

NEIGHBOURHOODS, HOUSING & CUSTOMER SERVICES PORTFOLIO - POSITION STATEMENT AS AT END OF JANUARY 2014

SPT date:

18th February 2014

Forecast of spend against cash limit

Variations

	Original Budget	Approved Cash Limit Variations & Virements	Current Approved Budget	Projected Net Expenditure	Variation	Cash Limit Changes Requested	Overspend or Underspend
	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
Strategic Housing Development and Partnerships	246,800	900	247,700	247,700	0	0	0
Housing Needs and Support	716,500	-265,800	450,700	499,700	49,000	49,000	0
Private Sector Housing Solutions	559,500	113,800	673,300	623,300	-50,000	-50,000	0
Neighbourhoods Strategy	199,900	1,400	201,300	201,300	0	0	0
Customer Services	1,661,200	19,700	1,680,900	1,700,800	19,900	89,900	-70,000
CST: Community Safety Strategy	601,600	78,600	680,200	679,800	-400	-400	0
CST: Drugs & Alcohol Action Team	68,400	-68,400	0	0	0	0	0
CST Anti Social Behaviour	222,800	0	222,800	222,800	0	0	0
Neighbourhoods & Learning Service	917,000	454,300	1,371,300	669,500	-701,800	-701,800	0
Public Protection Services	236,500	-45,400	191,100	220,100	29,000	29,000	0
OVERALL PORTFOLIO POSITION	5,430,200	289,100	5,719,300	5,065,000	-654,300	-584,300	-70,000

Current Approved budget reported last time:

5,719,300

The following cash limit changes have been requested which, if approved, will increase the cash limit to £5,135,000.

Virement from Adult Social Care (Supporting People) re Young Parents Exemplar Proj	49,000
Voluntary Redundancy/ Early Retirement Costs Advice Services	48,300
Vehicle Insurance Premium Recharges and Contribution to Stop Loss Provision	-2,200
Troubled Families - under spent grant cfwd	-700,000
Pension Strain - Trading Standards, One Stop Shop and Advice Services	76,600
Trading Standards - salaries underspend cfwd	-6,000
Housing Standards -selective licensing income over achievement cfwd	-50,000
	-584,300

The portfolio is currently predicting to spend at **£70,000 under** its approved cash limit for 2013/14.

STATISTICAL INFORMATION

	Q3 2012/13	Q4 2012/13	Q1 2013/14	Q2 2013/14	Q3 2013/14	Q4 2013/14
Mortgage Possession Notifications	42	60	36	45	41	13
Households Prevented from becoming homeless	140	104	109	137	104	67

Mortgage repossession notifications have increased significantly since recording under the notification procedure was introduced in mid 2010 .

Homelessness Prevention activity has significantly increased in the recession from 218 cases in 2008/09 to 490 in 2012/13. Work is increasing as a result of Welfare Reforms, the bedroom tax and the benefit cap.

The bedroom tax has resulted in the Housing Associations having to transfer people to smaller properties, therefore it is taking longer to get the Homelessness prevention cases housed – these outstanding cases cannot be included in the statistics as they have not been re-housed as yet . There have been 67 cases to date in the final quarter.

	Year to date	Year to date	Financial Year	Quarter 1	Quarter 2	Quarter 3	Quarter 4
	To March 2013	To January 14					
	No of Clients	No of Clients		No of Clients	No of Clients	No of Clients	No of Clients
One Stop Shop (OSS)							
Revs & Bens	37561	30450	2012	8802	9294	9187	10278
Revs & Bens		34024	2013	9611	10657	10452	
Advice	2073	1780	2012	488	539	544	502
Advice		0	2013	0	0	0	
National Careers Service		Target			Cumulative	Cumulative	Cumulative
Client seen for session 1 appointment		3560		975	1371	2754	
Client seen for session 2 appointment		1424		280	688	806	
Client seen for session 3 appointment		356		62	128	193	
Clients progressing into learning and/or work				0	0	0	
		5340		1317	2187	3753	0

The statistics have increased year on year due to changes in the benefits system both at local level and nationally for example: reduction in council tax support, bedroom tax, welfare reforms and changes in circumstances. These are all factors resulting in increased foot fall.

TRANSFORMATION PROGRESS

	£	% of Target
Total Savings Target	471,000	
Complete	-	0%
On Target	471,000	100%
	471,000	
Behind target	0	0%
Not Delivering	0	0%

CAPITAL PROGRAMME

Summary of Schemes in 2013/14 Programme	Original Approval £ 000's	Predicted Last Month £ 000's	Predicted This Month £ 000's	Variation from Revised Approval £ 000's	Variation from Original Approval £ 000's	Current Spend to Date £ 000's
Griffin Regeneration (201)	1,341	693	674	-19	-667	319
Group Repair (Inner NW/Inner SE/ Darwen)	0	6	6	0	6	1
Housing Renewal Projects	168	0	0	0	-168	0
Insulation for Hard to Treat Properties	205	52	52	0	-153	12
Neighbourhood Intervention Fund	200	54	54	0	-146	16
Community Confidence (503)	0	0	0	0	0	0
Equity Loans (216)	61	61	61	0	0	31
Kingsway Extra Care Project	120	0	0	0	-120	0
Thermal Comfort	0	0	0	0	0	0
Empty Homes Cluster Scheme	826	426	426	0	-400	0
Other Acquisition Costs	0	7	7	0	7	5
Alley Gating	100	100	119	19	19	115
TOTAL HCD CAP/CCRCAP	3,021	1,399	1,399	0	-1,622	499

The latest spend against the profile for the year is £499,000 or 35.6% of the capital budget for approved schemes. There is one variation to the capital programme this month. A contribution of £19,000 is being made from the Griffin project to the Alley gating scheme. This is to contribute to the costs of a number of alley gating projects in the Griffin area as part of the Housing Improvement Area (HIA) outcomes.

The capital programme budget remains at £1,399,000.

The portfolio is currently on target to deliver the programme within this revised budget.

This appendix must also be forwarded to scrutiny and opposition Members for information