEAR BUDGET ISSUES

7.1 The GRA and the HRA have both met their budget targets for 2011-12 and this continues the trend of delivering favourable budget variances in recent years. Consequently it can reasonably be expected that this strong financial performance will be carried forward, in many cases, into the new year. However the difficult economic climate will undoubtedly cause pressures, and in particular may make income targets more difficult to achieve.

- 7.2 Employee costs form a significant proportion of the Council's total budget and consequently are very important from a budget management perspective. In recent years the level of the pay award has been the subject of lengthy national negotiations between the local government employers' organisation and unions, and consequently has been an area of uncertainty for budget monitoring. However this year the local government employers have already confirmed a pay freeze for all Council workers, which is in line with the budget estimates.
- 7.3 In October 2011 the Council agreed a package of Major Service Review (MSR) proposals to deliver the necessary savings to balance the budget, and these savings items have then been built into the budget for 2012-13. The budget monitoring that has taken place to date has identified that these savings have been successfully implemented and are currently being delivered. Similarly budget monitoring has also identified that the £500,000 budgeted savings from the County Council / One Connect Limited shared service arrangement are also being achieved.
- 7.4 The external income that the Council generates can be one of the most volatile areas of the budget, with income going up and down due to factors outside our direct control. This area is a particular concern at the moment given the state of the economy. However at the current time income levels are generally performing close to budget in most areas.
- 7.5 The main exception to this position is in relation to the Investment Centre's income which has been performing significantly below budget for some time. This area has recently been reviewed by DTZ Consulting and action is now being taken to address this position.
- 7.6 There are a number of risk areas where there is the potential for a significant variance from budget. These include the Home Care Lifeline Service and the Beacon Golf Course, both of which have been the subject of previous reports to Cabinet. There could also be spending pressures on fuel and energy costs depending on price movements in these areas. The trade waste disposal costs are currently under review as they are showing an adverse variance.
- 7.7 However putting all of these factors together, at the current time it is expected that the bottom line position for the GRA will be within its overall budget target, although with some favourable and some adverse variances.
- 7.8 With reference to the HRA, voids have come under severe pressure due to a combination of complying with the voids standard, changes in building regulations and an increase in void levels, which is currently under review. Day to day repairs is subject to a claim from an outgoing contractor which is being contested.

8.0 SUSTAINABILITY IMPLICATIONS/COMMUNITY STRATEGY

- 8.1 There are no significant sustainability impacts associated with this report and, in particular, no significant impact on crime and disorder. The report has no significant links with the Sustainable Community Strategy.

9.0 RISK ASSESSMENT

- 9.1 The formal reporting of performance on the General and Housing Revenue Accounts is part of the overall budgetary management and control framework that is designed to minimise the financial risks facing the Council.
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Background Documents

There are no background documents (as defined in Section 100D(5) of the Local Government Act 1972) to this Report.

Equality Impact Assessment

The decision does not have any direct impact on members of the public, employees, elected members and / or stakeholders. Therefore no Equality Impact Assessment is required.

Appendices

Appendix 1 – GRA Outturn Position

**APPENDIX 1
GRA OUTTURN POSITION**

Budget area	Net Budget £000	Variance from Budget £000	Variance %
Community Services	5,258	-300	-5.7%
Corporate – Borough Solicitor	1,667	-125	-7.5%
Corporate – Financial Management	1,846	-50	-2.7%
Corporate - Transformation	1,893	-50	-2.6%
Housing and Regeneration	2,364	-245	-10.4%
Planning Services	2,074	-210	-10.1%
Street Scene	5,822	-330	-5.7%
Employee Savings target	-250	250	See note
Business Plan Savings target	-350	350	See note
Central Budget Items	-6,047	190	3.1%
TOTAL BUDGET REQUIREMENT	14,277	-520	-3.6%

NOTES

The budget figures for each Service have been updated to include year-end capital accounting adjustments and the allocation of central budget items to services. These are technical accounting adjustments that do not affect the bottom line budget requirement, which has remained unchanged during the year at £14.277m.

The employee savings and business plan savings targets are corporate budget headings that are held centrally. The actual savings that are made in relation to these items are contained within services. Consequently savings made elsewhere will offset the apparent variances on these budget items.

Community Services – Favourable variance £300,000

There has been a significant favourable variance for the Service with the largest single contributory factor being managed savings on staffing.

Income performance has also generally been positive, with a number of areas including Licensing income that exceeded their budget targets.

Pay and display car park income was below target. The increase in the level of pay and display charges resulted in some initial customer resistance, although as the year progressed this became less of a factor. The number of Bank Holidays early in the year also had an adverse effect. However income from fines exceeded the budget and more than compensated for the shortfall in income from car park charges. The additional income from fines reflects the increased level of enforcement now in operation.

The decision by DCT Leisure Ltd to terminate their agreement at the Golf Centre, with effect from 31/12/11, has resulted in both a loss of income and the incurring of additional costs during the last 3 months of the financial year.

Within Private Sector Housing a favourable variance has been achieved after allowing for additional expenditure on the Home Loans scheme, which is an issue that has been previously reported to Members. Income performance on the Lifeline Scheme was significantly in excess of the budget target and reflects a recent expansion of activity. Better than expected income performance on Lifelines was the largest single factor for the increase in the Service's overall favourable variance at the year end.

Borough Solicitor – Favourable variance £125,000

Income from Local Searches was slightly below the budget target at the year end as a result of a combination of market factors and a Government decision to revoke the fee for personal searches of the Local Land Charges Register. However there are a number of savings that were made on other budget headings including employee costs and supplies and services. There was also a significant saving made on Election costs due to the running of the Borough Elections along side other elections that meant some costs could be shared.

Borough Treasurer – Favourable variance £50,000

Staffing and other budgets were effectively controlled which resulted in a favourable variance being delivered over the course of the year. This includes savings through reduced external audit fees and lower pension costs.

Transformation Manager – Favourable variance £50,000

A number of issues have given rise to the overall favourable variance. One of the main areas related to savings on staffing costs resulting from the active management of staffing levels. There has also been a range of savings on other budgets, including a higher than anticipated recovery of legal costs.

Housing and Regeneration – Favourable variance £245,000

The active management of staffing levels and non staffing budgets has generated a significant favourable variance within the Service, and income targets have also generally been exceeded.

Within Property Services, repairs and maintenance costs are being effectively controlled and there have been savings on staffing. However there are a number of adverse variances on utility costs, particularly in relation to water bills.

The difficult economic climate has been challenging, however the Commercial Assets portfolio is proving resilient with income levels exceeding budget targets. There are though a number of empty units and as a result the empty business rates liability is above budget levels.

The Investment Centre account operated at a significant loss over the course of the year. However action is now being taken to address this situation following the review of this area by DTZ Consulting.

Planning Services – Favourable variance £210,000

Although the Building Control income generated was significantly less than budget, Planning and Pre-Application income was significantly above budget meaning an overall favourable income variance was achieved.

Staff savings were also better than anticipated as were savings on supplies and services, enabling the Service to achieve an improved favourable variance compared to

the quarter 3 figures. The Local Plan budget also achieved a saving due to works being carried forward into the new financial year.

Street Scene – Favourable variance £330,000

New working practices introduced over the last year have resulted in operational efficiencies and as such employee overtime and agency costs have much reduced. There are still cost pressures that remain in some areas, namely fuel, which has previously been reported, and some additional hire costs associated with the transport vehicle hire with maintenance tender exercise currently being concluded.

Action has been formulated in implementing the significant Major Service Review savings the Service identified for this and the next financial year, and good progress is being made.

Central Savings and Budget Items

This heading covers a range of corporate budgets including savings targets, treasury management, and capital charges. Central savings targets for staff and other efficiency improvements are all held in this area. The actual savings that are made in relation to these items are contained within Services. Consequently savings made elsewhere will help to offset the adverse variances on these budget items.



AGENDA ITEM: 11

CABINET: 11 September 2012

**EXECUTIVE OVERVIEW &
SCRUTINY COMMITTEE:
27 September 2012**

Report of: Borough Treasurer

Relevant Managing Director: Managing Director (People and Places)

Relevant Portfolio Holders: Councillors D Westley and A Owens

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SUBJECT: CAPITAL PROGRAMME OUTTURN 2011/2012

Wards affected: Borough wide

1.0 PURPOSE OF REPORT

1.1 To provide a summary of the capital outturn position for the 2011/2012 financial year.

2.0 RECOMMENDATIONS TO CABINET

2.1 That the final position, including slippage, on the Capital Programme for the 2011/2012 financial year be noted and endorsed.

2.2 That Call In is not appropriate for this item as the report is being submitted to the next meeting of the Executive Overview and Scrutiny Committee on 27th September 2012.

3.0 RECOMMENDATIONS TO EXECUTIVE OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

3.1 That the final position on the Capital Programme for the 2011/2012 financial year be noted.

4.0 BACKGROUND

- 4.1 Members have been kept informed of the financial position of the Capital Programme with regular monitoring reports. The last such Report was presented to Cabinet and Executive Overview and Scrutiny in March 2012 and reported on a Capital Programme of £12.341m. This report provides Members with the final position on capital schemes for the 2011/2012 financial year.
- 4.2 It should be noted that the final accounts for the 2011/2012 year are subject to audit and the figures contained in this report are, potentially, subject to change. However, the Audit is nearing completion and no issues have been raised on the capital programme to date. Members will be informed in due course of any significant matters arising from the Audit.
- 4.3 The position on the current Programme is discussed elsewhere on this Agenda.

5.0 CAPITAL PROGRAMME

- 5.1 Net changes totalling £0.318m were approved at Council in February 2012 when the Medium Term Capital Programme was set. These have since been incorporated into the 2011/2012 Programme.
- 5.2 The Capital Programme at the end of the 2011/2012 financial year was, therefore, £12.659m. This is analysed by Division in Appendix A.
- 5.3 The key results for the year on the capital programme are that reasonable progress has been made in delivering schemes and that overall spending is within budget. Specific issues are discussed in Appendix B.

6.0 CAPITAL EXPENDITURE

- 6.1 The total capital expenditure for 2011/2012 was £8.845m. This represents 70% of the total Budget for the year. This compares to recent programmes as indicated in Table 1:

Year	Expenditure £m	Budget £m	% Spend against Budget
2011/2012	8.845	12.659	70%
2010/2011	8.097	11.043	73%
2009/2010	8.776	12.479	70%

- 6.2 100% spend against the Budget is never anticipated due mainly to reasons beyond the Council's control. For example, some schemes are reliant on a significant amount of match funding and external contributions and others are demand led or dependant upon decisions made by partners. It is recognised that in such cases, schemes can be subject to considerable lead in times and delays because of the decision making processes in other organisations. As such, these schemes only start when their funding details have been finalised. Another reason is that some contracts include retentions or contingencies that will only be spent some time after completion of the contract. Approvals for schemes that are

affected by such issues are to be slipped into the 2012/2013 Programme and are discussed in section 8.

6.6 Scheme progress on spending and slippage are analysed in the appendices.

7.0 CAPITAL RESOURCES

7.1 A breakdown of the resources of £12.659m identified to fund the programme is shown in Appendix A.

7.2 The main area of the capital resources budget that is subject to variation is in relation to capital receipts. These are the useable proceeds from the sale of Council assets (mainly houses under Right to Buy sales) that are available to fund capital expenditure. These receipts can vary significantly depending on the number and value of assets sold.

7.3 10 Right to Buy sales have been generated against the target of 16 for the year along with 3 small asset sales. This is analysed in Table 2

Year	Estimate £'000	Actual £'000	% Received against Budget
Right to Buy Sales	175	123	70%
Land Sales	50	8	16%
Total	225	131	58%

7.4 These receipts along with those held from previous asset sales, means that there are sufficient receipts to fund the required element of the Programme. The impact of the reduced receipts on the Capital Programme will be reviewed over the Medium Term and Members will be advised in due course.

8.0 SLIPPAGE OF APPROVALS

8.1 Schemes that are not completed within the financial year for which they are scheduled are slipped into the following financial year along with their unused expenditure and resource approvals.

8.2 The total slippage figure for capital schemes from 2011/2012 is £3.258m. This compares to recent programmes as indicated in Table 3:

Year	Slippage £m	Budget £m	% Spend against Budget
2011/2012	3.258	12.659	26%
2010/2011	2.932	11.043	26%
2009/2010	3.673	12.479	29%

8.3 Further analysis on the slippage is provided in the appendices.

9.0 EXPLANATION OF VARIANCE

9.1 Heads of Service have considered the position of individual schemes at the year-end and have taken the opportunity of revising budget allocations to take account of new information affecting the spending profiles of their schemes. This has facilitated the funding of scheme overspends against approvals from those schemes that have underspent against their approvals.

9.2 The budgeted expenditure for the 2011/2012 Capital Programme was £12.659m. Taking account of expenditure of £8.845m and slippage of £3.258m, there is a total budget requirement of £12.103m. This means that there is an overall favourable variance on programmed approvals of £0.556.

9.3 This comprises:

- A reduction in Adaptation Works (funding taken back to the HRA)
- The completion of the Elmstead Project (reducing the Internal Borrowing requirement)
- The acquisition of land in connection with Skelmersdale Vision (funded in conjunction with the Homes and Communities Agency)
- An underspend on 52 Derby Street Refurbishment which will be combined with other funding to create a budget for works on the Wigan Road site in the context of preparing for the disposal of the Westec Site.
- A number of variances on schemes that are funded from a combination of revenue contributions and grants.

9.4 The remaining capital programme is being delivered within the budget that was set and issues regarding scheme under/overspends are discussed in Appendix C.

10.0 SUSTAINABILITY IMPLICATIONS/COMMUNITY STRATEGY

10.1 The Capital Programme includes schemes that the Council plans to implement to enhance service delivery and assets. Individual project plans address sustainability and Community Strategy issues and links to Corporate Priorities. The Capital Programme also achieves the objectives of the Prudential Code for Capital Finance in Local Authorities by ensuring capital investment plans are affordable, prudent, and sustainable.

11.0 RISK ASSESSMENT

11.1 Capital assets shape the way services are delivered for the long term and, as a result, create financial commitments. The formal reporting of performance against the Capital Programme is part of the overall budgetary management and control framework that is designed to minimise the financial risks facing the Council.

Background Documents

There are no background documents (as defined in Section 100D(5) of the Local Government Act 1972) to this Report.

Equality Impact Assessment

The decision does not have any direct impact on members of the public, employees, elected members and/or stakeholders. Therefore, no Equality impact assessment is required.

Appendices

- A Capital Expenditure and Resources Compared to Budget
- B Heads of Service Comments
- C Analysis of Significant Slippage

**2011/2012 CAPITAL PROGRAMME
EXPENDITURE AND RESOURCES BUDGET
as at OUTTURN**

Service	Budget Approval	Actual		Variance		Slippage	
	£'000	£'000	%	£'000	%	£'000	%
EXPENDITURE							
Housing and Regeneration							
Public Sector Housing	6,886	5,214	76%	754	11%	918	13%
Housing Options	388	0	0%	0	0%	388	100%
Property Management	1,250	1,009	81%	0	0%	241	19%
Regeneration	38	0	0%	0	0%	38	100%
Community Services							
Private Sector Housing	1,127	948	84%	0	0%	179	16%
Other Community Services	2,595	1,323	51%	27	1%	1,245	48%
Planning	22	11	50%	-3	-14%	14	64%
Corporate Services	354	340	96%	-223	-63%	236	67%
	12,659	8,845	70%	556	4%	3,258	26%
RESOURCES							
Capital Grants	2,834	2,132	75%	-446	-16%	1,148	40%
MRA	4,601	3,932	85%	134	3%	535	12%
GRA	565	249	44%	140	25%	176	31%
HRA	977	0	0%	594	61%	383	39%
Capital Receipts	2,853	1,807	63%	29	1%	1,018	36%
Internal Borrowing	830	725	87%	105	13%	0	0%
	12,659	8,845	70%	556	4%	3,258	26%

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Public Sector Housing

The variances and slippage on Housing Public Sector schemes are due to a variety of reasons and the overall Programme is being achieved within Budget.

Most of the planned Heating Upgrade work successfully completed in year with a small amount of slippage being carried over to new year along with the scheme at Oakgate Close to introduce air source heat pumps. This has been delayed pending a review of the effectiveness of the medium being used. The Replacement Windows and Door contract overran slightly and will be completed early in the new year. Other planned Energy Efficiency measures have been completed in year.

The majority of the work on the Environmental Improvements budget will be completed in 2012/2013 due to delays in obtaining tenant proposals. The Sheltered Refurbishment contract was significantly delayed due to architectural design issues and difficulties experienced during the tendering process. This work is now planned to be completed in 2012/2013.

The large variance on the Disabled Adaptations budget is due to the assessment criteria operated by LCC changing in 2011/2012. Now, only urgent and substantial need for adaption work is being referred to the Council for implementation which has meant the budgetary requirement has reduced significantly. This has, consequently, released resources back to the HRA to enable essential repair and maintenance of HRA stock to be carried out.

Statutory DDA compliance work has been successfully finalised in year on Sheltered Upgrades within the Fixtures and Fittings Budget. However, delays in the identification of non-statutory but desirable DDA improvements have resulted in this programme being slipped until 2012/2013. Communal Area Improvements are on-going programmes that have resulted in some slippage.

During the course of repair inspections the need for some complete heating replacements was identified. As this is a key component of the DHS, the work was undertaken and has resulted in an adverse variance on the Newly Arising Decent Homes Budget.

The favourable variance on the Professional Fees Budget was due to actual fees outturning less than anticipated and the adverse variance on the General Contingency was due to levels of expenditure, dependent on work identified during a reported repair or void inspection, being higher than the budget.

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<p>Public Sector Housing (cont...)</p>
<p>The adverse Structural Works variance is due to the general structural element of the programme being demand driven which is largely identified as and when required. Slippage has occurred due to the electrical contractor experiencing serious no-access issues and the reroofing contract being delayed due to adverse weather and a subcontractor going into liquidation.</p> <p>During the course of the implementation of the new Housing Management Information System, additional essential work was identified resulting in an overspend.</p> <p>Approvals for Improvements to Binstores are being slipped due to planning and consultation issues.</p> <p>The Flaxton Square Rainbow Project was a tenant initiated scheme utilising external funding that was successfully completed within budget.</p>
<p>Housing Strategy</p>
<p>Expenditure on Elmstead Regeneration scheme was successfully completed within budget and timescales resulting in the development of 17 new Affordable Housing units. Approvals on other Affordable Housing have been committed to a partnering arrangement with Cosmopolitan Housing Association for the development of affordable housing within Burscough and other areas.</p>
<p>Property Management</p>
<p>The refurbishment at Derby Street is complete and generated an underspend as anticipated. This has been slipped into the new financial year to be combined with other funding to create a budget for works on the Wigan Road site in the context of preparing for the disposal of the Westec Site as agreed by Council when the Medium Term Capital Programme was set.</p> <p>Other slippage on the Programme is due works on Ashurst Centre Roof, Sandy Lane Roofing Panels, minor refurbishment projects that are due to commence in the new year, and other projects that are dependent on the outcome of MSR.</p> <p>The remaining projects in the programme progressed in line with budgets with no significant overspends.</p>

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Regeneration

The development phase of the Skelmersdale Town Centre Project is continuing albeit progress has been slower than anticipated due to the economic climate. Consultants have been appointed but expenditure has slipped into the next financial year.

Expenditure on the Estates ICT System relates to potential shared service arrangements which are subject to on-going discussions. This budget has, therefore, been slipped into 2012/2013.

Community Services - Private Sector Housing

Expenditure on the Renovation Grant budget, a demand led area, is committed but expenditure will be incurred in the new year.

An additional Disabled Facilities Grant was received towards the end of the year which was profiled between 2011/2012 and 2012/2013. The allocated budget for 2011/2012 was subsequently overspent. This overspend has been temporarily funded from the underspend on the Clearance Programme which was due to be slipped. This funding arrangement will be reversed in the new year.

The underspend on the Clearance Programme is due to delays beyond the Council's control on the Lime Court scheme.

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Other Community Services

Government advice is awaited on Contaminated Land works and approvals have, therefore, been slipped into 2012/2013. Completion of the Environmental Health Computer System has also slipped into the new financial year.

Additional funding is awaited for CCTV works at Richmond Park and a small amount has been slipped to match this funding. Slippage has also occurred on Play Area Improvements and the Programme will continue into 2012/2013.

Works are ongoing on Flood Alleviation Schemes. Contractors are on site and expenditure will continue into the new financial year.

Expenditure on the Leisure Trust contract was in line with the agreed budget for the year.

Works are complete on the remaining schemes within the Service, including the acquisition of plant and equipment at Beacon Park, with variances occurring on Parish Play Areas and Coronation Park.

Planning

All of the Planning schemes are demand led. The overspend on the Free Tree Scheme has been funded by a small Revenue contribution from within the Heritage Budget and there was no expenditure against the Buildings at Risk budget resulting in the approval being slipped into the next financial year.

Some of the Conservation Area Enhancement approvals are committed but expenditure will be incurred in the new financial year. This has resulted in some slippage.

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Corporate Services

Funding on the ICT Infrastructure Programme is used for an on-going, previously agreed plan to keep the ICT infrastructure up to date ensuring security, speed and integrity and to fund part of the JVC Model. The funding set aside for the JVC model was not required and the remaining unspent approvals have been slipped into the next financial year when expenditure will be incurred.

Work is progressing on the Electronic Document Management implementation within Environmental Health and Housing Private Sector. There is likely to be a budget shortfall on this which will be funded from unallocated funding within the ICT Development Programme in the new financial year. The Capital Development Programme is also to be used for a number of other major projects due for completion in 2012/2013.

Spending on grants to Parishes is determined by the progress that Parishes make on individual schemes and is not within the direct control of the Council. Parishes have 2 years to spend their funding which has resulted in some slippage.

The new Skelmersdale Vision Project has commenced with the acquisition of land that was part funded by a Homes and Communities Grant. The balance on this budget is being slipped into the new financial year to facilitate the continuance of the project.

2011/2012 CAPITAL PROGRAMME OUTTURN
ANALYSIS OF SIGNIFICANT SLIPPAGE

Scheme	Division	Amount of Slippage	Reason for Slippage
		£'000	
Skelmersdale Vision (Land Aqn)	Corp Svces	108	Land acquisition funded by grant facilitating budget to be slipped into the next financial year to enable the scheme to progress.
E-Government ICT Development Programme	Corp Svces	70	To be used for a number of major projects due for completion in 2012/2013.
Playground Improvements	Comm Svces	77	Ongoing Programme with further works planned in 2012/2013.
Flood Alleviation Schemes	Comm Svces	1,147	On-going works that will be completed in the new financial year.
Corporate Property	Prop Mgt	241	Anticipated underspend on the Derby Street renovations along with Ashurst Centre roof and other minor projects that are dependent on the outcome of MSR.
Housing Renewal Grants	Priv Sect Hsg	179	Demand led grant approval committed but will be expended 2012/2013.
Affordable Housing (Private Sector)	Priv Sect Hsg	388	Approval committed to a partnering arrangement with Cosmopolitan Housing Association to develop Affordable Housing in Burscough and other areas.
Environmental Improvements	Pub Sect Hsg	346	Delays in obtaining tenant proposals along with the Sheltered Refurbishment contract being delayed due to architectural design issues and difficulties experienced during the tendering process.
Energy Efficiency Works	Pub Sect Hsg	185	Overrun of Windows and Door contract along with the Scheme approved at mid year to introduce air source heat pumps at Oakgate Close which has been delayed pending a review of the effectiveness of the medium being used.
Structural Works to Properties	Pub Sect Hsg	76	Delays with the electrical contractor and the roofing contract delayed due to adverse weather conditions.
Fixtures and Fittings	Pub Sect Hsg	157	Delays in the identification of non-statutory but desirable DDA improvements
Affordable Housing (Public Sector)	Pub Sect Hsg	105	Approval slipped to provide assistance for Affordable Housing in the Public Sector.



AGENDA ITEM: 12

CABINET: 11 September 2012

**EXECUTIVE OVERVIEW &
SCRUTINY COMMITTEE:
27 September 2012**

Report of: Borough Treasurer

Relevant Managing Director: Managing Director (People and Places)

Relevant Portfolio Holders: Councillors D Westley and A Owens

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SUBJECT: CAPITAL PROGRAMME MONITORING 2012/2013

Wards affected: Borough wide

1.0 PURPOSE OF REPORT

1.1 To provide an overview of the current progress on the Capital Programme.

2.0 RECOMMENDATIONS TO CABINET

2.1 That Members note the progress on the Capital Programme as at the end of July, 2012.

2.2 That Call In is not appropriate for this item as the report is being submitted to the next meeting of the Executive Overview and Scrutiny Committee on 27th September 2012.

3.0 RECOMMENDATIONS TO EXECUTIVE OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

3.1 That Members note the current progress on the Capital Programme.

4.0 BACKGROUND

4.1 It is an agreed policy and best practice that monitoring reports are produced on a regular basis to ensure that Members are kept informed of the financial position of

the Capital Programme. This is the first such report for the 2012/2013 financial year.

5.0 CAPITAL PROGRAMME BUDGETS

- 5.1 A Capital Programme totalling £10.156m was approved at Council on 23rd February 2012.
- 5.2 Slippage totalling £3.258m from the 2011/2012 Programme is included for consideration elsewhere on this Agenda and has been added to the 2012/2013 Programme.
- 5.4 The Capital Programme for 2012/2013 is, therefore, now £13.414m. This is analysed by Service in Appendix A.

6.0 CAPITAL EXPENDITURE

- 6.1 Normally, new capital schemes are profiled with relatively low spending compared to budget in the early part of the financial year with increased spending as the year progresses. This reflects the fact that many new schemes have considerable lead in times, for example, because of the need to undertake the tendering process and award contracts at the start of the scheme. Other schemes are dependant on external partner funding and these schemes can only begin once their funding details have been finalised.
- 6.2 This pattern has been repeated in the current year with £1.993m of expenditure having been incurred by the end of July. This compares to £1.653m at the same point in 2011/2012 and £1.526m in the previous year. There is also currently around £0.312m of committed expenditure.
- 6.3 It is anticipated that most schemes will progress and use their approval for the year. All schemes, however, will be reviewed over the coming months and a Revised Medium Term Programme will be reported to Members in the autumn.

7.0 CAPITAL RESOURCES

- 7.1 Total budgeted resources for the year are £13.414m. This is analysed in Appendix A and includes funding for slippage.
- 7.2 The main area of the capital resources budget that is subject to variation is in relation to capital receipts. These are the useable proceeds from the sale of Council assets (mainly houses under Right to Buy legislation) that are available to fund capital expenditure. These receipts can vary significantly depending on the number and value of assets sold.
- 7.3 In recent years, receipts from this source have fallen dramatically and the budget for usable capital receipts to be generated from Council House sales in the year is £0.175m from 16 sales. At the beginning of August, 4 sales had been completed which is just below target for the quarter.

- 7.4 In addition to receipts from council house sales the Council also has a programme to sell plots of its land. £0.05m is included in the 2012/2013 Capital Programme from this source. To date, there has been one land sale generating £0.015m.
- 7.5 Overall budgeted capital receipts from in year asset sales (£0.225m) provide a relatively small proportion (1.7%) of the funding of £13.414m for the Programme.

8.0 SUSTAINABILITY IMPLICATIONS/COMMUNITY STRATEGY

- 8.1 The Capital Programme includes schemes that the Council plans to implement to enhance service delivery and assets. Individual project plans address sustainability and Community Strategy issues and links to Corporate Priorities. The Capital Programme also achieves the objectives of the Prudential Code for Capital Finance in Local Authorities by ensuring capital investment plans are affordable, prudent, and sustainable. This report monitors progress against the plans.

9.0 RISK ASSESSMENT

- 9.1 Capital assets shape the way services are delivered for the long term and, as a result, create financial commitments. The formal reporting of performance against the Capital Programme is part of the overall budgetary management and control framework that is designed to minimise the financial risks facing the Council. Schemes within the Programme that are reliant on external contributions or decisions are not started until funding is secured and other resources that are subject to fluctuation are monitored closely to ensure availability.

Background Documents

There are no background documents (as defined in Section 100D(5) of the Local Government Act 1972) to this Report.

Equality Impact Assessment

The decision does not have any direct impact on members of the public, employees, elected members and/or stakeholders. Therefore, no Equality impact assessment is required.

Appendices

- A Service Capital Programme Budgets

2012/2013 CAPITAL PROGRAMME
EXPENDITURE AND RESOURCES BUDGET
as at July 2012

Service	Budget
	£'000
EXPENDITURE	
Housing and Regeneration	
Public Sector Housing	8,639
Housing Options	694
Property Management	540
Regeneration	43
Community Services	0
Private Sector Housing	714
Other Community Services	2,327
Planning	62
Corporate Services	396
	13,414
RESOURCES	
Capital Grants	1,503
MRA	8,256
GRA	478
HRA	383
Capital Receipts	2,796
	13,414