

FINANCE SUB COMMITTEE

Date: 15 September 2010

Venue: East Northamptonshire House, Cedar Drive, Thrapston

Time: 7.30pm

Present: Councillors: - **Andy Mercer (Chairman)**

Roger Glithero JP

Richard Lewis
Robin Underwood

PART A ITEMS

1. MINUTES

The minutes of the meeting held on 28 June 2010 were approved and signed by the Chairman.

2. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Councillors David Brackenbury, Steven North and John Richardson MBE sent their apologies.

3. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST/QUESTIONS FROM MEMBERS

No interests were declared and no questions had been received.

4. REVENUE BUDGET MONITORING REPORT

The Sub Committee received the revenue budget monitoring report comparing the revenue spend for the period ended on 31 July 2010, with the approved budget for 2010/11, and the estimated outturn for the year end.

The report highlighted:-

- A projected over spending of some £466,000 in 2010/11 and the major variations and reasons for them, particularly the grant cuts reported at the Council meeting on 19 July
- The continuing work of the Budget Review Group in identifying savings to address the overspending
- The anticipated overall underspending on salary budgets of £250,000 in 2010/11 to reflect staff turnover, continued monitoring of reviewing vacancies and only filling essential posts
- Savings to be achieved from changes to terms and conditions of employment (£300,000), a pay freeze (£200,000) and the management restructure (now £156,000 in 2010 although this would be reduced by one-off costs)
- A total of £20,000 approved under the Contingency Reserve, for two items.

Members noted the variations reported and that no further action was required at this stage of the financial year.

5. CAPITAL BUDGET MONITORING REPORT

Members considered the capital budget monitoring report comparing the actual spend on capital items for the period ended 31 July 2010, with the revised budgets for 2010/11.

The Chief Finance Officer reported that since revising the capital budget on 28 June to £9,192,096 (minute 5 refers), the decision to postpone the Manor Park Leisure Project had impacted on the capital budget. It was intended to submit a report to the next meeting of the Policy and Resources Committee on the Rushden High Street Public Realm project which was being supported by Growth Area Funds (GAF) and a further £712,500 capital provision would need to be added. Some other amendments were also sought, with the overall changes (including Manor Park and the Public Realm project) summarised as follows:-

	2010/11 £	2011/12 £	Future years £
Approved Budget	9,192,096	7,841,672	6,366,230
Postpone Manor Park	(6,142,444)	(5,449,000)	
Rushden High Street Public Realm	712,500		
Oundle TIC			(20,300)
Youth Opportunities Fund (NCC)	(17,000)	-	-
Savings on printers	(2,500)	-	-
UPS for room L12	(7,000)	-	-
Removal of Cleansing Vehicle		(120,000)	
Brookside Road, Glapthorn	12,088	-	-
	£3,747,740	£2,272,672	£6,345,930

Members asked a number of questions on the Capital Programme. The Chief Finance Officer reported that the credits shown in 2010/11 against two of the projects under Corporate Systems (JCJ389 and JCJ432) were being looked at. A change in the description on JCJ381 (Stanwick Lakes) would be made.

RESOLVED:

- (1) That the revised Capital Programme for 2010/11, in the sum of £3,747,740, (as outlined at Appendix 1 to these minutes) be approved.
- (2) That the reductions in the estimated expenditure in 2011/12 and future years be noted.

Chairman

	EXPENDITURE SUMMARY	2010/11				2011/12	Future Years
		Current Budget £	Estimated Outturn £	Actual £	Variance Outturn v Budget £	Estimate £	Estimate £
	Housing Projects	312,600	312,600	98,737	-	1,300,000	2,602,300
	Leisure and Tourism Projects	419,000	419,000	(4,283)	-	205,000	170,000
	Environment Projects	7,718,000	2,300,144	124,829	(5,417,856)	145,000	830,670
	Central Services Projects	50,000	47,500	-	(2,500)	80,000	277,000
	Corporate Systems	455,000	448,000	(12,287)	(7,000)	440,000	1,564,000
	Youth Projects	45,000	28,000	-	(17,000)	-	-
	Industrial Units Projects	22,400	22,400	-	-	-	150,000
	Vehicle Replacements	170,096	170,096	39,144	-	102,672	751,960
	Total	9,192,096	3,747,740	246,139	(5,444,356)	2,272,672	6,345,930

Cost Centre	Housing Projects	2010/11				2011/12	Future Years
		Current Budget £	Estimated Outturn £	Actual £	Variance Outturn v Budget £	Estimate £	Estimate £
JCF201	Disabled Facilities Grants	312,600	312,600	106,769	-	300,000	2,100,000
JCF210	Spire Homes Adaptation Agreement			(8,032)	-		
JCF229	Financial Support to Social Housing				-	1,000,000	502,300
	Total	312,600	312,600	98,737	-	1,300,000	2,602,300

Cost Centre	Leisure and Tourism Projects	2010/11				2011/12	Future Years
		Current Budget £	Estimated Outturn £	Actual £	Variance Outturn v Budget £	Estimate £	Estimate £
JCF203	Village Hall Development	80,000	80,000	(4,283)	-	80,000	
JCF230	Leisure Loans	25,000	25,000		-	25,000	
JCJ291	The Pemberton Centre Rushden	6,000	6,000		-		
JCJ354	Nene Community Centre - Replacement				-		
JCJ381	Stanwick Lakes - Visitor Centre & Infrastructure	308,000	308,000		-	100,000	170,000
	Total	419,000	419,000	(4,283)	-	205,000	170,000

Cost Centre	Youth Projects	2010/11				2011/12	Future Years
		Current Budget £	Estimated Outturn £	Actual £	Variance Outturn v Budget £	Estimate £	Estimate £
JCF236	Youth Opportunities:						
	NCC provisional resources 08/09 onwards	45,000	28,000		(17,000)		
	Total	45,000	28,000	-	(17,000)	-	-

Cost Centre	Environment Projects	2010/11				2011/12	Future Years
		Current Budget £	Estimated Outturn £	Actual £	Variance Outturn v Budget £	Estimate £	Estimate £
JCJ331	District Signage				-		16,800
JCJ371	Glass Collection/Kerbside Boxes	25,000	25,000	15,150	-	25,000	25,000
JCJ377	Environmental Improvements	20,000	20,000	18,190	-	20,000	
JCJ386	Town Centre Regeneration	512,000	512,000	38,000	-	100,000	758,870
JCJ407	Rushden Leisure Replacement	6,321,000	178,556	41,274	(6,142,444)		
JCJ429	Rushden Greenway	830,000	830,000	126	-		
JCF237	Brookside Road, Glapthorn - Improvements	-	12,088	12,088	12,088		
JCJ605	District Car Parks	10,000	10,000		-		30,000
JCJ612	Rushden, High Street - Public Realm		712,500		712,500		
	Total	7,718,000	2,300,144	124,829	(5,417,856)	145,000	830,670

Cost Centre	Central Services Projects	2010/11				2011/12	Future Years
		Current Budget £	Estimated Outturn £	Actual £	Variance Outturn v Budget £	Estimate £	Estimate £
JCJ318	ENH Capital Repairs	30,000	30,000		-	40,000	270,000
JCJ329	Leisure Buildings	-	-		-	40,000	
JCJ611	Colour Printer	20,000	17,500		(2,500)		
New	Plan Printer				-		7,000
	Total	50,000	47,500	-	(2,500)	80,000	277,000

Cost Centre	Vehicle Replacements	2010/11				2011/12	Future Years
		Current Budget £	Estimated Outturn £	Actual £	Variance Outturn v Budget £	Estimate £	Estimate £
JCJ600	Replacement Dog Warden Vans	33,200	33,200		-	-	66,400
JCJ601	Purchase of Company Cars	136,896	136,896	39,144	-	102,672	685,560
	Total	170,096	170,096	39,144	-	102,672	751,960

Cost Centre	Industrial Units Projects	2010/11				2011/12	Future Years
		Current Budget £	Estimated Outturn £	Actual £	Variance Outturn v Budget £	Estimate £	Estimate £
JCF235	Road Adoption Kingsmead Kings Cliffe	2,400	2,400		-		150,000
JCJ390	Industrial Units	20,000	20,000		-		
	Total	22,400	22,400	-	-	-	150,000

Cost Centre	Corporate Systems	2010/11				2011/12	Future Years
		Current Budget £	Estimated Outturn £	Actual £	Variance Outturn v Budget £	Estimate £	Estimate £
JCJ389	Content Management System	20,000	20,000	(3,240)	-	-	
JCJ409	Replacement PC'S, Monitors & Laptops	39,000	39,000	2,580	-	62,000	39,000
JCJ410	Replacement Printers & Scanners	30,000	30,000	72	-	10,000	55,000
JCJ411	Replacement Servers	35,000	35,000	-	-	18,000	45,000
JCJ412	Replacement Sun Server	25,000	25,000	-	-	-	-
JCJ413	UPS for L12	7,000	-	-	(7,000)	-	-
JCJ414	Replacing Router & Tape Backup	20,000	20,000	-	-	8,000	5,000
JCJ415	Replacement Blackberries and Mobile Phones	-	-	-	-	6,000	-
JCJ416	Licences	115,000	115,000	(1,448)	-	65,000	90,000
JCJ417	Storage/Replacement SAN	26,000	26,000	-	-	85,000	20,000
JCJ418	Council Chamber Project Screen	40,000	40,000	-	-	-	-
JCJ420	2008/09 Network Cables & Switches	18,000	18,000	-	-	16,000	10,000
JCJ423	Security Systems (ISO27001)/GovConnect	-	-	4,499	-	-	-
JCJ431	ESRI - GIS Upgrade	-	-	-	-	10,000	30,000
JCJ432	CAPS Solutions/ERMS	40,000	40,000	(14,750)	-	160,000	-
JCJ433	Revenues and Benefits Upgrade	10,000	10,000	-	-	-	30,000
JCJ436	CRM Upgrades	25,000	25,000	-	-	-	-
JCJ435	Telephone System	5,000	5,000	-	-	-	40,000
Misc	Replacement Hardware & Systems	-	-	-	-	-	1,200,000
	Total	455,000	448,000	(12,287)	(7,000)	440,000	1,564,000