

Summary of variations to budget

Schemes	2010/11 Budget £'000	2011/12 Budget £'000	Total Changes £'000
Finance & Resources			
Detailed Variations in Appendix 6 (over £50,000)	(171)	171	-
Environment			
Detailed Variations in Appendix 6 (over £50,000)	527	-	527
Housing, Culture & Enterprise			
Detailed Variations in Appendix 6 (over £50,000)	(2,700)	2,700	-
Total Changes to Budgets	(2,344)	2,871	527

Detailed explanations of the variations

Finance & Resources

Directorate: Finance & Resources	Approved Budget: £265,000
Project Title: ICT – Planning System & Information Security Upgrades	Revised Budget: £195,000
	Variation: £(70,000)

Planning System Upgrade (£0.050 million)

The original proposal to upgrade and/or replace the City Planning IT systems has been revised following detailed analysis of critical business processes. Alternative proposals have been submitted to Planning outlining an approach for development of a Web Enabled IT solution with greater use of Electronic Documents and Records Management. These revised proposals are currently being reviewed by the City Planning Improvements Project to ensure they are consistent with the plans for the Improving Customer Experience programme and Coalition Government's expectations around Transparency. This has introduced delays in starting the procurement process to commission the development of an improved IT system.

Information Security Upgrade (£0.020 million)

ICT is reviewing the emerging requirements for protecting personal and sensitive information. Requirements continue to emerge to share secure information with external partners and for making information available via our website (identified as a requirement under Improving Customer Experience (ICE) Web-Enabling Stage 2).

Examples of expected investment include the provision of Encrypted Data Sticks and provision of secure email to care homes; however effective solutions to these needs require proper evaluation and design before they can be implemented. Risk levels are being assessed and options will be presented to the Information Governance Steering Group to ensure we build safe practices within the Council.

2010/11 £'000	2011/12 £'000	2012/13 £'000	Total £'000
(70)	70	0	0

Directorate: Finance & Resources	Approved Budget: £184,000
Project Title: ICT – Telephony System Upgrade	Revised Budget: £83,000
	Variation: £(101,000)

The decision to carry out an in-house upgrade of our existing telephony system to support mobile and flexible working has been deferred pending the re-tender of the current Voice and Data contract in 2011. Discussions with existing partners and SE7 Chief Information Officers indicates that a more cost effective option for an organisation wide telephony solution supporting mobility will be possible by including the requirement as part of the tender process. Reprofiling existing funds provides ICT the ability to tailor a more cost effective voice solution that matches the emerging demands for flexible working expected in 2011.

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(101)	101		0

Environment

Directorate: Environment	Approved Budget: £70,970
Project Title: Playbuilder	Revised Budget: £597,540
	Variation: £526,570

In July 2010 the Playbuilder Project was put on hold by Central Government pending the budget review as reported to Cabinet in TBM4. On the 20th of October the council was informed that it would receive a revised grant settlement of £0.373 million. In July 2010 the Playbuilder Project was put on hold by Central Government as reported to Cabinet in TBM4. On the 20th of October the council was informed that it would receive a revised grant settlement of £0.373 million. It is intended to review accrued interest on negotiated Section 106 agreements for Open Space Schemes to identify

any appropriate funding that can be legitimately used to support the remainder of this project.

We are still waiting for the detailed terms and conditions associated with the grant, however the ring fencing has been removed. The design work and consultation on all the sites has nearly been completed. We are working on revising the project plan which will schedule the work to ensure that:

- It is completed as soon as practicable, with as many sites as possible opening in the spring
- The timing of landscaping and planting is optimum for new vegetation establishing
- Where possible the number of play areas closed at any one time for construction work is minimised.

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527	0	0	527

Housing, Culture & Enterprise

Directorate: Housing, Culture & Enterprise	Approved Budget: £9,305,000
Project Title: Private Sector Housing Grants (BEST)	Revised Budget: £6,605,000
	Variation: £(2,700,000)

BEST funds a major component of Private Sector Housing. As funding ends in March 2011 the service is proposing to carry forward £2.7 million into 2011/12 to ensure sufficient funding is available for ongoing commitments for major projects and to ensure performance targets are achieved around decent homes, empty properties, energy efficiency and disabled adaptations.

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(2,700)	2,700	0	0

