

Slippage of budget into 2009/10

Details of slippage of £50,000 or more

Culture & Enterprise

Directorate: Cultural Services	Approved Budget: £305,000
Project Title: Contact Centre, Ticket & Web Build	Revised Budget: £134,600
	Variation: £(170,400)

The call centre element of the capital scheme was completed in March 2009 and the invoices relating to the scheme are being paid now. The ticketing system supplier has been chosen and work on installation with completion due in June 2009 when final invoices will be paid. Website work is due for completion in June 2009 with only a retainer still due for payment.

Finance & Resources

Directorate: Finance & Resources	Approved Budget: £86,560
Project Title: Electronic Relationship Management	Revised Budget: £14,100
	Variation: £(72,460)

Finance & Resources ICT are in the process of upgrading the electronic relationship system to the latest version and this has been delayed due to other dependencies beyond ICT's control. Furthermore, the council will be looking to integrate this system with the new GIS and a mobile working solution for CityClean. These projects will introduce new working practices and efficiencies.

Directorate: Finance & Resources	Approved Budget: £51,520
Project Title: Mobile & Flexible Working	Revised Budget: £(14,830)
	Variation: £(66,350)

This budget was intended to finance a Mobile & Flexible working project in Adult Social Care and depended on proving the business case for Mobile & Flexible working for Care Managers. This pilot has not been able to prove the business case and therefore the project will not proceed in its current form. The amount is greater than the budget as it includes a previous year carry forward. This budget is now to be linked to initiatives to support a wider corporate accommodation strategy.

Directorate: Finance & Resources	Approved Budget: £70,000
Project Title: SharePoint 2007 implementation	Revised Budget: £ 19,960
	Variation: £(50,040)

Migration from the Lotus Notes Wave (the Council's Intranet) has taken longer than anticipated. There has been a change to the Executive on the Project Board and there is now a clear direction to move forward with developments. Resources have also been limited and skills in this area are in short supply. The new Wave is scheduled to go live on 1st June utilising Microsoft SharePoint technology within the Council's enterprise agreement. Further developments in the project will be directed by the project board.

Adult Social Care and Housing

Directorate: Adult Social Care & Housing	Approved Budget: £358,000
Project Title: Adaptations	Revised Budget: £290,000
	Variation: £(68,000)

It is very difficult to accurately predict the level of funding needed for Adaptations during the financial year. This is because the service is reliant on contractors being available to carry out the installation of minor adaptations and there are often delays to major adaptations work (which is the most significant part of the budget). Demand is also very difficult to predict.

Environment

Directorate: Environment	Approved Budget: £754,000
Project Title: CIVITAS	Revised Budget: £84,760
	Variation: £(669,240)

This programme started a month later than anticipated in October 2008 and this was followed by a period where the council recruited the necessary resources to deliver the programme. Therefore, financial slippage has been experienced. An additional consideration is the over-resourcing of the original proposal compared with current cost estimates. Despite a later start, all projects within the programme are currently on or ahead of progress (if not spending) target, and therefore overall slippage is not considered a risk. Progress to date suggests that the programme will be delivered on, if not before, target.

Children & Young People's Trust

Directorate: CYPT	Approved Budget: £3,231,770
Project Title: Schools Devolved Capital	Revised Budget: £2,798,530
	Variation: £(433,240)

Devolved Formula Capital is a financial resource that is devolved to schools by the Local Authority. Schools have the option to accrue the money for a maximum of 3 years. However, accrued funds are normally retained by the Local Authority. The outturn figures represent the amount of variation schools are anticipated to request by the end of the school year.

Directorate: CYPT	Approved Budget: £2,090,390
Project Title: Varndean School Extension	Revised Budget: £1,970,900
	Variation: £(119,490)

Outstanding payments on this scheme will be due in 2009/10. In addition some initial costs were met from advanced design and savings are being identified on the final account.

Directorate: CYPT	Approved Budget: £366,680
Project Title: School Access Initiative 2008/09	Revised Budget: £269,830
	Variation: £(96,850)

This funding will form contributions to major works at Balfour Junior, Davigdor Infant and Peter Gladwin Primary Schools where there will be elements in the design to enable DDA compliance.

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HRA Capital Schemes

Directorate: Adult Social care & Housing (HRA)	Approved Budget: £3,309,110
Project Title: Heating	Revised Budget: £3,236,510
	Variation: £(72,600)

Heating works are provided through an efficient five year install and maintenance programme. A small amount of slippage of £72,600 will be added to the approved 2009/10 Heating Programme budget and be spent in the 1st quarter of 2009/10.

Directorate: Adult Social care & Housing (HRA)	Approved Budget: £156,490
Project Title: Procurement Strategy	Revised Budget: £57,740
	Variation: £(98,750)

The procurement strategy budget relating to Strategic Stock Options remains partly underspent whilst the Asset Management Strategy is still in development and this unspent budget is therefore being transferred to 2009/10.

Directorate: Adult Social care & Housing (HRA)	Approved Budget: £110,000
Project Title: General Refurbishment	Revised Budget: £34,480
	Variation: £(75,520)

Somerset & Wiltshire Structural Repairs - £75,520

The majority of the budget for Somerset and Wiltshire High Rise blocks had already been reprofiled into the 2009/10 financial year, as a result of planning being granted on 3rd March 2009, with works scheduled to start in the first quarter of 2009/10 after leaseholder consultation. Due to the fact that this was so close to the end of the financial year, a further amount of budget for this project, £75,520, will now slip into 2009/10.

Explanations of overspends (and underspends) of over £50,000 within the total overspend

Adult Social Care and Housing HRA Capital Schemes

Directorate: Adult Social care & Housing (HRA)	Approved Budget: £238,750
Project Title: Procurement	Revised Budget: £132,230
	Variation: £(106,520)

It has previously been reported that due to its complexity, the procurement process for the new long term Repairs, Maintenance and Refurbishment Strategic Partnership for Housing Management has taken longer than expected. The commencement date for the contract remains April 2010, however, the contract award will now be summer 2009. A budget of £306,000 for procurement of this contract has been approved for expenditure in 2009/10 as part of the 2009/10 Housing Capital Programme. Any unspent monies from the 2008/09 procurement budget will offset other variances within the 2008/09 programme.

The underspend was used to fund other areas of the Housing Capital Programme during 2008/09 and variation reports for these are also included in this report

Directorate: Adult Social care & Housing (HRA)	Approved Budget: £521,890
Project Title: Minor capital Works	Revised Budget: £721,000
Technical Services	Variation: £199,110

This expenditure relates to the capitalisation of responsive repairs carried out during 2008/09. Over the course of the year the directorate has carried out a large amount of external repairs and damp proofing to properties, with some kitchens and bathrooms also being installed under this budget, which have contributed towards Decent Homes performance.

The overspends in the 2008/09 Housing Capital Programme have been met from underspends reported elsewhere in the Programme and from an additional revenue contribution reported in the 2008/09 HRA Revenue outturn report.

Directorate: Adult Social care & Housing (HRA)	Approved Budget: £312,210
Project Title: Minor capital Works - Planned	Revised Budget: £521,480

Variation: £209,270

Minor capital works were accelerated, within the flexibility of the works contract, to carry out minor works whilst scaffolds were in place on other schemes in the Housing Programme, an example being Philip Court. Although increasing the spend in this financial year, this reduces the costs of these minor works overall, thereby achieving better value for money.

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Directorate: Adult Social care & Housing (HRA)	Approved Budget: £140,300
Project Title: Newstead Flats Refurbishment	Revised Budget: £213,600
	Variation: £73,300

The original budget costs for the 2007/08 capital programme were based on an original estimate and tender. Additional work was identified to complete the refurbishment of these flats and a new tender and contract was entered into. The delay incurred by this resulted in slippage of the project which was identified in the final quarter of the last financial year. An additional £99,700 was identified as being required to complete the works, including consultant's fees, for the 2008/09 budget.

After the demise of the council's consultants, Erinaceous, a cost reduction was identified as the contract administration for these works was subsequently taken up by the council's in-house team.

The additional spend, amounting to £73,300, was principally made up of:

Kitchen refurbishments £30,000
 Electrical rewires £31,000

The remaining cost is spread amongst the other elements retendered.

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Directorate: Adult Social care & Housing (HRA)	Approved Budget: £471,900
Project Title: Door Entry systems	Revised Budget: £299,250
	Variation: £(172,650)

Albion Hill DES (£50,000)

This project has achieved a £50,000 underspend compared to the original estimate for the project. The same level of work has been undertaken, but the winning bidder had a very competitive price.

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A technical consultant was engaged to examine the winning bid to ensure the tender was reasonable and achievable.

Minor Door Entry Systems (£110,000)

Funds were requested at the beginning of 2008/09 for a number of replacement Door Entry Systems. Once funding was secured, a full technical survey was undertaken on each of these systems. It was deemed better value for money to fix some of these systems, rather than replace or overhaul them at this stage. This is especially relevant as the new Door Entry Systems Service Contract currently being procured, will deliver more competitive unit rates.

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Directorate: Adult Social care & Housing (HRA)	Approved Budget: £162,200
Project Title: Lifts	Revised Budget: £22,230
	Variation: £60,030

The Lifts budget is a responsive budget and it is therefore difficult to determine the level of spend when setting the budget at the beginning of the year. The increased spend occurred in the last two months of the financial year.

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Directorate: Adult Social care & Housing (HRA)	Approved Budget: £663,840
Project Title: Major Voids – Empty Homes Team	Revised Budget: £455,930
	Variation: £(207,910)

A lower than forecast spend was achieved in the Major Voids budget as a result of the cost of the installation of kitchens and bathrooms in Empty Properties being charged directly to the kitchens and bathrooms budget since December.

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