

4 JUNE 2007

REPORT OF THE DIRECTOR OF REGENERATION

**REGENERATION DEPARTMENT - FINANCIAL MONITORING**

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**1.0 EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

1.1 This is one of a series of reports 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 At the time of preparing this report work continues on completing the accounts for the 2006/07 financial year and further details will be included in the report to the next meeting. The indications are that the out-turn position for the Regeneration Department will be broadly in line with the Current Estimate 2006/07.

**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 is £32,777,900, (see Appendix 1).

3.2 Since the budget was approved by this Committee in January/February it has been revised to reflect the agreed savings, policy options and the re-allocation of internal recharges.

	£
Budget presented to Overview and Scrutiny Committee	33,422,900
<b>Changes arising after January Overview and Scrutiny</b>	
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
<b>Budget approved by Council 1 March 2007</b>	<b><u>32,777,900</u></b>

**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:

	£
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 show in 4.1.1 there are two further options funded from other sources:

	£
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 is 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:

	£
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 Alley-gating 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, in addition to which additional procurement savings, planned property maintenance savings and the departments contribution to the Principal Health and Safety post have yet to be allocated to the appropriate service area:

<b>Service Areas</b>	<b>Savings Identified £</b>	<b>Achieved to Date £</b>	<b>Forecast by Year End £</b>
Housing and Regeneration Division	133,000	106,000	133,000
Regulation Division	224,400	0	224,400
Sports and Recreation	230,000	40,000	230,000
Libraries and Halls	143,800	70,000	143,800
Parks and Countryside	281,300	10,000	281,300
Community Services	36,900	10,500	36,900
Arts and Museums	47,600	0	47,600
Procurement Savings	108,300	0	108,300
Planned property Maintenance	21,900	21,900	21,900
Health and Safety Officer post	18,500	18,500	18,500
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,245,700</b>	<b>286,100</b>	<b>1,245,700</b>

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. The following sections highlight those areas of the budget that are identified as key risks in delivering the objectives of the department within the available resources. These are subject to closer monitoring because of the volatile nature of either demand or cost or because in recent years have experienced pressures in keeping to the agreed budget.

#### 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 AND STAFFING IMPLICATIONS

5.1 For 2006/07 the indications are that there are no significant variations from the Current Estimate 2006/07.

5.2 For 2007/08 the agreed estimate for the Regeneration Department is £32,777,900 and, at this stage of the year is projected to be the anticipated spend.

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

#### 6.0 EQUAL OPPORTUNITIES IMPLICATIONS

6.1 There are none arising directly from this report.

#### 7.0 HUMAN RIGHTS 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 BACKGROUND PAPERS**

12.1 None used in the preparation of this report.

**13.0 RECOMMENDATIONS**

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

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**ESTIMATE  
2007/08  
£**

**REGENERATION DEPARTMENT**

**OBJECTIVE SUMMARY**

MANAGEMENT AND ADMINISTRATION

Departmental Management and Administration 26,000

**Total MANAGEMENT AND ADMINISTRATION 26,000**

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**

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**

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**

**ESTIMATE  
2007/08  
£**

LIBRARY SERVICE

Bebington Complex Management 0

Halls 585,900

Libraries 6,026,000

<b>Total LIBRARY SERVICE</b>	<b>6,611,900</b>
<u>PARKS AND OPEN SPACES</u>	
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
<b>Total PARKS AND OPEN SPACES</b>	<b>5,382,100</b>
<u>SPORT AND RECREATION</u>	
Health & Sports Grant Funded Initiatives	0
Sports Centres	6,706,200
Sports Development	275,200
<b>Total SPORT AND RECREATION</b>	<b>6,981,400</b>
<u>COMMUNITY SERVICES</u>	
Community Services	1,456,900
<b>Total COMMUNITY SERVICES</b>	<b>1,456,900</b>
<u>SUPPORT SERVICES</u>	
Support Services	0
<b>Total SUPPORT SERVICES</b>	<b>0</b>
<u>AGREED SAVINGS</u>	
Service Re-Engineering	-1,245,700
Vacancy Control	-106,100
<b>Total AGREED SAVINGS</b>	<b>-1,351,800</b>
	<b>32,777,900</b>