

REPORT OF THE DIRECTOR OF REGENERATION

REGENERATION DEPARTMENT - FINANCIAL MONITORING

1.0 EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

1.1 This is the second monitoring report this financial year; further reports will be submitted throughout the year to highlight the financial performance of the Regeneration Department. Members are asked to note the report.

2.0 FINANCIAL YEAR 2006/07

2.1 The accounts for the 2006/07 financial year have been completed and reported to Cabinet on 20 June 2007 and the Statement of Accounts was presented to the Audit and Risk Management Committee on 28 June 2007. The outturn position for the Regeneration Department showed an underspend in the year of £236,000; this represents a 0.7% saving on the Current Estimate 2006/07 of £33,602,800.

3.0 FINANCIAL YEAR 2007/08

3.1 Further to the reporting of the Estimates 2007/08 to Cabinet on 20 February 2007 and to Council on 1 March 2007, the approved budget for the Regeneration Department was set at £32,777,900, (see Appendix 1).

3.2 Since this Committee approved the budget in January 2007 it has been revised to reflect the agreed savings, policy options and the re-allocation of internal recharges. Following the approval by Council on 1 March 2007, the Executive Board, on 26 April 2007, approved additional revenue support for the new Floral Pavilion to the value of £1,251,300 for the six year development. For 2007/08 this support was set at £236,000:

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Budget presented to Overview and Scrutiny Committee	33,422,900
Changes arising after January Overview and Scrutiny	
Agreed Savings - Reduction in Pay Inflation	-263,700
- Reduction in Car Allowances	-25,200
- Reduction in Procurement	-108,300
Additional Savings 2007/08	-399,000
Policy Options – Regeneration	350,000
Recharge adjustments	-198,800
Budget approved by Council 1 March 2007	32,777,900
Approved by Executive Board 26 April 2007	236,000
Revised Budget 2007/08	<u>33,013,900</u>

4.0 FINANCIAL MONITORING 2007/08

4.1 Progress on implementing Policy Options

4.1.1 The total of policy options for the Regeneration Department is £580,000 of which the following are contained in the Regeneration Department's budget:

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Free swimming for younger people and pensioners	180,000
Cultural Services development plan (funded from SRE reinvestment)	100,000
Youth sports night programme	50,000
Dog fouling enforcement	20,000
	<u>350,000</u>

4.1.2 In addition to the policy options shown above there are two further options funded from other sources:

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Smoke free campaign (funded from Grant)	180,000
Improving security in parks and cemeteries (from Property Maintenance)	50,000
	<u>230,000</u>

4.2 Progress on delivering savings

4.2.1 The Regeneration Department remains committed to making the following additional savings during the year (2007/08), and progress is being made to ensure that the target is achieved by the year end:

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Amend Cultural Services staff duty rotas	-50,000
Review Contribution to Health Links	-54,000
Extended schools provision of services to the community	-30,000
Capitalise HMRI grant	-135,000
Delete two vacant posts	-80,000
Renegotiate funding on Community Safety Officers' provision	-25,000
Re-profiling Alleygating programme	-25,000
	<u>-399,000</u>

4.3 Progress on delivering Service Re-engineering savings

4.3.1 The Regeneration Department's share of the overall savings target for the year 2007/08 is £945,000. In addition to which there is the reinstatement of £152,000 of savings, which were found in 2006/07 from one-off savings making the total for 2007/08 of £1,097,000. Furthermore, additional procurement savings, planned property maintenance savings and the department's contribution to the Principal Health and Safety post have yet to be allocated to the appropriate service area:

Service Areas	Savings Identified £	Achieved to Date £
Housing and Regeneration Division	133,000	133,000
Regulation Division	224,400	0
Sports and Recreation	230,000	170,000
Libraries and Halls	143,800	70,000
Parks and Countryside	281,300	10,000
Community Services	36,900	10,500
Arts and Museums	47,600	0
Procurement Savings	108,300	0
Planned property Maintenance	21,900	21,900
Health and Safety Officer post	18,500	18,500
Total	1,245,700	433,900

4.3.2 Information on the savings identified in the above table will be the subject of more detailed reports to Cabinet in the near future.

4.4 **Variations**

4.4.1 At this stage of the financial year there are no variations to report. However the areas of the budget that have historically been regarded as high risk or volatile, because of the nature of the budget will be subject to closer monitoring.

4.4.2 The budgets for Repairs and Maintenance, Energy Costs and Income levels are considered to be the key budget areas that require close scrutiny and any concerns or problems identified during the year will be reported to future meetings.

4.5 **Issues affecting future financial years**

4.5.1 The savings identified above are likely to have a significant effect on the future provision of services and operation of the department. Further reports highlighting all issues for 2007/08 and for future years will be submitted to Cabinet and the appropriate Overview and Scrutiny Committees.

5.0 **FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

5.1 For 2007/08 the agreed estimate for the Regeneration Department is £33,013,900 and, at this stage of the year is projected to be on budget.

6.0 **STAFFING IMPLICATIONS**

6.1 There are no additional staffing implications arising from this report.

7.0 **EQUAL OPPORTUNITIES IMPLICATIONS**

7.1 There are none arising directly from this report.

8.0 **COMMUNITY SAFETY IMPLICATIONS**

8.1 There are no specific implications arising from this report.

9.0 LOCAL MEMBERS SUPPORT IMPLICATIONS

9.1 There are no specific implications for any Member or Ward.

10.0 LOCAL AGENDA 21 IMPLICATIONS

10.1 There are none arising directly from this report.

11.0 PLANNING IMPLICATIONS

11.1 There are none arising from this report.

12.0 ANTI-POVERTY IMPLICATIONS

12.1 There are no known anti-poverty implications arising from this report.

13.0 SOCIAL INCLUSION IMPLICATIONS

13.1 There are no known social inclusion implications arising from this report.

14.0 BACKGROUND PAPERS

14.1 None used in the preparation of this report.

15.0 RECOMMENDATIONS

15.1 Members are asked to note the content of the report.

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ESTIMATE
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OBJECTIVE SUMMARY

MANAGEMENT AND ADMINISTRATION

Departmental Management and Administration	26,000
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Total MANAGEMENT AND ADMINISTRATION	26,000
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HOUSING AND REGENERATION SERVICES

Housing Market Renewal Initiative	129,800
Housing Strategy	621,900
Managed Properties	0
Neighbourhood Renewal Programme	44,500
Private Sector Housing	1,268,500
Regeneration Department NRF Schemes	14,500
Regeneration Implementation	3,112,300
Rehousing Services	806,700
Supporting People	881,400
Tranmere Together	0

Total HOUSING AND REGENERATION SERVICES	6,879,600
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REGULATORY SERVICES

Community Safety	1,406,800
Dog Warden Service	302,800
Health District Team	1,218,700
Licensing	35,200
Neighbourhood Nuisance	110,900
North Western and North Wales Sea Fisheries Committee	39,800
Pollution and Pest Control	729,800
Port Health Authorities	129,500
Public Conveniences	462,400
Trading Standards and Consumer Advice	755,600

Total REGULATORY SERVICES	5,191,500
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CULTURE AND HERITAGE

Art Galleries and Museums	836,700
Theatre, Arts and Culture	587,700
Tramway	175,900

Total CULTURE AND HERITAGE	1,600,300
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LIBRARY SERVICE

Bebington Complex Management Halls	0
Libraries	821,900
	6,026,000

Total LIBRARY SERVICE **6,837,900**

PARKS AND OPEN SPACES

Allotments	40,000
Beach Lifeguards	289,900
Birkenhead Park	528,300
Cemeteries and Crematorium	-406,200
Golf	-103,600
Grounds Maintenance	0
Parks and Open Spaces	4,176,900
Ranger Service	856,800

Total PARKS AND OPEN SPACES **5,382,100**

SPORT AND RECREATION

Health & Sports Grant Funded Initiatives	0
Sports Centres	6,706,200
Sports Development	275,200

Total SPORT AND RECREATION **6,981,400**

COMMUNITY SERVICES

Community Services	1,456,900
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Total COMMUNITY SERVICES **1,456,900**

SUPPORT SERVICES

Support Services	0
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Total SUPPORT SERVICES **0**

AGREED SAVINGS

Service Re-Engineering	-1,245,700
Vacancy Control	-106,100

Total AGREED SAVINGS **-1,351,800**

33,013,900